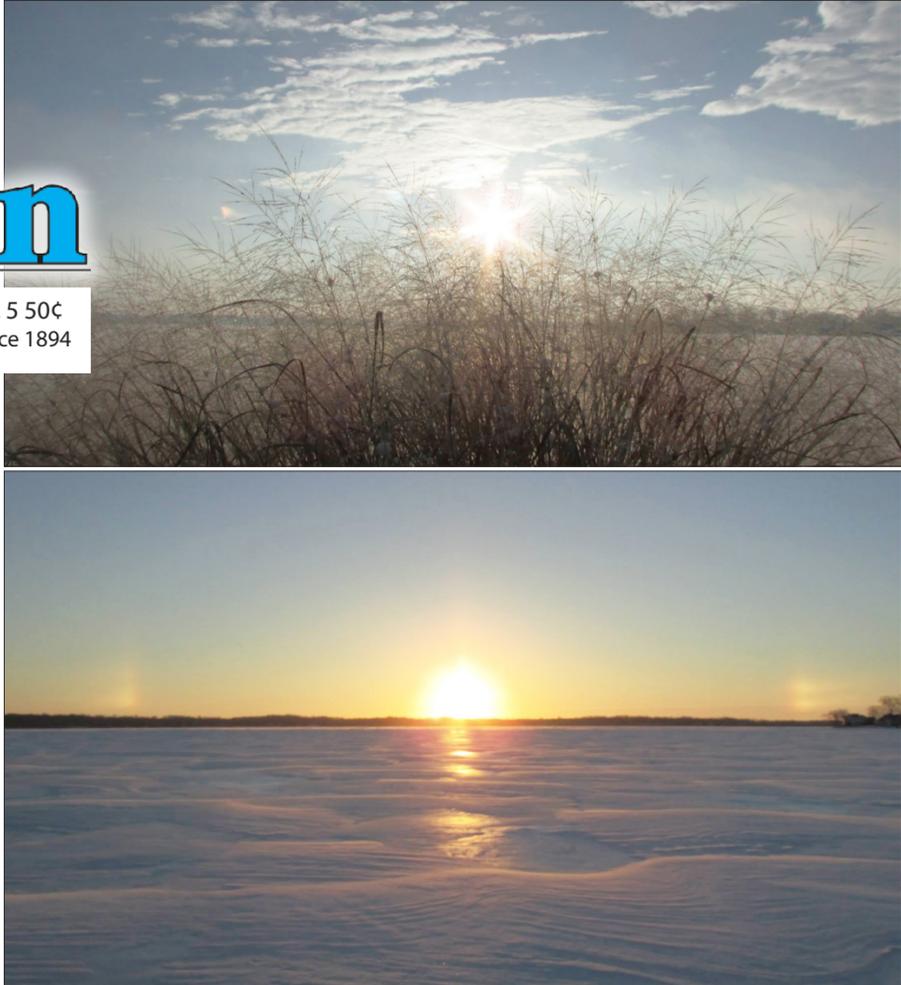


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Miller's Meals on Wheels

ABOVE, LEFT: Members of the Culver Council of Churches acknowledged the contribution of Miller's Merry Manor in Culver for its preparation of meals for more than 30 years for the Meals on Wheels program (see story below). Pictured, from left, are Pat Birk (Council of Churches), Joey Fleury, Pam Horvarter, and Marian Reinholt (Miller's), Jean Rakich (Council), Bene Montes, Greg Fassett, and Teri Moore (Miller's).

Maxinkuckee under ice

ABOVE, RIGHT: Larry Boyne of Culver captured these photos of Lake Maxinkuckee under what must surely be the thickest layer of ice it's experienced in years. If any doubt existed as to its readiness for the Feb. 14 weekend national ice fishing tournament, it must surely be dispelled.

In Brief

Naturally 7 in concert tonight

The vocal group Naturally 7 returns to the Eppley Auditorium stage at Culver Academies Thursday, Feb. 6, at 7:30 p.m. The New York City based group is touring Europe with Michael Bublé. The group sold out its last Huffington Concert Series performance at Culver Academies in 2005. Tickets for the performance are available through the Culver Academies Theatre Department. People interested in purchasing tickets may do so by calling (574) 842-7058 or emailing Marsha Coven (Marsha.Coven@culver.org). Tickets are also available at the Steinbrenner Performing Arts Center Box Office from 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and the Eppley Auditorium Box Office one hour before the performance.

'Winter Market' at Market Basket Saturday

The Market Basket and Co. and 13775 State Road 17 will feature a "winter market" this Saturday, Feb. 8, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Featured will be an eclectic mix of vendors selling handcrafted items, art work, "yard sale" bargains, collectibles, and more. Hot drinks and refreshments will also be served. Call 574-842-2145 for more information.

Culver Comm. Schools make-up days

Culver Community Schools will hold classes Friday, Feb. 7 and Monday, Feb. 17, as make-up days for Jan. 23 and 24, when the school was closed due to winter weather.

Theatre production at CCHS

Culver Comm. High School's Cavalier theatre department will present "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," a Tony Award winning musical comedy, Saturday, February 15 and 7:30 p.m.,

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Culver Miller's lauded for 30-plus years of service to Meals on Wheels

For over 30 years, Culver's Meals on Wheels program has been delivering hot meals to seniors and shut-ins across the area, and for over 30 years, Miller's Merry Manor nursing home facility has prepared those meals in its kitchen. That's a fact the Culver Council of Churches -- which has long been a local intermediary for the endeavor -- wanted to acknowledge by way of a "thank you" plaque recognizing Miller's, which was given recently at the facility.

According to Pat Birk, who has worked behind the scenes via the Council of Churches for the program, Miller's -- which opened in Culver in 1981 -- has been preparing the meals for the federally-facilitated Meals on Wheels at least since the mid-1980s, if not earlier.

Dozens of volunteer drivers have assisted through the years in delivery, including between 17 and 20 who are currently scheduled by volunteer Mary Ann Dutt today (Dutt also does all the intake paperwork to put clients on the delivery list).

Each day, food is picked up by drivers around 11 a.m.

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By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Culver schools consider make-up days in wake of weather-related closures

Culver Community Schools will hold classes Friday, Feb. 7 and Monday, Feb. 17, as make-up days for those missed when the school was closed due to winter weather.

"So far, we have missed Jan. 6 through 8, Jan. 23 through 24, and Jan. 27 through 28," said Vicki McGuire, superintendent.

