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## In Brief

### Green Tech at CUTPL group

The Culver-Union Twp. Public Library's Thursday Tech Time will take place tonight at 6 p.m. and will focus on Green Tech and Energy Conservation: learn about what you can do now to save money and energy over time. Computers, household appliances and more will be covered. For more information, call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941, visit [www.culver.lib.in.us](http://www.culver.lib.in.us) or e-mail [abaker@culver.lib.in.us](mailto:abaker@culver.lib.in.us).

### Family Movie Night Friday

Wesley United Methodist Church, located at 511 School St., Culver, would like to invite all to Family Movie Night this Friday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. in the church's Fellowship Hall. Please enter through the main entrance of the church and head down the stairs. The movie will be "A Veggie Tales Movie: The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything." Everyone is welcome to attend! Don't have kids? Come anyway and enjoy a few good laughs and meet some new friends.

There will be free popcorn, lemonade, and water. Questions? contact Pastor Jacob (574-842-2900 or [jacob@culverumc.com](mailto:jacob@culverumc.com)).

### Max Players seeking director

The Maxinkuckee Players are now seeking a director for the musical "The Sound of Music," which will replace "Beauty and the Beast" as their upcoming 2013 summer production. Those interested in this opportunity must submit a resume by Friday, Feb. 22, either mailed to Dan Adams, P.O. Box 45, Culver, IN 46511 and/or emailed to: [dadams@culcom.net](mailto:dadams@culcom.net).

### Max Singers/Players board meets Feb. 24

The next board meeting of the Maxinkuckee Singers/Players will be held at Grace United Church, 307 N. Plymouth St., Culver, on Sunday, Feb. 24 at 1:30 p.m., followed by a general membership meeting at 2 p.m. The director of The Sound of Music will be voted upon.

### Activities director open house

The Culver Park Department will host an

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## Another Culver champion

Two Culver schools sent wrestlers to the state championships in Indianapolis last weekend, with Culver Comm. High School senior Matt Hurford bringing home the school's second state championship in three years. AT LEFT: Culver Academies senior Anthony McHugh (right) raises Juwan Bartlett of Lawrence North high into the air during their battle for fifth place in the 138-pound weight class Saturday. McHugh won, 6-2. CENTER: Hurford raises Perry Meridian's Jake Masengale high in the air by a single leg during their 182-pound state championship match Saturday night. Hurford won, 9-4. RIGHT: Hurford was celebrated on the giant screen before the entire crowd at the Banker's Life Fieldhouse.

## Culver schools to cut 7-10 teachers

\$500,000 budget reduction likely to affect mostly elementary faculty

The Culver Community School corporation's budget will be \$500,000 less by 2014, which translates to a job loss for 7 to 10 teachers, likely mostly from the Culver Elementary School staff.

The news initially hit school staff members in a letter circulated by school superintendent Brad Schuldt last month, though the decision was formalized regarding \$500,000 in budget cuts this year at the school board's Feb. 4 meeting, in which it was also resolved to make cuts totaling \$700,000 within two to three years.

There are several teachers in the corporation eligible for retirement this year, though to date none have formally announced plans to do so, though Schuldt said one teacher did leave to enter another profession in recent weeks. Thus an exact number of job reductions for this year is difficult to determine at present, but cuts will be announced, says Schuldt, between April 1 and July 1, and will take effect before the 2013-2014 school year begins.

"The target," Schuldt explains, "is actually reducing expenditures. So if we lose some teachers at the top end of the scale, then we get to the \$500,000 quicker than if we lose teachers that are beginning teachers.

"Our goal is to try to keep the programs in place that we have," he adds.

The elementary school is under consideration largely due largely to the current student-teacher ratio there.

"To be honest, our class sizes are well below the state average and we're just going to have to adjust our teaching staff to the number of kids in our corporation," says Schuldt, "just like any other business has to do some downsizing to run leaner and more efficiently.

"We have currently a 14 to one average class size in the kindergarten, and our largest section in grades 1 through 6 is just 20. So if you would compare class sizes to many other school corporations, you'll see that it's not uncommon for class sizes to be in the upper 20s or even 30 in some cases, for averages.

"When we closed Monterey Elementary (in 2011)," Schuldt points out, "we didn't ruff any teachers at that time."

Instead, Monterey's faculty became absorbed into Culver's.

The Culver Elementary School serves 501 students at present, with 42 teaching staff and two administrators (a principal and assistant principal), in addition to 10 non-licensed support staff.

By contrast, the high school serves 247 students with 28 teachers, four support staff, and three administrators: the principal, assistant principal (or dean of students), and an athletic director.

Culver's middle school (7th and 8th grade only) is home to 161 students with 12 teaching staff (13 staff are shared with the high school) and one administrator (the principal).

Asked whether cutting some of the administrative staff over the middle and high school -- which together share the same building -- would save more money than losing lower-paid teaching staff, Schuldt says that option is on the table as well.

"Nothing is exempt," he says. "I'm sure the board's had discussion about it, and there could be some realignment there, too....we do need to look at everything."

However, says Schuldt, there are often misconceptions regarding reasons for higher administrative salaries.

Administrators, he points out, "have two months more on their calendar to work each year" as well as night-time duties which leave some administrators working from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. And, he says, "If you go down to a per diem basis, we probably have some of our teachers paid more per day than some of our administrators."

The position of high school principal, explains Schuldt, requires more than a master's degree, and most teachers also aren't required to attend the

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## Comprehensive plan firm chosen, council discusses progress

Culver's upcoming comprehensive plan is one step closer to developing since the town-appointed scoring committee narrowed down which firm will handle creation and implementation of the plan.

Town manager Dave Schoeff told members of Culver's town council at its Feb. 12 meeting that the committee has chosen Chicago-based firm Houseal Lavigne to handle the plan, and that representatives of the firm would be in Culver Feb. 19 and 20 to take first steps. The committee, said Schoeff, received five proposals from various firms, three of which they interviewed.

"They did the best job," he said, adding the firm's role in the plan "pretty much (runs) the full gamut. There are about six separate steps, including some training on how to implement the plan."

Houseal Lavigne's initial cost estimate was \$79,000, though Culver counter-offered \$75,000, according to Schoeff.

Various entities have already committed to help underwrite the plan's cost, said council member Bill Githens, also

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## Hurford wins state title

CMA's McHugh also makes journey to state

By Tim Creason  
Correspondent

INDIANAPOLIS — After all the miles he ran in preparation for this moment, it only made sense that Matt Hurford would run a little more.

A big, wide circle around the center mat, knees high, fists pumping in celebration, a look of both joy and relief on his face.

A minute before, in front of 10,000 cheering spectators at Bankers Life Fieldhouse in Indianapolis, Hurford had taken down Perry Meridian's Jake Masengale for the second time during their 182-pound champion-

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## Win is culmination of years of effort for Hurford

By Justin Croy, CCHS

For many schools the State Championships may be a bus ride and a celebration, but not for the Culver Community Cavaliers and wrestler Matt Hurford. For them, it's the chance of a lifetime.

As the students and community anticipated, the weekend tension builds. Throughout the halls there was a sense of accomplishment and pride, from the "Matt Hurford trivia" to the traditional "yell practice."

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## Meet Culver park's new activities director



Donna McKee

After much planning and discussion over the past year or more, Culver's parks and recreation department now boasts a programming director, in addition to the role of park superintendent Kelly Young.

Already on the job and conceiving programs, activities, and events is Donna McKee, who arrived in Culver seven years ago along with her family when husband David's job relocated them from Michigan. The McKees have two sons, Dylan (3rd grade) and Derek (1st grade) in the Culver Elementary School, who Donnas says "keep me very active."

Many in the Culver area are already familiar with the family from the array

of roles they've taken on in the community. Donna McKee has been involved with the Cub Scouts for the past three years as Cubmaster Assistant, activities director and den leader. She's also been on the Culver Little League board for the past two years. Dave McKee has been active in the community as a volunteer firefighter and a member of the VFW 6919 Men's Auxillary in Culver.

"I enjoy helping many different organizations in our town including helping out most days at Culver Elementary School," notes Donna. "I hope, with my experiences and enthusiasm, that the park programming activities developed will be enjoyed by everyone in our community."

