



## In Brief

### Town to conduct income survey

Over the next few weeks, the town of Culver and Ball State University will be conducting a Low to Moderate Income Survey (LMI). The purpose of this survey is for a grant application for storm sewer drainage improvements for the West-side of town. The survey is very simple and will be conducted via phone. In order to successfully secure many grants the LMI survey must reflect a certain percentage rate of the proposed project area. It is very important that each household complete this survey and the town of Culver encourages every citizen to participate. Any questions regarding this survey should be directed to the town hall office Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.- 4 p.m., at 574-842-3140.

### Budget-friendly community meal programs via Grace

The Outreach Ministry at Grace United Church of Christ in Culver in partnership with the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library and Purdue Extension Service-Marshall County, will present the first in a series of money management programs Thurs., Feb. 26 from 6-8 p.m. “Budget-Friendly Meals” will be presented by Karen Richey and Cyndi Cole of the Family Nutrition Program, at the library. Future programs, held at Grace church, will meet Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. They include Skillet Meals (March 24), Healthy Snacks (March 31), Bountiful Beans (April 7), and Eating In on the Run (April 14). All programs are free and open to the public.

### Help needed with community garden venture

The Outreach Ministry at Grace United Church of Christ in Culver will be using part of the Academy Road lot owned by Culver Community Schools for a community garden. Help is needed with a variety of tasks from plowing to mowing, hoeing to harvesting, and distribution of produce to the food pantry. Those with questions may contact Barb Quivey at Grace church (574-842-2331) or at home, 574-842-2329. Projects co-chair Connie

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## Winter marches on

Above: Culverites hoping for a respite from snow and ice after a Valentine’s weekend marked by warmer temperatures, some sun, blue sky, and even (admittedly brown) grass – as in the photo above, shot at the town park at sunset – were disappointed when Mother Nature opted to dump several inches of the white stuff on the area last week. As anyone driving by the crew shed at the Culver Academies campus knows, however, area ice fishermen persevered through it all.

PHOTO/TONY STRAW

# Dembowski dialogs with Culverites

## Talks time, transit, and local government streamlining

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

At a packed gathering at Culver’s beach lodge, Indiana State Representative and former Knox mayor Nancy Dembowski addressed guests at Culver’s Feb. 13 REAL Services luncheon, hearing questions and concerns raised by those in attendance, which included members of Culver’s town council and new town manager Michael Doss.

In a short pre-question presentation, Dembowski noted over 800 bills are being discussed in the state House of Representatives this year, adding bills would be passing out of the House within a week, after which they’ll be discussed in the Senate and voted upon before the Governor signs them into law.

Dembowski, who said she serves on four different committees, said a stimulus package originated by House Democrats is expected to get bipartisan support, and is aimed at putting some of Indiana’s 300,000 jobless workers back to work. The bill would require 00 percent of local road and street projects be conducted by Hoosiers with preference given to Indiana products, especially Indiana steel.

She said she has also worked on an anti-animal cruelty bill fighting so-called puppy mills in Indiana, and a bill requiring a GPS notification and monitoring device be placed on those convicted of domestic abuse who have previously violated protective orders.

The bulk of Dembowski’s visit was spent in a question and answer session with the mostly-Culver audience, including a question from REAL Meals’ assistant site director Jeanette Geiselman concerning a much-discussed bill which would allow schools to do mental health testing on students without parental consent, something Dembowski said probably would not get a hearing in the legislature.

Geiselman also raised the ever-thorny issue of time zones, which Demobowski – noting she dislikes the time changes between her hometown of Knox and other parts of the state – said she tried to “fix,” an attempt that died in the Senate. “Down there (in Indianapolis), you have to fight battles you hope you can win,” Dembowski said. “I brought the time thing down to a bill that would allow counties to make their own decision. Each county could decide what time they want to be on. But it died in Senate. I recognize

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## Library resumes book ordering, talks `08 statistics

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

The Culver-Union Twp. Public Library board, in a brief and rather quiet Feb. 17 meeting, was updated on a variety of topics, including good news for patrons of the library. According to director Colleen McCarty, now that the new year has begun and library finances and spending have been balanced, money is again being spent on new books and other materials at a rate closer to normal. Spending had been trimmed back, save for necessities, for some months last year as library finances were examined and books balanced.

Board member Alfred Nyby reported he and library bookkeeper Jim Faulkner continue to work on streamlining spending, part of the efforts of an ad hoc finance committee formed last year by the board. “We’re already thousands (of dollars in spending) below what was expected in the first few months of 2009,” Nyby noted.

McCarty told the board she canceled service on an AT&T mobile phone purchased before her tenure as director, in response to a prior directive from the board. It was discussed that the library could donate the mobile phone itself to the Friends of the Library, who might donate it to a women’s shelter or for use by troops overseas.

McCarty also distributed graphs created from the library’s 2008 monthly circulation statistics by library technology head Andrew Baker. She noted, among other things, adults counted for the majority of checkouts by card type, with children and then reciprocal (that is, Indiana residents living out of the Culver area) borrowers following. Use of the library’s summer card, intended for patrons present about three months of the year, represents an “insignificant” number statistically, she added. Board member Carol Saft noted use of library materials by youth rises during the annual summer reading program.

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## ‘Good or bad, it’s been Culver’

Culver was background to life that inspired  
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*Black History Month 2009*

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

*Editor’s note: The story of Culver’s early African American community is that of unique and accomplished individuals who played a role in the greater Culver story that was remarkable for its time (see also the article this issue on Culver’s being possibly the first integrated high school basketball team in Indiana). In this and next week’s Citizen, we examine the life and legacy of one of the great African American figures of Culver.*

“My wife and I sent our three kids through college,”

Charles Dickerson told the Alumnus in 1968. “We stuck with it and now they’re on their own making good. We raised our family, belong to the church, and my wife teaches a Sunday School class.”

In the same article, it was reported that Dickerson’s son Charles was a budget analyst in the Pentagon, daughter Jane heads a secretarial department for the Veterans Administration and is married to a Northwestern physics instructor, and son Jim is an advertising artist in New York.

It’s obvious none of the success of Charles and Lela Dickerson’s children is coincidental. Nor is their awareness of, and frustration with, the racial dynamics of the day and their need to change.

Charles Dickerson Sr.’s grandson Gregg says his father James used to tell him of the day his family’s Culver neighbors warned him the Ku Klux Klan was in the area. Lela Dickerson, says Gregg, had been rocking on the porch. “When my dad passed away,” Gregg recalls. “I’m told his last words were, ‘Mom, get off the porch!’”

At home, though, James Dickerson’s Culver High School peers recall their efforts to support him and his siblings when racism reared its head. After reading last week’s *Citizen*, Dickerson’s classmate and CHS graduate Helen Overmyer called the paper recalling James (“Jimmy” to his friends at

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### Gregg Dickerson

*Inheriting success of Culver-rooted legacy, keeping family story alive*

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Growing up in Harlem and – later, after a 1959 move – a multicultural, rural community in upstate New York with a former model mother from the West Indies and successful artist and activist father, Gregg Dickerson, grandson of Culver’s Charles Dickerson Sr., was poised for a successful career of his own. It was a goal he ably lived up to.

A child model, largely in African-American aimed magazines like *Our World* (a predecessor of today’s *Ebony* and *Jet* publications), Gregg Dickerson would go on to model for Johnson & Johnson and other companies, appearing in an advertisement for the United Negro College Fund in the 1970s so prevalent on New York billboards and buses that his maternal grandmother joked she loved him but was tired of seeing his face everywhere!

Armed with an American Studies degree from studies at a New England university, Dickerson, speaking to the Citizen from his family’s five-decades home at the aforementioned Skyview Acres community in Pamaona, New York, made his way to NBC, starting out as a page. “I met more people (there) than I could shake a

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it’s a problem; I live with it daily.”

Marge “Termite” Baker asked Dembowski about possible bus service between Indianapolis and South Bend, to which Dembowski replied efforts have been made to urge the state Department of Transportation to recognize mass transit as a viable need. “We build more roads and the very next day they’re full again. Studies show that older people will move to an area close to mass transit (and) ‘empty nesters’ will move back and regenerate urban areas where there’s mass transit. They (have mass transit) in all the foreign countries.

