

The Culver Citizen

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In Brief

Adult winter gym at Culver Middle School

Sunday afternoon basketball at the Culver Middle School, for adults 18 and over only, will begin Sunday, November 29, from 1 to 3 p.m. and will continue 15 weeks until March 7.

Cost will be \$2 per Sunday, or \$15 for the entire season, and must be "paid before you play" to cover insurance. Please call Ken VanDePutte at 574 274 9942 with questions.

End-of-month meal at St. Mary's Nov. 30

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church's end-of-month community meal will take place Monday, November 30. On the 30th day of each month, a community meal will be provided for anyone interested in attending, with food and drinks supplied by parishioners (the format is similar to Grace United Church of Christ's mid-month meal). St. Mary of the Lake is located at 124 College Avenue in Culver. Questions may be directed to 574-842-2522.

Grace Church

Songfest Sunday

Grace United Church of Christ, 307 N. Plymouth St. in Culver, will hold an informal Songfest Sunday, November 29 at 4:30 p.m. The public is invited to either bring a song or hymn to share or just listen along and enjoy this approximately one-hour get-together. Those attending are asked to bring a non-perishable food or personal hygiene item to benefit Culver's food pantry, located in the basement of the church.

Children's Christmas party Dec. 5

Culver's VFW Post 6919 and Lions Club will sponsor the annual children's Christmas party Saturday, December 5, starting at 10 a.m. with a free showing of Disney's new "The Christmas Carol" movie at the Uptown Cinema in Culver, followed by a visit from Santa Claus across the street at the Culver fire station. Children are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Public invited to town-wide trash service meeting

The town of Culver will hold a town hall meeting in the form of a public work

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Another Culver autumn fading into winter

Tony Straw of Culver captured the fiery beauty of this autumn sunset over Lake Maxinkuckee recently. Despite an enthusiastically-welcomed warm spell a few weeks ago, temperatures more recently have started their customary November drop this Thanksgiving week as Culverites turn towards the upcoming holiday season.

PHOTO/TONY STRAW

Culver's downtown will receive a major facelift

Grant will enable half-million dollar revitalization of local economic center

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

The charm of Culver's downtown has long been among its many draws for both visitors and locals, and members of Culver's Town Council as well as Town Manager Michael Doss are excited at the revitalizing improvements the area is about to undergo thanks to a nearly half-million dollar grant announced recently by the Indiana Department of Transportation.

Culver was recently listed alongside mostly larger, more metropolitan communities as recipient of one of INDOT's Transportation Enhancement grants, the only community in the LaPorte District to receive any of that funding. The total project, says Doss, is estimated at \$528,450 (Culver's local match

was \$106,450, making monies awarded an even \$422,000).

Among the enhancements to Culver's downtown – that is, the area of Main Street between Washington and Madison Streets – are new sidewalks, brick pavers along the sidewalks, new curb and gutter drains, new decorative street lighting, tree wells for new trees, and conduit run down sidewalks on both sides to help accommodate outdoor events, festivals, or other needs for electrical power in the downtown area.

"The great thing about this project is it's not only something which will benefit the downtown and the businesses there," explains Doss, "but it also coincides with our overall comprehensive plan and the goals

of the Second Century Committee in terms of street lighting and downtown beautification. It also adds more trees to the downtown, which is beneficial to the goals and objectives of the tree commission."

Culver Town Council President Sally Ricciardi agrees. "The sum of money awarded to the town and the matching funds that we will need to invest in this project will be worth the benefits our downtown area will reap from the project," she notes.

Ricciardi also thanked Culver's Chamber of Commerce, Redevelopment Commission, and local businesses who supported

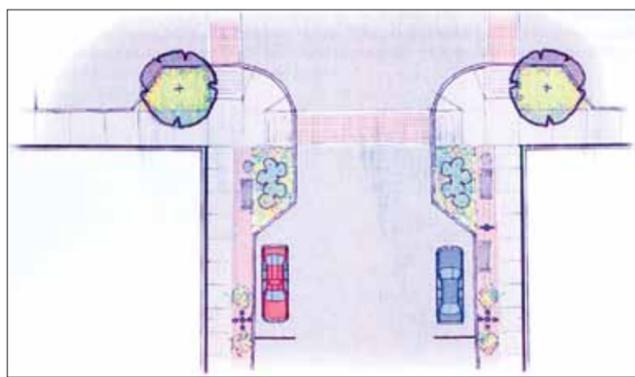


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This preliminary sketch gives a "bird's eye view" of some of the enhancements to Culver's downtown.

the town's application efforts. "It's nice to know we can lean on the business community to help us apply for these funds," Ricciardi added. "Without their support, the application process for grants like this one would not be possible."

One central emphasis behind the project, says Doss, is the unique role Culver's downtown plays in the local economy. "A lot of communities will have a very nice-looking little downtown,

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Kiwanis, others expresses appreciation for the Culver Citizen

By David Baker
President, Culver Kiwanis Club

At its weekly Thursday noon meeting at the Culver Public Library November 12, the Culver Kiwanis Club and other Culver organizations expressed their appreciation for the Culver Citizen. Its editor, Jeff Kenney and publisher, Rick Kreps -- who also publishes the Pilot News in Plymouth -- were both presented certificates of appreciation. During his introduction, Kiwanis President David Baker said he believes one reason people are members of the Culver Kiwanis Club is they like Culver as a place to live and feel the club offers ways to do their part to keep it that way for everyone.

"Thus we appreciate that other businesses and orga-

nizations also want to keep Culver as a special place," Baker said. "And that's our purpose today: to express our appreciation to the Culver Citizen for not only keeping all of us informed about everything that's happening in Culver, but also for developing a unified Culver community spirit. Of course, the two people most responsible for doing that are its editor, Jeff Kenney, and its publisher, Rick Kreps.

"We think Jeff has done an outstanding job in revitalizing the Citizen. It's a paper that's relevant to our interests. He's probably the busiest man in town with his different responsibilities, yet he puts out the paper week after week. Jeff is uniquely qualified for the job as he was brought up

here in Culver and knows the community and its people."

Baker said Kiwanis Club members are also thankful for Kenney's informing the public "about the good things (the Club is) doing."

Baker expressed appreciation for Citizen (and Pilot-News) publisher Rick Kreps. "We know about the hard times newspapers are having these days...he has been able to keep our local paper thriving."

Representing Culver Academies, historian Bob Hartman said the Culver Citizen historically "has not been simply the recorder of the life of the community, but a keeper of the flame of life on the Academies campus. The connection between town and gown has lasted for

more than a century and the Citizen has proven to be a valuable element in establishing a harmonious relationship between the local citizenry and the Academy family. Hartman said during the past three years under Kenney's editorship, "the Citizen has undergone a remarkable resurgence. It has been a distinct pleasure for the community to observe Jeff's home-grown work ethic and his leadership in re-establishing the Citizen as a major instrument in the development of community pride."

Greg Fassett, President of the Culver Chamber of Commerce, said the group

is happy to have the Culver Citizen as a member. "Most of us can't imag-

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Culver Citizen publisher Rick Kreps.

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CES students aim to warm local hands

Culver Elementary School second graders Carter Stevens and Isabelle Ahlenius showcase a poster and collected mittens for the second grade-wide project, "Hearts Warming Hands," which collects new and gently used mittens and gloves for local community members in need. The students and their teachers are distributing the posters advertising the drive, and ask that collected items be taken to the mitten box in the Culver Elementary School front office. Collecting will continue until December 15. Those with questions may call CES second grade teacher Jean Ahlenius at 574-842-3389.

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but their development is off on the highway somewhere. We're unique in that ours is not just a pass-through downtown on your way to the shopping center. It's more important to us to have downtown revitalization because the downtown is paramount to our businesses."

Culver Town Council member Lynn Overmyer, herself a business owner in the downtown area, also expressed happiness at news of the grant, which she said "will be a big help to revitalizing the downtown area...I think it's important for our local people to shop locally, and the more we can do to enhance the downtown businesses, the better we'll be."