The Culver Park Department will host an open house on Saturday, February 23, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., where residents may meet and welcome McKee to the program director position.

"I am looking forward to meeting with the great people of Culver," she adds. "I just want to...thank Kelly Young and the park board for giving me this opportunity as the Parks and Recreation (programming) director."



# Culver History Quarterly

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## Museum Committee proposes Culver Museum and Visitor's Center

The Museum Committee has been hard at work this fall, planning for the Center for Culver History's future. The Committee was formed after the town-wide meeting hosted in conjunction with the Indiana Historical Society last fall, with a mission to research possible locations for the museum upon vacating the library in Fall 2013.

At a museum retreat meeting last November, committee members brainstormed ideas about what various visitors to the museum might be like to see. After discussing Culver history from the perspective of the various communities of Culver, members noted that the interest of the tourists and visitors closely overlaps with the mission of the history museum.

At the February Culver Chamber of Commerce meeting, Museum Committee Chairman George Duncan unveiled the committee's idea to open the new museum as a Visitors Center and Museum, noting the many crossovers

between museums and visitor's centers. He cited examples of other Museum/ Visitors Centers and noted that the Visitors Centers have more grant opportunities than museums.

Museum Director Rachel Meade suggested several upcoming museum projects that fit in with the Visitor's Center vision, including a proposed walking tour brochure and map showing walkable areas of town and the Academy along with historic information about current and former buildings.

The Museum Committee's Julie Hollowell, an anthropologist, is heading up a committee for the potential Indiana Landmarks grant project, along with Culver Academies' Dana Neer, and historic preservation expert Kurt Garner. Those present expressed interest in the idea, suggesting possible collaborations and locations.

## Center hosts 'In Your Neighborhood'

On March 7, the museum committee will be hosting an In Your Neighborhood meeting sponsored by the Indiana Historical Society. Local Northern Indiana historical societies and museums will be invited to attend. The topic of conversation will be "how to increase community support."

## New and Upcoming Exhibits

Just in time for the ice-fishing tournament, the Center for Culver History unveiled a new fishing display, composed of vintage fishing tackle, lures, floaters, and hooks loaned from **Latham Lawson** and **Jo and Dick Dugger**.

Mannequins recently donated by **Karen Blocker** are currently wearing Navy uniforms, a wedding dress, and a bridesmaid dress belonging to Culver native and veteran John Werner and his wife Doris. Biographical information about John Werner's life and career accompany the exhibit, adapted from Werner's biography. Thanks to **Janice Werner-Kemp** for the donation.

The museum is now hosting an exhibit on Academy Artist in Residence **Warner Williams**, including several bas-reliefs, busts, and animal sculptures. The exhibit will feature items owned by the museum as well as those loaned from the community, accompanied by photos and information about Warner's career, and stories collected from the many citizens who recall the beloved Culver artist with fondness. Stories and loans are still being collected.

Starting March 7, the museum will be hosting a traveling exhibit from the Indiana Historical Society, "**Endangered Heritage**." The exhibit aims to educate the public and potential funders about the need for good collections care. Stay tuned for programing on caring for individual artifact and photography collections in conjunction with the exhibit.

## Center for Culver History volunteers

### Anna Lemar Neher

Anna Lemar Neher has been volunteering 10 hours a week at the Center for Culver History since early January. Anna has been helping us scan Culver High School yearbooks, and will soon be working on getting Culver yearbooks on our website. Anna has also been contributing updates to our Facebook page, and has assisted in researching and putting together displays. Anna has



lived in Culver since she was four. She is a former truck driver, and lives with her husband Don Neher in the home built by her parents—George and Theresa Lemar, who met in the marines. George did most of the work himself, luring in neighbors with beer to help put up walls. They purchased the land from their neighbor Al Sytsma, who used the money to open Al's TV and Appliance Store.



### Jeanette Geiselman:

Jeanette Geiselman has been volunteering 4-6 hours a week for the museum since October. Jeanette has helped organize and catalogue books and has scanned a decade's worth of issues of the State Exchange Bank newsletter, now available on the AHS website, and most recently has been scanning Culver High School Yearbooks. Jeannette has lived in Culver 60 years, moving here from Roch-

ester to marry her late husband Forrest Geiselman Jr. Forrest's parents moved from Kewanna when he was young, in 1927, running Quality Grocer at Main and Washington for 9 years. Later the building housed the Trone Shop and it currently serves as an office for the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council. Jeanette has lived in two homes in town and one on the lake and currently lives in a hundred-plus year old farmhouse just south of the Masonic cemetery. She keeps a garden there. She has raised 3 children in Culver and worked at the Culver Military Academy for 25 years. She currently volunteers at Real Meals and formerly for Meals on Wheels.

## Warner Williams

### Culver's Renaissance Man

By Rachel Meade

Ask any long-time Culver citizen about Warner Williams, and you'll probably hear a description of an eccentric man riding around town on his bicycle, his long beard flying behind him. Others may recall the geodesic dome he constructed in his back yard, out of from which he churned out countless plaster animal sculptures following his 1968 retirement from the Culver Military Academy. According to Warner's son David, the dome was his habitat, from which he typically emerged only for meals. The dome still stands in town, as do his animal sculptures, bas-reliefs, and bronze medallions, which can be found in area homes, at the Culver Public Library, and throughout the Culver Academies campus.

During his 28 years as artist-in-resident at the Culver Academies, Warner created countless works of art for the school; from the bust of long-time headwaiter Charlie Dickerson in the Dining Hall, to the processional cross at the campus chapel, to the Woodcraft 50th Anniversary plaque that hangs at the camp's entrance. His commissioned bas-reliefs and sculptures can also be found in universities and museums across Indiana, Illinois, and beyond. The sculpted head of Voss native and Notre Dame football coach Knute Rockne resides in Voss, Sweden.

Some of his more famous commissions include bas-reliefs of John F. Kennedy, Leopold Stokowski, Thomas Edison, George Ade, Mark Twain, John T. McCutcheon, Pope Paul XXIII, John Wayne, and Stan Musial, among many others.

Warner was born in Kentucky, where he attended Berea College (in 1960, he would be appointed an aide de camp on the staff of the state's Governor with the rank and grade of Colonel, for "success in your chosen field and...cultural-historical contributions to your home state").

He later spent several years studying at Chicago's Art Institute under an honors scholarship. By 1930, Williams was known as "the Hoosier sculptor" for his work in the state, which included designing the best-selling medallions for the Indiana Sesquicentennial Medallion and the fiftieth running of the Indianapolis 500. In Illinois, he was commissioned to create murals and sculptures for the Chicago World's Fair in 1933. He won the City of Chicago prize in 1931 and the Daughters of Indiana prize in 1939.

Despite the accolades, Warner Williams is remembered as a quiet, humble person who worked long hours through the end of his life, chiefly because he enjoyed it. In a 1968 interview Warner said, "I'm not interested in production. I rarely reuse my work. Most of it is personal. I give a lot of things away."

Former CMA art teacher Anne Duff recalled how he kept a little basket of animal sculptures in the dome to hand out to his visitors. Regarding his style, Duff calls it "illustrative."

In a 1930 interview with the Culver Citizen, Warner said, "If the design is an interpretation of fun-damental laws, it is timeless. It has perpetual value."

In addition to creating personal and commissioned pieces, Warner also spent a great deal of time educating the public about the process of artistic creation. According to his son Earle, prior to coming to Culver, he spent years traveling throughout the Midwest giving lectures. With his oldest son Carroll running the projector, he would select someone from the audience and create a model of them in 20 minutes, which he would later fine-tune in his

studio. Culver resident Marcia Adams recalled serving as a model for one of these public lectures. Warner sculpted her face and then aged it 40 years, demonstrating how the features of the face would change as the years passed.

### A Thirst for Knowledge

Warner's family and friends describe him as a Renaissance man whose curiosity for the world and breadth of creative interests was seemingly endless. In addition to his prolific artistic career, Warner wrote hundreds of satirical limericks, played piano and accordion, analyzed people's characters by their handwriting, and read constantly. He built telescopes, the dome, and a wide-format camera used to photograph his art.

"If he couldn't buy it, he'd build it," said former Academy historian and Warner's colleague Bob Hartman.

He built several telescopes, one of which resided on the roof of the Music and Arts building at the Academy.

