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## Hockey history, made again

ABOVE, LEFT: Members of the Varsity A hockey team raise the Class 5A state championship trophy after defeating Columbus, 6-3.

## Cavs take the sectional

ABOVE, RIGHT: As practically all of Culver Community High School celebrated the Cavs' sectional victory Saturday night, pictured above is a moment to remember for local fans and a local family: CCHS basketball coach (and himself a former successful CCHS player) Kyle Elliott (back to the camera) embraces son Trent, a senior who has racked up a remarkable number of points during his high school career. Visible at left is assistant principal Brett Berndt.

## In Brief

### Blood drive Thursday

There will be an American Red Cross blood drive from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Thursday, March 14, at Culver Academies in the gymnasium, located at 1300 Academy Road in Culver. To schedule an appointment to donate please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) for more information.

### VFW dinner Friday

Culver's VFW Ladies Auxiliary will serve corned beef and cabbage Friday, March 14 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Fish and open menu will also be available.

### Community meal at Grace Saturday

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Saturday, March 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.

### Live music Sat. night

The band Money Shot will perform live at the Lakehouse Grille, 620 E. Lake Shore Dr., during its second annual St. Patrick's Day party Saturday, March 15, starting at 9 p.m.

### "Bald Eagles in Indiana" program at CUTPL Monday

Marcia Caine, a local bald eagle enthusiast, will be at Culver Public Library to speak about bald eagles in Indiana Monday, March 17 at 6 p.m. in the large meeting room. For more information, please contact Laura Jones at 574-842-2941 or [ljones@culver.lib.in.us](mailto:ljones@culver.lib.in.us).

### Little League registration dates

Culver Little League registration will be held at the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library on the following dates: Saturday, March 15 (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.); Thursday, March 20

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## Culver area's Norris recalls WW2 service with WAC

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

It's believed there are just two surviving World War II veterans in the Culver area today, and it might surprise some to learn that one is a woman.

Lida Norris, a 1936 graduate of Culver High School, didn't serve, as some assume when they learn of her status as a veteran, as a Red Cross nurse or the like. Instead, she was one of over 150,000 American women who served in the Women's Army Corps (WAC) during the war, they being among the first (besides to serve the ranks of the United States Army (for cord, Culver WWII vet is survivor Jim DeWitt).



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Norris, whose maiden name was Cowen, actually grew up on a dairy farm in Green Township, just outside Union Township. In those days (much as come the case of Indiana in the years), students choose which they attended, as long as they were able to attend high school there, Lida took advantage of the free bus service to Culver, which was rumored to have started because the township trustee's daughter wanted to attend CHS but needed transportation!

"Anyone who lived west of Muckshaw Road could get to Culver using the free bus service," she recalls, adding she's not aware of any of her class of '36 classmates who are still living.

After graduation, she started secretarial work at Culver Military Academy's headmaster's office, later moving to employment at the State Exchange Bank where the venerable W.O. Osborn held court.

Lida Norris' adventures began See Norris page 2

### Early days on the farm: Norris looks back on a childhood in slower-paced days

Besides her unusual perspective on World War II, Lida Cowen (Thompson) Norris was also eyewitness to a bygone era in Culver history. Her earliest memories dating back more than 90 years, she recalls a childhood of a much slower pace than today, absent electricity or even, in the early years, automobiles.

One of eight children (seven were girls), Lida Norris remembers making hay on the family farm just over the Union Twp. line in Green Twp., and especially recalls "re-planting" corn by hand, corn kernels in their pockets and eyes on the ground walking the field to see where corn stalks should have grown, but didn't.

"We did it with a hoe," she says. "We were farm kids and we did farm work."

"Going to town" meant a trip to Argos, which in those days had several grocery stores and was a bustling village.

"We had dairy cows and we sold cream; we separated the milk after each milking," she explains. "There had been concerts on Tuesday night in Argos. If the cream can was full, we could go to the concert."

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## Sectional basketball, state hockey wins make for big Culver sports weekend

### CMA captures fourth straight hockey title

By Jan Garrison  
Culver Academies

The Culver Military Varsity A hockey team won its fourth straight Class 5A state championship Saturday in Fort Wayne, beating the Columbus Icemen, 6-3. It was the 24th state title in the CMA hockey program's history.

A replay of the game and highlights are available for a limited time on High School Cube. Fans can type Fort Wayne High School Hockey in the find an event box.

Jonathan Irving '15 (New Westminster, British Columbia) scored two goals and assisted on another score to lead the Eagles. Matt Moody '14 (Spring, Texas) provided the primary assist on each of Irving's goals, plus added an empty net tally with 1:37 remaining to seal the victory.

Riley Tigrett '15 (Pittsburgh, Pa.) and Dante Badalich '15 (Plymouth, Ind.) scored CMA's other two goals. Carter Radovan '14 (Park City, Utah) and Chris Neu '15 (Mokena, Ill.) assisted on Badalich's second period goal.

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### Culver downs Argos for sectional title

By Kyle Hilliard  
Correspondent

CULVER — The Culver Community Cavaliers won their third sectional championship in school history and first since 2008, as they defeated the Argos Dragons 56-49 in a hard-fought battle Saturday.

Culver had previously won in 1985 and 2008 and will now be moving on to the Triton regional and will play the 10:30 a.m. game. When asked how it feels to be Sectional 51 Champions, Culver coach Kyle Elliott had this to say.

"Unbelievable. It's just a great group of kids that work extremely hard. The perseverance in tonight's game was just a good example of how the season has been. We've had some rough losses as the season has winded down. We just banded together and found a way to get it done."

Culver started the game with a six-point lead after one quarter 13-7. With 2:44 remaining in the second quarter, Culver had extended that lead to 26-14. Then Culver sophomore Everett

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## Filming of winter fun aims at new Culver commercials

Culver area viewers may have to wait a while to see their friends and neighbors on the new winter commercial promoting Culver — eight or nine months, to be exact.

The Culver Redevelopment Commission brought WSBT's commercial production manager Zane Torrence and cameraman Gary Banks to town the last month (on the Friday before Winter Fest), and they s an enjoyable day shooting some planned shots as well as additional work they got into once they saw the many things going on around town.

The first shooting took place through the large fish tank at Culver Coffee Company, towards the fireplace with well-known local couple Jean E. and J.B. Overmyer smooching and giggling in front of the fire.

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ABOVE: A WSBT camera crew films bird watchers in the Indian Trails last month.

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## Culver author releases 'Leprechauns of Union Township'

In time for St. Patrick's Day, Culver author Jim Walsh has released both "e-book" and print editions of a book collecting his leprechaun-themed stories of Union Township, "The Leprechauns of Union Township."

### THE LEPRECHAUNS OF UNION TOWNSHIP



Stories by James F. Walsh  
Illustrations by James Schoonover

The stories, written over the course of several years for his grandchildren (and occasionally printed in the pages of The Culver Citizen in years past), are whimsical fantasies based around the notion of some of the Irish fairies having traveled to the rural Culver area, where they interact (usually mischievously) with a cast of fic-

tional characters and situations.

"When a descendant of Irish immigrants to America," says the online book description, "relocated from a bustling city to the quiet back acres of an Indianan rural township in Marshal County where there were hills, valleys and eskars formed in ancient times by mile high ice, as if in Ireland, the wonderful power of Celtic imagination was actuated. There were leprechauns everywhere!"

Local artist James Schoonover illustrated the book, which contains six stories: "Union Township's Historical Site," "Union Township's Gold," "One Baseball Glove," "The Treasury of Unused Spells," "A Leprechaun Castle," "The Leprechaun on the Hill."

The book is available on Amazon.com.

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after she'd taken a job she didn't really enjoy in South Bend and her boyfriend at the time, who had been drafted into the military, asked her to bring his car to him in Texas, something she was all too happy to do as an alternative to her work at the time.

