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In Brief

Community servants honored by...community servants

Maxinkuckee Players seek director

The Maxinkuckee Players are now seeking a director for their upcoming 2013 summer production of *Beauty and the Beast*. Those interested in this opportunity must submit a resume by Feb. 1, either mailed to Dan Adams, P.O. Box 45, Culver, IN 46511 and/or emailed to: dadams@culcom.net.

The Culver Lions Club honored community servants at its annual awards banquet last week. At RIGHT is the family of Citizen of the Year David Burke. Front row, from left: Susan (Burke) Nelson (David and wife Janet's daughter), David Burke, Janet Burke, and Pat Birk of the Culver Lions. In the back row, Lions president Don Freese, Don Nelson (Burke's son-in-law), and the Burkes' sons Dan and Steve Burke. AT LEFT: Accepting the Organization of the Year award are representatives of CYCO (front row, from left) Jordan Berger (Culver Academies), John Ahlenius (CCHS), Mary McKinnis (CA), and Erin Bau (CCHS). In the back row, Lions president Don Freese and CYCO adult sponsors Cory Monnier, Nancy McKinnis, and Brenda Sheldon. Not pictured: Academies students Enrique Sada, Kelsi Carr, Malcolm Snyder, and Shaun Schneider. CCHS students Alan Betts, Grace Lorenz, Justin Croy, and Megan Lyczak, and adult advisor Emily Ryman.

Burke, student service group lauded by Lions

Members of Culver's Lions Club, which instills in its members regularly its oft-repeated mantra, "we serve and we serve and we serve," honored community members last week who embody that same spirit of service, as it does each January at its annual community awards banquet. This year's honorees were David Burke and the CYCO (Culver Youth Community Organization) Club.

Burke, introduced by longtime Lion Pat Birk, was lauded in particular for his service through Meals on Wheels here. Noting Burke was born in Portland, Indiana and graduated from Warsaw High School in 1951, Birk added he was an outstanding athlete in three sports and received the Minear Award as an outstanding student athlete (in fact, he was inducted into the Kosciusko County Basketball Hall of Fame just last summer). He earned degrees from Purdue University and his Master's from Ohio State.

After marrying Janet in 1953, the couple bought a home in Culver in 1961, where they raised three sons and a daughter. That same year, Burke launched a 33-year career teaching mathematics at Culver Academies besides coaching track and cross country.

In addition to many committees on which Burke served at the Academies, he chaired a Faculty Academic Committee. He also received the Award for Outstanding Teaching.

The same year he retired from Culver Academies, 1994, Burke also began delivering Meals on Wheels in Culver. When Beth Reaker retired from the position in 1998, he became director of the program, which included handling all intake paperwork and scheduling drivers each month. This included making 20 copies of the schedule and mailing one to each driver, the postage for which Burke insisted on paying himself.

"Over 14 years that's a minimum of 3,360 stamps," noted Birk, adding that Burke "sincerely cherished the time he spent keeping the Meals on Wheels program active and serving our community."

The program, added Birk, required two delivery routes to serve the 15 to 20 clients during that period, in order to keep hot food hot and milk cold, and Burks not only handled his own scheduled delivery day, but was available as a substitute when drivers couldn't make it, she said, adding that in 2012, drivers delivered 1,427 meals on 256 days.

Birk, also noting David Burke graduated high school the same year she did, and moved to Culver the same year she did, said, "It's been a long service to our community, and we've enjoyed having you in our community."

Accepting the award, Burke admitted his family and friends had kept the Lions tradition of keeping his award a surprise quite well, and he "had no idea" the honor was forthcoming.

"Thank you," he said. "It's always nice to be appreciated."

County Plan Commission action on wind energy systems tabled

PLYMOUTH - Marshall County residents made their voice heard regarding a proposed amendment to the county zoning ordinance regarding wind energy systems.

"I commend you all for being here, this is what being an American is all about, having your point of view heard on a particular issue," said Bob Yoder a member of the Plymouth Plan Commission to the assembled who attended the regular monthly Commission meeting.

Around 200 people from around the county crowded into the Commissioners Meeting Room of the County Building as the Commission considered the proposed amendment to the county zoning ordinance regarding "wind farms". The proposal was prepared and presented to the Commission by Steven Snyder of Snyder-Morgan Attorneys on behalf of the many present.

Marshall County Plan Director Ralph Booker also placed into the record over 1600 petitions and 30 emails his office has received in favor of the zoning change.

Essentially the changes in the ordinance would involve setbacks for each of the turbine towers in any proposed wind energy system. The current ordinance requires a 1000 foot setback from any property line for each tower. The proposed change would increase that distance to half a mile. It would also make the set back for a tower 3 miles from any lake - natural or man made - or river in the county.

The proposed changes would also provide greater safeguards economically and environmentally for residents and Marshall County government in the event that the structures become out moded, or a company abandons or ceases production at a wind farm.

Snyder told the commission that their priorities when considering the wind energy systems, whether they should be allowed in the county and just where they should be allowed should be protection of citizens safety, protection of their property values and

By Jeff Kenney
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By Rusty Nixon
Staff Writer

Blues Bros. Revue in Culver Monday

Culver Academies' Huffington Concert Series continues Monday, Feb. 4 at 7:30 p.m. with The Official Blues Brothers Revue (www.bbrevue.com), a nationally touring concert experience which integrates the humor and songs from the original "Blues Brothers" film and subsequent albums.

Tickets to the performance, which takes place at Eppley Auditorium, may be purchased at the Steinbrenner Performing Arts Center box office from 1 to 4 p.m., or at the Eppley Auditorium box office one hour prior to the performance. Questions may be directed to Marsha Coven at covenm@culver.org, or 574-842-7058.

CCHS Financial Aid night

Culver Community High School will host a "Financial Aid Night" February 6, at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. It is highly recommended that students who are planning or considering education or training beyond high school, attend with a parent.

Kathy Mills from Ancilla College provide valuable information on how to apply for financial aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Ms. Mills will also have a question and answer session regarding the financial aid process.

Those with questions, please contact the guidance department at 574-842-3391 or 574-542-4017.

Oil paintings exhibited at CUTPL

Currently on exhibit at the Culver-Union Township Public Library are oil paintings by Phyllis Hamman, a native of Monterey, Ind and an accomplished artist with many awards. Her paintings will be on display through early February.

'O Pioneers' at book-film group

Culver Public Library's book/film group, "A Novel Approach," will meet

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An icy hunt o'er Maxinkuckee skies

Amy Chandler last week photographed these two juvenile bald eagles hunting on Lake Maxinkuckee. Though bald eagles have been spotted (including occasionally in or near the town park) with more frequency this winter and last, their numbers seem to be growing, as these photos indicate, and these photos of them in mid-hunt over the ice are particularly striking. Writes Amy, "Although it was challenging to photograph in the wind and subzero temperatures, it was a real treat to see these two juvenile bald eagles, and four others, fishing on Lake Maxinkuckee..." A gallery of other shots from the same session may be viewed at her website (which includes a host of nature photography from here, Indiana, and beyond), at amychandler.zenfolio.com/culverjuvieveagles.

Organizers hoping weather holds out for ice event here Feb. 8-10

Organizers are hoping the second time's a charm for a national-level ice fishing tournament scheduled for the weekend of Feb. 9 and 10 on Lake Maxinkuckee -- and if recent temperatures, and the ice forming on the lake as of press time are any indication, they may get their wish.

Last year's North American Ice Fishing Circuit (NAIFC) sponsored tournament, which was rescheduled multiple times in hopes of enough ice forming, had to be canceled due to the unusually mild weather conditions, which never did result in a frozen Lake Maxinkuckee. And while this year's winter has fallen far short of many in the past, in terms of ice-inducing weather, it certainly seems an improved prognosis.