Like many schools state-wide, Culver is expecting a waiver from the state for two of those days. A waiver means the school would not have to make up those days. Schools are required to provide 180 days of instruction to students.

"I have applied for waivers for the remaining days but have not heard anything as of yet," McGuire said. "We had built-in make-up days and used Jan. 20 to make up Jan. 8. We will use Feb. 7, a Teacher Professional Day, and Feb. 17 to make up for Jan. 23 and 24.

"We have a couple more days to use as make-up days, and will use them if the snow days are not waived by the Indiana Department of Education."

The two-hour delays that the schools have also been using to make sure students can arrive at school safely do not have to be made up.

"We build in days when we create the calendar, but this has been such an unusual winter that we will most likely run

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By Lois Tomaszewski

Concert here will raise funds to support 'Gift of Music' in honor of area teen

An area student's wish to help share the gift of music with those less fortunate will culminate in a Feb. 9 concert at Culver Academies featuring music by the late Drew Shearin, the namesake of local charity Drew's Gift, which has been raising money for the past few years to provide students that want to participate in band but cannot afford the instruments.

Behind the concert effort is Kemble Manning, a Knox resident and senior at Culver Academies who, for his senior service project and in conjunction with classmate Denver Blackson of Washington State, wanted to have an impact on the community with something that was near and dear to their hearts: music. Manning and Blackson did not know Drew Shearin personally, but were moved by the mission of Drew's Gift of Music, which has supplied over \$25,000 worth of instruments and services for students in the surrounding area.

The charity is led by Drew's mom, Deb Johnson, whose son Drew Shearin was a young man blessed with great musical talent, a skilled musician and award winning composer. His future seemed completely set until the unfortunate day in 2011 that the high school senior's life was taken in a fatal car accident, which crushed the Knox community.

Manning and Blackson wanted to give the local communities the opportunity to hear Drew's true gift in a live concert. They coordinated the Culver Academies Theater and Music Departments to prepare for the concert which will feature music composed by Drew Shearin. It will take place February 9 at 5 pm EST and will be held in Eppley Auditorium, the main auditorium at Culver Academies. There is no admission but donations to benefit Drew's Gift will be taken at the door. T-shirts will also be given to those attendees who make a donation of ten dollars or more.

As two young musicians, Manning and Blackson saw a noble cause that was a perfect fit for them to give back to the community. Music has played an important role in the young men's lives: Manning will attend college in the fall to major in Music Education, with the hopes of becoming a band director.

"Maybe the money raised will put an instrument into the hands of one of his future students," said a press release about the event. "The important (thing) is the thought and action to help out young children who may not have a chance to experience the most powerful sensation that there is, music."

Culver schools to discuss balanced calendar option

By Diona Eskew
Staff Writer

MARSHALL COUNTY Culver is among Marshall County schools (others include Argos, Plymouth, and Triton) considering switching to a balanced calendar for the 2015-2016 school year, along with other area schools John Glenn, Knox, North Judson, and Oregon-Davis.

A presentation on the subject will be given at a special meeting Weds., March 12 at Culver Comm. High School, at 7 p.m.

School officials stress, "A balanced calendar is not the same as a year-round schedule."

Schools will still be in session 180 days of the year. There are several reasons why schools are considering the balanced calendar schedule. There will be less learning lost over summer break. The summer break would be shortened to eight weeks. Therefore students will have less time to forget the things they learned during the previous year. There are also ongoing credit recovery opportunities for high school students.

The breaks at the end of each nine weeks will allow family vacation time throughout the year in each season. The breaks also provide time for remediation throughout the year, not just over the summer, according to a brochure provided by local school administrators.

The school year would begin in August and end in mid-June.

North Judson-San Pierre School Superintendent Lynn Johnson presented her preliminary plans to the Plymouth school board during their regular meeting on Jan. 21.

During the presentation she noted some of the benefits of the schedule change include academic improvements, better attendance, and less disciplinary action. The area school systems have planned informative meetings that will be held over the next six weeks.

The same presentation will be given at each of the 12 meetings, including Culver's. Surveys will be available at each meeting, allowing the public the chance to provide valuable feedback to the schools.

Locals part of effort to support 10 year old's cancer battle

Members of the Culver community are joining the effort to support 10 year old Korie Howard of Knox, who is battling stage 4 osteosarcoma, a form of cancer. Korie's mother, Amber, is an RN at Miller's Merry Manor in Culver.

According to information at a website set up to facilitate donations to offset medical costs (www.giveforward.com/fundraiser/z0w3/korie-howard-s-battle-with-stage-4-osteosarcoma), Korie Howard is "in a losing battle with cancer."

In support of Howard and her family, the Culver Coffee Company on Lake Shore Drive in Culver will donate funds with every Mexican Hot Cocoa sold, through this Friday, Feb. 7.

Among other fund-raising opportunities, a benefit is also scheduled for Saturday, February 15, at 3 p.m. Central Time (4 p.m. Eastern) at the Washington Township Fire Department, 9020 East Division Road in Knox. The local band Money Shot will perform, as well as DJ John Novello, and a bake sale, photo booth, snow cone maker, craft table, balloon artist, raffles, auctions, and "lots of great food."

"In the fall of 2012," according to the giveitforward website, "then 9-year-old Korie was experiencing some knee pain. After a trip to the emergency room, there was an area of concern on her x-ray that turned out to be osteosarcoma or cancer of the bone. Since then, Korie has been several different chemo regimens, which she cannot handle, multiple radiation treatments, off and on hospitalizations, and surgery to have a total knee replacement and

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Council plans 'town hall' style meeting to discuss park future

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Culver's town council voted to hold a 'town hall' style meeting regarding the Culver park and its future, at the council's Jan. 28 meeting.

The 'town hall' style meeting, which had been discussed at previous council meetings, will take place Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 6 p.m. at the train station - depot on Lake Shore Drive. It was proposed at the latest council meeting by president Ginny Munroe, who raised the issue as the council discussed its ordinance to add a new member to the park board, an ordinance not finalized as yet (it was approved only on the first two readings).

Munroe cited the fact that Culver's school board has yet to make its appointment to the park board, in tabling the matter of adding another member. In recent meetings, she also expressed hesitance to appoint a new member in light of public controversy regarding the board of late.

It was noted, in council discussion regarding the 'town hall' meeting, that the public will have a chance to speak, but those wishing to speak will need to sign up at the start of the meeting, and time limits will be put in place based on how many sign up. The meeting will officially be a council public hearing, and was located at the depot in anticipation of a larger-than-usual turnout from the public.

