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In Brief

Ice fishing events for the public this wknd

The community is invited to the national-level North American Ice Fishing Circuit tournament this weekend on Lake Maxinkuckee, and co-sponsored by the Culver Chamber of Commerce and Marshall County Tourism (check www.naifc.com/eventlist.php and look for Lake Maxinkuckee). A free ice fishing seminar will take place Friday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. and 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. Sunday's indoor weigh-in for participating fisherman starts at 2 p.m. at the depot - train station on Lake Shore Drive, according to Sellers.

'Clue' onstage this wknd at CCHS

The Culver Community High School drama club, directed by Diane Darrow, will present the comedy, "Clue," 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.

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.

Community meal at Grace Feb. 15

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

Culverites experience almost all 4 seasons -- in one week!

ABOVE: Within the course of the week since our last edition, Culver area weather ranged from icy and/or snowy, to nearly 60 degrees -- flooding to fog and back to freezing. UPPER LEFT: *The Jack and Anne Johnston family took advantage of the pre-thaw last weekend in January to host a few families for skating parties (including bon fire on the lake, roasting marshmallows, hot chocolate) after dark on the ice at their west shore home. LOWER RIGHT: As the mercury neared 60 degrees Tuesday (Jan. 29), raging rainwater rivers filled Culver's streets and caused floods like this one at Lake Shore Drive and Slate Street (note the bubbling fountain in the center!). The same day saw billows of clouds off the lake, but within 48 hours, snow was again flying (LOWER LEFT).

First-ever black graduates of local schools blazed trails

Black History Month - Culver, 2013

CHS' Rollins, class of '06, predicted shift in race relations

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

With the exception of Hollywood invention, it's rare in actual history that a real, live person steps outside the context of their own era and predicts something which today we hold as a given. So imagine the first African-American student to graduate from Culver High School, Clara B. Rollins, standing in front of not only classmates and school officials, but the assembled parents and community leaders at commencement exercises of the school in May, 1906, and giving what The Culver City Herald newspaper described as "an instructive and thoughtful review of the development of the colored people of the South since the civil war."

More to the point, Rollins' speech reflected, said the Herald, her belief that "the time will come when the negro will not be socially ostracised."

This newspaper has written in the past about the unusual legacy of Culver's black community and some of the community leaders it included. Around the turn of the 20th century, few were regarded as highly as the Rollins family, and in particular its patriarch, George Rollins, whose daughter Clara would deliver that speech.

Rollins, whose Culver Citizen obituary in August, 1925, described him as "the much respected colored man of Culver," was perhaps best known for the church which bore his name into the late 1960s, Rollins Chapel on Coolidge Court, though Rollins himself wasn't a pastor. Instead, he had donated the land for church in early 1912, believing Culver's community of some 50 or more black res-

idents needed a place of worship to call their own.

Given what the historical record tells of George Rollins -- who was born in 1856 and had little formal education of his own -- it's reasonable to assume his daughter Clara's clarity on the race situation in America was due in good measure to her father's counsel. But the historical record also suggests the climate in Culver and at Culver Military Academy -- where most of the local black community was employed at the time, including George Rollins -- while far from perfect, may have had a bearing on her attitudes as well.

And while Clara Rollins' speech before the assembled Culver community on race relations could have been partly a rebuttal to whatever racism she encountered here, the fact that she felt comfortable enough to deliver the speech gels with other historical information: that for all the problems of the day, there was a somewhat unusual climate in Culver as regards race relations, certainly compared to the deep South at the time, but perhaps also compared to many surrounding communities.

Beginnings

Culver's black community began in earnest with the influx of students, faculty, and staff of the Missouri Military Academy in Mexico, Missouri, to Culver Military Academy in 1896, when the Missouri institution burned. Rollins himself arrived here in 1899, according to his obituary, though a 1949 Citizen article says 1897.

According to a letter to the editor published in the Citizen in Sept., 1964 by William J. Smith (who notes he was Culver's milkman from 1908 to 1911), George Rollins' parents had been slaves, and Rollins saw to it "that his several children had a good education."

During Smith's tenure, Rollins was chef at the Palmer House Inn -- which was eventually re-dubbed the Culver Inn -- adjacent to CMA. And, whether or not he was CMA's first chef, as some articles suggested, he was certainly one of its first (the Academy started in 1894).

Smith notes George Rollins "was a Christian gentleman and a member of the Methodist Church in those days."

In an article in March, 1949, the Culver Citizen wrote, "The Negro population of Culver started in June, 1897, when James Joplin and George Rollins came to Culver with their families to work at the Culver Military Academy. The churches of Culver were quick to open their doors to this small minority group, and for twelve years the two races worshiped together; from this a fellowship and friendship grew that has lasted through the years."

The latter point is reflected in Smith's letter: "(At the Methodist Church in Culver (prior to the construction of Rollins Chapel)...there were in those days what was called the midweek prayer meeting. After all the rest had had their say, Mr. Rollins would get to his feet and give amodest testimony that outstripped all the rest of us."

Rollins and his chapel

The Citizen article continued: "In 1907 the population had increased to about fifty. Mr. Rollins, or 'Pap' Rollins, as he was called, decided to do something about a place of worship for his people. Owning a plot of ground he decided to donate a portion of this in order to help make it possible. Calling his people together, he found them very eager. It was decided to build the small church that stands on Coolidge Court today. As a token of gratitude the members decided to call the church 'Rollins Chapel.' It was to be non-denominational so

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Williams was first black students at CMA



Alexander Williams

The first African-American students to attend Culver Academies enrolled in 1965, when a student from Gary, Ind., and a gifted scholarship student from Watts (Los Angeles) enrolled as a sophomore and freshman, respectively.