The Culver Chamber of Commerce and Marshall County Tourism are partnering with the NAIFC to make the event happen, which will require four to five inches of ice on the lake, according to Chamber president Tony Sellers.

"They're hopeful with the weather," he says, adding anything above five inches will allow fishermen's ATVs and other vehicles onto the ice.

There's a \$21,000 payout for the event, which is hoped to draw as many as 150 teams from multiple states. In fact, teams from six states are already registered on the NAIFC's website (check www.naifc.com/eventlist.php) and look for Lake Maxinkuckee. TV crews will

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Meth arrests made in Burr Oak

Officers with the Marshall County Sheriff's department arrested 32 year old David Weirick at 15231 State Road 17 in Burr Oak at 10:15 p.m. Jan. 15 after he was found to be in possession of methamphetamine.

The arrest took place following investigation into meth manufacturing and dealing by the Undercover Narcotics Investigation Team (UNIT). A tip from the Drug Task Force led Patrolman Jonathon Bryant to a Burr Oak traffic stop and the subsequent arrest of 53 year old Otis Young of Plymouth.

A search warrant was then issued for the residence at 15231 SR 17, followed by a search of the residence, buildings and vehicles on the property, where evidence of the manufacturing and dealing of methamphetamine was found and Weirick arrested.

He was transported to the Marshall County Jail and held without bond on charges of possession of methamphetamine, a class D felony, and manufacturing, a class B felony.

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protection of the environment of the county.

Snyder outlined other ordinances with similar setbacks and presented evidence of the harm that wind energy systems have allegedly done to nearby residents health and to the environment - especially to migratory birds. He also mentioned an extensive property value study done in Illinois documenting drastically decreased property values in areas where the farms have located.

With the volumes of information presented, Yoder asked a question that went to the heart of whether the Commission would vote to recommend the changes to the Marshall County Commissioners who would have final approval.

"How elaborate do we have to be in saying that wind energy systems aren't allowed in Marshall County?" He asked the Commission lawyer Ken Lukenbill. "If we do this with our population density, that's really what we're saying."

The bottom line is that if the proposed setbacks on turbine towers were enacted, it would essentially make it close to impossible to locate a system in Marshall County. Commission member Larry Fisher made the motion to table the issue to give the members of the Plan Commission time to digest the information presented and allow them to have a more substantive discussion on exactly the right changes for Marshall County.

The current ordinance was enacted at a time when several wind energy companies were eyeing the county as a possible site location. The Plan Commission members at the time felt a need to hurry and enact some sort of restrictions and guidelines to keep a company from "free reign" with nothing on the books. Fisher suggested the Commission now had time to look at the systems more extensively to be sure about any action.

Commission Vice President Stan Klotz was the lone member to vote against tabling the matter that will be discussed again at the Commission's meeting on Feb. 28

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also be in town, as the event is planned to be televised on the Versus! cable TV network.

Local ice fishermen are welcome to register online and participate as well; registration deadline is set for Friday, Feb. 8. The tournament rules and other info may be found online at www.naifc.com/rules.php.

Also of interest to the local public is a free seminar Friday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. Billed as "round table discussions with a variety of tournament anglers," the seminar pro-

Lions from page 1

Lions president Don Freese introduced the recipients of the Community Service Award, members and adult sponsors of the CYCO organization, a combined group from Culver Community High School's Cavs service club, and Culver Academies' service club. The students, Freese noted, were led to believe they would be giving a presentation on CYCO at the Lions meeting that evening, as a means of keeping the award a surprise.

"Instead we'd like to have you sit back, relax, and allow us to honor and salute you, your peers, and your directors for the outstanding service you provide this community and the surrounding area."

The two Culver schools, explained Freese, applied for a grant in 2006 to form a structure "wherein a public and a private high school could find common ground and an understanding of each other that would allow them to work together for community service."

With grant received, students attended a four-day seminar at St. Mary's College in South Bend, followed by a two-day meeting in Culver, attended by representatives of various community services organizations, including Culver's Lions Club.

Among the joint service ventures which followed, said Freese, were community Christmas caroling events, raising money for needy families at Christmastime, town-wide cleanups in the fall and spring, assisting with the community-built playground project in the town park, and book collection for African students. The student-run BIRD service organization and event was a derivative of CYCO, added Freese, who also pointed out CYCO members assist annually with the Lions' children's Halloween party, where CYCO students assist 200 to 250 youngsters in the event's games, "a tremendous help."

CYCO has also assisted Culver's Council of Churches

and Lions with the annual chili supper for the food pantry, Freese noted.

"When you help people carry food to their table and wait on them (at the chili supper), people love it," he said. "It's a big help."

Accepting the award were adult sponsors Brenda Sheldon (a CCHS guidance counselor), Nancy McKinnis (with Culver Academies' Leadership department), and Culver Boys & Girls Club unit director Cory Monnier, who Freese noted has taken over as advisor to CYCO. Student recipients at the banquet included Culver Academies students Jordan Berger (a senior from Fort Wayne) and Mary McKinnis (a senior from Culver), and CCHS seniors John Ahlenius (Bass Lake) and Erin Bau (Culver). Bau, said Freese, was one of the local students the Lions Club helped underwrite for a mission trip to Mexico along with Academies students.

Mary McKinnis thanked the Lions for the award and added, "It's an honor to work with the community school and show that partnership -- that's what makes this group unique. I look forward to what (CYCO) accomplishes after we graduate."

Ahlenius said he and the other students have "just loved it," and thanked the club for what he said "is really an honor."

Berger said its "awesome" for CYCO students to come together with adult organizations in Culver. "And the two schools coming together is already amazing," she added.

Brenda Sheldon and Nancy McKinnis thanked Monnier for taking on CYCO as its head. Sheldon said Monnier brought a "breath of fresh air" to the organization.

"It's important to us that the (CYCO) organization is Culver's organization and that it be rooted here in the town and not just with the two schools," added McKinnis.

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Wreck puts van in tree



First responders attend to an accident off S.R. 17, just north of S.R. 100, south of Culver Friday morning. According to Culver fire chief Terry Wakefield, it was a lone male driver that allegedly had a medical incident which led to him going off the road while traveling south on S.R. 17.

The van veered across the road and up a hill into pine trees on the ridge.

The driver, who wasn't identified as of press time, was taken to a South Bend Memorial Hospital. His condition was unknown.



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Also of interest to the local public is a free seminar Friday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. Billed as "round table discussions with a variety of tournament anglers," the seminar pro-

gram "is geared toward educating fishers to the world of tournaments ice fishing and the best products in the industry. The seminar is open to the public and free of charge."

On Saturday morning, a Cabela's Kids Event will start, outside the beach lodge in the town park, with an in-class tutorial at 10 a.m., followed by an opportunity for children to try their hand at ice fishing for free.

"NAIFC Pro Staff will promote fishing education through demonstration in classroom tutorials," explains the website. "Parents must accompany their kids during the event. The kids and parents will then be invited to fish on Lake Maxinkuckee with the NAIFC Pro Staff. Equipment will be provided. This is an outdoor event; please dress for the weather... each youth will receive a HT Enterprises Ice

Rod and promotional items for their future ice fishing adventures. Winter Fishing and introduction to the newest technology will give the parent and child a first look at ice fishing."

Sunday's indoor weigh-in for participating fisherman starts at 2 p.m.

The event's main location will be the depot - train station on Lake Shore Drive, according to Sellers.