“People are willing, overwhelmingly, to support mass transit with their taxes. The state needs to do some long term planning in that area.”

In response to a query from Culver town councilman Ed Pinder, Dembowski said there has been talk of adding recently-legislated property tax caps to the state constitution, something she said she doesn’t favor, though she said she supports the current caps.

“What happens if you put them in the constitution and in five years, you’re going to go bankrupt if you don’t change them?” she asked.

Pinder said he wasn’t happy with the caps, and wonders where funding will derive that once was obtained through property taxes.

“People have got to remember that taxes equate services,” acknowledged Dembowski. “If you don’t have as much taxes, you won’t get as many services. People think local governments are sitting on big piles of money and will just have to learn to manage better if you cut taxes. Remember, I was once a mayor working with the bare minimum in funding. If people don’t need or want services, you have a right to pay less and do without. But people don’t believe you’ll have to lay off three police officers (because of reduced funding).”

Dembowski added sales and income taxes – lauded as a workable alternative to higher property taxes – are slumping due to present economic woes, and property taxes are the most stable taxes available.

Carey Flora of Culver expressed opposition to property taxes. “If the economy is in a bad situation, I have to tighten my belt, and so does the government.”

Discussion arose of last year’s Kernan-Shepard report, a set of recommen-

dations under serious consideration by many state legislators which proposes to streamline local government.

“When the legislature does something quickly, we really have a tendency to mess it up,” said Dembowski. “If we don’t like the way we designed our state government, let’s take some time to do it the way it ought to be done. There are all these suggestions we change it, but I haven’t seen any implementation plans. Where are those? Are you going to say, ‘Ok, on July 1, let’s just change it’?”

“I hear constantly from local officials (protesting the ideas of Kernan-Shepard); we’re bombarded. But I get the feeling people don’t care one way or other. I ran on a platform of being a voice of the people. We’re there to do what you want us to do. So let us know what you want us to do about it.”

Gwen Hoesel – a former Culver Public Library trustee -- asked about proposed consolidation of public libraries, with Dembowski noting the first proposal seems to be making library board membership an elected position, rather than appointed as it is now. She also said earlier proposals to consolidate school districts



State Representative Nancy Dembowski, right, accepts a Valentine’s gift from Culver REAL Services assistant site director Jeanette Geiselman at Dembowski’s Feb. 13 visit to the site, which was attended by a number of Culver residents as well as Culver’s town manager and members of the town council.

CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

under 2,000 students have now shifted to those under 1,000 students, adding Indiana for many years operated with a county-based superintendent system.

Culver Community High School student Max Good asked about changes on a state level to “Core 40” academic standards; Dembowski said this year’s high school juniors will be the

first class required to pass Core 40 courses. “I have some problems with that,” she said. “Core 40 are college prep classes. When we went to school, you could prepare for college or prepare to go to work. But if I’m not mistaken, there are ways to get exempt from (the Core 40 requirements).”

Carey Flora told Dem-

bowski and the audience he is proud of Indiana for its better fiscal condition than all surrounding states. She said the state’s budget is in better financial shape, “but we’re starting to experience some real issues,” adding the state constitution, unlike some states, does require a balanced budget.

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Above: Lela and Charles Dickerson relax around 1960 in their Mill Street home in Culver.

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Above, right: Charles and Lela Dickerson children Jane, Charles Jr., and James Dickerson’s early years in Culver, in the early 1920s.

Below, right: Though his financial success was in the area of fashion illustration, James Dickerson’s painting was a private passion. This piece depicts a scene from the Civil Rights movement of the 1950s and 60s.

IMAGES COURTESY/GREGG DICKERSON



(the time) Dickerson’s basketball teammates opting to sit at the back of the restaurant -- where Dickerson was forced to sit at various eateries “on the road” to and from games -- with him rather than leaving him to eat alone.

An Army sergeant in World War II who wound up assigned to sketch medical techniques during surgeries at military hospitals, James Dickerson’s race was something he was rarely allowed to forget (see profile last issue). His consciousness of civil rights-oriented issues led him to join in various activist endeavors in New York City, where he moved after the war, eventually becoming a highly suc-

cessful design artist, often working for top fashion companies, though his clients – hiring him through a white agent – rarely knew Dickerson’s race. Doubtless a combination of his social awareness and his Culver upbringing prompted James Dickerson to move his family in 1959 to Skyview Acres in Pamona, New York, a rural cooperative community made up largely of like-minded political and social progressives; that home is still in the Dickerson family, and is present-day home base to Gregg, who helps take care of his 87-year-old mother (James Dickerson died April 27, 1989, after a five-year battle with cancer).

Gregg’s mother, of West Indian descent and a former model for the Bradford Girls herself, added to the cultural mix; as Gregg is quick to point out, “West Indian black folks are a lot different from black folks from America.”

After modeling as a child and young man, Gregg Dickerson went on to a successful advertising career of more than a quarter-century, living for many years in California but returning recently to New York state (see profile this issue).

It wasn’t until last summer, however, that he returned to Culver, for the first time since his teenage years, to renew old memories, seeking out his grandparents and other family members at the Masonic cemetery here. “I felt very, very blessed (to visit their graves),” he says. “There are so many people that do not have that to go to.”

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Obituary

Marjorie Ann Kemple  
July 22, 1928 — Feb. 21, 2009

CULVER — Marjorie Ann Kemple, 80, of Culver, Ind. died at 11:20 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, 2009 at Miller's Mertry Manor in Culver.

She was born to Homer H. Kemple and Mary Esma Pope July 22, 1928 in Culver. She was never married.

After graduating from Culver High School, Marjorie worked as a projectionist at the El Rancho Theater. She loved animals and really enjoyed swimming in Lake Maxinkuckee.

She was a member of the Grace United Church of Christ in Culver.

Marjorie is survived by her sister, Mary Louise Krieg of Culver, Ind.; sister-in-law Sue Kemple of Culver and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers: Fritz A Kemple, Kenneth Kemple and Arthur Kemple.

Visitation will take place at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, Ind. Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2009 from 5 to 8 p.m. (EDT) and from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2009.

Rev. Robin Keating will officiate the service that will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Interment will follow at the Culver Masonic Cemetery, Culver.

Memorials may be given to the American Cancer Society or the Grace United Church of Christ in Culver.

Condolences may be sent to the family electronically via the obituary page at [www.bonineodom.com](http://www.bonineodom.com).

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

Correction: St. Mary’s mission

Dates for Saint Mary of the Lake Catholic Church’s mission week in Culver were incorrectly reported in part of the article appearing in last week’s *Citizen*. The church will host a parish mission from March 1 – March 5 (rather than the later March dates reported last issue). Topics, presented at 7 p.m. each evening, include:

Faith (Fred and Lisa Everett; Sun., March 1); prayer (Fr. David Voors; Mon., March 2); service (Fr. Jason Freiberg-er; Tues., March 3)reconciliation (Fr. Bernard Galic; Wed., March 4); Eucharist (Fr. Kevin Bauman; Thurs., March 5). All are invited to attend the one-hour presentation each night. Onsite childcare is available and refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact Beth Pare at 574-842-4321.

Birth - Kelly

Brandi Richard and Jeremy Kelly of Rochester, Ind. announce the birth of their daughter, Kinzlee Hope Kelly, Dec. 31 at St. Joseph hospital in Plymouth. Kinzlee wighed nine pounds, two ounces, and was 20.5 inches long.

She joins sister Shaylee Blaze, age 11.

Maternal grandmother is Linda Richard of Rochester; maternal grandfather is Ted Richard of Rochester; paternal grandmother is Peggy Kelly of Rochester; paternal grandfather is Jim Kelly of Rochester.

