



In Brief
Lions, Council of Churches host chili supper Feb. 6

The Culver Lions Club in conjunction with the Culver Community Council of Churches will host a chili supper Friday, Feb. 6, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the railroad station-depot, 615 Lakeshore Drive in Culver. Cash donations will be accepted at the door, with all donations going to the Culver food pantry, which operates out of the Grace United Church of Christ on Plymouth Street, Culver.

Make it a special Friday evening by attending the Chili Supper and then taking in the Culver Community High School boy's basketball game, which starts at 7:30 p.m.

CES sixth graders collecting items for troops

Culver Elementary School sixth graders are collecting items for American troops and would greatly appreciate any help from the community. The collecting project – which was conducted successfully two years ago, according to sixth grade teacher Missy Trent -- began after a student's uncle, Marine Jimmy Boyne, spoke to the sixth graders. Boyne has recently shipped out to Iraq, says Trent. Boxes of supplies are planned to be shipped March 20. Items needed include baby wipes, individual serving size powdered mixes for water bottles, beef jerky, hard candy, hand sanitizer, chap stick with SPF, wipes for eyeglasses, any non-perishable food item (examples include pop tarts, granola bars, noodles in a cup, microwave popcorn), magazines (Reader's Digest, People, etc.). Individuals are encouraged to bring items to the school.

Culver HS basketball history book on sale

Culver High School's Business Professionals of America is selling copies of the Culver Community boys and girls basketball record book. The book is a compilation of statistics from teams from 1968 through the present. It includes coaches' and players' individual and team records, awards, and year-by-year, team-by-team scores. The cost of the book is \$10. Anyone who has followed basketball here over the years will want this novel idea for a Christmas gift. Copies may be purchased at the school.

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Culver at the inaugural

Culver was represented at the Jan. 20 inauguration of president Barack Obama on more than one front. In the photo above, at left, members of Culver Academies' Black Horse Troop on their way to the inaugural parade in which they and the school's Equestriennes participated. From left, Scott Clayton, August Scherer, Michael Buschman, and Austin Chandler. In the photo at right, Janette and Sean Surrisi of Culver – recipients of formal invitations to the event -- pause with the Capitol Building looming in the background, on Inauguration Day.

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Culver at the capitol

Braving elements, Culver students part of historic event

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

"Four months of practice, years of restless waiting, 500 miles of travel, (and) 100 riders with their respective horses later," as Culver Academies senior Ashley Eberhart puts it, the school's Black Horse Troop and Equestriennes have returned from their participation in president Barack Obama's Jan. 20 inaugural parade. And, as is often the case with monumental events, the emotions of the participants ebbed and flowed during the difficult hours of waiting and then marching, only to culminate in awed hindsight.

"We've been through every emotion you can think of all at once," says Academies senior Samantha Costas. "Happiness, anxiety, the cold, numbness...then viewing stand, all the negative emotions while I passed the president's wife Michelle. It was an amazing feeling to represent



Ali Davidge of Culver

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The Culver students were from their hotel in Annapolis at 6 a.m. and on the road to Washington, D.C., by 7 a.m., a police escort leading them on a journey that, in fact, took until about 9 a.m. until past noon, leaving the students absorbed only by the constant screams of excitement here and there, recall Costas and Culver resident -- Ali Davidge.

Culver riders were mounted, but not moving, from about 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., after which the parade itself -- which Davidge says was "kind of a blur" -- began in earnest. Any cold experienced during the day was exacerbated as the sun set during the parade itself, which Costas says left temperatures around 17 degrees. "We're tough cookies," she smiles.

Though spectators in the viewing stands were few, the riders were reinvigorated by the sight of a Culver contingency there to cheer them on. "We had this Culver community there, which was really nice," recalls Costas. "It was awesome to have that strong a base in the Culver community."

"The president seemed engaged with us," she adds, "which made it worth it."

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Culver couple among few with inaugural invite

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Out of just 198 tickets to president Barack Obama's historic inauguration in Washington, D.C. available through second district Congressman Joe Donnelly, Culver couple Sean and Janette Surrisi were among the few to obtain a set, a fact Sean attributes to making the request immediately after election day, back in November.

The Surrisis, like many other Americans, had been supporters of Obama from early on, they say, attracted to campaign policies such as a focus on oil independence and new forms of energy, middle class tax cuts for working families, and increased focus on diplomacy for the US.

So the couple was surprised to learn they would be official invitees, and combined the trip with a long-planned visit to some friends in the area. They spent the weekend prior to inauguration day visited DC area museums. They also stopped in to visit Donnelly himself, at his DC office, the day before the inaugural.

After rising at 2 a.m. Jan. 20, the Surrisis found themselves at the end of a line of 500-600 people waiting for DC's Metro train at its 4 a.m. opening. In spite of this, and the number of cars lined up at the station, Janette notes the one attribute of the crowds that stuck with the couple throughout the event: "The thing that stands out about the whole thing is how nice and patient people were, even though we were all put through these intense crowd situations," she says.

Sean agrees. "It could have been a bad outcome if people were not friendly, but everybody was cooperative."

Security was a topic of much discussion at this year's inaugural festivities, so the Surrisis were surprised at the apparent lack of police presence in the crowd, and what they felt was a lack of police communication with the crowds.

There were around 240,000 tickets distributed to inaugural-goers, says Janette, with some two million actually crowding their way into the

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Preserving the past...in pictures

Neikirk's hobby documents last vestiges of area's past life

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

It's perhaps 20 degrees out -- with the wind chill surely much lower -- and Sue Neikirk is standing in the snow in a windy cornfield, taking pictures. What's more, she's taking pictures of a structure many might call ugly: grey, rotting wood pocked with holes and looking altogether rather shabby and forsaken.

This is pretty typical, though, for Neikirk, who prefers shooting in the winter, when visibility of the old, abandoned structures she photographs is

highest and, she says, isn't threatened by the green-



Sue Neikirk takes aim at an abandoned one-room schoolhouse near Culver.

CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

ery of spring and summer overtaking the color of the buildings.

Neikirk, who grew up summering in Culver and today works at the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library (she and husband Frank live in Grovertown), three years ago turned a long-time photographing hobby into Rural Ruins Photography, a venture that has led to showing her photos at several public libraries (Culver, Knox, and St. Joseph County, for example) and fairs, most notably the Indiana State Fair in Indianapolis, where her photos didn't win, but were

amongst the few hundred out of thousands to be chosen for display.

As the name Rural Ruins suggests, most of what Neikirk shoots is in some state of abandonment or disrepair, which is part of the appeal for her. "Nature's taking them over," she says. "They had been used at one point, and now nature has moved in and is reclaiming what once was (its own). Nature is drawing that car back down into the earth; chipmunks are running around in it, and

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Library board talks closings, consolidation

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

A newly reorganized Culver-Union Twp. Public Library board got down to business Jan. 20 with the board’s most recent member, Jim Hahn, voted in as president in spite of concerns expressed by some members as to his lack of board experience. Hahn noted he has served on several non-library boards in the past, and accepted the position after much discussion amongst other members, most of whom turned down the presidency themselves. Three board members – Alfred Nyby, Melanie Robertson, and Peg Schudt – were also reappointed for four-year terms, reported library director Colleen McCarty.

In the wake of the previous week’s brutal temperatures and school closings, board member Nyby reported several calls from members of the public asking about the library’s closing policy in event of inclement weather. McCarty said a policy adopted before her tenure as director dictates the library close whenever Culver Community Schools close or delay, with library staff paid for whatever shifts originally scheduled for them to work.

Board member Carol Saft expressed concern that the language of the policy,

which says part-time employees may “make up” hours missed due to weather-related closures, is problematic and needs to be clarified.

“I think we need to differentiate between school, that involves children, and a business, which involves adults,” added Saft. Board member Melanie Robertson countered library staff shouldn’t be put in weather-related danger either, adding concern that children not be “dumped off” at the library by parents when school is closed. “I don’t think the facility is for babysitting or that the staff should be in danger, either one,” she said.

The board’s policy committee will discuss the closing policy in the near future.

- Nyby noted he had attended a recent local meeting on Gov. Mitch Daniels’ efforts to streamline local government, adding, “we’re under a very real threat of being consolidated, county-wide. I don’t think it’s in the best interest of our library (to consolidate).”

