

In Brief

Adams to sign book at Culver library

Local author Marcia Adams ("Adventures of Alexia, a Lake Maxinkuckee Girl, 1885") will be at the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library Friday, Dec. 12 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. to sign copies of her book. Those interested in purchasing a copy of the book or having a copy signed are welcome to stop by and visit with Adams.

Santa Claus at Culver Library

Santa Claus will visit the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library Sat., Dec. 13 at 10:30 a.m.. He will be reading Christmas stories by the fireplace and distributing small gifts to the children. There will be cookies and punch available to all, and children of all ages are encouraged to attend.

Winter open gym

An open gym will be held for adults at the Culver Middle School gym this winter, Sundays from 1 to 3 p.m., from Nov. 30, 2008 to March 1, 2009. Cost is \$2 per Sunday, or \$15 for the entire winter. Questions can be directed to Ken VanDePutte at 574-274-9942.

Culver food pantry in need

Culver's community food pantry continues to be in desperate need of donations of non-perishable items and canned goods. In particular, personal hygiene items are needed at the moment.

The pantry, located in the basement of Grace United Church of Christ in Culver, is open the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Needs have grown dramatically at the pantry in the wake of economic woes in recent months. See also story page 8 of this issue (the Citizen will present more information on the pantry's needs next issue).

This needling more information or wishing to donate may call Amy Hutchins at 574-842-2598.

St. Mary's Nativity pageant Dec. 19

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church will hold its annual Nativity Pageant, reenacting the Gospel story of the birth of Jesus, Fri., Dec.

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The Citizen: on everyone's Christmas list...

Kris Kringle made stops in Culver all weekend (see story below), but undoubtedly his first stop was the one above, to glance at the *Culver Citizen* and catch up on who's been naughty and nice around town, before making critical decisions regarding lumps of coal and gifts. Santa's helper in the photo at left was Ralph Winters. In the right hand photo, Haley Howard, age 7, shares her Christmas wishes with Santa (this time aided by Culver's volunteer fire dept.) at the children's Christmas party at Culver Elementary School Saturday. No word on whether Haley asked for a *Citizen* subscription this year.

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Chamber honors community leaders

Bean, Millers, and VFW ladies honored

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Holiday good spirits filled the air as more than 50 people packed the banquet room at Culver's Café Max, enjoying the warmth of both the restaurant's recently-added fireplace and good company at the Culver Chamber of Commerce annual community awards banquet Dec. 2.



Leroy Bean accepts the Culver Chamber of Commerce's "Volunteer of the Year" award.

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Chamber president Mike Stallings opened the festivities by recognizing Chamber board member (and newsletter editor as well as *Culver Citizen* correspondent) Bobbie Rhunow, whom he referred to as "the heart and soul of the Chamber, (who) does everything and knows everything." Stallings also introduced the Chamber's upcoming new president, Greg Fassett, administrator at Miller's Merry Manor in Culver.

Fassett, thanking Stallings for his service as Chamber president over the past two years, noted the first annual banquet he'd attended -- before Stallings' tenure -- included only 15 people, a marked decrease from the teeming throng attending this year's event, which Stallings said is the group's largest awards banquet turnout to date.

Fassett, who also thanked Stallings' wife Patty for her support of his Chamber work, said Stallings has been a Culver homeowner since 1977 and full-time resident since 2002, hailing originally from the Crown Point area. "His presence here has meant a lot of good things for the community," said Fassett. "As he looks at Culver, he sees opportunities we sometimes walk by every day. Not necessarily that (Culver is) going to

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Academies name Peabody 'Graduate of the Year'

Culver Academies presented Terrence E. Peabody with the Graduate of the Year Award in a ceremony attended by Culver Academies' students, faculty, staff, and friends. A 1958 Culver Military School graduate, Peabody lives in Australia and considers himself "an Australian citizen of American heritage."

Head of Schools John Buxton opened the ceremony by saying that Peabody "epitomizes leadership in our ever expanding global society."

Peabody attended Culver



at the insistence of his father. After his first year, Peabody did not plan to return to Culver. However, for his mother's birthday in August, she said, "the only present that I could give her that would have true meaning would be if I returned to Culver and completed my schooling

there."

Peabody agreed, returned, and now credits his Culver education and his wife, Mary, as the reasons for the successes that he has achieved. Peabody said that he learned leadership, determination, humility, and self-discipline at Culver. He told the students to enjoy their time at Culver and to set goals for themselves. "The goals that you set should be a very high standard but they should also be achievable. Set these goals not just during your schooling but as you go through

life and you will find the results incredibly rewarding."

Peabody was successful in setting and achieving his goals. Forbes ranks him as 17th among the 40 wealthiest persons in Australia and New Zealand. He is involved in several diverse businesses.

His largest company is Transpacific Industries Group, which leads the waste management field in Australia and New Zealand.

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Christmas season arrives in Culver

Annual tree lighting, other events last wknd.

Santa Claus was busy all over Culver last weekend, starting Fri. night with the annual Knights of Columbus-sponsored tree lighting outside the train station/depot at the town park. Opened with remarks from St. Mary of the Lake Catholic church pastor Fr. Glenn Kohrman, the event also brought together students from Culver Comm. High School and Culver Academies, via the Culver Youth Community Organization (CYCO), who joined community members in caroling at select locations across town.

Santa visited one-on-one with area children at the annual children's Christmas party -- sponsored by the Lions Club, Culver Fire Dept., Kiwanis Club, and VFW -- Sat.

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"Nacho Trouble" the clown makes a balloon animal for 6-year-old Alexis Berdine at the annual Lions-Fire dept.-VFW-Kiwanis children's Christmas party at Culver Elementary School last Saturday. Children also spent time on Santa's lap and took home treat bags.

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Medallion awarded as ‘Community Partner’

Donna Louk, center, of Culver’s Medallion Cabinetry, accepts the Community Partners award from Ray Benninghoff (left), Community Supports Assistant Director for Pathfinder Services, Inc., and Mary Beth Jorczak, residential manager at Pathfinder’s Academy Road group home in Culver. Each year Pathfinder Services selects a business to receive the award. The business selected has shown outstanding service to the organization over the year, with nominations made by Pathfinder employees. According to Pathfinder president John Neiderman, speaking at the Pathfinder annual dinner in Huntington Nov. 8, during Christmastime, 2007, one of Pathfinder’s Plymouth employees received a call from Medallion asking what that company could do for Pathfinder clients for Christmas. Discussion followed and it was decided Medallion would sponsor a Christmas party for the group home in Culver and the clients there that day. The committee from Medallion sought out information about each client and his or her likes. When the party began, presents were constant, the clients sang songs, and Medallion provided meat, cheese, cookie, and fruit trays. Medallion employees have also supported Pathfinder Services by purchasing over 50 tickets for Pathfinder’s annual Port-a-pit chicken fund raiser held each year in Plymouth, said Neiderman.

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morning. Also on hand sharing balloon creations with the children was Nacho Trouble the clown. Santa even made time for an appearance at Elizabeth’s Garden to hear children’s wishes and at St. Mary of the Lake church as Saint Nicholas to discuss his origins as a Christian bishop. For a list of upcoming holiday events, see page 3 this issue.

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land with a net profit this year of more than \$200 million. Peabody also was paid \$2 million to take over the struggling Western Star Truck company. He later sold it for \$632 million to Daimler Chrysler. In 1995, along with his daughter and wife, he invested in vineyards and wineries in New Zealand. Their wines, under the Craggy Range and Wild Rock brand are sold worldwide.

Peabody and his wife have three grown children, all involved in the family business. They also have ten grandchildren. They have homes in New Zealand, Canada, and Washington. Peabody joins a wide range of Culver graduates honored as Graduate of the Year. Among them are Joshua Logan, Pulitzer Prize winning playwright; Dr. Richard Upjohn Light,

neurosurgeon and aviation pioneer; Dr. Richard Schneider, creator of the modern football helmet; Frank Batten, founder of The Weather Channel; James Michaels, editor of Forbes magazine for 37 years; the late Chicago Tribune movie critic Gene Siskel; Ricardo Arias Calderon, First Vice President of Panama; novelist Ernest K. Gann; Dr. Sally Hodder, one of our nation’s leaders in the fight to end infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS; George Steinbrenner, principal owner of the New York Yankees; Gus Nippert, owner of the Cincinnati Reds; musician and big band leader Horace Heidt; Bill Koch, the 1992 winner of sailing’s biggest prize, The America’s Cup; and George R. Roberts, founding partner of Kohlberg, Kravis, and Roberts.