Then-superintendent Gen. Delmar T. Spivey, according to an article in the summer, 1987 Culver Alumni magazine on the school's black student history, had said prior to the 1965 school year, "Our policy has always been that when a qualified black student applies, he will be admitted," and without fanfare, added the superintendent -- which was just what happened.

Being a trail blazer didn't bother one of those first two black students (and the only of the two to graduate), Alexander Williams. Knowing he wanted to be a dentist from childhood, Williams saw the Academy as a good chance to prepare for college.

At CMA, he played the saxophone in the band, excelling at academics and athletics (he played varsity baseball).

In 1967, Williams was joined on campus by six other black students, including his younger brother Charles.

The following year, Williams made history without headlines by being the first black student to step through the school's famed Iron Gate.

From Culver, Williams went to Indiana University, where he majored in pre-dentistry. He then attended Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tenn., which graduates 70 percent of the country's black dentists, later opening dental practices in Gary and Chicago Heights. His brother Charles went on to become a surgeon in Merrillville, Ind.

A number of Culver Academies' black graduates left their mark at Culver and post-graduation. Arnold Turner, class of '70, was the first black artillery battalion commander at the school, while Eddie Nowlin ('87) served as regimental commander during the first acting period of the 1986-87 school year. Thomas Mayo ('75, today director of the Culver Fund in the school's Development department) and Timika Shafeek ('86) both won the prestigious Morehead Scholarship to North Carolina University at Chapel Hill. And present occupations among those surveyed include lawyers, doctors, college administrators, and bankers.

Recognition has ranged from winning Culver's Mary Frances England Humanitar- See Academies page 5

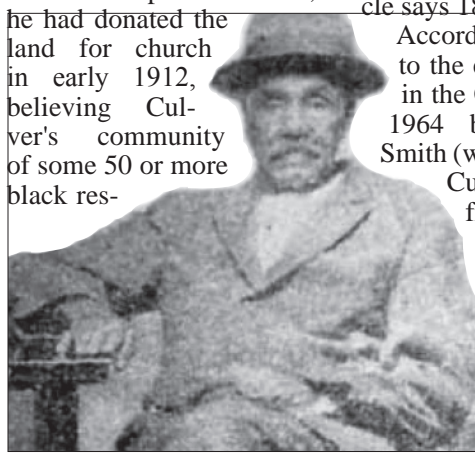
Culver woman dead in weather-related accident Saturday

MARSHALL COUNTY -- Shortly after 1 p.m. Saturday, officers with the Indiana State Police and the Marshall County Sheriff's Department responded to a single vehicle accident on State Road 17 which claimed the life of a Culver woman. The crash happened on SR 17 just west of the intersection of Quince Rd. near Plymouth.

State police report that the driver of a 1992 Honda, Ralph Ward II, 44, of Culver, was east bound on SR 17 when he lost control on the snow covered road. According to police the vehicle spun out of control and slid off the north side of SR 17 striking a utility pole on the passenger side rear door. Ralph Ward was not injured in the crash.

Front seat passenger, Caroline Ward, 70, of Culver, sustained injuries in the crash and was transported to St. Joseph Hospital in Plymouth.

Rear seat passenger Linda Ward, 46, also of Culver, was killed in the crash. Linda Ward sustained a severe head injury in the accident. She was transported to St. Joseph Hospital in Plymouth where she was pronounced dead.



ABOVE: George Rollins

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CGA students crested

AT LEFT: During the annual Culver Girls Academy Crest Ceremony -- during which freshmen students receive the Crest patch honor pin to be worn on their blazers, and are formally inducted as full members of CGA -- junior Rowan Farrell, greets Emma Sexton of Argos, whom she has just "crested."

RIGHT: Students (from left to right) Maddy Wildermuth, being crested by Taylor Blake; Anne Marie Wright, crested by Rory Byrne (obscured from view); and Lexie Zrelak crested by Kayla Miracle.

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that all would feel free to worship.

"The first pastor was Rev. A. J. Taylor who came from Indianapolis and worked part time. The trustees were Ed Johnson, James Joplin, and Brooks Armstead. Today the membership stands at about 35 with 15 active members. Charles Dickerson, Roy Watts (Mr. Rollins son-in-law), and Robert Hill are trustees. Harold Scott, Alex Joplin, and Chauncy Simmons are stewards. Rev. Culpepper is pastor at the presnt time."

Some of the above names will be quite familiar to many in Culver: Charles Dickerson, for example, was head waiter for decades at the Academy mess hall, assisted by Roy Watts; Harold "Sheep" Scott had been head custodian and was a beloved figure among CMA cadets as well as Culver residents at large. His daughter, Thelma Hodges, was a prominent force in local business and politics into the 1980s. Chauncy Simmons, too, was prominent both at the Academy and in the town of Culver.

As an interesting side note, Rollins Chapel happened to be built at the former site, south of Lake Shore Drive on the west side of Coolidge Court, of Culver's early jail.

According to Edwin Corwin's "One Township's Yester-years," "The jail was still there in 1901, but there was not much use for it then, except maybe when some one came in on an excursion and got a little tight and had to be put in there to sober up. 'Neighbor' Cromley, who was Marshal for a number of years, remembers well the old jail when it stood on its original site."