McCarty, in agreement, said consolidation would likely leave Culver’s library a branch of a county-seat based library system, with policies concerning hours of operation, pay, and other library policies deter-

mined from the county level, rather than locally. She added one beneficial move for the Culver library might be expediting a hoped-for adoption of Evergreen, a computer-based library circulation system designed by librarians and offered now via the Indiana State Library for use statewide, with installation and migration from existing circulation systems offered free of charge. McCarty said the software platform would offer home users increased online usability besides improving staff workflow.

- In other discussion, McCarty – following up on a topic from the previous meeting – confirmed the library has located and secured a doll house donated recently and valuable toothpick holder collection donated some decades ago, following concern expressed by some members of the public as to the whereabouts of that and other library assets in the past year. Board member Saft encouraged patrons to speak directly to McCarty with questions concerning the whereabouts of library property. McCarty also confirmed to the board that an inventory of the library’s capital assets – non-circulating items such as

furniture and supplies – has been completed.

- Library bookkeeper Jim Faulkner discussed a target range of around \$34,000 for monthly library expenditures, based on a \$430,000 annual budget aimed at reduced spending. Faulkner also reported steady reconciliation of library books and accounts over the last three months following work with library-hired accounting firm Umbaugh & Associates, drawing praise from board members.
- McCarty reported about 20 new magazine subscriptions have joined the library’s existing collection of regular periodicals, part of an effort to cover a broad range of reader interests. All but the most current issue of each title will be available for patron checkout, she added.
- She also noted the library’s “Food for Fines” endeavor, which ran from November to Jan. 3, accrued a total of \$1,084 worth of goods to donate to Culver’s food pantry and offset patron overdue fines.
- McCarty herself has been certified Librarian Level 1 by the state of Indiana, she said, and library staff member Teresa Hudson has now been certified Librarian level 4.

Rick Schultz will be displaying artwork from

Culver Academies’ Asian students in the library lobby starting Jan. 26, said McCarty, in honor of Chinese New Year. She also said the library will be a Census Assistance Center starting March, 2010, when the national census begins. Citizens may come to the library to ask census questions of a worker or work on census forms.

- She added the library’s children’s room has had several programs of late in addition to outreach to area preschools and elsewhere from children’s department head Ali Gaskill. New stools and computers at a teen-young adult area counter are receiving good use as well, she added.
- A packet on usage of the library’s website (at www.culver.lib.in.us) was created by technology head Andrew Baker and distributed to board members, reporting a total of 118,553 visits, of “hits,” to the site in 2008, 40,360 from unique visitors. Almost all site usage, said McCarty, was that of the library’s Culver history-related pages.
- Following up on last month’s discussion of a \$4,300 bill for work done to two library cabinets, McCarty – responding to a query

from Nyby – confirmed architectural design firm the Troyer Group was not aware of the work, which McCarty said apparently was ordered by former library director Carol Jackson. Saft, noting the work order was in June, asked if such an expenditure was discussed in a board meeting, noting the board’s ad hoc finance committee plans to discuss creation of spending caps for directors without board permission.

- Saft also noted she was recording the evening’s meeting digitally and plans to do so at future meetings, archiving the recordings in the director’s office.
- Also discussed was concern that a follow-up letter to one sent by the library’s attorney should be examined by the attorney for approval before sending, even though the contents are a reiteration of an earlier letter. Board president Hahn agreed to speak to the attorney about the matter.

Editor’s note: a new, monthly column by librarian McCarty appears on page 4 of this issue of the Citizen.

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Black Horse Trooper and Academies senior Jeffrey Matson wrote on the school’s Vedette newspaper blog, “The part that really amazed me was the dedicated group of Culver fans... that stood in the freezing cold to cheer us on. They suffered through the same bitter conditions as us, and when we finally appeared, they let out a loud and enthusiastic applause. The excitement on their faces was worth all the time and effort put into the event.”

“In that single instant when Mr. Obama fixed his steady gaze on our unit,” wrote Eberhart on the blog, “we were hurtled from hardworking hopefuls to

joining that legion of Culver equestrians who came before us.”

“I saw the Equestrienne Captains with tears streaming down their face as they were so humbled by the honor of riding in this historical parade,” recalls Assistant Dean of Girls and Equestrienne coach Lynn Rasch. “The riders sat up straight, the American flags held by the Troopers were billowing, the horses were in perfect formation and the Black Horse Troop and Equestriennes passed by our new President of the United States. I was so proud of these young man and women, my school and the opportunity I had to share

this experience with them. They looked fantastic! After the parade...I asked the students what they thought of the day. Many of them said it was the ‘worst day’ of their life (the bitter cold and wait), and ‘the best day’ of their life (riding for the president).”

The historical significance of the day’s events may have been temporarily lost to many students amidst cold and frustration, but once the parade was over, few were left unaware of the gravity of what they’d been a part of. ““I think that personally it was a really significant parade for me because he was my first presidential vote,” says Costas. “He was the guy I was rooting for at the beginning!”

“The Black Horse Troop (went on) to see Barack Obama become the first African-American president in United States history,” notes Matson. “We were broadcasted over national

television, and we were a part of something very few individuals had the privilege to do. The whole world will be able to read about the 56th Inaugural Parade and the making of history.

“However,” he adds, “the most important things I can take away from this unforgettable experience are things you had to experience first hand, such as... hearing a member of my squad tell me he will never quit.”

“Every day for the rest of my life,” writes Eberhart, “I will see President Obama’s grinning face, no doubt laughing at us (as we were) crying, laughing, and gasping for air as we realized the significance of the bright lights leading us to the reviewing stand... today, I am proud to be an Equestrienne, a Culver student, an American, (and) a human being.”

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city, according to statistics released after the event. “As we were in line,” she recalls, “you were pushed by the crowd. But the people there always maintained a happy attitude. If somebody was on the verge of tears, someone would comfort them.”

But, she adds, it was “bitterly cold. At points, the crowd would start moving and you didn’t know why! You were in your spot for maybe three hours at a time.”

By 11 a.m., the inauguration ceremonies on the verge of commencing, people were getting more frustrated, says Janette, with thousands of people eventually pushing down the security perimeter, though she notes the crowd was never upset, but remained calm. “Even though I wore gloves (and layers), I was telling Sean my hands were cold. A complete stranger next to us handed us some chemical packets of hand warmers.”

Sean estimates he and Janette were some 300-500 yards away from the swearing-in of president Obama, though they could make out the figures of participants even from there. Janette says they definitely felt part of the event, due to excellent sound and a proliferation of “jumbo tron” monitors to watch it all.

The Surrisis, regrettably, weren’t able to watch their hometown represented by Culver Academies in the inaugural parade; with a capacity of 120,000 people per hour on the DC Metro train, making it to the parade in “would have been impossible,” Janette explains.

Instead, in another “one of those happy stranger moments,” the couple sought and found a Capitol Hill restaurant and managed to circumvent a long wait when another couple – choosing not to wait in line any longer – gave the Surrisis their place in line, allowing them to be seated within 20 minutes. They spent the next three hours in the restaurant, watching huge crowds wait to get on the Metro to leave the city. Sean and Janette Surrisi, instead, walked about 10 blocks to the next station, found a seat, and were on their way.

“We had a good time, a lot of fun,” says Sean. “It was a lot of work to get yourself there, but you’re glad you did it.”

“That moment in time,” notes Janette. “(It was amazing) to be part of such a large gathering of people and be able to have a common purpose and there not be any problems or trouble.”

“The whole town just had an energy about it,” adds Sean, “with all the people.”

Almost from the onset of leaving for the inauguration, the couple felt the historic weight of the moment, says Janette. “It was something to be part of.”



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Plan commission approves new Culver business venture

Staff Report

Culver - The first order of business for the January meeting of the Culver Plan Commission was reorganization. Kelly Young will remain as president, with Pete Peterson, vice-president and Francis Ellert, secretary completing the officers for 2009.

Attorney Jim Easterday presented a petition to vacate an alley on behalf of James Washburn, 802 College Avenue. Easterday noted that the alley on the east side of the property had been in existence for 60 years without maintenance or improvement with the exception of minor maintenance done by Washburn. There was one letter of remonstrance from the owner of property at 512 Forest Place who was represented by Roy Michael Roush, attorney. Roush noted this would effectively block the resident's second method of access to her property.

The Plan Commission voted unanimously to recommend the vacation of the unimproved 15 ft. wide alley to the Culver Town Council who have the final decision.

Don Baker presented a site plan for a new business venture located on the corner of Lake Shore Drive in the building formerly occupied by The Grape Vine.

The business will be known as The Bike Barn, Baker said and he and wife, Janet, will offer repairs, supplies, T-shirts and other bike related gift items to the biker aficionados. Vintage bicycles can be restored, bikes repaired Baker noted and they will plan events that will utilize the existing bike route in Culver.