Obviously an influx of so many fishermen, TV crews, and national-level exposure is hoped to be a boon to local businesses and tourism, not only over the Feb. 8 weekend, but on an ongoing basis as well. Sellers and the Chamber also hope the event will not only become an annual one, but will also increase interest in visiting Culver during the

traditionally slow, quiet non-summer months.

The hope, says Sellers, has always been to transition the tournament into a Culver winter festival with a variety of events and offerings for the entire community.

"Hopefully we'll grow this thing into more," he adds.

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, Jan. 31: Beef Manhattan, mashed potatoes, cauliflower, bread, fruit cup, milk.

Friday, Feb. 1: Vegetable lasagna, salad and tomatoes, French dressing, carrots, garlic bread rice krispy treat, milk.

Monday, Feb. 4: Beef stew, green beans, bread, fruit cup, milk.

Tuesday, Feb. 5: Italian beef and Italian sausage, hoagie bun, seasoned potato cubes, mixed greens, tomato/onion/vinegar, cobbler, milk.

Wednesday, Feb. 6: Onion sage chicken breast, peas, cauliflower, rye bread, fruit cup, milk.

Thursday, Feb. 7: Salisbury steak and gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, bread and margarine, mixed fruit, milk.

Friday, Feb. 8: Broccoli soup, ham and cheese, sandwich, applesauce, crackers, sugar free Jello, milk.



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Culver library board awaits finalization of new members, looks back at healthy fiscal year

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

The Culver-Union Twp. Public Library board gathered for its first meeting of 2013 earlier this month, with two new members in queue, but neither was present for their first outing.

That's because neither had been able to complete all the steps necessary, by state statute, to become formal members of the board. The Culver Community School board appointee, Rhonda Reinhold, said she had not yet heard from the school board formalizing her appointment, said library board president during the Jan. 15 library board meeting. He also noted Reinhold told him earlier that day she would check into the matter, after which she would still need to be signed in and notarized as a board member.

The second new library board member, Tom Curtis, was appointed by the Marshall County commissioners, said Hahn. However, it was determined that state law requires board members be residents for two years before serving. Curtis, though he has long been a landowner in Culver, is just four months shy of the full two years, said library board member Carol Saft.

Hahn and the other board members also expressed willingness to wait for Curtis until the May meeting, at which point he'll have fulfilled the two year requirement, something the count commissioners have agreed to as well.

It was noted current board member Melanie Robertson, who is being reinstated by the school board as appointing body, also could not vote during the meeting, since she had not signed yet for reinstatement.

Saft raised concerns that other board members were not contacted as to Curtis' status while Hahn and library director Colleen McCarty sought him out -- including Hahn's visiting Curtis personally -- for information. Saft said state statute specifies that the board president has no more power than other board members.

"I find it offensive that you acted as a representative of the board without even talking to the rest of the board," she said.

Robertson said Hahn's actions were "fine with me," though Saft countered they didn't comply with the law.

"I'm saying we need to have a little more communication on this board," she added. "Right now communication seems to be between specific people...I'm very offended the president can knock on doors without the rest of the members knowing it."

Robertson, expressing appreciation for Saft's research into the statutes, said the matter didn't need to be offensive and was something of which other board members were unaware. Hahn added he had no intention of circumventing the board or its proceedings.

In other discussion, treasurer Alfred Nyby reported the library board in 2012 stayed just within its fiscal tolerance, which he chalked up to "good guessing" in mapping out the financial year beforehand.

During 2012, he explained, \$233,000 went to salaries and \$56,000 to benefits; \$42,000 went to library materials such as books, DVDs, and the like. The library took in \$685,169 through the year, including \$660,175 from the state and county, \$15,350 via the library itself, \$5,903 in gifts, and \$3,741 in grants.

Overall, he added, the library took in about \$35,000 more than expected, due mostly to an error on the state level resulting in "found money," among other adjustments.

"We are adequately funded," Nyby remarked, adding personal services -- which is primarily salaries and benefits -- were a bit over what was hoped, but "that's a hard number to keep under, with insurance...going up. So we're in good shape with all our targets."

Saft thanked Nyby for his hard work in tracking library funds, with Robertson adding appreciation for his graphically sophisticated presentations of library finances to the board.

The board voted to briefly suspend its regular meeting to enter a state-required, annual finance meeting, during which library accountant Jim Faulkner explained the library had an ending total of \$788,805.91 in assets.

During her director's report, librarian Colleen McCarty noted a new reference librarian started at the library and thanked the Friends of the Library volunteers for taking down the Christmas decorations in the building.

She also noted the library is again participating in the "One Book, One Town" reading initiative in partnering with all of Marshall County to read the book, "The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind." The Friends organization has donated 10 copies of the book, whose author is speaking at Notre Dame on March 18, said McCarty.

The board agreed that the library's policy on children's behavior should be given to leaders of any group bringing youngsters into the library.

Saft, reporting on behalf of the Antiquarian and Historical Society, whose museum is presently located at the library, said the organization had hoped it had a new site lined up for the museum, but the building was taken off the market. She also noted Karen Blocker recently donated a number of mannequins to the museum, which are being used to good effect.

The board also voted to suspend voting on its officers' lineup until the new members could be present, though members did vote to retain current treasurer Nyby in the interim. It was also voted that the board hold off on its appointment of a representative to the park board until the board's full membership could be present.

Obituary

R. Steven Hoesel

June 26, 1952-Jan. 12, 2013



CULVER — R. Steven Hoesel, born June 26, 1952, passed away peacefully at 11:45 a.m., Jan. 12, 2013.

Steven was born, raised, and resided in Marshall County, most of his life. He attended Culver and Plymouth schools, participating in football and basketball at Plymouth High School.

Steve served in the military, and graduated from Purdue University,

of Lafayette.

His profession was Information Technology, specializing in IBM mainframes, and technology consulting.

An outdoor enthusiast and lover of nature, Steven enjoyed fishing, duck hunting, and golf. He also was a musician, and loved, particularly playing guitar, studying music methodology, and composition. He was an avid reader of religions, philosophy, and history.

Steven was a man of knowledge, and loved his serenity and privacy to learn and study.

He married, the love of his life, Cathy J. Epley-Hoesel, in June, of 1993, and is survived by Cathy, and her three daughters, Brittney, Brooke, and Lindsey Epley.

Also, two sisters, Kimberly and Cathy Hoesel, both of Culver.

A stepfather, John Daly of Florida, also survives.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Patsy Crull Daly, and Richard and Virginia Hoesel.

A private memorial will be held for Steven's closest family and friends.

Holbrook mentions Culver influence at SAG awards

Culver Academies was promoted to the world once again -- close on the heels of its appearance at the Presidential Inaugural earlier this month -- when Academy Award-nominated actor Hal Holbrook, a 1942 graduate of Culver Military Academy, mentioned the school at the opening of the international broadcast of the Screen Actors Guild Awards Sunday night.

"When I was at Culver Military Academy, I needed an extra hour to graduate," said Holbrook. "My friend Perry Warren Fisk said, 'Why don't you take Dramatics?' I thought all those people were a bunch of weirdos! So then he said, 'There's no homework.'" After brief pause, Holbrook's conclusion, "I'm Hal Holbrook, and I'm an actor," drew a hearty laugh from the surrounding audience.

The first volume of Holbrook's memoirs, "Harold: The Boy Who Became Mark Twain," details the actor's Culver days.

Letter to the editor

Culver Clem's Groundhog Day prediction

Dear Editor:

Culver Clem here, Culver's prognosticator for primary predictions for parameters in Culver's weather. After finishing my probationary period with Punxsutawney Phil, I cruised the Caribbean in a calm and contemplative consideration of Culver's climes for the conclusion of this year's winter. It is my profound prophecy that possibly, perhaps, pending unknown particulars, that spring will be a little late this year.

