



Culver Christmas kickoff

While this post-Thanksgiving weekend means the start of the Christmas (or Advent) seasons for many, the Culver community continued its annual tradition of encouraging people to shop local via "Christmas in Culver" earlier this month. Holiday-themed decorations hit the streets and many local businesses joined in the festivities, offering special sales and items. TOP LEFT: At the "By the Lake" Christmas craft bazaar, Pam Berger of Winamac examines the latest miniatures created by Culver Elementary School art teacher Joyce Lyman, who for decades has been hand-making and selling Nativity sets, snowman scenes, animals, and other items.

In Brief

Holiday Open House at the Library

Culver-Union Township Public Library will host a Holiday Open House from 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14. To start off the fun-filled day, Santa will be here at 10:30 a.m. to visit with children.

Two local musicians are sharing their talents this year. Beth Pare will play the harp from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and then Sharon Coffey will play the piano from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Cookies and punch will be served, compliments of the CUTPL Friends of the Library.

This program is free and open to the public. Contact Reference/Adult Services Librarian, Laura Jones, at 574-842-2941 or ljones@culver.lib.in.us for more information.

'Turkey Trot' Nov. 29

A five-kilometer "Turkey Trot" will take place Friday, Nov. 29, to raise funds for Confiance Dance towards a hoped-for dance studio in Culver.

Registration starts at 7 a.m. with the race beginning at 8:30 a.m. At 9 a.m., a costume contest is scheduled, and a one-mile kids' "gobble wobble" will start at 9:30 a.m. Awards will be announced at 10 a.m.

Registration can be done both online and before the race, and is \$10 along with any donation one wishes to contribute. Register at http://www.racesonline.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=public_race_detail&race_id=17668.

Community meal at St. Mary's Nov. 30

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

'An Unexpected Christmas' at Mt. Hope

"An Unexpected Christmas", a holiday event is presented by Mt Hope
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Tempers flare at public hearing regarding new superintendent selection

Two percent salary increase for new hire draws ire of teachers, current staff

By Rhonda Reinhold
 Correspondent

CULVER — The Culver Community School board met Nov. 18 for its first public hearing regarding the contract for a new superintendent of schools -- set to replace outgoing superintendent Brad Schuld in January -- was not made public, tempers flared from a handful of attendees over the matter of who was not chosen.

The public hearing portion was opened for discussion promptly at the start of the meeting, with four Culver Community High School teachers and one parent participating.

Brent Berendt, the dean of students at CCHS, was the first to address the board. He expressed concern about the two percent raise given to the new superintendent in the proposed contract, and asked, "Is the board prepared to grant a raise to the remaining staff?"

The raise in question was put into the contract as an incentive to draw better applicants for the board to consider, according to board members. Board member Ken Vandeputte explained that the raise, however, "would (factor in) the performance of the person we hired, and is not a given."

Ryan Sieber, school board president, went on to explain, "This is why we had coaching."

The coaching in question came from the company hired by the board for \$6,500 to do the initial superintendent search and narrow down prospects for the board to consider. According to Sieber, there were quite a few applicants and the board was very pleased with how many people wanted to come to Culver.

"We set the pay scale according to the neighboring, comparable schools," he said, adding that the coaching they received had maintained that they would probably have to pay more than the outgoing superintendent's salary.

"We were shocked, but we looked at the other surrounding communities and had to make the pay comparable," he said.

School board member Marilyn Swanson added, "We considered the

two percent a carrot."

Berendt retorted that, "the teachers would like a carrot, and I would hope that the loyalties would lie with your current staff as opposed to someone new just coming in to the corporation."

"We have been through building shut-downs and lay-offs that stressed everyone out for the entire year," Berendt continued, "and we have stayed loyal to this corporation. We haven't had a raise in years and would hope the board would stay loyal to us."

The contract discussion ended with the school board thanking everyone for their input and vowing to consider the opinions of the participants.

After the public hearing officially concluded, the citizens' input portion of the meeting began, and included a statement from high school teacher Michael Buschman, who said he had recently learned that current CCHS principal Albert Hanselman would not be presented as the new superintendent of schools.

"I did not go to school to be a teacher," said Buschman. "I went to school to be a Culver Community High School teacher, and I am very concerned."

Next came a passionate appeal from parent Joel Fisher, who read a statement commending the board for a "thankless job," and addressed concerns about a new superintendent coming into the community without knowledge of the people and/or uniqueness of the situation in Culver.

Fisher added, "I am looking for a response (from board members) with passion, and the response I have gotten has been cold, and feels like you are crossing your fingers and hoping for the best."

Berendt also questioned the process, asking if it was common for board members to talk to an applicant without the board president attending the meeting, and why the teachers had not been consulted.

"We were not asked who we wanted to lead us," he said.

In response, Sieber said he was unable to attend the applicant meeting in question, and was embarrassed he didn't consult with teachers for their input. Questioned by Berendt, Sieber confirmed that he challenged other board members on their actions

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Author presents Native American history program

Historical fiction creates perspective of the saga of Sweet Breeze and William Wells

By Rose Goyette
 Correspondent

CULVER — An author with ties to education in Marshall County shared his historical perspective with the Culver community last week at a lecture, Nov. 18 at the Culver Union Township Library.

