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In Brief

New Years Eve party canceled

The Monterey New Years Eve party mentioned in last week's edition has been canceled.

Ladies Auxiliary dinner Friday

The Culver VFW Post 6919 Ladies Auxiliary is having a roast pork and dressing dinner with mashed potatoes, gravy, veggie, salad, and dessert for \$9 this Friday, December 28, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The public is welcome.

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

Community meal at St. Mary's Sunday

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church's monthly community meal will take place Sunday, Dec. 30. On the 30th day of each month, a community meal will be 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.

Notice to

Antiquarian member-subscribers

Members of the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver, all of whom receive one year's subscription to The Culver Citizen as part of their annual membership dues, are asked to contact the Pilot News office, rather than the AHS, regarding seasonal changes of address. The Postal Service will forward newspapers for a limited time, after which it's important to notify the Pilot Circulation Dept. of your change of address. Call 1-800-933-0356 or email circ@thepilotnews.com.

Extensive Tyler art exhibit at Crisp Gallery

The recently-launched Herbert F. Tyler Bequest - the most generous gift of visual art in the history of Culver Academies - is exhibit in the Crisp Visual

Santa busts out all over (Culver)

Santa Claus, naturally, made appearances all over the Culver area during the Christmas season, most especially in the weeks closest to Tuesday's holiday. At UPPER LEFT,* he visited the Wesley Preschool in Culver's annual holiday "pajama day" as the "historic" St. Nicholas, attired in his original garb as a 4th century Christian bishop, telling the story of his life and legend (with aid from Jeff Kenney). Pictured with him are senior class members (from left) Jack Carroll, Scotty Banks, Madison Kitts, Myles Rivera, Graham Baker, Allyson Williams, Mariah Lawrence, Sarah Christiansen, Owen Dorrel, Arien Hunt, Xavier Roberts, Molly Gormaly, Brendan Master, Braden Keller. At LOWER LEFT, assisted by Ralph Winters, Santa distributed gifts to diners at Culver's REAL Meals annual Christmas party, where Leroy Bean (right) accepted a candy cane as Barbara Winters (left) and Ruth Walker (center) look on. At LOWER RIGHT,** he read "The Bear's Christmas" during his visit to the Culver Public Library Dec. 15. After story time by the fire, Santa talked to each child about their Christmas wishes. Later, families enjoyed refreshments provided by the children's room.

Culver officially invited to Inaugural parade in D.C.

Marks 100th year since Black Horse Troops 1st appearance

CULVER - The Culver Academies' Black Horse Troop and Equestriennes have accepted an invitation to participate in the Presidential Inaugural parade Jan. 21 for President Obama and Vice President Biden - celebrating a return to Washington, D.C., in the centennial year of Culver's first inaugural appearance in 1913.

The 2013 Inaugural Parade marks the 100th anniversary of the Black Horse Troop's first ride down Pennsylvania Avenue. The mounted unit served as the official escort for Vice President Woodrow Wilson in 1913 and again governor of Indiana from 1909-13.



PHOTO/PAUL PARE

"As always, is the biggest honor. I think years ago know that Cul-rade on Penn-Little, director tions.

As of Dec. organizations tions to the 57th were 2,800 ap-Joint Task Force which submittants to be re-Inaugural Com-website. That is applications for President Obama's first inaugural. The Academies was the only Indiana unit listed. Other mounted units were from Michigan, Wisconsin, and Kansas.

"We are thrilled to have received this invitation to participate in the Inaugural parade, especially since it will be the 100th anniversary of our first ride," Head of Schools John Buxton said. "Special thanks to the Culver Inaugural Committee for helping the Obama administration see the value of tradition and perseverance - both important Culver values."

Fifty-nine cadets from Culver Military Academy's Black Horse Troop and 24 members of the Culver Girls Academy Equestriennes, plus members of the Horsemanship staff and adult chaperones, will make the trip to Washington. Nearly 90 horses will be transported by Sallee Horse Vans of Lexington, Ky. The weekend is much more than a parade, however, as students will tour the city and be feted by alumni and parents joining in the historic weekend.

"It is a privilege to play some small role in this quadrennial event, and we hope all Culver alumni and friends share the excitement the Academies community is experiencing," said Director of Alumni Relations Alan Loehr Jr.

The 2013 inaugural will mark the 16th appearance in the parade for the Black Horse Troop and the seventh for the Equestriennes. After the 1917 inaugural parade, Culver went 40 years before returning to Washington in 1957 for President Eisenhower's second term. The school has been represented by mounted units at every parade since, except in 1993 when an invitation for President Clinton's first inaugural parade was not extended.

The parade will be televised live on several networks with uninterrupted coverage on C-SPAN.

Special season for Maxinkuckee Singers director Webster

By Angel Perkins
Staff Writer

BREMEN -- Beth Webster, director of the Maxinkuckee Singers for the past 20 years, will cherish this season's performances more than most.

That's because this year will be her last. Leaving the group is going to be very bittersweet for me but I feel in my heart it's time to turn the baton over," Webster explained. "I probably won't feel it fully until February when they begin rehearsing again, and I'm not with them."

Webster said that she will still be proud to see their progress and looks forward to watching them perform in the spring during the warmer season's schedule.

The performing group named after Culver's Lake Maxinkuckee started as a thought in the mind of a high school math teacher.