Bobbie Ruhnow
Procurator for Clem

Culver schools debut theater productions



PHOTO/DANA WIREMAN

Rehearsing recently for the CCHS theater production of "Clue" are students (from left) Justine Dexter, Cecilia Kenney, Brianna Kinyanjui, Cody Rieckhoff, Rebecca Rainey, Garrett Reinhold, and Kelsey Shaffer.

CCHS actors bring 'Clue' to life Feb. 9, 10

By Dana Wireman
Correspondent

The Culver Community High School drama club, directed by Diane Derrow, is practicing for their upcoming presentation of the comedy, "Clue," based on the common board game. In this classic mystery, seven main characters are being blackmailed for money and are invited to a mansion where a murder takes place as the climax. The characters then investigate each other to solve the murder, while being suspicious of one another.

'Almost, Maine' hits Academies stage this weekend

Culver Academies' student play, "Almost, Maine," will hit the stage of Epley Auditorium this Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

"This is a comedy we found this past summer that is all about love in the wilderness of Northern Maine," explains director Richard Coven. "It's a very charming piece and has some wonderful poignant moments. It's done in a series of vignettes, that all happen at 9 p.m. -- at the time when the northern lights appear in the sky."

The show has limited seating, notes Coven, as the audience will be on stage with the performers to make an intimate setting, as took place at the theater last fall and winter.

"Almost, Maine" was the most-produced play last year across the country in high schools and colleges.

"The play is coming along great! I have a fun cast and they're working hard," said Derrow. "I also have a good construction crew."

The play is scheduled to perform Saturday, February 9 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, February 10 at 3:30 p.m., at the CCHS auditorium. There is a \$5 admission fee.

Freshman Justin Dexter said, "I'm really excited to perform 'Clue.' This will be my fifth production at Culver Schools, 'Clue' is a challenging yet rewarding play."

Coven suggests audience members arrive a bit early for best seating for the free performances.

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Newly discovered writings put Culver tourism past into context

By Jeff Kenney, Citizen editor

Before I delve into the main topic at hand, I should clarify a statement in last week's "If these walls could talk" column, which focused on the Jefferson Street ice houses. I wrote that "millions of tons" of ice was harvested annually from the operation, which reader Gary Shaffer good-naturedly called into question thus:

"A million tons would be two billion pounds, and if a guy was to sell a 100 pound block of ice for 10c, that would be sales of \$2 million dollars, right? Plus there is approximately 239 gallons of water in a ton of ice, so that would mean a minimum of 239 million gallons removed from the lake every year. Let's assume that 'millions' is more than 1 million, say at least two million -- then double my numbers. Please let me know where my Culver Community math went wrong."

Gary's Culver Community math sounds spot on to me. As it turns out, your editor was conflating a Marmont Herald headline "Ice for millions!" with the tonnage of ice harvested. The 1897 Culver City Herald, as one example, actually says they harvested 26,000 tons in 15 days, which is still amazing, as far as I'm concerned, but I expect that's a much closer number to the norm. So there you have it; for those contemplating re-igniting the ice harvesting industry here, better plan on some smaller numbers than last week's article suggests.

Departing this week from our "If these walls" history series, some interesting historical tidbits have come to light recently, which I thought were worth a look.

One probably needn't look far, here in Culver, to find someone willing to complain that too many "out of towners" are coming to this community (though likely most of those wouldn't be business owners). Some interesting old articles might put some perspective on that notion.

As readers may or may not be aware, I've been part of a move to digitize vintage editions of the Culver newspaper, and to date, in addition to already-uploaded 1960s Culver Citizens, early editions of the Culver City Herald have been added from the 1890s and early 1900s. These can be accessed online at culverahs.com.

Meanwhile, Judi Burns, over at her website at maxinkuckee.history.pasttracker.com, has been uncovering some Culver-Lake Maxinkuckee related content in the archives of the Logansport newspapers of the 1880s and '90s. Students of local history know this is pretty significant, since the first ongoing Culver newspaper (then the Marmont Herald) didn't launch until 1894 (though Judi also uncovered mention that a newspaper, The Maxinkuckee Monitor, was briefly published in the summer of 1887). That means we have scant information (except what's in county historian Daniel McDonald's writings about the settling of the area) on Culver prior to 1894.

When work began to extend the Vandalia Railroad line north to Lake Maxinkuckee in 1883, it meant folks in Logansport -- and various points along the line (Peru, Rochester, and so on) could hop on the train for excursions to the cool, beautiful waters of Indiana's second largest natural lake, and hop they did.

In one of the earliest mentions of the glories of the lake, well before the railroad was here, in fact, the Logansport Pharos Tribune described experiencing "some difficulty" in getting here in August, 1882, but went on to praise the lake: "Within the last five years, Maxinkuckee has become the favorite summer resort of Indiana and has properly been termed the Long Branch of the State."

The specific details didn't quite measure up to the author's enthusiasm (for example, he noted "the lake proper is three miles wide and six miles long" -- which is quite a stretch!), but that can be forgiven.

"We were told that Maxenkuckee is a finer body of water than Europe affords," he gushes.

What's even more interesting, though, is the attitude of the cottagers regarding the possibility of extending the railroad from Lake Maxinkuckee to South Bend.

"The question of building the extension of the Vandalia to South Bend, touching the lake, is at present causing not a little comment. Parties who have bought property and built fine cottages express themselves as not being in favor of having closer railroad conveniences—claiming that it would be a source of cheap transportation and would carry rough excursionists to the lake."

That is, please keep the riff-raff out!

And then there were those crowds. Take, for example, this article from the summer of 1885, "The Largest Excursion of the Season."

"Three coaches from Winamac brought some 500 people. Excursionists from Peru and other towns on the Wa-

bash were on the train. When the excursion train pulled out it consisted of sixteen cars and two engines, hauling between 1,000 and 1,200 people. Nearly a hundred people who had bought tickets could not get on the train and were forced to wait until the regular train came through.

"Such a crowd has never visited Lake Maxinkuckee from this city in one day before.."

There would, however, be future weekends where 3,000 people and up disembarked from trains at what is today the town park.

The May 20, 1890 Logansport Pharos Tribune, after describing the growing influx of cottagers and building of cottages and hotels, noted, "The residents of Marmont (Culver today) have been greatly excited of late over the post office. The postmaster, who is the owner of a general store at Marmont, decided to move his store and post office to a new brick building near the railway station.

"Residents of the village got up a petition against the office being removed," said the paper, though the new locale "will be a great convenience during the summer to visitors. Heretofore it was necessary to go to Marmont to obtain mail...the storekeepers at Marmont are much incensed over the removal of the office."

So there you have it: the post office itself was moved to accommodate those nery tourists! Residents and shopkeepers (the downtown ones, we can only assume) were clearly outraged.

Those cottagers -- and no doubt local townfolk as well -- concerned that the railroad might bring "rough excursionists" might have had a point, as is evidenced by the dramatic saga of the mystery of who killed Abraham Leslie near the Marmont depot in August, 1886.

Leslie, a young man of Mexico, Indiana, in Miami County, had come here to furnish music for an excursion party.

"While at the lake," wrote the Logansport paper, in one of many articles excitedly covering the incident, "he and several of his friends from Mexico became engaged in a fight over a rival matter with three or four Vandalia trainmen."

The Logansport paper wrote that the Mexico band crowd "were slightly under the influence of liquor which made them very disagreeable and quarrelsome. No less than a dozen men took part in the fight. It was a regular old fashioned knock-down, in which clubs and stones were freely used."