Community Calendar

<b>Thurs., Feb. 26</b> Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library Budget-friendly meals program, 6 - 8 p.m., Culver Public Library Alcoholics Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library Huffington Concert Series: “Altar Boyz,” 7:30 p.m., Eppley Auditorium	Fitness class, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library Culver Chamber of Commerce mtg., 6:30 p.m.
<b>Weds., March 4</b> Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library Euchre club, 6 - 8 p.m., Culver Public Library Knights of Columbus St. Mary of the Lake Council #13720 social mtg., 7 p.m., church rectory basement	
<b>Sat., Feb. 28</b> A History of Culver’s Main Street, Culver Histoy “LIVE,” 10 a.m., Center for Culver History/Culver Public Library Culver Coffee Co. Relay for Life fund-raiser, noon - 4 p.m., Culver Coffee Co., Lake Shore Drive	
<b>Sun., March 1</b> Open gym, 1 p.m., Culver Middle School gymnasium	
<b>Mon., March 2</b> Knitting Class, 5 p.m., Culver Public Library Culver Public Library DivorceCare, 7 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ	
<b>Tues., March 3</b>	

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Wedding - Collins, Solnoky



champagne lilies with crystals.

The maid of honor was Julie Smith of Mishawaka, friend of the couple.

The bridesmaids were Stephanie Gaydos of Hartford, Conn., friend of the bride; Briana Underwood of Indianapolis, friend of the bride; Rachel Lindley of Cicero, cousin of the bride; Sara Finnigan of Cicero, cousin of the bride; Stefanie Scherenberg of Algonquin, Ill., friend of the bride; and Rosie VanLopik of Chicago, friend of the bride. They wore strapless chiffon gowns in chocolate with aqua sashes with ruching. The maid of honor’s sash was in coral.

The best man was Cory Collins of Plymouth, brother of the groom. The groomsmen were Dave Hoover of Plymouth, cousin of the groom; Brent Hoover of Plymouth, cousin of the groom; Justin Koss of Plymouth, friend of the couple; Brian Wray of Plymouth, friend of the couple; Clay Cooper of Chicago, cousin of the groom; and Ken Solnoky Jr. of Granger, brother of the bride.

The ushers were Shane Gurtner of Plymouth, and Kent Stackhouse of Plymouth, friends of the couple.

The ring bearer was Logan Collins of Plymouth, nephew of the groom.

The flower girls were Zoe and Riley Zink of Apopka, Fla., cousins of the groom.

Approximately 200 people attended the reception at Ambrosia in New Carlisle.

The bride is the daughter of Barbara Brockhoff of Mishawaka and Ken and Cindy Solnoky of New Carlisle. She is a graduate of St. Joseph’s High School and Purdue University. She is a recruiting manager for 1st Source Corporation in South Bend.

The groom is the son of Chris and Sharon Collins of Plymouth. The groom is a graduate of Plymouth High School and IUSB. He is employed as an analytical chemist for Acura Pharmaceuticals, Inc. in Culver. Following a wedding trip to Montego Bay, Jamaica, they now reside in Plymouth.

Birth - Monesmith

Chris and Kristi Monesmith of Bourbon announce the birth of a son born Feb. 5, 2009 at 12:22 p.m. at Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne.

David Luke Monesmith weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and was 19 inches long.

He was welcomed home by sister, Julie Mae Monesmith, 3.

Maternal grandparents are Joyce and Steve Sechrist of Etna Green. Paternal grandparents are Kathy and Harv (David) Monesmith of Bourbon.

REAL Services menu

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.	toes, beets, bread and margarine, pumpkin pie, and milk.
<b>Thursday, Feb. 26:</b> BBQ Pork and bun, whipped sweet potatoes, green beans, pineapple, and milk.	<b>Tuesday, March 3:</b> Salisbury steak , gravy, carrots, bread and margarine, strawberries, and milk.
<b>Friday, Feb. 27:</b> Sweet and sour smoked sausage, black eyed peas, cole slaw, roll and margarine, cherry cobbler, and milk.	<b>Wednesday, March 4:</b> Chi. and milk.
<b>Monday, March 2:</b> Beef Manhattan, mashed pota-	<b>Thursday, March 5:</b> Turkey noodles, mashed potatoes, bread and margarine, green beans, fruit cup, brownie delight, and milk.
	<b>Friday, March 6:</b> Perch, long grain rice, oriental blend vegetables, bread & margarine, pound cake, dinner roll and margarine, and milk.

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Wedding - Andrews, Clemons



Crystal L. Andrews and Mark A. Clemons Jr. were united in marriage Aug. 9, 2008 at 3 p.m. at the North Liberty Church of Christ.

Tim Stewart performed the double ring ceremony. Darla Fair was the organist.

The bride wore an ivory dress with a strapless neckline and A-line skirt. The bodice was created using small bands of altering fabrics placed asymmetrically and accented with heavy scattered beads and sequins. It has a side split skirt which revealed more matching beadwork. The semi-cathedral length train had a center box pleat. There were beaded buttons down the entire back and train of dress. Fresh water pearls accented the headpiece. Her bouquet was comprised of cascading roses.

The maid of honor was Amorette Kretchmer of Walkerton, friend of the bride.

The bridesmaids were Melissa Clark of North Liberty, friend of the bride; Kaitlin Reid of Plymouth, friend of the groom; and Erin Carson of Niles, Mich., friend of the bride. Junior bridesmaid was Karissa Krou of Plymouth, cousin of the bride. They wore princess A-line, strapless dresses with an empire waistline with crystal beading in wine accented with ivory.

The best man was Michael Brady of Plymouth, friend of the groom. The groomsmen were Michael Brown of Plymouth, friend the groom; Matt King of Plymouth, friend of the groom; Jonathon Andrews of North Liberty, brother of the bride; and Christopher Bittenger of Plymouth, friend of the groom. The junior groomsman was Dylan Calhoun of Plymouth, brother of the groom.

The guest book attendants were Danielle Krou of Plymouth, cousin of the bride, and Shelby Reid of Plymouth, friend of the groom.

The ring bearer was Robert Andrews of Mishawaka, cousin of the bride. The flower girl was Brook Helvey of Plymouth, friend of the groom.

Approximately 200 people attended the reception held at the FOP Lodge 36, South Bend.

The bride is the daughter of James and Tamera Andrews of North Liberty. She is a 2005 graduate of John Glenn High School. She is employed as a credentialing coordinator at the South Bend Clinic and as a cheerleading coach at John Glenn.

The groom is the son of Timothy and Cathy Calhoun of Plymouth. He is a 2006 graduate of Plymouth High School. He is employed with A.M. General.

Following a wedding trip to Las Vegas, Nev., they now reside in South Bend.

Leader of the Year sought

Leadership Marshall County (LMC), a program of the Marshall County Community Foundation and the United Way of Marshall County, announces a new Leader of the Year Award to be presented annually to an individual who exemplifies outstanding leadership in Marshall County.

The award will be in the form of a plaque and an award check in the amount of \$500 to the not-for-profit organization of their choice.

Any individual meeting the selection criteria and award requirements will be considered. Individuals may be nominated by any resident of Marshall County. Nomination forms are available on the Marshall County Community Foundation website at: [www.marshallcountycf.org](http://www.marshallcountycf.org).

Selection Criteria: the recipient will exemplify outstanding leadership; exhibit a passion for community service; possess the ability to encourage, develop, motivate and influence people; display the ability to identify and address community problems; must be a current or former resident or employee in Marshall County, Indiana; must be of good reputation.

Submit nominations by March 31 to: Leadership Marshall County, c/o Marshall County Community Foundation, P. O. Box 716, Plymouth, IN 46563 or email at: [LMCinfo@marshallcountycf.org](mailto:LMCinfo@marshallcountycf.org). For further information contact Jennifer S. Maddox, Executive Director at 574-935-5159.

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# Library is important resource in tough times

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*“Libraries will get you through times with no money better than money will get you through times with no libraries.”*  
-Paulette Dickerson

There is no doubt that we are living in a time of economic hardship. Here in Marshall County, the unemployment rate is 12%. While we fall short of Elkhart County’s 15.3% and LaGrange’s 15.1%, our numbers are high: the state average is 8.1% and the national average is 7.1%, as reported in the Indiana Department of Workforce Development’s December 2008 statistics. Nearly three-quarters of all job seekers use the Internet to find a job according to a January 2009 American Library Association report on job-seeking in U.S. Public Libraries. This is due in part to the fact that most employers list their job vacancies on the Internet and increasingly, employers require online applications to fill their job openings.