"In 1979 Dan Adams was asked to fill in for a cast member as a character in a dramatic performance of Finian's Rainbow," Webster said. "He had so much fun doing it he decided to set up a group of community players."

As a result, The Maxinkuckee Players began offering dramatic performances in 1980. The Singers came about as a vocal "offshoot" of those efforts.

"In the summer we did a production of 'Paint Your Wagon' and someone later asked then-director Jan Williamson if we did performances for organizations," Webster said of the Maxinkuckee Singers' birth. "She called about 10-12 of us to work on some songs and performed for the American Cancer Association in Plymouth."

Since then the Players have offered musical theater in the summers and the Singers perform (six performances) in the winter and spring, offering all genres of musical magic.

Performances consist of 11 to 13 numbers total and shows last a little more than an hour. The Christmas performance is one that features more than the others and thus lasts about an hour and 25 minutes "" which is why it is the only show that offers a five-minute intermission.

Members of the group audition for a place amidst the vocal talent and presently the group has 13 vocalists, the director, assistant director Kathy Overmyer and a keyboardist Betty Martens.

Many of them have been involved for a number of years. Leanne Senter and Andrea Mallory design the dance routines and choreography is taught to the group by Andrea and Becky Leichty. There is also a two-man technical crew as part of the entourage.

Webster spent 13 seasons with the Players as musical director and sang with the

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Wesley Preschoolers spread holiday cheer

Students at Wesley Preschool in Culver visited Miller's Merry Manor in Culver as part of their holiday activities, where the youngsters sang carols and visited with residents.

At LEFT, caroling are (accompanied by teacher Jill Gavlick, from left) students Jack Carroll, Scotty Banks, Madison Kitts, Myles Rivera, Graham Baker, Allyson Williams, Mariah Lawrence, Sarah Christiansen, Owen Dorrel, Arien Hunt, Xavier Roberts, Molly Gormaly, Brendan Master, Braden Keller, and Nathan Marek.



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Culver author Johnston receives international award for children's book

A Culver author's children's book has been awarded with the internationally-known gold Moonbeam Award, which was bestowed last month in Traverse City, Michigan at the 6th annual Traverse City Children's Book Festival.

Jack Johnston of Culver received the award for his 2012 children's picture book, "The Ice Cream Hotel," which was illustrated by Annette Cable. It was one of thousands of entries from a number of U.S. states and foreign countries. Awards are given in 38 categories covering the full range of subjects, styles and age groups that children's books are written and published in today.

According to the awards' website (www.moonbeamawards.com), "The Moonbeam Children's Book Awards contest is designed to honor the year's best children's books, authors and illustrators.

"As our society has gotten more complex and growing up has become more complicated, children's book authors and publishers have risen to the occasion, creating books that not only celebrate the joys of childhood, but also help kids and families deal with its challenges. The Moonbeam Awards will recognize and reward the best of these books and bring them to the attention of booksellers, librarians, parents and children."

Presented by publishing services company Jenkins Group, Inc., of Traverse City, and Independent Publisher magazine, the Moonbeam Children's Book Awards are designed to bring increased recognition to exemplary children's books and their creators, and to support childhood literacy and life-long reading.

More information about "The Ice Cream Hotel," Johnston, and the local inspiration for the book, visit theicecreamhotel.com or www.facebook.com/TheIceCreamHotel.

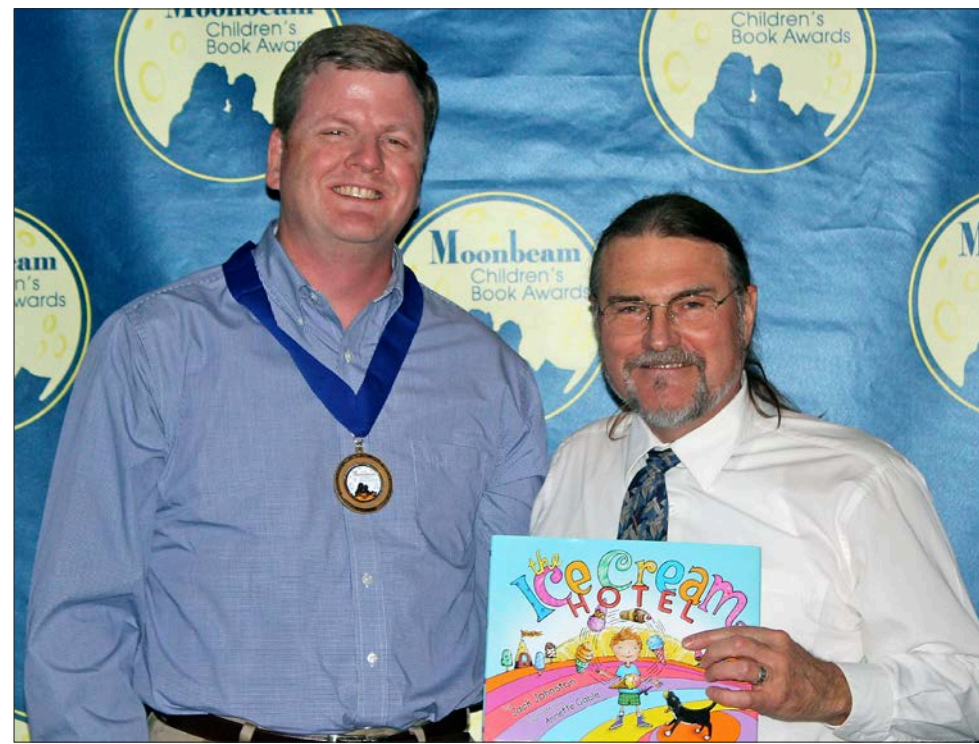


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LEFT: Culver resident and children's book author Jack Johnston, left, is presented a Moonbeam Award by Jim Barnes, awards director at the Traverse City Children's Book Festival last month.