"Every Saturday night when it was clear, cadets and families would come up and view planets and stars," said Warner's son David, noting that Scientific American Magazine featured Warner in a 1951 article about how to make your own telescope. One of his telescopes is still used at the observatory at the Woodcraft Camp.

According to David, "[Warner] was an artist by trade but he was really a scientist."

He spent a great deal of time studying the natural world and his animal sculptures attest to that interest.

"He was forever looking at pond water and sketching things— pictures of amoeba and anything he could spy in the microscope," said his son Earle.

In the pre-Internet age, Warner relied upon print sources to feed his insatiable thirst for knowledge.

"He just absorbed literature. He had a full Encyclopedia Britannica at home and he would read it at night cover to cover," said David.

Warner spent a great deal of time at the Culver Public Library and developed close friendships with several librarians. As a testament to that relationship, he donated a sizeable collection of animal sculptures to the library in the 1970's.

Warner was also an avid writer of letters. He corresponded with first lady Pat Nixon commiserating with her over Watergate. He also wrote to close friend and famous Swedish sculptor Carl Milles, who designed a number of sculptures in New York City's Rockefeller Plaza. David and his mother Jean once visited Milles' home and studio in Stockholm, and found a stockpile of letters from Warner to Carl—"really intense letters about the nature of the universe."

### Eccentricities

By all accounts, Warner Williams was a true eccentric. Locals typically recall his appearance first, describing him as a Gandalf-like figure.

"He would wear this paper bag as a hat to keep his head warm. He would even wear it to dinner. He didn't care what people thought," said his son David.

"He was this little gnome with a massive beard," said David.

"He was small of stature, but feisty, a rather ornery person," said Anne Duff. Duff See Williams page 4



Warner (left) and Jean Williams in the artist's geodesic dome studio on White Street in Culver.

## Save the Dates

**March 7 – 25:** An educational exhibit about the dangers facing Indiana historical collections lacking sufficient funds

**June 8:** Carmichael sings Carmichael with Randy Carmichael, the son of Hoagy Carmichael singing his father's songs and entertaining the audience with antidotal stories.

**June 19 - July 19:** A traveling exhibit created by Ball State students which will include an I Pad station with the **Vonnegut family tree**, digital manuscripts, etc.

**July 13:** **Launches of Lake Maxinkuckee** presented by Jeff Kenney talking about the first Native American canoes to present day use.

**August 17:** The **cemeteries surrounding Culver** and their occupants given by John Benedict giving us a history of locations of cemeteries and stories on people who occupy them.

## In Memorium

### Allen Becker

Last November we lost long time member Allen Becker. We join his wife Judy, children, grandchildren, brother and sister, stepsisters and stepbrother, and many nieces and nephews in grieving for his absence. He was well known on the Lake for his tireless activity with the Yacht Club and for his support of many worthwhile organizations, including the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Fund and, of course, the Antiquarian Society, but mostly we will remember his friendly and cheerful face wherever we would meet him. He was always a pleasure to be with. R.I.P.

### Robert Bracken

Another faithful member, Robert Bracken, left us in January of this year. Our sincere condolences go to Margaret, their two children and granddaughter, a Culver resident. From his home in Frankfort, IN, he spent much time at their West Shore home and studied the history of the area, especially the story of the railroad which ran along the west shore years ago and was an important factor in the importance of Culver as a tourist mecca. One of our most memorable meetings was held at their home and was highlighted by Bob's comprehensive and interesting story of the railroad's coming and going. Thank you, Robert Bracken, for your support. R.I.P.

We welcome any news items from members. Hopefully they will not all be obituaries, but we would like to remember our deceased members. For fuller obituaries for the two members above, you can contact the Museum office.

## Charlotte Hahn: Outstanding AHS Member



Charlotte has been volunteering for 5 years taking orders for the brick sales in Heritage Park. She moved here permanently from Demotte, IN in 2007 with her husband Jim. Charlotte, known as Shotsie to her friends, has been actively involved in our community with Friends of the Library, Lions Club, AHS, St. Mary's of the Lake Church and LIFT. She has taken orders for the bricks, picked up the bricks, organized the installation and written a thank you note to each person who purchased a brick. She has been an invaluable volunteer but after the installation of the bricks this spring, she will be turning over the responsibilities. We want to thank her for her years of service and acknowledge Charlotte for all her community work. If anyone is interested in ordering a brick, please contact The Center for Culver History at 574-842-2941 or email us at www.historyofculver@gmail.com.



## Obituary

### Kerry Sexton Dicke

July 17, 1951-Feb. 6, 2013



PENSACOLA BEACH, Fla. — Kerry Dicke passed away Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2013, surrounded by loved ones, having succumbed to complications following open heart surgery.

A memorial service in Dayton, Ohio will be held at a later date. An announcement will be made regarding the specifics in the near future.

Kerry was born July 17, 1951 in Austin, Texas, to Dorothy Jo and William Putnam Sexton. She was graduated from West Orange High School and attended Lamar University before transferring to Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas. At Trinity she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in theater and met her husband of 29 years, Dane Dicke.

Kerry was a lifelong lover of the visual and performing arts. She derived much pleasure entertaining her friends in her own inimitable fashion; as well as traveling the world and experiencing new cultures. Kerry was a prolific entrepreneur and enjoyed owning several small businesses. Her endeavors included the Object d'Art gallery, Pleasant Dreamers children's clothing and bedding manufacturer and Gaga's, a children's boutique.

Kerry was a treasured grandmother, mother, daughter, sister, aunt and friend. She will be truly missed by her family and friends, but most tenderly by those who knew her as "Gaga."

She is survived by her mother, Dorothy Sexton; daughters, Anastasia Huelsman, Robin Dicke and Ashton Dicke; son, Christopher Dicke; sister, Jane Jones; grandchildren, Allegra and Liam Huelsman. She will also be dearly missed by her kitties, Señor Kooka, Julius and Petula.

## Birth

### Fugate

Shannon Fugate and Jason Kegley of Culver announce the birth of a son born Jan. 14, 2013 at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center.

Jayden Lee Fugate weighed 7 pounds and 2 ounces and was 20 3/4 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Clifford and Barbara Fugate. Paternal grandparent is Randi Kegley.



### Tyler

Corey and Jenny Tyler of Plymouth announce the birth of a son born Jan. 22, 2013 at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Luke Dane Tyler weighed 7 pounds and 14 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

He was welcomed home by a sibling Landon Lane Tyler.



Maternal grandparents are Greg and Donna Wynn of Plymouth. Paternal grandparents are Mark and Debbie Tyler of Rochester. Maternal great-grandparents are Chuck Wynn of Culver; and Barbara Peters of Plymouth. Paternal great-grandparents are Janet White, and Donna Tyler of Rochester.

## Culver, Monterey students at IUSB

SOUTH BEND — Kelly Hjertquist, Amanda Otteman, Charlotte Ridenour, Stephanie Rochford, Cassandra Van-Sky, Emily Wilson of Culver, and Kaceigh Ahlenius of Monterey were included on Indiana University South Bend's fall 2012 dean's list.

Matthew Kornblith of Monterey graduated with a bachelor's degree from Indiana University South Bend in December.

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few hundred athletic events at the school annually.

Another complicating factor, he adds, is state requirements relating to the RISE evaluation system. While much has been made of recent changes in teacher evaluations -- which some in Indiana have criticized as giving teachers too little protection and allowing good teachers to be targeted arbitrarily or unfairly -- it's often forgotten RISE's requirements mean principals spend an inordinate amount of time sitting in classrooms, evaluating teachers.

"We (administrators) used to have to be in a teachers' classroom only once a year for new teachers and every other year for veteran teachers," Schuldts says. "Now it's five observations (per year) with a pre and a post conference every year, so the state has really put some additional time requirements on the principals of each building. That means much more work for them."

Further, he says, "in order to get top quality, building-level administrators, you'll have to compete with wages that are significantly higher in neighboring corporations."

As far as middle school staffing, the superintendent says cuts have already been made to the point that most remaining faculty are required for state-mandated core curriculum in the areas of math, English, social studies, and science. Other courses, such as art and music, are reduced to one teacher, building-wide.