"We're really excited," says Doss. "It's a very competitive grant, and this was our first shot at it. Typically these are submitted two or three times before someone is awarded (funding)."

Doss notes some side-

walks in the downtown area are badly deteriorated and have no drainage, something the project will improve. And the new ornamental street lighting expected will give off "a nice, crisp, white-burning light as opposed to pumpkin orange -- it's a more inviting setting at night. It makes it seem like the downtown's alive; when you walk out of businesses downtown, it seems like something's happening."

Brick paving will make up downtown crosswalks and will be present alongside sidewalks, though Doss says care will be taken not to clash with or detract from the brick style of the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver's Heritage Park at Jefferson and Main Streets. The project will also make Culver's downtown completely compliant with standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Special care will be taken, he adds, not to interrupt the flow of Culver's busiest seasons of spring and summer. Instead, the project is anticipated to begin next autumn following Labor Day. "We will make every conscious effort to have those (affected) local businesses involved and informed, and to accommodate their needs," he notes, adding the work will be done "as quick as possible, weather permitting."

Doss expects to rotate blown-up drawings from the engineering firm who volunteered to create the initial project plans from



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Deteriorated curbs like this one in Culver's downtown area are among improvements planned for next autumn's project.

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ine Culver without the Citizen," said Fassett, "and let's hope that we never have to! "The Culver Community and the Citizen go hand in hand. You couldn't have the Citizen without the Culver community and the reverse may also be true. I believe the Citizen keeps us grounded and provides us with that warm comfortable feeling of 'home town' and a community that we can take pride to be a Citizen...the Citizen gives an avenue for our members to advertise their businesses and also report on any changes in current business or new businesses that may be coming to the area. And since Culver is setting in somewhat of an isolated area -- an area not covered by television, radio, and other information resources -- we need a way to get our local news, and the only way to do that is with the Citizen. "As a business owner and as President of the Culver Chamber of Commerce," concluded Fassett, "I personally appreciate both Jeff and Rick; but most of all I appreciate the Citizen for the color it brings to our town."

Kathy Clark, Director of the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council, said that organization could not operate nearly as well without the support of the Culver Citizen.

"Any time the LMEC has something they need or want to get out to the people in our community, Jeff is more than willing to assist us," she said. "Whether it's something I've written and he's playing editor or if I'm just doing research for him, it is great how accommodating the Culver Citizen can be when 'getting the word out' on things like zebra mussels or hydrilla (that are important)."

Dusty Henricks of the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver read a statement from the AHS written by fellow member Jo Dugger: "What do we know and how did we learn about the happenings in our town? Where do we get our information? Most of the time we learn as we read the Culver Citizen. The Citizen gives us information about meetings that effect our governmental affairs and planning the future. Our special interests are listed in the Community Calendar as the Citizen reminds us of when and where we will meet. We honor those who have left us- remembering our neighbors as we give tribute to their lives. We watch the Cavaliers and the Eagles as they prepare themselves to do their best in their games."

Rick Kreps, publisher of the Citizen, the Pilot News, and its group of papers including Bremen, Bourbon, Knox, and Nappanee, said the newspaper crisis has not affected this area as in the last four years there has been an increase in the circulation of the Citizen and the Pilot-News. The Citizen has grown from 857 to 1118 in circulation during that time. He attributed this growth mostly to Jeff Kenney, who has been the editor for the last two years. Community journalism (local news) has been the key to success, he said. Kreps said polls have shown there are about 2.3 readers for every paper circulated, and that half of Indiana's six million people read newspapers. Furthermore, Americans prefer newspaper advertising to TV advertising; nearly 80 percent of us take action as a result of newspaper advertising. The meeting closed with the announcement that the Kiwanis Club would commemorate its 13th anniversary November 19 as well as a discussion of the Culver Youth Community Organization by its representatives and induction of two new members.

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session Tuesday, December 1 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the option of town-wide trash disposal service as discussed at recent meetings of Culver's Town Council. The Council would like to hear public opinion on the possibility of the town contracting with a single waste hauler to provide trash removal and recycling service to all Culver residents at a rate lower than individuals are currently afforded. The meeting will take place at Culver's Town Hall at 200 East Washington Street. Questions may be directed to the Town Hall at 574-842-3140.

Letters Christmas tree parade Nov. 28

The public is invited to a family event to view many unique Christmas Trees all in one building at "Christmas Trees on Parade," sponsored by the Aubeen-aubee Advisory Board. The event will take place Saturday, November 28 from 5 to 8 p.m., and Sunday, November 29 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Letters Ford Community Building, east on Main Street next to the fire station. The author Clifford Green, of "Alabama Zack," will be on hand each evening for one hour with an exclusive on the story. A free will

donation will be taken at the door, which will give guests a ticket to vote for their favorite tree. There will be a drawing Sunday at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

Leaf pickup to cease Dec. 11

The town of Culver will continue to collect leaves until December 11, according to Town Manager Michael Doss. He adds, "The town appreciates citizen patience and understanding regarding leaf collection this season. We are working hard and diligently to collect the remaining leaf piles in town."

Residents are reminded not to place leaf piles in the street or roadway but at the edge of the road inside residents' property. Sticks and brush should be placed in a separate pile from leaves for pickup, and no grass clippings will be picked up by the town. Those with questions may call the Town Hall at 574-842-3140.

Wesley cookie walk, Civil War quilt

Wesley United Methodist Church, 511 School Street in Culver, hosts its annual Cookie Walk Saturday, December 5 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The church's Susanna Circle Quilters will also offer a Civil War themed quilt, "Underground Railroad," as a silent auction item. The quilt measures 85

input by Doss and the town, among downtown businesses leading up to the start of the project.

He says there's also a possibility of future opportunities such as façade improvement for downtown buildings and revitalization projects for Culver's "uptown" (the business district in the town park/Lake Shore Drive area), through grants as well. Façade improvements, he says, would improve storefronts and add new signage and awnings.

But in the immediate future, Doss and town officials are focusing on the positive attributes of the upcoming downtown revitalization, including some potential "ripple effects" such a move can bring

about. "I've seen this in other communities," Doss says. "The goal is the town taking the initiative to do improvements and enhancements to the downtown and ultimately the uptown, and it encourages businesses to make improvements and also springs out into community at large. Those neighbors start to get inspiration to make improvements as well."

"Our goal," he adds, "is to ensure there's not any vacant (storefronts). Right now we have a couple (and) maybe this will inspire someone to put a business down there...it's all about attracting and retaining businesses and patrons as well."

Culver Post now open Sundays

Culver's VFW Post #6919 is now open Sundays from 1 p.m. until time to close. Visitors are encouraged to visit the post and watch their favorite sports, enjoy free WiFi, and take advantage of beverage specials available. The post is located at 108 E. Washington Street in Culver.

Culver pantry in need

Culver's food pantry, located in the basement of Grace United Church of Christ, 397 N. Plymouth Street in Culver, is in desperate need of donations to fill its rapidly-emptying shelves. Needed are non-perishable foods as well as unused, unopened personal hygiene items. Those with items to donate are encouraged to bring them to the church or contact Hutchins at 574-842-2598.

Citizen contact info

Drop-off boxes for community news are located at the Culver-Union Township Public Library and the Culver Coffee Company on Lake Shore Dr. These boxes will be accessible during the locations' normal business hours. Citizen editor Jeff Kenney may be reached at 574-216-0075. News can be sent by e-mail to: citizen@culcom.net.

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Death notices

Dale

David J. Dale
Sept. 29, 2009

PLYMOUTH — David J. Dale, 54, of Plymouth, died Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2009 at his home.

He is survived by his wife, Rande Anne Dale; a daughter, Ashley Dale of Florida; a son, Kelly Dale of California; a step-daughter, Colleen N. Chrobak of Wisconsin; a step-son, Ry S. Klemp of California; his mother, Dona R. Dale of Donaldson; and sisters: Cynthia R. Falica of Illinois and Amy A. Severson-Smallcombe of Wisconsin.