After retiring from teaching, Joe Krom pursued his interest in history by researching events incorporated into his book "Heart of a Warrior: The True Saga of Sweet Breeze and William Wells," according to the author's biography provided online. Krom taught mathematics and coached track at laCross, Argos and LaVille schools.

Based on the history of Krom's childhood on the Eel River, the novel chronicles the late 1700s and early 1800 his-
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PHOTO BY ROSE GOYETTE

Author and former teacher Joseph Krom talks with an audience member about the historical documents Krom brought

Technology helps local author achieve his vision

By Jeff Kenney
 Citizen editor

CULVER — The Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee area has a way of inspiring authors, a tradition dating back to the 19th century and to as current as this year. Add to that pantheon James F. (or "Jim") Walsh, although he's actually been putting pen to paper -- or fingers to keyboard, in more contemporary jargon -- and creating stories for years, often revising and re-editing favorite works to bring them just a bit closer to fulfilling his vision.

Walsh, who lives in Union Township near Lake Maxinkuckee in rolling land he's described in the past as resembling the Ireland of his ancestors, had made a few prior attempts to publish his works the traditional way -- by arduously submitting them to publishers -- to little avail. But four to six months ago, he ran across an article in Time Magazine which changed his approach entirely. The piece focused on the boom in self-publishing via digital media, which has given authors who might otherwise be left out of the increasingly blockbuster-oriented publishing world of today a chance to reach an interested audience.

Walsh says a visit from his oldest son Jim, a computer expert, led to Jim's taking three of his father's books away with him on a Flash or
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Obituary

Suzanne Ellen Easterday

July 18, 1926 to Oct. 30, 2013

CULVER — Suzanne Ellen Easterday, 87, a longtime Culver resident recently moved to Kokomo, passed away Oct. 30, 2013 at St. Joseph Hospital.

Suzanne was born July 18, 1926 in Green Township, Marshall County, the youngest child of John S. and Claire (McFarland) Goheen. She was married to Jack D. Easterday for 50 years.

Suzanne graduated from Culver H.S. in 1944 and was foremost a wife, mother and homemaker. She humbly taught her children and grandchildren much about the importance of family, cooking, sewing, and hospitality.

Suzanne is survived by two daughters; Becky Richey, Kokomo, Mary Ann (Paul) Leary, Niceville, Fla.; five married grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Suzanne was preceded in death by her husband, parents, one brother and four sisters.

There will be a private burial at Washington Cemetery in Marshall County. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Culver EMS, 200 E. Washington St., Culver, IN, 46511 or the American Lung Association, 1301 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20004. Shirley & Stout Funeral Homes & Crematory have been entrusted with the arrangements. Online condolences may be made at Shirleyandstout.com



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In the spirit of the season, voices and musicians come together for the Academies' Holiday Concert. The Dec. 10 concert (7:30 p.m. in Eppley Auditorium) will again benefit the Marshall County Neighborhood Center. Admission is a \$10 donation or the equivalent in non-perishable foods, children's winter clothing, or toys.

Academies' Holiday Concert benefits County Neighborhood Center

Article submitted

'Tis the season and, appropriately, the Culver Academies' annual Holiday Concert will be giving back to the community as all admission proceeds from the Dec. 10 performance will benefit the Marshall County Neighborhood Center.

Sponsored by the Fine Arts Department, the concert will be at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 10, in Eppley Auditorium. The concert is open to the public and admission is a \$10 donation or the equivalent in non-perishable food, toys, or children's winter clothing (coats, hats, gloves, boots, and scarves).

The performance will holiday songs and music fea-

turing the Academies' Jazz Band, under the direction of David Weirich; the Choir, directed by Stacey Warren; the Orchestra, directed by Maj. Bill Browne; and the Concert Band, under the direction of Chad Gard. Several groups will be playing together and all four will combine their talents for the final two numbers.

All seats are reserved and may be obtained by emailing marsha.coven@culver.org. Tickets may be purchased at the Steinbrenner Performing Arts Box Office from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m. beginning Monday, Dec. 2. Donations also may be dropped off at the box office beginning Dec. 2.

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Maxinkuckee Singers are: front — Julie Scott, Traci O'Brien, Wendy Wise, Laura Snipes, Becky Liechty; second row — Betty Martens, Gregory Wakszulski, Doug Neilson, Kathy Overmyer; third row — Sarah Talley, Jim Oliverius, Andrea Mallory; back row — Lenore Jones, Charlie Weaver, Brandt Ayoub, Matt Sutton, Gregg Underwood, Brian Liechty, Dan Adams, and Joy Ritenour.

Dairy nutrition update is Dec. 10 in Goshen

The good news for Indiana dairy producers as they look forward to 2014 is value of milk should remain fairly steady with lower feed prices, so hopefully a better profit margin. In the dairy industry as in other livestock enterprises, feed cost and proper nutrition remain key factors to profitability and production.