"If you cut a teacher in those areas," he says, "you're cutting a program, whereas in the elementary school, (if you cut a teacher) you're increasing a class size maybe from 14 to 19, which is not going to have such a tremendous decrease in what we offer students. A lot of studies suggest a class changing at that size is not educationally significant. Would we rather have smaller class sizes? Of course, but the data doesn't suggest it's going to automatically affect scores to add a few kids in a classroom."

Another topic regularly bandied about in virtually any discussion of school funding is athletics.

In the Culver corporation, stipends ranging from \$1,000 to around \$6,000 annually are paid to coaches and assistant coaches, in addition to their regular teaching salaries. The Culver Comm. High School varsity football program, for example, accrues between \$18,000 and \$19,000 for its staff of one coach and four assistant coaches (the head coach is also the school's full-time athletic director).

Schuldts, however, points out the corporation has been working on cuts for several years, with coaching stipends already cut by \$26,000 to date.

"This was the result of eliminating some coaching positions and every coach taking a five percent cut in the (coaching) stipend," he says.

And there's no arguing that the school's football program, among others, is consistently the most successful it's been, in recent years, since its inception.

So why are budget cuts nearing \$1 million necessary in the Culver school system? Certainly one problem is declining enrollment. According to one teacher, more than ten students left the school system just between Christmas break and this January. Schuldts acknowledges the corporation lost 11 percent of its student body over the course of the last two administrative counts.

And contrary to some assumptions, he says, "we didn't lose all 140 kids from Monterey Elementary over to Winamac (schools). Winamac is going through the same thing we are. Many smaller schools in the state are going through the same thing."

People may assume the main culprit in declining enrollment is the quality of Culver's public schools, or competition from charter schools or vouchers to private schools -- which were issued over the past few years by state mandate -- but Schuldts argues the "biggest reason is jobs and housing opportunities."

But, he emphasizes, "our budget deficit is not just about losing enrollment. It's also because of the equality formula which passed two years ago."

The state of Indiana budgets a certain dollar amount per student per year for all schools, and that amount, says Schuldts, is being reduced in order to equalize all school corporations state-wide. In the past, he explains, the dollars behind each child were largely governed by the percentage of students in the corporation whose family income was low enough to qualify them for free and reduced lunches.

Numbers in Indiana ranged from more affluent schools receiving around \$5,500 per student, while some urban areas -- in the northwest Indiana area, for example -- received more than \$12,000 per child.

"The whole point was that kids coming out of poverty and special needs situations cost more money for preparation and catching up -- remediation, special classes -- that was the theory," Schuldts says.

However, a lawsuit brought against the state two years ago argued the differentiation in funding was unfair, which led to legislation requiring a seven-year transition to all schools receiving equal amounts of money per student.

Culver Community Schools, Schuldts explains, were receiving around \$7,700 per student, but that amount is being trimmed to \$5,500.

"So even if our enrollment stayed the same every year, we'd still lose money," he points out. "It's a complex thing and it has been very controversial. It

## Death notice

### Masterson

Paula R. Masterson  
Feb. 13, 2013

ROCHESTER — Paula R. Masterson, 39, Rochester, died at 1:25 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2013 at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Survivors include her biological parents; mother, Leona Williams, Azle, Texas, siblings, P.J. Masterson, Plymouth, Stacy Lynn McAnally, Culver, Roger Eugene Williams, Mineral Wells, Texas, Kerry Pantle, Rochester, Bonnie Swartzell, Monterey, Patti Louk, Knox, Billy Stigall, Piketon, Ohio, and Dee Stigall, Piketon, Ohio.

Memorial services will be conducted at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, 2013 at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation is from 3 – 6 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will take place at a later date at Alexander Heineman Cemetery, Ora. Memorial contributions may be made to the Paula Masterson Memorial Fund. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.zimmermanbros-fh.com](http://www.zimmermanbros-fh.com)

## Academies Quizbowl team extends conference streak

By Jan Garrison

After finishing the Tippecanoe Valley Conference season at 13-0, Culver Academies Quizbowl Varsity A won the conference post-season tournament Feb. 9, defeating Culver Varsity B, 435-310, in the final. Culver B finished with a 15-2 record, its only losses coming to Culver A.

Leading scorer for the tournament was Culver A's team captain Adam Freymiller of Culver, with 123 points per game. Culver B was led by Franklyn Ndubuis-Obi (Chicago) with 68.8 ppg. Culver A's season record is now 57-19.

The Tippecanoe Valley Conference includes 16 teams representing six schools: Culver, Delphi, North Miami, Pioneer, North White, and Twin Lakes. Culver A's conference winning streak stands at 81 games over the past seven seasons.

split the state and the school corporations; some people believe extra money is needed in some of these situations, and some say every kid should get the same amount of money and schools should make that work."

For Culver schools, the shift means a reduction of state tuition support from \$8.2 million in 2010 by around \$1.8 million for 2013. A reduction of \$1.1 million has already been accomplished to date, according to the school board's Feb. 4 resolution -- which includes the recent closing of Monterey Elementary School -- leaving the \$700,000 needed to shore up the corporation's budget.

All of which adds up, one way or another, to some tough days ahead in an already tough environment for teachers and administrators.

"We have to keep the emotion out of it and clearly look at each issue for the facts," says Schuldts, which will likely be a challenge for all parties involved, in the weeks and months to come.

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## The Truth About the Muslim Brotherhood

**Is it a moderate Egyptian party committed to democracy . . . or a jihadist group seeking to create an Islamist empire?**

With the Muslim Brotherhood's Mohammed Morsi now president of Egypt, many wonder whether he will promote democracy and Middle East peace. But what do the Muslim Brotherhood's history and its leaders' pronouncements tell us? Is their goal to create a free democratic system . . . or hijack democracy in the service of an Islamist revolution?

**What are the facts?**

Founded in Egypt in 1928, the Muslim Brotherhood has been an immensely powerful force in Middle East politics, now boasting chapters in 60 countries. Its mission statement: "Allah is our objective; the Quran is our constitution; the Prophet is our leader; Jihad is our way; and death for the sake of Allah is the highest of our aspirations."

The Brotherhood's founder, Hassan al-Banna, stated that the group's goal was to create an empire governed by Islamic religious law and an autocratic caliphate. He claimed "It is in the nature of Islam to dominate, not to be dominated, to impose its law on all nations and to extend its power to the entire planet."

In 1998, a member of the Muslim Brotherhood assassinated the Egyptian Prime Minister, and the group was banned in Egypt in 1954, after it attempted to assassinate Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser. A Brotherhood splinter group assassinated President Anwar Sadat in 1987.

The Muslim Brotherhood's most influential leader was Sayyid Qutb, a racist, anti-Semitic, misogynist and hater of the United States. His pro-Islamist and anti-Western hatred had enormous influence on Ayman al-Zawahiri, who went on to become a key mentor of Osama bin Laden and is today the number-two leader of al-Qaeda.

Despite its murderous history, the Muslim Brotherhood claims to have renounced violence—but it makes notable exceptions, including approval of terrorist acts by its Palestinian wing, Hamas, whose charter calls for the murder of Jews and the obliteration of Israel. What's more, former Muslim Brotherhood Supreme Commander Muhammad Madihi Madi declared he was "prepared to send 10,000 jihad fighters immediately to fight at the side of Hezbollah" during the Lebanese terrorist group's 2006 war against Israel.

Given its history of murder and warlike declarations, the Brotherhood's claim to non-violence rings false. Consider finally a September 2010 sermon by Muslim Supreme Guide Muhammad Taqi, who explained the "change that the [Muslim] nation needs can only be obtained through jihad . . . by raising a jihadi generation that pursues death just as our enemies pursue life."

While some pundits minimize the Muslim Brotherhood's threat, there's no doubt that the group furiously opposes the United States, Israel and Western values, or that it will use both democratic and violent means to defeat them. Nor should we doubt that the Brotherhood is a powerful, well-organized political force that, if given enough power, would use it to crush the democratic process and turn Egypt into an anti-Western, fundamentalist Islamic state. Can we afford this risk?

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## This week at Culver schools: the bad news and lots of good news



**View from Main Street**

By Jeff Kenney  
Editor

There's the good news, and then the bad news, and both are adorning page 1 of this week's *Culver Citizen*. The bad news, of course, is clear from the head-

line: massive budget cuts are likely to leave 7 to 10 Culver Comm. School Corporation teachers unemployed, and it appears this is just part of an ongoing trend towards cuts and other challenges to public education, due to a variety of reasons not least of which is the current approach of our state government. But that's another column.