Park board member Rhonda Reinhold addressed the matter of the school board's appointment during the department head report portion of the meeting, speaking in place of park board president Tammy Shaffer.

Reinhold said she attended the most recent school board meeting and learned the board had forgotten to make an appointment up to now, but hoped to have someone chosen by the end of January. Some uncertainty existed on the school board as to whether it could appoint someone from the public at large to the park board, or had to appoint from its own membership (the latter is the case, by state statute, according to town attorney Jim Clevenger at an earlier council meeting).

Regarding another park board vacancy, Reinhold said

Union Township had initially appointed Chris Kline to fill a seat, but there had been some question on his part as to potential time conflicts with his job, though those were hopefully resolved, she added.

"We're hoping to know (the full makeup of the park board) by the end of January," she said.

Reinhold also discussed the recently-installed ice skating rink at the park, thanking fire chief Terry Wakefield and department members, and volunteer Chris Chambers, for helping set it up at the site of the park's basketball courts. She said another level of water is needed at the rink now to improve its smoothness. Wakefield said the slant of the ball courts led to problems filling it properly, and the department was awaiting better weather and more than three days of snow-free skies.

Reinhold also thanked Charlotte Hahn, the Yuhas family, and town clerk Karen Heim and deputy clerk Julie Cowell for assisting in sending out contracts for the park's many pier slip leases recently.

A chimney sweep will check the beach lodge's chimneys in preparation for the Feb. 14 weekend winter carnival and ice fishing tournament on the lake. Reinhold noted it's hoped to use the lodge's fireplaces to assist participating ice fishermen.

Reinhold attended the annual parks and recreation convention in Indianapolis recently, she said, and found that "news had gotten out that we need a new superintendent."

She said she had five working superintendents approach her by the next morning, and that the park board had to wait until the job had been advertised, to move forward with accepting resumes. The post became vacant when longtime superintendent Kelly Young was dismissed last month.

Alcohol at the depot

Audience member Mark Damore Jr., owner of the Lakehouse Grille in Culver, told the council he'd been asked to provide beer and wine for a dinner his restaurant will cater at the depot on Feb. 15 as part of the national ice fishing

tournament that weekend. Serving of alcohol in the building, however, is prohibited by town ordinance since it sits in the town park and thus requires a variance approval by the town council.

Damore noted it's difficult for him to host the dinner, which will likely include 40 to 60 people, in his restaurant due to it being Valentine's weekend. He said he would police the event, and his liquor license covers the legality.

He said, in response to council questions, he had already spoken to town marshal Wayne Bean as well as Culver's Lions Club, the latter having referred him to the council. Clevenger said Damore would need approval in writing from the council, park board (which Reinhold said was in agreement with Damore's request), and the Lions as well since the Lions have a lease on the depot.

Council member Sally Ricciardi moved to approve serving alcohol at the event if it was contained in the building and had the necessary approvals, with council voting in unanimous approval. By the end of the meeting, council member Ed Pinder noted a text had come in from Mike Overmyer of the Lions Club, validating the club's approval.

Audience member Terry Wakefield noted alcohol is not permitted at wedding receptions and other private functions at the depot, and also cited controversy concerning alcohol in the park surrounding a proposed craft beer festival last year. Reinhold said the park board is working towards a policy which would direct those requesting alcohol at functions in the beach lodge and depot approach the council on a case-by-case basis.

New fire truck

Some discussion also took place regarding the fire department's request for a new truck, at a cost of \$301,455, as bid by Hoosier Fire.

Town manager Dave Schoeff explained the bid includes \$97,835 for the chassis, which would be received this year, with the \$203,620 balance expected due in 2015, when the

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from Miller's, and placed in federally-approved carriers purchased by the Council of Churches. Associated costs are covered by way of local church gifts and private donations.

Monthly paperwork from Culver goes to Older Adult Services in Plymouth as part of the Marshall County Council on Ageing.

At times over the years, delivery required two separate routes.

Birk notes that "no client is turned away because they can't afford the service."

Meals are delivered weekdays, though not on holidays or due to inclement weather. The program includes an average of 19 drivers per month.

David Burke replaced Beth Reaker as director of the program in 1998, having started delivering in 1994. He was recognized for his service by Culver's Lions Club as Citizen of the Year last year, and as Volunteer of the Year the same year at the Age of Excellence Awards in South Bend.

A number of pillars of the Culver community have been mainstays with the Meals on Wheels program through the year, including the late King Moore and Martin Uebel. Recent retirees include Norman Kampe and David and Mary Baker, both of whom Birk says depart the program after "many years of service to the community."

To convey some sense of the number of meals prepared at Miller's and delivered by volunteers, 1,574 meals were

delivered in 2013, at a total of 1,107 volunteer delivery hours. 2012 saw 1,427 meals were delivered with 1,042 hours' service; in 2011, 1,435 meals occupied 1,081 hours of service, and in 2010, 1,645 meals were carried over 1,081 hours. In fact the total number of meals delivered between 2009 and late 2013 was 5,959, in 4,185 hours.

All of this is made all the more impressive by the fact that the number requesting meals has noticeably dwindled over the years, when compared with earlier years in the program.

It's easy to understand, then, the language on the award presented by the Council of Churches to Miller's: "Your service to the Culver community over the years has been outstanding. God's continued blessings in His service..."

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out of days," McGuire said. "If this happens, we will have to get creative and possibly add days on at the end of the school year."

But one option is most definitely off the table, according to the majority of Marshall County's superintendents, and that's spring break.

There is also the issue of state mandated testing.

"ISTEP is supposed to begin March 3, but, according to the state, this window may be expanded to accommodate for the snow days," McGuire explained. "This will then possibly cause testing results to be delayed as well."

There were some casualties of the cancelled school

days. Food service operations at some schools had to make adjustments, too.

"Menus may be backed up or rearranged so that food is safe and fresh for students," McGuire said. "Some items could be wasted but there is nothing that can be done about it."

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and Sunday, February 16 at 3 p.m. General seating is \$7 per person, with advanced tickets available at the CCHS bookstore at \$5 each.

REAL Meals Valentine's, Medicare programs

Culver's REAL Meals older adult nutrition site will host a Valentine's Day celebration Friday, Feb. 14, starting at noon. A "king" and "queen" will be crowned from among attendees during the fun, which will take place at the Culver beach lodge on Lake Shore Drive.

REAL Meals will also host a program featuring a speaker from the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) on Thursday, Feb. 20, to discuss the Medicare program and how changes might affect area seniors. Any senior with questions, concerns, or curiosity is encouraged to attend.