Here at your library, we have a computer lab with 16 public terminals plus free wireless access. Patrons come to the lab to conduct job searches, create resumes, and apply for positions online. Every

Tuesday Sue Neikirk, who



## From the Other Side of the Book Drop

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

works in the computer lab evenings and Saturdays, prints a copy of the job openings compiled and released by the WorkOne offices in Northern Indiana. Patrons can browse this list before they plug in the job number for their online search in the WorkOne database. This printed list is located on the round table in the center of the Lab.

And since the State of Indiana has required unemployment claimants to apply for unemployment benefits online, we have many patrons who use the library’s computers for their e-government filings. Sue has printed the instructions for claimants who are filing initial and reopened claims, or are doing their weekly voucher filing. These instructions have been put in a three-ring binder which is

on that same table with the WorkOne job list. The binder also includes a chapter on how to create a chronological or functional resume using a template created by Indiana Career Connect, which is powered by WorkOne. Library computers are being increasingly used to access e-government resources and Computer Technology Manager Andrew Baker says, “Some people don’t need assistance filing their unemployment application, but Library staff is available to assist with unemployment applications.” He also comments that, “With the declining job market it is important that we offer freely available computing resources. We have Windows XP, and we offer Office 2007 Enterprise, with Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher and Access for our patrons.” In April, we will again offer free weekly computer classes for our patrons: more about that in next month’s column.

While patrons were busy working at the computers on the lower level of

the library in the lab this month, in the lobby on the main level we had a display of artwork created by Asian students from Culver Academy in honor of the Chinese New Year (2009 is the year of the Ox). Many patrons enjoyed these often thought-provoking works. And now we have a call for displays: do you paint, sculpt, photograph? Would you like to display your work at the Library? We invite local artists who wish to share their vision and creations with the Culver citizens at your local Library. Please contact me or Jim Faulkner at the Library to talk about your artwork and we will work with you to display your art here, in the upstairs lobby.

### Did you know?

“Libraries across the country are reporting jumps in attendance of as much as 65% over the past year, as newly unemployed people flock to branches to fill out résumés and scan ads for job listings.” Wall Street Journal, January 15, 2009 (Read the WSJ daily at your Library!)

*Culver Public Library director Colleen McCarty writes a monthly column on the library for the Citizen.*



Dave Franckowiak sent this 2006 aerial photo he took during an autumn balloon ride, after seeing the same area depicted in a 1976 aerial photo printed in a recent edition of the Citizen. Comparing the two images, notes Franckowiak, makes for an interesting visual tale of changes to the east Jefferson Street lake shore, including the addition of the Culver Cove, as seen above at left.

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## Dying to live

“I’m dying for a can of pop.” So said one of my college friends about four weeks into Lent. Ash Wednesday (February 25) marks the beginning of the Season of Lent in the Church Year. The forty days of Lent (not counting Sundays) have been set aside by the Church as

a time for more intense reflection and consideration of the suffering and death of Jesus which won for all people the forgiveness of sins.

It has long been a practice of many within the Church to undergo a time of fasting, to abstain from food during the day, particularly

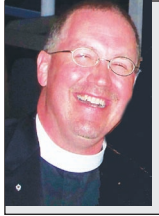
during the Season of Lent. The Lutheran Church has always believed and taught that fasting may be a beneficial way of reflecting upon one’s sin and need for a Savior. Somewhere and sometime, the idea of fasting, to abstain from food, was modified to the idea of giving up something for Lent. The thought behind this is that since God, the Father, gave up His only-begotten Son; and since Jesus gave up His life for me, then I will give up something that I like to show my love and appreciation for what God has done for me. Hence, the reason for the statement from my college friend. He had decided to give up drinking pop for Lent and now, four weeks into the Season, he was “dying for a can of pop.”

Over the course of the years, I have “given up” pop, caffeine, candy, and one year I even gave up watching my favorite television shows. Of course, what I have “given up” pales in comparison to what my Savior gave up for me. Sometimes, I wonder if “giving up” something becomes a contest to see who can give up the most; or who can go the longest without giving in to the “temptation” to start drinking pop, eating candy, or watching TV. For many people “giving up” something becomes a “game” we play with our friends. It becomes our way of showing God and our friends just how good we are or just how strong our faith is.

Thanks be to God that

His “giving up” something is the only thing that counts. “So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, ‘It is finished!’ And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit” (John 19:30). Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross; the giving up of His life is what matters. Nothing we

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## Pastor’s Corner

By Rev. K.C. Dehning  
Trinity Lutheran Church

do, or give up, can add to, or improve upon, what our Savior has done for us. Jesus simply calls us to believe that what He has accomplished by His death and resurrection is for our benefit. What Jesus said to His friend, Martha, at the death of her brother is for our benefit also, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though He may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die” (John 11:25-26)

With faith in Jesus, we are now dying to live. We die to our sin when we confess them and we are raised to a new life in Christ because of the forgiveness He won for us by His death. St. Paul asks, “Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:3-4) In Christ, we are dying to live.







# Sports

## Baker helps Eagles conquer

By Dee Grenert  
Sports Editor  
CULVER — Culver Military Academy basketball head coach Alan Huss reveled in Blayne Baker's performance Tuesday.

left in the game and in charge the rest of the way. "Blayne got to play quite a bit tonight and made the most of it," Huss said. "There's probably people looking at me, saying,

"That's what (Davis) does best," Huss said of Davis' passing. "His uncle, whom he's named for, was here tonight; it's the first family he's had watch him all year. I'm pleased for

up stronger."

The deliberate Pilgrims, who kept the pace slow and ended the first quarter in a 4-4 deadlock, actually enjoyed their greatest offensive success during two possessions against a 1-3-1 zone.

But after Hodges nailed a triple to cut Plymouth's deficit to two points — 12-10 with 3:23 left before the intermission — and CMA's Travis Britt hacked Brandon Elliott on another 3-point attempt, the Eagles returned to their man-to-man defense for the rest of the evening.

"I thought our man-to-man defense was pretty good," Huss said. "I don't know if people realize just how difficult it is to guard the Plymouth system. It's demoralizing to play defense 35, 40, 45, 50 seconds and then get backcut or called for a foul. You think, 'Holy cow, we have to do it all over.' Plymouth's a lot better team than it might look. They're going to beat someone. I'm just glad it wasn't us."

Also for Plymouth, Bo Davidson chipped in seven points off the bench, and Mark Danielson provided a defensive jolt.

"I thought Mark Danielson played well," Stuckmeyer said. "He didn't do a lot of scoring, but he gave us a little spark. Bo played OK. He tried to score and be the spark-plug for us."

Both teams hit the road Friday. Plymouth travels to Knox, while the Eagles head to New Prairie.

• CMA 45, PLYMOUTH 36  
At Culver  
Score by quarters

Plymouth: 4 15 25 36  
CMA: 4 20 33 45  
PLYMOUTH (36): Brock Smith 0 0-0 0, Brandon Elliott 0 3-5 3, Todd Vervynck 0 0-0 0, Austin Hodges 1 0-0 2, Houston Hodges 3 3-5 10, Bo Davidson 1 4-5 7, Gordy Holloway 0 0-0 0, Calvin Hoeffler 0 0-0 0, Mark Danielson 0 0-0 0, Curtis Ivy 0 0-0 0, Jeremy Renz 0 1-2 1, Leneil Himes 5 3-13 13. TOTALS: 10 14-20 36.  
CMA (45): Jermaine Myers 1 1-2 3, Wells Davis 5 2-5 12, Ramsey Bradke 0 1-2 1, Blayne Baker 3 4-5 11, Travis Britt 1 2-2 4, Carl Rivera 2 2-3 6, Trace Thews 3 2-3 8, Trevor Weaser 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 15 14-22 45.  
3-point goals: Plymouth 2 (H. Hodges, Davidson), CMA 1 (Baker); Turnovers: Plymouth 5, CMA 11; Rebounds: Plymouth 20 (Himes 8), CMA 25 (Davis, Baker 7); Assists: Plymouth 4 (Himes 2), CMA 8 (Davis 5); Steals: Plymouth 7, CMA 2; Fouls (fouled out): Plymouth 21 (Davidson), CMA 19 (none); Records: Plymouth 5-13, CMA 13-4.  
JV score: Plymouth 37 (Mitch Holloway 11), CMA 25 (David Zaccaria 8).