In 1912, Rollins Chapel was dedicated with a Children's day service by the members of the Sunday school.

"The audience was composed chiefly of white people - men, women and children - who took a sympathetic interest in the program which was arranged and rehearsed under the direction of Mrs. Taylor, wife of the pastor. The children entered heartily into the rendition of their parts and the audience seemed to enjoy every number from the shy recitation of Jeanette Artis, a 3 year old tot, to the graceful elocutionary number by Miss Alberta Armstead. At the close of the exercises Pastor Taylor made an effective plea for subscriptions and contributions to liquidate a balance due the carpenter and to pay for the seats and the organ. As a result \$22 was added to the available funds of the society."

The chapel was 20 x30, and cost about \$450.

Initially, Rollins had been part of a mission of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, but in 1917 it officially joined the AME Conference. Its first pastor after joining was the Rev. Charles Bell.

At intervals during the history of this church, resident pastors were located at Culver, wrote Corwin in the 1930s. Among these was the Rev. A.T. Williams, who was assigned as pastor in October 1924. Interest was stimulated

when it was then announced that the African M.E. Church would again have a pastor in Culver and the first church services of the year would be held.

Rollins Chapel made the local news from time to time, such as the August, 1925 appearance of its members in concert at the Methodist church in downtown Culver, where they performed hymns and spirituals, utilizing monies collected at the door for the upkeep of the Rollins building.

In Nov., 1929, Roy Watts remodeled and enlarged the building adjoining the chapel and converted it to a two-story dwelling, which presumably would be the house at today's 221 Coolidge Court.

Final years of Rollins Chapel

By the 1960s, though Culver's black population was dwindling as younger generations moved on and in most cases attended universities and went on to their own success, Rollins Chapel charged on. In Sept., 1963, the Citizen reported on a fall rally at the church which filled it to capacity. At the time, the pastor was the Rev. Huben Jones of Gary, and several visiting pastors contibuted to the program, which was attended by a number of Culver's white residents as well.

"From a portrait on the wall," noted the Citizen, "the kindly eyes of a great friend of the community of a generation ago, who was also the donor of the chapel, Mr. Rollins, seemed to smile with approval as the members of the chapel greeted and made welcome the visitors."

A special service the following April at the chapel drew a number of visitors from Elkhart and LaPorte AME churches, wrote the Citizen, and a group of youth from the Culver Bible Church sang several numbers.

Services were regularly advertised in the Citizen at the chapel until 1968, after which services discontinued there. That was the same year George Rollins' son, Dr. Hollis T. Rollins, a Detriot dentist, passed away. After graduating from the Indiana Dental College, he's spent the rest of his life practicing in that city.

George's wife Nettie Easley Rollins has passed away in 1932, and his daughter Florence -- wife of Culver's Roy Watts -- in 1976.

Two of George Rollins' children met early fates. Lawrence, born in 1902, died in 1921, though a cause of death isn't apparent at the moment.

Clara's tragedy

Rollins' other daughter, Clara, the first African American to graduate from Culver High School, tragically never lived to see her predictions concerning race relations in America come true. In fact, she didn't even live to see

her father's dream of a church for the black residents of Culver come to fruition.

In Oct., 1908, Clara married Joseph Artis in her parants' home. The two would move soon thereafter to South Bend, where, in Dec., 1909, Clara was fatally burned in a kerosene explosion in the couple's home there. She, like her entire family, rests in the Culver Masonic cemetery.

Farewells

By 1972, the Culver Methodist Women's thrift store -- today in a house on Ohio Street -- occupied the Rollins Chapel building, which was torn down soon after, the community it had been built to serve having dwindled to just a few.

Perhaps the Culver legacy of George -- and Clara -- Rollins is exemplified in his 1925 Citizen obituary: "All of this community have had nothing hut good words for George. He was a man of his word, believed in the right things and acted out his belief.

The Rollins Chapel is a lasting memorial to his life."

"Yes," concluded William Smith's letter to the editor, decades later. "I remember George Rollins, as a wonderful friend. Last year I stood at the headstone of his grave in silent remembrance of him."

It may be telling to note, in a December, 1947 blurb in the paper, that "The Citizen staff was surprised recently when a delicious cake was brought to the office by a representative of Rollins Chapel. The pre-Christmas remembrance was presented as an expression of appreciation lor the Citizen's cooperation in publishing news of the activities of the church."

Another minor indication of the status of the African American community in Culver's past was the regular appearance of a column in the Culver Citizen titled, "In the Colored Circles," which documented the comings and goings of the town's black residents, much as similar columns reported on the social lives of residents of Burr Oak, Delong, Hibbard, and other small offshoots of Culver proper.

The very last appearance of the column which had, by then, become simply "Colored Circles," appeared in the Citizen in 1960, and was written by Mrs. Nellie Jackson.

Whether or not she knew hers was the last in a series of such reports dating back some 50 years, Mrs. Jackson's closing words that week, after detailing the Dickerson family's efforts in driving many snowbound congregants to Rollins Chapel the previous week, seem to allude to the presence of the column itself:

"We, being patrons of our only weekly paper, thank you lor cordial treatment."

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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.

Troop inaugural exhibit at museum

Ongoing at the Culver Academies Museum & Gift Shop, 102 S. Main Street in downtown Culver, is an exhibit on the 100th anniversary of the first appearance of the famed Black Horse Troop in its first Presidential Inau-

gural in 1913. Memorabilia, photos, and interactive videos are part of the exhibit. Visit culver.org/museum or call 574-842-8842 for hours and info.