Those planning to share a meal with REAL Meals and the Golden Agers on these, or any other days, are encouraged to call 574-842-8878 to make a reservation.

Community meal at Grace Feb. 15

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Saturday, Feb. 15 at 6 p.m. All are invited to this free, ecumenical event whose purpose is to share a friendly meal in a welcoming, community atmosphere. The meals are held on the 15th day of each month in the basement of the church.

Public meeting to discuss park future Feb. 18

A "town hall" style meeting will be hosted by Culver's town council (officially a public hearing) to give the community an opportunity to discuss its thoughts on the future direction of Culver's town park, at the train station - depot on Lake Shore Drive on Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 6 p.m. Those hoping to speak will be requested to sign up at the beginning of the meeting, and speaking time will be limited based on the number of participants, to facilitate fair time for all interested.

Sidewalk snow removal

Residents of the town of Culver are requested to make provisions for clearing snow and/or ice from the walkways on their properties, per town ordinance, which designates as a public nuisance any "...snow or other matter obstructing public ways or causing visual barriers which create vehicular traffic or pedestrian traffic safety hazards." Call the town hall at 574-842-3140 with questions.

Winter carnival part of ice fishing tournament Feb. 14 wknd

The North American Ice Fishing Conference national tournament on Lake Maxinkuckee will take place the weekend of Feb. 14 through 16, and will be joined by a Culver winter carnival including the work of ice sculptors from the Indiana Ice Studio (www.indianaicestudio.com).

Special events for the public including a Friday evening ice fishing workshop from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday evening at the Culver VFW Post on Washington Street. On Saturday, Feb. 15, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., a free Kids Ice Camp will take place at the fire station on Lake Shore Drive. Each youth who attends will receive a free HT Enterprises ice rod and promotional items for their future ice fishing adventures. From noon to 1 p.m., parents must accompany their kids for the on-ice portion of this event,

with the NAIFC Pro Staff (this is an outdoor event; please dress for the weather). On Sunday, February 16, indoor weigh-in takes place at 2 p.m. at the depot. A full schedule of events and more information on the event is available online at www.naifc.com.

Wesley seeks nursery worker

Wesley United Methodist Church in Culver is looking for a responsible and energetic nursery worker on Sundays from 8:30-11:30, and Tuesdays 6 to 7:30, \$15 per hour. This person must be 16 years or older. Anyone interested please contact Tracy Gordon, Director of Education at 574-842-2900 or email at tracy@culverumc.com

Children's dance classes move to library

"Dancing with Meagan" classes held previously at the Culver beach lodge each Tuesday and Thursday will continue, but relocated to the Culver Public Library at 107 N. Main Street, at 6:30 p.m. The classes are free and open to boys and girls ages 7-12.

'Catholicism, Coffee, & Current Events'

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: The male, celibate priesthood - does it need to be? (Feb. 2); The Church and same-sex marriage (Feb. 9); Education - public and private schools and the future of America (Feb. 16); Pop culture (music, movies, and TV) and man's search for the "Good, the True, and the Beautiful" (Feb. 23); Current events open forum/Q&A (March 2); Consumerism in a hungry world - limits and responsibilities (March 9); Women, feminism, and the Church (March 16); Current events open forum/Q&A (April 6); The Church and science - from evolution to the big bang (April 13); Immigration issues - what's the 'Christian perspective'? (April 20).

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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Obituary

Glen Patton

Nov. 2, 1944 - Jan. 31, 2014



ARGOS — Glen Patton passed away Thursday, Jan. 31, 2014 at Kindred Hospital in Mishawaka. He is survived by his wife, Judy Patton, daughter Amber Reinhold, her husband, Kevin Reinhold, grandsons, Keegen and Adam Reinhold, stepson, Evan Sholly, his wife, Atsuko Sholly, sister Henrietta Patton, niece Katy Patton.

He was born to Ed and Jossie Patton Nov. 2, 1944 in Martin, Ky. He had been active in Maxinkuckee Players and Singers, Culver Lions Club, and enjoyed historic reenactments. He served in the Army four years and was a Vietnam veteran. No services or visitation are planned. Memorial donations can be given to Wesley United Methodist Church, Culver, designated to the choir.

Death notices

Anthony F. Niemiec
March 23, 1949 – Jan. 29, 2014

CULVER — Anthony F. “Tony” Niemiec, 64, of Culver, passed away at 4:58 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2014 in South Bend. Visitation took place Feb. 2 in Plymouth, and a Mass of Christian Burial was held at Feb. 3 in St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church, Culver.

Johnnie Wayne Fuller Jr.
May 6, 1970 - Jan. 22, 2014

CULVER — Johnnie Wayne Fuller Jr., 43, of Culver, died Jan. 22, 2014 in Hamlet. There will be no services. Cremation will take place.

Library news

Longaberger baskets on display at CUTPL

Currently on display at the Culver-Union Township Public Library is circulation clerk Chris Emerick’s Longaberger basket collection. Emerick has been collecting Longaberger baskets for over 20 years, beginning her collection with a small tea basket. Her collection includes over 50 baskets of various themes including Breast Cancer Awareness, Halloween, Christmas, the Flower series, and the American flag series. Her favorite baskets are the Breast Cancer Awareness baskets, which are released once a year and are the only baskets that she continues to collect. Emerick loves Longaberger baskets because they are made in America. At one time during a visit in Gettysburg, Chris was able to make her own Longaberger basket.



Pictured is Chris Emerick with some of her Longaberger basket collection.

The collection will be on display through mid-March in the display cases on the lower level of the library.

If you are interested in exhibiting your collection, artwork, or crafts at the Culver-Union Township Public Library please contact Reference/Adult Services Librarian Laura Jones at 574-842-2941 or ljones@culver.lib.in.us

Free Computer Classes at CUTPL

Culver-Union Township Public Library is offering free

technology classes in February. Classes take place Mondays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m., and will include Windows 8 Help (Feb. 3, 7, 10, and 14), and Mobile Devices (Feb. 24 and 28). These sessions are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Andrew Baker at abaker@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842-2941.

‘Cloudstreet’ at book club

Culver-Union Twp. Public Library’s book club, Hooked on Books, will meet Wednesday, February 12 at 1 p.m. in the purple meeting room located downstairs at the library. The book for this month is “Cloudstreet” by Tim Winton.

Attend this book discussion to receive 10 points for our Winter Reading Program. For more information, contact Polly Thompson Wolf at pwolf@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842-2941.