The site plan was approved unanimously and members said they were pleased to see a new business venture in Culver.

A re-plat of lots 28 and 29 in Medbourn's Addition was approved. The re-plat combines the two lots into one parcel. The lots are located on Liberty Street in Culver.

Building Commissioner, Russ Mason, presented the final building report for 2008. The total value of construction for 2008 was \$17,354,499 somewhat lower than 2007. Included in this amount was \$6,265,186 for accessory buildings, \$1,420,000 for commercial/educational, \$3,546,000 for additions and for five new homes \$4,725,000.

Plan Commission members were given a lengthy ordinance revision to review prior to a public hearing. A revision of the Culver building code ordinance will include language addressing unsafe buildings Mason said. A public hearing will be scheduled for the ordinance revision after review by the commission.

The committee reviewing the existing zoning ordinance will meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at town hall. The public is welcome to attend.

Community Calendar

Thursday, Jan. 29 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	DivorceCare, 7 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ
Tuesday, Feb. 3 Fitness class, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library Scholastic Book Fair begins (through Feb. 7), 3 p.m., Culver Elementary School	
Saturday, Jan. 31 Culver Cub Scout pinewood derby, 1 p.m., Wesley United Methodist Church	Culver Chamber of Commerce mtg., 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 1 Open gym, 1 p.m., Culver Middle School gymnasium	
Monday, Feb. 2 'The Big Read' planning mtg., 4:30 p.m., Culver Public Library Al-Anon Mtg., 5:30 p.m., Knitting Class, 5 p.m., Culver Public Library Culver Public Library Overeaters Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library	Wednesday, Feb. 4 Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
	Thursday, Feb. 5 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 Knights of Columbus St. Mary of the Lake Council #13720, 7 p.m., church rectory basement



Obituary - Holaday

Ruby Lees Holaday Sept. 8, 1921 - Jan. 17, 2009

CULVER — Ruby Lees Holaday passed away in Culver on Jan. 17. She was the wife of the late Allan G. Holaday of Bourbon and Culver. Ruby was born in Champaign, Ill. to Harry and Lena (Stalter) Lees. She attended the University of Illinois where she was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority. She was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and obtained a B.A. in 1942 and later a Ph.D. in French.

While a graduate student, she met Allan, a professor in the English Department, and they were married on Sept. 30, 1945. They had two sons, A. Scott and Bruce L. Unlike circumstances today, in the 1950s there was limited assistance for a young mother who wanted to pursue an academic career and raise a family. Ruby put aside her dreams of becoming a professor in French to raise her two children and support her husband in his career. However, she remained an avid reader and gardener.

In 1950, Ruby and Allan purchased property on the west shore of Lake Maxinkuckee where they enjoyed many summer days sailing and swimming.

They usually spent Christmas holidays escaping the cold in Indian Rocks Beach, Fla. In 1961, Ruby was presented with the challenge of tutoring her two sons while the family traveled in England during Allan's sabbatical. When both of their sons were settled into careers of their own, Ruby and Allan retired to Culver in 1980 where they resided until their deaths. In addition to her two sons, Ruby is survived by her four grandchildren: Claire, Ian, Tristan, and Sarah.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements.

Death notice - Wentzel

Lester R. Wentzel Jan. 21, 2009

Lester Richard Wentzel, 87, of Culver, died Wednesday, January 21, 2009 in Culver, Indiana.

Lester is survived by his wife - OrfaJean, daughter - Patricia (Jim) Krou of Colorado; son - Jonathan (Jane) Wentzel of Plymouth; grandchildren - Lori Krou of Colorado, Jeremy (Stephanie) Wentzel of Plymouth, and Michael (Valerie) Berger Jr. of Plymouth; 4 great-grandchildren - Axton, Guage, Evalynn, and Peyton; sisters - Betty Weller and Mary Wentzel of Rochester, IN; and brother - Harold Wentzel of Plymouth.

Lester was preceded in death by son - David, sister - Vivian Wentzel, and brother - Colvert Wentzel.

Services were at 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 24, 2009 at Bonine-Odom Funeral Home in Culver, with visitation on January 23, 2009 from 5 - 8 p.m. and one hour prior to the service on Saturday.

Memorial may be given to the Bible Baptist Church in Knox.

Condolences may be sent via the obituary page at www.bonineodom.com.

The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Open for business

Left: Culver's in-progress Center for Culver History museum and research center is now open Wednesdays between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m., thanks to Latham Lawson, who is available during those hours to assist visitors to the museum, located in the lower-level Carnegie portion of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library.

Lawson, a retired history teacher at Culver High School, ought to know a thing or two about the subject: besides decades in Culver, he also wrote the definitive history of Culver's legendary State Exchange Bank, part of his Master's thesis at Indiana State University in 1964 (he's pictured, above, browsing the writing). The library has obtained two copies of the rare document for its collection, including one available for patron checkout.

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Death notice - Faith

Delorse A. Faith Jan. 20, 2009

MONTEREY — Delores Ann Faith, 67, of Monterey, died Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009 at home.

She is survived by brothers: Jasper Tolson of Toto and Ernie Branham of Texas; and sisters: Leatha Faly Tolson of Florida, Irene Branham of Plymouth, Flossie Kreischer of Monterey, Mary Lou Minix of Clay City, Ky., Patty Ayers of North Judson and LaVern Markum of Texas.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 24 at 1 p.m. at the Knox American Legion.

Braman & Son Memorial Chapel, Knox, is in charge of the arrangements.

Police blotter

Trevor M. Weldon, 20, of Culver, was cited for a seatbelt violation Dec. 2.

Linn R. Campbell, 46, of Culver, was cited for speeding, 44 mph in a 30 mph zone Dec. 8.

Jane B. Sheets, 37, of Culver, was cited for a seatbelt violation Dec. 8.

Christopher S. Reed, 28, of Culver, was cited for driving while suspended, expired driving license, and operating with a faulty headlight Dec. 13.

Dustin D. Staner, 28, of Bremen, was cited for driving while suspended Dec. 18.

Raul Navojar-Avila, 48, of Plymouth, was cited for a false or fictitious registration Dec. 18.

New Citizen contact info

Drop-off boxes for community news are located upstairs at the Culver-Union Township Public Library, 107 N. Main St.; and the Culver Coffee Company, 634 E. Lake Shore Dr.. These drop-off boxes will be accessible during the locations' normal business hours.

News drop-off no longer will be accepted at The Culver Citizen's former storefront location on North Main Street.

Citizen editor Jeff Kenney may be reached at 574-216-0075. News can be sent by e-mail to: citizen@culcom.net and mailed to: The Culver Citizen, c/o The Pilot News, P.O. Box 220, Plymouth, IN 46563. Faxes may be sent to 574-936-3844.

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New periodicals among library’s latest offerings

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If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need. ~Cicero

My name is Colleen McCarty and I am Director of the Culver-Union Township Public Library. I will be writing a few lines about your library for the Culver Citizen each month, telling our readers a bit about our beautiful facility and some of the materials and programs we have here for you.

During these cold and snowy winter months, we invite you to visit the library to take a look at our periodical reading room. Your library has some new magazines, as well as many of your old favorites. General and special interest subscriptions are here for adults: our magazines cover many topics including finances, home decoration, news, sports, crafts, health and parenting. Newspapers and Indiana history periodicals are also available for you to read.

Serials librarian Teresa Hudson says, “This is a great resource. Linda Johnston and I are excited to have organized the adult collection for Culver patrons. And we have a different magazine featured every week in a special

display area. Last week, *Audubon* was on display and this week we highlight *This Old House*, which features expert advice on home



From the Other Side of the Book Drop

By Colleen McCarty
Director, Culver-Union Twp.
Public Library

improvement, remodeling, gardening and decorating for people who own older houses.”

And there are titles for the littlest ones, older children and teens available in the Children’s Room and Teen Area. Children’s librarian Ali Gaskill tells us, “The Children’s Room offers a variety of magazines for preschool age children up to young adults and parents. There are many different genres available including sports, crafts, gaming, beauty and more.”