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Christmas snow?

LEFT: Just in time for Christmas week, Culver received its most significant snowfall to date last Friday, when several inches of the white stuff fell, sending town plows (and excited children) out into its midst. As of press time, it's hard to say if this will officially lend itself to a "white Christmas," but it's closer than the previous week!

MCCF accepting applications for next grant round

The Marshall County Community Foundation is now accepting applications for the first General Endowment and Ralph C. Vonnegut, Jr. Fund grant cycle of 2013. The General Endowment is the grant making fund of the Marshall County Community Foundation (MCCF) and is the most flexible and responsive of the Foundation's 285 funds.

Grants from this endowment fund address needs throughout Marshall County typically focusing on the arts, education, health and human services, recreation and the environment. Members of the community evaluate proposals and conduct site visits during a competitive application process. Applications are due by 4:30 p.m., Friday, February 1. Applications will then be reviewed by the MCCF Grants Committee and final decisions will be made by the Board of Directors during their March meeting.

While applications that target educational needs in Marshall County continue to remain important to the MCCF, all proposed projects will be reviewed on their merits and how they meet a variety of needs in the community.

Applicants must be organizations with 501(c)(3) IRS status or organizations with 501(c) IRS status whose request is charitable in nature for the following: Start-up costs for new programs or the expansion of needed programs; one-time projects or needs; to be considered for this funding opportunity, use of the application available online at marshallcountycf.org is required as are signatures of the designated officials noted on the form. Funding for the biannual grants awarded by MCCF is made available through earnings on the Foundation's General Endowment.

For more information, contact Jennifer Compton, Director of Donor Services, Marshall County Community Foundation at 574.935.5159 or visit the MCCF website at marshallcountycf.org.



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Quilters share at Miller's

The Susanna Circle Quilters of Wesley United Methodist Church, Culver, were pleased to add some holiday cheer to the residents of Culver's Miller's Merry Manor. The group made several lap robes and gave them to the residents as an added gift at Miller's annual Christmas party. Pictured from left are Judy Patton, Rosalie Bonine, Mary Baker, Jan Nannini, Carolyn Kline, Marian Reinhold (Miller's Admissions Director), Sharon Hartz and Ruth Chandler. Seated is resident Lillian Kenny, former Council President of Miller's Merry Manor.

CES Students of the Month

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

Kindergarten: Zoey Hunnicutt (teacher: Amy Bonine), Kristian Fairchild (Heater Overmyer, Olivia Woodward (Stephanie Smith), Aiden Minix (Jean Urbin), Katie Marek (Janna VanDePutte), Matthew Baker (Kris Arvelo).

First grade: Mario Silva (Andrea Berndt), Nora Johnston (Kelly Dickerhoff), Ethan Thompson (April Jefferies), Kimberly Luva (Becky Risner), Ethan Thompson (Kelly Young).

Second grade: Ava Czerniak (Jean Ahlenius), Brianna Bailey (Tina Bailey), Devin Burkett (Cindy Master), Ashton McCarthy (Lisa Moise).

Third grade: Lizzie Pugh (Valerie Cultice), Savannah Hissong (Jill DeSalle), Dylan McKee (Rachel Rife), Dalton Powell (Carrie Tharp), Blake Thompson (Terri Zechiel).

Fourth grade: Ethan Coyle (Alicia Cotner), Brooklyn Miller (Mrs. Miller), Noah Risner (Chris Renneker), Ethan Coyle (Leslie Shepard), Hunter Watwood (Carol Jackson), John Lesniewski (Ms. Young), Damian Dunn (Suzanne Hollis), Matthew Cole (Joyce Lyman).

Fifth grade: Melanie Wilson (Pam Craft), Anna Blocker (Gayle Kinzie), Connor Blaney (Raeanne Stevens), Emma Krueger (Steve Young), Zachary Busse (Ms. Kinney).

Sixth grade: Maranda Otteman (Bryan Albright), Morgan Waldrop (Adam Huber), Kaitlyn McGee (Todd Shaffer), Brandon England (Missy Trent), Chaz Ault (Mrs. Thompson), Alyssa Bailey (Suzanne Hollis), Jeremiah McCarthy (Kim Morrison).

REAL Meals menu

To share a meal at REAL Meals, call Ruth Walker at the nutrition site (the Culver beach lodge) before 11 a.m. the day before for reservations, at 574-842-8878. A donation is suggested for each meal.

Thursday, Dec. 27: Salisbury steak and gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, bread and margarine, mixed fruit, milk.

Friday, Dec. 28: Potato corn chowder, ham and cheese sandwich, applesauce, crackers, sugar free Jello, milk.

Monday, Dec. 31: Closed for the holiday.