The family asks that David be remembered at an open house Saturday, Nov. 28 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Lions Club depot/train station in Culver.

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth, handled the arrangements.

Winegardner

Carol Wilkinson Winegardner
Nov. 20, 2009

CULVER — Barbara Carol Wilkinson Winegardner, 54, of Culver, formerly of Logansport, died at 9:52 a.m. Friday, Nov. 20, 2009 at the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

She is survived by a daughter, Valerie (Joe) Brown of Russiaville; a sister, Patricia Ann Wilkinson of Culver; and two grandchildren.

Visitation will take place Tuesday, Nov. 24 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Kroeger Funeral Home, 711 E. Market St., Logansport.

Funeral services will take place Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Logansport.

Wedding

Blackford - Runnells



Cheyenne Runnells and Todd Blackford were united in marriage with a double ring ceremony Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. at The Oaks at SouthPaw Farm, Mishawaka.

Maid of honor was Shelby Runnells. Best man was Scott Blackford. Ringbearer was Silas Laidig. Flower girl was Mikayli Laidig. The couple currently resides in Mesa, Ariz.

The bride is the daughter of Wes and Keela Runnells, Warsaw. She attended Warsaw Community High School and is currently employed as a cosmetologist.

The groom is the son of Ken and Tina Blackford, Tippecanoe. He attended Triton Jr.-Sr. High School and is currently employed as a minor league pitcher for the Chicago Cubs.

50th Anniversary

Lemler



Mr. and Mrs. Larry L. (Sharon K. Faulkner) Lemler of Bourbon, will celebrate 50 years of marriage with an open house at the Matchett Square

Center, 805 N. Harris St. Bourbon, Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009 from 2 to 5 p.m. Larry and the former Sharon K. Faulkner were married Dec. 19, 1959 at the E.U.B. Parsonage in Bourbon by Rev. Littler. They have two children, Jeff

Lemler and Jan (Margo Lozier) Lemler of Bourbon. They also have two grandchildren, Orion and Joey Lemler.

Larry and Sharon have dedicated their lives to owning and working at the Lemler Locker, making it the reputable business it is known for today. Their children and grandchildren cordially invite those who know them to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary during the open house. No gifts are required just stories of fond memories of time spent with the Lemlers.



Community Calendar

Thurs., Nov. 26 - Thanksgiving
 Most entities closed for the holiday

Fri., Nov. 27
 Computer class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
 Master gardening, 5:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
 Tech Time workshop, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library

Sat., Nov. 28
 Quilting group, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library
 Christmas Tree Parade, 5 p.m., Leiters Ford Community Building

Mon., Nov. 30
 Knitting Class, 5 p.m., Culver Public Library
 Computer class, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library
 DivorceCare, 7 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ
 Community meal, 6 p.m., St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church

Tues., Dec. 1
 Master gardening, 5:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
 Town hall meeting/work session on town-wide trash pickup; public invited, 6:30 p.m., town hall

Weds., Dec. 2
 Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
 Garden Club, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library

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Second Century Committee wraps up year

Bobbie Washburn Ruhnow

In the final meeting of the year, Culver's Second Century Committee selected the slate of officers for 2010. Dick Brantingham will remain chairperson, Rick Tompos, will serve as vice-chairman and treasurer, and Patty Stallings was selected as secretary of the Steering Committee. At large members of the Steering Committee are Jim Weirick, Ginny Bess Munroe, and Rita Mason.

Brantingham thanked Dusty Henricks for his continuing effort to make sure the hospitality pier is installed and removed each year at the town park. Henricks said that thanks go to the merchants in that area who support the cost.

Continuing the Second Century Committee's goal of planning for the future, committee chairmen were named for Housing, Patty Stallings, Growth Initiative and Communication, Ginny Bess Munroe and Jack Cunningham will chair the Recreational Path Project.

Cunningham has met with Brad Schuldt, Culver Community School superintendent, to discuss applying for a grant from MACOG for the "Safe Route to School" grant.

Brantingham also noted cooperative efforts with other community based groups are being explored. The Culver Tree Commission is working with the group to enhance the Jefferson Street entryway.

Michael Doss, town manager, discussed the grant application for Downtown Revitalization. If successful, two blocks of downtown Culver will see enhanced lighting, brick crosswalks, and new curbs and sidewalks.

The Second Century Committee welcome new members. With the goal of long range planning for the community, new ideas and citizen involvement helps SCC reach their goals.

Letter to the editor

Upset over lost coaches at CHS

Dear Editor,

Culver High School students were right on when they collected a couple hundred signatures earlier this month on a petition that expressed their outrage at the forced resignation of Mr. Craig Hopple as head track coach. Assisting Coach Hopple last spring as a volunteer coach, I observed his great rapport with athletes, his up-to-date training regimens, and his broad knowledge of track and field techniques.

My judgment, by the way, is based on 30-plus years of coaching, teaching, and administering at the high school level in the Chicago suburbs, where the boys and girls programs each had four coaches, not just one. I could never figure out how he and the girls coach accomplished what they did with so few resources.

As a result of this this indefensible personnel decision, Culver's girls track program suffered the resignation of Head Girls' Coach Peggy Arquette. Simply put, she resigned because whomever the athletic director chooses to replace Coach Hopple, there will be a deficit of fun, understanding, patience, and spirit.

In both cases, an effective coach was underappreciated, more like antagonized, and lost. I congratulate head football Coach Andy Thomas for his successful season, but Athletic Director Thomas has some explaining to do ... and the kids know it.

Rich Vallicelli
Knox

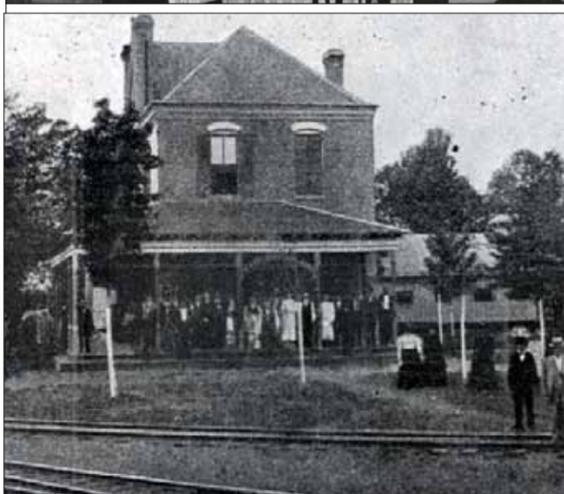
Thanks to Culver

Dan and Bonnie Bickel and the Edgewater family would like to thank the people of Culver for last Thursday's tremendous turnout to an event intended to benefit the medical needs of the Pinder family. Over 300 people attended and funds were raised towards this important cause on behalf of one of Culver's own. All of us involved send hopes and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Dan and Bonnie Bickel
Culver

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family business, a Kreuzberger wine glass, and other artifacts and photos from the Logansport and Culver businesses. Though it deteriorated in the years following its business heyday, the building was later purchased and restored by the family of Donna Dale, after which it was purchased by the Greens after changing hands a few more times. It was given a Historical Landmark Award in 1984 by the Marshall County Historical Society.

A living part of Culver history

CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Jim and Diane Green of Culver stand in front of their historic home at 303 State Street, the site of the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver's annual wine and cheese gathering last month. The house played an important role in the booming tourist trade in Culver of the 1890s (see bottom photo, taken circa 1898) into the 1920s, when it was known as the Kreuzberger Park restaurant and saloon, part of a complex extending west of the present property to today's Harding Court. The business thrived under Robert Kreuzberger Jr. of Logansport, said his grandson Bob Kreuzberger, a long-time resident of Culver. The present Kreuzberger could not attend the meeting, but recalled by video the history of his family, the business, and a number of artifacts from the booming business of Robert Kreuzberger Sr., one of the largest altar wine merchants in this part of the country and also based in Logansport. Among the items Kreuzberger presented in the were original bottles of Kreuzberger's own brand of wine, a sales booklet from the

Culver history briefs

Center for Culver History closed Thanksgiving weekend

The Center for Culver History, located in the historic Carnegie portion of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library, will be closed through Thanksgiving weekend, November 26-29, and will reopen for its regular 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. hours Tuesday, December 1. The museum is typically open during those hours Tuesdays through Saturdays, and is operated by the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver.