Come to the library, sit in front of the fireplace and browse, or charge out older issues of the periodicals. The current issue of a magazine is not available to take out, but previous issues are. Patrons may take out

up to 15 magazines on their Culver library card. Magazines circulate for seven days, with one renewal. If you’d like to preview what we own, this is the URL for a complete list of our periodicals: <http://www.culver.lib.in.us/magazines.htm>

And while you’re here, be sure and see Culver Library’s C. Warner Williams’ sculptures,

which are now displayed on the shelving above the magazine racks: There are 12 animal sculptures. Read about this world-famous local artist (and see photos of some of our sculptures) on the Library’s webpage: http://www.culver.lib.in.us/warner_williams.htm

As January draws to a close, The library trustees and staff of the Culver-Union Township Public Library wish to express our appreciation to the citizens of Culver for partnering with us during our recent Food for Fines initiative, which was coordinated by Library staff member Sue Neikirk. In these tough economic times, your sacrifice helped restock the shelves of our Food Pantry, which

is facing increased demand. Through your generosity, our Food Pantry received over 1,000 nonperishable food items. We are delighted by your enthusiastic response: during the two-month program, you donated enough food to provide for several area families. Thank you for allowing us to partner with you to help those in need.

And please remember, my door is always open and I hope to hear from you. What you have to say about your library and how we can better serve you and our community is very important to us. So come!

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Editor’s note: Colleen McCarty began her tenure as director of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library last year. Her column will appear on a monthly basis in the pages of the Citizen.

Nostalgia

75 years ago
Jan. 31, 1934

- George H. Thayer Jr., a member of one of the pioneer families of Marshall County and for many years a summer cottager at Lake Maxinkuckee, died at his Plymouth home last week at age 74. The Thayer family founded and operated the Plymouth Novelty Manufacturing Company, which for many years was leading employer in Marshall County, and a graduate of one of the first classes in Plymouth High School.
- Free foodstuffs from the federal government will be issued Weds. from 3 to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m. at Oberlin’s grocery, which is handling the distribution free of charge.

50 years ago
Jan. 28, 1959

- Culver’s Main Street is all agog this week at the big remodeling going on at the friendly A&P Food store, which also coincides with the 100th anniversary of one of America’s great businesses, the Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company. Local manager Ted Strang and his friendly staff -- which includes Jerry Knepper, Gary Hicks, Fern Canterbury, and Kate Kowatch, clerks -- are showing off the new facility this week. Congratulations are in order.
- The most savage winter storm of the present century was experienced in Culver last week, when the entire area -- particularly East Shore Drive on Lake Maxinkuckee -- was subjected to the most violent

snow and sleet in recent memory. During the freeze (nine below on Friday), power lines snapped under their icy weight, NIPSCO switches froze, TV antennas fell, tree branches blocked already hazardous highways, telephone service was interrupted, and schools forced to close, with nine inches of snow still remaining. Elza H. Hawkins told the Citizen he has a good memory that goes back 76 years and he never has seen winter weather to compare to this recent bout. Electricity went off Weds. evening along the east shore and didn’t resume until Thurs. night, and in some cases longer. Some brave souls decided to stick it out the first night, hovering around their fire places and sleeping in their clothes. When it was determined the zero spell was here to stay, most east shore residents drained their pipes and reluctantly moved out. It was a losing east shore battle at most homes except those of W.O. Osborn, Robert L. Haig, William N. Rasmussen, Andrew Venum, Dr. Norris, and Dr. Troy L. Babcock. Clair Bennett installed generators at several homes, including that of Haig, who shunted the generator around the neighborhood. Mr. Haig on his physician’s advice opened a bottle of rare, 28 year old whiskey and shared it with those who helped him move the 90-pound generator from house to house in the bitter cold. The Haigs

also served steaming pizza pie to those assisting.

20 years ago
Feb. 1, 1989

- Students at Culver Elementary School took time out to say “thank you” to school nurse Sharon Coffey last Weds. on National School Nurses Day. Members of Wanda Howard’s first grade class surprised Coffey with handwritten notes of thanks, which will be posted in the hallway for all to see. Mrs. Coffey has been a registered nurse at the school since 1975. Although she has worked in many hospitals, nursing homes, and summer camps, she says she likes her work in the school best. It is obvious from the letters that Nurse Coffey is well liked by the children and she helps them in a variety of ways. Among the contents of the letters to Coffey: “Thank you for the shirt when I got sick” (Penny Howard; “I like you. You help me when I throw up” (Steven Streets).
- Culver police report an abduction attempt made on a 6th grade student at Culver Elementary School. The girl was going to a friend’s house between 4:30 and 5 p.m. last Tuesday when a bearded man with black, shoulder-length hair shouted and whistled at her from the window of a light blue car. He exited the car and followed her to her friend’s home, staying parked outside the house for sometime afterwards.

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Sports



Bauer leads Cavs to victory

By Dee Grenert
Sports Editor

CULVER — Oregon-Davis employed just about every man-to-man defensive op-tion to stop Culver Community sophomore Zoe Bauer.

Nothing worked.

With the Bobcats rotating no fewer than five defenders — complete with a spell of faceguarding throughout the half court — Bauer exploded for a season-high 33 points and grabbed seven rebounds to lead the Cavs to an 83-65 first-round Bi-County Boys Basketball Tournament win Tuesday at John R. Nelson Gymnasium.

Culver advances to Friday's semifinal round against CMA at LaVille's Dale E. Cox Gymnasium. Game time is 8 p.m.

"I thought Zoe played a pretty good game over at Triton Saturday, too," Culver Community head coach Kyle Elliott said. "He's starting to understand reading defenses, how to attack, how to break down defenses and get his teammates involved. His outside shot is coming around, too.

"It's a different game for him this year," he added. "Last year it was more of a set shot on a kick-out. He's learning to be more aggressive. He scored off the dribble, and in the first half he did a lot of scoring coming off screens."

And he racked up his total in efficient fashion, nailing 12-of-15 attempts from the field, including 3-for-4 from downtown, and scored twice during an 11-2 run that lifted Culver to a 58-40 lead at the end of three quarters. The 6-foot guard hit from outside, effectively

drove the lane, and even recorded a couple of rebound baskets for Culver, which never trailed.

"I'm looking for someone who can stop somebody," O-D head coach Matt Richie said. "(Junior) Matt (Richie) can, but I can't waste him on the defensive end. I've only got one player who can set down and stop someone. (Bauer) was a fantastic shooter this evening. He got good looks."

Sophomore guard AJ Neace scored all 13 of his points after the intermission, highlighted by three driving buckets, and dished out four assists, while sophomore Larry Clingler chipped in 12 points. Junior point guard Patrick Mulvihill added nine points and four assists.

"We're very excited about AJ Neace and Patrick Mulvihill," Elliott said. "Patrick's played two very solid games in a row. AJ did a very good job on offense breaking down the defense. Larry Clingler's been up and down this year, but he did a very good job inside."

The normally ball control-oriented Cavs cashed in on repeated transition opportunities, and shot 61 percent from the field.

"That's the most points we've scored all year," Elliott said. "We were aggressive on offense. We attacked the basket and converted. We thought we'd have a good opportunity tonight to fill some lanes."

And that transition game helped the Cavs open up a multiple-possession lead in the second quarter after a tight opening frame.

"(Culver) had three or four guys ahead of us con-

stantly," the O-D boss said. "We had guys jogging back. That's just hustle, just desire.

"One thing we stress every day is defense," he continued. "For some reason it's not clicking in games. We've got what I call basketball amnesia. We do what we need to do in practice, but we cross onto the floor and forget what we're doing."

Culver, which has struggled from the foul line throughout the season, pulled away at the charity stripe with a 19-for-22 mark in the final frame. For the game, Culver knocked down 29-of-36 chances for an 81-percent success rate.

"That's what we're excited about," Elliott said of the free-throw shooting. "We got out the football blocking pads. We were working on players banging each other around, trying to get ourselves to the free-throw line and getting our opponent in foul trouble. I'm very proud of the effort."

• CULVER COMMUNITY 83, OREGON-DAVIS 65
At Culver
Score by quarters
O-D: 13 27 40 65
Culver: 14 34 58 83
O-D (65): Michael Wood 4 4-4 12, Quinn Biddle 0 0-0 0, Eurrat Saylor 0 0-0 0, Nicholas Hofferth 7 3-4 18, Travis Collings 1 0-0 2, Zach Richie 1 1-1 3, Michael Baughman 0 0-0 0, Matthew Richie 11 6-7 30. TOTALS: 24 14-16 65.
CULVER (83): Brock Elliott 0 3-4 3, Justin Master 4 0-0 8, Zoe Bauer 12 6-6 33, Patrick Mulvihill 1 6-6 9, Kyle Pugh 1 3-4 5, AJ Neace 4 5-6 13, Larry Clingler 3 6-10 12. TOTALS: 25 29-36 83.
3-point goals: O-D 3 (M. Richie 2, Hofferth); Culver 4 (Bauer 3, Mulvihill); Turnovers: O-D 15, Culver 12; Rebounds: O-D 18 (Wood 6), Culver 25 (Bauer 7); Assists: O-D 9 (M. Richie 5), Culver 14 (Neace, Mulvihill 4); Steals: O-D 4, Culver 1; Fouls (fouled out): 26 (Hofferth), Culver 18 (none); Records: O-D 0-9, Culver 4-7.