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Mahler continues tradition of helping ‘homeless pets

By Rusty Nixon
Correspondent

CULVER — Susie Mahler of Culver’s Café Max has a holiday tradition of helping the homeless around the county.

Every year the Culver restaurant holds it’s “Thanksgiving for the Homeless” to benefit the Marshall County Humane Society and the homeless animals they care for. For Mahler it’s a labor she loves.

“How can you choose?” she said when asked her favorite animal. “It’s like asking what’s your favorite ice cream.”

The Café will accept pet supplies for donation. Each monetary donation drawing for a nutcracker will be accepted through “Pet supplies are just Mahler. “It’s especially they can identify with an animal food to eat as money from Mom or It’s a good exercise for Even used supplies can “If people have lost didn’t like they can bring bags,” said Mahler. “They at the shelter.” Nancy Cox of the Hu-



“Dasher,” one of the pets available for adoption at the Marshall Co. Humane Society.

mane Society says that all shelter had record numbers of animals over the summer and the number keeps growing. “As times get tougher people are starting to get rid of family pets,” said Cox. “What we’re trying to do is keep these pets in the homes. There aren’t enough homes for these animals and we’re going to try to help families that truly want to keep their pets.”

While items on the shelter’s wish list remain in short supply, Christmas time projects such as the one at Café Max are helping. “The sixth graders at Riverside and the third graders at Menominee are having their annual drive,” said Cox. “Instead of having a gift exchange they bring supplies for the animals.” If you would like to help you can see the shelter wish list at the Humane Society website at www.mchsshelter.org.

Best Loser 2009' \$1,000 team challenge gears up for 'Happy New You' edition

PLYMOUTH -- Area residents, regardless of age, are being encouraged to take part in a unique, three-month team contest, Best Loser 2009 Challenge: Happy New You Edition. The reward: a healthier body, renewed lifestyle, higher self-esteem, and \$1,000 cash to the winning team. Complete details on the community weight loss challenge are advertised elsewhere in this week’s issue.

This is the third Marshall County Best Loser challenge. More than 500 people participated in the previous contests during the past year.

Co-sponsored by the Pilot News Group and Fitness Forum Sports & Wellness at the LifePlex in Plymouth, the “team concept” of the contest fosters support, encouragement and accountability to achieve weight-loss goals, organizers say. “The ‘Best Loser’ challenge is a fun way to lose weight with friends,” points out Sandi Allen, aquatics director at Fitness Forum. “Your teammates will be your support and your encouragement to help you lose excess weight.”

Four-person teams can be comprised of family members, co-workers, Bible study groups, bowling teams, etc. Deadline to enter a team in the contest is Jan. 12. There is a \$40 entry fee per team (\$10 per member). Teams must “weigh in” as a team three times during the contest at Fitness Forum Sports & Wellness. The first weigh-in will be at multiple times during the week of Jan. 12, second weigh-in the week of Feb. 16 and the final weigh-in the week of March 30. There’s no overlooking the fact that the “Best Loser” challenge is being conducted right after the holidays. “This is a natural time of the year for people to re-energize their fitness routines, along with making a few New Year’s resolutions,” said Rick Kreps, publisher of The Pilot News Group. “Having friends and fitness professionals available to help motivate and answer weight-loss questions will keep participants on track. Three months of working out and eating healthier will give a person plenty of time to see results and hopefully form habits that will lead them to a healthier lifestyle for the rest of their life -- and the \$1,000 cash prize won’t hurt much, either!”

At each of the three weigh-ins, weight will be recorded and team photos will be snapped. The contest is determined by the team’s total percentage of weight lost, not individuals. Additionally, two special publications in the Pilot News during the contest period will track the teams’ progress. Again, only teams’ total percentages of weight loss will be published, not individuals. Mary Holm, owner at Fitness Forum Sports & Wellness, mentions other contest benefits. “The ‘Best Loser: Happy New You Edition’ isn’t just about losing weight,” Holm says. “It’s about reaching for a goal, teamwork, and a healthier community. Assisting others in being good stewards of their God-given potential is at the heart of the mission of Fitness Forum Sports & Wellness. That’s why we’re so excited to partner with the Pilot News in promoting activities to create a healthier community. Healthy people can enjoy life more, be more productive, share a positive attitude, and may even live longer.” Although the weigh-ins will be conducted at Fitness Forum Sports & Wellness, there is no contest requirement to use its facilities. Weight loss can be accomplished in whatever manner team members may choose. Fitness Forum’s Allen, however, has definite thoughts on best methods of weight loss. “The best and most successful ‘diet’ is not only a diet, but also has an exercise component and is something you will stick with,” says Allen. “It is very hard to lose weight just by cutting back the amount of food that is consumed. It’s much easier -- and the weight comes off more quickly -- when some sort of exercise is added to your daily schedule. “Let me make it clear,” Allen continues. “You can lose weight by not eating as much; however, the risk you run if you do that is your body goes into a ‘save’ and sometimes ‘starvation’ mode.” She explains these “modes” can cause more hunger, with your body wanting to store whatever extra calories you consume for later use. “This is stored in the form of fat,” she explains. “If you add exercise, you can still eat an amount that feeds your cravings and you get added benefit of burning extra calories and gaining important muscle. Muscle is very important. If you lay in bed all day, one pound of muscle uses approximately 50 calories; one pound of fat uses approximately three calories.” It’s simple to see that the more muscle you have, the more efficient your body is at burning those excess calories.” Additional details about “The 2009 Best Loser Challenge: Happy New You Edition” appear in an advertisement elsewhere in this week’s newspaper. Questions can be answered by calling Fitness Forum Sports & Wellness at 574-936-2333.

Tri Kappa notes

The Epsilon Nu chapter of Tri Kappa recently held its final meeting of 2008. Karen Blocker, Elaine Peterson, and Cassie Gunder hosted the special “tea time” event, complete with mothers’ precious china (shhhh don’t tell -- the queen of England was not in attendance).

Various items were up for discussion, with emphasis on the recent poinsettia fund raiser. Orders were delivered to the local chapter Sat., Nov. 29 with a second delivery to follow Fri., Dec. 19. Orders can still be taken so make Santa happy (they’re his favorite flower, you know). Contact one a local Tri Kappa members to place an order as soon as possible; if not, all you’ll get for Christmas is coal.

Several other fund raising topics were also touched upon. With Butter Braids just around the corner, you’d better get those taste buds (and your ordering hand) ready. Plus, everyone’s feel-good favorite, Tour de Max, is set for the third weekend in May. Karen Heim may be contacted for more information about sponsorship or dusting off that old two wheeler and participating yourself. What better way to burn those winter time calories and get yourself summer time ready?

The friendship basket was filled by Chris Sheppard and won by Carol Saft. The next meeting is Jan. 19, 2009.

Tri Kappa is a philanthropic organization with the objective of supporting programs in charity, culture, and education.

Death notice - Hartz

Alvin H. Hartz

May 6, 1923 - November 19, 2008

Alvin H. Hartz, 85, of Culver, passed away Nov. 19, 2008 at the St. Elisabeth Medical Center in Lafayette.

Survivors include sons Hugh (Sharon) Hartz of Culver; P. Nick (Aggie) Harts of Silver Lake, Ind.; L. Douglas (Judy) Hartz of Plymouth; daughters Pam (Douglass) Miller of Culver; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

There will be no visitation. A graveside service will be held Sat., Dec. 13 at 10 a.m. at the Culver Masonic Cemetery with VFW & American Legion rites. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or American Cancer Society.

Engagement - Filson, Curtis



Michael Neal Filson of Fort Wayne and Erica Curtis of Fort Wayne announce their engagement to be married Oct. 10, 2009 at First Assembly of God, Fort Wayne.