Hoosier WWII photo exhibit at Center for Culver History

American GI's who participated in invasions during World War II could always depend on their efforts being documented for their fellow soldiers and folks back home by a good-natured, talented photographer from Gary, Indiana: John A. Bushemi.

Reproductions of the photographs, "One Shot": The World War II Photography of John A. Bushemi," are now on exhibit at the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver (AHS) Center for Culver History Museum in the lower level of the Culver-Union Township Public Library.

Assigned to Yank, the weekly magazine written by and for enlisted men, Bushemi specialized in "photography from a rifle's length vantage point," according to his colleague, Merle Miller.

The Bushemi photographs are on loan from the Indiana Historical Society until December 16, as part of their travel display service. A private, nonprofit membership organization, IHS maintains the nation's premier research library and archives on the history of Indiana. IHS also provides support and assistance to local museums and historical groups (www.indianahistory.org).

The exhibit coincides with a special exhibit launched in November focusing on local veterans and featuring uniforms and other memorabilia from their service years.

Where in the world is the *Culver Citizen*?

Several sharp-eyed readers responded correctly to last week's photo quiz, reprinted above. We asked which famous American historical site (with a particular connection to last weekend's date) was visible in this photo of a Navy buddy of Culver's own Gary Shaffer, who may have pioneered the taking of Citizen reading photos in exotic locales by sending in a photo of himself reading the paper while stationed in Israel.



PHOTO SUBMITTED/GARY SHAFFER

The location: the famous Texas School Book Depository in Dallas, from whose sixth floor President John F. Kennedy was assassinated November 22, 1963. The man reading the paper -- who sent his photo to Gary recently: Eric Bright, Director of Radio Operations with KERA in Dallas (an NPR station) who Gary tells us also just started a new music station, KXT.

Citizen readers who recognized the site included Mike Stallings, Barb Burke, Chet and Kate Marshall, Mary Anna Swennumson, and Jim Taber.

As mentioned last issue, readers are encouraged not to let a fun thing go and to keep a copy of the Citizen on hand when traveling so you can send us photos from other well-known sites around the state of Indiana, the country, and the world.

Photos can be emailed to citizen@culcom.net,

dropped off in one of our drop boxes (located at the Culver Public Library and Culver Coffee Company), or call the editor at 574-216-0075 to make arrangements.

Name that Culver "citizen"



At left: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Mike Stallings, then and now. Right: this week's mystery citizen.

Obviously last week's Mystery Citizen was another Culverite whose looks have changed little through the (very few!) years since his high school days. Pictured was Mike Stallings, who with wife Patty and family has been a regular sight in Culver for decades, and who has become increasingly involved in various service and community organizations locally in recent years.



Readers

Barb Burke, Lora Pinder, Vern Shemielewski, Barbara Fleming, Bruce Carter, Chet and Kate Marshall, Charlotte Hahn, Lynn Overmyer, Judy Sawhook, Cindy Shidler, and Rhonda Anderson.

This week's Mystery Citizen is another longtime Culverite who can still be seen regularly (in fact, practically daily) in a visible spot known to most all of us. She is also the descendant of a well-known figure locally and beyond.

It has been pointed out by more than one reader lately that guessing would be easier if contact information for your editor were included in the text of our contest each week, which is a good point. So if I forget to include it from now on, your editor may forfeit his free parking privileges in downtown Culver (which as everyone knows, are awarded to correct guessers in our Mystery Citizen contest). Guesses may be emailed to citizen@culcom.net, dropped off in one of our drop boxes (located at the Culver Public Library and Culver Coffee Company), or call the editor at 574-216-0075.

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Culver's tree population increases by 61

By Judy Sawhook



On Saturday, November 7, the Town of Culver's street tree population increased by 61. With the assistance of as many volunteers from the community, a variety of beautiful trees were planted. Although past plantings orchestrated by the Tree Commission concentrated on just a few varieties, this year 16 different species were put in.

Included were Bloodgood London Planetrees, Glenleven Lindens, Autumn Brilliance Serviceberrys, Swamp White Oaks, and Redbuds. The planting was made possible through an Alcoa grant distributed by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources with matching funds provided by the Town of Culver.

This year's volunteers were able to complete their work in just a few hours and they were treated to coffee and rolls before and pizza after. Although some volunteers were not associated with any local organizations, many did represent such groups including the Girl Scouts, Culver Community Schools and the Culver Military Academy. Sellers Service landscaping dug all of the holes and as always the Fire Department provided the initial watering for the trees.

This was truly a community undertaking and Town Manager, Michael Doss and the Tree Commission members thank all of you who participated. As reminder to all concerned, **please do not** remove the colored tags that are on the trees!

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TOP PHOTO: Members of Culver's Tree Commission stand with professional forester Gina Darnell, an Urban Forestry consultant who has guided the Commission from its inception. From left to right: Mike Stallings, Darnell, Judy Sawhook, Dick Brantingham, and Tom Kearns. Not pictured: Judy Campbell.

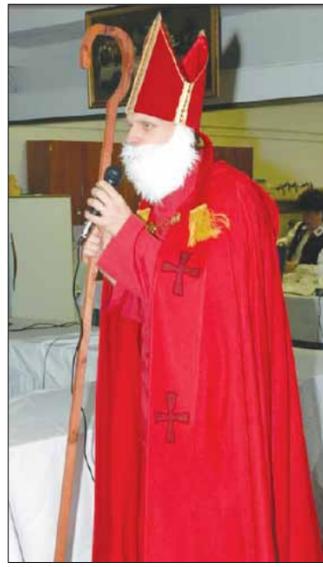
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BOTTOM PHOTO: Members of Culver's Girl Scout and Brownie Troops assist Jim Hahn (right) in planting a new tree on Liberty Street. Observing at left is Junior Scout Shilo Guerra, in center is Trista Vela, and Alexis Grove, right.



St. Nicholas day after-school party Dec. 8

Saint Nicholas will return to St. Mary of the Lake Catholic church Tuesday, December 8 at 4 p.m. for the church's annual Saint Nicholas Day after-school party for all ages. St. Nicholas himself, dressed more as he would have during the fourth century A.D. (that is, as a Christian bishop), will appear at the party to greet participants and discuss how Christmas traditions concerning Santa Claus evolved from the real-life St. Nicholas. Multimedia looks at the various ways St. Nicholas has been presented (and his evolution into the figure we today know of as Santa Claus) over the years will be shown, as well as a short animated clip on St. Nicholas' real life. There will also be refreshments, games, and music, all aimed at a fun and educational look at the real life of the beloved, iconic saint.



PHOTO/PAUL PARE

St. Nicholas, above, will return to Culver Dec. 8

Children will also learn about the European tradition of St. Nicholas' leaving chocolate coins in the shoes of children on St. Nicholas Day (actually December 6, but observed two days later at the party), a tradition that began during his lifetime of leaving money in the stockings and shoes of needy families in the city where he lived.

Everyone is invited to this free, ecumenical event for all ages. The party will take place in the basement of St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church, 124 College Ave. in Culver. For more information, please contact the church at 574-842-2522 or via email at stmarys@culcom.net.

"A Christmas Carol" discussion, movie at the library

CULVER — The Culver-Union Township Public Library will hold a book/film discussion group mirrored after a popular program currently in its 24th season at the Stratford Public Library in Stratford, Conn. Participants are asked to first read the pre-selected book and then view its film version to be shown at the library.

Discussion follows the movie. Copies of the book are available to check out at the Circulation Desk. The book is "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens and the film selection is "A Christmas Carol" starring George C. Scott. The program is Wednesday, Dec. 2 at 12 p.m. Following programs will be scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month.

The book club meets at the Culver Union-Township Public Library's Large Meeting Room located downstairs by the Computer Lab. Participants may bring a bag lunch to the program. The library will provide coffee and tea.