The Cavs, though, turned the ball over 11 times in the third quarter alone, and put up just nine shots during the same span. More than eight minutes elapsed between Gwen Zehner's rebound bucket at the 4:15 mark of the third quarter and Alison Zehner's 3-pointer with 3:50 left in the game.

"It was a tale of two basketball teams," Faulkner said. "We handled the pressure in the first half, and then we reverted to what I hope someday will be our old ways — and by old I mean I hope we never see them again. We told the girls at halftime that O-D is going to put more pressure on you. The girls knew it was coming.

"For whatever reason we just quit running our press-

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CMA wins Bi-county tourney

By Dee Grenert
Sports Editor

LAKEVILLE — Culver Military Academy savored every moment of its final Bi-County Tournament appearance — even if it lasted four extra nail-biting minutes.

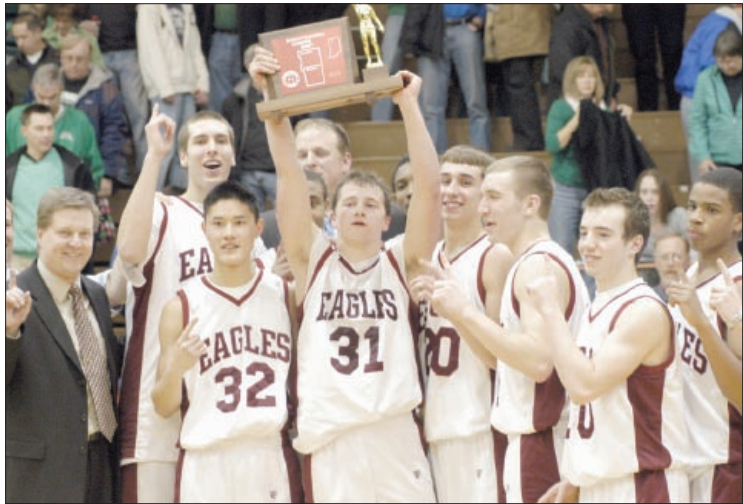
The athletic Eagles, who wasted a pair of nine-point fourth-quarter advantages and missed eight free throws in the game's final 5:10, dodged several late Bremen bullets to cap off its Bi-County tenure with a 54-52 overtime win over the defending champions in Saturday's final-round win at LaVille's Dale E. Cox Gymnasium.

Next year, CMA, which also won the crown in 1996, replaces its longtime Bi-County association with a Christmas-time tournament in Illinois, while original Bi-County participant Triton returns

after a more than three-decade absence.

"(Winning the Bi-County) was a goal for us," CMA

break, which will be good for us. And I can't blame them for wanting Triton. Triton's going to draw a lot



PHOTO/ALAN HALL

CMA celebrates its Bi-County Tournament championship Saturday at LaVille's Dale E. Cox Gymnasium. Pictured, from left, are assistant coach Alan Huggler, Trevor Weaser, Brian Wang, Travis Britt, head coach Alan Huss, Carl Rivera, Wells Davis, Blayne Baker, Trace Thews, Ramsey Bradke and Jermaine Myers.

head coach Alan Huss said. "It's something we wanted to do. We wanted to leave here as tourney champions. Next year we'll be in a tourney in Illinois over Christmas. That means no 32-day

better. The change will be good for both of us.

"We just wanted to give the fans their money's

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Cavs, Eagles clash at Bi-county

By Dee Grenert
Sports Editor

LAKEVILLE — All's Wells for Culver Military Academy.

Sophomore forward Wells Davis scored nine points in 59 seconds during a 23-0 first-half run to lead the Eagles to a 62-35 Bi-County Boys Basketball Tournament semifinal win over Culver Community Friday at LaVille's Dale E. Cox Gymnasium.

CMA, making its final

cylinder. He also dished out four assists before sitting the entire fourth frame.

"Wells came out and did some nice things early on," CMA head coach Alan Huss said. "We've been trying to get him to be more aggressive early in the offensive flow."

CMA freshman point guard Jermaine Myers registered 16 points, six rebounds and five assists, and classmate Travis Britt cracked double figures with 10 points and nine rebounds. Trevor Weaser, a 6-10 center, swatted seven shots and secured six rebounds against Culver, which lists no player taller than 6-1.

"I thought we were pretty unselfish," Huss said. "Every game's the same thing — we want to keep getting sharper. Tonight was a step in the right direction."

Defensively, CMA's full-court pressure forced 15 first-half miscues, leading to 16 points and a 35-5 lead midway through the second frame.

"We thought we could pressure them a little bit," Huss said. "I don't really know what to say about the press. We got our hands up. We got pretty

good pressure on the perimeter, and our bigs were where they needed to be. We've had times this year where our perimeter guys did a good job, and then we give up baskets on the back side. Our bigs did a good job being in the right spot."

Meanwhile, things deteriorated so rapidly for the Cavs that they burned three

timeouts in the game's first 8:38, and managed just two field goals — jumpers from Zoe Bauer and Kyle Pugh — during the opening 14 1-2 minutes.

"We prepared for this team, believe it or not," Culver head coach Kyle Elliott said. "They're a very good basketball team. They didn't do anything we didn't expect. We told the kids that when you play in a tournament game like this, you've earned the right; you have to step up and compete. We didn't compete the way we hoped to.

"It's one thing to turn it over, it's another when they're turning it into points," he continued. "This is a good group of kids. It takes time, and there's going to be bumps in the road. These kids will come to practice Monday ready to work hard."

Bauer scored a team-high 10 points for the Cavs, who never developed any sort of offensive rhythm, and finished 10-for-44 — 22.7 percent — from the field. Brock Elliott chipped in nine points for Culver.

"Good shot selection is something we focus on," the Culver skipper said. "A poor shot is a turnover. Our inability to work the basketball was very frustrating. We had no flow to our offense."

• BI-COUNTY TOURNAMENT SEMIFINAL
At Lakeville
CMA 62, CULVER COMMUNITY 35
Score by quarters
CMA: 20 37 55 62
Culver: 3 14 26 35
CMA (62): Jermaine Myers 7 0-0 16, Wells Davis 8 2-4 19, Ramsey Bradke 0 0-0 0, Blayne Baker 1 0-0 3, Travis Britt 4 1-4 10, Carl Rivera 2 0-0 4, Brian Wang 0 0-0 0, Trace Thews 3 0-1 6, Trevor Weaser 2 0-0 4. TOTALS: 27 3-9 62.
CULVER COMMUNITY (35): Adam Neace 0 1-2 1, Brock Elliott 2 5-7 9, Justin Master 2 3-3 7, Zoe Bauer 3 2-2 10, Patrick Mulvihill 0 1-2 1, Kyle Pugh 1 0-0 2, AJ Neace 0 1-2 1, Larry Clingler 2 0-2 4. TOTALS: 10 13-20 35.
3-point goals: CMA 5 (Myers 2, Davis, Baker, Britt), Culver 2 (Bauer); Turnovers: CMA 17, Culver 20; Rebounds: CMA 32 (Britt 9), Culver 29 (Mulvihill 6); Assists: CMA 14 (Myers 5), Culver 5; Steals: CMA 6, Culver 5; Fouls (fouled out): CMA 20 (none), Culver 9 (none); Records: CMA 7-3, Culver 4-8.

Lady Cavs fall in close O-D matchup

By Dee Grenert
Sports Editor

CULVER — Oregon-Davis senior sharpshooter Aubrey Minix started Tuesday just two 3-pointers shy of 2002 Miss Basketball Shanna Zolman's state career record.

However, another Minix — cousin Kelsey — proved to be the Class A No. 3 Bobcats' outside shooting star for the night.

Kelsey Minix, a 5-foot-2 defensive wizard, nailed five 3-pointers — two during a 24-point unanswered string in the second half that turned a close game into a rout — to help the two-time defending Bi-County Tournament champions to a 76-45 first-round tourney win over Culver Community at John R. Nelson Gymnasium.

"Our triangle-and-two

did pretty good for about 2 1-2 quarters," Culver Community head coach Ashli Faulkner said. "We let Gabi get in the middle, and she made some excellent passes. She's a great player. She exposed our weak spots."