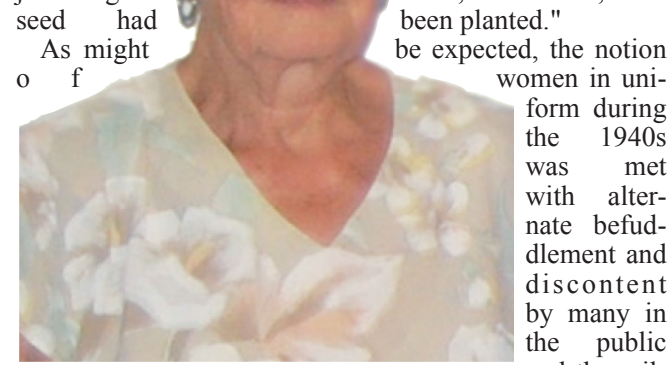
That was in 1941, that time of infamy in US history ("I remember Pearl Harbor Sunday," she notes. "I actually sensed my world falling down around my ears; I knew we'd be at war.")

While in Texas, Norris met a girl who wanted to go to Houston; young Norris wound up working at a Shell refinery there, making \$30 per week at bookkeeping, to the \$55 per month she'd been making in the Hoosier state for the same work.

In 1943, Norris returned to Indiana to care for her ill mother ("I was conscience-stricken (as the only one in the family who was not yet married)"). Her mother recovered quickly, but Norris found herself in Indiana in January and "freezing to death."

With no desire to go back to Texas but a hankering for warmer climates, Norris recalled a training base in Georgia for the

Women's Army Corps new to Lida Cowen. Several friends had when it was first introduced in the spring of 1942, though she herself "had absolutely no interest whatsoever" in "But," she adds, "the seed had been planted."



ABOVE: Lida Norris in 2008.

As might be expected, the notion of women in uniform during the 1940s was met with alternate befuddlement and discontent by many in the public and the military as well.

The contributions of women, however, were desperately needed in supporting the massive war effort.

"The media was not kind to us, either," says Norris of reaction to the WACs. "What female would join the service except for one thing in mind?"

But little of that was on her mind as she headed south to Georgia. Her wishes for warmth, however, were thwarted when Norris was stationed at Ft. Ogelthorpe, which she said was "just like Indiana -- I was frozen to death!" There she trained at the Woman's Army Corp Administration School.

Eventually Norris was sent to an overseas outfit at Ft. Devens, Massachusetts, from which she traveled in a major ship convoy to England (due to the ongoing German U-boat attacks in the Atlantic). In Britain, she was one of

over 200 women assigned to the 2nd Air Division of the 8th Air Force, which was flying B-24 bombers in missions over Germany. Norris herself worked in the Statistical Control Section, tracking current flight missions and helping schedule the next day's missions.

"Every night each of the 16 bases would send in the number of planes and crews available," she explains. "We would teletype that and send it to London, and they would send back how many they expected to send on bombing runs that day."

"Every Saturday morning we had our parades," she recalls. "We had to learn to march and salute. We could not have our hair touching the collar of our shirts."

"One Saturday morning at inspection, the officers were walking our line and we were all straight and proper, and one of the girls said (to an inspecting offi-

cer), 'Ma'am, your hair is on your collar!'"

Norris adds that women in the WAC "never even saw men -- we were in our own corner. You hear so much about girls being raped (in the military today). But we were entirely women, so no men were involved."

The main roles for women in the WAC were secretarial, though Norris says she's "sure the men weren't happy to see us coming. They put a lot of (men formerly handling secretarial work) at the war front. That was difficult to live with. The B-24s had crews of 10 that so often didn't come back. One day we had 10 planes (not return), so that's 100 men who didn't come back."

Stationed 80 miles from London, Norris and her fellow WACs heard German V-1 bombers going over.

"There were trenches outside (our base) that we were trained to jump into," she says. "When that (airplane) engine quit, you wanted to get into those!"

On days off, many WACs would visit London, which Norris recalls was rife with bomb warnings.

"You usually slept in a bottom room somewhere," she notes. "They really pelted London (with bombs)."

She recalls June 6, 1944 -- "D-Day" -- vividly.

"The sky was black with planes to bomb the European beach, both the B-17s and B-24s. They had a sound all their own. And of course we were right across the fence from one of the bases where they were revving up the planes all the time."

Norris remembers one of two boys from Argos, who had been next to one another that fateful day at Normandy, being killed on D-Day, though not the one she knew personally.

She also remembers "quite a celebration" at the end of the war.

"I remember the (popular song of the day), 'Sentimental Journey' so poignantly. All these thousands of GI's were waiting for this sentimental journey home. I remember how fitting it was."

From the time she volunteered to serve, Lida Norris (then Cowen) didn't come home until October of 1945. She recalls the understandable surge of military personnel ready to come home at the war's end, and the point system put into place by the military in order to make the return more orderly.

"Luckily I wasn't homesick. I had been gone for so long, but homesickness is a terrible feeling."

She repeats emphatically that, even after her return stateside, "the media was not kind to us (WACs)."

And people instantly presume she would have served the war effort as a nurse, which of course was certainly quite common during the war.

Perceptions of the day aside, Lida Norris is clearly proud she was able to serve, and she says of her fellow members of the WAC, "There's a camaraderie there that you don't find anywhere else."

The 2nd Air Division held conventions and reunions every year, including several return trips to England. But last year, Norris says wistfully, was the last. There are two few left. One of those gone was her bunkmate, originally from Memphis, Tenn., with whom she kept close contact through the years.

"But she's no longer living," adds Norris quietly.

One powerful memory for Norris was the dances held on any given base which had flown its 30 missions, one of the few interactions WACs had with male military personnel. There she met her first husband, Carroll Thompson, a native of Kansas who completed his 30 B-24 missions in 1944.

The two were married at Thanksgiving, 1945.

Initially the couple lived in Kansas, though every year after the wheat harvest was in, they'd come to Indiana to visit. In 1948, they bought a house on 18B Road that had just gone up for sale, and Norris found herself back in the Culver-Argos area in 1949, assisting her husband in establishing a dairy farm.

The Thompsons had five children in all, two of whom were boys (the eldest became a flight instructor, though he died in a crash in 1972 when his plane caught fire).

In early 1974, Carroll Thompson died from sleep apnea, something his wife Lida only came to understand more fully after his passing.

Twelve years later, she married Dave Norris, a widower whom she had date in high school. The two had attended church together at Polar Grove, now a United Methodist church on State Road 10.

The Norris family dates back to their 1836-37 arrival here from Vermont, with the family noted in the past for the Maple Grove hotel they operated off the southeast shore of Lake Maxinkuckee, as well as Everett Norris' early 20th century-launched apple orchard off the east shore (Everett was Dave Norris' father). Dave Norris passed away in 2011.

Lida, a longtime member of the Argos American Legion and frequent face in Culver, continues to serve, though


perhaps there's a tad less adventure in so doing today.

She was honored in 2013 by Operation Quiet Comfort, the non-profit organization which honors and serves American military personnel ill or injured during their service, an organization to which she lends her talents. She also continues to serve the pioneer-era church of her own ancestors as well.

The WAC, which in 1978 merged into the general branches of the military and is no more, remains all too unknown to the general populace.

"There are few of us left to advocate (for WAC)," she notes, though here in the Culver area, there is Lida Norris and her story.






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## Obituaries

### Charles R. Kelsey

March 21, 1915 - Friday, Feb. 28, 2014

MONTEREY — Charles R. Kelsey, 98, of Monterey passed away peacefully on Friday, Feb. 28, 2014 in his son's home in Apalachicola, Fla. The son of Dr. Arthur and Augusta (Keitzer) Kelsey, he was born in Monterey, on March 21, 1915. He married Mary Helen Kennerk in Fort Wayne on Jan. 6, 1940. She preceded him in death July 6, 1989.