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### Boys basketball

#### sectional pairings

**Class 3A**  
19. Plymouth (7)  
Tuesday, March 3  
1 — Rochester vs. Marian.  
Wednesday, March 4  
2 — Plymouth vs. New Prairie.  
3 — Glenn vs. St. Joe  
Friday, March 6  
4 — CMA vs. Winner of Game 1.  
5 — Winner of Game 2 vs. Winner of Game 3.  
Saturday, March 7  
6 — Championship.

**Class 2A**  
34. North Judson (6)  
Tuesday, March 3  
1 — Boone Grove vs. North Judson.  
2 — Winamac vs. North Newton.  
Friday, March 6  
3 — Hebron vs. Winner of Game 1.  
4 — Culver Community vs. Winner of Game 2.  
Saturday, March 7  
5 — Championship.

### Sports briefs

#### Boys basketball

##### Cavs fall at New Prairie

Culver Community's boys basketball team dropped a 66-45 Northern State Conference make-up game at New Prairie Feb. 16.

Sophomore Zoe Bauer tied for game-high scoring honors with 22 points for the Cavs.

• NEW PRAIRIE 66, CULVER COMMUNITY 45  
At New Carlisle  
Score by quarters  
Culver: 9 19 32 45  
New Prairie: 14 32 49 66  
CULVER (45): Adam Neace 4 0-2 8, Nick Peterson 0 0-0 0, Brock Elliott 0 2-5 2, Justin Master 0 2-2 2, Zoe Bauer 7 3-4 22, Patrick Mulvihill 1 2-2 4, Kyle Pugh 0 0-0 0, AJ Neace 3 0-0 7, Larry Clingler 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 15 9-15 45.  
NEW PRAIRIE (66): Josh Ruiz 0 0-0 0, Bobby Webb 0 1-4 1, Ross Strieter 3 0-0 6, Mike Wagner 0 0-0 0, George Stainko 0 1-4 1, Caleb Johnson 2 0-1 5, Austin Sill 3 2-2 8, Blake Evans 7 2-2 22, Jared Swain 0 0-0 0, Josh Klein 0 0-0 0, Austin Kubit 7 6-6 20, Kyle Albertson 1 0-2 3, Kyle Brammer 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 23 12-21 66.  
3-point goals: Culver 6 (Bauer 5, AJ Neace), New Prairie 8 (Evans 6, Johnson, Albertson); Turnovers: Culver 18, New Prairie 33; Rebounds: Culver 25, New Prairie 33; Assists: Culver 8, New Prairie 16; Steals: Culver 5, New Prairie 16; Fouls (fouled out): Culver 19 (none), New Prairie 18 (Webb); Records: Culver 4-13 (0-5 NSC), New Prairie 6-11 (3-3 NSC).  
JV score: New Prairie 38, Culver 18.

##### Eagles claw back

Culver Military Academy's basketball squad came back from a 10-point deficit in the first quarter to beat the Riley Wildcats, 59-52 at Fleet Gymnasium Saturday.

The Eagles connected on eight 3-pointers, with leading scorer Jermaine Myers (22) hitting on four. Wells Davis added 18 points and Travis Britt had 10 for CMA.

Riley was led by Nick Achille with 13 points.

• CULVER MILITARY 59, SB RILEY 52  
At Culver  
Score by quarters  
Riley: 17 26 34 52  
CMA: 7 22 43 59  
RILEY (52): Dominique Brazier 1 0-0 3, Raphael Smith 2 1-2 5, DeAngelo Jackson 3 0-0 6, Larry King 5 0-0 10, Marcus Pittman 2 3-4 7, Nick Achille 5 0-0 13, Pierre Burdette 2 0-0 4, Marcus Moody 1 0-0 2, Karl Columbus 0 0-0 0, Cody Henson 1 0-0 2. TOTALS 22 4-6 52.  
CMA (59): Jermaine Myers 6 6-6 22, Wells Davis 7 2-2 18, Ramsey Bradke 0 0-0 0, Blayne Baker 0 0-0 0, Travis Britt 4 0-0 10, Carl Rivera 2 2-2 6, Trace Thews 1 1-2 3. TOTALS: 20 11-12 57.  
3-point goals: Riley 4 (Achille 3, Brazier), CMA 8 (Myers 4, Davis 2, Britt 2). Personal fouls (fouled out): Riley 14 (none), CMA 12 (none). Officials: Mark McCammon, John Walczak, Nick Martin. Records: Riley 15-6, CMA 15-4. JV score: Riley 36 (Angelo Williams 11), CMA 32 (Trent Sanders 8).

#### Boys swimming

##### DVries and Samies qualify

WARSAW — David DeVries and Derek Samies both qualified for the Indiana High School Athletic Association Boys Swimming State Finals Saturday.

DeVries won the 200 free, while Samies clocked in first in the 500 free at the Warsaw Sectional.

• WARSAW BOYS SWIMMING AND DIVING SECTIONAL  
At Warsaw  
Team scores: 1. Warsaw 302, 2. Plymouth 223, 3. Huntington North 212.5, 4. CMA 201, 5. Columbia City 114, 6. Logansport 78.5, 7. Manchester 67, 8. Rochester 58, 9. Pioneer 48, 10. Tippy Valley 46.  
Results (top 3 plus local finishers)  
200 medley relay: 1. Warsaw 1:41.54 (Brian Thallemer, Andrew Cutshall, Thomas Wack, Max Revere), 2. Huntington North 1:43.79, 3. Plymouth 1:47.10 (Poalo Palmitessa, Rick Wise, Riley Senter, Kevin Garrity), 4. CMA 1:47.61 (Zachary Grant, Sam Thomas, Derek Samies, Rene Del Castillo); 200 free: 1. David DeVries (CMA) 1:50.26, 2. Ryan Bice (Pio) 1:52.70, 3. Shaun Marion (HN) 1:53.34; 200 IM: 1. Skyler Ruschhaupt (HN) 1:58.80, 2. Thallemer (War) 2:04.11, 3. Samies (CMA) 2:04.50, 5. Palmitessa (Ply) 2:11.05, 6. Senter (Ply) 2:17.61; 50 free: 1. Danny Scher (HN) 21.96, 2. Josh Scott (Ply) 22.99, 3. Mitchell Gauger (War) 23.11, 4. Alex Eads (Ply) 23.31; Diving: 1. Ben Rankin (War) 298.10, 2. Michael Boyle (War) 404.30, 3. Casey Dubuc (HN) 367.10, 5. Joe Portteus (Ply) 304.65, 8. Alonso Gutierrez-Rodriguez (CMA) 270.45; 11. Troy McCloskey (CMA) 239.00, 12. Robert Moore (Ply) 231.60; 100 fly: 1. Eads (Ply) 55.61, 2. Blake Burman (CC) 55.71, 3. Senter (Ply) 58.37; 100 free: 1. Scher (HN) 48.97, 2. Scott (Ply) 49.73, 3. Revere (War) 50.35; 500 free: 1. Samies (CMA) 4:58.89, 2. Del Castillo (CMA) 5:08.79, 3. Bice (Pio) 5:15.83, 4. Garrity (Ply) 5:26.37; 200 free relay: 1. Plymouth 1:34.24 (Jesse Sullivan, Senter, Eads, Scott), 2. Columbia City 1:40.74, 3. Manchester 1:40.82, 6. CMA 1:42.15 (Grant, Matthew Adams, Oliver Culver, Conor Forrest); 100 backstroke: 1. Thallemer (War) 53.51, 2. DeVries (CMA) 57.49, 3. Palmitessa (Ply) 59.75, 5. Del Castillo (CMA) 1:00.33; 100 breaststroke: 1. Ruschhaupt (HN) 1:01.17, 2. Thomas (CMA) 1:06.71, 3. Portteus (Ply) 1:07.33, 4. Wise (Ply) 1:07.61, 5. Gerardo Padilla (CMA) 1:09.98; 400 relay: 1. Warsaw 3:19.74 (Gauger, Cutshall, Thallemer, Revere), 3. CMA 3:33.44 (DeVries, Del Castillo, Thomas, Samies).