Despite the lopsided final score, the Cavs hung with O-D until midway through the third quarter, and even led 30-29 at halftime.

Alison Zehner's 3-pointer with 8 seconds left before the intermission gave Culver its only lead, and Susannah Baker's blocked shot at the horn sent the Cavs to the locker room with loads of momentum.

"The atmosphere in the locker room at halftime was electric," Faulkner said. "It was amazing. Susannah had that excellent block to end the half, and everyone was excited."

Sports briefs

Girls basketball

Culver Community avenged a previous loss to CGA with a 61-48 victory in the Bi-County Basketball Tournament consolation round Thursday.

Kelsie Hollabaugh led three Dragons in double figures with 15 points. Kyla Van Der Wee and Kassi Hensley chipped in 13 points apiece for Argos.

In the nightcap, sophomore forward Gwen Zehner exploded for 28 points to lead the Cavs. Patrice McBee chipped in 12 points.

Kylee Shipley led the

Eagles with 18 points, followed by Erica Sims with 12 points.

• BI-COUNTY CONSOLATION

At Lakeville
CULVER 61, CGA 48
Score by quarters
CGA: 11 25 28 48
Culver: 10 28 50 61
CGA (48): Alexis Christlieb 1 0-1 2, Katie Gawor 0 1-2 1, Moira Kelley 0 2-2 2, Kylee Shipley 8 1-2 18, Emily Loehmer 0 0-0 0, Erica Sims 2 8-10 12, Monica Weaser 0 0-0 0, Cassie Felton 2 2-6 6, Katie Barnes 3 0-2 7. TOTALS: 16 14-25 48.
CULVER (61): Nicole Carnegie 0 0-0 0, Susannah 0 2-2 2, Aspen Kitchell 0 0-0 0, Patrice McBee 4 4-5 12, Whitney Sanders 3 1-3 8, Ali Zehner 2 1-3 5, Cindy Miller 2 0-0 6, Gwen Zehner 9 10-12 28. TOTALS: 20 18-25 61.
3-Point goals: CGA 2 (Shipley,

Barnes); Culver 3 (Miller 2, Sanders); Fouls (Fouled out): CGA 20, Culver 21 (Baker).

Wrestling Eagles win

CMA's wrestling team eked out a 34-33 win over Marian Tuesday.

Daniel Young and Blake Honeywell both won by pinfall for CMA.

• CMA 34, MISHAWAKA MARIAN 33
At Culver
103: Alex Maloney (CMA) won by forfeit; 112: Casey Fielder (M) dec. Carlos Salinas, 11-6; 119: Andrew Gleitz (CMA) won by forfeit; 125:

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PHOTO/ALAN HALL

Culver Community's Larry Clingler (44) tries to work inside against CMA's Trace Thews, right, during a Bi-County Tournament semifinal game Friday at LaVille's Dale E. Cox Gymnasium.

Bi-County appearance, takes on defending tourney champion Bremen tonight at 8:30 p.m. in the championship at LaVille.

Davis, a 6-foot-5 jumping jack, finished 8-for-9 from the field en route to a game-high 19 points; his only miss came on an alley-oop attempt in the second quarter that spun off the

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trees are growing out of it.”

The subjects of her photos are also, of course, part of area history. “It’s like archaeology. It’s American archaeology. There (are) stories behind each and every one.”

These assorted pieces of past Midwestern life, she points out, are disappearing fast. “You’d see something and go, ‘Oh, I wish I had a picture of that,’ because it’d be gone the next time you pass it by. I’ve had that happen.”

And like many people, Sue Neikirk loves a good mystery. “The house in the middle of the woods that was just left: why? I had to jump a stream for that one. Or the house I was photographing when an old gentleman came up in his truck and explained it was built in 1889, and he told me how it was built and that there was an outhouse.”

Outhouses she finds particularly fascinating. “Outhouses are so interesting because you always need a place to go to the bathroom! I found an outhouse standing all alone in the middle of the woods. I said, ‘Frank, stop the car!’ I found it with the seat up. You could see there had been a house over there; you could see the stone foundation where the house was.”

Neikirk says she’s liable to slow or stop her car at just about anywhere this time of year. She’s developed some methodology towards safety and legality, including never venturing out and about to shoot without her hunters’ orange cap, complete with the company name printed on the front. She also carries cards bearing the same information as well as contact info. These she hands out as needed, including to local police wherever she is. “If I see a police officer, I’ll give them one of my cards and explain what I’m doing. If there’s a no trespassing sign, I’ll shoot from a distance or get permission. I do it once a year: I take my cards and give (the police) my license plate number and type of car I’m in. If they see it, they’ll know crazy Sue’s out there doing photography.”

Neikirk, unlike many regional photographers capturing disappearing structures and other facets of America’s past life, says she usually shoots in color, partly to capture what little color may be left on objects, which helps bring out their original look. “I’ve got thousands of pictures of probably several hundred structures. I shoot old houses, barns, outhouses, schoolhouses, old businesses, old graveyards, old trel-lises, stairs...anything that looks interesting.”

“Things are disappearing. One time I drove by and was going to take a picture of a little summer kitchen. The next time I came by, it was gone. That little piece of history is gone. Or there was a little creamery that I was given permission to go into and shoot. It had been like a little time capsule, and later (after shooting photos of it), I went back and it was stripped bare.”

Neikirk isn’t sure her long-range plans for her photos. “People ask me, ‘What do you want to do with these?’ I have no idea. I do shows; I would like to do a calendar or something at some point.”

In the meantime, Sue Neikirk will haunt the backroads and streets of the Culver and surrounding areas, camera in hand, capturing pieces of everyday local life frozen in time. Sue Neikirk may be reached by email at fsneikirk@hotmail.com.



One of Neikirk’s photos of an abandoned vehicle in which nature is taking over.

PHOTO/SUE NEIKIRK

Former Academies superintendent Mars celebrates 90th birthday

Editor’s note: John Mars arrived at Culver Academies in the early 1940s, serving the school until his retirement in 1982, including as superintendent through the challenging years of 1976 to 1982. Over the weekend of Jan. 17, a celebration was held in Florida of Mars’ 90th birthday, with a number of present and retired Culver faculty, administrators, and others on hand. Addressing Mars for the occasion was longtime Academies faculty member and coach Fred Haase. Also among the guests was longtime Culver Academies Master Instructor in Spanish, José Manuel Garzón. Below are excerpts from both men’s comments on Mars’ birthday.

Fred Haase:

John, more than anyone else, was a paradigm for me of what it meant to work at Culver. It was more than just a job; it was a calling. There were few positions at Culver that he did not hold: teacher, coach, counselor, academic dean, department chairman, and finally Culver’s tenth superintendent. I remember the day on the golf course when he told me that he had agreed to become superintendent. I’m not sure that he wanted the position, but he did what was best for Culver. When the Academy needed him, he were always willing to answer the call. The word “no” was not in his



Above left: John Mars, center, celebrating his 90th birthday in Florida flanked by José Garzón (left) and longtime Academies instructor and coach Fred Haase at right.



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Above right: Mars in the classroom, 1970.

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vocabulary.

When I come into the department each morning, I walk by the glass case with the names of the recipients of the John R. Mars Award for Excellence in Spanish. Each year I send the winner a short note, telling him or her a little bit about John Mars and how proud they should be to receive an award bearing the name of one of the great scholars and one of the great men in the history of Culver. Seeing his name also reminds me of how he continues to this day to leave his mark on the language department.

José Manuel Garzón:

John R. Mars has always been a great source of inspiration to all of those who came in contact with him. He is the personification of goodness, kindness, wisdom, unselfishness, consistency, reliability and compassion. His generosity, his guidance, his unwavering support, his leadership and his conduct through all the decades that he was associated with the Culver Military Academy and Culver Girls Academy and thus, in the forefront of the dissemination of Spanish Cultures in the Foreign Language Department of The Academies, as a master instructor, counselor, dean, chairman of the Foreign Language Department and finally as a Superintendent of The Academies, had made a great difference in our lives. He was the center that binds many of us together and nourishes us in the process.

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chased at the Culver High School.

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., through March 1. Cost is \$2 per Sunday, or \$15 for the entire winter. Questions can be directed to Ken VanDePutte at 574-274-9942.

Center for Culver History needs items

The Center for Culver History museum room in the Culver library will be open Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. until noon. Visitors can see the concept for the museum, view a few of the artifacts which will be in the museum and purchase any of the items the Antiquarian and Historical Society has for sale. The Center is also always in need of area artifacts to display in the space; items may be dropped off at the Culver Public Library.