Call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941 for more information or e-mail staff@culver.lib.in.us. All programs are open and free to the public.

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. A donation is suggested for each meal.

Closed for the holiday.
Friday, Nov. 27: Closed for the holiday.
Monday, Nov. 30: Ham & Beans, pickled beets, cornbread and margarine, apple crisp, and milk.
Tuesday, Dec. 1: Pork Loin, peas, tossed salad and dressing, bread and margarine, fruit cocktail, and

milk.
Wednesday, Dec. 2: Cheeseburger w/ Pickle, corn, green beans, bun, apricots, and milk.
Thursday, Dec. 3: Beef Cutlet w/ Mshrm Gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread and margarine, peaches, cookie,

and milk.
Friday, Nov. 27: Stuffed Potato with shredded cheese and sour cream, taco meat, broccoli, fruit parfait, muffin, and milk.



Maxinkuckee Singers announce Christmas Spectacular calendar

The Maxinkuckee Singers, under the direction of Beth Webster, cordially invite all of you to enjoy their annual Christmas concert, presented publicly in five performances. The group looks forward to sharing with you standards, contemporary, sacred numbers, comedy routines and featured soloists, sure to please an audience of all ages. All shows will begin at 7:30 EST and there is no admission charge. A free will offering will be accepted. For more information, call 574-546-4230. Ring in the holidays with the Singers at one of these locations:

- Dec. 3 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Rochester
- Dec. 7 at Bremen United Methodist Church in Bremen
- Dec. 9 at Grace United Church of Christ in Culver
- Dec. 10 at First United Church of Christ in Plymouth
- Dec. 14 at Knox United Methodist Church in Knox (6:30 CST)

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PHOTO AT LEFT: The Maxinkuckee Singers include (left to right): first row — Matt Sutton, Kathy Overmyer, Laura Snipes, Brian Liechty; second row — Becky Liechty, Beth Webster (director), Gary Freymiller, Betty Martens (keyboardist), Sharon Coffey; third row — Gregg Underwood, Dan Adams, Joy Ritenour, Judy Patton, Charlie Weaver and Jim Olvarius.

Library board makes policy changes

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

The Culver-Union Township Public Library board ratified several policy changes at its November 17 monthly meeting, part of an ongoing process of reviewing, tweaking, and formally altering its policies. Included were minor changes to the library's patron behavior and library code of conduct, children's, and public Internet use policies, including the possibility of 30-day bans from public library computer use for a first offense, 90-day bans for a second offense, and permanent bans for a third offense. Library director Colleen McCarty said such actions would require "serious abuses" of library Internet policy.

Also discussed was the library's education reimbursement policy, which allows a staff member \$500 towards tuition or book fees if enrolled in a college or higher education course of an academic nature.

McCarty discussed the revised collection development policy, which indicates materials purchased with taxpayer monies by the library for circulation represent various political and religious viewpoints. The board voted to adopt a "reconsideration of materials" policy allowing patrons to voice opinions as to why certain materials on the shelves should be removed. McCarty noted such complaints from patrons have occurred a few times in the recent past concerning magazines, and board member Melanie Robertson explained the policy adoption was aimed at being "proactive instead of reactive" in such instances.

The board approved continuing with the same level of employee health care coverage as has been in place, even

though costs will increase by a total of \$1,972 for 2010. Board member Rita Lawson explained the board's ad hoc finance committee examined the matter and concluded the library can still afford its share of coverage for the four full-time employees making use of the insurance, saying it "gives them good coverage without costing more than we can afford."

Board member Carol Saft said an executive session preceding the museum discussed salary schedules for 2010, including a raise for the director and \$5,000 set aside for employee raises. The board asked McCarty to give thought to the best distribution of the money designated for library staff members, which should come to approximately a three percent raise for each, and to return with a recommendation for the board at its December meeting. Raises for the director and staff will be voted on by the board at that meeting. McCarty, during her director's report, told the board the library "went live" with Evergreen, its new circulation and cataloging system November 5 and has transitioned some 400 to 500 patron library cards to the new system. The library staff is still learning the Evergreen system, which is provided at no charge by the Indiana State Library to those public libraries wishing to participate in its consortium. "It does a lot of things we couldn't do before," said McCarty. "It's very exciting for us; there is a learning curve, of course. But the staff has had training and we continue to learn...it's an exciting time at the library."

Board president Jim Hahn passed along compliments from the state library representative conducting Evergreen training locally, noting Culver's was the best transition to

the new system she'd seen to date. Library computer technician Andrew Baker was singled out for his preparation for the move, added Hahn, who said the praise is "a credit to our director and staff...it was a job well done."

McCarty also praised the staff's efforts in the move. The director also told the board funding for public billboards in various locales near Culver advertising the library's "The Big Read" community literacy project were paid for by monies from the National Endowment for the Arts grant, which funded a variety of programs and community efforts this autumn, rather than via taxpayer dollars.

Library bookkeeper Jim Faulkner ran down a glitch in records resulting in negative amounts in various accounts in the library's treasurer's report, adding he will speak to the library's accounting software vendor to seek the source of the problem. As a result, the board tabled approval of the report until its December meeting.

In other discussion, it was noted Chester Gut of Culver (whose wife, Shirley, is a library employee), will donate a new American flag to fly over the library to replace the present, tattered flag. The retired flag will be given to Culver's VFW for proper disposal.

Board president Hahn said the other matter discussed during the executive session preceding the meeting was an email received from a library patron, on which the board determined "no action needed to be taken."

It was noted the next meeting of the board will take place Thursday, December 17 instead of its usual Tuesday evening.



Sports



Cavaliers look to pick up the pace

By Dee Grenert
Correspondent



FILE PHOTO

Culver Community's Patrick Mulvihill drives the ball past Triton's Ben Montalbano during a basketball game last year.

CULVER — Culver Community's boys basketball team hopes to pick up the pace on the floor and in the win column this season.

Buoyed by six returning lettermen and an infusion of new talent, second-year head coach Kyle Elliott thinks his team can meet both objectives.

"Last year, with a young team, we were very deliberate on offense and played as tight as we could on defense," Elliott, whose team went 6-15 last season, said. "This year we want to pick up the tempo at both ends. We want to push the ball and expand our defense.

"The key offensively is being able to convert," he continued. "We'll have a few more turnovers — there's a risk-reward factor to an up-tempo game — but we'll still have to take care of the basketball. Then, we've got to be able to finish to set up in the press."

One player with the ability to finish for the battle-tested Cavs is 6-foot junior guard Zoe Bauer. The three-year starter topped Culver's scoring chart at 14 points a game while transitioning into the Cavs' first option as a sophomore.

"As a freshman, Zoe was a spot-up shooter," Elliott said. "Last year he was definitely our

go-to guy. He drew a lot of attention, a lot of double teams. Learning to play without the ball is one of the hardest things for a player to do. You have to learn how to read defenses. It was an adjustment and he really started playing well at the end of the season. I'm really looking forward to seeing what Zoe will do this year."

Junior guard A.J. Neace also returns. Elliott expects Neace to pick up some of the scoring slack and give the Cavs a more balanced look.

"A.J.'s going to be more of a wing," Elliott said. "His outside shooting has gotten better. His foot speed is better which will help him break down defenses. I think he'll be a good counter to Zoe."

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Lady Cavs off to strong start

By Dee Grenert
Correspondent

CULVER — Culver Community needed a grand total of two games to grab the girls basketball scene's attention.

With a 51-44 victory at perennially powerful Winamac Tuesday, the Cavs, suddenly a veteran team after two seasons dominated by underclassmen, look poised for a memorable season.



FILE PHOTO

Culver Community's Gwen Zehner brings the ball up the floor last year at Argos.

"I think you can label that a signature win," third-year head coach Ashli Faulkner said of the Winamac win. "It was the true definition of a team win. (Assistant coach) Tammy (Shedrow) and I gave them a game plan, and it was nice to see them execute and step up to the challenge."