Charles was a graduate of Monterey High School and earned a degree in forestry from The University of Michigan. He had a strong passion for the outdoors and agriculture, serving on several agricultural boards in Monterey and Pulaski County. He was also a long standing member of the First National Bank of Monterey Board of Directors, serving over 60 years. An avid traveler, Charles enjoyed sharing stories of his adventures. He was wealth of knowledge of the people and development of the town of Monterey. He appreciated an audience when recalling historical facts and details of Monterey and surrounding areas.

He is survived by his children; Kathleen (James) Hastings, Rapid City, S.D.; Michael (Liz), Apalachicola, Fla.; Arthur (Joyce), Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Robert (Kathy), Monterey; Martha (David) Shouldis, Seymour, Conn.; David (Pat), Lake Lotawana, Mo.; Terrance (Kathy), Culver; 19 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Roberta (Bill) Thomas, Phoenix, Ariz.; and one sister-in-law, Vieve Kelsey, Chandler, Ariz.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Bernard, William H., Paul,

Lawrence, and Edward; sisters Martha, Mary Richter, Catherine Hiland, and Ruth Kleykamp.

A Celebration of Life will be held May 25, 2014 in Monterey. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in his name to Public Television Michiana, INC, 2405 Division St., Mishawaka, IN 46546, or Habitat for Humanity International, 121 Habitat St., Americus, GA 31709.

## Childhood from page 1

Norris was born at Rutland and remembers accompanying her father in the horse-drawn wagon to a livestock place on the north side of the railroad at Rutland, where the trains would pick up the livestock. She also recalls the family's first Model T Ford automobile.

"With eight kids, we really piled in there."

Electricity wasn't part of the family's life until well into the 1930s. In earlier years, the youngsters had to substitute for the windmill which didn't work on hot, humid summer days to pump water for the livestock.

"It was hot and miserable," says Norris. "Each one of us would pump so many strokes."

And while the days of Norris' youth were the days of the ice box, when tons of ice were harvested off Lake Maxinkuckee each winter, the Cowen family didn't even own an ice box.

"We were not that close to the lake," she points out, alluding to the fact that the family farm was outside the boundaries of regular ice delivery routes.

People closer to her childhood home, however, harvest-

## Letter to the editor

### A poem in praise of Miller's

There is a place called MILLER'S  
Not so very far away  
Where people stop to visit  
Or some might stop to stay

You can stay for a very short time  
Or maybe quite a spell  
If you're feeling bad or ailing  
They'll try to make you well

They'll have both bed and breakfast  
Serve lunch and dinner too  
They cook and clean and wash your clothes  
With nothing you need to do

There's a place to get your nails done  
Or a shower and shampoo  
There are several church services  
And exercises and other things to do

Monday night there's popcorn  
A very special treat  
And Saturday's coffee and donuts  
The fellowship can't be beat

There's a lady named Sharon  
Who plays piano and sings  
The music is both "young" and "old"  
What happiness she brings

There are holidays and special days  
For all to celebrate  
Balloons and cake for everyone  
On all their special date

There are books and games  
For all to share  
Or in the summertime, there is the yard

Of course there are  
The nurses and the aides  
To help you with your cares  
Of the day

And doctors come to visit you  
To send your worries away  
And then those pills keep coming  
To keep your ills at bay

Your family and friends  
Can come to visit  
And even have lunch  
I know you'll like this place  
Called Miller's  
I do -- a bunch!

**Chuckie Strang  
Miller's Merry Manor  
Culver**

## Hockey from page 1

Columbus scored the only goal in the first period. CMA took a 3-2 lead after the second period, only to see Columbus tie the game early in the third. But the Eagles closed out the game with three unanswered goals to seal the win and title.

Jack Slifer '14 (Parkville, Mo.) was the winning goalie, stopping 24 of Columbus' 27 shots on goal. The Eagles recorded 45 shots.

CULVER MILITARY ACADEMY 6, COLUMBUS 3  
at Fort Wayne, Ind.

FIRST PERIOD

C — Andrew Schwartz (Austin Huffer, Cameron Wiederhoeft) 0:08.

SECOND PERIOD

CMA — Riley Tigrett (Jonathan Irving) 14:00.

CMA — Dante Badalich (Carter Radovan, Chris Neu) 7:55.

C — Huffer 7:43.

CMA — Colin Dean 7:15.

THIRD PERIOD

C — Ryan Cesarski (penalty shot) 10:42.

CMA — Irving (Matt Moody) 9:54.

CMA — Irving (Moody) 3:54.

CMA — Moody (empty net) 1:37.

Saves (goalkeeper): Culver Military 24 (Jack Slifer), Columbus 39 (Braden Phelps).

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(5 to 7 p.m.); amd Saturday, March 22 (noon to 3 p.m.). Registration is for boys and girls co-ed t-ball and pitching machine, boys baseball, and girls softball. Those with questions may contact Donna McKee at 574-216-6180, Crystal Keller at 574-216-0771, or Bill Moise at 574-225-0638.

### Community meal at St. Mary's March 30

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

### Free computer classes at CUTPL

Culver-Union Township Public Library is offering free technology classes in March, Mondays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. Classes include: Windows 8 Help (March 3 and 7), Mobile Devices (March 14), and Technology Training (March 17, 21, 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.

### CUTPL Celebrates One Book, One County

During the month of April, the Culver-Union Township Public Library will celebrate "One Book, One County," a county-wide program encouraging the community to read and discuss the same book. Marshall County's 2014 selection for "One Book, One County" is "Orphan Train" by Christina Baker Kline. Stop by the library to pick up a reading guide and a book. CUTPL will host a book discussion led by Reference/Adult Services Librarian Laura Jones on Saturday, April 19 at 1:30 p.m. in the small meeting room. This program is free and open to the public.

### Free rides to income tax return filing assistance

The Culver-Union Township Public Library will host IRS certified Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers, who will offer free tax return filing appointments Wednesdays through April 9. Appointments will be one hour long. Please stop by the circulation desk or call the library at 574-842-2941. On each Wednesday that taxes will be prepared, the Marshall County Community Cab will be providing free transportation to the library for the

tax preparation. To schedule a (free) ride, patrons should call 574-936-9904.

### Report water 'trickling' to prevent pipe freeze for bill adjustment

With the frost level in the area reaching over three feet in depth and a thick snow cover, the town of Culver is asking that all water utility users open a faucet to trickle water to avoid frozen pipes. Those planning to leave their faucet trickling are asked to contact the Town Hall at 574-842-3140 so the town can document for any potential adjustments in water bills. The date range for adjustments has been set as Feb. 12 through March 19, though the latter date could be extended as needed. If you discover frozen pipes, please contact Town Hall so we can document those as well. If you have any questions, please contact Town Hall at 574-842-3140.

### CRC offers match to local donors' STEM dollars

The Culver Redevelopment Commission is offering to match any local individual, organization, or entity wishing to support Culver Community Schools' efforts to facilitate the new STEM-based program to better meet nationwide standards in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math, no matter how small the financial contribution, until they reach a total of \$10,000. Expenses may include new computers, software, or other equipment needed in support of implementing Project Lead the Way's program, which are not covered by grant funds. For more information, or to set up a donation, contact Kathy Clark or the CRC at 574-952-2963 or k.clark6094@sbcglobal.net.

### Friends seeking youth books

The Friends of the Culver Public Library will hold a book sale in April and are in need of children's and young adult books to help with the sale's success. Please check your bookcase and drop off at the lower level of Culver-Union Twp Public Library.

### Wesley seeks nursery worker

met in the old hewn-log combination church and school. Sometime prior to the 1880s, today's wood frame church was built and later (in 1891) moved to its present location.

In a 2008 interview with The Culver Citizen regarding the church's fund-raising efforts to restore its antique stained glass windows, Norris recalled headier days of busy activity amongst the church's women's group, including quilting (for a penny a yard), chicken supper fundraisers (a quarter a supper in the 1930s), ice cream socials with homemade dessert, and mincemeat pie sales.