Family Block Party feb. 15

Culver-Union Twp. Public Library will host a Family Block Party program parents and children ages 8 months to 8 years Saturday, February 15, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the large meeting room in the lower level of the library. Block Party events are times of free play with blocks of all sizes for families, which provides an opportunity for parents to interact and play with their children while learning how they can help them develop a variety of skills.

CUTPL adult winter reading program

The Culver-Union Township Public Library will hold its Adult Winter Reading Program, “Warm up with Reading,” through Feb. 28. Participants earn points for books or audiobooks read or listened to and reviewed, as well as library-sponsored programs or book clubs attended. Grand prizes will be awarded to the top three point earners at the end of the program. For more information, call the library at 574-842-2941 or stop by the circulation desk.

Exercise for Seniors

Culver-Union Township Public Library is offering Exercise for Seniors. This free exercise class will meet three times a week and offer easy, seated exercises. The program is scheduled for Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 10 a.m. and will meet downstairs in the large meeting room.

McKinnis on Furman Dean’s List

Greenville, S.C. - Mary McKinnis, daughter, Scot McKinnis, Nancy McKinnis, was included on the Furman University dean's list for the 2013 fall semester. Furman's dean's list is composed of full-time undergraduate students who earn a grade point average of 3.4 or higher on a four-point system.

Furman is a private, undergraduate liberal arts college of 2,600 students in Greenville, S.C. Widely recognized for its rigorous academic program and strong faculty, the university has a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa and ranks among the nation's top colleges in the number of National Merit Scholars enrolled.

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femur resection. She just recently began an experimental drug to try to help stop the cancer from spreading.

"Despite all efforts, the cancer continues to spread (and) after an x-ray, it was discovered that the cancer has now spread to her lungs. The doctors have given her weeks to months to live and she is in the process of being switched to Hospice care with comfort measures only.

"Any and all help and prayers (are) greatly appreciated."

More information, updates, and opportunities to support Korie Howard and her family are available via the "Korie Howard Fan Club" Facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/171504462989404.

College financial aid workshop tonight at CCHS

DONALDSON — Financial aid staff from Ancilla College will be leading workshops for parents and students at Culver Comm. High School Thurs., Feb. 6, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. College staff will be available to sit down with individuals and fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), a key step toward getting state and federal aid for college.

The free workshops are designed to help with the sometimes daunting process and provide help with every aspect of getting grants, scholarships and other financial resources for college. The workshops are open to students, parents and anyone thinking about going or returning to college — there is no age limit on financial aid.

To be eligible for state and federal aid in Indiana you must file the FAFSA by March 10. For more information you can contact financial aid staff toll-free, 1-866-262-4552.

Letters to the editors

Appeal to Culver seniors

This is an appeal to all of those 60 and older. Lovina Wesson started the Golden Agers several years ago in the basement of Grace United Church of Christ with several clients coming at that time. At the present time the Golden Agers are meeting at the Culver Beach Lodge where we can view the beautiful Lake Maxinkuckee, remember the great times on the lake and beach, as well as enjoying meals sent to us by the REAL Services of South Bend along with a site director.

Since Ruth’s retirement, a young lady from Knox makes the trip daily--weather permitting--to serve as our new site director and to help increase our numbers. Our numbers are getting few due to death, move to retirement homes, nursing homes, weather, etc. We are desperately in need of new faces, new people to come in and join us before REAL Services decides to close us because of the distance in bringing the food down for only a few, before our PARK Board moves us out along with all of our tables, chairs, piano, etc., or a new PARK Board is elected or disbanded.

There is a town wide meeting in February that everyone could go to and voice their opinions about what they want to see happening. Remember, you too will be getting older and under different circumstances your home may be quiet with only a dog, cat and phone calls to break the silence and you will then want to get out and enjoy seeing a smiling face.

So, please come on down and join us someday before it is too late. Pick the day you want to come by checking the *Culver Citizen*, *South Bend Tribune*, or *Senior Life* paper menu listings and decide which day sounds good for you, then call the day before 11:00 a.m. We eat at noon, so you could always come early, get acquainted and visit, stay later and we might find a deck of cards and you could play some euchre. We would love to see you.

Jeanette Geiselman
Culver

Thanks for Salvation Army donations

The Culver Community Council of Churches extends a “Big Thank You” to the community and surrounding area for your generous support of the Salvation Army Bell Ringers in December.

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Culver area residents recognized for Ancilla academics

DONALDSON – Ancilla College has announced its fall 2013 Dean’s List and Honor’s List recipients.

Dean’s List recipients from Culver included Matthew Busart, Katelyn Castle, Adan VanMeter, and Katherine Venckus.

Academic Honors List recipients included Ramona Gavlick, Stefanie Hundt, and Brittany Pilarski of Culver, and Marlene Shively of Leiters Ford.

To be eligible for the Dean’s List, students must earn a 3.5 GPA or above and carry at least 12 credit hours during the semester. Those eligible for the Academic Honors List must have a 3.5 GPA for the semester and have completed between six to 11 credits towards graduation during the semester.