Tuesday, Jan. 1: Closed for the holiday.

Wednesday, Jan. 2: Ham and beans, cornbread, salad, dressing, cobbler, milk.

Thursday, Jan. 3: BBQ chicken breast, broccoli, mashed sweet potatoes, bread and margarine, butterscotch pudding, milk.

Friday, Jan. 4: Tuna casserole, green peas, carrots, bread and margarine, pears, milk

Birth - Winter

Danny Ray Winter and Angela R. Fleury of Culver announce the birth of a son born Nov. 16, 2012 at 5:20 p.m. at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Brady Lawrence Winter weighed 7 pounds and 8 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

He was welcomed home by a sister Grace C. Fleury, 12.

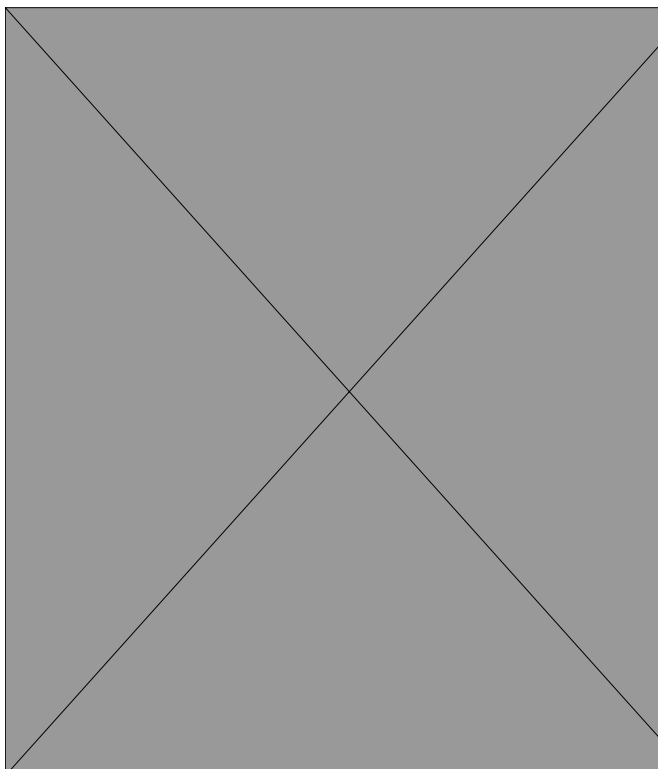
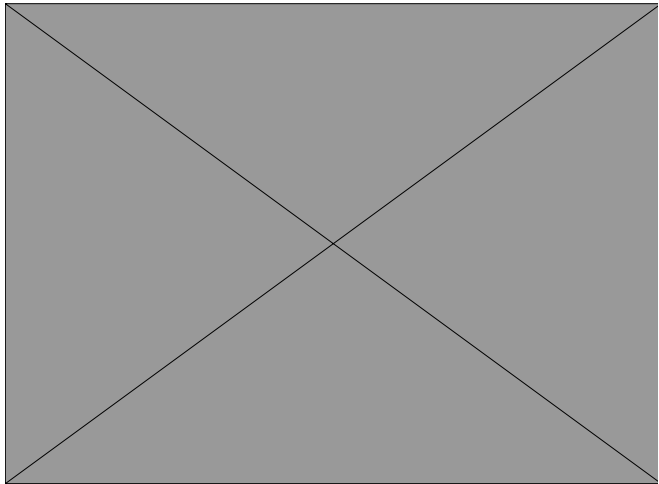
Maternal grandparents are Patty and Marshall Pranger of Culver, and Edward and Wanda Fleury of Monterey.

Paternal grandparents are Danny and Sharon Winter of Monterey.

Byers arrested

Plymouth Police Officer Mark Owen served a warrant on 21-year-old Tyler A. Byers of Culver Monday, December 10 at 1:15 p.m., in the 1200 block of West Harrison Street in Plymouth. Byers was taken into custody on an outstanding warrant through Marshall County for Civil Contempt. He was transported to the Marshall County Jail and held on a \$4,500 bond. *Courtesy AM1050.*

Keep up with the latest Culver news online at culvercitizen.com and [facebook.com/culvercitizen](https://www.facebook.com/culvercitizen)



Death notice

Crise

Betty Jane Crise
Dec. 18, 2012

CULVER — Betty Jane Crise, 94, of Culver died Dec. 18, 2012 at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver.

She is survived by daughters, Dawn E. Crise of Plymouth, Candace L. Crise of Plymouth; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

There will be no visitation or services. Burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Culver Academies.

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

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

Library news

PC build or buy at Thursday Tech

The Culver-Union Twp. Public Library's Thursday Tech Time will discuss "Buying vs. Building a PC" December 27 at 6 p.m. Discussion will center on the pros and cons of buying and assembling a computer from parts. Learn how to select parts that will work properly together. Benefits and disadvantages of buying pre-assembled computers will also be discussed, along with price comparisons.

Thursday Tech Time is held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. Each session may have a speaker and topic or may simply be an open discussion. All sessions are free and open to the public. For more information, call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941, visit our website at www.culver.lib.in.us or e-mail abaker@culver.lib.in.us. The library's street address is 107 N. Main St.