The good news, as most everyone knows is that both Culver Academies and Culver Comm. High School sent wrestlers to the state finals in Indianapolis last weekend, and CCHS' own Matt Hurford took home a well-deserved win in his weight category, and is receiving well-deserved accolades as the second state champion wrestler the school has produced in the past three years...one, as they say, for the record books.

In other school-related news, in addition to the efforts

of our regular sports editor, James Costello, and sports correspondents, I'm grateful to CCHS junior Justin Croy for his coverage of Matt Hurford's journey to the state championship these past few weeks (which you can read on page 1 this issue). Justin is a talented and dedicated young man himself who has also been a servant leader in the Culver community among his peers and adults, so it's great to have his contribution.

I'd also like to acknowledge the efforts of CCHS senior Dana Wireman, editor of the school's monthly *Caval Crier* newspaper. With the kind permission of the newspaper's faculty advisor, Vickie Benner, we've started an ongoing sharing of student-written material from the *Crier* (as readers may have noticed in recent weeks), in addition to articles and photos from Dana written exclusively for the *Citizen*.

This is a great boon to the paper, and I think all who recall the old student-written *Culver Citizen* pages, the "School Bell" of yore will agree it's great to have an increase in student voices sharing student news from our local public school. I'm excited to be able to share some of the great news items and

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## Williams from page 2

recalled how he once wrote to Life Magazine to complain that I and the F in the title were too close together. He later credited himself for the improved spacing.

Many recall the metal WW that adorned the front of his car. His son Earle explained that Warner always pried the metal dealership symbols of his cars.

"He despised advertising," said Earle. "One time when I came home from college, I noticed all the soup cans had the labels taken off."

Earle's mother Jean explained that Warner had removed the labels in a fit of anti-commercialism. Earle eventually inherited the WW plaque, which he adhered to his own car.

Warner wrote hundreds of limericks, on scraps of paper, which his daughter-in-law has since compiled into a hefty booklet. They were typically political in nature, but according to David, "they often strayed into commenting on my girlfriends."

### The Williams Family

David, Earle, and Sylvia all grew up in Culver, attending Culver Military Academy. Warner's son David said that when his family first moved into town, they were looked at with suspicion by neighbors, who wondered about these eccentric Academy people with the dome in their backyard.

Warner's second wife Jean was an artist as well, a calligraphist who hand lettered CMA diplomas through the early 1980's. A nature-lover like her husband, she often painted Lake Maxinkuckee and its surrounding. Toward the end of her life, she was busy creating elaborate paper cutouts. Unlike her husband, who preferred to keep to himself, Jean was heavily involved in town politics. She was a charter member of Culver's Zoning commission, president of Culver town board, and served on Culver's Economic Development Committee. She was also a founding member of the Marshall County Community Foundation, and designed their logo. After Warner's death in 1982, Jean remarried and moved to South Bend, where she died in 2006.

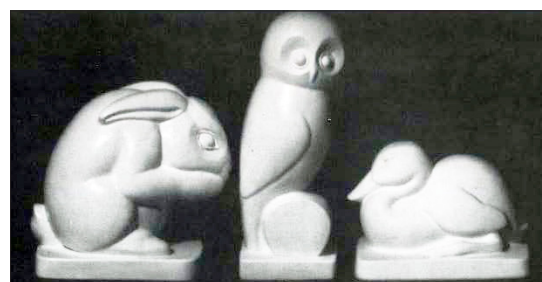
According to David, Warner's love of science and art strongly influenced all the Williams children. David Williams is the Director of The Center for Visual Science at the University of Rochester.

"I built my reputation making these little pictures of the eye. My father had this strong interest in vision because he was an artist," he said.

Earle Williams is an atmospheric physicist at MIT and is nationally known for his research on lightening. Warner's deceased son Carroll Warner Williams was the co-founder and director of the Anthropology Film Center



ABOVE: The geodesic dome outside the Williams home in Culver. BELOW: A sampling of Williams' animal sculptures long familiar to Culver library patrons.



in New Mexico, which taught film techniques to Native Americans.

According to Carroll's 2005 obituary, "Carroll's extraordinary ability to repair, customize, and invent just about any kind of device necessary to a filmmaker became local legend."

Sylvia Williams inherited her father's artistic talent—she collaborated with Warner on the animal sculpture series. Sylvia is a licensed caricature artist in New Orleans.

### Artist-in-Residence

David recalled his father's outspoken counter-cultural views, and the heightened political climate of the 1960's: "He thought the [Vietnam] war was just a great waste of men."

Both Warner's sons noted that he was an inspiration for many Culver Academy cadets. "My father's art studio was a safe haven with a lot of students at the Academy," said David.

One such student was renowned actor Hal Holbrook, who once told Earle of Warner Williams' positive role in his Culver Military Academy experience.

Summer resident Julie Hollowell recalled his inspiring teaching style from an art class she took from him one summer: "Warner seemed to believe that everyone was an artist, if one could simply slow down, focus, and tap into an inner sense of seeing."

In 2012, the White-Devries Rowing Center was erected and adorned with two limestone eagle plaques. The architect was Warner's former student John Chipman, who commissioned and paid for the plaques in Warner's honor. They are based on the original bronze medallions Warner made for members of the crew team in 1968. Chipman, a 68' graduate who owns his own architecture company, credits Warner Williams' guidance for his success. Warner created a specialized architecture course for Chipman at the Academy.

"He took me aside and said, 'I really want to design this special curriculum for you.' I ended up spending a lot of time in his studio working on my projects. He was a mentor to me," said Chipman, recalling how Warner ordered him a subscription to Architecture Magazine, and counseled him on his college applications. "There [was] really no real recognition of Warner and what he's done for the Academy...He was a great man who's underappreciated."

The original medallion is on display in the alumni room of the Rowing Center.

**The Center for Culver History Museum, located in the Culver Public Library, is currently hosting an exhibit of Warner Williams' life and art. His sculptures are also permanently on display around the fireplace of the library.**

## Name that Culver 'citizen'



LEFT: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Lance Overmyer Jr., then and now. ABOVE: This week's Mystery Citizen.

which is no surprise since his family has been well-known in the area for decades. He was Lance Overmyer, Jr., who today heads up the soft water company started by his grandfather years ago (and for years headed by his father, the late Lance Sr., alsowell known as Culver's fire

chief). Of course his mother, Lynn, has served on countless boards and committees here, and is today a member of the town council. Lance Jr. graduated from Culver Comm. High School. Recognizing him were Carin Clifton, Lynn Overmyer, Peggy Pinder, Drew Keller, Jack Houghton, Jean E. Overmyer, Shelli Overmyer Arriaga, and Judi Currens.

This week's Mystery Citizen has been associated with a particular institution in Culver for over three decades.

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## CMA takes 2nd at Warsaw Sectional

By Anthony Gadson  
WARSAW — Host Warsaw and Culver Military Academy swept through Saturday's boys swim sectional.

Warsaw just won a few more.

Winning eight of the 12 events, the Warsaw Tigers won their sixth-straight sectional crown with 498.5 points, followed by CMA's 439.5.

"It wasn't the way I wanted it, obviously, but it

was the way I thought it would end," CMA assistant coach Major Tom Duckett said.

When Warsaw wasn't winning, CMA was, led by senior Bryan DeVries.

On the day, DeVries won the 200 free (1:48.99) and 100 free (49.69), while also anchoring the winning 200 free relay (1:31.10) with sophomore Grant Ralston, senior Sam Curtis and



PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO

Culver Military's Leopoldo Burguete swims the opening leg of the 400 free-style relay during the Warsaw Boys Swim Sectional preliminaries last week. Burguete earned a state berth with a sectional championship in the 500 freestyle.

sophomore Leopoldo Rodriguez.

By winning at the sectional, competitors move on to the state finals, which begin with prelims Friday at IUPUI in Indianapolis. The top 16 qualifiers out of the prelims move on to Saturday's finals.

Last season, CMA's only state qualifier was Leopoldo Burguete, and the senior did it again this year,

winning the 500 free in 5:06.29.