Notice to AHS members

Members of the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver, all of whom receive one years' 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@thepilot-news.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 ex hibit 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 pub-

lic 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.

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.

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 pm. Weigh in is from 3 to 3:30 p.m. meeting is 3:30 to 4 p.m. Use the main door to the east and go downstairs.

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Obituaries

John E. Large Sr.
May 27, 1944-Feb. 1, 2013



CULVER — John E. Large Sr., 68, of Culver passed away suddenly near his residence Friday, Feb. 1, 2013. John was born May 27, 1944 in Fulton County to Orville and Clara Calhoun Large. John graduated from Monterey High School in 1962 at which time he joined and served in the Air Force from 1963 to 1968. John proudly served his country for five years in several locations in the United States and also spent three years of his service stationed overseas in Japan. During his tour of duty, John married Donna Jean Rogers in 1965. John and Donna had two children together, John Large Jr. and Jennifer Large Vantwoud.

Upon discharge from the Air Force in 1968 John returned home and settled in the Culver area starting a new job at McCord Corporation in Plymouth. In 1971 John and Donna also purchased a farm on the east side of Culver where they began raising livestock and growing crops until 1987.

John won the Indiana State Star Young Farmer competition in 1983. This was quite an achievement considering John was self educated in the business and had only began farming 12 years earlier. John won a trip to Washington D.C. after receiving the State Star Farmer Award where he had the honor of laying a wreath at the tomb of the unknown soldier in Arlington Cemetery.

March 31, 2000 John married Mary Wallace in Warsaw. On June 10, 2002 John suffered a heart attack at his residence outside of Culver. Thanks to Chad Becker of the Culver Police Department and Culver Union Township EMS personnel, John was revived at the scene with the AED (Automated External Defibrillator) that Culver had

in use. After John recovered, John and Mary donated the first AED to be used for county wide community events such as the Blueberry Festival to the Plymouth Community Ambulance Service.

John worked at Modine Radiator and Indiana Heat Transfer in the years after he left the farming industry and retired from Indiana Heat Transfer Corp. in 2011.

John had passion for hunting, gardening, and enjoying the great outdoors. John was a dedicated family man that enjoyed a strong relationship with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. John was a proud father and grandfather, a loving husband, and a wonderful person who will be missed by many.

John is survived by his wife, Mary Large; a son, John E. Large Jr. and wife Brooke Hammonds Large, Culver; a daughter, Jennifer Large Vantwoud and husband Adam, Warsaw; a stepson, Dana Wallace and wife Cheryl, Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter, Becky Wallace Haining, Lapaz; nine grandchildren, Lauren, Alicia, Riley, Isabella, Stacey, Wes, Lexi, Justin, Brandon; four great-grandchildren, Dylon, Chloe, Ella, Nevaeh; a brother, Dennis Large and wife Rita, Plymouth; a sister-n-law, Mary Large Personett, Fulton. John was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, James Large, and one sister, Patricia "Pat" Ann Acre.

A time of visitation was held Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2013 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Poplar Grove United Methodist Church. Rev. Henry Sprunger officiated funeral services at noon. Burial followed at the Poplar Grove Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the Culver Union Township EMS.

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

Donald E. Gross
Oct. 17, 1922 – Feb 1, 2013



ROCHESTER — Don Gross, 90, was a resident of Rochester, formerly of Culver, and spent many winters in Florida. He has said “When it is my time to go I will go” Feb. 1, 2013 was his time to join the presence of our Lord. He was preceded in death by his 11 brothers and sisters.

Don is survived by his wife Eileen, whom he married Oct. 29, 1945. They enjoyed many years of camping, fishing, gardening, ice/roller skating, dancing and most of all family.

He is also survived by his six children: Jim Gross of Argos, Jerry (Janeal) Gross of Shelbyville Ky., Jean (Ron) Brown of Anchorage Alaska, Ron (Bettie) Gross of Ke-wanna, Dan (Deb) Gross of Leiters Ford, Donna (Joe) Higgins of Roxboro N.C., grandchildren, and great-grand-children.

Don served in World War II and the Battle of the Bulge. He was one of the six men who carpooled to Bendix, where he worked 30 years until retirement.

A memorial service will be held by the family. Cards welcome to Eileen Gross, P.O. Box 613, Leiters Ford, IN.

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, 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.

Monday, Feb. 11: Chili, crackers, green beans, apple-sauce, milk.

Tuesday, Feb. 12: Chopped steak with gravy, creamed corn, lima beans, roll and margarine, Rice Krispy treat, milk.

Wednesday, Feb. 13: Ham and beans, cornbread, salad, dressing, cobbler, milk.


Thursday, Feb. 14: BBQ chicken breast, broccoli, mashed sweet potatoes, bread and margarine, Valentine treat, milk,

Friday, Feb. 15: Tuna casserole, carrots, bread and margarine, pears, milk.

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Letter to the editor

Ice house memories

I liked reading about Medbourn's Ice House. I thought maybe I could fill you in on some other things about both of them, the "Mill" as my father - Bill Crossgrove - called it, and its employees.

This is about Sam's son, Harry, owning the Ice House and building a Mill. He and his wife Faye lived in the large brick house across the street from Jerome Zechie's place which is now the Bed and Breakfast. They had daughter, Helen, who married Richard Hand and Sammy.