The bride is the daughter of Debbie Curtis of Fremont and James Curtis of Battle Creek, Mich. She is a 1999 graduate of Hillsdale High School, Hillsdale, Mich. and Indiana Wesleyan University with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting. She is employed

with the Internal Revenue Service as a revenue officer.

The groom is the son of Frank Filson of Plymouth. He graduated from Plymouth High School in 1998 and Indiana Wesleyan University with a Bachelor of Science degree in business management. He is employed with Centennial Communications as a regional training manager.

REAL Services

Those interested in sharing a meal at REAL Meals are asked to call Ruth Walker at the nutrition site (the Culver beach lodge) before 11 a.m. on the day before for reservations, at 574-842-8878. There is a suggested donation of \$3.50 for each meal.

Thursday, Dec. 11: Beef Manhattan, gravy, bread & margarine, mashed potatoes, beets, fruit, dessert, and milk.

Friday, Dec. 12: Turkey & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, green beans, bread & margarine, fruit cocktail, brownie delight, and milk.

Monday, Dec. 15: Smoked Sausage & Bun, green peppers & onions, mashed potatoes, carrots, sliced apples, and milk.

Tuesday, Dec. 16: Country Fried Steak, white gravy, mashed potatoes, spinach, bread & margarine, straw-

berries, and milk.

Wednesday, Dec. 17: Meatloaf, baby beakers, green beans, Margarine & Sour Cream, bread & butter, peaches, and milk.

Thursday, Dec. 18: Chicken Patty, red potatoes, broccoli, bun, applesauce, and milk.

Friday, Dec. 19: Chili, shredded cheese & onion, oyster cracker, pears in season, fruit bar, and milk.

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‘Spirit of Christmas’ onstage Huffington Series at Academies

The Huffington Concert Series presents “The Spirit of Christmas – A Magical Celebration” Mon., Dec. 15, at 7:30 p.m., at the Culver Academies Eppley Auditorium. The show includes everyone’s favorite holiday carols, along with a glittering cast of singers and dancers, gorgeous costumes and the highest kicking chorus line this side of the North Pole.

Seats are \$20 (\$15 for senior citizens/students) on the main floor/lower balcony and \$15 (\$10 for senior citizens/students) in the upper balcony. All seats are reserved. Cash, personal checks, MasterCard, Visa, and America Express are accepted.

Tickets are available at two locations: Culver Academies Steinbrenner Performing Arts Center Box Office, open Monday through Friday from 1-4 pm; and the Eppley Auditorium Lobby Box Office, open one hour prior to the performance.

For additional information, contact the Box Office at (574) 842.7058

Obituary

Runkle, Norma June

June 1, 1927 - Nov. 6, 2008

Norma June Runkle passed away Nov. 6, 2008 at the age of 81 after a two year courageous bout against cancer. She was born June 1, 1927 in Phoenix, Arizona to Lida



Terry and George Frank Park. She grew up in Phoenix and after marriage followed her husband around the world during his 20 year Army career. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, George A, Sr and four children; George A, Jr with wife Lori Benjamin C, Peggy Ann Winkle with husband Barry, and Sandra Kay Runkle. She was blessed with

ten grandchildren and five great grandchildren. She was an above average bowler having bowled on winning teams in Phoenix, Camp Mccauley (Linz), Austria, Laredo, Texas and Culver, IN. Her participation in a sanctioned match earned her several Masters points in bridge. She was named volunteer of the year in 1980 for the Marshall County, IN Red Cross and in 1983 was given the Good Neighbor Award by the Culver Eagles Auxiliary. She is also survived by three brothers, Roy E Park of Clifton, NJ, with wife Olga, Floyd Park of Douglas, AZ, Robert Park, with wife Jan, also of Douglas, and many nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends. She passed away peacefully at home in Prescott Valley, AZ with her husband and two daughters present. She was her husband’s friend, partner and helpmate and a true confidant for her children, grandchildren and others. She will be sorely missed. Graveside services were held at a later date at Genung Memorial Park, Peebles Valley, Yarnell, AZ. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Yavapai Regional Medical Center (YRMC), Hospice, 3262 North Windsong Drive, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314 or any other Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

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Christmas in Culver

Holiday events around the area

Please submit your holiday events to citizen@culcom.net or by calling 574-261-7887.

Dec. 13: Stories and cookies with Santa, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library

Dec. 14: Annual Christmas Vespers, 5:30 p.m., Memorial Chapel, Culver Academies campus

Dec. 15: “Spirit of Christmas” Huffington Concert Series performance, 7:30 p.m., Eppley Auditorium, Culver Academies

Dec. 19: Nativity Pageant and Advent party with Santa, 5:30 p.m., St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church

Community Calendar

Thursday, Dec. 11

Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library

Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library

Alcoholics Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library

Parks and recreation board mtg., 7 p.m., town hall

Friday, Dec. 12

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Dance Vision performance, 7:30 p.m., Culver Academies’ Eppley Auditorium

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Sunday, Dec. 14

Open gym, 1 p.m., Culver Middle School gymnasium

Christmas Vespers service, 5:30 p.m., Culver Academies’ Memorial Chapel

Monday, Dec. 15

Knitting Class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library

Culver Redevelopment Committee mtg., 4:30 p.m., town hall

Al-Anon Mtg., 5:30 p.m., Culver Public Library

Community meal, 6 p.m., Grace Church, Culver

Overeaters Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library

DivorceCare, 7 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ

“The Spirit of Christmas” concert/performance, Huffington Concert Series, 7:30 p.m., Culver Academies’ Eppley Auditorium

Tuesday, Dec. 16

Fitness class, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library

Plan commission mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall

Culver Public Library board mtg., 7 p.m., Culver Public Library

Wednesday, Dec. 17

Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library

Culver Academies Winter break begins

Thursday, Dec. 18

Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library

Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library

Alcoholics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., Culver Library

Board of Zoning Appeals mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall

Knights of Columbus business mtg, 7 p.m., St. Mary of the Lake church rectory basement

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OPINION

Christmas

Just after Veterans’ Day, I turned in my order for Christmas greenery to decorate the Chapel here at The Hill School. Like many clergymen from denominations that observe the season of Advent for the four weeks before Christmas, I tend to have divided opinions about these matters. On the one hand, I understand the point of not letting Advent get swamped with all the trappings of secular Christmas. On the other hand, though, I have to say that, left to my own devices, I would start preparing for Christmas sometime before Labor Day. Liturgically, I’m committed to Advent, but emotionally I might as well live down in Santa Claus 47579.

Christmas for me is always Christmas in Culver: in fact, one of Esther Miller’s prints of the Heritage Park at the holiday hangs in my guest room out here in Pennsylvania. Forty or fifty years ago, which is I guess the period I think back to for Christmas memories, the Citizen ran letters to Santa and the jolly old elf put in an appearance downtown, escorted, if memory serves, by the Fire Department. At that point, the town still had fairly elaborate decorations in both business districts—ornaments hanging from the light poles and lights stretched even across the street.

Classrooms at the school tended to be well-decorated, too. As I remember it, Alice McLane had a tree that reached from floor to ceiling (though that of course is from a first grader’s perspective). There were, certainly, store-bought decorations, but when we took down the turkeys drawn around our hands, a lot of the replacements were also arts and crafts projects: popcorn carefully strung on heavy sewing thread, and chains made of strips of brightly colored construction paper glued or pasted into links. Dry tumbleweeds could be painted or flocked, and decorated with tiny ornaments and miniature lights. Spray-on artificial snow was applied liberally to the windows. And, naturally, there was a school music performance, which must have involved all the seasonal standards, though for the life of me the only things I can remember singing are “Up on the Housetop” and “Jingle Bells.”

Other than the specific music selections, many of the same things were true at church. Emmanuel—the E.U.B. Church, back in those days before denominational merger with the Methodists—always had a manger scene we could be proud of, with lots of hay bales and, if I remem-

ber correctly, larger than life size cut out figures. We made more paper chains, strung more popcorn, and sang another program, this time with all the traditional “Charlie Brown Christmas” readings: after the Methodist merger, Craig Walker was often called upon for “O Holy Night,” and I think there was even one year when someone, drastically overestimating what I had learned from the Editor’s grandmother, Mrs. Robinson, and my great-aunt Ethel Hoffman, asked me to play something on the piano.