Speaking of challenges, Faulkner issued a big one at the start of the season to a team that retains everyone from a 9-12 year.

"We gave them a flat-out challenge," Faulkner said. "No more excuses. This is not a young team anymore. We've heard them talk the talk. Now is the time to go out and prove what their mouths have been saying. Our girls need to go out and prove that we're a good team."

A pair of giant juniors — 6-foot-1 Gwen Zehner and 6-3 Patrice McBee — present enormous match-up problems for opponents. Zehner, who led Culver in scoring as a freshman and sophomore, is a dominating workhorse in the post, while the long-armed McBee continues to develop as a force.

"I cannot compliment those two girls enough," Faulkner said of her twin towers. "When Gwen's in the high post, she looks for Patrice in the low post. When Patrice is in the high post, she looks for Gwen in the low post. They're both cutting well.

It's nice to see them play together so well and so unselfishly.

"Defensively, Gwen is such a presence, and so is Patrice," she added. "I keep telling them, 'Get your arms out. If you get your arms out nobody's getting the ball past you.' Patrice alters shots just by getting her hands up."

Guard play, long a Culver weak spot, has shown notable progress this year. Senior Susannah Baker and junior Nicole Carnegie alternate at the point, with Whitney Sanders, another junior, rounding out the starting unit.

"We had 13 turnovers against Winamac, and Winamac was pressing," Faulkner said. "That's a true testament to the way our guards have worked to improve. Susannah and Nicole are more comfortable going left now, or at least they can go left. The left hand is no longer broke.

"When we set up in our pressbreaker, the guards are doing a nice job executing," she continued. "The guards are doing a great job in the half court. They used to be so unconfident, even in the half court. We've gotten into the weight room and our girls have gotten bulkier. I think that's helped them handle pressure."

Junior guard Alison Zehner and 3-point specialist Cindy Miller, a senior, add veteran depth, while sophomores Chandler Gast, Chelsey Jones, Kalee Miller and Breanna Powers complete the varsity lineup.

While pleased with the win over Winamac, Faulkner said the Warriors exposed an early-season soft spot.

"Our 1-3-1 zone is looking pretty good, but we need to work on the weak-side block blocking out," Faulkner said. "At times we did a wonderful job blocking out. In the fourth quarter we got a little tired and Winamac got four or five offensive rebounds. We had the potential to win by double digits if not for the offensive rebounds."

The Cavs also feel confident in their odds of achieving a clear-cut set of goals.

"We'd like to be one of the top two or three teams in the conference," Faulkner said. "We want to win, hopefully, 15 games. We'd like to repeat as our holiday tournament champs. We'd like to get past the first round of the Bi-County, and we'd like to win our sectional. We still have some areas where we need to improve."

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At different times last year, the Eagles struggled with high turnover rates and the physicality of play by certain team. Huss and his staff have made both points of emphasis for the 2009 season.

"I think it's still very much a work in progress, but I look at our group and there are two things that we have to continue to improve with that we know as a staff that's been a point of emphasis throughout the season," said Huss. "Number one is just the physical play, because we feel when we get out-toughed that's when we get beat. We've got really skilled kids that know how to play and can really move the basketball and do some things, but we've got to be able to handle physical play.

"We've got to use our athleticism on the boards

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CMA looking strong in '09

By James Costello
Sports Editor

CULVER — With a host of new talent at its disposal, Culver Military Academy's boys basketball team surprised some people last year.

Athletic 6-5 sophomore transfer Wells Davis III led a trio of talented newcomers as the Eagles recorded a 16-6 record for the program's best finish since 1990, ending their season with a competitive 45-40 sectional loss against eventual state runner-up Rochester.

With four of five starters and a number of key reserves returning for the 2009 season, third-year head coach Alan Huss wants to maintain that level of success, and he knows his team won't be able to count on the element of surprise this year.

"I feel like as our program continues to improve and we have a little bit of success winning a few ball games, I think basketball families will see the Academies as a place where their kids will receive a first-class education and also have a chance to compete at a high level on the basketball floor," said Huss. "I feel like we've taken the initial step in proving we can compete for a

year. It'll be important this year to sustain that level of success, to keep that going because the one thing in Indiana, you're talking about programs with a lot of tradition that have sustained success over years and years and decades and decades. One year of success — we're happy with what we did, but now the challenge is to sustain that level. We probably snuck up on some people last year, and I don't think it'll be quite as easy to do that this year. I think we'll have some people that are very well prepared for us so to sustain that level of success and win some games like we did last year is going to be more difficult."

Davis, who led the Eagles in both scoring and rebounds last season, is back with the team after tweaking the fine points of his outside shot in the off-season as are starting point guard Jermaine Myers and fellow starting guard Travis Britt, both of whom are sophomores and return 14 and 11 points per game, respectively, this year.

"Our outside shooters have really gotten better to a man," said Huss. "They've really taken time, and I think we'll be able to make some shots this year, and obviously we've got

some kids that can make some plays off the bounce, so I'm comfortable with where we are."

Two key inside players for the team will be Trevor Weaser, a 6-11 senior who has trimmed down considerably since last year, and 7-foot junior transfer project Shier Ajau.

"(Weaser) lost probably 15 to 20 pounds. He's trimmed up, looks more like a basketball player," Huss said. "From just a big boy he's turned into more of a man. He's big, strong and fast for us. He only average about five points a game... That being said, the main reason was he wasn't in good shape last year, and he'd get in foul trouble not moving his feet. But when he played, which was less than half a game last year, he did some really good things for us so we're hoping he can do some really good things for us this year staying out of foul trouble.

"(Ajau) is a little bit mixed up in the preseason. He's got a long way to go, but he's got a world of ability. I think probably by the second half of this year he's really going to be able to help us."

CMA's talented starting roster is full of impressive but still somewhat raw potential.

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CEF purchases admin building

School board also discusses reductions

By Bobbie Washburn Ruhnow

Culver - It's sold! Harold "Sunny" Wyland, attorney for CCS, advised board members that the auction for the old administration building was a success. "The auction held November 6 exceeded our expectations," Wyland said. "We had spirited bidding with the winning bid of \$95,000." The Culver Educational Foundation was the successful bidder and will use the building as temporary office space. The board was required to formally accept the offer and did so by the resolution Wyland had prepared. It is anticipated that the closing will move quickly and should be completed by December 3. Members of Culver's football team were recognized. Robert Molebash, Nate Nisander and Brock Elliott, were congratulated as part of the Culver Cavalier's sectional champions. Coach Tom Bendy and Albert Hanselman, high school administrator, praised the spirit of the team and their accomplishments. "We're proud to see Culver on the uniforms of these young men," Hanselman said. Brad Schuldt, superintendent, reported that ISBA, Indiana School Board Assoc., had awarded Culver Community school board with a Master status. Members Chris Kline received Master status, Gene Baker received a Level 3, and Jack Jones received a Level 2.

Schuldt advised the board of a press release from Governor Daniels' office regarding additional state agency spending reductions. Although spending reductions were initiated for most state agency following the total tax collections \$46 million below the forecast for the month, the cuts will not affect public safety and education. The state ended fiscal year 2009 with \$1.3 billion in reserves. If the current trend continues and the governor did not order spending cuts, state budget officials estimate the state's reserves would be depleted by August 2010. Reductions ordered by the governor are estimated to save the state between \$300 and \$400 million over the biennium. In other business, Schuldt said the annual tour of the schools by trustees would be November 17 beginning at Monterey. December 2 and 3 is scheduled for the "Wellness Screening Program". As part of the cooperation between the Culver Union Township Public Library's Big Read program, the play "Our Town" will be held on November 19 at 2 PM for students, although the public is welcome, and also, November 21 at 7 PM and November 22 at 2 PM.

The board accepted with appreciation a donation from the Culver Lions Club of \$1,000 toward the vocal music program.

The remainder of the meeting was spent watching a video from Dr. Baker of the Indiana Department of Education entitled "Growth Models of Evaluation".