Sam Medbourn's son Harry ran the Ice House and the Mill. The large Ice House at the South end of town was located a block east of South Plymouth Street, located on the west side of the lake, by the railroad tracks. I was very young when it burned. It was a stop off for people that were called "railroad bums" and it was believed that one of them went up close to the Ice House, fell asleep and dropped the cigarette and the place caught fire. There was also a water-way that ran under the railroad track and to the Ice House - with all of the "rollers and hooks" to get the ice into the Ice House.

After the "Mill" was built, my father worked the Mill. He worked there until he had to quit because of his health. The grinding of the feed affected his lungs and he could not work there anymore. I am not sure exactly when that was, but I think it was in the 50's.

The employees at Medbourn's were Charlie Bush, Ed Hawk, Foster Butler (sometimes Leo Butler) Kenneth Bush and my father Bill Crossgrove. Their Secretary was Della May. She was the mother of Eva May Doll, Jim May and Bob May. Bob at one time owned the tavern that is now part of Lakehouse Grille.

This is just a little bit more about Culver's history.

Iris Hyland, Culver

Services for Miracle will be Saturday

CULVER — Graveside services for James V. Miracle, who died in Plymouth at age 95 Dec. 11, 2012, of Culver, will be Saturday, Feb. 9, 2013 at 10 a.m. at Culver Masonic Cemetery. Funeral will follow at 11 a.m. at the Culver Academies chapel.

Miracle is survived by his daughter, Laura Oatney of Wilmette, Ill.; sons, Thomas Y. Miracle of Culver and Jay Miracle of Los Angeles, Calif., and two granddaughters.

Memorials may be made to the Culver Educational Foundation in memory of James V. Miracle, 1300 Academy Road #153, Culver, IN 46511.

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



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Warner Williams, Werner uniforms among new museum exhibits

Those who haven’t visited the Center for Culver History recently may want to stop in this month and see its new displays, including an exhibit featuring Navy uniforms from World War II worn by local veteran John Werner, the youngest son of well-known businessman H.L. Werner (of Werner’s Jewelry and the Home Theater).

The exhibit features several uniforms, as well as the 1940’s wedding and bridesmaid dresses from Werner’s wedding. The clothing is displayed on mannequins recently donated by Karen Blocker. Visitors may also note a little girl Woodcrafter has joined the little boy who’s been residing in the museum since last summer. In addition to the uniforms, the John Werner display also includes photographs and information about his time in the Navy, as well as his Culver upbringing. The uniforms and photographs were donated by his daughter, Janice Werner Kemp-Phillippy, and information about his life in Culver and the war comes from his memoir.

The Center for Culver History will be unveiling a display of the art of Culver resident and Culver Academies’ 20-year artist-in-residence, Werner Williams. Williams was a renowned sculptor far beyond Culver, winning a competition to design the Indiana Sesquicentennial medallion.

Williams was also a familiar face about town for many

years -- many may recall his geodesic dome studio, still standing at his former home on White Street. Others may have noted the collection of his small animal sculptures, located by the fireplace in the Culver Public Library. Those who knew him are invited to share their memories for the display. In addition, the museum is seeking loans or donations of his art from the community to add to the exhibit.

Those with stories or pieces they would like to share with the museum, please email historyofculver@gmail.com, or call or stop by the museum during our hours (Tuesday- Friday: noon to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.). You can reach the museum, located on the ground floor of the Culver Library, at 574-842-2941.

VanSky makes IUSB Dean’s List

Cassandra VanSky, a graduate of Culver Community High School and a freshman at Indiana University South Bend majoring in Nursing to become a nurse practitioner, has been named to the IUSB Deans List for fall, 2012, with a 4.0. VanSky’s parents are George VanSky of South Bend and Suzanne and Terry Wakefield of Culver.

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ian award for concern towards others (Tamela Flowers, class of '85 and Kathy Martin '87) and the Van Zandt Key for moral and spiritual influence (Stuart Dunnings '70) to serving on the board of directors of the Community Renewal Society in Chicago (Mayo '75).

Despite the racial tension that was flaring around the country in the late- '60s and early-'70s, incidents at Culver such as mutterings under the breath and name-calling were minor and infrequent. Survey results indicated that seventy-three percent of the black students felt accepted and part of the group while at Culver. None who responded felt out of place or unaccepted . Sixty-four percent found teachers and administrators encouraging and supportive.

Ray Stingley, a 1969 CMA graduate and then a regional sales manager for a division of E. R. Squibb & Sons, Inc., was featured prominently in a March, 1987 Newsweek article titled, "Brothers: A Vivid Portrait of Black Men in America."

"All my experiences at Culver were positive," said

Stingley. "I never had any sleepless nights or anything like that."

Roscoe Howard, class of '70 and former United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, agrees: "Sure, there were times when I was standing in ranks at 7 a.m. and it was pitch black, with the wind whistling off Lake Maxinkuckee, that I'd think, 'What the hell am I doing here?' But I really liked the place..."

And, some special scholarships at Culver Academies are earmarked to provide financial assistance to qualified black applicants, such as the Charles and Lela M. Dickerson Scholarship Fund, given by Charles and Susanne Shuler in memory of the black couple's seventy-three years of service to the Academy. (Dickerson served as head waiter in the dining hall for 43 years, then managing the Alumni House for 20 more).

Portions of this article were derived from "Black at Culver: A Self-Examination," from the Summer, 1987 edition of the Culver Alumni magazine.