It’s *still* the lake water...

By John Wm. Houghton

At some point in each of these holiday seasons, there had to be shopping trips. Local ones, to places like Culver Clothiers (its big furnace particularly welcome on a cold winter day, and its staff almost frighteningly knowledgable about all your relatives’ taste in ties, scarves and cuff links), The Kelly Shop, Culver Hardware and Trone’s; occasional errands to places in Plymouth—Penney’s, Montgomery Ward, the Sears catalog outlet; and on one or two big days, a trip to take our Studebaker back to its birthplace (mine too, for that matter) in South Bend. Back then when Grape Road was just a cross-street on McKinley Highway, and South Bend still had a traditional downtown, shopping meant one stop at the big Sears on Lafayette Boulevard (more recently, if no longer, Gates Toyota), and then parking in the lot east of Penney’s, perhaps with a visit at the Dainty Maid or Robertson’s (where there was, I think, a special shopping area in which kids could buy presents for their parents), certainly with a trip to Kresge’s. And on very special occasions, we might even go up to the block of West Washington where a narrow, magical, storefront housed a place that sold American Flyer trains. (This is, I suppose, a matter of less than general interest, but I include it for the sake of completeness.)

There must, in all of this, have been snowless Christ-

mases: indeed, I remember people worrying about whether we were “going to have a White Christmas.” But in my mind’s eye, there was always snow: snow when Rob England, newly moved to Culver from Australia, wondered what that white stuff in the trees was as we walked past St. Mary’s on College Avenue; snow for sledding, not (for my generation) on Liberty Street, but down Devil’s Backbone, on the CMA golf course; snow in the streets the time I considered sharing a friend’s paper route, and ended spending my entire earnings for the day on a cup of hot chocolate at the M & M; snow that got our clothes sopping wet at recess so that Miss Page and Mrs. Allen would have us sit on the heaters to dry out. Snow on the lake, even (though not usually until January), when Dad would actually drive out onto the ice south of Allen’s, down by the gravel pit on the way to our farm on road 110.

Different Culverites will have different memories, of course: my friends at REAL meals will remember wartime Culver and before; others will recall when it was the Editor himself who was slogging through the snow to deliver the paper. We would be merely antiquarian, in the worst sense of the word, if we expected nothing to change, even in our little town. And yet, for all of that, there’s something that stays the same—anchored perhaps by some buildings, handed down in some traditions, nourished perhaps by the lake itself. We can’t quite put our finger on it, but we know what it is: no matter how much it changes, Culver is still home.

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A sixth-generation native of Culver (and resident of Houghton Street), the Rev. John Wm. Houghton, Ph.D., was educated in the Culver-Union Township Schools, Woodcraft Camp, the Naval School Band, and Culver Military Academy. He holds degrees from Harvard, IU, Yale and Notre Dame, and has taught in Culver Summer Camps and the Academies, as well as at independent schools in Fort Wayne, St. Louis, and Baton Rouge. A fellow of the Episcopal Church Foundation and an Episcopal priest, he is Chaplain and Chair of the Department of Religious Studies at the Hill School in Pottstown, PA. He has published a number of academic articles on theology, medieval studies, and J. R. R. Tolkien, and is author of a novel, Rough Magicke, and of Falconry and Other Poems.

Advent *can* be a time of peace and goodwill

Where has the year gone? Christmas is less than three weeks away and the biting cold seems to be a little more biting than usual. The elections are over and we are on the cusp of a new year. In the liturgical tradition of many churches, the New Year began two Sundays ago with what is called the season of Advent. It is the season when we are invited to turn our attention towards the event that changed human history like no other.

That event was the birth of Jesus Christ. For Christians,

He is God in the flesh, the literal translation of the incarnation.

Throughout the ages many Christians have reflected on the various dimensions of the coming of Christ. The child Jesus is the first dimension of this coming. Then Christians believe that there will be a final dimension of this coming when Christ returns to judge the living and the dead. However until that event transpires, Christians are called to make the presence of Christ felt in what they say and do.

I recall the story of a skeptic who was schooled in the Hebrew Scriptures and noted the prophecies of the Hebrew Scriptures point to the time of the Messiah being one where there is peace on earth and good will towards all people. The skeptic pointed out to the Christian that this is not the case today, so how could they be so naive to believe that Jesus was the Messiah?

It certainly is true that there is not peace on earth in every corner, and certainly not good will towards all people. Many suffer daily from oppressive governments and policies that fail to respect human dignity.

But in reality, for the Christians who have come to know Jesus in their hearts, there is an abiding peace in their heart that no human person can destroy, and from this peace stems the capacity to have good will towards all people, regardless of how they believe or what they look like! This is a supernatural reality that does exist in many corners of our world.

This Jesus came to us through a young woman; scholars suggest that she may have

been in her teenage years, as young as 16 or even younger. She had the grace to say “yes” to God, despite great personal risk.

If a teenager was found to be pregnant at this time, she risked being stoned to death. But nonetheless Mary trusted God and responded to the angelic greeting. Mary is sometimes a point of contention between Catholics and non-Catholics. As in many cases the problem stems from a misunderstanding as opposed to a real substantive disagreement. Many seem to think that the Catholic faith worships Mary, which is just not the case.

Catholics strive to imitate the own respect Jesus would have had for His mother. As a Jew, Jesus would have followed the ten commandments, the fourth being, honor your father and mother. Therefore Jesus would have had more respect for His mother than any other person on the face of the earth.

Simply put, the Catholic Church imitates this respect Jesus had for His own mother. It was Mary's "yes" that paved the way for Christ to enter the world as a man. This is not to suggest that God could not have found another way, but the fact remains that God did not do that! As we understand the account, we are saved by Jesus Christ and Him alone. We just realize that Christ's journey, the God-Man, came through Mary. Mary in one very real sense was the dwelling for the Incarnate Word. She is often seen as the New Ark, she carried the world's future hope, the world's only hope.

I am convinced Mary would not want to be seen as some kind of last hope or some kind of god; her whole mission was to bring Christ into the world and to draw others to Him.

Ultimately my hope is for understanding and unity. St. Augustine said it very well: "In essential things we must have unity, in doubtful things there must be liberty, but in all things we must have charity!"

Christmas is a time when the world seems to pause, at least for a moment to ponder the greatest true story ever told. May the world be rapt in attention and be moved by its force. May you all have a very merry and blessed Christmas!



A Culver Chirstmas past

The CMA band serenades faculty at the Academy's officer's club in this mid-1940s photo taken by late CMA band director Col. Edward Payson.

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Pastor's Corner

By Fr. Glenn Kehrman
St. Mary of the Lake
Catholic church



Sports



Eagles victorious over Cavs in Culver vs. Culver action

By Dee Grenert
Sports Editor

CULVER — Size mattered for Culver Military Academy's basketball team Saturday.

Then again, long arms, jumping ability and quickness came in pretty handy, too.

The Eagles utilized all of those qualities in a 66-39 crosstown win over Culver Community at John R. Nel-

"His whole game was good," Huss said of Myers. "He did a good job getting everyone involved in the game."

Up front, 6-foot-10 junior center Trevor Weaser added 13 points and nine rebounds — including a traditional 3-point play that pushed CMA's lead to double figures for good at 17-7 with 1:45 left in the first quarter — while forward Trace

quarter, and again for an old-fashioned 3-point play in the third quarter that put the Eagles up 43-17 with 3:22 to play.

"We had guys in the right position on the backdoor lobs, but we were oversized and they went right over the top," Culver Community head coach Kyle Elliott, whose tallest player is listed at 6-1, said. "Our guys are jumping up and hitting the bottom of the backboard, and they've got their elbows up by the rim. There's not a whole lot you can do."

"They're just very athletic," he said of CMA. "They're athletic with very long arms in the passing lanes deflecting passes."

Sophomore forward Larry Clingler scored all 10 of his points in the fourth quarter to top Culver's scoring chart. Adam Neace added nine points.

"I think our kids play very hard," Elliott said. "When the other team gets a big lead, it wears you down, breaks you down, and then it gets difficult to sustain that effort, but I thought our kids did. All of our guys inside — Adam Neace, Larry Clingler, Brock Elliott — they're in there battling hard."