"(DeVries) had a strong day, Burguete had a strong day," Duckett said. "Actually, all the kids had strong days."

For now, the direction CMA will be moving is south for the state finals.

"We'll go down there and enjoy the competition," Duckett said.

• WARSAW SECTIONAL  
At Warsaw

## From state champ wrestler to state champ coach

By Marena Fleury  
Culver Comm.  
Middle School  
Culver Comm.  
High School  
wrestling coach  
Louis Posa began wrestling at the young age of six years old. Heavily influenced by his father, a former wrestler himself, Posa continued to



Louis Posa

develop his wrestling career throughout his entire life, though Posa was eager to begin wrestling long before he actually started.

"I asked my parents to start wrestling before I was six, but they thought I should wait for safety reasons," said Posa.

During his high school career, Posa attended Clinton High School in Clinton, Michigan. One of his many goals as a wrestler was to one day become a state champion. With hard work and dedication, Posa did achieve that goal and became the first state

champion out of Clinton High School since 1967.

Toward the end of his high school career, Posa was scouted by Trine University in Indiana.

"A scout from Trine came to one of my meets and talked to me about wrestling for Trine," said Posa.

Posa decided to enroll at Trine University and continue to wrestle. Although he did not receive an athletic scholarship, he did receive a significant academic scholarship. With his next step planned, Posa made another goal to be an Academic All American Athlete. Unfortunately, he did not achieve his goal of becoming an All American Athlete, though he did face a major challenge while trying to juggle being a full

time student and a dedicated athlete.

"It was definitely a mental challenge. You have to learn how to manage your time. But I enjoyed wrestling enough to work at it."

Even though he has stopped competing in matches to pursue a career in teaching, he still maintains a passion for the sport.

In his second year of teaching at Culver, he took on the role as head wrestling coach, and now has coached the school's second state champion wrestler, Matt Hurford (the 2011 champ was Jeremiah Harvey) to victory.

"I'm proud of the work I put in as a wrestler, and I enjoy helping others achieve their goals," said Posa.

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## Sports briefs

### Boys basketball

#### Culver routs Satellites

The Cavaliers dished out 20 assists to score with better than 50 percent efficiency, and Culver handed visiting South Central a 59-37 rout at home at John R. Nelson Gymnasium Thursday.

Trent Elliott put up 29 points with eight rebounds, two blocks and two steals, and Collin Stevens finished with 12 points, six assists and two steals. Kyle Vlach finished with six points and seven assists in the win.

South Central was led by Adam Clindaniel's 17.

• CULVER 59, SOUTH CENTRAL 37  
At Culver

### Freebies cost CMA vs Canterbury

Trent Van Horn knocked down 20 of 21 free throws on his way to 36 points, and Fort Wayne Canterbury outscored Culver Military 35-29 in the second half en route to a 57-50 defeat of the Eagles at Fleet Gymnasium Friday night.

The Eagles racked up 21 fouls in the contest compared to 10 by the visitors, and Canterbury converted 24 of 27 charity tosses, including Van Horn's 20.

Three players finished in double figures for CMA led by Bradley Fisher's 13 points. Hayes Barnes hit four 3-pointers for 12 points, and Nick Zalduendo finished with 10

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in the loss, which drops the

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## Lady Eagles close at state meet Plymouth downs Eagles, 59-24



PHOTO PROVIDED  
CGA swimmers Eberle Miller (TOP) and Lauryn Robinson (LOWER) at the state swimming championships Feb. 8.

INDIANAPOLIS — After an impressive finish at the Warsaw sectional a week earlier, Culver Girls Academy made some history by winning just their second sectional title in school history and a repeat championship at that.

That success could not be duplicated Feb. 8 in the IH-SAA Girls State Swimming and Diving Championships at Indiana University Natatorium on the campus of IUPUI.

The top 16 in each swimming event during Friday's prelims return for competition today with the top eight individuals vying for state championship honors. Those finishing nine through 16 on Friday will make up the competitors in the consolation heats.

CGA's Lauryn Robinson finished with a :54.94 in the same event.

CGA's 200 Medley relay team of Eberle Miller, Rory Byrne, Robinson and Jaclyn Schutjer finished 25th with a time of 1:52.88.

Miller finished 28th in the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:59.01. Miller also finished 26th in the 100 backstroke with a time of :59.48. Byrne finished with a time of 2:16.96 in the 200 IM good for 31st place. Robinson finished 29th in the 100 freestyle with a time of :59.94. That was nearly two seconds faster than her seed time of :56.41.

CGA's Betsy Whitfield, Sarah Jamieson, Anna Zaccaria and Robinson finished with a time of 1:45.28 in the 200 freestyle to finished 29th. Zaccaria, Schutjer, Miller and Byrne finished with a time of 3:47.92 and a 30th-place finish in the 400 freestyle relay. No local divers advanced to state competition.

By James Costello  
Sports Editor

CULVER — The Plymouth Pilgrims jumped out to a fast start on the road at potential Sectional 19 foe Culver Military Academy Feb. 12, holding the Eagles to just two buckets in the first half for a 25-point cushion at the break, and the visitors never let off the gas in a 59-24 rout at Fleet Gymnasium.

The Pilgrims used swarming man-to-man pressure in both the full and the halfcourt to pressure CMA into 22 turnovers for the night and wasted few of those extra opportunities on the other end, capitalizing with 29 points off turnovers against the Eagles.

CMA turned over 15 times in the first half alone and struggled to a 2-of-9 start from the floor while falling behind 35-20 at the half.

While Mark Galloway gave credit to Plymouth's defense, the Culver Academies head coach said turnovers troubles are nothing new to his team.

"We've struggled all year with taking care of the ball. Coach Bales, he's going to recognize that, as most coaches do, so they're going to pressure us and force us into turnovers. We've had games where we've had more turnovers than shots, so that's definitely going to hurt you. We've had games where we've shot 19 percent. To say that we struggled offensively, that's an understatement," he said.

"I'll compliment Plymouth, it had something to do with their defense, but all year we've had teams do that to us."

CMA picked up its offense in the second half, but unfortunately for the Eagles, so did Plymouth.

The Pilgrims scored with better than 58-percent efficiency after the break on 10-of-17 shooting, running out to a 30-point lead at the 4:03 stop of the third and never looking back.

CMA was led by Bradley Fisher's six points and Nick Zalduendo's five in the loss as the Eagles slid to 2-15 with their second straight loss following just their second victory of the year against Lakeland Christian last Friday.

"When you struggle with dribbling with your left hand



PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO

Culver Military's Nick Zalduendo avoids turning the ball over while Plymouth's Joe Knapp tries to pick his pocket during a basketball game at Fleet Gymnasium last week.

— I'm not trying to be funny, but we're varsity players and we put our head down when we dribble and we can't see the guy that's open," said Galloway. "We're still working on jump-stop pivots. We're still working on fundamentals, triple threat position, whereas Plymouth, they're doing that in sixth, seventh and eighth grade. It's a struggle. The nice thing is our freshmen they finished 12-2 this year; the JV took Plymouth today to 36-34, so we're making progress."

"We've got to make sure we keep getting better," Galloway added. "That's what I've told them all year — one game at a time, one practice at a time. We've got two wins, last year we had zero. We're at two wins, and two wins are better than zero."

• PLYMOUTH 59,  
CULVER MILITARY 24  
at Culver

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## Wrestling from page 1

ship match at the IHSAA state wrestling finals.

That did the trick, as the Culver Community senior held on for a 9-4 victory.

"This is awesome. I can't believe it," said Hurford, the second Cavalier in three years to win a state wrestling title.

Jeremiah Harvey claimed the heavyweight championship in 2011, when Hurford was a sophomore. The memory of Harvey's accomplishment has been a motivator ever since.

"Oh yeah, I think of what he did all the time," said Hurford, who closes his season with a perfect, 48-0 record. "I knew if I worked hard, I could do the same thing. I tried to work hard every day."

Joining Hurford on the IHSAA awards stand was Culver Academies senior Anthony McHugh, who finished fifth in the 138-pound weight class.

After pinning New Haven's Reese Sieger in Friday night's opener, McHugh ran into a brick wall named Luke Blanton of Alexandria during Saturday morning's quarterfinals.