Why I like to run



Heartbeats and Footprints

BY DANA NEER

I started running when I was just a little boy, in part because I was rather fast, coupled with the fact that I was also rather

scrawny – two qualities which go hand in hand for aspiring distance runners.

I still love running, most of the time, except on dreadfully cold winter mornings when my cozy bed is more appealing. But, generally speaking, running and I have been friends for many years.

I have narrowed down my love for running to five basic, long-standing reasons, which for me; seem to clarify my journey with this inspirational, yet systematic lifestyle that I have chosen as my guide.

1. Friendships. Many of my closest companions come from this wonderful circle of outdoor adventure seekers who share the common mentality that our bodies are meant to move and our geographical boundaries have no limits. When I meet a runner for the first time, an instant kinship is established. We already know important stuff about each other. I have run across America with teammates, spent grueling nights trudging through 24-hour relays, traversed foreign fields and have toed the line at local races with fellow travelers. We share the pain of hard training, the joys of completing a journey, and the simplicity of a “job well done” hug. Our respect for each other is as deep as the Grand Canyon. We are of the same ilk.

2. Exploration. My basic need to explore is accomplished through running. I have experienced thousands of “off the beaten trail” places because my legs take me to

areas that vehicles cannot travel. Picturesque Bolivian villages in the Andes Mountains, Coastal towns where shop keepers wave and extend a fresh cup of juice as I pass by, smoking volcanoes, the smell of Haitian slums, bustling major metropolitan cities, fearful disorientation in Bucharest, Romania and the serenity of listening to my cadence on Indiana gravel roads has made an indelible mark on my life. Each experience is carefully recorded in my journal for mental revisits whenever I feel the need to return.

3. Fitness. In my opinion, there is no better measure of fitness than aerobic and anaerobic training though running. I love the fact that, without mentally preparing, I can run around Lake Max or Mississinewa Reservoir if I feel like it. Tempo, lactic threshold, distance, interval, speed play and VO2 Max are all forms of training, reminding me that I need a good old fashion butt-kicking at least once a week to prevent me from getting soft in this increasingly tame and virtual world that I live in.

4. Competition. I still love stepping to the start line, feeling the rush of exhilaration, moments before the starter’s pistol launches the crowd into the alien world of racing. Strategies, course routes and competitors still excite my soul. However, the challenge of competing against me remains the most fulfilling aspect of the race.

5. Problem-Solving. It seems like I have solved everything from world hunger and immigration laws, to personal issues like being kind to others and office management skills on long distance runs. Clearing my busy mind with simple movement provides solitude and escape that I need. My most meaningful moments of prayer and meditation occur on runs. When I return home, hopefully I am a better man.

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Name that Culver ‘citizen’

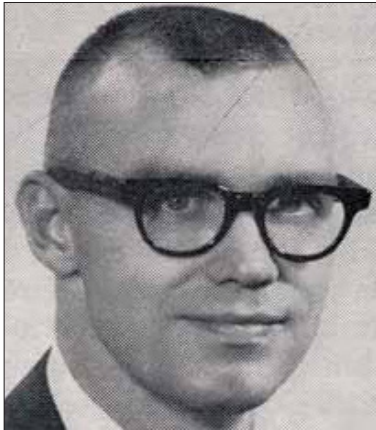
Last week’s Mystery Citizen was recognized by several readers, including Maria Lindvall, Don Baker, Jamye Baker, Kay Tusing, Jill Neidlinger, and Carin Clifton.

He was Gene Baker, a Culver Comm. High School grad who returned to his alma mater a few years ago to teach business classes, and to take the helm of the school’s successful Business Professionals of America program.

This week’s Mystery Citizen served one local institution



LEFT: Last week’s Mystery Citizen, Gene Baker, then and now. ABOVE: This week’s Mystery Citizen.



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CGA wins repeat crown at Warsaw Hurford wins 4th Rochester title, Swim Sectional area teams advance 13 to semistate



PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO

Culver Girls Academy's Lauryn Robinson celebrates after winning the 100 freestyle championship at the Warsaw Girls Swim Sectional Saturday.

By James Costello
Sports Editor

WARSAW — Despite having one of the oldest programs in the state, Culver Girls Academy's swim team had never won a sectional championship prior to last year. Now the Lady Eagles can

hang a pair of banners up in the historic James R. Lowenstine Pool.

After earning an impressive 20 berths to the finals at the Warsaw Sectional prelims Thursday, CGA avoided a letdown in Saturday's championship round, cruising to a repeat title with 445 points ahead of host Warsaw's 382.

"It just shows what our girls can do in extreme challenges.

At our school, surprisingly enough, not a lot of people know about the swim team," said Cali Girard, who won her first sectional title as head coach of CGA after taking a hiatus last year and was named co-Coach of the Year along with Logansport's Heidi Hendricks Saturday. "They just fight in and out. In the freezing cold weather, we get up in the morning to swim, and

it's something great for our school because we have one of the oldest pools, so you would think that we could muster a team at some point that could really be competitive, and the girls have stepped up. The boys have done it before, but now the girls have shown that they can be a powerhouse in the state as well, which is nice."

As it was last year, Saturday's team championship competition was largely a race between the Eagles and the Tigers, who had advanced to the finals in 18 different spots and four into the consolation finals behind CGA's 20 finals berths and seven consolation berths.