Citizen cell phone

Please note our new contract information and cell phone number on page 3. Citizen editor Jeff Kenney may now be reached at a new cell number, 574-216-0075. Please submit e-mail news items to the longstanding address, citizen@culcom.net.

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Dave Wagenblast (M) pin Conner Hague, 0:33; 130: Eric Plude (M) pin DeShaun Brown, 1:17; 135: double forfeit; 140: George Reynolds (M) won by forfeit; 145: Zak Hewitt (CMA) dec. Robert Mauch, 10-1; 152: Daniel Young (CMA) pin Austin Sierachi, 0:53; 160: Cameron Crowell (CMA) dec. Zach Roberson, 6-4; 171: Devon Gilbert (M) pin Cory Gleitz, 2:35; 189: Blake Honeywell (CMA) pin John Mauch, 0:52; 215: Jack Crawford (CMA) dec. Mik Lindke, 3-1 (OT); Hwt: John Jones (M) won by forfeit.

Trojans win

Triton picked up a 46-18 Northern State Conference wrestling win over Culver Community Wednesday.

Matt Lindsey won by pin for Triton.

Both teams held to the NSC meet Saturday at Jimtown.

• TRITON 46, CULVER 18
At Bourbon (from Wednesday)
103: Matt Lindsey (T) pinned Ian Randolph in 1:37; 112: Dalton Overmyer (C) won by forfeit; 119: Doubleforfeit; 125: Andy Thompson (T) won by forfeit; 130: Double forfeit; 135: Tony Swanson (T) won by forfeit; 140: Darius Stevens (T) won by forfeit; 145: Erik Hoffman (T) won by forfeit; 152: Ellis Edel (T) dec. Parker Woodward 14-5; 160: Zack Clark (T) won by forfeit; 171: Robert Molebash (C) won by forfeit; 189: Jacob Sheridan (C) dec. Chad Sellers; 215: Tommy James (C)

dec. Matt Heath 10-7; 285: Aaron Haines (T) won by forfeit.

Hockey
Eagles win

Frankie DeAugustine scored twice in the second period to lead Culver Military's prep hockey team to a 3-1 win over the Ohio Blue Jackets Sunday.

Kit Sitterly also found the net for CMA.
• CULVER MILITARY (Prep) 3, OHIO BLUE JACKETS 1
At Culver

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worth," Huss, whose team lost to Bremen in overtime earlier this season, said jokingly. "It was almost the exact same game as the first time; we had a big lead and gave it away. We need to get a little better in our stall game. We're a little tentative, but we're getting better."

CMA's free-throw shooting drought, though, allowed the Lions to force overtime and a chance to either tie or win at the end of the extra session.

Senior forward Carl Rivera — CMA's only reliable man from the stripe down the stretch — nailed a pair of free throws with 1:38 left to give CMA a

52-48 overtime lead, and then split a two-shot foul at the 10.1-second mark for a 54-52 Eagles lead.

"Carl Rivera calmly steps up and knocks down free throws when we need it," Huss said. "I'm pleased for him. He's battled a lot of adversity. He had a broken hand in football, and then got mono. He's getting into shape and playing with more confidence."

Freshman Travis Britt paced the Eagles with 18 points, highlighted by a driving bucket that put CMA in front for good, 50-48 with 1:55 left in the extra set. Like Britt, tourney MVP Wells Davis made good use of his dribble, pil-

ing up 16 points, while also preventing a turnover with an acrobatic save along the baseline to set up Britt's go-ahead bucket.

CMA freshman point guard Jermaine Myers added nine points and four assists, while Trace Thews grabbed six rebounds.

"One thing is Bremen's kids are awfully tough," Huss said. "Their toughness caused us lots of trouble. I'm pleased that we figured out a way to win at the end. If we want to compete in the sectional we're going to have to get tougher. Bremen got just about all the loose balls. Loose balls mean more to them right now. I'm glad we got to play

in a game like this, because it had sort of that sectional atmosphere."

That Bremen forced overtime at all took quite a scramble at the end. Myers' second-chance bucket with 5:56 left in regulation put the Eagles up 46-37 and seemingly in control.

With CMA attempting to milk the clock, Bremen's aggressive defense forced a couple of turnovers, and also caught the Eagles playing a little passively. And when CMA missed the front end of two bonus attempts, the Lions pounced right through the opening.

Following a missed Bremen shot that bounced out of bounds off a CMA play-

er, the Lions retained possession with 6.3 seconds left in the game. The trigger went to Cornett in the right corner, who swung to Hueni curling three steps right of the top of the key. His 3-point offering rattled home to set up overtime.

CMA clung to tenuous leads most of the game, including 25-23 at half-time. The Lions remained close despite shooting just 29.1 percent from the field — 7-for-24 — during the opening 16 minutes.

Hueni won the WB Hawkins Award for leadership.

• CULVER MILITARY ACADEMY 54, BREMEN 52 At Lakeville

Bi-County Championship
Score by quarters
Bremen: 14 25 39 46 54
CMA: 11 23 33 46 52
BREMEN (52): Cody Barrier 0 1-2 1, Steve Cornett 2 0-0 4, Chris Hueni 6 4-6 19, David Leeper 4 2-3 11, Eric Zeltwanger 0 0-0 0, Tyler Pfeiffer 1 0-0 2, Matt Bahr 3 0-0 6, Ryan Hessler 2 4-4 8, Kyle Feldman 0 1-2 1. TOTALS: 18 12-17 52.
CMA (54): Jermaine Myers 4 1-2 9, Wells Davis 6 3-7 16, Ramsey Bradke 0 0-0 0, Blayne Baker 0 0-0 0, Travis Britt 8 1-4 18, Carl Rivera 2 4-6 9, Trace Thews 0 0-2 0, Trevor Weaser 1 0-0 2. TOTALS: 21 9-21 54.
3-point goals: Bremen 4 (Hueni 3, Leeper), CMA 3 (Davis, Britt, Rivera); Turnovers: Bremen 11, CMA 11; Rebounds: Bremen 34 (Hessler 10), CMA 23 (Thews 6); Assists: Bremen 8 (Cornett, Bahr 3), CMA 7 (Myers 4); Steals: Bremen 6, CMA 5; Fouls (fouled out): Bremen 21 (Cornett, Leeper), CMA 16 (Weaser); Records: Bremen 8-5, CMA 8-3.

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breaker, and then turned the ball over," she added. "It went from a one-point lead to a 14-point lead in O-D's favor in a hurry."

Gwen Zehner, a 6-foot-1 sophomore forward, led the Cavs with 17 points and 14 rebounds, and 6-3 sophomore Patrice McBee ripped down 10 rebounds.

"I would love to have Gwen Zehner on my

team," Terry Minix said. "I wouldn't guarantee a state championship, but I'd like my chances. She understands how to get the ball away from the defense, and when she gets it you're not getting around her. She's a great player."

• OREGON-DAVIS 76, CULVER COMMUNITY 45 At Culver
Score by quarters
O-D: 16 29 57 76

Culver: 9 30 36 45
O-D (76): Samantha Sims 2 0-0 5, Gabi Minix 7 4-4 20, Alivia Sims 1 0-0 3, Kelsey Minix 5 0-0 15, Aubrey Minix 1 2-2 5, Nicole Mickow 0 0-0 0, Caley Savoie 7 5-5 20, Maria Duncan 2 0-0 4, Justyne Kranenburg 2 0-0 4. TOTALS: 27 11-11 76.
CULVER (45): Nicole Carnegie 2 2-2 8, Susannah Baker 0 0-0 0, Aspen Kitchell 0 0-0 0, Patrice McBee 3 0-0 6, Whitney Sanders 0 0-0 0, Alison Zehner 3 1-3 9, Breanna Powers 1 0-0 2, Cindy Miller 1 0-0 3, Gwen Zehner 8 1-4 17. TOTALS: 18 4-9 45.

3-point goals: O-D 11 (K. Minix 5, G. Minix 2, S. Sims, A. Minix, A. Sims, Savoie); Culver 5 (Carnegie 2, A. Zehner 2, Miller); Turnovers: O-D 10, Culver 28; Rebounds: O-D 25 (G. Minix 6), Culver 34 (G. Zehner 14); Assists: O-D 19 (G. Minix, A. Minix 7), Culver 11 (Baker 5); Steals: O-D 10 (A. Minix 4), Culver 2; Fouls (fouled out): O-D 13 (none), Culver 14 (none); Records: O-D 12-2, Culver 7-8.