By BOB YODER
EXTENSION EDUCATOR, ANR

Purdue Extension is holding a dairy nutrition update meeting at Elkhart County 4-H Fairgrounds, ECC Building (Martin Room) from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. EST on Dec. 10.

Fairgrounds are located at 17746 County Road 34 Ste. E, Goshen.

Dr. Herbert Bucholtz, Professor-Emeritus of Michigan State University and Dr. Tamilee Nennich, Dairy Extension Specialist of Purdue University will lead the discussion on current nutrition topics:

- How to Deal with High Feed Prices
- Single TMR vs. Multi-TMR Rations
- 2013 Corn Silage
- How to formulate diets or group cows "to prevent production drops when

switching cow in groups or switching to different diets."

• Dealing with cows sorting of hay or long forages added to a TMR.

If you have never participated in one of these programs, you should consider it this year. The meeting is designed to be a discussion, not a lecture. The program will revolve around your needs.

There is no cost to attend. Pre-registration is requested by Dec. 9.

Please contact Marshall County Extension Office at 574-935-8545 or ryoder@purdue.edu to receive a registration form. Registration forms will be available at Marshall County Extension Office webpage and on our ag Facebook page as well. Please contact Robert Kelly, Extension Educator or Nancy Borkholder with any questions about the program details, 574-533-0554.

Maxinkuckee Singers presenting annual Christmas concert

MARSHALL COUNTY — The Maxinkuckee Singers, under the direction of Kathy Overmyer, cordially invite the public to enjoy their annual Christmas concert, presented publicly in seven performances. The group looks forward to sharing with you standards, contemporary, sacred numbers, comedy routines and featured soloists, sure to please an audience of all ages. All shows will begin at 7:30

p.m. EST (6:30 p.m. CST in Knox) and there is no admission charge. For more information, call 574-276-2287. Join them at one of these locations and ring in the holidays with the Singers.

- Schedule is as follows:
- Tuesday, Dec. 3 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Rochester
 - Thursday, Dec. 5 at Plymouth United Methodist Church in Plymouth

- Monday, Dec. 9 at Bremen United Methodist Church in Bremen
- Wednesday, Dec. 11 at Grace United Church of Christ in Culver
- Thursday, Dec. 12 at First United Church of Christ in Plymouth
- Monday, Dec. 16 at Knox United Methodist Church in Knox
- Tuesday, Dec. 17 at Argos United Methodist Church in Argos

Color Guard in Chicago Thanksgiving parade

ARTICLE SUBMITTED

CULVER — The Culver Black Horse Troop will be represented by a special Friesian Color Guard at the McDonald's Thanksgiving Parade in Chicago.

The parade is from 8 - 11 a.m. Thanksgiving morning and will be televised nationally on WGN 9 Chicago and WGN America.

Riding the Friesians will be commander Andrew Wildermuth '14 (Lafayette, Ind.); Paul Foersch '15 (Culver) carrying the American flag; Grant Kiley '14 (Houston, Texas), the Culver flag; Niccolo Verrecchia '15 (Firenze, Italy), the Indiana state flag; and Duncan McBride '14

(Lake Sherwood, Calif.), and Edmond Hogan '14 (Itasca, Ill.), saber bearers. Zehao Quan '15 (Ningbo, China) is an alternate.

One of the biggest Thanksgiving Day parades in the country, the McDonald's parade features some of the nation's top marching bands, performance units, and giant helium balloons. The parade will travel down State Street to the excitement of an estimated 375,000 on-street spectators and 3.57 million watching at home.

Organized 2012, the Friesian Color Guard has appeared in the St. Patrick's Day parade in South Bend; the Grand Floral Parade during the Blossom-time Festival in St Joseph,

Mich.; and the Indianapolis 500 Festival Parade in Indianapolis. Just recently they also attended the Support Our Troops Festival in Baroda, Mich., with the Summer Cavalry School riders.

This will be first time the group has appeared in the McDonald's Thanksgiving Parade. This is the 80th year for the parade in Chicago. Culver is one of 14 horsemanship units. There are 115 units or individuals involved in this year's parade.



The Culver Academies' Black Horse Troop Friesian Color Guard at a parade in Baroda, Mich.

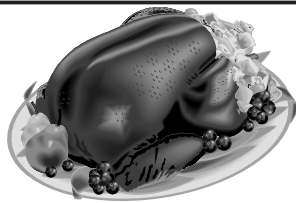
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Going green during the shopping season

Are you one of those people who can't resist "shopping till you drop" the day after Thanksgiving? There are a few ways to make Black Friday (and holiday gift buying in general) a little greener.

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If you must hit the mall, carpool with friends or family. You'll save on gas and polluting car emissions. And instead of idling in the parking lot waiting for a close spot, park at the end of a row and walk in. It's good exercise!

Visit stores that support fair trade, such as Ten Thousand Villages (located in Mishawaka and Goshen) or Just Goods (downtown South Bend). Fairly traded goods take out the middle man, meaning that artists are paid a fair wage for the work they do without splitting the cost with anyone else. You'll find home décor and amazing jewelry and clothing priced reasonably and made responsibly.