Church services for many years took place Sunday nights to accommodate pastors whose home churches required their presence on Sunday mornings. Lighting, then, became a concern.

"We had no electricity then, but we had an engine in the basement (that) supplied our lights. Every now and then it would quit. Somebody would have to go start the engine again so we could have lights! Electricity came in 1938."

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

### 'Catholicism, Coffee, & Current Events'

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## If these walls could talk: 640 Lake Shore Drive

By Jeff Kenney

One of the longest-lived contractors in Culver resides at the site of the next stop in our ongoing journey through the historic buildings of Culver. Bennett's Plumbing and Heating, of course, has long resided at 640 Lake Shore Drive -- at the corner of today's Lake Shore Drive and Liberty Street -- though it wasn't always so.

In fact, for around half its commercial life, the space today occupied by Bennett's was home to two separate store fronts.

In the early 20th century, Sanborn Fire Maps show both sites as empty lots. By 1922, an unnamed store occupied the western-most space, though info in the March 19, 1947 Culver Citizen notes that "Clyde Shively is tearing down his building next to the express office and plans to replace it with a cement block building with a brick front for his Specialty Shop business."

As we explored in our last entry in this series, Shively's building occupied the space which is today home to the Culver Coffee Company, so it's reasonable to assume the building next door -- the site of today's 640 Lake Shore -- was home to the railway express agency.

It's interesting to note that, in the summer of 1967, the Culver Chamber of Commerce opened an office in the building, which by then was owned by Jack and Catherine Kowatch. According to the notice in The Culver Citizen, committee meetings were held and -- in much the same manner as is being proposed for the new Culver visitor's center in downtown Culver this spring -- "tourist information and pamphlets are also available."

Chamber president Dr. Joseph D. Howard said volunteer staffing was planned at the office during the summer months, though it seems likely that paradigm didn't work so well (which could lead us into hope that funding for staffing could be the game-changer with regards to the current project).

Within a few years, the setup we know today -- with Bennett's expanding west into the building in question -- would take over, but more on that later.

Bearing in mind the separate store fronts which once made up today's Bennett's building, the building further east had a different life entirely. While home to an unknown store in the early 1920s, by 1926 the Lake View Bakery, operated by W. Bergmann and J. Andresen of Chicago, was located in what had been the Chas. Schweidler building.

The "Schweidler Building," noted the Culver Citizen in Oct., 1930, was then home to the Culver Clothes Shop, established by Gray Rector.

The Radio Service bulletin of September 20, 1931 -- published by the U.S. Department of Commerce -- listed the WCMA radio station of Culver at 648 Lake Shore

Drive Culver, the official street address of the building for a time.

The Culver Citizen in Aug. 1931 noted that the towers of the former Culver Military Academy radio station (which had launched in 1926) had been removed from their former home atop the campus' Recreation Building and moved to the Johnson apartments on Lake Shore Drive, where one apartment was used for the studio and offices, while another was used for transmitting equipment.

Louis Lohr was the manager of the station, which didn't last long at its Lake Shore Drive home. In November,



ABOVE: The Bennett's building at 640 Lake Shore Drive in "uptown" Culver, as pictured in a 1976 Culver Chamber of Commerce-produced promotional brochure. The present structure was built in 1965 and replaced two longtime prior storefronts.

1932, WCMA, which had broadcast local news, music, church services, and the like, aired its final broadcast. In 1934, the station's equipment was donated to the Indiana State Police.

By January, 1934, the Citizen reported that Fred Johnson was finishing work on the former Schweidler building, which he had converted into four-room, first-floor apartments. The space would be associated with the Johnson name for years after, though it was officially dubbed the Indiana Apartment Building, at least for a time. During this period, it was assigned the address of 648 Lake Shore Drive.

The following January, Charles Brandenburg of Argos moved his barber shop fixtures to the Johnson Building, where he opened a shop on the ground floor.

In March, 1938, the Citizen reported Clifford C. Waite had opened his own plumbing shop in the rear of the Schweidler Cafe, which by then had opened in the building. Waite was a longtime plumbing man in Culver who operated a shop in the southern portion of today's Cafe Max, among other endeavors (he had helped construct several of the bungalows of Liberty Street as well).

In November, 1939, The Culver Greenhouse opened a floral shop in the building, managed by Byron Studebaker,

likely known as the Uptown Shop (perhaps formalizing the 'unofficial' name for that particular business district of Culver, as opposed to the 'downtown' area several blocks southwest).

Fred Johnson, age 71, died of a heart attack in his own apartment at the building bearing his name, in August 1944, according to the Culver Citizen, though not surprisingly the space continued to be referred to as the Johnson Building for years after.

In September of the same year, Earl Heller announced the opening of a gift shop in the Johnson Building. He was referred to, in the Citizen, as having "formerly operated the Culver Beach Lodge, and...known for quality merchandise and fair treatment of his customers."

In October, 1945, Howard Doll bought the express business and building of Clyde L. Shively, who announced plans to move his specialty shop to the Johnson apartment building. Seven years later, in October, 1952, Cary and Katie Cummins purchased what by then was known as the Shively apartment building (many will remember longtime businessman and fireman Cary, and Katie, who lived to 101 and was the mother of longtime Culver Citizen correspondent Bobetta Washburn Ruhnow).

In 1961, a long-lived Culver legacy would begin when the Jack Kowatch purchased the building and opened Kowatch Painting and Decorating. Kowatch, a pillar of the Culver community most of his life, built or helped build a host of local structures, from the Lake Shore Clinic building to his daughter Sondra's first beauty salon.

Sondra Kowatch would marry another business mainstay, Leon Bennett, who of course went on to take the reins of the Kowatch business, for which he had already been working

at the time, in 1965, according to his son Trent (who returned in the past few years to Culver to share work at the business with siblings Todd and Cindy (now Carter); Trent, in a 2012 interview, noted the company's work includes carpentry and contracting as well as the plumbing and heating of its name.

The Citizen, in April, 1965, reported that "the former Cummins Apartment building, across from the Town Park, and long a Culver landmark, is being razed to make way for progress in our Town."

The progress in question, of course, was the melding of what had been two structures into the current Bennett's Plumbing and Heating, ending the life of the 648 street number along the way.

Around 1986 and 1987, Cindy Bennett Carter and Jackie Brown operated CJ's Country Clutter in a corner of the shop, and in late 1989, early 1990, Dan Shively's Whirlpool business -- mentioned in our last installment -- was added to the business.

Into its 65th year, Bennett's today is still going strong, one of the "anchors" of the bustling Culver "uptown" of yore.

## Nostalgia

### 50 years ago: March 11, 1964

Fletcher T. Strang, age 77, well-known former Culver postmaster, died March 10. Mr. Strang was born Sept. 14, 1886, in Marshall County and had resided in Culver since 1913. Mr. Strang retired from the post office in 1957.

Mr. Latham L. Lawson, Civics Teacher in the Culver High School, has been notified by TIME Magazine that Susie Gardner has been named the local winner in TIME's 25th annual Current Affairs contest, which consists of 105 questions on national and foreign affairs.

Ball Band 'Cords' Shoes now \$3.59 at the Kelly Shop on Main Street. At Culver Clothiers, cotton school pants \$2.50; sport shirts \$2; 8-pack white handkerchiefs \$1. At Quality Grocers, 109 S. Main: 8-inch Mrs. Smith's apple or peach pies, two for \$1; bacon 45 cents per pound. Cube steak, 69 cents per pound. At Park N Shop, pork chops 29

cents per pound; smoked ham 39 cents per pounds; milk, 49 cents per gallon.

### 60 years ago: March 10, 1954

Edwin W. Dybing, who came here from Cape Cod, Mass., last October to take over the management of the 84-room establishment, The Maxinkuekee Inn, today makes formal announcement of the change in name to The Culver Inn.