## Young ends perfect season with state finals win

INDIANAPOLIS — Culver Military Academy wrestler Daniel Young polished off a perfect season, winning the 145-pound weight class at the Indiana High School Athletic Association Wrestling State Finals Saturday.

Young defeated Gavin McGinley by fall in 5:32 in the championship round at Conesco Fieldhouse to wrap up a 48-0 season.

Glenn heavyweight Craig Fitzgerald (47-2) ended his season with a sixth-place finish, while Knox's Danny Bradley (39-4) checked in at eighth place in the 119-pound weight class.

• IHSAA WRESTLING INDIVIDUAL STATE TOURNAMENT  
At Indianapolis  
119 — Quarterfinal: Brandon Wright (Indianapolis Cathedral) 18-8 dec. over Danny Bradley (Knox) 18-8; Consolation: Derek Bevans (Yorktown) defeated Bradley; 7th place match: Justin Kieffer (Roncalli) defeated Bradley.  
145 — Quarterfinal: Daniel Young (CMA) 5-1 dec. over Cameron Friend (Leo); Semifinal: Young 5-4 dec. over Sam Bennett (Anderson Highland) 5-4; Final: Young fall (5:32) Gavin McGinley (Indianapolis Cathedral).  
285 — Quarterfinal: Jowan Gill (Columbus North) 3-1 dec. over Craig Fitzgerald (John Glenn); Consolation: Fitzgerald defeated Nate Richey (Brownburg); 5th place match: James Travis (Merrillville) defeated Fitzgerald.

### Sports calendar

*Editor's note: Several readers have asked for a calendar of upcoming sports events in the Culver area, a feature the Citizen will endeavor to include whenever space allows.*

**Thurs., Feb. 26:** CCHS Boys middle school wrestling, Rochester/Knox, 5:30 p.m.

**Fri., Feb. 27:** CCHS boys varsity/ JV basketball, Bremen, 6 p.m.

CMA swimming, at state

CMA boys basketball vs. Argos, at home, 6 p.m.

CMA polo vs. Toronto, home, 7 p.m.

**Sat., Feb. 28:** CCMS Boys middle school wrestling, Culver Middle School tourney, 9 a.m.

CGA hockey invitational tournament, home, 9 a.m.

CMA polo vs. Toronto, home, 11 a.m.

CGA hockey invitational tournament, home, 7 p.m.

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CMA's Carl Rivera, left, and Plymouth's Jeremy Renz, right, go to the floor for a loose ball last Tuesday at Fleet Gymnasium.

And with good reason. Baker, a 6-foot-4 senior forward from Plymouth, scored a season-high 11 points and grabbed seven rebounds off the bench to spark the Eagles' 45-36 win over the Pilgrims at Fleet Gymnasium.

"There's no way for me to be any happier for Blayne," Huss said, smiling broadly. "He had a slow start to the season because he had a senior project and missed some basketball practices. He's been playing catch up ever since.

"The thing is he's a talented player," Huss added. "This is a big deal for him, especially with him being from Plymouth. The rebounding was just the key to us. The rebounding and energy he gave us were off the charts."

Baker's 3-pointer — off a Wells Davis assist — gave the Eagles a 20-13 lead with 30 seconds left in the first half. Then, with the Eagles showing the slightest indication of slipping into an early-season pattern of squandering late leads, Baker laid in a rebound bucket off a Carl Rivera missed free throw that put CMA up 39-30 with 4:22

"Who's this idiot that hasn't been playing him?" Hopefully he'll play that way in our remaining four games. He played awfully well."

Meanwhile, Davis, an ultra athletic 6-foot-5 sophomore guard, knocked down a team-high 12 points — all during the first three quarters and most off dribble penetration — latched onto seven boards, distributed five assists and swatted a couple of shots for the Eagles.

"(Davis) is as athletic as anybody we've played this year," Plymouth head coach Kevin Stuckmeyer said. "He makes the game come so easy; he drove the lane whenever he wanted. We couldn't keep him on angles, and when we did, he just picked us apart with his passing."

Davis spurred a 9-3 second-half opening run with a drive and dish to Trace Thews in the post for a conventional 3-point play, as well as a leaning jumper off the dribble and a bucket in transition to lift the Eagles to a 29-18 advantage with 5:17 left in the third quarter.

CMA led by at least seven points the rest of the way.

him. Against Plymouth you do have to make that extra pass. We knew we were going to have to reverse the ball, and Wells would have to be more of a facilitator. He did that very well. That's just the caliber of kid he is."

For the Pilgrims, husky junior post man Leneil Himes piled up 13 points and eight rebounds off the bench, while sophomore guard Houston Hodges chipped in 10 points.

"Leneil battled," Stuckmeyer said. "There were a couple times that he did some things to get offensive rebounds, but he had a couple of tough calls go against him. Still, we need him to be aggressive like that."

Plymouth, though, with Davis and backcourt running mate Jermaine Myers covering a whole lot of ground and blocking shots, hit just 10-for-34 — 29.4 percent from the field.

"We didn't look like we went up strong," Stuckmeyer said. "We also had times when we dropped it off when we had a chance to go up strong. Were we hearing footsteps? It's hard to say, but we needed to go



## Team Cavaliers

CHS' Paul Paré recently caught up with several of Culver Comm. High School's sports teams. Pictured above is the boys junior varsity basketball team. Front row, left to right: Shaylin Johnson (manager), Nick Peterson, Levi Bennett, Luke Dunfee, Zach Loehmer, Zach Duplay, Jessica Pettit (manager). Back row: Kyle Kruger (coach), Patrick McBee, Mark Maes, Kyle Garland, Nate Niswander, Dennis Davis, Kyle Elliott (coach), Ryan Carrol (coach). More team photos will follow in future *Citizens*.

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# Academies host multistate horse show

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Culver Academies played host over the weekend to its first local show since joining the Interscholastic Equestrian Association, a Willoughby, Ohio based, secondary level equestrian organization spanning 12 states.

Last year was the first year the school participated in IEA, according to Culver sophomore and competitor Lillian Hogan, and while the Academies co-hosted an event, this is the school's first "solo" hosting of an IEA competition.

The event, which took place over Feb. 14 and 15 at the riding hall of the Vaughn Equestrian Center, included competition at four levels: varsity open, varsity intermediate, junior varsity novice, and junior varsity beginner. With the exception of beginner level

participants, each group takes part in jumping competitions as well as walking, trotting, and cantering. Judges, says Hogan, evaluate participants on how well each maneuvers the horse and the overall appearance of horse and rider.

With about nine competitors in each class, Hogan says between 75 and 100 students from schools across the Midwest took part in this weekend's competition. Hogan herself has been part of Culver's IEA involvement over both years, but has been involved in shows outside Culver for about five years now. Culver, she says, participates in about five such shows at various locations each year.

One of the challenges of IEA events, she says, is that each rider is paired with a horse from the hosting institution, which means animal

and rider are unfamiliar with one another at the outset of the event.

Culver sophomore Cricket Gullickson — a native of Rio, Wisconsin, concurs the mystery of an unfamiliar horse makes the competition all the more interesting. "It all depends on the horse you get," she says. "They all have different personalities, like people. Some are



Culver Academies sophomore Cricket Gullickson at the Feb. 14-15 IEA horse show at Culver Academies.

CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

cranky, some are gentle. We all get horses names drawn from a hat; it's just random."

Gullickson, who started riding in about six years ago, says this weekend's show is the second she's been to this year. Since Culver is hosting the event, she says, preparation began about a month ago, as soon as horsemanship participants returned from January's much-anticipated presidential inaugural parade.

"We started working with the horses for this show," she explains, "and getting them ready. This week it was about three hours every day. There was a lot of prep. As far as jumps, we had to get all the horses in shape, brush them and clip their manes...and polish our boots, wash everything. The stable hands and instructors did a lot of work.

They were out here for like 12 hours every day."