CMA hosts Elkhart Christian Friday, while Culver is at home with Knox Saturday.

• CMA 66,
CULVER COMMUNITY 39

At Culver
Score by quarters
CMA: 21 34 48 66
Culver: 7 15 25 39
CMA (66): Jermaine Myers 8 1-2 20, Wells Davis 4 1-1 9, Ramsey Bradke 0 3-4 3, Blayne Baker 1 1-1 3, Brian Wang 0 0-0 0, Travis Britt 3 0-0 6, Trent Sanders 0 0-0 0, Braxton Troyer 0 2-2 2, Carl Rivera 0 0-0 0, Alex Dodane 0 0-0 0, Trace Thews 5 0-0 10, Trevor Weaser 4 5-7 13. TOTALS: 25 13-17 66.

CULVER (39): Adam Neace 3 3-5 9, Nick Peterson 0 0-0 0, Brock Elliott 1 2-2 4, Justin Master 1 2-2 4, Zoe Bauer 3 1-5 7, Patrick Mulvihill 0 0-0 0, Zach Loehmer 0 0-0 0, AJ Neace 2 0-0 5, Larry Clingler 4 2-4 10, Nate Niswander 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 14 10-18 39.
3-point goals: CMA 3 (Myers), Culver 1 (AJ Neace); Turnovers: CMA 16, Culver 16; Rebounds: CMA 32 (Weaser 9), Culver 22 (Clingler 7); Assists: CMA 14 (Myers 5), Culver 9 (AJ Neace 2); Steals: CMA 8 (Davis 3), Culver 5 (Master, Bauer 2); Fouls (fouled out): CMA 19 (none), Culver 20 (none); Records: CMA 3-1, Culver 1-3.
JV score: CMA 41, Culver 19.

son Gymnasium.

Promising 6-foot freshman point guard Jermaine Myers popped in a game-high 20 points and dished out five assists in CMA's transition-oriented offense, all while his flypaper-sticky defense held Culver top gun Zoe Bauer to seven hard-earned points.

"We played at LaVille (Friday) and they've got a kid, (Jacob) Mangus, who is eerily similar to Zoe — really hard-nosed, good shooter," CMA head coach Alan Huss said. "Jermaine asked to be put on (Mangus) at halftime and held him to two points when he was in the game. We decided to put Jermaine on Zoe tonight, and he did a great job. His defense was the key to the game."

Thews muscled his way to 10 points.

"We made an emphasis of getting Trevor involved in the offense," Huss said. "He dominates in practice, but it hadn't translated to games yet. This is a first step; he solidified a few things."

"Trace came out of football kind of banged up," Huss added. "He was a little bit behind and it was going to take a little time to catch up. Trace and Trevor both played well. We expect big things from both of them."

Freshman Travis Britt started the scoring for CMA, which never trailed, with a steal and dunk 28 seconds into the contest. Wells Davis, a 6-5 jumping jack, scored twice over the top — once over a quickly-discarded zone in the first



Cavs cross country awarded, rewarded

The Culver Community cross country team held its awards banquet on Friday. After a dinner at the Texas Roadhouse Restaurant in Ft. Wayne, the team and coach Gary Shaffer attended an NBA D-League basketball game between the Ft. Wayne Mad Ants and the Erie Bayhawks. Culver Resident and Mad Ants team owner John Zeglis hosted the cross country team at the game. The Culver team enjoyed an exciting game in which the Mad Ants pulled out an opening night victory, winning 95 to 90.

The runners receiving awards were Stephan Vantwoud, MVP/All Conference; Tyler Hughes, Most Improved; Michael Stout, Mental Attitude; and Lauren Shaffer, named Second Team All Conference.

Photo: First row, left to right: Blake Bennett, Tyler Hughes, Colton Measles and Josh Wentzel. Second row: Lauren Shaffer, Michael Stout.

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Lady Cavs fall to tough Bremen teamwork

By Dee Grenert
Sports Editor

CULVER — Bremen's girls basketball team passed its first Northern State Conference test Saturday afternoon — literally.

The Lions moved the ball efficiently throughout the half court — led by senior forward Andi Coffel's nine assists — translating into a healthy mix of post and perimeter buckets in a 65-38 NSC win over Culver Community at John R. Nelson Gymnasium.

"I thought we passed the ball real well today," Bremen head coach Marty Huber said. "We had Andi Coffel for nine assists. I'm proud of them; they played hard."

That passing showed up especially under the Lions' basket where they scored five times — mostly with uncontested layups — on out of bounds plays.

"It was stupid mistakes," Culver head coach Ashli Faulkner said. "We knew what to look for under the basket. Credit Bremen for making the plays, but we gave them pretty easy opportunities."

Three Lions reached double figures, led by Tiffany Vogeler's 14 points. The senior forward scored 10 points in the first quarter alone to lead the Lions to a 17-11 advantage after eight minutes. Sophomore guard Lerin Studt chipped in 12 points, senior guard Libby Chang added 10 — highlighted by a pair of third-quarter triples — and Coffel flirted with a triple-double

with nine points, nine assists and eight rebounds.

Also for Bremen, Casey Hueni chipped in eight points off the bench and fellow reserve Chelsea Coblentz added seven points, including a conventional 3-point play with 3:20 left in the first half that capped off a game-changing 18-3 run and put the Lions securely in charge, 33-14.

"That's the way we've been all season," Huber said of his team's balance. "That's good to see. Casey's coming off the bench and playing well, and so is Chelsea. I'm not scared to play either one."

Defensively, the Lions' 1-2-2 zone held the Cavs to a 13-for-49 mark — 27 percent — from the field. In fact, Bremen's only real trouble spot came at the foul line where it finished 12-of-27.

"Those are the ones you have to have in close games," Huber said. "We're giving up way too many points at the line."

Culver, meanwhile, wound up with four starters with two fouls by the 5:12 mark of the first half, primarily through a series of reaching and hacking fouls.

"Our girls have got to get better at playing defense with their feet and not their hands," Faulkner said. "We've told them that over and over. Hopefully it will click soon."

Sophomore post Gwen Zehner turned in a double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds for the Cavs. She scored all but three

of those points during the first half before Bremen's defense collapsed on her in the post and limited her glances at the basket.

Alison Zehner, another sophomore, scored eight points and manned the point while guards Whitney Sanders and Nicole Carnegie sat in foul trouble.

"I thought Ali Zehner played a really nice game," Faulkner said. "That's two games in a row where she's hustled and given a great effort. She took the point position because she was the only one who'd stayed out of foul trouble, and did a nice job. I hope Ali continues to play like that."

Bremen heads to Triton Friday, while Culver hosts CGA Wednesday.

• BREMEN 65,
CULVER COMMUNITY 38

At Culver
Score by quarters
Bremen 17 33 52 65
Culver 11 19 30 38
BREMEN (65): Casey Hueni 3 2-2 8, Lerin Studt 5 1-3 12, Tiffany Vogeler 6 0-2 14, Libby Chang 4 0-0 10, Andi Coffel 2 5-9 9, Kiley Miller 1 3-10 5, Chelsea Coblentz 3 1-1 7, Jessica Johnson 0 0-0 0, Taylor Gurbick 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 24 12-27 65.
CULVER (38): Nicole Carnegie 0 2-5 2, Susannah Baker 3 0-0 6, Olivia Knapp 0 0-0 0, Whitney Sanders 1 1-2 4, Alison Zehner 2 4-6 8, Liz West 0 1-2 1, Gwen Zehner 6 2-4 14, Sarah Bailey 0 0-0 0, Cindy Miller 1 0-0 3. TOTALS: 10-19 38.
3-point goals: Bremen 5 (Vogeler 2, Chang 2, Studt), Culver 2 (Miller, Sanders); Turnovers: Bremen 15, Culver 18; Rebounds: Bremen 35 (Coffel 8), Culver 31 (G. Zehner 10); Assists: Bremen 18 (Coffel 9), Culver 6 (Sanders 2); Steals: Bremen 5 (Coffel 2), Culver 9 (G. Zehner 2); Fouls (fouled out): Bremen 20 (Vogeler), Culver 21 (none); Records: Bremen 5-2 (1-0 NSC), Culver 2-5 (0-1 NSC).
JV score: Bremen 31, Culver 16.