Rather than just the big retailers, visit unique shops nearby, like the Wakarusa Dime Store (South Bend and Wakarusa), area farmers markets, or museum gift shops.

GREENER

Shop local. Head downtown, park your car, and stroll from shop to shop. When your dollars go to local, independent merchants, you are investing in the future of your town and fellow citizens. You are raising everyone's boat!

Take advantage of special holiday boutiques sponsored by organizations, churches or non-profits in town.

Seek out sites on the Web that specialize in handmade, fairly traded and totally unique gifts. My favorites include Uncommon Goods (uncommongoods.com), Etsy (Etsy.com), and the United Methodist Committee on Relief (umcor.org) — it links to several other fair trade sites. From food to coffee to scarves to toys to home décor, these sites always have lots to choose from.

GREENEST

Stay home for the holidays. Simplify your schedule and spend time with family and friends. Reflect on the season. Take winter walks. If you have to run errands (and who doesn't this time of year?) try to consolidate them into a few trips so you have more time to relax.

Limit your gift-giving, especially if you are burdened financially or if you are short on time. Choose just one or two gifts for close family members that you know they will really enjoy. Ignore the merchants trying to guilt you into giving their products to people you barely know (although if you love your mail carrier or paper delivery person, by all means, give them a gift or write them a note of appreciation).

Make your own gifts. Food, crafts or even a handwritten note to a special friend or relative make wonderful presents. Do you have photos of a trip or special event? Pop them in an album or frame to share.

Kids love new stuff, but most grown-ups have everything they want or need. I think as I get older, I appreciate connection with my loved ones much more than I care about anything material. So while I will head out to buy some presents this year, I'm going to keep it green, local, and as simple as I can manage!

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HOOSIER HABITAT: EASY WAYS TO LIVE GREEN
BY MARIANNE PETERS

Don't cut penalties for home invasions

The Indiana Criminal Code must serve and protect the citizens of Indiana. The recent revisions of the criminal code in House Enrolled Act 1006 work toward this end in many areas. However, with regard to penalties for home invasions, prosecutors believe that there is work left to be done.

The law, as it is currently written and which becomes effective on July 1, 2014, substantially cuts penalties for home invasions, also known as burglaries, in the criminal code. Penalties for home invasions (burglaries) are lowered by 40 percent. The main motivation for reducing the prison time seems to revolve around the cost of incarceration. I am more concerned about the costs inflicted on homeowners and the public when the perpetrators are on the street.



COMMENTARY
BY DAVID R. HOLMES

Home invasions are very dangerous crimes. They pose a serious physical risk to homeowners. Further, very few crimes carry the kind of adverse emotional impact we see with home invasions. Victims often suffer with fear and anxiety from the event for years afterward.

Homes invasions are also widespread. Burglars typically commit several home invasions before they are apprehended by law enforce-

ment. In addition, home invasions are often connected to drug abuse, and are related to other serious crimes. Recently, there has been a rash of extremely violent home invasions involving burglary, robbery and sexual assaults, putting many residents in fear of their safety. Home invasions, unfortunately, are common in every Indiana community and are becoming increasingly more violent in nature.

For these reasons I oppose cutting penalties for home invasions. We look forward to working with the legislature to strengthen the law before it takes effect. To this end, we ask for your support as we act to serve and protect the people of Indiana.

David R. Holmes is prosecuting attorney of Marshall County.

Meditation is stress-busting technique

"You need to be quiet." Those were the words I heard from my grandmother as she sternly tapped my left shoulder one Sunday morning during church. Sitting in the pew directly in front of her, I momentarily forgot how close she was and just how far her arm extended. During that moment of adolescent immaturity, I had missed the lesson of stillness. As an adult, I continue to flunk that lesson from time to time.

The practice of being still and reflective is a very important part of personal wellness. Meditation and reflection are important qualities which generates thoughtfulness and kindness. In our bustling world of constant activity, we desperately need to quiet our minds and souls on a regular basis, gaining a perspective that moves us away from self-centeredness. What is self-centeredness? Normally is is the skewed perspective that life revolves exclusively around me. It tells me that the things that matter most are how I feel at this moment. Narcissism wears many faces including anger, criticism, self-indulgence and laziness. Meditation and reflection doesn't take away our preoccupation with self, but it does redirect and allows us to deal with life in a dignified, thoughtful manner. Oftentimes, reflection and meditation deflects our problems, and provides a renewed perspective. It takes us up 40,000 feet, giving us an eternal view



TRAINING AND WELLNESS WITH DANA NEER

of our life.

Meditation is the art of focusing our attention to one area. The practice of meditation has many benefits, including increased concentration, decreased anxiety, increased appreciation for people, and a genuine feeling of satisfaction. Many people try meditation, but a small percentage stick with it for the long-term. As we approach Thanksgiving and Christmas, may I suggest a few tips.