The rest of the field lagged far behind with Logansport finishing third with 267 points and Lewis Cass taking fourth with a 232 score. Rochester was fifth with 178 points, Columbia City was sixth

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By Tim Creason
Correspondent

ROCHESTER — Matt Hurford never figured that one day he would be the answer to a trivia question.

But there haven't been many other four-time regional wrestling champs from Culver Community High School, that's for sure.

If any. "Yeah, I guess I am," said Hurford, a senior 182-pounder, when asked about his accomplishment at Saturday's Rochester mat regional. "That makes me feel good. I felt like I wrestled pretty well today."

Of course, there aren't many days when Hurford doesn't wrestle well. He's 40-0 this season.

In fact, it's gotten to the point that people want to know what happened if he doesn't win by fall.

Mishawaka's Wesley LaFluer scored a takedown against Hurford in the semifinals, which the Cav-

alier star quickly reversed on his way to an 8-4 victory.

"I just got lazy and stood up and looked at the clock, and he shot and took me down," said Hurford. "I have to be better focused than that."

In the finals, Hurford only needed 2:15 to pin Ryan Jankowski of South Bend St. Joseph.

Perhaps the most amazing aspect of Hurford's string is the fact that all four titles came in essentially the same weight class.

As a freshman, he won the title at 189, a class that doesn't exist any more thanks to tinkering by the IHSAA. He won again at 189 as a sophomore.

The last two years, he took the crown at 182. How many kids get lighter as they grow up?

Hurford stood out for one other reason: He was one of only two qualifiers from the Plymouth Sectional to win a regional champion-

ship Saturday. Warsaw 120-pounder Luis Munoz, who beat Kayla Miracle of Culver Academies for the second straight week, was the other.

The top four finishers in each weight class advance to next Saturday's Merrillville semistate, so a lot of local wrestlers are still moving on.

Culver Academies coach Matt Behling was upbeat about sending six wrestlers to the semistate, even if none was a first-place finisher.

"That's the most we've ever qualified, at least in the time I've been here," said Behling. "It means we are continuing to improve."

Miracle (34-3) becomes the first girl in Indiana history to qualify for a semistate three times. Last year, of course, she was the first female ever to reach the state finals. She will have to finish among the top four

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Sports briefs

Boys basketball CMA falls in OT

Culver Military was outscored 5-3 in overtime, and the Eagles dropped a 51-49 OT contest against visiting Traders Point Friday night. Bradley Fisher and Nick Zalduendo scored 16 and 15 points, respectively, for CMA. • TRADERS POINT 51, CULVER MILITARY 49 (OT) At Culver

Marian tops CMA without Jackson

Devin Cannady scored 22 points to lead a Mishawaka Marian squad playing without Notre Dame recruit Demetrius Jackson, and the Knights beat host Culver

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Falcons sweep Culver in NSC doubleheader

By Dee Grenert
Staff Writer

CULVER — Defense and a drive propelled John Glenn to a boys-girls Northern State Conference basketball doubleheader sweep at Culver Community Friday.

In the boys game, the Falcons held Culver to a 24-percent mark (11 of 46) from the field en route to a 44-37 victory at John R. Nelson Gymnasium.

In the opener, Kyler Columbia drove the length of the floor for a buzzer-beating layup to hand Glenn an improbable 50-49 overtime win.

JOHN GLENN 44, CULVER 37

Once the calendar turned to 2013 something clicked with Glenn's defense.

Thanks to a potent mix of man-to-man and a variety of zones, the Falcons collected their sixth consecutive win.

Glenn freshman frontliner Alec Runyan chipped in 10 points and a game-best 10 rebounds and played a leading role in holding Culver center Micah Budzinski to a 1-for-10 showing from the field. Runyan's post bucket off

a drive and dish from sophomore Jake Strong put the Falcons up for good, 31-29 with 41 seconds left in the third frame.

Junior forward Trent Elliott scored 17 of his game-high 22 points in the first half and ripped down eight rebounds to lead the Cavs. His triple at the end of the opening half gave the Cavs a 23-22 halftime advantage.

However, the Cavs finished 4 of 23 from the field in the second half, and the game slowly slipped away in the final stanza.

"Our execution at the offensive end wasn't as sharp as we'd like," Culver head coach Kyle Elliott said. "We had looks, some of them open looks, that didn't go down. We only had four guys put the ball in the hole tonight. It's tough to beat anybody putting up 37 points."

Budzinski added eight boards for Culver, while senior guard Kyle Vlach snapped up three steals.

"I thought we did a decent job getting good shots," the Culver boss said. "(Glenn) ran a little more zone in the

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with 141 points, Huntington North placed seventh with 138 points, and Plymouth finished eighth just four points back with a team score of 134. Pioneer, Tippecanoe Valley, Wabash, Manchester and Whitko rounded out the 13-team field in order.

The Eagles won seven championships at Warsaw as Eberle Miller, Rory Byrne, Lauryn Robinson and Jaclyn Schutjer opened up an early lead over Warsaw with a 1:52.77 winning turn in the medley relay, Byrne won the IM in 2:14.29, Robinson took top honors in the 100 free in 56.41 after being out-touched by Logansport's Rebecca Yeoman in the 50 free to finish second there, Betsy Whitfield, Sarah Jamieson, Anna Zaccaria and Robinson combined to win the 200 free relay in 1:46.92, Zaccaria, Schutjer, Miller and Byrne won the 400 free relay in 4:00.94, and Miller won both the 200 free (2:01.37) and the backstroke (58.65).