Sports briefs

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Record: CGA 5-2.

CGA falls

Culver Girls Academy scored 10 points in a 1:15 span at the end of regulation to force overtime, but a pair of Western Reserve Academy 3s in the extra period put CGA away 48-46 in a close first-round game at the Western Reserve Tournament Friday.

Kylee Shipley scored 19, and Cassie Felton scored 15 in the Eagles' loss.

• WESTERN RESERVE ACADEMY 48, CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 46 (OT)
At Hudson, Ohio
CGA (46): Moira Keley 0 0-0 0, Alexis Christlieb 1 0-0 2, Katie Gawor 1 0-0 2, Emily Loehmer 2 0-0 4, Katie Barnes 2 0-0 4, Cassie Felton 7 1-2 15, Kylee Shipley 6 4-4 19. Totals 19 5-6 46.
Scoring By Quarters
CGA 6 14 21 41 46
WRA 5 18 26 41 48
3-point goals: CGA 3 (Shipley 3); Rebounds: CGA 35 (Shipley 8), WRA 32; Turnovers: CGA 24, WRA 12; Assists: CGA 11 (Barnes 3), WRA 3; Fouls (Fouled out): CGA 16 (Barnes), WRA 11 (None). Records: CGA 4-2.

Cavs come up short

Culver Community lost to Rochester 39-32 in a low-scoring girls basketball game Tuesday.

Gwen Zehner scored a game-high 12 points for the Cavs, who struggled to a 24 percent finish from the field.

• ROCHESTER 39,
CULVER COMMUNITY 32

At Rochester
Score by quarters
Culver: 8 18 26 32
Rochester: 15 28 31 39
CULVER COMMUNITY (32): Nicole Carnegie 1 3-4 5, Susannah Baker 0 3-4 3, Olivia Knapp 0 0-0 0, Whitney Sanders 0 0-0 0, Alison Zehner 3 0-0 6, Gwen Zehner 6 0-2 12, Cindy Miller 2 0-0 6. TOTALS: 12 6-10 32.
ROCHESTER (39): Ellexis Lindsey 2 1-2 5, Kaitlyn Denney 3 2-5 8, Abbie Malchow 0 2-6 2, Ciara Smith 0 1-2 1, Ryan Burkett 0 0-0 0, Hannah Starkey 2 2-4 6, Jayme Smiley 2 0-0 4, Molly McKinney 2 1-2 6, Kayla Lindsey 3 0-0 7. TOTALS: 14 9-21 39.
3-point goals: Culver 2 (Miller), Rochester 2 (McKinney, K. Lindsey); Turnovers: Culver 21, Rochester 16; Assists: Culver 7, Rochester 4; Steals: Culver 13, Rochester 9; Fouls (fouled out): Culver 18 (none), Rochester 12 (none).

Records: Culver 2-4, Rochester 3-2.

Boys swimming

CMA slips past Goshen

CMA eked out a 95-91 swim win over Goshen Thursday.

Girls swimming

Eagles win

CGA's swim team picked up a 100-77 win over Goshen Thursday.

Boys hockey

Eagles busy

CMA's varsity, Prep and U16 hockey teams all played Saturday.

The varsity beat Brebeuf, while the Prep and U16 teams lost to Shattuck St. Mary's.

• CULVER MILITARY (Varsity) 8, BREBEUF 0
At Culver
FIRST PERIOD
CMA — Ryan Sete (unassisted), 9:31.
CMA — Austin Carlson (Ryne Sternberg), 8:02.
CMA — James McGing (unassisted), 4:56.
CMA — Troy Grogan (Brandon Benn), 3:33.
SECOND PERIOD
CMA — Rhett Schaefer (Taylor Duguay), 2:00.
CMA — Grogan (unassisted), 1:15.
THIRD PERIOD
CMA — Grogan (unassisted), 10:15.
CMA — Mike Geiger (Jon Sdao, Vince Vacketta), 4:13.
Shots: CMA 40, Brebeuf 13; Saves: Michael Wortell (CMA) 13, Jackson Hammond (B) 32.
• SHATTUCK ST. MARY'S 9, CULVER MILITARY (Prep) 5
At Culver
FIRST PERIOD
SSM — J.B. LaFontaine (Kirrill Gotouets), 13:55.
SSM — Joe Basaraba (LaFontaine), 10:51.
CMA — Tony Giacini (Anthony Wolfe, Grey Edwards) 2:56.
SECOND PERIOD
SSM — Alexander Fallstrom (Erik Havla, Sam Alfieri) 16:52.
SSM — James Polk (Blake Matejcek) 7:40.
CMA — Tieg Alward (Brad McBride, Kit Sitterley) 7:25.
SSM — LaFontaine (Sebastian Nilsson, Jason Clark) 1:33.
CMA — Sitterley (Unassisted) 0:27.
THIRD PERIOD

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EDUCATION

Coming to America

Exchange student experiences US via Culver High School

By Lara Kapplusch
Culver High School exchange student

Coming to America for one year means leaving your friends and family behind and not seeing them for a long time. It also means leaving your habits behind and adapting to a different culture and lifestyle. But it also means meeting new people, going to a different school, speaking a foreign language, having a lot of new experiences, seeing more of the world, and hopefully opening your mind towards others and ultimately learning about yourself.

Three months have passed since I left my home in Germany, and already the journey has been a huge adventure. Because my flight was overbooked, I had to stay in Germany for two extra hours while all the other German exchange students were on their way to Chicago sharing their excitement and questions. I, however, had to fly to London, Great Britain and then to Washington D.C. Next I flew to Indianapolis where I met my host mom and sister. Tired from my trip, I rode with them to Monterey, my new home for the next year.

The first days in the United States were a mixture of exhaustion and excitement. I was still tired because of the time difference and handling a foreign language, but also everything was new and exciting. I met a lot of people and did a lot of activities with my new family.

One week after my arrival, school started and I signed up for my classes. In Germany we have a list of subjects we must take. We do not have the same classes everyday because we have about 12 different classes and we have 13 years of school. However, a single school day is very similar. Also, I had problems opening my locker the first days because we do not have lockers in Germany. Instead we carry all our books with us in a bag. Everyone at Culver was very friendly and excited about having an exchange student in their classes; they asked me a lot of questions about Germany.

I was excited about school spirit. I embraced my first football game and was amazed when everyone sang the school song and cheered with the cheerleaders for their team. It may seem surprising, but we do not have something like school



Lara Kapplusch

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events and especially Spirit Week.

The biggest difference to my life in Germany is that I live in a city with about 400,000 citizens. Now I am living in a small town with a lot of agriculture and no possibilities to go shopping or to ride public transportation. I

understand why the driving age in Germany is 18 and it is 16 here.

Three months after my arrival I feel at home, have wonderful friends and family, and my English skills have improved. I have done a lot of new and exciting things such as going to the drive-in with my friends, going to Lake Michigan with my family, visiting Cedar Point, Niagara Falls in Canada, Indiana Beach, and spending a weekend in Chicago seeing the Musical ‘Wicked’. I am looking forward to the rest of the year and all the additional things I will do and learn in America.

Getting to know Lara Kapplusch

By Megan M. Myers
Culver High School

Lara Kapplusch, a 17-year-old German exchange student from the town of Bochum, Germany, has become a Culver Community Cavalier this year.

Kapplusch describes Culver High School as being small, yet friendly. She noted differences in this school from hers at home.

“I didn’t have a locker back in Germany; we had to carry our books,” said Kapplusch.

Her favorite teacher at Culver is Mrs. Benner and her favorite class is Journalism. Some of Kapplusch’s hobbies are meeting new people, reading, and dancing. Her favorite colors are yellow, orange, purple, and green.

Kapplusch enjoys watching the movies “Dirty Dancing” and “A Walk to Remember.” She likes to listen to Linkin Park and Silbermond and her favorite song is “Home.” Some of Kapplusch’s favorite foods to eat are pizza and hamburgers. Her favorite animal is a turtle, of which Kapplusch has many tokens.

“I hope I get to learn new things, have new experiences, and enjoy the time I am here,” said Kapplusch.