- Set aside a specific time of 10 to 15 minutes several times a week, and make it a formal practice to be still and focus on gratitude.
- Enjoy a deep breath, a favorite drink, and take time to compose yourself during stressful times.
- Be purposeful during meditation. Do not sleep, but instead set your attention to the single point of gratitude, and reflect on the goodness in others and the goodness in your situation.
- Pick a specific location in your home or outdoors that will allow you

to think and ponder. Find a place where you will not be disturbed.

• Commit for the long haul. Meditation is a life-long practice. Do your best every day to be grateful.

Reflection is similar to meditation, and related to the fields of physics and mathematics. The basic meaning of reflection is "something that is returned in response." In conversation we use the word at times, to mean reaction. Reaction is the product of reflection, propelling us to do something positive and proactive. Reflection encourages us to do good things. While meditating, I become focused on the greater good. Reflection then follows up, beckoning me to take action. Rather than sulk and boil inside, reflection launches me to good deeds instead of grumble.

Reflective practice is the active process of witnessing our own life and experiences in order to take a closer look at them, and decide to either place a stamp of approval on it, or list it in the "needs improvement category". Either way, action is required. "You need to be quiet". Take time to think matters through this winter, locating that space which needs to be filled with words and attitudes of gratefulness and thanksgiving.

Dana Neer serves as Wellness Director at the Culver Academies.

Letter to the Editor

Double double toil and trouble. Well, they are on their brooms again. It is apparent that one of the three on the park board is after Kelly Young's job. Don't you wonder which one?

Now they are evicting her from the apartment in the beach lodge with the reason that it is too expensive. Yet they turn around and spend \$10,000 on Christmas lights. Now, where is the good sense in that?

It was pointed out what the utilities cost for the "park," trying to lead people in to believing that was just the utilities for the apartment. Shame on them.

The beach lodge is supposed to be closed for activ-

ity starting on Dec 31st but I have not heard that anyone has even made an inspection of the building which can be done while there is activity in progress.

Do they think people in Culver are so blind they can't see what is going on? Maybe we need some new members on the park board that are of the people, by the people and for the people.

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Author from front

“thumb” drive via computer, with plans to help him publish them online. Walsh’s granddaughter, he notes, has a book online, so between the three of them, the steps were taken to begin offering a growing selection of Walsh’s books via Kindle (digital) editions and in print.

As readers of The Culver Citizen may recall from occasional printings in these pages, some of Walsh’s canon includes his often subtly humorous, tongue-in-cheek take on rural life in Union Township, whether via the dry, folksy observation of the autobiographical “Grandpa,” or through the misadventures of a young girl and her leprechaun acquaintances in a series of Irish-folklore-meets-rural-Union-Township tales originally conceived for his grandchildren, all in short story format.

Two of the books headed to publication are anthologies of those short format yarns: “A Lot of Bull,” which is currently available for download or order on Amazon.com, and “Leprechauns of Union Township,” which is illustrated by Culver area artist Jim Schoonover, and planned to be available at Amazon in the coming weeks.

Some of the stories in both anthologies have appeared in the pages of this newspaper, and a handful from “Bull” were published in the Almanac for Farmers and City Folk, out west.

In a different vein is the full-length (at over 300 pages), densely-packed novel, “Land of Last Life,” which centers on a “whistle blower” on the “outs” with State elected officials who becomes an “ombudsman” -- or advocate -- for residents in nursing homes.

The inspiration for “Land” comes from Walsh’s own background. For two years, he explains, he was the director of the state department of Social Services in Missouri, overseeing its division of Health and Child Welfare, among others.

“During that two-year hitch, I spent a lot of time in nursing homes,” he recalls. “I actually went out to visit one place and brought in the Division of Health and Human Services to run the place until we could get it cleaned up. This was in the late 1970s.”

As an ombudsman himself, Walsh also traveled to nursing homes in various counties in Northern Indiana during the 1990s.

“The elderly have rights,” says Walsh. “This book is about the advocate for the rights of the elderly in nursing homes.”

An added twist is the use of counterfeit drugs in nursing homes as encountered by the fictional hero of Walsh’s story, which is set in a fictional city in Indiana.

Noting the story was inspired by his experiences in both Indiana and Missouri, Walsh says the book is entertainment, “but it’s meant to raise awareness.”

He also says he’s rewritten the novel four times, having worked on it since the 1990s and done “an enormous amount of research on it.”

Another major work -- and one Walsh is particularly anxious to offer on Amazon -- is a memoir of his experiences in Korea during the war there in the early 1950s. Some of those memories were previously collected in print in the Library of Congress’ Veteran’s History Project, which was published several years ago. A page on Walsh, who served with the 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division during the conflict, is featured on the Project’s website at lcweb2.loc.gov/diglib/vhp-stories/loc.natlib.afc2001001.01939.

His memoir, set in 1951 during his first five months in Korea, is titled, “Killers From a Distance,” and is forthcoming on Amazon.

Down the road, Walsh may add two fictional books he set in Ireland, a land about whose history he’s become something of a local expert. “This Day’s Madness,” takes place in “a little town where my father was from” and is set against the backdrop of the separation of Ireland into south and north; “Fires Undying” is set later, when “there’s a lot of troubles in Northern Ireland.”