"The last couple of weeks," adds Hogan, "we've been jumping the horse over things they're not familiar with to make sure they don't stop when people that have never ridden them jump them. We also put red bows on the tails of horses that kick."

The hard work, it's evident, is worth it for these students.

"It's been a lot of work," acknowledges Hogan, speaking as a circle of state-ly riders canters gracefully about the competition ring in the background. "But it's all going pretty smoothly."

"The best part about a show like this is when you get a really good ride," explains Gullickson. "This is what you've been working for. It's all payoff, even if you don't place high. If you have that ride, it's great!"

## Family, from page 1

stick at," he recalls, rattling off a list of familiar celebrity names from John Wayne to George Carlin. "From there, I got into advertising. I started at the largest advertising agency in the world at the time in 1973. There were very few black people there in a professional capacity then... there were very few of us."

Dickerson says he's had a chance to work for all the top 15 advertising agencies in the world, adding studies in landscape design thanks to night school classes in Manhattan in the late 1970s. He moved to southern California in 1980, where he remained until last June. "Half of my life has been spent on one coast or another," he observes.

Now, the frenetic pace he says dominates the communications industry has given way to the much quieter life of "helping take care of the homestead" and his mother, something he says he "was supposed to do."

Dickerson has become the family caretaker in another sense, researching and documenting a rich genealogical record that includes a great-grandfather whose Civil War regiment merged with the famous African-American 54th regiment, dramatized in the film "Glory" with Denzel Washington. That Dickerson ancestor — whose last name was Byrd — died in 1935, 19 years before Gregg's birth, but Gregg heard a number of stories Byrd told Gregg's own grandfather. Gregg's research has traced that side of his family to 1803.

Gregg Dickerson recalls an incident in his young life while visiting Culver that had a lifelong impact on him. "My dad and I were going to drive back to New York (from Culver) by ourselves, and as we're leaving 206 Mill Street (his grandparents' home in Culver)...I turned around and looked at my grandfather and grandmother, and all of a sudden I projected what it would be like when I would be doing that (watching a son and grandson leave), and when my dad lost his mom and dad, what would it be like for me to be doing that. When you're young, as long as you hear



Culver High School graduate and successful fashion artist James Dickerson, left, with son Gregg, who returned to his family's home in New York -- after a stopover in Culver -- to live last year.

PHOTO/COURTESY GREGG DICKERSON

your grandparents' voice and they send things at Christmas, you're good to go. But when you look at your mom and dad as a daughter and son, and you ask, 'How could you leave (your parents) and be in New York working?' So that, at 16...really hit me.

"You put that away as you grow up; you have no idea where life will take you. I pulled out of this (New York) driveway in 1980 to go across the country, and my dad told me to (watch myself). I had been a pretty good sized fish in a big pond. I ventured into boardrooms, brushed elbows with CEOs, I wore a three-piece suit. I was feeling pretty good, until I started to travel across the country, and I saw how much of it there is, and how little I knew of it."

Returning last year from a life in California to care for his mother and family homestead included a visit to Culver (see Charles Dickerson article this issue), and has left Gregg Dickerson in a reflective mode, contemplating the efforts of his grandfather in Culver and Culver High School graduate father James to carve out opportunities for Gregg and his siblings. The success of the children of Charles Dickerson Sr. in 1940s-1960s America, says Gregg, was a Herculean feat. "To be black in America at that time, and raise your family successfully," he says, "was beyond a challenge. It was almost a miracle!"

*The editor thanks Gregg Dickerson, who supplied most of the information to make this article possible, particularly concerning his father's and his own lives and careers, besides several of the images used in these articles.*



## Newest members of the CBGC board

The Culver Boys & Girls Club introduces three new members to its board of directors, Dianna Osborne (left photo) and Greg and Karen Easterday (CBGC board chairman Alan Loehr is in the middle, in the photo at right). With these three additional members, the board now totals 16 members. CBGC is located inside the Culver Elementary School and operates daily from 3-6:50 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 Mary Ann Tidwell, the program supervisor, at 574-250-0103.

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# Culver’s Robys share knowledge of oxen

Steve and Judy Roby of Culver are very interesting people with some very interesting hobbies. The recently spoke at Miller’s Senior Living Community about one of their newest hobbies...oxen. The Robys, married 40 years enjoy their life living in their home hidden in the woods along the Tippecanoe River. Steve is owner and operator of Flint Tool and Machine while Judy holds the position of Accounts and circulation manager at the *Pulaski County Journal* newspaper in Winamac. After spending time at their full time jobs, they come home in the evening and attend to their different hobbies that usually involve nature and outdoor life. Steve is a beekeeper while Judy enjoys quilting. They both work in the high tunnel where they grow fresh produce that they sell all summer long at the Culver Farmer’s Market on Saturdays.

The Robys are also animal lovers and see much wildlife throughout their property. Steve recently became interested in oxen especially when he realized they could help out with the work on their property. Not one to jump into something without research, he read many books on the subject and researched oxen on the internet. He found some for sale in Tyner. While the oxen were being born and reaching the age they could leave their mother, Steve attended a hands-on workshop in Michigan to learn all he could about training the oxen he also made a yoke for them at the workshop. After the workshop, the babies – Chip and Dale - were ready to bring home and begin their training.

Many people do not realize that oxen are not a breed in and of themselves. Any breed of cattle can be made into and oxen. An ox is a working animal. Many raise cattle for

be patient with them. Judy admits that while Dale is a “big baby,” Chip has a “mind of his own and is much more stubborn.”



Above, left: Steve Roby of Culver (left) discusses with Miller’s resident Dennis Burden (right) the oxen yoke he made from cottonwood. Above, right: Buddy Parrish (left) of Miller’s Senior Living Community looks over the tape measure Judy Roby (right) uses to “weigh” their oxen.

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beef. Beef cattle are fed in an entirely different manner than cattle that are being groomed to become oxen.

“For Beef cattle,” Steve explains, “you need to feed them to be nice and fat. For working oxen you need to feed them to grow muscle.”

To begin Chip and Dale’s training the Robys mainly just spend time with them. They want the oxen to get used to them. They talk to them, touch them, brush them, and slowly they are teaching them the commands so they can learn to pull the plow and do the work around the farm they were meant to do. It is a slow process and one must

Right now they are wearing a seven inch yoke and at full growth he approximates they will need a 10 inch yoke. He made the yoke out of cottonwood from his woods.

The Robys admitted some of their hobbies turn into actual work but they enjoy spending time together and they believe all their hard work is well worth the time they put in to it.

This and many other events at Miller’s Senior Living Community are free and open to the public. If you would like to be added to the mailing list please call 1-574-936-9801 and ask for Anna Corbett or Cindy Flagg.

## Library from page 1

Adult DVDs were by far the highest circulating item type, McCarty noted, adding these do have a shorter circulation period (most go out for one week only) and faster turnaround.

As might be expected, library usage in Culver follows demographic trends of population: summertime numbers spike all across the board, including use of library computers, according to McCarty. October was the least-used month in terms of circulation, in 2008.

An ad hoc policy committee formed last year is working on long-range plans for the library as well as shoring up the library’s existing policy by adding

previously removed by-laws and portions required by state law, said Saft, who noted the committee also includes board member Melanie Robertson and McCarty.

The Indiana State Library’s Northern Indiana representative will discuss a new statewide computer circulation catalog system with the board at its next (March 17) meeting, said McCarty. The library had previously discussed taking advantage of the system, which is being subsidized by the state library, along with staff training and implementation, to all Indiana libraries.

McCarty also noted the library will kick off a series

of budgeting workshops with “Budget Friendly Meals” Feb. 26, in partnership with the Purdue Extension Office and Grace church in Culver (see “briefs” this issue).

She also distributed an abbreviated version of Robert’s Rules of Order for the board’s use in conducting meetings.

Library children’s head Ali Gaskill told the board she has met with Culver Chamber of Commerce president Greg Fassett concerning the Chamber’s probable sponsorship of the annual Taste of Culver festival, which Gaskill organized in previous years and with which the library board voted to cease involvement

last year. She said she may act as a consultant for the Chamber concerning the event.