Camacho experiences America, Culver-style



By Sarah Kirkland,
Culver High School

Senior Karla Camacho has recently joined the Culver High School student body. Camacho is an 18-year-old foreign exchange student from Monterrey, Mexico. Camacho has two sisters, one is 21 and the other is 16. In addition, she has a Chihuahua named Cookie.

In her free time, Camacho likes to hang out with her friends and boyfriend. She likes to eat, shop, go to clubs, play soccer, watch movies, and chat online.

Her favorite movies are The Notebook, A Walk to Remember, and all four American Pie movies. Her favorite color is pink. Also, her favorite song is Cascada- Every Time We Touch. She likes all different types of music except for country.

“My favorite food in America is pasta. My favorite food in Mexico is tacos; they are the best,” said Camacho.

Camacho can’t wait to go on a trip to California. She will be going with the Foreign Exchange program and other exchange students for ten days. On the trip they will be visiting Las Vegas, Beverly Hills, Hollywood, Tijuana Mexico, Los Angeles, San Diego, the Grand Canyon, and San Francisco.



Cooking up fun

The Culver Boys & Girls Club recently had a girls-only cooking day. The girls were able to open, pour, and mix ingredients as they read them off of the recipe for pumpkin chip muffins. Pictured from left to right are Abby Haimbaugh (fifth grade), Lorinda Clifton (arts and crafts supervisor), Madison Shedrow (kindergarten), Aubrey Highberger (kindergarten), Jazmyn Beitler (second grade), and Alyssa KinYanJui (second grade). CBGC is located in the Culver Elementary School and runs daily from 3 p.m. to 6:50 p.m. The cost of the program is \$25 per year. There are scholarships available for those who qualify. Any questions or concerns may be directed to 574-250-0103.

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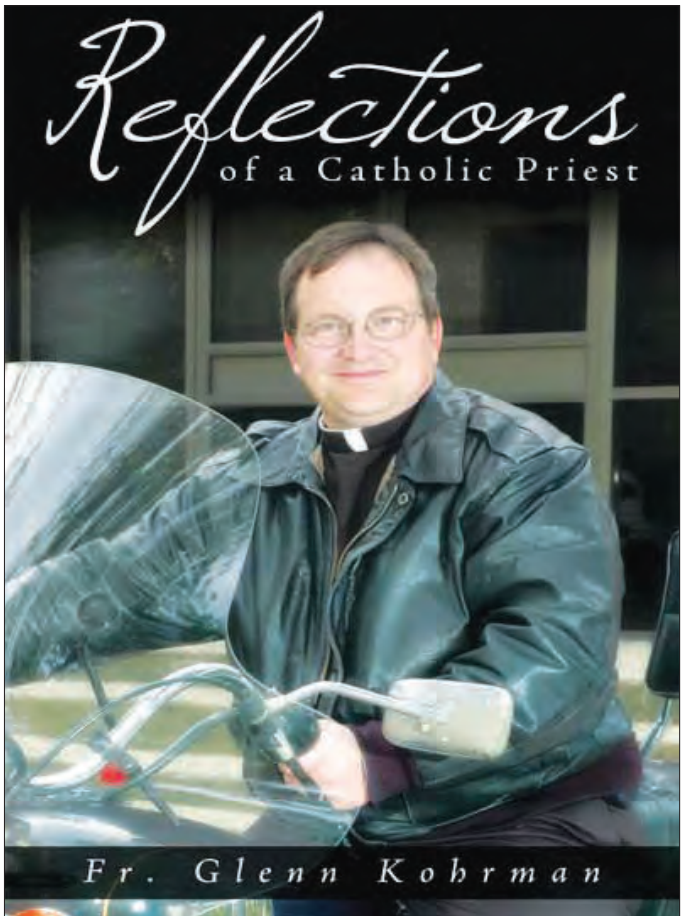
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St. Mary’s priest publishes ‘Reflections’

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

For the past seven years, Fr. Glenn Kohrman has stayed pretty busy in Culver. Besides being the priest at St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church on College Ave. and the Catholic chaplain at Culver Academies, he’s also a board member of the Culver Boys & Girls Club, teaches several classes at Ancilla College, is a participant in a number of community activities, an avid golfer, and an in-demand speaker and retreat presenter all across the Catholic Diocese of Ft. Wayne-South Bend, whose Vocations office he also works with. Now he can add “author” to that list.



Kohrman’s first book, “Reflections of a Catholic Priest,” had its genesis, he says, when the mother of a friend of his died of Lou Gehrig’s Disease seven or eight years ago (Kohrman has been pastor at St. Mary’s since 2001), an occurrence that got the priest, raised in New Haven, thinking about some of the “big picture” questions of life and meaning, particularly in present-day American culture. The resultant writing, what he calls a “collection of essays on various topics, such as life, good, and evil,” got its title from his niece after her reading of the manuscript.

He says he addresses, in the book, the “moral malaise we find ourselves in: how important it is to realize there is good, and – sad to say – evil in the world. It draws from the traditional understanding of how the church sees

that (and) the classical understanding of evil and good.” “Most people live this in their day-to-day world,” he adds. “They believe you *can* know something. That truth is real. We all have been lied to, and if there is no such thing as (objective) truth, it’s impossible for anyone to lie to us! The essence of what I’m trying to get at is a common sense approach to truth. There are things we can know. It’s not always easy to know them, but we can.” The book, published Nov. 3, is available online at amazon.com and via Authorhouse, who published it. Kohrman says he also hopes to have a copy or two at the Culver library. Copies are for sale at the St. Michael’s church gift shop in Plymouth, and he hopes to have copies for sale in Culver soon. Kohrman, who studied theology in Boston at St. John’s Seminary and received a bachelors and a master’s degree from Purdue in mechanical engineering, hopes, more than anything, his book sparks dialog. “A very wise priest gave me some good advice,” he recalls. “If you’re in a place to change something, change it. If not, speak your piece and let it go. (The book is) a way in which I can express myself and hopefully contribute to the conversation. If it can spark conversation or dialog, we’re closer to understanding each other.”

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Local women help stock Culver food pantry as party hostesses

On Nov. 18, Southern Living At Home consultants across the nation hosted Southern Living parties to help local charities that have suffered due to the economy. Local Southern Living consultant Susan Ellert and party hostess Julie Bess held a party to help benefit the local food pantry in Culver.

Guests who go to a Southern Living At Home party look at “boutique-quality” products and shop in the comfort and convenience of a home setting. “When Julie expressed an interest in hosting a party, I told her about Southern Living’s mission to give back to communities across the country during a time when many communities and charity organizations are suffering because of the economy,” said Ellert. Approximately 3,000 Southern Living At Home consultants were invited by Southern Living directors to participate in the Bountiful Harvest party day. With an average of ten guests per party, Southern Living hoped to bring 30,000 women together to have an impact on every type of charity. “Some parties contributed children’s toys, coats, or clothing, whereas others focused on food pantries, women’s shelters, and so on,” said Ellert. “The hope was that we could change lives by helping organizations that desperately need help this year.” “I read in the *Culver Citizen* that food pantries were struggling to stock shelves right now,” added Bess. “I thought we could help contribute by having guests bring food items that we could give to a Culver food pantry. I wanted to have an impact on our community right here.” “I think Julie’s party shows how you can gather people together to have fun while also giving back to your community,” added Ellert.

“This is the time of year that we stop to give thanks for what we are grateful for. Susan and I hope that when people are taking the time to think about what they are grateful for, they will think about those who are struggling during these difficult times and will show their thanks by giving back to the community they live in,” said Bess. “We encourage everyone to contribute to the food pantry here in town, not just Southern Living At Home fans. You can drop off food items at Grace United Church of Christ. We are grateful to the women who gave back by coming to this party,” concluded Ellert. For more information about Southern Living at Home, contact Susan Ellert at susanel-lert@sbcglobal.net. Culver’s food pantry has benefited from recent community generosity, says Amy Hutchins, but there is still a great need for more donated items, especially cereal, flour, sugar, and personal items like shampoo, soap, and detergent. The food pantry is open between 9 a.m. and noon the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. Those interested in donating items may contact Hutchins at 574-842-2598.



which president-elect Barack Obama may choose to use the CIA, saying he expects Obama to appoint a new CIA head when in office. Robarge also worked with American Studies students in sorting and analyzing recently declassified CIA documents. Is visit was coordinated by Culver’s Global Studies Institute.