Though he only gave up four points, the Eagle team leader was unable to generate any offense and dropped a 4-0 decision.

McHugh (46-5) bounced back in the wrestlebacks, tripping Peru's Evan Loe, 3-2, and then whipped Juwan Bartlett of Lawrence North, 6-2, in the consolation match for fifth place.

"Losing to Blanton was tough, because I really wanted to get to the finals," said McHugh, who plans to wrestle at the Air Force Academy a year from now.

"I mean, I was feeling pretty good," said McHugh. "I felt crushed after (the loss to Blanton), but I guess I wrestled OK the rest of the day."

Hurford, meanwhile, wrestled more than OK. Despite a bad case of nerves, he was never in danger of losing any match.

His closest contest was a 3-0 decision over New Palestine's Brian Wagner in the semifinals. He eliminated Warren Central's Katrell Moss, 7-2, in the quarterfinals.

"I was really nervous, but I felt like I was able to take control of the matches," said Hurford, who only gave up one takedown during the weekend. "I never felt like I was in danger."

Though he was still working to confirm the statistic as of Saturday, Cavalier assistant Chad Hollenbaugh said Culver Community may be the smallest school in Indiana ever to claim two state wrestling champs.

Culver Community ended up 17th in the final team standings.  
• 75th ANNUAL IHSAA STATE WRESTLING FINALS

## Hurford from page 1

the Culver Cavaliers always enjoy the chance to win a championship.

On Saturday, Hurford's talent, hard work, and dedication finally paid off as he became the 182 pound state champion.

It didn't come easy for the senior, who has worked constantly for his ultimate dream.

"I had to work hard -- harder than I ever have worked before," said Hurford, who has wrestled since he was 8. "I was attracted to the sport by my older brother Mike, who wrestled for Culver. I fell in love with the sport in the transition between 7th and 8th grade."

As a freshman, Hurford made it to the state finals; although not able to place, Hurford used the experience as a learning opportunity. As a sophomore, he lost in the second round in the Merryville Semi-State and didn't advance. That same year Culver wrestler Jeremiah Harvey won the 285 pound state championship.

"When I saw Harvey win," said Hurford, "I knew I could do the same thing if I worked hard enough."

In 2012 as a junior, Hurford placed 5th in the state at 182 pounds, losing in the quarter final. Coming into his senior year he knew he would have to wrestle well to achieve his ultimate goal of a state championship.

After a perfect regular season record, Hurford believed through hard work and dedication he could achieve his goal.

As the post season started, he became sectional and regional champion for the fourth consecutive time. February 9 presented him with a new achievement: winning his first ever semi-state and becoming the number one seed in the state tournament.

At 11 a.m. Friday, Culver students and staff lined the main hall for Hurford as he walked to the gym to the tune of the Cavalier fight song. After a short "yell practice," Hurford -- along with coaches and team mates -- boarded the bus for a police and fire escort out of Culver for the two and a half hour bus ride to the Bankers Life Field House in the state capital.

Hurford's first match at the 75th annual IHSAA State Finals was a win over Avon wrestler Jonah Zorniger by major decision 15-7, advancing him to the quarter finals. With almost half of the wrestlers eliminated Friday night and only four more matches to win, Hurford's chances looked great. In the quarter final match, he beat Katrell Moss of Warren Central High School by decision 7-2, advancing him to the semi-finals and one step closer to his dream.

The semi's brought New Palestine wrestler Brian Wagner, who Hurford went on to beat by decision 3-0, advancing him to the state championship match. After a champion matchup between contenders the time was finally right for Hurford to make his dream come true.

After a quick takedown and near fall, Hurford jumped to an early lead and took control of the match, winning the state title by a 9-4 decision over Perry Meridian wrestler Jake Mesengale.

"It was wonderful," said Posa. "I have so much joy and pride for Matt. It's exciting. I want to think Matt first and foremost for working so hard and doing things right, Matt's family for being at all the meets and supporting him, the wrestling staff -- Mike Buschman, Chad Hollenbaugh, and Brandon Davis -- for all their time, and my wife for letting me coach, and all her support. It's awesome, the support of the community; this is something they can be proud of, too."

Hurford finished the season with a perfect record of 48-0 and a career record of 172 wins and 11 losses.

"I want to thank everyone. This is the highlight of my career," said Hurford, who hopes to attend a Division One college and win a national championship.

As customary for all championships at Culver Community High School, Hurford was greeted by fire trucks and fans for a parade through his home town of Monterey and the Culver Community Sunday afternoon. An official celebration for Hurford followed in the high school gymnasium Tuesday morning.

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open house to welcome new program director Donna McKee, at the Beach Lodge on Lake Shore Drive Saturday, February 23, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The community is encouraged to stop by to say hello and welcome Donna to the new position.

### Beach lodge open for activities

The Beach Lodge meeting room will be open from 2 to 5 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday for adults to gather for card playing, Dominoes, Scrabble, etc. Bring a snack and come to share some fellowship with others.

### Community Lenten services

The Culver Community Council of Churches invites all to join for community-wide, ecumenical Lenten prayer services Sundays at 4 p.m. at: Wesley United Methodist Church (Feb. 24); Emmanuel United Methodist Church (March 3); Wesley United Methodist Church (March 10); Grace United Church of Christ (March 17). Those with questions, contact Jean Rakich at 574-842-2725.

### VFW bingo returns

Culver's VFW Post 6919 is happy to announce Saturday bingo has resumed Saturdays at 7 p.m. There is a \$500 jackpot, and cards are \$1 each or six for \$5. Hot Ball costs an additional \$1. The kitchen opens 5:30. Come enjoy our fresh made onion rings which are only available on Saturday nights.

### Lawson Book Club talks "A Wrinkle in Time"

Culver Public Library's Rita Lawson Sci-Fi Discussion Group will feature Madeleine L'Engle's "A Wrinkle in Time" Sat., Feb. 23, at 1:30 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room. The Newbery Award recipient was a favorite of the life-long devotee of science fiction and fantasy genres. Lawson was the treasurer of CUTPL's board of directors, and upon her passing gifted to the library her entire col-

lection of beloved books. For more information, contact Polly Thompson Wolf at [pwolf@culver.lib.in.us](mailto:pwolf@culver.lib.in.us) or 574-842-2941.

### Community meal at St. Mary's Feb. 28

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church's monthly community meal will take place Thursday, Feb. 28. Typically on the 30th day or each month, a community meal will be provided for anyone interested in attending. St. Mary of the Lake is located at 124 College Avenue in Culver. Questions may be directed to 574-842-2522.

### Little League sign-ups

Culver Little League will hold sign-ups at the Culver Union Twp. Library on the following dates and times: Friday, March 8, 3 to 6 p.m.; Saturday, March 16, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Wednesday, March 20, 5 to 7 p.m.; and Saturday, March 23, noon to 3 p.m.

### New museum director sought

The Center for Culver History has an opening for a new museum director in Culver, a part time position (20 hours per week) paying \$10 per hour. See [www.culverahs.com](http://www.culverahs.com) for detailed job description. Please send a cover letter indicating interest and abilities, resumé, names of three references by March 8 to P.O. Box 125, Culver, IN 46511.

### Richey on nutrition March 11

Karen Richey, Marshall County Extension Office, will speak on nutrition for Nutrition Awareness Week at Culver's REAL Services meal Monday, March 11, at 12:30 p.m. at the Culver beach lodge on Lake Shore Drive. Attendees may share a meal prior to the event at noon, with reservations requested (574-842-8878) and a donation suggested, or may attend only the program.

### 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 Inaugural in 1913. Memorabilia, photos, and interactive videos are part of the exhibit. Visit [culver.org/museum](http://culver.org/museum) or call 574-842-8842 for hours and info.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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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**L E F T :** CMA's Nick Zalduendo (#31, right) loses the ball to Trevor Uhl of Fort Wayne Canterbury (#4) as teammate Andrew Kus looks on, during Sat. night's game at Culver.

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feature pieces students have written, in the pages of future editions of the paper.

Lastly, I'm sure other readers will enjoy reading the Warner Williams piece in this week's Antiquarian and Historical Society newsletter. I have fond memories, as a young child, of visiting his geodesic dome studio and studying stars through his telescope, and also of my friends and I asking, with mouths agape, if he was Santa Claus, when he rode by on his bicycle. He denied it with a twinkle in his eye which suggested he very much enjoyed being asked.