After the smoke cleared, Leslie was found lying dead on the depot platform with a broken neck, and George Harris, an employee of the Vandalia Railroad, was fingered as deliverer of the blow. After a lengthy manhunt, Harris eventually turned himself in, and was eventually acquitted due to lack of evidence.

In a letter to the paper, Vandalia railroad conductor E.W. Dean branded a lie the notion that Harris and the Vandalia employees could have been drunk at the time.

"See if the Vandalia boys don't come out on top, just as gentlemen should," wrote Dean.

If the Pharos Tribute agreed, it didn't stay that way. In May, 1887, Harris was accused of a "cowardly attack" on an innocent Logansport resident and his sister. Harris' acquittal of the murder here earlier that year, wrote the newspaper, "should have taught him a lesson," but obviously didn't.

As was the case with the Culver papers of the day, writers in the Pharos Tribune made none of the modern claims of objectivity. The article describes Harris as "a blood-thirsty individual of the late Jesse James order," and "mean and depraved, and when he dies he will probably go straight to the devil with his boots on and a rope around his neck."

Subtlety clearly wasn't the order of the day, at least for that writer!

Murder mysteries aside, the tourist trade of the 1880s through the late 'teens' in Culver was obviously a huge boon to the area, both in terms of widespread acclaim and business success.

One interesting remark in the Logansport newspaper in 1882 is worth noting: "It does not require a young fortune to spend a few weeks at this resort (Lake Maxinkuckee) as usualy is the case at watering places, but a most enjoyable and profitable time can be had for comparatively nothing."

The Culver area is apparently attractive to some visitors for much the same reason today, though some full-time residents of this and the surrounding area have the opposite view. I guess these things are relative, after all.

Name that Culver 'citizen'

A number of readers recognized last week's Mystery Citizen, Herb Newman Jr., a Culver High School graduate who has been involved in many local endeavors, including coaching, leading area 4H, the Culver VFW, and many more. He also comes from a longtime local family, so many will know his relatives!

Correctly identifying him were Barb Newman Penrod, Carin Clif-

ton, Deanna Allyn, Wayne Bean, Judy Currens, Anna Neher, and Janet Newman.

Catching



LEFT: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Herb Newman, then and now. ABOVE: This week's Mystery Citizen.

up on older business, Marilyn Kelly, Betty Voreis, and Deanna Allyn all recognized earlier Mystery Citizen Elisabeth Davis.

This week's Mystery Citizen also graduated from CCHS and has taken a leading role in a local group making great strides.

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





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Eagles place 2nd at Plymouth Sectional Lancers down Cavs at NSC



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Culver Community's John Ahlenius ties up with Culver Military Academy's David Zajac in the 145-pound championship match at the Plymouth Wrestling Sectional Saturday.

By James Costello
Sports Editor
PLYMOUTH — The Plymouth Rockies' wrestling team placed five wrestlers in the finals on the way to four individual titles, and Plymouth earned the team championship at its home sectional Saturday at The Rock.

Plymouth beat out second-place Culver Academies 216-200.5, while Bremen finished fourth with a score of 128.5, Culver Community was sixth with a 104.5 score, and Triton placed ninth

with 62 points.

The Rockies boasted four individual titles in Cody Allmon at 106, Kam Markovich at 126, DeAndre Pickford at 220, and Drew Dodson at heavyweight. Aaron Houin was runner-up at 182 with a loss to No. 1-ranked Matt Hurford of Culver Community, meanwhile, and the Rockies advanced 10 total wrestlers to next week's Rochester Regional.

With both squads advancing five grapplers to Saturday's finals, Plymouth led the Culver Academies 196-182.5 heading into the championship round Saturday. Markovich's thrilling pinfall win over Rochester's John Hunting in the final minute of their 126-pound championship all but assured the home team the championship.

Although they fell short of a championship, the Eagles equalled Plymouth in individual championships with four on the day as Noah Trevino won the title at 132, Anthony McHugh claimed top honors at 138, David Zajac grabbed the 145-pound crown, and Edmond Hogan clinched the 152-pound title.

Kayla Miracle lost a decision to Warsaw's Luis Munoz to finish runner-up at 120 pounds after becoming the first female to qualify for the state finals last year, and the Culver Academies earned 10 top-four finishes to advance most of its lineup to next week's Rochester Regional.

"Our kids came to battle. Give credit to Plymouth, their kids stepped up and battled as well, but when you put 10 kids through to regionals — and I think we may have had four third-place finishes and then four champions and a runner-up — that's pretty good," said Culver Academies head coach Matt Behling. "I can't take anything away from our kids. I'm so proud of them right now."

Culver Community's lineup was short on numbers Saturday, but what the Cavaliers were lacking in quantity, they made up for with quality.

Matt Hurford and brother Mark Hurford claimed titles by pinfall at 182 and 170, respectively, Allen Betts was the 113-pound champion by major decision, and John Ahlenius placed second behind Zajac at 145.

"(Betts), he's got high goals, he's focused on what's ahead as a stepping stone, and we're excited about next week," said Culver Community head coach Louis Posa. "Matt and Mark, they're each others' biggest fan. They push each other in the room, they thrive on one another's success, and it's exciting to see them sharing this success today."

"We're always looking to improve, but we're not disappointed with our guys," continued Posa. "They wrestled hard, they gave us their best effort. But moving forward there are some areas we can improve in, and they understand that. We're just continuing to look to get better."

• PLYMOUTH SECTIONAL
At Plymouth

Sports briefs

Boys basketball 3rd quarter dooms CMA

A 22-11 third quarter by Gary Wallace erased a seven-point Culver Military Academy halftime lead and led the visiting Hornets to a 53-41 win at Fleet Gymnasium Friday.

Nick Zaluendo scored 19 points to lead the Eagles. Bradley Fisher added 12 points.

• GARY WALLACE 53,
CULVER MILITARY 41
At Culver

Indians down Eagles Greenan Sullivan and

Mathew Monserez both put up 16 points for St. Joseph, and the Indians handed host Culver Military a 53-42 defeat in a match-up of Sectional 19 foes at Fleet Gymnasium Wednesday.

Nick Zaluendo rained in five 3s on his way to a game-high 17 points for Culver, and Bradley Fisher also finished in double digits with 11. Aaron Marshall scored eight, and Austin Proeh put up six for the Eagles, who slip to 1-8 on the season.

Anthony Smiley chipped in 11 points behind Sullivan's and Monserez's one-

two punch as St. Joe improved to 6-7.

CMA plays host to Gary Wallace Friday at 7:30 p.m. • ST. JOSEPH 53, CULVER MILITARY 42
At Culver

Girls basketball

Cvitkovic powers CGA: Andrijana Cvitkovic scored 16 points with 15 rebounds and eight blocks, and Culver Girls Academy beat visiting St. Joseph 40-27 Saturday. Victoria Christlieb put up eight for CGA in the win, which pushes the

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PHOTO/ALAN HALL

Culver Community's Micah Budzinski pulls up for a jumper between LaVilleville's Andrew Hostetler (35) and Blake Berger (4) during a Northern State Conference game at LaVilleville last Friday.

By Dee Grenert
Staff Writer
LAKEVILLE — LaVilleville won a Northern State Conference boys basketball victory over visiting Culver Community at Dale E. Cox Gymnasium. LaVilleville's Andrew Hostetler drilled four of his first five attempts from 3-point range to stake the Lancers to a 20-10 advantage with 5:46 left in the first half, and finished with a game-high-tying 19 points and four assists.

With the Cavs opening in a 2-3 zone, sophomore guard Blake Berger and Hostetler polished off LaVilleville's first two possessions with treys from the left corner and left wing respectively to open a 6-0 lead at the 6:21 mark of the first frame. The Lancers led by multiple possessions the

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Cavs share offense in win over OD



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Culver Community's Everett Krueger gets to the hoop while Oregon-Davis' Zach Johnston (2) tries to take the charge and OD's Blake Hurford (24) and Culver's Kyle Vlach, back, look on during a basketball game at John R. Nelson Gymnasium in Culver Jan. 23.