The son of Irish immigrant parents, Walsh was born in Chicago and raised in Detroit. After Korea, in 1953, he attended Notre Dame University, where he earned both his bachelor’s and master’s degrees. He then went to work for

the next 25 years as a social worker in cities ranging from South Bend to Detroit, Dayton to Kansas City.

In the interim, he earned his master’s in social work, followed by a law degree in Missouri, working another 15 years as a lawyer.

He says it’s hard to believe he’s been living here in the Culver area for 25 years now since his retirement, with his wife Joanne, and it’s during those years that he’s done “90 percent of my writing.”


The Walshes’ journey to Union Township was a bit of an unusual one.

“We had this great big, beautiful house in Kansas City in 1968,” he recalls. “It had a ballroom and a chauffeur’s room over the garage. But we didn’t want to stay there. Joann said, ‘My mother is still in Indiana,’ and her aunts, and they lived in Kewanna. Having gone to Notre Dame and worked in South Bend for five or six years, I had no objections.”

The couple wanted to live neither in Kewanna or South Bend, and Culver was simply in between the two. Back in 1986, houses on Lake Maxinkuckee itself were \$300,000 and more, he notes, so he was advised to look for a place “in the country.” The rest is history.

“We have two plots in the Kewanna cemetery,” he adds with a smile. “So we’re going to stay!”

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3. What did Moses command should be done to a woman caught in adultery? Forgiven, Stoned, Beheaded, Loved
4. According to Colossians, what do we have through Jesus’ blood? Love, Eternity, Hope, Redemption
5. Which has the fewest words of any book in the Bible (KJV)? Titus, Jude, III John, Amos
6. In Isaiah 53, we hid our “what” from Jesus? Faces, Sins, Grief, Hands

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Righteous; 3) Stoned; 4) Redemption; 5) III John; 6) Faces





Honor Society Inductees

The fall National Junior Honor Society induction ceremony took place recently at the Culver Comm. Middle School. Pictured are, from left, Tina Stacy (adviser), Cody Rieckhoff (current member), new inductees Pierce Ellert, Jasmynne Fowler, Reilly Reinhold, Jake Rodgers, Dylan Pitera, Principal Julie Berndt, and Cody Russell (current member).

History from front page

History of the northern Indiana area and the friendship that came about with Little Turtle, respected leader of the Miami Indians and William Wells, who was kidnapped from Louisville, Kent. by the Miami Indians and raised among the Miami. He served as an interpreter and fought alongside his adopted nation, according to the information Krom shared with the audience.

In addition to sharing dates and information about the Miami Indians' reign in this region, Krom also talked about the personal relationships and cross-cultural bonds that Wells and Little Turtle were able to establish in their partnership. For example, Wells served as an ambassador between the Indians and the U.S. He was invited to meet George Washington and ended up visiting three US presidents.

The story is told from Wells' and Sweet Breeze's perspectives. It includes historical information as well as examples of the clash of cultures that occurred not only with Wells and his wife but the Miami nation and the growing intrusion of European settlers on the Miami's traditional lands.

The novel is the Wells story, as well as his marriage to Little Turtle's daughter, Sweet Breeze. It is historical novel so Krom uses his historical research to tell this story.

Krom's lecture at the Culver library is part of his efforts to promote his book. The book contains 25 chapters and encompasses 391 pages. It is paperback and available through Eel River Traders, 574-892-5226 or visit: www.eelrivertraders.com

Briefs from front page

11:07 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7,

"The Unexpected Christmas", written and directed by Heather Green includes skits, singing, fun, and of course, the Christmas Story featuring: Promise, The Mount Hope Quartet, Julie Scott, Kids' Choir & Adult Choir

Refreshments follow.

The church is located at 7022 W 700 N, Culver.

Free community meal at CBC

Culver Bible Church on South Main Street will host a free community meal Sunday, Dec. 8, starting at 6 p.m., which will be followed by the singing of Christmas carols in the church sanctuary. Future meals will be on the first Sunday of each month at 6 p.m.

Christmas tree lighting Dec. 6

The Culver community's annual Christmas tree lighting and caroling event will take place Friday, Dec 6 at 6 p.m., at the train station - depot in the town park. Carols will be sung to usher in the tree lighting, which will be followed by the arrival of Santa Claus. Inside the depot will be cookies, hot chocolate, coffee and Santa, and as in years past, students from Culver Comm. High School and Culver Academies will lead caroling at select venues around town. A number of merchants and restaurants in both the downtown and uptown areas will have special offerings and bargains, and will stay open late, in conjunction with the event, to which the public is invited.

Lions fruit sale at the depot

The Culver Lions Club will hold a fruit sale Inside the depot on Lake Shore Drive Friday, Dec. 6 from 4 to 7 p.m. Club members will offer their fresh Florida Navel oranges, grapefruit, juice oranges, tangelos, and tangerines for sale. Other fruit store dates are Sat., Dec 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friday, Dec 13 from 4 to 7 p.m., and Sat., Dec 14 from 10 to 2 p.m.