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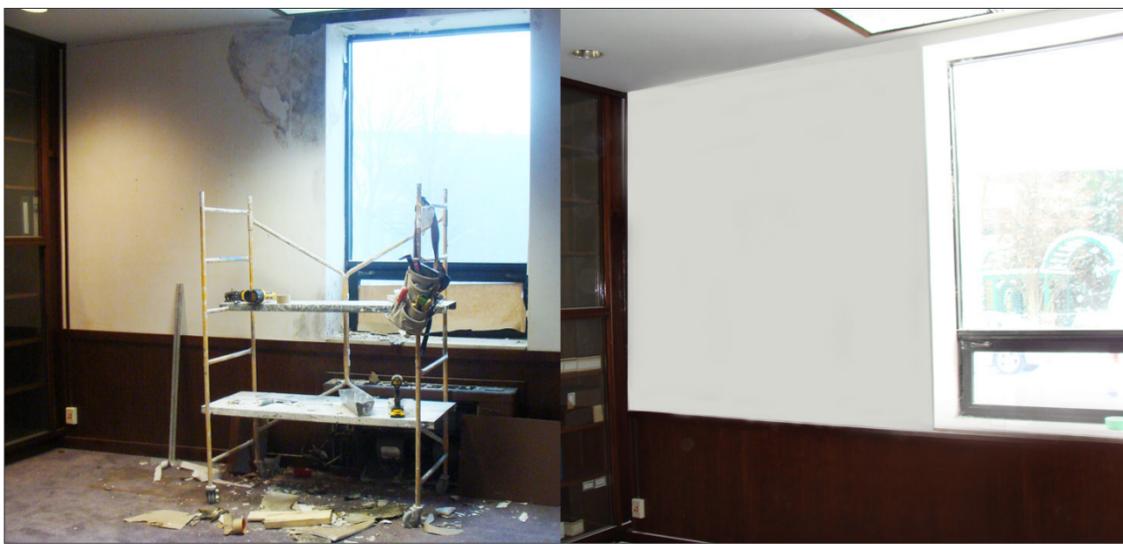
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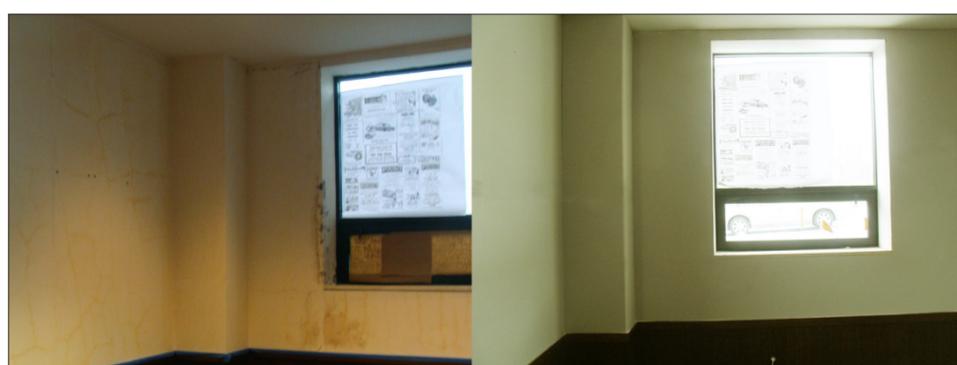


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New life for historic space, Culver history

Pictured here are some of the dramatic changes taking place as renovation continues at the new home of the Center for Culver History Museum's new home -- adjacent to the new site of Culver's new visitor's center -- at the historic offices of Culver luminary (and late State Exchange Bank president) W.O. Osborn, in what is now the First Farmer's Bank & Trust building at 101 N. Main Street. Once renovations are complete, the Museum will begin work installing displays and setting up its initial exhibits ahead of a spring reopening.

For more information, or to help out with the launch effort, see culver-ahs.com/museum, or email incoming Museum Director Anna Campbell at museum@culver-ahs.com.



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remainder of the truck would be delivered to the town. Union Township will contribute a little over \$150,000, or half of the total cost.

Money left in the fire department's 2014 budget would be combined with \$53,000 from the 2015 budget, leaving \$98,455 at due at the start of 2015. Once the new truck is in service, the current vehicle would be sold to the highest bidder, likely at around \$50,000. After half of that is routed to the township's fire department budget, the other half would be applied to the remaining balance, said Schoeff, leaving the cost at \$73,455. That amount would be paid over the course of four years from the department's budget.

Asked by council member Bill Githens about the age of the current truck, Wakefield said it was purchased in 1991; trucks are usually set up on a five-year rotation, he explained.

Githens, noting the purchase price of the new truck is "an awful lot of money," acknowledged the current truck is old. Wakefield also said accounting firm Umbaugh and Associates suggested paying for the new vehicle over the course of time from the fire budget, rather than going out for a loan.

The council approved the purchase, as well as attorney Clevenger drawing up paperwork outlining the budgeting process.

Fluoride future and other matters

During his town manager's report, Schoeff said a problem with the town's fluoride injection unit caused damage to a hose and the alarm system at the town water plant recently, facilitating leakage of water from a one-inch sized water hose "for who knows how long" at the plant. Fluoride, he noted, is highly corrosive and can be used to etch glass.

For the time being, Schoeff said, the town has shut down its fluoride injection as it considers its next move. Some discussion ensued regarding fluoride treatment in municipal water, with Ricciardi noting some studies suggesting it's unnecessary and some towns opting out of its use. Schoeff pointed out state statute does not require fluoride treatment in municipal water.

He also noted town employees are keeping a close eye on the water plant in the absence of the alarm, with utilities manager Bob Porter considering installing a "spare" alarm he has, at the plant while a new system is considered.

The council moved to table a public access policy and procedure to respond to requests -- of which there was a recent surge, said Schoeff -- for access to minutes and other publicly available documents.

It was agreed Clevenger would examine the policy before the council adopt it.

A work session Feb. 11 will combine a previously discussed examination of the town ordinance on winter sidewalk maintenance with the results of a storm water study of Lake Shore Drive just completed by Commonwealth Engineers as noted by Schoeff. Commonwealth will present details of those results to the council then, it was explained.

A Feb. 25 workshop was scheduled for the Hamster Group, owners of CVS Pharmacy in Culver, for them to discuss specifics of their hopes to add a drive-through window to their existing Ohio Street store.

Council members agreed they hoped to attend a meeting of the committee in charge of the new Culver visitor's center in the near future, after Schoeff suggested some companies could be scheduled to make presentations regarding various software and "apps" to enhance the center's mission.

Approved by council was a three-year contract between Culver's EMS and the Pulaski County EMS for Culver to provide service to Monterey and Tippecanoe Township, at \$6,000 per year.

Also approved was a \$907 agreement with Anco of Plymouth to service the town's photocopier.

Appointed by council was Mike Stallings to Culver's tree commission (the only letter of interest the council received, it was noted), and Rich West to the Culver Redevelopment Commission. During the meeting, Mark Damore Jr. volunteered to be the second appointment to the CRC, and was approved by council.

Munroe, as council president, reappointed Barry McManuay to the Culver plan commission.

On behalf of acting plan commission president Ralph Winters, Heim reported the commission had reorganized at its Jan. 21 meeting, with Pete Peterson voted vice president, Margaret Dehne secretary, and Winters continuing as president in spite of having resigned, since no one else stepped forward.

The commission is working on fair restrictions on privately owned windmills, he said, and hopes to have its final vote at its Feb. 18 meeting.

Audience member Kathy Clark, of the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council, reported the LMEC will hold a "Naturepalooza" Saturday, May 10, at the town park, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. a "bird walk" will take place, and a live eagle will be on hand, besides local student-produced rain barrels, a demonstration from Culver Grown, Inc., and raffles and other activities.



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Culver falls to LaVille 79-64

By James Costello
Sports Editor



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Culver Community's Everett Krueger looks to pass from the wing during a game with LaVille last Friday night.