'Joseph' at book/film club

A Novel Approach, the book/film club at the Culver Union-Township Public Library, will feature "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat" Wednesday, January 2 at noon in the library's large meeting room located downstairs.

The book will be The Holy Bible; specifically, Genesis 35-50, where the Biblical account of Joseph and his twelve jealous brothers is graphically given. When a father favors one son over the others, trouble is bound to follow.

The film version stars Donny Osmond, Richard Attenborough, and Joan Collins. Andrew Lloyd Webber presents another fast moving and colorful production with music that will set the foot tapping.

Copies of the selection are available for checkout and may be reserved by contacting the library at 574-842-2941. Patrons are encouraged to bring their lunch to eat while they enjoy the movie and the discussion afterwards.

Engagement - Coutts, Boyne



Allison R. Coutts of Culver and James P. Boyne Jr. of Culver announce their engagement to be married July 13, 2013 in Niles, Mich.

The future bride is the daughter of Mark and Linda Coutts of Culver. She is a 2003 graduate of the Culver Academies. She also graduated from Bentley University in 2007. She is employed by Weidner and Company, P.C. as an accountant.

The future groom, son of James Sr. and Laurie Boyne of Rochester, graduated from Culver Community High School in 2004. He is also a 2006 graduate of Vincennes University. He is employed by the Fulton County Surveyor's Office. He also served four years in the USMC with deployment to Iraq and Kuwait.



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The Christmas story at St. Mary's

Youngsters from St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church and the Culver community re-enacted the Nativity story Friday night at the church during the traditional Nativity pageant, which this year included young musicians from the community-wide Orff program offered at the church. Pictured, front row, from left to right, are: Ruthie Counts, Carter Reese, Alex Pare'; second row: Nicole Pare', Sam Luttrell, Logan Coiner, Kaden Reese, Felicity Kenney, Isaac Schaller, Sebastian Pask, Peter Kenney, Connor Schmedlein. Third row: Lilly Pask, Matthew Schaller, Eliza Loehr, Wyatt Coiner, Esme Kenney, Max Pask, Patrick Schmedlein. Back row: Jack Shea, Brooke Ditmire, Sam Schaller.



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Preschool pantry providers

In addition to other holiday fun on Wesley Preschool's "pajama day" recently, students were encouraged to bring items for Culver's food pantry, sponsored by the Council of Churches. Pictured, front row, left to right: Scotty Banks, Myles Rivera, Arien Hunt, Braden Keller, Molly Gormaly, Graham Baker. Back row: Allyson Williams, Brendan Master, Madison Kitts, Mariah Lawrence, Xavier Roberts, Sarah Christiansen, Owen Dorrel, and Jack Carroll.

Food pantry director Leroy Bean says donations are up, as in years past, for the holidays, including a 1,200 pound collection from the Culver Comm. Middle School!

Home for The Holidays

Merry Christmas! Most of the world begins celebrating Christmas sometime around Thanksgiving, but in the Church, the Season of Christmas begins on Christmas Eve (December 24) and lasts for 12 days - through January 5.

While traveling back from Texas on Thanksgiving weekend, my family began hearing Christmas songs on the radio. (It seems that every year, we hear Christmas music in the stores earlier and earlier, but at least the radio stations wait until the day after Thanksgiving.)

There are two Christmas songs that I really enjoy listening to, maybe because my family is separated from our immediate families and we rarely get to spend Christmas (or any Holiday) with them. The first song I enjoy is Bing Crosby singing I'll Be Home for Christmas, and the second is Perry Como singing Home For The Holidays. It is the second one that got me thinking about this month's Pastor's Corner.

*Oh, there's no place like home for the holidays
'Cause no matter how far away you roam
When you pine for the sunshine of a friendly gaze
For the holidays you can't beat home, sweet home*

While my family may be separated from our parents, grandparents, siblings, cousins, during the holidays, we



Pastor's corner

Rev. K.C. Dehning

Trinity Lutheran Church, Culver

have another family, our church family that we very much enjoy spending time with.

In Baptism, God brings us into His family. He is Our Father. Jesus is Our Brother. We are brothers and sisters in Christ - together in the family of God. As with all families, we have our problems. We are disobedient to our Father.

We don't always get along with one another. We have disagreements. We hurt one another by our words and/or actions. But, we have a forgiving Father for the sake of our Brother, Jesus. In Baptism, our Father forgives us for our sins against Him. Because of Baptism, we are able to forgive the sins of others against us.

Our Father's house is a house of forgiveness and there really is no place like home for the holidays. So, no matter how far away you've roamed, come home for the holidays. No matter what you've done, see the sunshine of a friendly gaze when you come home for the holidays.

Many families get together for Christmas on days other than December 24 & 25. At Trinity, we gathered together on Christmas Eve in Our Father's house to hear Him tell us again of the wonderful story of His love for us. In the remaining days of this year's Christmas Season, it is my prayer that you will be where the lovelight gleams, in the house of Our Father, because for the holidays you can't beat home, sweet home.