A new and costly Original Heidelberg Press has just been indstalled at The Culver Press.

### 70 years ago: March 8, 1944

The Culver Indians scalped the Elkhart Blazers, 34 to 33, in the Saturday afternoon game of the regional basketball tournament in the John Adams gym at South Bend. This was the first time that a Culver team, or for that matter, any representative of the Starke-Marshall County sectional has won a contest in regional play.

Mrs. Ed Cook was attacked by a muskrat while walking home at night on South Main Street and was bitten on

the hand while attempting to fend off the animal with her pocketbook.

J. W. Riggins resigned as Justice of the Peace, an office which he has held for 26 years.

### 80 years ago: March 7, 1934

Thirteen more men have been dropped from the CWA payroll of Union Township, with eight more to be dropped this Friday.

Shriff Charles Keller has served notice that the conduct at the dances at the Wayside Inn

### 90 years ago: March 5, 1924

C. W. Newman has been elected president of the Indiana Holstein Breeders Association.

### 100 years ago: March 12, 1914

The ice harvest came to an end Friday when it became a little risky for the horses. Besides filling the two big ice houses, 341 carloads have been shipped out.

Lou Swigart has closed his lunchroom in Depot place and departed from the city.

Chauncey Menser has quit the barber shop to become an amusement caterer. He has bought a half interest in the (movie) picture show.

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## CMA closes against Mishawaka Marian



CMA closed out its basketball season with a 58-53 loss to Mishawaka Marian at the Class 3A Jimtown Sectional Friday night.

Devonte Campbell scored 20, Nick Zalduendo finished with 12, and Elijah Miller scored 10 for CMA, which finishes at 12-7.

Marian was paced by Devin Cannady's game-best 26 points followed by Nick Harris' 12.

**• MISHAWAKA MARIAN**  
58, CMA 53  
At Jimtown Sectional  
CMA 16 19 32 53  
Marian 6 21 40 58  
CMA (53): Devonte Campbell 7 6-7 20, Nick Zalduendo 3 3-4 12, Elijah Miller 2 6-9 10, Eljay Murray 2 0-0 6, Lorenzo Ricks 2 1-2 5, James Van Pelt 0 0-0 0, Jake Young 0 0-0 0, Rayford Dexter El 0 0-0 0.  
TOTALS 16 16-22 53.

**MARIAN (58):** Devin Cannady 9 5-6 26, Nick Harris 5 2-4 12, Jake Whitfield 3 0-6 7, Quron Marks 0 0-0 0, Will Whitten 0 0-0 0, Ryan Schafer 3 1-2 7, Anthony Blum 2 2-2 6. TOTALS: 22 10-20 58.

3-point goals: CMA 5 (Zalduendo 3), Marian 4 (Cannady 3). Total fouls: Marian 18, CMA 15. Records: Marian 14-8. CMA 12-7.

PHOTO/PAUL PARÉ

ABOVE: CMA's Devonte Campbell goes over Mishawaka Marian's Will Whitten (no. 22) for a shot during Friday night's season-closing game for CMA.

## Culver Cavaliers - the road to sectional victory

### Cavaliers advance past LaCrosse

By Dee Grenert  
Staff Writer

CULVER — Culver Community's boys basketball team attempted quality shots almost from the opening tip Tuesday.

Once the second quarter rolled around those shots really started falling.

The host Cavs rattled off 11 unanswered second-frame points to construct a double-digit advantage and nailed 9-of-11 tries from the floor in the third stanza to put away a 64-31 Class A Sectional 51 first-round win over LaCrosse at John R. Nelson Gymnasium.

Culver advances to a Friday semifinal bout against six-time defending sectional champion Triton at 6:30 p.m. Argos and South Central follow at 8 p.m.

"I thought we came close to playing four quarters tonight," Culver head coach Kyle Elliott, whose team held LaCrosse to a 26-percent clip from the field, said. "It was nice to follow up the Bremen game (a 70-50 victory Friday) with another good effort. I thought we defended well all game."

"Early in the game we had some good shots down inside that we missed and some good perimeter looks, too that we missed," he added. "In the second quarter, especially we were able to create a little offense with our defense. We were able to get some paint touches as well. We wanted to go to the inside and get our 3 looks on kickouts."

Culver senior standout Trent Elliott erupted for a game-high 28 points — including a quartet of treys in the first 11 minutes of the game against the Tigers' 2-3 zone — ripped down 10 rebounds, handed out six assists, and blocked a pair of shots.

Senior center Jacoda Anderson hit 6-of-8 tries from the field as part of a 14-point, 10-board performance for the Cavs. His flying dunk off a backdoor lob from Trent Elliott put Culver up 26-14 with 3:06 left in the first half.

"It was a complete team effort," the Culver skipper said. "We play six kids with our five starters and Alex Graham off the bench, and I thought every one of them contributed in a positive way."

Sophomore guard Everett Krueger chipped in nine points and four assists for Culver. Meanwhile, junior Preston Hansel added seven points and six rebounds, highlighted by an offensive rebound bucket to give the Cavs the lead for good with 3:55 left in the initial stanza.

"Preston Hansel did a nice job defensively on (Bryce) Guse," Kyle Elliott said. "Guse is a good player. He hit some tough shots, but Preston made him earn them."

After battling a turnover bug at times this season, Culver played a turnover-free first half and finished the evening with just six miscues while piling up 16 assists as a team.

The Cavs also out-rebounded the Tigers 39-26 and cashed in on numerous transition opportunities.

"That's been a point of emphasis," Kyle Elliott said of protecting the basketball. "We have to value each possession, and turnovers have hurt us and led to some losses. I was very pleased with the kids' shot selection and pass selection. We've told them if you put yourself in a positive situation positive things will happen. I'm happy with the way our kids shared the basketball."

Guse, who buried four long triples, led the way for LaCrosse with 18 points. Zach Brown ripped down a game-best 13 rebounds for the Tigers, and point guard Austin Harris dished out five assists.

CLASS A SECTIONAL 51  
At Culver  
CULVER COMMUNITY 64, LACROSSE 31

## Cavs defeat Triton to advance at Culver Sectional



PHOTO/ALAN HALL

LEFT: Culver's Trent Elliott looks to get around Triton's Joey Corder during Friday night's sectional semifinal.

By Dee Grenert  
Staff Writer

CULVER — In Friday's first Class A Sectional 51 semifinal, Culver's Trent Elliott popped off 40 points and the host Cavs outscored six-time defending sectional champion Triton 17-1 in the third quarter en route to a 61-51 victory.

Trailing 25-22 heading into the third quarter, the Cavs broke out a 3-2 zone. Culver held the Trojans to a 0-of-8 mark from the floor in the third frame, running off a 17-1 stretch in the process.

"We talked at halftime that we thought we were getting smacked around on our own floor," Culver head coach Kyle Elliott said. "We got beaten to some loose balls in the first half, and we told them we better come out swinging and be aggressive."

"We went to a 3-2 zone," he added. "We hadn't run it all year. We'd worked on it in practice, and tonight my assistants, Brett Berndt and Tom Krueger said let's break it out, and I give credit to those guys. I think it took (Triton) out of their rhythm."

The younger Elliott drained a game-tying triple to open the second half, and junior forward Preston Hansel's rebound bucket with 6:18 left in the quarter put Culver up 27-25.

Trent Elliott, who found very few open looks in the initial frame and manned the point in the second quarter searching for shots, piled up 29 of his game-high 40 points after the intermission and yanked down nine rebounds. His old-fashioned 3-point play, muscled in even with a Triton de-

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Next up was Charollte Rakich, Rebecca Nifong, Rita Nifong, and Denise Burnham hiking and bird-watching along the Indian Trails.