CULVER — LaVille's Lancers earned a convincing 79-64 road win at Culver Friday, which put them on a three-game win streak, playing maturely and with confidence.

The Lancers collected 40 charity tosses — all but two coming in the second half — converting 30 of them. The home team, by contrast, finished 2-of-7 from the stripe. Culver was whistled for 29 fouls, while LaVille was called for only 14 for the game.

"No doubt, free throws were the difference in the ball game," said Culver head coach Kyle Elliott. "To their credit they've got two kids that handle the ball very well and shoot free throws very well. That was the outcome of the game. A team shoots 40 free throws and you shoot seven, you're not going to win the game, that's for sure. Whether you agree with the calls or not, the bottom line was they shot 40 and we shot seven."

The game was nip-tuck early, but the Lancers used an 11-0 run — beginning and ending with Blake Berger triples — spanning from the 1:21 stop of the first frame to the 6:21 mark of the second period to grab a double-digit, 28-17 lead. That run put the visitors in the driver's seat for good.

The Lancers stretched their lead out to 20 with a 9-2 spurt midway through the fourth. The good news for Culver, which has struggled over the past few outings to close out games, was the Cavaliers performed admirably down the stretch, whittling LaVille's lead down to 10 on Trent Elliott's pull-up triple from the wing with 1:16 left to play. But chasing a disciplined Edison team down the stretch proved to be too much for the home team, and the Cavs suffered their third loss in the last four-game span.

"They're able to spread you out and initiate contact and do different things to get themselves to the free throw line," said Kyle Elliott. "They executed their game plan perfectly, to their credit."

"They're a patient team. They don't put up poor shots — they have very good shot selection, and they defend well and board well."

LaVille was powered to its highest points production of the season by Berger's career-high 39 points. The junior guard and lone starting holdover from last season converted 17-of-20 free throws and scored equally well off the drive and the outside shot, and the Cavaliers simply couldn't find an answer for him.

Culver was led by Trent Elliott's 19 points, while Jacoda Anderson scored 13 — 11 in the first half before the Lancers put the clamps on him and he sat out extended stretches after taking a spill on his surgically-repaired knee at the 3:55 mark of the third period. Jordan Sanders finished with nine, while Preston Hansel put up six points with four steals and five assists.

"We had a lot of kids step up. I thought Alex Graham and Jordan Sanders did some very nice things," said Culver's boss. "Preston Hansel was banging around inside. Trent and Jacoda saw a lot of double teams, and Jacoda, especially early, gave us a big boost. But they adjust defensively. Sixty-four points, that's enough to win a game, but 79, you're not going to win many games giving that up."

LaVille moves a game over .500 at 6-5 on the season, while Culver slips to 8-4.
• LaVILLE 79, CULVER 64
At Culver

Cavaliers hold off Bobcats, 45-38

By Dee Grenert
Staff Writer

HAMLET — Culver Community's boys basketball team encountered a good news-bad news situation Wednesday.

First, the good news for the Cavs — a 45-38 victory over host Oregon-Davis at The Den following an eight-day weather-induced layoff for both squads.

The bad news, though, cropped up when the crunch-time turnover woes that led to three losses in the Cavs' previous four games resurfaced, reducing a 16-point Culver cushion midway through the fourth frame to the seven-point final margin.

"We didn't execute down the stretch," Culver head coach Kyle Elliott said. "We built a nice lead in the fourth quarter. We called a timeout to talk about how we needed to zero in defensively, focus, and we've got to take care of the basketball. Instead we probably had four turnovers late in the game after we'd talked about taking care of the basketball. That's disappointing."

"We're always happy for a win," he added. "But it's definitely time for us to make better decisions with the basketball. Turnovers late in the game have plagued us in two close conference losses."

Culver senior forward Trent Elliott tied for game-high scoring honors with 13 points and raked in a game-leading nine caroms. His opening-possession triple from the right wing touched off a transition-sparked 14-2 first-quarter stretch that threatened to turn the contest into a rout. However, the Cavs' high-scoring four-year starter attempted just eight field goals the entire evening.

"There was no flow to the offense," the Culver skipper said. "We weren't getting ball reversals, our cuts were a step slow. The layoff had something to do with that, but we still should have had the desire and passion to see us through."

Sophomore guard Everett Krueger chipped in nine points and five assists for the Cavs, while senior post Jacoda Anderson added nine points, five rebounds, and four assists.

Culver reserve guard Alex Graham's trey off a dish from Krueger put Culver up 23-5 with 3:37 left in the first half, but OD's patient offense dictated the tempo for the rest of the evening.

"Oregon-Davis was deliberate at the offensive end, and they have some solid players," Kyle Elliott, whose team led 24-12 at

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Sports briefs

Girls basketball

CGA falls short in OT

Culver Girls Academy scored just one point in overtime to fall 62-58 to visiting Mishawaka Marian in OT Wednesday.

Helen Weinburg finished with 19, and Marie Steiner scored 17 for the Lady Eagles in the nip-tuck contest.

Marian was paced by Savanna Dennig's and Anna Barnard's 13 apiece, and Erin Guzicki's 11.

• MISHAWAKA MARIAN 62, CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 58, OT at Culver

Boys swimming

CMA tops Adams

Culver Military's boys swim team handed visiting Adams a 112-67 defeat Thursday night.

The Eagles won nine total events and went one-two in five races, including the 400 freestyle relay en route to

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Speaker tells students to 'trust your gut' when dealing with online issues

By Jan Garrison, Culver Academies

Before you send a text, post a photo, tweet, or write a status update online, attorney C.L. Lindsay warns students to think "Would I do that offline?" If you wouldn't do in the real world, you shouldn't do it online either, he told Culver Academies students at an assembly last month at Eppley Auditorium.

Lindsay is the founder of the Coalition for Student & Academic Rights (CO-STAR), a national student rights organization that helps thousands of college students with their legal problems, free of charge, every year. He is the author of the College Student's Guide to the Law.

Lindsay's advice was very basic: If it is illegal offline, it is illegal online. If you wouldn't do it offline, don't do it online. And, if you do something stupid, don't post photos of it online.

Downloading music and movies without paying for them is illegal. It is similar to walking into a store and "stuffing a DVD down your pants."

Buying term papers online is plagiarism and you will either get caught because "there is no such thing as a custom paper" or the company selling the paper will take advantage of you because you can't complain about plagiarizing someone else's work and risk getting kicked out of school.