## Council from page 1

a member of the scoring committee. The Culver Redevelopment Committee has agreed to kick in \$50,000, the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council \$5,000, and Githens said he already requested \$5,000 from the Academy. The township, park board, and town will hopefully help as well, he added.

"The one thing we liked (about Houseal Lavigne) was that they'll go out into the community and go door-to-door. That's what will make this comprehensive plan successful: if everybody has input.

"It seemed like the last (plan), only a few people participated," added Githens.

Among council actions was approval of an interlocal agreement between the own and Marshall County to facilitate software to make online building permit processing possible, a matter discussed in some depth at the previous meeting but tabled then. The move is part of a county-wide endeavor, though Culver will retain the same building inspector and inspection process as has been in place.

The council also approved a \$5,000 donation to the Culver Boys & Girls Club, with Githens -- a member of the Club's board of trustees -- abstaining.

The council also gave Schoeff the green light to begin investigation of various properties in the community which could potentially house Culver's emergency services agencies or town hall.

Schoeff noted any grant funding which might be available to aid in constructing an emergency services building would likely be unavailable if that building housed the town hall as well. He said a small storefront or even a home in or near a commercial district could be utilized for the town hall itself.

"Our chances are better if all the emergency services go in together," said Schoeff. "This building (the present town hall) is not going to last a lot longer. We have major repairs to do, or else get out."

Council member Lynn Overmyer said she had no objections to investigating land, but emphasized Schoeff should speak to all of the emergency services agencies first "to make sure they all want this."

Schoeff said he'd had some general initial discussions, but hoped to do some initial research and come back to the council.

The town manager also reported a recent meeting with the plant manager at Medallion Cabinetry on Mill Street "went very well.

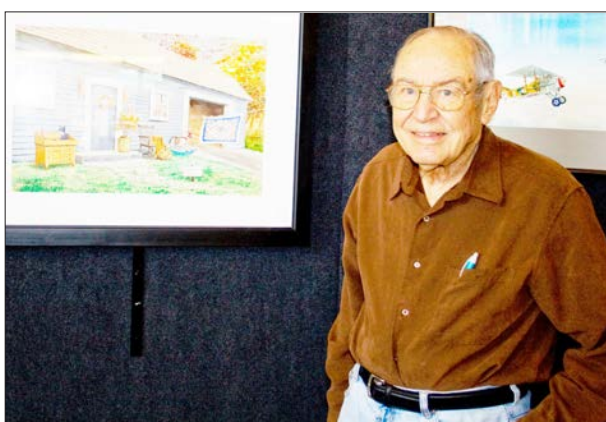
"He brought some ideas and interests out. Hopefully here very soon we can have another meeting with Rick (Coffman, the plant manager) and some other folks around the community. He has problems keeping a good workforce as far as CNC operators and spray painters.

Culver-Union Township Public Library welcomes Jim Schoonover as artist of the month for February. Jim, a World War II veteran, artist, and musician, resides in Culver with his wife Phyllis. Jim has been a member of Heartland Artists of Marshall County since 1994, and he is also part of the Sentimental Journeys band, playing the tenor saxophone. Though he creates art with oil, watercolor, enamel, calligraphy, and pen and ink, Jim's favorite things to design are cartoons and caricatures. He taught a series of watercolor courses at CUTPL in 2006, and we are lucky to display much of his work this month.

Jim created Dolly the Docent, a cartoon for the Heartland Artists print newsletter. His pen and ink artwork is featured on playing cards and greeting cards depicting schools and other historical places in Marshall County.

## Library news

### Schoonover is CUTPL Artist of the Month



Jim Schoonover

The cards are for sale at the Marshall County Historical Museum. Jim considers himself to be a utility artist, so that if something needs to be done, he is willing to do it. Another of Jim's legendary projects was race car paintings created for the town of Speedway's 50th year celebration in 1976. Jim painted over 40 double sided race cars on sheet metal, which were hung throughout the town of Speedway. One of the race car paintings is currently on loan from the Marshall County

Historical Museum and on display at CUTPL.

Currently featured at CUTPL is a mix of Jim's artwork, including watercolor, oil, enamel, pen and ink, and cartoons. Stop by CUTPL today to see Jim Schoonover's artwork on display. For more information, contact Laura Jones at 574-842-2941 or ljones@culver.lib.in.us.

### 'One Book, One Town' commences in March

During the month of March, the Culver-Union Township Public Library will celebrate "One Book, One Town," a county-wide program encouraging the community to read and discuss the same book. Marshall County's 2013 selection is "The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind" by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer. A powerful personal memoir of a young boy in Malawi, the story details William's vision and drive for learning and creating, which creates hope for overcoming dire obstacles throughout his childhood.

CUTPL's generous Friends of the Library have kindly donated multiple copies of the book so all patrons have the

chance to read it. Stop by the library to pick up a reading guide and a book.

CUTPL will host a book discussion led by Reference/Adult Services Librarian Laura Jones on Saturday, March 16 at 1:30 p.m. in the small meeting room. Additionally, the author, William Kamkwamba, will be speaking at Notre Dame on Monday, March 18 at 7 p.m. The talk will be at the McKenna Center across from the Morris Inn. "One Book, One Town" participants are invited to share in the event.

For more information, please contact Laura Jones at 574-842-2941 or ljones@culver.lib.in.us.

You've got to provide a work force for your industry to be successful."

Schoeff said he plans to introduce Coffman to Culver Comm. High School representatives in hopes of Medallion making more connections with the school as a potential pool for the company's work force.

Schoeff also told council members that town marshal Wayne Bean asked him to inform them that Culver's new police car has arrived, but is having lights, siren, and decals installed.

Approved was \$2,800 for a two-day training session for town clerk Karen Heim and deputy clerk Julie Cowell to help them improve efficiency and catch errors in town billing and other areas.

Heim noted she and Cowell are largely self-taught. "When (former deputy clerk Kay Davis) retired, that 30 years of knowledge she had left with her," she explained. "We want to make sure we're doing it correctly."

During her clerk's report, Heim said a state audit of town financial records for the years 2010 and 2011 has wrapped up and no issues were found.

Fire chief Terry Wakefield reported the department's hovercraft had been taken to Vincennes for servicing, at a cost of \$1,178.39. He noted some fireman watched the work done there, in hopes next year's servicing can be done in-house.

The council approved Wakefield's request for \$4,439.63 for new hose and valves for the department's recently-purchased grass truck. Also approved was sale of several fire department items derived from spring cleaning at the fire station, including some antiques such as truck lights, as well as an older computer and various vehicle parts. The go-ahead was given for creation of an Ebay account to sell the items online.

After a brief explanation from town attorney Jim Clevenger, the council approved extending Culver's trash hauling contract to July, 2016, at the current rate.

Audience member Pete Peterson called the council's attention to a major NIPSCO project running high volume power lines near Culver, planned for later this year. The lines are coming from Reynolds, Indiana, where several wind

farms operate, by way of electric poles more than 100 feet high and 880 feet apart.

"They will snuggle up really close to Culver," said Peterson. "This will come to a head in July. They say they will get input from local boards, so hopefully you'll be involved in that. There may not be much you can do, but there are certain areas they can't put it through, like lakes and wetlands.

"It's going to happen," he added. "It's just a matter of how to get them from Reynolds to Burr Oak. From there, they will shoot over to Topeka, Indiana."

The entire effort is slated to be completed by 2015, said Peterson, noting NIPSCO is "really increasing the (electric) grid." Wakefield pointed out the Burr Oak power station has recently "about tripled" in size.

Schoeff said he attended a NIPSCO workshop the previous week and spoke to the company about the new power lines helping make Culver's electricity more stable and reliable.

"I would like to see what we could do to avoid being out of power for about three days," he added, referring to weather-related power outages of recent years.

The council will write a letter to management of Plaza Meadow apartments on Forest Place after a request from audience member Jean Rakich, a resident of another apartment complex nearby; Rakich said a couch has been sitting by the refuse container at Plaza Meadow since Christmas.

Approved by council was a \$1 per hour payroll increase for wastewater plant manager Chip Shoffstal, at the recommendation of Schoeff and utilities manager Bob Porter.

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