“They had me laughing with their, ‘Oh look, it’s Woody Woodpecker!’ while pointing to the town water tower,” joked Kathy Clark, CRC President and unofficial intern for WSBT.

“CRC wants to add to our first three commercials (shot and aired last year), plus we will add a fall-focused one later this year,” explained Clark. “That will allow us to air year-round commercials to promote our community. It is our hope that this leads to new businesses deciding to come check us out, but we certainly know already that it has added new business for our existing shops and restaurants. We plan to show them on WSBT again this year and are investigating the Indianapolis and Chicago markets for the future. Those markets offer both air time and digital advertising which for less money than you’d think.”

Once the crew finished on the Indian Trails, they headed out to shoot cross-country skiers Jennifer Cerny and friend, before moving to Café Max where they rounded up some local customers who had lingered over their lunches. Pam Baker, daughter Jill Gavalick, and next door business owner Sue McInturff joined the fun, with Café Max owner Susie Mahler acting as bartender.

“The camera crew made the beautiful old bar look so glamorous,” said Clark, “and the ladies laughing at some inside jokes helped too!”

Then it was back down to the park for shots of the Pohl family ice skating, lots of sledding children, and some fun shots out on the lake with a couple of fishermen.

“The day went well,” added Clark, “and the shots turned out to be just beautiful -- wait and see!”



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ABOVE: Brian and Brandy Pohl ice skate at Culver's town park while being filmed by a WSBT TV crew, towards a new Culver Redevelopment Commission-funded commercial highlighting winter fun in Culver, and planned to air later this year.

## Town of Monterey looking to build wastewater plant

By Ben Haut

The town of Monterey is looking to undertake a massive project through the Office of Community and Rural Affairs, and they’ve asked Pulaski County to kick some funds their way to help in the endeavor. According to Nathan Origer, executive director of the Pulaski County Community Development Commission, the town has announced plans to apply for a grant to allow them to construct a wastewater plant at a cost of roughly \$200,000.

The town had previously budgeted the required match for the grant: 10 percent of the total cost, coming out to \$20,000. Unfortunately for Monterey, Origer said OCRA overhauled their programs and they now require a 40 percent local match, totaling \$80,000.

Origer said the Nature Conservancy has committed \$10,000 to the project because of the effect they believe it will have on cutting down on the number of pollutants being expelled into the river, and the town is now hoping the county will match that generosity.

Origer said the town does not want to raise their rates to fund the project, because they don’t have enough rate payers to make up that gap without hiking rates. He requested the commissioners’ blessing to approach the council and request the \$10,000 for the project.

The commissioners approved a motion to provide the \$10,000 to the Monterey wastewater grant project, pending council approval and receipt of the grant. Origer said they should know in late July or early August whether or not the city will receive the grant. *Courtesy WKVI.com.*

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fender hanging on both arms, gave Culver its biggest advantage, 49-32, with 3:41 left in the game.

“I’m very proud of him,” the Culver skipper said of his son. “Good players rise to the occasion, and we needed that. He’s a senior and he doesn’t want the season to end. He attacked, took the ball to the basket and willed us to win.”

Culver’s senior standout inflicted much of his damage off the dribble and at the charity stripe, where he sank 12-of-15 tries.

“(Elliott) elevates so well that he can shoot over people,” Triton head coach Jason Groves said. “We had two guys on him all night, but in the second quarter the help side wasn’t getting to him as quick. In the first quarter our defensive rotation was good, but it wasn’t as quick the rest of the game.”

Also for the Cavs, Jacoda Anderson chipped in eight points, nine caroms, and a pair of blocked shots, and Hansel claimed eight rebounds.

“Jacoda Anderson and Preston Hansel did a good job crashing the boards,” Kyle Elliott said. “Jordan Sanders and Alex Graham defensively did a good job. The first time we played them Tanner (Shepherd) went for 35 and we lost. I don’t know how many he had but everything he got we made him work for.”

Triton sophomore guard Jordan Anderson knocked down four treys on his way to a team-high 16 points.

“Jordan in the offseason really dedicated himself to getting better and dedicated himself to basketball,” Groves said. “He has a great heart, great work ethic, and loves basketball. He’s going to be one of our leaders next year.”

Shepherd added 10 of his 15 points in the final quarter and claimed seven rebounds, and junior Skyler Reichert chipped in 11 points for the Trojans.

CLASS A SECTIONAL 51  
At Culver  
CULVER COMMUNITY 61, TRITON 51

## Lincoln Day Dinner March 18

The annual Marshall County Republican Lincoln Day Dinner will take place Tuesday, March 18 (social hour 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6). The featured speaker is US Representative Jackie Walorski. The cost is \$25 per person, and the event takes place at Christo’s Banquet Center in Plymouth.

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Krueger got hot and scored seven of his 16 points in the last 2:30 of the first half, helping Culver end the half on a 10-0 run. Culver took a 36-14 lead into halftime and looked to be in total control of the game.

Argos came out of the halftime break like a team that was in command of the whole game and hit two quick buckets, which forced a Culver timeout to regroup. Argos scored another seven points to bring the score to 36-25 and with 2:30 left in the third, Culver senior Trent Elliott picked up his fourth foul and was forced to go to the bench.

Argos capitalized on this and kept the momentum going with senior Brian Snyder hitting a couple of big 3s sandwiched around a senior Dominic Cataldo layup off of a steal. Culver now only led 36-33 and was trying to hold the ball for the last shot of the quarter and turned it over and committed a foul putting Argos at the line for a one and one opportunity with 11.6 seconds remaining in the quarter. The first free throw was missed, but Argos senior Casey Johnson made a heads up play and saved the ball inbound to Cataldo who made the layup while being fouled and converted on the three-point play opportunity to tie the game 36-36 with 4.9 remaining. Culver got the ball quickly down the court into the hands of senior Jacoda Anderson who drained the 3 at the buzzer to give Culver their only score of the quarter.



PHOTO/ALAN HALL

Culver Community's Trent Elliott, Jordan Sanders and Jacoda Anderson accept the Sectional51 trophy following the team's win over Argos Saturday night.

Coach Elliott spoke about how big of a game changer that shot was.

“I think it was big, just for the psyche of it as much as anything. Jacoda was battling and hit that shot. It definitely gave us an energy boost and got us fired up and ready to go for the fourth quarter.”

Argos would not go down without a fight. Snyder hit another 3 to tie the game back up at 41-41 with about 6:00 remaining in the game. Both teams went back and forth and with 2:42 remaining, Trent Elliott hit a 3 to put his team up 48-44, forcing Argos to call a time out and talk things over. The teams traded baskets and with 55.1, Argos senior Taylor Ogle hit two free throws to bring the deficit to 52-49. Argos got one last try to tie the game 52 up with a three, but the shot just missed and Elliott pulled down the rebound, forcing Argos to foul. Elliott would hit both free throws to ice the game and would later add two more for insurance as Culver pulled out the game in the end 56-49.

Argos coach Doug Snyder talked about the heart and desire that his team showed when they could have just as easily packed it in at halftime.

“I love these guys. I’ve been through a lot with them.

They showed a lot of heart and class tonight. We could’ve folded at the half. We had a terrible first half. We had a pretty good first few minutes. Then of course they caught fire. We go in there down 22 and we talk about how Culver came out against Triton last night and were more aggressive and got the job done. We used that as an example and I thought our kids responded well.”

Snyder also talked about what this senior class has meant to this program. “I am just so proud of where they came from as freshman. They had to step in because of the situation we were at and they had to play. They took a beating. I just appreciate how they hung in there for four years. We did a lot of first things this year; our first Bi-County game win, our first sectional game win. We had a good winning season.”

Moving forward, Coach Elliott talked about what his team needs to do as they had to the Regional round of the tournament.

“I know we’ll show up Saturday ready to play. The kids will be ready to compete. We’re going to enjoy this, but why not Culver for a regional championship? We just have to have five guys playing as one and when we do that, as we found out last night and tonight, anything is possible.”