Name that Culver 'citizen'

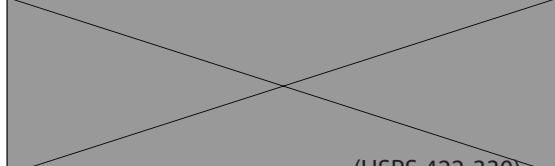
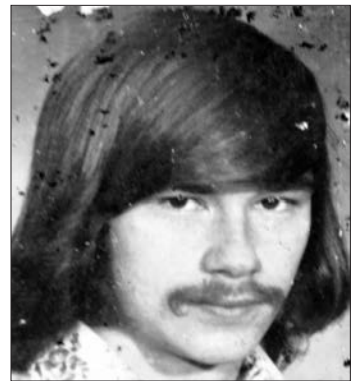
Last week's Mystery Citizen, Rev. Dan Huhn, has been a Culver resident (with wife Kathie) and pastor at the Culver Bible Church for more than 35 years now. There were several good -- but incorrect -- guesses as to his identity, but Iris Hyland, Jackie Mcmanaway, and Kathie Huhn (naturally!) take away their choice between two prizes: free parking in downtown Culver or a free pass to swim at the town beach



LEFT: Last through week's Mystery t h e Citizen, Pastor month of Dan Huhn, January. then and now. T h i s RIGHT: This week's Mystery M y s - Citizen.

tery Citizen has changed a bit in appearance since this photo was taken, but has been a mainstay in a particular Culver business. More recently, he's been visible in connection with a sometimes-public hobby.

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



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5th graders are Living 'museum'

Culver Elementary 5th graders in Raeanne Stevens' class continued the annual tradition of a "wax museum" in the media center-library. Students, like Trista Fritter (as Laura Ingalls Wilder, left) drew themselves into a chosen famous historical figure and were available for button-pushing verbal "autobiographies" of themselves in character. Listening to Fritter is 5th grader Michael Moore, right.

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Art Center on the campus of Culver Academies through March 2013. The exhibit features more than 190 pieces of artwork in 10 media disciplines. Galleries are open to the public Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the school year and the second Sunday of each month from 1 to 4 p.m. Groups desiring a tour should call 574-842-8278. The Crisp Visual Arts Center is located on the south side of Academy Road between Logansport Gate and Epley Auditorium.

Lilly scholarship application

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship program is available for 2013 graduates, who may apply online at www.pulaskionline.org. Deadline is Jan. 7, 2013 at 3 p.m. eastern time. The program is fully funded by the Lilly Endowment Inc. and administered locally by the Pulaski County Community Foundation. Recipients will receive full tuition and required fees as well as up to \$900 per year for required books and equipment 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.

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 les-

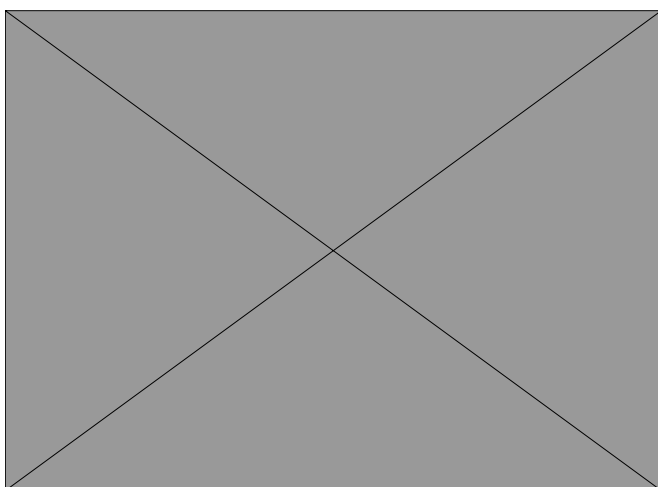


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Haimbaugh is Student of the Month

LEFT: The SCILL Center in Knox has announced Hayden Haimbaugh from Culver Community High School as one of its Student-of-the-Month recipients for the October. The Student-of-the-Month is chosen by the AutoTech instructors, Rodney Dawson and Mark Anderson, based on the student's test scores, class participation, attitude, attendance and initiative in the shop. Haimbaugh and Greg Davis from Argos High School were afternoon recipients and Tyler Middleborn and Kole Berndt of Knox High School were the morning recipients.

CUTPL offers new device classes

Culver-Union Township Public Library will offer new technology classes in January for those who received a new device for Christmas. Sessions for devices will cover basic operation of Android Smartphones, Google Nexus (Android) Tablets, iPad, iPod, iPhone, Kindle, Kindle Fire, and Nook. Electronic Devices Part I takes place Mon., Jan. 7, 6 p.m. and Wed., Jan. 9, 6 p.m. Electronic Devices Part II: Mon., Jan. 14, 6 p.m. and Fri., Jan. 18, 10 a.m. OverDrive eBook Workshop, Jan. 21, 6 p.m. and Jan. 24, 6 p.m. Classes are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Andrew Baker at abaker@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842.2941.

MCEDC director Laurent resigns

Marshall County Economic Development Corporation's Executive Director, Jennifer Laurent, announced her resignation Monday, after joining the staff in Feb., 2010. Laurent cited personal and professional opportunities that she plans to pursue in choosing to leave the organization's leadership position at this time.