Texas Hold-em at VFW

The Culver VFW Post 6919 hosts a Texas Hold-Em tournament Dec. 8. The Post is located at 108 E. Washington St. in Culver. Doors open at 11 a.m. and the tournament begins at 1 p.m. There is a \$45 buy-in (no re-buys), \$10,000 chips, and a \$5 add-on, \$2,000 extra chips at the time of buy-in (25 percent goes to the house, 75 percent in the pot). License number 129586.

REAL Meals holiday feast

Culver's REAL Meals will host a pre-holiday meal in Friday, December 20 and will include bone in ham, au gratin potatoes, corn casserole, Brussels sprouts and holiday cheesecake. Reservations for that meal are due by December 11. Reservations may be made by calling 574-842-8878. REAL Meals is a program of REAL Services of Michiana, and meets weekdays at noon at the Culver beach lodge on Lake Shore Drive. The program remains donation-based and grounded in community and togetherness.

Outdoor Christmas decorating contest

The Culver Youth Community Organization (CYCO), a service organization comprised of students from Culver Community High School and the Culver Academies, is launching an outdoor Christmas decorating contest for the Culver area.

There is a \$5 registration fee, with funds raised going to Culver's food pantry. Registration forms will be available at the Culver Town Hall.

Participants will have a sign placed in their yard designating their homes as part of the contest, and participating addresses will be listed on a map CYCO will distribute throughout the community. Judging will take place Dec. 18.

Those with questions may contact Justin Croy of CYCO at justincroy@icloud.com.

Children's Christmas party Dec. 14

The annual Culver children's Christmas party, hosted by the Culver Lions Club, VFW, and fire dept will take place Saturday, Dec. 14, at the Culver Elementary School cafeteria, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please use the south entrance. Children will enjoy crafts, cookie decorating, coloring, caroling, and a visit with Santa.

Live music at the Lakehouse

The Lakehouse Grille, 620 E. Lake Shore Drive, continues its Saturday night series of live musical performances Sat. nights at approximately 9 p.m. Please note the Nov. 30 performance has been canceled. Performances include: Kevin & Jerry (Dec. 7), Marty Miles Band (Dec. 14), Matt Miller (Dec. 21), Moneyshot (1st annual "End of the Year Party" (Dec. 28).

Tempers from front

regarding superintendent selection, and that there had been conflict and adversity among the members.

"I will tell you this did not come to us easily," he said.

Vandeputte concurred: "We have had a lot of tough decisions; we had Monterey (elementary school closing), the teacher cuts, and now this. It has not been easy."

"No matter what we do, someone is going to be mad," he added. "I am fully vested in Culver and I have to sleep at night. I feel that we have made the best decision for Culver."

As anger among attendees increased, Buschman asked why the board had asked present superintendent Brad Schuldt to abstain from participation in the selection process, and his "wealth of knowledge" was not to put to use.

Sieber responded that Schuldt had given his opinion. Hanselman himself stood up and, with emotion, said he had interviewed a month ago for the position and "not one person...picked up the phone" to inform him of the board's decision regarding the superintendent position.

He told the board they "will never be able to fix this," and walked out of the meeting.

School board member Dave Cooper reassured Fisher that the board had put a lot of work into the selection, and that it was very hard work.

"We worked our tails off, and I am passionate that we made the best decision for Culver," he said.

Swanson concurred and added that, "If you were not there throughout the whole process, you would not understand why we made the choice."

Board members pointed out that neither of the past two superintendents were from the local community. Vandeputte noted that Culver Elementary assistant principal Erin Proskay was hired from outside the school corporation and is "doing a wonderful job. You cannot always hire from within."

Board member Ed Behnke commented regarding the rarity of someone coming up through only one school system without experiencing other school systems.

Board member Jim Wentzel spoke regarding the difficulty of the process of selecting a new superintendent. He said help from the consulting firm was absolutely necessary and "worth every penny."

Behnke added, "I have 20 years of this (serving on the school board), and this was one of the worst meetings I have attended. We the board fully believe that the school system needs a change, and that (the person selected to be the next superintendent) will help our community grow. I believe that we will be able to effect positive change with this decision."

The advertised budget for 2014 was \$11,261,652, and the actual budget came in at \$11,111,246, with a difference of \$150,406. The tax rate came in at .4350, which is .0663 less than the advertised amount of .4983.

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Topics of current interest and relevance through the lens of historic Christianity and Catholic teaching takes place Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. in the conference room of the Culver Coffee Company, Lake Shore Drive in Culver. All are welcome to enjoy a cup of coffee and conversation. Topics include: Current events open forum/Q&A (Dec. 1), The Culture of Life - euthanasia, abortion, stem cells, and other life issues (Dec. 8), The healthcare mandate and contraception - what does the Church actually teach? (Dec. 15).

Firemen's Honor Wall ready for bricks

The Culver Union Township Fire Department's Honor Wall, located on the corner of Lake Shore Drive and State Street, is ready to accept community-purchased bricks honoring local firefighters. Active and honor wall bricks can be purchased by individuals, but will be limited to one brick maximum per active member or honoree and department established criteria must be met. For more details or information, or for an official order form, interested persons may contact the department's secretary-treasurer Dave Cooper at 574-952-2809 or dacoop13@hotmail.com.