With the win, Culver improves their record to 16-7 and will play a 16-8 North White team at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday in the Triton Regional. The winner of that game will play the winner of the Michigan City Marquette and Fort Wayne Blackhawk game. The regional championship will be played on Saturday also at 7:30 p.m. Argos finishes the season with a 13-8 record.

- CULVER 56,  
ARGOS 49  
At Culver  
Score by Quarters  
Culver: 13 36 39 56  
Argos: 7 14 36 49  
CULVER (56):Trent Elliott 6 4-5 18, Everett Krueger 6 2-2 16, Jacoda Anderson 3 4-6 11, Preston Hansel 1 4-4 6, Jordan Sanders 2 0-0 5, Alex Graham 0 0-1 0, Cody Valiquet 0 0-0 0; Totals 18 14-18 56  
ARGOS (49):Dominic Cataldo 6 3-5 16, Taylor Ogle 3 2-2 10, Brian Snyder 3 0-1 9, Casey Johnson 2 3-6 7, Ben Carter 2 3-5 7, Javan Miller 0 0-0 0, Jordan Norris 0 0-0 0, Chandler Campbell 0 0-0 0; Totals 16 11-19 49  
3-pointers: Culver 6(Krueger 2, Elliott 2, Sanders, Anderson) Argos 6(Snyder 3, Ogle 2, Cataldo); Rebounds: Culver 28(Elliott 10, Anderson 9, Hansel 6) Argos 16(Johnson 5, Ogle 4, Cataldo 3, Carter 3); Assists: Culver 9(Krueger 3, Elliott 3) Argos 9(Ogle 2, Cataldo 2, Snyder 2); Steals: Culver 3(Krueger, Sanders, Anderson) Argos 6(Ogle 3, Cataldo 2, Johnson); Blocks: Culver 5(Anderson 2, Elliott 2, Krueger), Argos 3(Cataldo 2, Carter) Turnovers: Culver 12 Argos 9; Fouls (fouled out): Culver 16(Anderson) Argos 17(none) Records: Culver 16-7 Argos 13-8

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## Culver, other schools ISTEP tests this week

By Lois Tomaszewski

MARSHALL COUNTY — I-STEP. The state mandated testing of elementary and middle school students begins for Marshall County students next week. The State of Indiana extended its testing window by one week due to the number of weather-related cancellations in recent months. The weather forced students out of the classroom as much as eight days this semester. Schools are mandated to make up the missed days, but there is a limited time period for the standardized tests to be administered.

These tests measure student academic growth at each grade level and are a factor in determining school accountability grades and whether schools meet growth standards each year. ISTEP, the Indiana Statewide Testing for Academic Progress began in 1989 and has been revised through the years to keep up with changing state and federal directives.

The testing program measures student achievement in the third through eighth grade in the subject areas of English/ language arts, mathematics, science and social studies. In particular, ISTEP+ reports student achievement levels according to the Indiana Academic Standards that were adopted by the Indiana State Board of Education.

The state is allowing school districts some leeway, provided the tests are administered sometime between March 3 and March 21.

“For the most part, we will provide practice tests on Monday (March 10) and begin testing Tuesday March 11,” said Culver Community Schools Superintendent Vicki McGuire. “We will test throughout the week and into the next week of March 17. We will use any extra days for make-up testing.”

McGuire offered a few suggestions to help students be ready for test day. “We encourage all parents to ensure their children have plenty of rest and a nutritious breakfast, specifically for the next few weeks,” McGuire said. “Also, attendance is so important. Any test not completed by students counts as a failure. So, it is wise not to set up any appointments that can possibly wait until after the ISTEP+ testing.”

## Recent CCHS alumni share their stories

By Shakkira Harris, Culver Comm. High School

Have you ever wondered what students back 5 to 10 years are doing now? People who sat in these same seats, walked these same halls, and learned from the same teachers. A few notable students back in the day have given me a few insights into their lives and what they're up to now.

Shannon Dunfee, graduate of the class of 2009, reflected on her high school career. Dunfee participated in varsity cheerleading all four years, BPA, Spanish Club, Science Club, CAVS Club, and Art Club; even though she doesn't "have an artistic bone in her body" she stated. She also stated her extreme thankfulness for BPA, as it truly had an impact on her adult life. "Mike Schwartz was an amazing sponsor, and I feel so sorry for the students that never got to experience him!" Dunfee said.

Dunfee furthered her education at Indiana University See Alumni, page 12

## Academies speech team captures sectional title



The Academies speech team celebrates its sectional championship at McCutcheon.

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By Jan Garrison, Culver Academies

The Culver Academies speech team captured its second consecutive sectional title at Lafayette McCutcheon High School March 1. Culver's margin of victory over runner-up Indianapolis Ben Davis was 98 points.

Thirty-four of the team's 39 entries qualified for the Indiana High School Forensics Association's State Tournament, matching the record set in 2013. The state qualifiers included seven Sectional Champions and eight Sectional Runners-up. The state tournament will be Saturday, March 15, at Fishers High School.

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Sectional champions included: Katie Bevil and Kirsten Pressler, Scripted Duo; David Brown, U.S. Extemporaneous; Makenna-Kala Kershaw and Alaina Smith, Memorized Duo; Josh Kuric, Discussion; Hallie Rauch, Impromptu; Ben Snyder, Interational Extemporaneous; and Peter Talbot, See Speech, page 12

## Culver Community Schools kindergarten round-up April 17

CULVER — Culver Community Schools Superintendent Dr. Vicki McGuire announces kindergarten enrollment information for the 2014-15 school year.

Kindergarten round-up will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 17 in the Culver Elementary School cafeteria. To be eligible for kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old on or before Aug. 1, 2014. Children do not need to attend this informational meeting with parents, however the kindergarten classrooms will be open to visit following this meeting.

This early registration is critical in the planning for next year's kindergarten program. During this meeting, parents will be informed about required health records, forms needed for registration, kindergarten screening, Indiana curriculum standards, and programs available for kindergartners. Parents should bring copy of the child's birth certificate, to verify the date of birth, and the child's immunization record. If a parent cannot come on April 17, please contact Culver Elementary at 574-842-3389, or 574-542-4017 to make other arrangements.

## CYCO asks Culver to 'go green' for Logan Center

Culver Youth Community Organization (CYCO) is sponsoring a "Culver Goes Green" campaign to raise money and awareness for the Logan Center. They are requesting creative green participation from local businesses. They are also selling Logan Nose On green hats, bracelets and noses. All proceeds to be given to the Logan Center in South Bend. Items are available to all businesses and community members. They can be purchased at Culver Community High School or Culver Academies or by contacting Brenda Sheldon at [brenda@culver.k12.in.us](mailto:brenda@culver.k12.in.us) or Meg Porter at [megan.porter@culver.org](mailto:megan.porter@culver.org).

## Norton named to Miami U dean's list

OXFORD, Ohio — Robert Michael Norton of Culver was named to the Miami University dean's list.

Miami University students who ranked in the top 20 percent of undergraduate students within each division for first semester 2013-14 have been named to the dean's list recognizing academic performance.

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## March Chamber meeting updates on several items

Staff report

Culver's Chamber of Commerce held its March meeting at Lakehouse Grille on Lake Shore Drive.

The meeting consisted mostly of updates, in the absence of Allan Steele of the Indiana Small Business Association, who had a scheduling conflict, though it was noted he's available the first Tuesday of every month in Plymouth at the Marshall County Economic Development office.

Chamber president Tony Sellers gave a recap of last month's Winter Festival, which he said received all positive feedback, something echoed by those at the Chamber meeting.