CULVER — Coming off a somewhat lackluster loss to John Glenn in the Bi-County Tournament the previous Friday, the Cavaliers bounced back strong Jan. 23.

Culver's offense shared the load with four players in or near double figures, and the Cavs tied a season-high with 18 assists to finish with 54 percent accuracy from the floor in a 63-44 win over Oregon-Davis on their home floor at John R. Nelson Gymnasium.

"I thought our kids shared the ball very well tonight and were trying to find that open teammate," said Culver head coach Kyle Elliott. "When we've had success... we've had anywhere from 10 assists and up; we've had as many as 18 assists on a given night."

"They were making the right decisions for the most part."

Point guard Collin Stevens put up a team-best 14 points with five assists and four steals, and fellow senior Micah Budzinski dropped a double-double of 10 points with 11 rebounds. Freshman Everett Krueger tallied 11 points in the varsity start — nine in the fourth quarter alone — while junior Trent Elliott finished with nine points highlighted by a pair of dunks, including a first frame-ending stuff on a backdoor lob from Kyle Vlach that put the home team up by double digits at the quarter break at 14-4, and OD was only able to chip the lead back to single digits twice briefly in the second period.

Vlach contributed six points with a game-high seven assists, Jordan Sanders chipped in another six points with three steals, first-year

senior Bradley Beaver scored three points, and nine different Cavaliers made their way onto the scoresheet as Culver went to its bench early and often in the win.

"It's nice to get Bradley Beaver and some of those kids some quality minutes. He does an outstanding job in practice of working hard every day and helping prepare his teammates and takes great pride in it," said Elliott.

"We had eight kids running in and out — we've had some games with six kids — and then the junior varsity as well got some minutes at the very end there. We've got a lot of kids when they hit the floor, regardless of minutes, we've got high expectations that they're going to give us a boost... The kids coming in as we rotated — in many cases two at a time, sometimes three — they're expected to give us a lift as they come in. They've been sitting out for awhile, they're observing, but when you hit that floor you have to be ready to play. For the

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most part I thought the kids did a good job of that tonight.”
 Defensively, the key to the Cavs’ success lay in their containment of OD guards Zach Johnston and Blake Hurford, both of whom finished below their average with seven points apiece Wednesday.
 Their loss was fellow sophomore Carl Schnekenburger’s gain, however, as he put up a game-high 18 points with better than 77 percent accuracy followed by Dalton Taylor’s 12 points, several on breakaways as he notched six steals in the road loss.
 “Zach Johnston and Blake Hurford were definitely a focus for our team defensively. You look at who really helps that team be a success, and those two guys have really been playing some good basketball for them of late, and we didn’t expect it to be any different,” Elliott said. “They did a nice job tonight, and I thought they did a nice job of sharing the ball as well, and helping some kids create for their offense. They had some other kids step up and did some positive things as well.”
 While Culver moves to 10-4 on the season, OD slips to 1-13 two weeks after snapping an 11-game losing streak stretching back to last season against Argos on Jan. 11.

The young Bobcats’ scarcity of wins hasn’t been for any lack of effort, however, and they kept plugging away for four quarters at Culver. Schnekenburger’s traditional three-point play at the 5:36 mark of the third cut OD’s deficit back to 10 after entering halftime trailing by 15, but the visitors never got any closer as they were outmatched by Culver’s superior size, experience and team play.
 The Bobcats may get another shot at Culver when the Cavs host Class A Sectional 51 play beginning in late February.
 “We’re fortunate enough this year to be playing on our floor, and we want to be a contender for a championship,” said Elliott of the sectional tilt. “Any time you can get a sectional opponent and have some success against them, it’s a mindset for your kids heading into tournament play. It’s going to be a tough and very competitive sectional, and we’ve got a lot of work to do between now and then to get to where we want to be.”
 • CULVER 63,
 OREGON-DAVIS 44
 At Culver

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rest of the way.
 “The two kids we wanted to know exactly where they were in the zone were the ones that hit the shots,” Culver head coach Kyle Elliott said. “It’s one thing to get open looks. You have to have the guys to fill it up and they do.”
 Culver finished 12 of 31 from the field and turned the ball over 14 times.
 Culver junior forward Trent Elliott shrugged off a rough start from the field to finish with 19 points and a game-high seven rebounds. Senior center Micah Budzinski added eight points and six boards for the Cavs.
 However, LaVille’s switching man-to-man bottled up the Cavs on the perimeter much of the night leaving the visitors slow to set the offense and entirely shutting off the transition game.
 “LaVille’s switching defense wasn’t anything we weren’t expecting,” the Culver skipper said. “We still had some good looks in the first half that didn’t fall, some by Elliott which is who we want shooting the ball. It wasn’t because LaVille wanted to win the game more than we did; I thought we competed well and played hard.”

“We had turnovers that probably led directly to 10 points for (LaVille), and that was the margin most of the night,” he added. “We had one steal and basket by Elliott, other than that I don’t think we got any transition baskets. We’ve got to do a better job taking care of the basketball. We’ve struggled shooting in this gym; the opponent has a lot to do with that.”
 Berger finished with 10 points and four assists. LaVille senior forward Nick Amor chipped in nine points, four rebounds, and a massive home-crowd-pleasing play. With the Lancers leading 36-28 inside of three minutes to play, Amor blocked a Culver 3-point try at the top of the key, chased down the loose ball, and took it the other way for a rim-rocking dunk.
 In addition for Culver, senior point guard Collin Stevens dished out four assists, and Jordan Sanders tallied three steals off the bench.
 Culver hosts John Glenn Friday, while LaVille entertains Triton next Saturday.
 • LaVILLE 46,
 CULVER COMMUNITY 33
 At Lakeville

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team to 10-8. St. Joe was led by Nicole Przbyslawski’s and Catherine Raster’s six points each.
 • CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 40, ST. JOSEPH 27
 At Culver

Lady Eagles fall: Culver Girls Academy dropped a 63-49 decision at Gary West Side Friday.
 • GARY WEST SIDE 63,
 CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 49
 At Gary

Lady Cavs lose 3rd straight: Kayla Shaffer scored a game-high 17 for Culver Community, but it wasn’t



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CCHS’ Angela Lewellen, left, goes up for a shot as LaVille’s Amanda Carbiener (#23) guards. Also pictured, from left: CCHS’ Donna Zehner and Kayla Shaffer, and LaVille’s Hanna Herbster and McKenzie Leed.

enough for the Lady Cavs, who lost their third straight on the road at West Central, 33-29 Thursday. Culver found little offensive production beyond Shaffer — who recorded another game-high of nine rebounds — although Donna Zehner scored four points with a game co-high of nine rebounds, and Tatum Schultz put up four points with four steals and four assists.
 West Central was led offensively by Alivia Kruger’s nine, and Samantha Lincoln’s eight. The Cavs slide to 10-8, and West Central moves to 11-8.
 • WEST CENTRAL 33, CULVER 29
 At Francesville

OD downs Culver on Coaches vs Cancer Night: Four Lady Bobcats scored in double figures, and Class A No. 2 Oregon-Davis backed up a Bi-County semifinal victory with a 70-36 defeat of visiting Culver Community Tuesday. Ashley Campbell and Haley Collings each finished with 16, Alicia McIn-



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ABOVE: Madeline Raster (St. Joseph’s #20), left, guards CGA’s Victoria Christlieb during Saturday night’s game.

tosh scored 15, and Lexi Minix dropped 13 in the win over the Sectional 51 foes. Collings also clutched 10 rebounds, and Campbell finished with seven steals and six assists as the Cats hosted a Coaches vs Cancer night at the Den. Tatum Schultz put up 13 points with five steals and three assists, and Kayla Shaffer scored 11, while Donna Zehner grabbed a game-high 12 caroms in Culver’s second straight loss to OD after falling to the Cats in the Bi-County Tournament semifinals last Thursday.
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 At Hamlet

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A day at the Cafe

RIGHT: Students from Culver's Wesley Preschool took a field trip to Cafe Max on Main Street last week, where, after a tour of the restaurant, they were divided into groups given jobs either making donuts, setting the table, or making hot chocolate - teaching them there are many steps to preparing a meal. Pictured AT TOP, Scotty Banks (left) and Molly Gormaly help Cafe staff member Amanda Dowd make hot chocolate.