Miller's time in the backstroke was also the only state cut time of the meet, although the point was moot since as the sectional champion in the event she earned an automatic bid to Friday's state champion-

ship prelims at the IUPUI Natatorium in Indianapolis. Miller's four-for-four finish in championships was the only sweep of the day by a swimmer.

"Last Thursday at South Bend Adams she got kicked in the eye and went blind in one eye so we went to the emergency room last Thursday," said Girard. "But all season she's been looking really good, she's been doing what we've asked. She's kind of filled into herself. She's always been a tall girl, but this year in particular she just looked good. We knew if we could just keep her calm and give her her plan and go in and have her do it on Thursday that today was going to be good."

"She just is starting to see how much potential she has. The last two years she was nervous and in her head. This year we've really seen what she can do."

CGA's seven championships was one better than last year's total by the Lady Eagles.

The medley relay of Miller, Byrne, Robinson and Schutjer earned their second straight state berth, Byrne earned her second straight berth in the individual medley, Robinson won her second straight title in

the 100 free — after clinching wins in both the 50 and 100 last year — Miller won the back a second straight year, and the Eagles won a repeat championship in the 400 free relay with a slightly different lineup. Miller's 200 free championship was a first for the junior, and CGA swept all three relays after going two-for-three last year in third place in the 200 free relay.

"I told the girls I wasn't looking at the win, I was looking at how they were doing in the pool. Once we won the 200 free relay I felt a lot better because that was one I didn't know if we could win," said Girard.

"I felt pretty solid about the medley and the 400 definitely, because they won that last year so I knew that they had a better shot. But I had played with some stuff and messed with the 200 free relay, and I was like 'If this goes well then we should be okay.' But accidents can still happen so I don't like looking at the scores."

While CGA advanced to Friday's state meet in seven spots, Plymouth closed out its swim season at Saturday's sectional finals.

• WARSAW SECTIONAL At Warsaw

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FILE PHOTO
Culver Academies also had runners-up Community's at 138, where Anthony McHugh (40-3) Matt Hurford dropped a 6-1 decision to No. 1-ranked Tommy Forte of Mishawaka, and at 160, down during where Edmond Hogan (39-5) gave up a takedown with 48 seconds remaining against South Bend Riley's Chase Hack. He fell, 3-1.

Six semistate qualifiers enabled the Eagles to finish third in the final team standings with 108-1/2 points. No. 4-ranked regional title Penn walked away with the team title, at Rochester scoring 211.

at Merrillville to do it again.

Saturday.

Plymouth was sixth as a team, while Culver Community took seventh and Bremen 10th.

• IHSAA WRESTLING REGIONAL At Rochester

CUTPL children's room celebrates Valentine's, Feb. events

This February, the children's room at the CUT-PLC will celebrate Valentine's Day with events and activities for kids and teens.

This week through the Feb. 15, stop by to arrange your blind date with a book. Children's room staff and volunteers will wrap books in brown paper, with clues as to the genre written on the outside. Easy, Juvenile, and Young Adult Books will all be available for a Valentine's Blind Date.

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CITIZEN PHOTOS/PAUL PARÉ

During Friday's double-header, AT LEFT: CCHS Micah Budzinski (left) goes up for a dunk as Austen Hayes of John Glenn (right) takes to the air. AT RIGHT: A rebound attempt by Glenn's Lauren Vukovits (# 50) was thwarted by Mickella Hardy of CCHS (behind her).

second half, but it wasn't anything we hadn't prepared for; the kids did a nice job preparing for this game. It's disappointing when we don't shoot the ball better on our home floor.

• JOHN GLENN 44, CULVER 37 At Culver

LADY FALCONS 50, LADY CAVS 49 OT

After Culver Community sophomore Donna Zehner split a pair of charity tosses to hand the Cavs a 49-

Submit a review form of your date at the Children's Room desk to receive a Valentine's treat.

Thurs., Feb. 7, kids are invited to make a Valentine's craft at 4 p.m. Teens and elementary age children will also be invited to participate in making Warm Fuzzies, Tues., Feb. 12 at 4 p.m.

These anonymous uplifting compliments can be directed to anyone who needs some cheer, and should

make the recipient feel warm and fuzzy inside.

The Children's Room also hosts weekly story-times every Tues. at 11:15 a.m., for children preschool age or younger, with read-alouds, crafts, and songs. Children grades 3 to 8 are also invited to participate in the Kids Creative Writing Club, every Mon. from 3:30 to 4:30. Sign up at the front desk or just stop by.

and they got to the basket. All night they were coachable, we just got beat to the hoop."

That the Falcons even forced overtime took a bit of good fortune.

Glenn sophomore Natalie Shetler stole the ball under her own basket and dropped in a bunny to knot the game at 40-all as time expired.

The steal occurred after a pair of Glenn missed free throws set up by a Culver foul on a Culver missed charity toss with 13 seconds left in the fourth quarter. Sophomore center Loren Vukovits scored a team-high 14 points and grabbed seven rebounds for the Falcons. Senior Carah Ochs chipped in eight points, and class-

mate Katie Dreessen secured seven rebounds. Junior Kayla Shaffer led the Cavs with 21 points, including an overtime-opening trey. Sophomore point guard Tatum Schultz added 17 points and four steals, and Donna Zehner tore down 11 rebounds.

"I was proud of the way they started overtime," Hierlmeier said. "I was afraid they'd think they should have won and let it affect them, but they came out strong."

• GLENN 50, CULVER 49 At Culver

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