Dance classes at the park

Culver's Parks and Recreation department will present "Dance with Megan" a dance class of ballet and contemporary being offered to girls and boys ages 4 through 11, free of charge. Dance classes will take place Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the beach lodge meeting room.

Bell ringers in Nov., Dec.

Salvation Army holiday bell ringers will be on hand starting Sat., Nov. 30 at CVS and Park N' Shop in Culver, collecting donations as in years past. The Culver Council of Churches sponsored bells will be rung from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday through Dec. 22

Community Cab in Culver

The Marshall County Council on Aging, offers transportation throughout Culver via the Culver Community Cab each Wed. from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$2.50 per boarding, with no pre-scheduling required. Those wishing a ride may call toll-free 866-936-9904.

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Culver's Trent Elliott throws a no-look pass in the lane during a game with Knox last season.

Young Cavaliers return solid core



By James Costello
Sports Editor

CULVER — It's something every high school team has to deal with, but some teams get hit harder by graduation in a given year than others.

Culver Community had to bid goodbye to a pair of four-year letterwinners in point guard Collin Stevens and center Micah Budzinski, as well as shooting guard Kyle Vlach and Tucker Schultz last year. But with a trio of strong seniors returning to the 2013-14 Cavs' roster in

6-5 swingman Trent Elliott, quick point guard Jacoda Anderson and athletic 6-5 post Jacoda Anderson — both back in the lineup after sitting out last season with injuries — as well as hard-nosed sophomore Everett Krueger, who showed great potential last year and should help the team balance its post play with some outside shooting, the Cavaliers have some pieces already in place to get off to a solid start.

To begin with, Elliott's ability to finish both from the perimeter and in the post — he's put on some needed muscle in the weight room on his way to signing with DII Fairmont State — will be a huge asset to the squad. He led the team in scoring with 425 points as a junior, and he's shown tremendous growth over the summer. His lead-

ership, as well as the leadership of fellow seniors Sanders and Anderson will be key for the Cavs.

"I believe that we have strong senior leadership," said Culver head coach Kyle Elliott. "We will have several players that can play different positions and this will allow us to be able to adjust our game to match up well against certain teams."

Chemistry is also a strength.

"This is a group of kids that get along very well and spend time with each other outside of basketball," Elliott said.

Showing growth over the offseason for Culver as it looks to improve on last season's respectable 13-9 finish are CCHS football quarterback Preston Hansel, fellow juniors Alex Graham and Brendon Pin-

der, sophomore Cody Valiquet and freshman Josh Krsek. That mix of personnel add up to excitement within the program.

"We are very excited to get the season under way," said Elliott. "You don't just replace over night the kids that were lost to graduation, but our returning kids worked extremely hard over the summer and made great strides."

Eagles have something to prove

By James Costello
Sports Editor

CULVER — Few teams have had to weather the rough patch that CMA has weathered the past two seasons.

It was only three seasons ago that the Eagles made their program-first run to the Class 3A state finals. In the intervening two years, the Eagles have won just two games.

The team brings back a pair of seniors who remember the team's historic semistate championship season in leading scorer Nick Zalduendo and fellow guard Eljay Murray. Senior forward holdover from last year James Van Pelt is back with the team this season as well, and fellow upperclassman and 6-6 forward Devonte Campbell is finally eligible to play with Culver.

So senior leadership is definitely a plus for the Eagles, and this year's upperclass has something to prove.

"It starts with our four seniors. They've kind of taken their lumps these last

two years — especially Nick who's had to do a lot for us. At some point during his sophomore and junior years he's had to run the point, he's had to be our leading scorer, he's had to guard the other team's best player. I just think we'll be able to take some pressure off him this year because the other two seniors James VanPelt and Eljay Murray have gotten a little better," said CMA head coach Mark Galloway.

"Our JV ended up winning 14 games last year and we had some juniors on JV — Eljay and James and Devonte Campbell had to sit there and watch. He got to practice, but he just had to sit, and I would say it was tough for him because he knew there were games he could definitely help us and couldn't play because of the IHSAA ruling. It showed a lot of maturity for him to go through that, and it's made our group tighter. Those four seniors definitely have something to prove. We've still got a long way to go, but I think they're probably going to play with a little bit of a chip on their

shoulder."

Along with Murray and Van Pelt, the team brings up two juniors from last year's successful JV campaign in 6-5 center Lorenzo Ricks and guard Rayford Dexter El. Elisha Miller, another junior, will play the guard position for the team, while freshman guard Justin Batiz brings youthful talent to the squad.

The byword this season is defense. Since CMA is a boarding school, the start of the season often represents a learning curve in terms of playing together on the defensive end, says Galloway.

"Defense. You can underline that three times. We really have to be able to guard people. We have some decent size, but we don't have great depth so we're trying to play defense by moving our feet and staying out of foul trouble. And just playing really good team defense — being able to communicate and talk," said the fourth-year CMA skipper.

"Team defense and sharing the ball and playing together is something we've really focused on in this first week of practice."

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