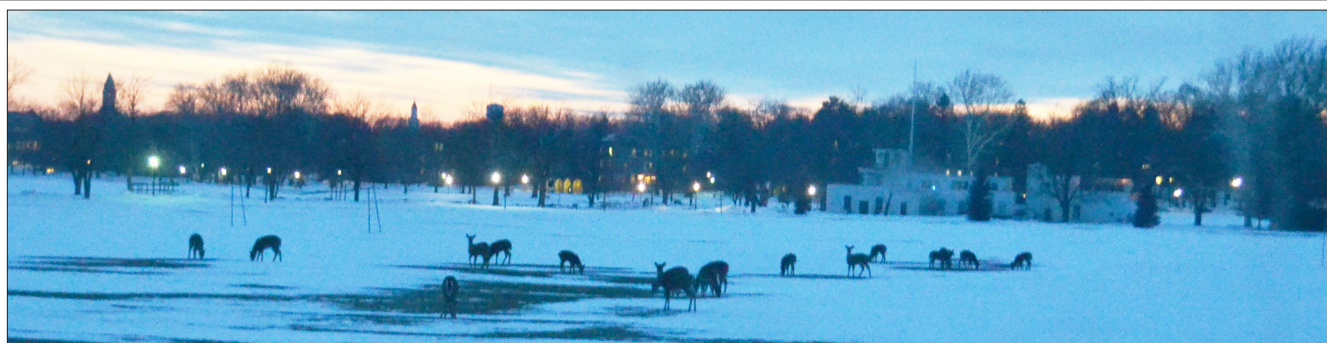
Kathy Clark of the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council said the LMEC will hold a Naturepalooza on Saturday, May 10, from 10 to 4 in the town park. Offerings will include a live bird exhibit with an eagle, red-tail hawks and owls, including a snowy owl. There will be bird watching in the Indian Trails area; Earthworks will bring three endangered native trees to plant. Clark is still researching someone to teach fly-fishing as well as volunteers to make kites with participating children.

Michelle Allyn reported she already has three Indiana wineries lined up to participate in this September's Culver Wine Fest.

Carol Saft of the Culver Visitor's Center encouraged more involvement from Chamber members in the ongoing project; the center is planned to open this spring in conjunction with the Culver museum, relocated at the First Farmer's Bank building.

It was noted that May's Chamber program will be the Every Door Direct company.

*Carol Saft assisted in the writing of this article.*



## White-tails on parade

ABOVE: As many in the area have noticed, the severity of the past winter is likely the major culprit in the preponderance of deer in an area already rife with the animals. Pictured here are dozens of deer seeking out small patches grass available in the Culver Academies parade field, a nightly occurrence there as well as a great many fields and meadows in the area -- which has contributed to more challenging driving conditions, especially in the evening, as well.

CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

## Alumni from page 9

South Bend majoring in Communications. She wanted small class sizes and to be close to home. She highly recommends IUSB if you want to major in Communications or want a close relationship with your professors. She learned that Mrs. Vickie Benner was

much smarter than she had given her credit for. Dunfee appreciated Benner's attempts to prepare her for college and the real world.

"College was a blast and went way too quickly," Dunfee stated matter-of-factly. Dunfee learned how to balance a social life with academics and had to understand that "you can't possibly participate in every club, sport, and event; there is simply not enough time." When asked what she learned most from her experience, she explained that there is so much more out there than Culver, Indiana. She met people from different cultures, countries, religious backgrounds, and political affiliations. "I encourage you to dabble in at least one thing outside of your comfort zone." Dunfee encouraged students to try something new.

Miss Dunfee is now working at WSBT-TV in Mishawaka in the sales department. She advised that after high school "move on to the next chapter in your life," whether backpacking through Europe, working, or moving into college.

Another Alumni, Mark Allyn, participated in quite a few activities throughout his high school years here at Culver Community. Having been a part of Art Club, Science Club, Marching/Pep/Orchestra Band and his favorite part of high school, soccer and track. Allyn's biggest advice for seniors is to travel somewhere, live somewhere, do something out of your comfort zone. "I think that if you don't give yourself opportunities like that, it can keep you very narrow-minded and shelter you from something that may potentially be very good for you."

Mr. Allyn went to Indiana University Bloomington. He had a great time in college, he explained, meeting a lot of influential people as a source. "I learned a lot about self reliance, keeping an open mind and hard work can pay off if you set your mind to it." Allyn continued, piling off some knowledgable advice. He is currently living in Indianapolis, working for a car inspection company. Managing and creating/writing the inspections in the computer database, while doing various I.T. related projects when they come up.

"Before every track meet he [Craig Hopple] would tell us 'Run fast and turn left,'" Allyn said. He further explained that it was a very simple quote but had a lot of meaning behind it. Mark Allyn was a graduate of the Class of 2002.

Mary Lee was a graduate of 2003 at Culver Community. She was a student/athlete, participating in soccer, basket-

ball, track, and cheerleading. She was also a part of several clubs including: Spanish, Science, Band, Student Council, Choir, Student Government (Senior Class President), and Drama Club. "Is that a trick question?" Lee asked me jokingly after I had asked her what her favorite part of high school was. Although involved in many things, Lee's favorite part about high school was lunch. She loved the nuggets (mixing of the sauces), the extra order of nuggets, and the "rectangular" pizza on Friday. "Not just any pizza," Lee explains, "the perfect rectangle shaped pizza that fits perfectly with the rectangle space of the tray."

After graduating, Lee went to various colleges. Her first semester freshman year, she attended Saint Joseph's College. She went to Ancilla College for the second semester and Purdue University in West Lafayette from 2004-2007. She then proceeded to graduate from Le Cordon Blue in Chicago in 2008. "College was great!" Lee exclaimed. The freedom and the dining options exceeded her major interests. She loved the low amounts of classes she had to take a week and then not beginning until at least noon. "I wanted the freedom, I wanted to feel the homesickness, I wanted to be on a college campus of more than 45,000 people." Lee explained to me. As Lee had grown up with eight other siblings, most of whom proceeded their lives in the work force or the National Guard, she was ready to be at least an hour away and pursue her life. She expressed how she would do it all again, "I worked hard, made friends from all over the world, and I learned how large the world

Lee is now married and living in South Bend, IN. She is working at Corndance Tavern in Mishawaka, making desserts and serving, as well as working in a mom and pop shop where the food and service are top notch. She is working her way through every position, trying to pursue her own establishment. Lee stays active and she helps the community. She is enjoying life day by day and meal by meal.

"Your possibilities are endless," Lee stated, "only you can stop you from becoming whatever is in your heart." She also expressed, "Go to your class reunions!" She explained how interesting it is to see the people you grew up with and what they are pursuing in their own lives.

Although growing up can seem scary at times, moving forward has its own rewards.

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## Sectional from page 9

Broadcast.

Sectional runners-up included: Hayes Barnes, Poetry Interpretation; Hayes Barnes and Emily Hernandez, Scripted Duo; Yen-Yen Gao, Impromptu; Morgan Hartman, Original Performance; Erin Luck, Humorous Interpretation; Tyler Sorg, Broadcast; Katrina Willis, Original Oratory; and Frank Zhang, International Extemporaneous.

Finishing third in their categories were: Lauren Engelbrecht, Humorous Interpretation; Harry Kang, International Extemporaneous; Erin Luck, Prose Interpretation; Maya Panicker, Declamation; Sandra Smith, Discussion; and Frank Zhang, Impromptu.

Fourth place finishers were: Dana Brown, Declamation and Humorous Interpretation; David Brown, Impromptu; Ethan Carter, Prose Interpretation; Meranda Ma, Poetry Interpretation; Stephanie Ma and Sydney Briel, Scripted Duo; Ryan Walsh, Broadcast; and Charles Zhang, Discussion.

Fifth place finishers included: Peyton Gavlick, Poetry Interpretation; Lauren Hutchinson, Prose Interpretation; Destini Pimental, Discussion; and Hallie Rauch, Declamation.

Emily Hernandez also finished in sixth place in Declamation.

The team also took the Central Indiana Forensic League title during the season.

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