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Setting the CIA record straight

Dr. David Robarge, chief historian of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), addressed students and faculty Nov. 19 at Culver Academies, giving a brief overview of the Agency’s 1947 establishment in the aftermath of World War II as a means of using covert operatives to gain information and influence policy in other countries. Robarge particularly emphasized common misperceptions in the public sector about the CIA, fostered largely, he said, by the Agency’s portrayal in movies, books, and the media. He cited a number of exaggerated fictionalizations in popular films (“Angelina Jolie as the typical CIA spouse and other howlers!”) and deconstructed inaccuracies in nonfiction books in recent years. Robarge also discussed expectations of the manner in

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thanksgiving

Volunteers from Culver's Lions Club lend a hand during REAL Services' annual Thanksgiving luncheon Nov. 26. From left, Amy Hutchins, Dan Adams, Jim Harper (partly hidden) and Pastor K.C. Dehning of Trinity Lutheran Church. The meal is part of REAL Services' daily service of a nutritious, filling meal for area older adults in a welcoming atmosphere. REAL Meals takes place daily starting at 11:30 a.m. at the beach lodge in Culver's town park.

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SSM — Josh Lutsch (LaFontaine, Clark) 16:54.
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CMA — Giacin (Max Terher) 10:36.
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SSM — Robbins (O'Leary) 1:44.
Shots: CMA 23, Shattuck 48. Saves: Kurt Williams (SSM) 18; Jason Torf (CMA) 30, Connor Evans (CMA) 9.
• SHATTUCK ST. MARY'S 5, CULVER MILITARY (U16) 2
At Culver

FIRST PERIOD
SSM — Ben Greiner (Nick Oswald)
SECOND PERIOD
SSM — Jimmy Mullin (Kenny Gillespe)
CMA — Austin Carroll (Johnny Rathjen, Blake Roubos)
THIRD PERIOD
SSM — Tanner Sorensen (Danny Elsner)
CMA — Tyler Ledford (Rathjen)
SSM — Bryan Sinz (unassisted)
SSM — Grenier (Mullin), empty net
Shots: CMA 22, Shattuck 40. Saves: Anthony Terenzio (SSM) 20; Nick

Kulmanovsky (CMA) 35.

Girls hockey
CGA wins
CGA beat Shady Side Academy 8-1 in hockey action Saturday.
• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 8, SHADY SIDE ACADEMY 1
At Culver
FIRST PERIOD
CGA — Mehgan Grieves (unassisted), 11:07.
CGA — Courtney Hague (Alyssa Spratte) 9:18.
CGA — Alicia Schaefer (Spratte)

4:34.
CGA — Corinne Henning (Kaye Sitterley) 3:46.
SSA — Piper Pearson (Kay Bitzer, Kayla D'Angelo) 3:28.
SECOND PERIOD
CGA — Courtney Zotos (Hannah Smith, Taylor McShefferey) 13:45.
CGA — Henning (Grieves) 5:34.
CGA — Grieves (Henning, Erin Tress) 1:29.
Shots: CGA 29, Shady Side 6. Saves: Sarah Tisnerman (SSA) 21; Lexie Ludewig (CGA) 5.

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change; Culver doesn't like change, (but) we like to see things progress.” Stallings presented a plaque from the Chamber to longtime Culver fireman and chief Lance Overmyer, explaining the Chamber was part of a surprise banquet this past fall recognizing Overmyer for his community service, but was unable to present Overmyer his plaque at the time. “Talk about volunteerism and involvement in his community,” Stallings added. “Lance is the ultimate example of that.” Awarded as Business Person of the Year was the joint team of K. Ward and Esther Powers Miller, owners of the Painter and Poet Gallery in Culver. The gallery started 20 years ago and launched in full in 1989 with the debut of Esther's first Christmas card, bearing a watercolor painting of Culver Academies' Memorial Chapel and Ward's poetic verse. In the ensuing years, scores of local scenes and landmarks depicted in Esther's recognizable watercolor and graced with Ward's poetry were released, even as the Millers opened their own shop at 307 N. Main St. and launched their website, www.painterandpoet.com. The Millers were married in 1980, he a Korean War vet who wrote



Left: Ward K. and Esther Powers Miller accept Culver Chamber's "Business Person of the Year" award from Chamber president Mike Stallings, right. Right: Incoming Chamber president Greg Fassett (left) and Stallings with Margaret Dehne of the Finney Shilling VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 6919 in Culver accepts the Lifetime Achievement award on behalf of the Auxiliary.

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poetry in his head, he says, while walking guard duty, before working 36 years for Indiana Bell telephone

company and later joining Esther in her real estate appraisal business. Esther herself has lived in Culver since moving here in 1953, having studied art at the Kansas City Art Institute and spending most of her working years in real estate appraisal. After the two juggled that profession and creating poetry and art, they “took the plunge” and retired from real estate to hit the road with their combined art and poetry on the art show circuit across the country. During that time, Ward's poetry was collected in several small books graced by the calligraphy of well-known then-Culverite, the late Jean Williams (later Murphy). It was in 2001 that the Millers' shop, adjacent to their North Main St. home, opened. The two thanked the Chamber for its quarterly “Destination Culver” newsletter's role in supporting their business, as well as “the enthusiastic support” given them by the community and their customers.

Awarded Volunteer of the Year was Leroy Bean, whom Stallings said “epitomizes what a volunteer is.”

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Born in Chicago in 1941, Bean was in Culver by 1942 and has lived here 66 years since, marrying Margaret Poor in 1961 and having two daughters, Kimberly and Cheryl, besides three grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren, and five great grandsons. Bean retired from Easterday Construction after 42 years in Nov., 2004 joining the Lions Club along the way in July, 2001. Bean became “Station Master” in 2002 at the Club's headquarters, the former Culver train station-depot in the town park. “If Leroy asks you to take that job over,” quipped Stallings with a smile, “you have to say ‘no.’ He basically runs that place. Everything that happens there, Leroy's involved in it.” Bean has been in charge of rental of the station since 2003, and over recent years has volunteered at the Kiwanis Club's Twin Lakes camp, helped with Christmas in April several times, worked with Culver's food pantry, removed snow from sidewalks of neighbors and residents; put up Christmas decorations on Main St. and Lakeshore Drive, and held seats on the park board and Lakefest Committee.

Bean, expressing his appreciation and surprise at the award, said simply he'd “rather be out volunteering somewhere!”

Margaret Dehne accepted the Chamber's Lifetime Achievement award on behalf of the Finney Shilling VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 6919. The organization, which celebrated its 60th anniversary in April, 2007, is made up of “the mothers, daughters, granddaughters, sisters, and wives of our veterans of foreign wars.”

From its early days, the Auxiliary has supported VA hospitals, the VFW National Home, and various community activities. In the late 1960s, noted Stallings, the group began to be recognized on the state and national level with awards. In the 1970s, the Auxiliary started its first Senior Citizen Christmas Dinner and started a fund drive to support the then-fledgling Culver EMS, holding bake sales, dinners at the Post, and selling black walnuts door to door to raise funds.

On a national level, the Auxiliary also supports cancer aid and research, legislative and community activities, Americanism, and the Buddy Poppy program. Mary Lou Wise, past state president and Auxiliary president, has been editor of the group's newsletter for 40 years, winning a number of state and national awards.

The Auxiliary has donated flags to local schools, the town, and library and sent boxes of needed items to troops in Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War, and Iraq. The Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen programs award local, state, and national-level prizes to area students for essays on patriotism. Also supported locally are the Maxinkuckee Players, Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Fund, Heminger House, Red Cross, the local After-prom, Special Olympics, bingo at Miller's Merry Manor, food for needy families, various programs at area libraries, and membership in both the Culver Chamber and Second Century Committee.

Dehne, accepting the award, thanked the Chamber as well as Ruhnow for her work in the Auxiliary, as well as all the women in the group, “without whom we wouldn't be able to do all this.”

Plaques listing current and past Chamber award winners will be on display for the public at the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library.

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