Most professors and colleges have safeguards now to halt plagiarism, including checking the paper against others in a special database that include papers going back as far as 1975.

Sexing can cause major problems, especially when one person is over 18 and the other is not. An 18-year-old boy

in Muncie, Ind., must now register as a sex offender for the rest of his life because he had naked photos of his 15-year-old girlfriend on his phone.

Lindsay said don't think Snapchat is the answer, either. There are currently 30 programs that have already found a way around the app and more will be coming. Yet 65 percent of teens surveyed say they have sent online photos to a person they have never met.

Freedom of Speech has been used as a defense in online bullying, stalking, or harassment, but if there is a "reasonable fear of harm" in the victim's mind, action can be taken. Lindsay said people receiving threatening messages should keep them to show to the police or campus authorities. "Don't respond," he said, "document. If there is a hint of a threat, contact law enforcement."

When it comes to handling school disciplinary issues, Lindsay said most students believe that schools follow the same standard of proof as criminal or civil courts. However, schools have a much lower standard. That standard is "more likely than not" that the student committed the offense. He explained that equates to just 51 percent. He



C.L. Lindsay gave Culver Academies students very basic advice for dealing with online issues.

PHOTO/JAN GARRISON, CULVER ACADEMIES

said all students should read the student handbook so they know what the standards are.

Lindsay said high school and college students also must watch what they post on social media. Privacy settings should be on the highest level. There should be no photos of you breaking a rule or the law. Don't join any "stupid groups." And check your friends' pages to see if they have any compromising photos that include you.

The simple fact is that 44 percent of all employers do online searches of prospective employees; 75 percent of recruiting services do online checks; and 31 percent of college admissions offices do online checks (and they find negative details on 30 percent of the applicants), he said.

That is why students should choose their user names carefully, eliminate any compromising photos, and watch their opinions on politics, religion, and employers. And, remember, once it is online, it is out in cyberspace "forever," he said.

"Trust your gut," Lindsay said. "You're smarter than you think."

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CGA scrambles in loss to Gary

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LEFT: Gary West Side's Ashley Danzy scrambles for the basketball in a 70-32 visitor win over Culver Girls Academy last Saturday evening.

Immediately behind Danzy is CGA's Kingsley Cortes and CGA's Victoria Christlieb. To the right of Christlieb's is GW's Tinon Hunter.

To the far left in the picture is Deja Joshua and in the photo's very far right is Amari Ferguson.

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Two former Academies runners honored by Ivy League

By Jan Garrison, Culver Academies

Two former Culver Academies cross country runners received Academic All-Ivy honors for the fall season. Alejandro Arroyo Yamin, class of 2010, Princeton University, and Waverly Neer '11, Columbia University, were nominated by their respective schools.

A senior at Princeton, Yamin is majoring in architecture. He was named to All-Ivy second team after placing 12th at Ivy League Heptagonal Championships; earned cross country coaches association All-Region honors thanks to a seventh-place finish at NCAA Regionals; and finished 73rd at the NCAA Championship.

Neer is a junior at Columbia majoring in anthropology. She was the runner-up at the Ivy League Heptagonal Championships and took fourth place at the NCAA Northeast Regionals to earn a spot in the NCAA Championships.

To be recognized, a student-athlete must be on an officially recognized varsity team and carry a 3.0 or better cumulative grade-point average. Each Ivy League institution was allowed to nominate five men and women from its eligible student-athletes.

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the intermission, said. "We weren't trying to dictate much defensively. They were making cuts and getting easy reversals, but at halftime they only had 12 points, and you can't be overly disappointed in that. We challenged the kids at halftime to really get after it defensively in the second half, and we didn't."

Junior forward Blake Hurford finished with 13 points, five rebounds, and three steals to lead the Cats. Cameron Clark tacked on 10 points for OD, while Carl Schnekenburger pulled down a team-best seven rebounds, and Zach Johnston handed out four assists.

However, Culver, which yanked down 11 offensive rebounds, out-boarded the Cats, 28-19.

"With the lack of practice for both teams I thought if we just contest every shot, block out and rebound we'd be right there at the end of the game," OD head coach Dean Foster said. "(Culver) just killed us on putbacks."

Culver hosts Northern State Conference foe LaVille on Friday. OD heads to South Bend Trinity on Friday.

• CULVER COMMUNITY 45,
OREGON-DAVIS 38
At Hamlet



PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO

CMA's Trevino wins

LEFT: CMA's Noah Trevino fights the hands of Plymouth's Nolan Wright in the 138-pound championship match at Saturday's Plymouth Wrestling Sectional.

Trevino won the championship via 3-1 decision. Teammates David Zajac and Edmond Hogan also won titles at 152 and 160 for the Eagles.

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the win.

Nolan Kolden earned top honors in the backstroke and the 200 medley relay, Ian Bardwell was tops in the medley relay and butterfly, and Grant Ralston was first in both the 100 free and the 400 free relay.

• CULVER MILITARY 112, S.B. ADAMS 67
at Culver

Girls swimming Eagles fall to Adams

Culver Girls Academy suffered a 97-83 defeat at the hands of South Bend Adams at home at the Academies Thursday night.

CGA's top finishes were put in by Eberle Miller in the 200 free, 100 back and 400 free relay, and Josephine Schott in the 500 free and 400 free relay. Rory Byrne and Jaclyn Schutjer earned top finishes in the 400 free relay with Miller and Schott.

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Online game ignites CCHS students' interest in stock market

By Sam Mellott-Shoffstall

"I don't understand the concept of learning this subject when I won't use it in real life."

Students often question the school's curriculum; however, Culver Comm. High School teacher Theresa Jacobson is overcoming this reluctance by incorporating a virtual online stock market game. The game started in November and ran through the second week of December.

Students received virtual money to invest in stocks on the AMEX, NASDAQ and NYSE stock exchange. To make the game more realistic, students also received a five dollar com-

mission for selling stock. Students were allowed to purchase any stock of choice over five dollars as well. Some of the different stocks purchased were major department stores, technology companies and even oil companies, depending on the students' preferences. Students were allowed to monitor their stocks throughout the day, but the stock market closed at 4 p.m. just as in the real world.

Students learn in different ways, so incorporating the technology and a real world situation makes students more interested. "I wanted to get the students involved in learning as they are our future. What the students learn today they will

use later in life. Teaching the students about money now, will hopefully make them better investors later," said Jacobson.

Jacobson is not the only one using the virtual stock market to help students understand how the economy works. Teacher Deb Scott has also incorporated the concept in her business math class.

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