Gaskill also reported she is working on new materials and methods to attract the most “reluctant reader” demographic, boys. She attended a Bureau of Education and Research workshop on the topic in Indianapolis recently, and said she learned a great deal about the difference

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Richie may be reached at 574-542-4810.

### Main Street history program Feb. 28

The Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver’s new, monthly “Culver History LIVE!” events will debut Saturday, Feb. 28 at 10 a.m. with a virtual “walk” through the history of the heart of commerce in Culver, Main Street downtown, as presented in a highly visual Power Point by the AHS’ Jeff Kenney.

The “Culver History LIVE!” series will showcase a different area of Culver’s history each last Saturday of the month. Programs will take place in the Center for Culver history museum at the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library in downtown Culver.

### Feb. 28 is Relay day at Culver Coffee

The Culver Coffee Company on Lake Shore Drive will play host to an open house dedicated to fundraising for Culver’s April 17 Relay for Life, Sat., Feb. 28 from noon to 4 p.m. Live music and food and drink specials will abound, with all proceeds going to the cancer-fighting event. CCC staff have also volunteered to work without pay during the open house, in support of the event. The shop is also donating all proceeds to Relay from its “drink of the month” -- Mexican hot chocolate -- through the month of February For more Relay info, visit [www.relayforlife.org/culverin](http://www.relayforlife.org/culverin).

### Papa’s talent show will benefit Relay

Papa’s restaurant on Culver’s Lake Shore Drive will host a community talent show the evening of Sat., March 14. Included will be live music, movies, and of course plenty of food, besides a cash prize for the talent contest itself. The Relay committee is seeking Culver area residents with various talents, to perform. Those interested in participating are encouraged to email [relay@culver.org](mailto:relay@culver.org). More information is available at [www.relayforlife](http://www.relayforlife).

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### Mad Ants tickets on sale to support BEAM efforts

Marshall County youth philanthropic organization BEAM (Bettering Every Aspect of Marshall County) is selling tickets to the March 15 Fort Wayne Mad Ants basketball game, which begins at 6:30 p.m. in Fort Wayne. 600 tickets were donated to BEAM by Mad Ants owner and Culver resident John Zeglis, with proceeds supporting the organization’s operating budget for the next two to three years. Tickets are \$10, a half-price discount from the regular ticket price. Those wishing to purchase tickets are encouraged to contact BEAM head Myles Pinder through the Culver Community High School, 574-842-3391.

### Culver schools snow makeup days

April 13 (Easter Monday) and May 8 will both be snow makeup days, according to the Culver Community Schools calendar. School will be in session both days, instead of off as the days had been previously listed. The Culver schools’ calendar is available online at [www.culver.k12.in.us](http://www.culver.k12.in.us).

### Fishing, Indian items sought

The Antiquarian & Historical Society of Culver is seeking items in preparation for upcoming displays later this year at its Center for Culver History museum. Specifically, the Society is seeking vintage fishing lures and other fishing-related items -- particularly those used on Lake Maxinkuckee -- as well as items related to local Native Americans.

Items for loan or donation may be brought to the Center, located in the historic Carnegie portion of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library in downtown Culver. The Center is open now Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. All are welcome.

### CES sixth graders

was voted vice president, a position unfilled at the board’s reorganization last month. As was the case at the Feb. 17 meeting, Cole may fill in as president in the absence of regular president James Hahn.

The board also voted McCarty in as a second authorized agent for the library of the Public Employees Retirement Fund, or PERF, joining already-authorized Faulkner.

### collecting for troops

CulverElementarySchool sixth graders are collecting items for American troops and would greatly appreciate help from the community. 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 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, a compilation of statistics from teams from 1968 through the present. The cost of the book is \$10. Copies may be purchased 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.

### Marshall County Unemployment Support Group

The Marshall County Unemployment Support Group meets Mondays in February (Feb. 9, 16, 23) from 10 a.m. - noon at the Plymouth Public Library’s Jim Neufeld Family Room. You are not alone! Contact Ellen Weist, @ [www.jdt@tnaisp.net](mailto:www.jdt@tnaisp.net).

### Citizen cell phone

Please note our new contact 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](mailto:citizen@culcom.net).

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# EDUCATION

## Culver Middle School students of the month

Culver Community Middle School held its Student of the Month breakfast Wednesday, Feb. 18, in the cafeteria. Those students honored were chosen by their teachers during the months of November, December, and January.

Seventh grade students honored were: Hayes Barnes, Katelyn Bau, Devon Binion, Sarah Boland, Denisha Brown, Marcus Clifton, Amber Cowell, Caleb Dehning, Victoria Elliott, Kristen Gergely, Jamal Green, Jordan Green, Isaac Haimbaugh, Kyra Hite, Samantha Howard, Jessica Jefferies, Maeve Kline, Mark Lehman, Stephen Lehman, Grace Lorenz, Megan Lyczak, Tatiiana Randolph, Jaclyn Rocco, Catlynn Siple, Codie Thomas, Kennedi Thomas, Adam Tompos, Paul Tulungen, Morgan Weldon and Brittany Wilkman.

Honored eighth grade students were: John Ahlenius, Mitchell Anderson, Erin Bau, Holley Caddy, Clare Hartman, MaKennon Hicks, Ashley Martinez, Morgan Osborn, Alissa Overmyer, Elizabeth Rainey, Malici Shaffer, Felicia Slusher, Kortney Smith, Collin Stevens, Dana Wireman and Kodie Wood.

## Ralph E. Winters scholarship applications now available

Applications for the Ralph E. Winters Scholarship are now available. The scholarship is for qualified Culver Community High School graduates who will successfully complete their freshman year of college and will be enrolling in their sophomore year this fall. Nontraditional students are also eligible and encouraged to apply.

Recipients must be full-time students at an accredited Indiana institution of higher learning in a technical program such as: Engineering, Pharmacy, Mathematics, Science, Nursing, Agriculture or a technical certificate program. Annual awards will be approximately \$1,500 per year. The scholarship may be renewed for a maximum of four years.

Scholarship applications are available through the Culver Community High School guidance office or the Pulaski County Community Foundation. Deadline to return applications is April 17, 2009. For more information please contact the Community Foundation at 574-946-0906.

## HSPA scholarship accepting applications

The Hoosier State Press Association Foundation announces a new \$1,000 scholarship for a graduating high school senior who intends to major in print journalism this fall. High school journalism advisers will receive a letter this week along with a sample application to help disseminate the information to students.

Eligible students will belong to the 2009 graduating class with at least a 3.0 GPA. They may attend any in- or out-of-state university offering a journalism or communication degree. The winning applicant will receive funds once the Foundation has verification the student began classes.

“This new program broadens the Foundation’s efforts to recruit young, talented journalists to enter careers in the newspaper industry,” said Karen Braeckel, HSPA Foundation director. “We work to enhance the ability of Indiana newspapers to fully educate and inform the public. Attracting students to journalism helps fulfill our mission.”

Interested students may visit [www.hspafoundation.org](http://www.hspafoundation.org) and click Scholarship to download an application. It includes a list of other components necessary to apply.

The HSPA Foundation must receive all parts of the application by April 1. Please allow time for delivery by that date. Postmarks of April 1 are not accepted.

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CMA boys hockey, state tournament, away, 8 p.m.

**Sun., March 1:** CGA hockey invitational tournament, home

CMA boys hockey, state tournament, away, 4 p.m.

**Mon., March 2:** CCMS Girls middle school basketball, New Prairie, 5 p.m.

**Tues., March 3:** CMA basketball, sectionals, away



Adam Spenner.

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## Acclaimed author visits Culver

Sandy Tolan (right), teacher, documentary radio producer, and author of – among other works – the acclaimed 2006 book “The Lemon Tree: An Arab, A Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East,” signs a copy of his book for a cadet at Culver Academies Feb. 18 at Eppley Auditorium. Tolan lectured faculty, students, and guests as part of the Montgomery Lecture Series on topics addressed in his book, explaining the background of land-based conflicts in the Middle East between Israelis and Palestinians and describing the basis of his book, which seeks to bring the conflict onto a level American readers can relate with by viewing it through two families on each side of the debate.

Tolan also spoke that evening at the Legion Memorial Building as part of the Global Studies Institute series on sustainability and the global environment.

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