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

3rd graders, others work to fight hunger

After reading in the Culver Citizen about the empty shelves at Culver's food pantry, third graders at Culver Elementary School organized a food collection drive and are asking residents to bring in any non-perishable food and toiletry items to be donated to the pantry, located in the basement of Grace United Church of Christ in Culver. If the school can collect 1,000 items, CES Assistant Principal Craig Hoppie will dye his hair orange in a broadcast on the school's morning announcements December 4.

A group of Culver Academies seniors are assisting in the effort under Shauna Bennett's direction by collecting the items and transporting them to the pantry, according to third grade teacher Valerie Cultice.

Pictured above are students in Jill DeSalle's third grade class boxing items to be taken away. From front to back, Hunter Ringer, Wyatt Coiner, Haley Pennington, Christian Zakh, Ally Jones, Justin Bennett, Hailey Shipley, Nora Kline, Lily Gregorash, Tihana Stefanic, Sunny Clingler, Kate Renneker, Gabby Kegley, Sara Ringer, Maranda Otteman, Rebecca Christlieb, Devin Kobold, Nik Vela, Sam Schaller, Alex Wagner, and Tommy Brady.

CES announces 'best' students of the month

Culver's Best for October 2009

Kindergarten: Kierra Parker, Xavier Spindler, Mackenzie Banks, Alex Zehner, Kathleen Perkins, Dylan McKee, Codell Phillips, Haley Wieringa, Hayli White

First grade: Leah Minix, Wyatt Ringer, Tristin Minix, Cameron Skiles, Gracey Sherman, Lily Proskey, Joseph Kipfer, Hannah Branson, Dalton Durbin

Second grade: Michael Moore. Mike Spicer, Kenzie Binkley, Grant Dexter, Savana Cook, Anna Blocker, Maggie Gormaly, Brittnee Spicer, Gabriel Sherman, Kamrinn Lowry

Third grade: Colton Minix, Corey Jefferies, Hailey Shipley, Cloee Winkler, Gabe Gomez, Kate Renneker

Fourth grade: James Fagan, Mackenzie Barnhart, Alecks McBee, Dylan Lewandowski, Cody Russell, Ben Myers, Jarrod Shepherd, Daniel Aguilar, Reilly Reinhold

Fifth grade: Matt Markovitz, Joshua Krsek, Vedrana Stefanic, Brennin Betts, Cora Dodge, Donny Baugh, Garit Barnett, Shania Homan, Zack Kisela, Levi Shedrow, Erin Bendy, Trista Vela

Sixth grade: Mitchell Elliott, Aaron Becker, Addy Allyn, Caitlyn Cowell, Anna Tompos, Mariah Jones, Maria Lindvall

Student of the month for October

Kindergarten: Alyson Martin, Mackenzie Banks, Dalton Powell, Paige Lancaster, Dalton Powell

First grade: Shianne Moss, Kaydence Crane, Taylor Lewandowski, Aubrey Highberger, A.J. Czerniak

Second grade: Adrian Borys, Donovan Ziaja, Nicole Dekoker

Third grade: Sarah Luttrell, Ally Jones, Nathan Jolly, Nic Vela, Dakota Bennett

Fourth grade: Tracey Lindvall, Ben Myers, Riley Porterl, Danny Cook, Daniel Aguilar, Luke Schaller, Emily Bradley

Fifth grade: Kaitlyn Mann, Allie Harris, Alan Dilts, Storm Minix, Jack Rich

Sixth grade: Jillyn Kline, Teeno Hite, Josh Vela, Charles Good

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and not let physical play disrupt us, make sure we still get a good block-out and still get to the ball. Last year there were some times when the level of physicality just got to be more than what some of our guys wanted to deal with. I think now with a year under our belts that will be one thing hopefully that we've gotten better with.

"Second thing is just valuing the basketball. It cost us our sectional game last year, we didn't value it, and I think our guys will do a better job of it this year. We're still pretty young at the positions we've got the ball primarily, but I feel like the kids understand what it takes to win a game at the varsity level now. They understand how important it is for us to get shot and not just give possessions away with silly passes and unforced turnovers."

But the team also boasts a strong supporting cast of experienced veterans.

Ramsey Bradke, a defensive stand-out with a strong work ethic, returns as the team's sixth man, while 6-2 combo forward Braxton Troyer and Trace Thews — both three-year letterwinners — are back as role players with

the team as well.

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The team's talented but inexperienced starters will rely on the composure of those veteran players and others, and Huss is hoping some of their competitive spirit will catch on with his younger players, too.

"I think our seniors have developed the right level of urgency to win, and I think right now it's just a matter of they've got to get the younger kids to buy in and play with the same level of intensity and urgency," said the CMA skipper. "I think we've already seen out of this group of seniors that they have a level of urgency that I haven't been able to see yet in my third year here at the Academy. I haven't seen anything like that yet, so I think it's a good sign that they've developed that. If they can get the juniors and the sophomores to play that way with the same level of urgency and intensity, I think we're going to be awfully good."



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

National Honor Society inductees

ABOVE: Culver Community High School's newest inductees into the National Honor Society include, from left to right, Jackie Bauer, Olivia Knapp, Lauren Shaffer, CJ Dehning, Clar Baker, and Tommy James (not pictured: Kaceigh Ahlenius). The students were inducted in an annual ceremony earlier this month at the high school, led by CHS teacher Theresa Hammond, who told the students and gathered audience the qualifications for entry into the NHS are scholarship, service, leadership, and character. Speaking briefly at the event were existing NHS members and CHS students Sarah Bailey (on leadership), Cindy Miller (on scholarship), Shae Harris (on service), and Angel Tobey (on character).

Tommy James, the son of Connie James and Ronnie James, is involved in Cavs Club and Wrestling. Olivia Knapp, daughter of Tina and Jeff Knapp, is involved in volleyball, basketball, track, softball, BPA, art club, Spanish club, CAVS club, academic superbowl, student council, and class officers. Lauren Shaffer, daughter of Gary and Barbara Shaffer, is involved in cross-country, track, band, Spanish club, CAVS club, science club, academic superbowl, and speech.

Kaceigh Ahlenius, daughter of Frank and Peggy Ahlenius, is involved in cheerleading, BPA, science club, CAVS club, French club, and is an Ignition mentor and a class officer. Clar Baker, daughter of Gene and Janye Baker, is involved in BPA, basketball manager, and is an Ignition mentor. C.J. Dehning, daughter of Reverend K.C. and Terri Dehning, is involved in soccer, track, BPA, chorale, Academic superbowl, student council, and is an Ignition mentor and a class officer.

Jaclyn Bauer, daughter of Ted and Amy Bauer, is involved in BPA, class officers, CAVS club, CYCO, and Spanish club.

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Sports briefs

Girls basketball

Culver crushes Marquette

Patrice McBee exploded for a season-high 21 points, while fellow Lady Cavaliers big Gwen Zehner racked up 19, and Culver held visiting Marquette Catholic to just five points in the first half on the way to a lopsided 66-16 win.

The Cavs' miserly defense pilfered 18 steals at the game and shut Marquette off the scoreboard in the second quarter en route to a 34-5 halftime edge. The Cavaliers also enjoyed a 13-rebound advantage, and Cindy Miller drained two of Culver's four 3s in the win.

Culver stays perfect at 3-0, while Marquette drops to 0-2. Culver will resume play Tuesday at Argos at 7:30 p.m.

CULVER 66, MARQUETTE CATHOLIC 16
At Culver
Score by quarters
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M: 5 5 13 16
CULVER: Nicole Carnegie 3 0-0 7, Susannah Baker 1 0-0 3, Chelsey Jones 0 0-0 0, Patrice McBee 10 1-2 21, Whitney Sanders 3 0-0 6, Alison Zehner 1 0-0 2, Gwen Zehner 8 3-3 19, Cindy Miller 3 0-0 8; Totals: 29 4-5 66.