BELOW: Cafe Max owner Susie Mahler (right) speaks with Jack Carroll, Madison Kitts, Xavier Roberts, Owen Dorrel, Molly Gormaly, Allyson Williams, Braden Keller, Sarah Christiansen, Graham Baker, Brendan Master, Scotty Banks, and Myles Rivera.



New members inducted to Culver's NHS

By Micah Budzinski

Four new members were inducted into Culver's chapter of the National Honor Society last semester. Inductees included juniors Timmy Wireman, Caleb Dehning, Donny Clark, and Megan Lyczak. Prior to the induction, Collin Stevens, president, introduced members Erin Bau, Micah Budzinski, Tucker Schultz, and John Ahlenius to discuss the NHS qualities of scholarship, leadership, character, and service. Allen Betts introduced the inductees and their accomplishments.

The ceremony also included academic recognition, presenting academic bars, "C's" and lamps. Freshmen presented the academic lamp were Aaron Becker, Megan Brady, Justine Dexter, Madeline Justis, Cecilia Kenney, Maria Lindvall, Jenna McCarthy, Rebecca Rainey, Kelsey Shaffer, and Cody Valiquet. Freshmen who received the Academic "C" were Renae Johnson and Everett Krueger. Both the Academic Lamp and Academic "C" were presented to Freshmen Lindsay Emery and Brianna Overmyer.

Sophomores receiving the Academic "C" were Katie Blocker, Mickella Hardy, Haley Klimaszewski, Angela Lewellen, Elizabeth McElroy, Dustie Pier, Brendon Pinder, Tatum Schultz, Madelyn Strycker, Summer Turney and Donna Zehner.

The Academic Bar award was presented to juniors Dylan Bennett, Caleb Dehning, Trent Elliott, Megan Lyczak and Kennedy Thomas and to Seniors Allen Betts and Micah Budzinski. *This article originally appeared in the Caval Crier, the Culver Comm. High School newspaper. Thanks to editor Dana Wireman and adult sponsor Vickie Benner for assistance.*

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Israel and the United States

Is Israel an asset or a burden to our country?

The United States is without question Israel's most important ally. Also, without question, Israel is the staunchest and most reliable friend of the United States. But there are some who believe and vigorously advocate that Israel is a burden to the United States and that, were it not for Israel, peace would prevail in the Middle East.

What are the facts?

The "Israel lobby." There are indeed those who claim that Israel is a liability, a burden to our country. Professors from prestigious universities write essays in which they aver that the United States is in thrall to the "Israel lobby." This lobby is said to pull the strings of American policy. Its supposed main promoters are AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee) and the so-called "neo-cons," some of whom are indeed Jewish. They are said to exert an almost magical spell over policy makers, including the leaders of Congress and the President. Some even say that the Iraq war was promoted by this omnipotent "Israel lobby," that President Bush was flummoxed into declaring war on Saddam Hussein, not in order to defend the United States or to promote its interests, but in order to further the interests of Israel.

Israel is indeed a major recipient of U.S. aid. Israel receives nearly \$3.0 billion of U.S. military aid - nothing in economic aid. 79% of this military aid must be spent with U.S. military contractors, making Israel a very large customer of those companies.

America's staunchest ally. A good case can be made that aid to Israel, all of it military, should be part of the United States defense budget, rather than of the aid budget because Israel is, next only perhaps to Britain, by far the most important ally of the United States. Virtually without exception, Israel's government and its people agree with and support the foreign policy objectives of the United States. In the United Nations, Israel's votes coincide with those of the United States over 90% of the time. The Arabs and other Moslem countries, virtually all of them recipients of American largesse, almost reflexively vote against the United States in most instances.

Israel is indeed America's unreliable aircraft carrier in the Middle East and the indispensable defender of America's interests in that area of the world. The people of the United States, individually and through their Congressional representatives, overwhelmingly support Israel in its seemingly unending fight against Arab aggressors and Muslim terror. But that support is not only based on the great strategic value that Israel represents to the United States. It is and always has been based on shared values of liberty, democracy, and human rights. America and Israel are aligned by their shared love of peace and democracy. Israel and the United States stand together in their fight against Islamo-fascist terrorism. These shared values, these common ideals, will bind Israel and the United States forever.

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Israel is the major strategic asset of the United States in an area of the world that is the cradle of Islamo-fascism, which is abhorred by tyrants and persecuted by religious obscurantism and shows almost total disregard for human rights. During the decades-long Cold War, Israel was America's indispensable rampart against the inroads of the Soviet Union. It is now the bulwark against the aggressive intentions of Iran. During Desert Storm, Israel provided invaluable intelligence, an umbrella of air cover for military convoys, and had personnel planted in the Iraqi deserts to pick up downed American pilots.

Gen. George Heagan, former head of U.S. Air Force intelligence, stated publicly that "Israel is worth five CVAs," with regard to intelligence passed to our country. He also stated that the yearly \$3.0 billion that Israel received in military assistance was worth \$50 to \$60 billion in intelligence, R&D savings, and Soviet weapons systems captured and transferred to the Pentagon. In contrast to our commitments in Korea, Japan, Germany, and other parts, not a single American serviceman needs to be stationed in Israel. Considering that the cost of one serviceman per year - including backup and infrastructure - is estimated to be about \$200,000, and assuming a minimum contingent of 25,000 troops, the cost savings to the United States on that score alone is on the order of \$5 billion a year.

Israel effectively secures NATO's southeastern flank. Its superb harbor, its outstanding military installations, the air and sea lift capabilities, and the trained manpower to maintain sophisticated equipment are readily at hand in Israel. It is the only country that makes itself available to the United States in any contingency. Yes, Israel is not a burden, but a tremendous asset to the United States.

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Honor Choir singers

LEFT: Culver Middle School students Brianna Kinyanjui (left) and Mandy Morrison (right) performed with the Indiana Middle School Honor Choir Jan. 18 at Fort Wayne's Embassy Theater as part of the Indiana Music Educators State Conference, according to their former teacher (and Morrison's mother), CES music instructor Kim Morrison (center). Since 1990, the MEA has sponsored an elementary and a middle school honor choir. Students participating in Circle the State with Song area festivals have the opportunity to audition for All-State Honor Choirs, which are select groups of approximately 140 singers each.

CCHS announces honor roll

Culver Community High School has released its honor roll students for term 1, grading period 2.

Grade 9, A honor roll: Daniel B Bettinelli, Megan L Brady, Justine K Dexter, Jennah D McCarthy, Hailey Mae McGowan.

A/B honor roll: Aaron M Becker, Tevin Ray Jones, Madeline J Justis, Cecilia A Kenney, Maria C Lindvall, Rebecca E Rainey, Justin C Schaub, Kelsey A Shaffer, Cody A Valiquet.

