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In Brief

Culver tree lighting, caroling tomorrow

The town of Culver's annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony and caroling event will take place Friday, December 4 at 4:30 p.m. at the town park depot-train station. The tree lighting, sponsored by Culver's Knights of Columbus, will precede caroling around town with members of the Culver Youth Community Organization (Culver High School and Culver Academies service club). Hot chocolate and other refreshments and a visit from Santa Claus will be part of this free event for the entire community.

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.

Culver Coffee anniversary open house

The Culver Coffee Company, 634 Lake Shore Drive, is holding a sixth anniversary open house Thursday, December 3 through Sunday, December 6. Featured will be holiday sales, free food and drink samples, holiday music, and giveaways. Free wine and appetizers will be offered Saturday, December 5 from 4 to 7 p.m. In addition, those bringing in two or more cans of goods for the Culver food pantry will receive 50 percent off any drink.

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 x 57 inches and is suitable for wall hanging.

St. Nicholas party Dec. 8

Saint Nicholas will return to St. Mary of the Lake Catholic church Tuesday,

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A shot fired against H1N1

ABOVE, LEFT: Yvonne Attinger, right, of Miller's Merry Manor in Culver, prepares to administer the H1N1 influenza virus vaccination to Jill Zehner, age 10 (seated), as older sister Donna Zehner (age 12) prepares for her shot and the girls' mother, Mary Zehner looks on. Young people in the Culver community were targeted to receive the supply of vaccinations at a November 18 clinic held in the Culver Middle School cafeteria. A handful of students in both the Culver Community School Corporation and Culver Academies have been diagnosed with the illness, also known as "swine flu," though so far all have been recovering and returning to classes.

Community rallies around longtime public servant

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

The Culver community, along with surgery from one of the world's leading brain surgeons, has given hope to one well-known local man and his family in the face of what had once been a bleak prospect for his future.

Ed Pinder, Jr., a former Culver police officer, servant on a number of public boards, and father of two of Culver's three recipients of the prestigious Lilly scholarship, was driving a delivery truck for his job over Lake Fest weekend this past July when his hand went numb and speech became difficult. Assuming he had a migraine headache coming on, Pinder continued his work and was headed home when he had another episode and phoned wife Peggy, who called 911, according to Pinder's mother, Lora. During diagnosis at the hospital in South Bend, says Lora, Ed had the first seizure he'd ever had. When test and CAT scan results eventually came back, Pinder was diagnosed with a large, benign tumor on his brain. Doctors told him it was inoperable.

That prognosis continued over the next three months, recalls Ed Pinder Sr., during which doctors told his son to "let it go." Things became more grim as one doctor gave him two to three years before the tumor would affect him enough he'd want it removed, one way or another. At the end of three months, Pinder was struggling to walk and his arm going numb. Research on the internet led him to an important decision.

"He called me and said, 'Mom, I'm going to Mayo clinic,'" says Lora. "I told him, 'I think that's a wise decision.'"

Things began to brighten with a call to a physician at Indiana University Medical Center specializing in brain mapping, who told Pinder the tumor should come out. While the operation could be performed in Indiana, neurosurgeon Dr. Mitchel Berger at the University of San Francisco was recommended as the premiere surgeon in the nation for such cases. It

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Speaking the last words with dignity

Culver's Cleavenger on coroner's duties

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

It may be a job many in the Culver area wouldn't want, and Culver resident and Marshall County coroner Bill Cleavenger admits "I'm the last person anybody expects to see (in a given day)," but he also notes coroners are – as the Indiana State Coroners Association suggests – "the people speaking the last words for the deceased with dignity. That's really our responsibility: it's to the deceased."

Cleavenger described his duties to a curious audience at the October 22 meeting of Culver's Kiwanis Club, explaining he served as Deputy Coroner here for three years and Chief Deputy Coroner for five before his election as Coroner last year, an office normally held for four years, with a limit of two concurrent terms. The office, he said, is constitutional at the state level, which many people don't understand "because of what people see on TV, like 'CSI,' that sort of thing."

"You do get a nice little badge and a vehicle with lights and sirens...I'm the only one (in a county office) that has a black badge."