Laurent will remain in the position until the end of the year. The MCEDC Board of Directors will launch a search process to identify potential candidates to take over the role. In the interim, Economic Development Specialist Derek Spier will ensure continuity in ongoing commitments.

sons, 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

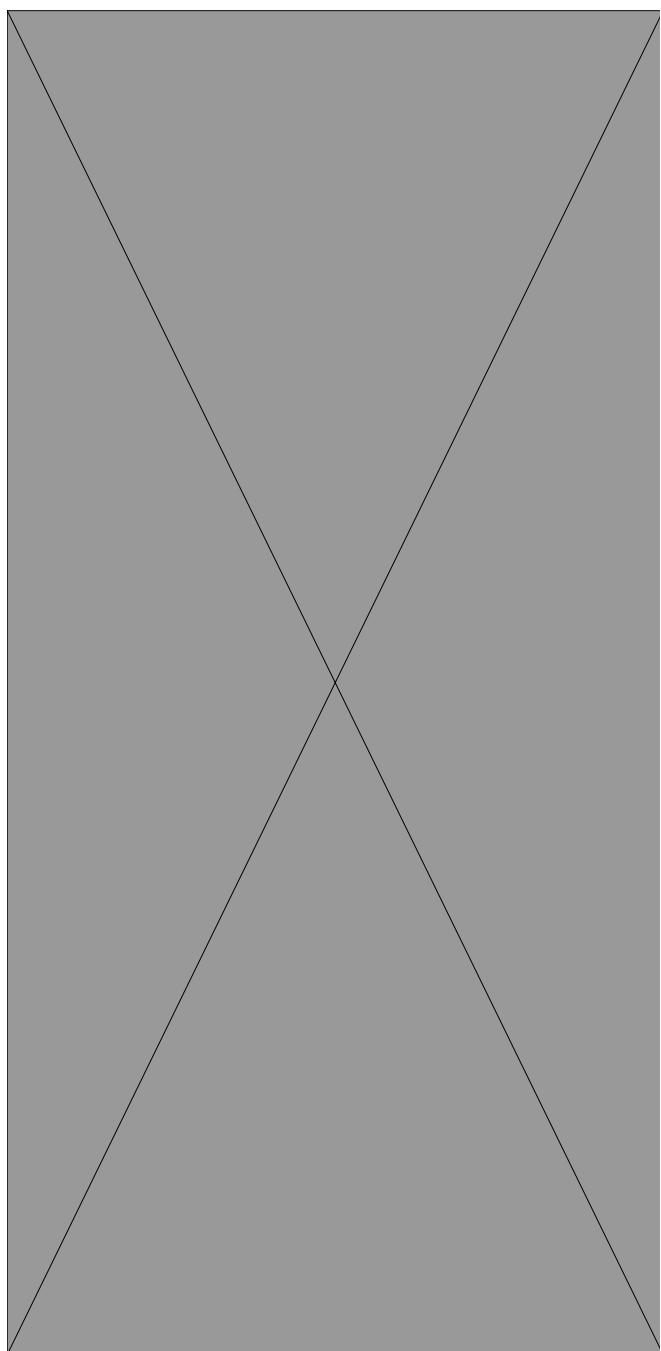
Funds are still being sought for Culver's new Main Street clock. Checks may be made out to The Town of Culver and sent to: Verl Shaffer, 1140 South Street, Culver, IN, 46511.

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.



Sports briefs



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CCMS Students of the Month

Culver Community Middle School held a breakfast Nov. 29 to honor students selected during the months of August, September and October for Student of the Month. Pictured here in the front row, left to right, are: Alexis Tillman, Erin Bendy, RT Roberts, Caleb Sheridan, Macee Strycker, Lindsey Proskey, Mandy Morrison, Becca Johnson, Rylee Lauth, Joe Laba, Cotey Catalano, Dylan Lewandowski. Back row: Christopher Zehner, Garrett Reinhold, Cody Rieckhoff, Brandon Havron, Josh Krsek, Nate Carnegie, Sydney Pritz, Daniel Blocker, Levi Shedrow, Duncan Trau, Katie Garland, Hailey Jones, Sierra Salemi.

School safety already a consideration for Culver Community corporation

The national discussion over public school safety and related issues is being given just as much attention in Culver as elsewhere. Culver Comm. Schools superintendent Brad Schuldt, through the school's automated calling system, left parents a message the Monday evening after the Dec. 14 shooting of 26 people at a Connecticut

elementary school, assuring them that all in the corporation are extending thoughts and prayers for the victims. He also noted the corporation annually reviews its safety procedures and has two safety officers -- CCHS principal Albert Hanselman and assistant elementary principal Erin Proskey, who attend regular training sessions.

As it happens, Culver Elementary had a "lockdown drill" the day before Friday's shooting, and the middle and high schools did the same Monday.

Schuldt also noted the issue is complex and "a societal" rather than only a school issue. The school is receptive to parents' input via its principals, he added.

Webster from page 1

Singers and the alto became director of the latter group of musicians in 1992.

What is the best part of being the director of a group of talented adults?

"It's a real sense of satisfaction knowing you've taken this group of 15 or however many and introduced them to a brand new song, sometimes one that they've never heard, and through your directive and your help they can put on this quality performance in just three months," Webster explained.

The thing she least liked about being director was a responsibility that the person who fills her position will also have to face.

"Sometimes there are unpopular decisions that have to be made," she said, "and of course with an adult group that has their own opinions, some like it and some don't. I've been fortunate that that hasn't happened very often. But that's just part of being the leader."

If asked, she would recommend to her successor to set the tone of the rehearsal "right off the bat."