Grade 10, A honor roll: Mickella D Hardy, Haley L Klimaszewski, Oustie R Pier, Brendan M Pinder, Tatum Elizabeth Schultz.

A/B honor roll: Jerrod Isaac Betts, Katie A Blocker, Sodhi Allen Farquhar, Ronald Mark Mayer, Elizabeth L McElroy, Summer L Moore, Alecia M Rearick, Madelyn M Strycker, Summer D Turney, Donna R Zehner.

Grade 11, A/B honor roll: Isaac Bryant Haimbaugh, Megan K Lyczak, Nicholas A Pritz, Jordan M Sanders, Kayla M Shaffer, Kennedy N Thomas.

Grade 12, A/B honor roll: John L Ahlenius, Bradley A Beaver, Allen M Betts, Micah B Budzinski, Marena J Fleury, Makennon V Hicks, Ashley R Martinez, Collin R Stevens, Joshua L Walters.

Library news

Free computer classes for February

Culver-Union Township Public Library is offering free technology classes for beginners in February, Mondays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m.. Classes for February include: Computers for Beginners (Feb. 4 and 8), Internet for Beginners (Feb. 11 and 15), Email for Beginners (Feb. 25 and March 1). These classes are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Andrew Baker at abaker@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842.2941.

Hooked on Books Book Club Feb. 13

CUTPL's book club, Hooked on Books, will meet Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 3:30 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room. The book for this month is, "Wild" by Cheryl Strayed.

For more information, contact Polly Thompson Wolf at pwolf@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842-2941. The Culver-Union Township Public Library is located at 107 N. Main St. in Culver, Indiana. All programs are free and open to the public.

Send news tips to the *Citizen* to culvercitizen@gmail.com or 574-216-0075

Culver Elementary School Students of the Month

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

Kindergarten: Neveah Karbach (teacher: Amy Bonine), David Hite (Heather Overmyer), Reagan Atkinson (Stephanie Smith), Alexis Nelson (Jean Urbin), Ashley Pugh (Janna VanDePutte).

First grade: Zane Coble (Andrea Berndt), Giselle Villegas (Kelly Dickerhoff), Rylie Prosser (April Jefferies), Hayden Parker (Becky Risner).

Second grade: Alison Grothaus (Jean Ahlenius), Abigail Kisela (Tina Bailey), William Richardson (Cindy Master), Kevin Bailey (Lisa Moise), Haylie Rizer (Kris Arvelo).

Third grade: Cody Winkler (Valerie Cultice), Kennedy Fairchild (Jill DeSalle), Clay Whitmer (Rachel Rife), Lilly Brown (Carrie Tharp), Braxton Wolff (Terri Zechiel), Sydney Denham (Suzanne Hollis).

Fourth grade: Josh Havron (Alicia Cotner), Joshua Stefan (Mrs. Miller), Allison Cook (Chris Renneker), Mackenzie Argiris (Leslie Shepard), Wyatt Ringer (Terri Zechiel), Donald Plantz (Mike Elliott), Olivia Gilley (Kim Morrison), Ayden Burns (Ms. Kinney).

Fifth grade: Owen Valiquet (Pam Craft), Hunter Manns (Gayle Kinzie), Jacob Fisher (Raeanne Stevens), Hanna Haimbaugh (Steve Young), Kagnie Hoffman (Suzanne Hollis).

Sixth grade: Kate Heim (Bryan Albright), Brandon Jones (Adam Huber), Sarah Luttrell (Todd Shafer), Jeremiah McCarthy (Missy Trent), Christian Sanderson (Joyce Lyman), Jacklin Lindsley (Julie Cowen).

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CCHS students earn online credit for language courses

By Angel Okray
Culver Comm. High School

Culver Community High School this past fall took another step toward the future by incorporating Rosetta Stone, an online language program, into the 2012-2013 school year curriculum.

Rosetta Stone is a language program that allows students to be interactive with learning a new language. There are a series of activities that focus on reading, writing, grammar, speaking, and listening. With this new program, students are allowed to sign up for a variety of languages.

Students are currently enrolled in Spanish, French, Rus-

sian, and German.

Most of the program is conducted on students' iPad computers, but writing activities and milestones, which are assessments at the end of each course, have to be done on the computer. Chris Stevens, Spanish teacher and supervisor of the Rosetta Stone course, expressed that even though this program may not be as good as a teacher, it is the next best thing.

Terri Dehning, Rosetta Stone supervisor in the middle school, also feels it's a great program.

Dehning was surprised at the way students showed enthusiasm for learning a language. During the first two weeks of school, the middle school had to do other activities due to the glitches with the program. However, these

issues were subsequently resolved.

Because Rosetta Stone allows students to work at their own pace, students have the opportunity to do well in this course. Learning is truly taken into the hands of the students, and they have the chance to advance as much as they want. How well students do in these courses reflect primarily on their work ethic.

This article originally appeared in the Caval Crier, the Culver Comm. High School newspaper. Thanks to editor Dana Wireman and adult sponsor Vickie Benner for assistance.

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ing room. The book is "O Pionners," by Willa Cather. The film stars Jessica Lange and David Strathairn. 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.

Library seeks local talent for displays

Culver-Union Township Public Library would like to invite local collectors, artists, and crafters to exhibit their collections and work at the library. Do you have a unique collection? Why not put it on display to share with others in the community? Are you an artist? Are you crafty? The greater Culver community is full of talented people, and we hope you'll share those unique talents through a display at your local library. For more information, contact Laura Jones at 574-842-2941 or ljones@culver.lib.in.us.

Max. Singers/Players board meeting Feb. 10

The next board meeting of the Maxinkuckee Singers/Players will be held at Grace Church, 307 N. Plymouth St., Culver on Sunday, Feb. 10 at 1:30 p.m., followed by a general meeting at 2:30 p.m., where the director of Beauty and the Beast will be voted upon.

Chili supper for the food pantry Friday

The Culver Lions Club and Culver's Council of Churches are teaming up to support the Culver food pantry by way of a chili supper Friday, Feb. 1, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the train station-depot on Lake Shore Drive. Both organizations assume all cost, so all proceeds from the event will be donated to the pantry. The supper will include "Pinder chili," veggies, drink, and homemade desserts. A freewill offering of money or food goods, paper products, and/or personal products will be the price of admission.

Community meal at Grace Feb. 15

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Friday, Feb. 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.

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 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 Eppley Auditorium.

MCCF grant apps due Feb. 1

The Marshall County Community Foundation is accepting applications for the first General Endowment and Ralph C. Vonnegut, Jr. Fund grant cycle of 2013. Grants from this endowment fund address needs throughout Marshall County typically focusing on the arts, education, health and human services, recreation and the environment. Applications are due by 4:30 p.m., Friday, February 1. Final decisions will be made by the Board of Directors during their March meeting. Applicants must be organizations with 501(c)(3) IRS status. Call 574-935-5159 or visit the MCCF website at marshallcountycf.org.

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.

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4H registration deadline Feb. 15

The youth of Marshall County are encouraged to enroll in the 4-H program by Feb. 15. Enrollment may be conducted at the Purdue Extension Office in Plymouth or online at www.four-h.purdue.edu/enroll or visit www.ag.purdue.edu/counties/marshall and click on "Marshall County 4-H Website" in the left-hand corner under the spotlight. The Indiana 4-H Youth Development Program has implemented a \$15 annual state program fee per traditional 4-H member (maximum of \$45 per family). Call the Marshall County Purdue Extension Office at 574-935-8545 with questions.

TOPS meets Wednesdays

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets at the Culver Grace United Church of Christ, 307 Plymouth St., Culver Wednesday at 3 p.m. 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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