Sprint adds Culver tower, service

Culver area residents struggling to get a Sprint cell phone signal — or with visiting guests experiencing that struggle — should have an easier time of it now that the company has added towers in the area to generate coverage. According to William Derrick, general manager for Sprint's Central region, the Culver-Lake Maxinkuckee area would have been "roaming" for cell phone customers before the first week of January, when service was launched including a tower in the town of Culver. Derrick notes customers may contact a local distribution center at the Radio Shack in Plymouth.

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EDUCATION

CES honor roll

Culver Elementary School announces its “A/B” honor roll for the second grading period

Grade 1: Isabelle Ahlenius, Kailyn Ahlenius, William Baldwin, Emily Bendy, Alexis Berdine, Ashley Black, Adrian Borys, Dakota Clark, Lucas Cobern, Aysia Conley, Savana Cook, Nicholas Cornwall, Grant Dexter, Zachary Ditmire, Jady Evans, Trista Fritter, Drake Gross, Alexis Grove, Lily Hayes, Jack Hedger, Gabriel Hisson, Kagnie Hoffman,

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Chloe Hough, Haley Howard, Makenzie Hymel, Allan James, Zane Kisela, Emma Krueger, Hunter Lault, Hunter Manns, Fiona McLellan, Rachel Nash, Erin Renneker, Dana Rodgers, Lilly Sayavongsing, Izahbella Scott, Brooklyn Sellers, Nolan Shaffer, Gabriel Sherman, John Sieber, Kamden Smith, Carter Stevens, Alexandra Temme, Ryan Tompos, Owen Valiquet, Jordan Walker, Mariah Wilkinson, Robert Wynn, Donovan Ziaja

Grade 2: Dakota Bennett, Justin Bennett, Shelby Blair, Jermiah Brady, Madison Brewer, Mackenzie Buckman, Mackinna Burleson, Rebecca Christlieb, Sunora Clingler, Wyatt Coiner, Marcella Cooper, Leland Crull, Michael Crum, Austin Danielson, Skylar Dare, Lillian Gregorash, Abigail Gregory, Katherine Heim, Allison Jones, Trenton Jones, Gabrielle Kegley, Weston Keller, Nora Kline, Devin Kobold, Sarah Luttrell, Brandon Meeks, Jenna Moise, Sarah Morrison, Taylor Noah, Austin Otteman, Maranda Otteman, Allison Pearl, Kaysha Redford, Kaitlyn Renneker, Alynna Richard, Hunter Ringer, Sara Ringer, Samuel Schaller, Hailey Shipley, Samantha Smith, Ethan Stacy, Nikolas Vela, Alex Wagner, Morgan Waldrop, Christian Zakhi

Grade 3: Daniel Aguilar, Marcellus Anderson, Joseph Baumgartner, Michael Boland, Danny Cook, Pierce Ellert, Grace Fleury, Sean Gormaly, Dylan Griewank, Malachi Griffith, Shilo Guerra, Dalton Hartie, Rylee Lault, Dylan Lewandowski, Tracey Lindvall, Jessie Maurer, Benjamin Myers, Brooklyn Noble, Elise Oquendo, Sydney Pritz, Lindsey Prosky, Reilly Reinhold, Cody Rieckhoff, RT Roberts, Jake Rodgers, Shea Ruhly, Cody Russell, Luke Shaller, Jordan Schrimsher, Raymie Shoop, Ethan Shuman, Lucas Vela, Alexander West

Grade 4: Erin Bendy, Alexandria Harris, Brandon Havron, Tanner Hoffman, Patrick Kline, Josh Krsek, Matthew Markovitz, Cameron Marrs, Storm Minix, Amanda Morrison, Cheyanne Powers, Jackson Rich

Grade 5: Aaron Becker, Courtney Black, Hannah Boland, Megan Brady, Westin Bush-Berdine, Caitlyn Cowell, Justine Dexter, Mitchell Elliott, Danny Flenner, Teeno Hite, Marisa Howard, Cecilia Kenney, Everett Krueger, Jennah McCarthy, Margaret McKinnis, Clare Nowalk, Jade Overmyer, Kelsey Shaffer, Abigail Surrisi, Cody Valiquet, Kenneth Vandeputte

Grade 6: Alexander Anderson, Katie Blocker, Austin Brissette, Madalynn Coby, Michael Davidge, Colin Deon, Bohdi Farquhar, Paul Foersch, Haley Klimaszewski, Frank Kline, Angela Lewellen, Jeremy Penrod, Dustie Pier, Clarissa Porter, Tia Romig, Paxton Schmidt, Summer Turney, Janele Vandeputte, Shianne Wagner, Megan Yeager.



Honoring MLK

Culver Academies instructor and Culver resident Mitch Barnes addresses the audience Jan. 19 at the Academies’ annual Martin Luther King Jr. holiday observance, held in the school’s Memorial Chapel. Barnes discussed, among other facets of King’s legacy, the need for Americans to go beyond an attitude of “color blindness” that ignores the ethnic, sexual or cultural heritage of an individual in the name of unity. Instead, Barnes said, citizens should recognize and respect the ethnicity of others, but resist using those differences towards negative stereotypes. Several students contributed readings, and Academy Chaplain Rev. Johanna Wagner spoke as well.

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PTO hosts book fair

Culver Elementary PTO will host a Scholastic Book Fair from Feb. 2 to Feb. 7, a book sale and literacy event geared to excite children about reading and learning.

The Scholastic Book Fair will offer the most popular books and educational products for all ages, including the newest titles, award-winners, classics, and interactive products from more than 150 publishers. The theme of the fair is “Camp Read-a-Book.”

The book fair will be available to the children of Culver Elementary School from 12:30 p.m. – 3 p.m. each day and to the community Tues., Feb. 3 from 3 – 6 p.m., and Sat., Feb. 7 from 9 a.m. – noon.

One of the book fair’s primary goals is to help teachers build classroom libraries. Visitors to the fair can check each teacher’s classroom wish list, then purchase and donate a requested book, helping teachers develop a rich array of learning resources for community children. In addition, the Culver Elementary PTO will use funds raised at the book fair to purchase books and other resources for the school’s library.

Upcoming on the Culver Comm. Schools’ calendar

- **Feb. 13:** Student half-day (staff inservice)
 - **March 11:** End of third grading period
 - **March 23-27:** Spring break
- School information and calendar is available online at www.culver.k12.in.us.

Culver Comm. High School honor roll

Culver Community High School first semester “A” honor roll

- **Grade 9:** Aspen Kitchell, Joseph Krsek, Kalee Miller
- **Grade 10:** Cassandra Dehning
- **Grade 12:** Isaac Berger, Edward Pinder

“A/B” honor roll

- **Grade 9:** Caroline Baker, Kellie Bonine, Zachariah Duplay, Cole Flora, Samuel Hissong, Serena Hughes, Chelsey Jones, Cameron Turney, Cassandra Vansky
- **Grade 10:** Kaceigh Ahlenius, Clarissa Baker, Nicolette Banfield, Jaclyn Bauer, Paige Norwich, Christina Null
- **Grade 11:** Cy Page, Angelique Tobey
- **Grade 12:** Nicholas Arzola, Whitney Banfield, Jordan Buckman, Drew Cultice, Candace Elliott, Carly Glenn, Abby Hayworth, Sarah Kirkland, Laura Lyczak, Justin Master, Kalie Thompson, Lacey White, Andrew Williams, Shelagh Wise

Culver Community High School second grading period “A” honor roll

- **Grade 9:** Aspen Kitchell, Joseph Krsek, Kalee Miller
- **Grade 10:** Cassandra Dehning
- **Grade 12:** Isaac Berger, Edward Pinder

“A/B” honor roll

- **Grade 9:** Kellie Bonine, Zachariah Duplay, Chelsey Jones, Cally Klausing, Cameron Turney, Cassandra Vansky
- **Grade 10:** Clarissa Baker, Jaclyn Bauer, Zoe Bauer, Christina Null
- **Grade 11:** Sarah Bailey, Cy Page, Amanda Rabenau, Alena Williams
- **Grade 12:** Nicholas Arzola, Whitney Banfield, Jordan Buckman, Drew Cultice, Candace Elliott, Carly Glenn, Abby Hayworth, Kimberly Irsa, Shaylyn Johnson, Sarah Kirkland, Eduardo Leyva, Laura Lyczak, Justin Master, Adam Neace, Kalie Thompson, Andrew Williams

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