"In my opinion the worst thing you can do with a volunteer group is to waste their time," Webster said. "In my



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The 2012 Maxinkuckee Singers lineup. Front row, from left: Kathy Overmyer, Brian Liechty, Julie Scott, Jason Basemore, Laura Snipes. Second row: Becky Liechty, Andrea Mallory, Betty Martens (keyboardist), Sharon Coffey. Third row: Gregg Underwood, Beth Webster (director), Matt Sutton. Back row: Joy Ritenour, Dan Adams, Charlie Weaver, Judy Patton, Brandt Ayoub.

bunch to work with."

What made Webster decide to stop at the conclusion of this year?

"With any performing group, if it's to go on and be successful in the future, it needs new ideas, younger ideas, and I had a personal goal to take them and help them grow for 20 years," she explained. "I've fulfilled that goal and it's time to turn over the leadership."

Resumes were submitted to president of the Players, Mike Overmyer, who will read the them to the group and they will choose Webster's successor.

"I think that's only fair that the people that are going to perform are going to select their leader," Webster said.

Though she is saying goodbye to future seasons with the Singers, Webster said she will still direct the choir at Bremen United Methodist Church.

whole 20 years of directing the group I've tried very hard not to do that. I've said: "This is what we're covering tonight." They're lucky to get a five minute break from me because I want to keep everything productive. I've learned if you expect it from them they give it to you and I've been lucky to have a great

"My schedule is so full," she explained. "I think what happens to some retired people is that they have no idea what to do with their time, but I don't know how I had time to work!"

Retiring from the Singers will offer her a little more time however to spend with her husband of 14 years, Dick, and her two sons, daughter and four grandchildren. Webster retired from teaching in 2004; she taught the fourth and fifth grades at Jefferson Elementary in Plymouth for a total of 33 years. She then worked six years part-time for IUSB as the university supervisor for seniors in their field service for student teaching until 2010.

With the Singers, Webster said there is something memorable to her from each season. Like a rehearsal for Fiddler on the Roof during which she was involved in several scenes and at one point, a scene being acted out on the set's "street," she realized she was supposed to be on stage speaking lines and thus came out in the wrong costume: "a nightgown" intended for another scene.

"That brought a lot of laughs," she remembered. "I went on with the script but I totally blew that scene."

Another that stands out is the opportunity she had to return to a role with a fellow thespian.

"The most memorable stage experience was when Dan Adams and I got to reprise our roles as Golde and Tevye in Fiddler on the Roof," Webster said. "In 2008 the Players decided to bring back that production and we got to do that again, 20 years later."

But it isn't all fun and excitement. The success of the group, which relies entirely on donations to purchase costumes and music, is based on old-fashioned hard work and practice.

For a singer that means rehearsal from 6:30 to 9 p.m. every Monday and for the director, it means searching for outfits, selecting music, and performers, as well as conducting the rehearsals.

"The busiest time is the Christmas season," Webster said. "I start the preparing for that season in July. Once the music and the costumes are selected, then I contact the venues."

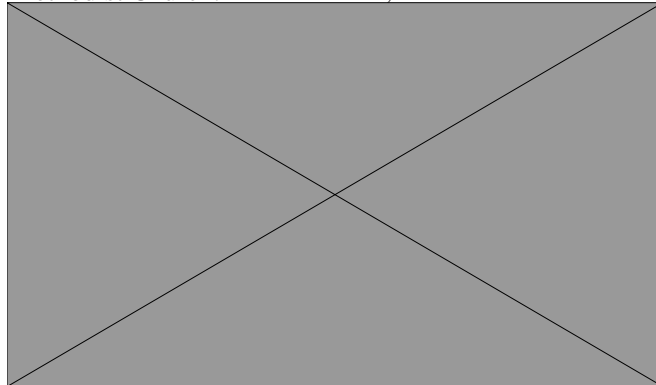
For some shows the not-for-profit group has standing room only. Performing around the Culver area, the Maxinkuckee Singers rely on audience and other donations to supply their music, new sound equipment, and costumes. One particular venue Webster says the group arrives to set up an hour prior to the performance and spectators are already picking out their seats.

And there's a reason why.

"There's just an incredible amount of talent in those that consider themselves ordinary folks," Webster said. "Three are music teachers; three are former teachers; one is a current teacher. There's a nurse, "four business people." And they come from all over the area, Plymouth, Knox, Culver, Rochester and Bremen."

She continued, "They have tremendous ability and the greatest thing to do is watch them do what they do best. It makes me very proud to watch them and know I had a hand in that."

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Local businesses share SBS proceeds

Several Culver businesses donated five percent of the proceeds of the local observation of Small Business Saturday (the day after Black Friday, Nov. 24) to the charity of their choice. Small business Saturday aims to encourage shoppers to buy local and patronize smaller businesses in their own communities. Many Culver entities offered special sales, refreshments, and other shopping incentives for the day.

TOP PHOTO: Pam Fisher (left) of Fisher and Co. Clothiers, and Sue McInturff (right) of Diva on Main Street, present a check to Culver food pantry director Leroy Bean. BOTTOM PHOTO: Susie Mahler of Cafe Max (right) presents a check to Nancy Cox of the Marshall County Humane Society. A number of other businesses also donated their SBS proceeds.