MARQUETTE: Mary Salyer 1 0-1 2, Mary Slattery 1 1-3 3, Anna Salyer 1 0-0 2, Brianna Gannon 0 0-0 0, Amber Cerrillos 3 0-0 6, Hannah Weber 0 0-0 0, Rosie Wall 0 0-0 0, Sydney Mussman 0 0-1 0, Sam Taylor 1 0-0 3; Totals: 7 1-5 16.
3-point goals: Culver 4 (Miller 2, Carnegie, Baker), Marquette

1 (Taylor); Rebounds: Culver 28, Marquette 15, Assists: Culver 18, Marquette 1; Steals: Culver 18, Marquette 3.

Fouls (fouled out): Culver 15 (None), Marquette 9 (None)
Records: Culver 3-0, Marquette 0-2

Cavs win big

Culver Community used its size advantage to collect a 51-44 girls basketball win at Winamac Tuesday.

Gwen Zehner, a 6-foot-1 junior post player, erupted for a game-high 22 points for the Cavs, while 6-3 junior Patrice McBee added 16 points.

Culver guard Nicole Carnegie just missed double figures with nine points.

CULVER 51, WINAMAC 44
At Winamac
Score by quarters
Culver: 16 26 35 51
Winamac: 10 18 31 44
CULVER (51): Nicole Carnegie 3 1-2 9, Susannah Baker 0 0-1 0, Patrice McBee 7 2-4 16, Whitney Sanders 1 0-2 2, Alison Zehner 1 0-0 2, Gwen Zehner 8 5-6 22, Cindy Miller 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 20 8-15 51.
WINAMAC (44): Jordan Brandt 4 2-4 11, Whitney Schmicker 2 0-0 4, Katy Sommers 0 0-0 0, Allie DeFries 5 5-6 15, Sarah Redweik 4 2-3 11, Ellie Kiser 1 0-0 3. TOTALS: 16 9-13 44.
3-point goals: Culver 3 (Carnegie 2, G. Zehner), Winamac 3 (Brandt, Redweik, Kiser); Turnovers: Culver 20, Winamac 15; Rebounds: Culver 22, Winamac 18; Assists: Culver 10, Winamac 4; Steals: Culver 11, Winamac 8; Fouls (fouled out): Culver 14 (none), Winamac 15 (Brandt); Records: Culver 2-0, Winamac 2-1.

Girls distance running

Neer makes Nike Nationals

Culver Girls Academy's Waverly Neer finished sixth for the second straight year at the Nike Midwest Region Meet in Terre Haute Sunday, coming in at 18:16.7 to earn a cut out to the Nike Nationals in Portland, Ore. on Dec. 5.

Neer finished first out of all Indiana runners at the race on the way to her nationals-qualifying time, while teammate Willow Smith ran a personal-best 19:32 to earn 51st at the region meet Sunday.

Boys distance running

Arroyo clocks historic finish at Nike region meet

Culver Military senior Alejandro Arroyo missed a cut out to the national meet but clocked a 15:32.2 for CMA's highest ever finish in ninth place at the Nike Midwest Region Meet in Terre Haute Sunday. Arroyo beat several state cross country champions at the five-state regional race and placed third out of all Indiana runners on his way to the historic finish.

Trace Ostergren, meanwhile, ran a 16:43 — just shy of a personal record — to finish 125th overall.

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Up front, returning starter Larry Clingler, a 6-1 junior and Culver's tallest holdover, and senior Brock Elliott bring back plenty of experience.

Two senior guards — Patrick Mulvihill and Kyle Pugh — provide depth and veteran leadership.

"Brock Elliott and Larry Clingler lack a little bit of size, but they both work extremely hard," the Culver skipper said. "Kyle Pugh and Patrick Mulvihill will probably come off the bench, but they may start. Nothing's etched in stone."

Freshman point guard Collin Stevens — starting quarterback for the Cavs' football sectional championship team — joins the varsity mix and may snag a starting assignment.

"It's rare to have a freshman starting quarterback, and it's equally rare to have a freshman starting point guard," Elliott said. "There will be some growing pains for sure, but Collin plays with composure. He plays above his years. He's a quality young man who can distribute the ball. Hopefully the experience of the other fellows will take a lot of the pressure off of him."

Also for the Cavs, senior Nick Peterson — the JV's leading scorer last year — looks to make an immediate impact, while 6-5 freshman Micah Budzinski figures to work his way into the varsity rotation as the season progresses.

"Nick will see time at post and power forward," Elliott said. "He works very hard. Micah has some good hands. He's a long kid with long arms. He'll be floating between JV and varsity to start the season, and by the end of the season we definitely want him to have a bigger role. He's got size and that's one thing we desperately need."

Even though Culver lacks height, Elliott hopes an off-season weightlifting regimen will mitigate that potential weakness.

"All the kids worked hard in the weight room," he said. "That will hopefully help us compete underneath."

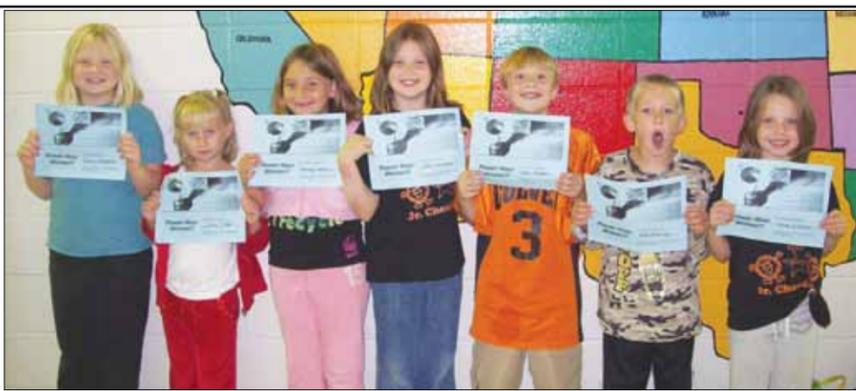
Looking ahead, the Cavs, who won a sectional crown in 2008 and bowed out in the sectional final last season, aim to remain competitive in the postseason and step up play in the Northern State Conference.

"Our school has never won a conference championship in any boys sport," Elliott said. "With the experience we have, we'd like to be able to compete for the conference. It's not going to be easy, but we have kids who want to work hard and are willing to pay the price it takes to succeed."

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CBGC Power Hour winners

Power Hour is a program the Culver Boys & Girls Club offers to help children with homework help. When a child does his or her homework and has it checked and corrected, if needed, the Boys & Girls Club records it and the top ten winners receive a prize at the end of each month. Every child has an opportunity to participate in this program with their own homework, worksheets provided, or educational computer programs.

In the photo above, August Power Hour winners (left to right): Hanna Haimbaugh (2nd grade), Trista Fritter (2nd grade), Brooklyn Sellers (2nd grade), Kate Renneker (3rd grade), Ryan Tompos (2nd grade), Gabe Hissong (2nd grade), and Mariah Wilkinson (2nd grade). Not pictured: Emily Bendy (2nd grade), Haley Pennington (3rd grade), and Lucas Cobern (2nd grade).



ABOVE: September Power Hour winners: Kaleigh Kephart (1st grade), Jane Wright (1st grade), Wyatt Ringer (1st grade), Makenzie Hymel (2nd grade), Erin Renneker (2nd grade), and William Baldwin (2nd grade). Not pictured: Mariah Jones (6th grade), Mackenzie Buckman (3rd grade), Dana Rodgers (2nd grade), and Taylor Noah (3rd grade).



ABOVE: October Power Hour winners: Gabe Gomez (3rd grade), Brooklyn Sellers (2nd grade), Trista Fritter (2nd grade), Lucas Cobern (2nd grade), and Kassie Dickey (5th grade). Not pictured: Gabe Hissong (2nd grade), Taylor Noah (3rd grade), Kaleigh Kephart (1st grade), Emily Bendy (2nd grade), Dana Rodgers (2nd grade).

The Culver Boys & Girls Club is located in the Culver Elementary School and runs daily from 3 to 6:50 p.m. The cost of the program is \$25 for the year. There are scholarships available for those who qualify. Any questions or concerns can be directed to 574-250-0103.

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