Though the office of coroner dates back to England's days as a total monarchy, the duties of today's coroner are quite different and are, according to Cleavenger, part clerical and largely administrative.

Marshall County allots around \$67,000 per year to the office of coroner, minus \$17,800 for Cleavenger's part-

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A visit from the Miami Nation

ABOVE, RIGHT: Vice Chief John Dunnigan of the Miami Indian Nation in the Peru, Indiana area, uses sage to clear Culver Community High School student Sam Hendrickson's mind before playing a "grandmother drum" brought to the school for an October visit from members of the Miamis.

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Council makes decisions in short session

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Culver's Town Council discussed several items at its Thanksgiving week meeting November 24, its shortest meeting of the year to date.

At the suggestion of Building Inspector Russ Mason, the council voted to stop charging residents for the cost of sending notices by postal mail to those within 300 feet of a property being rezoned, given a variance, or other efforts requiring action in a public meeting. Mason said applicants for such changes to their property must pay for advertisement in the newspaper as required by law but have also been required to pay the cost of mailing announcements of property changes to neighboring property owners for many years now at \$1 per mailing. However, noted Mason, the town began charging an application fee for major property changes in more recent years, which ought to cover the cost of the mailings in question. He explained the matter was raised at a recent meeting of Culver's Plan Commission in which re-plating a local property – for which a \$100 fee is assessed to the property owner -- was discussed. The applicant, said Mason, asked what the \$100 fee is for if applicants also pay the cost of newspaper advertising and mailing. Mason emphasized he believes letters should still be mailed to surrounding property owners as "a nice service to people who live around the property."

The Council noted newspaper advertising fees will still be charged to applicants.

Town Manager Michael Doss reported electrical work is continuing on a new siren installed at Culver's town hall, which will replace existing sirens on the north and south ends of town in use as a fire signal and noon whistle. Those sirens will be used only as severe weather warning signals once the new siren, which

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'Wonderful Life' at Academies next week in nostalgic format

The Culver Academies' Huffington Concert Series continues next week with "It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play" Monday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Inspired by the classic American film "It's a Wonderful Life" the Live Radio Play version, adapted by Joe Landry from the screenplay by Frances Goodrich, Albert Hackett, Frank Capra, and Jo Swerling, is performed as a 1940's live radio broadcast in front of a studio audience. There's something immediately heartwarming when one even hears the title, "It's a Wonderful Life." This adaptation, exquisitely performed in the style of a live studio radio broadcast in 1946, lovingly honors America's collective gratitude to Frank Capra, Jimmy Stewart, Donna Reed and everyone who originally brought the story to life – giving the holiday audience a gift that attaches itself to one's soul. George Bailey would be proud.

Mary Houlihan of the Chicago Sun-Times calls this version, "One of the best holiday shows around. This is a fresh and inventive way of reconnecting with a classic story of love and redemption."

The show takes place at the Academies' Eppley Auditorium. Tickets are available at two locations: Culver Academies' Steinbrenner

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Ed Pinder Jr. and wife Peggy earlier this year.

was an emotional moment for Pinder Jr., says Lora: the first time anyone had given him hope.

The surgery was scheduled for November 16 and Ed Pinder Jr. and his family made plans for the trip, even as expenses — such as airline tickets and hotel fees — not covered by Pinder's health insurance began to mount.

Friends, family, and the Culver community, how-

ever, were also mobilizing around one of their own, note Pinder's parents, whose family has been well-known for decades in the area for their popular, long-standing Pinder's Restaurant as well as extensive involvement in their church (the Wesley United Methodist in Culver), Lions Club, Culver's town council and other boards and committees, and a host of community efforts

through the years.

The Wesley church began making efforts to help out (its women's group thrift store paid for the plane tickets for Ed Jr.'s family), as did Ed Jr. and Peggy's home church, Emmanuel United Methodist in Culver (Lora says members laid hands on and prayed for Ed Jr. before his departure for California besides taking up their own collectin to help). His employer, Frito Lay, held several raffles to raise funds, and individuals across the Culver community and beyond came forward with financial and other support.

Unbeknownst to the Pinder family at the time, staff at the Edgewater Grille, spearheaded by employee Vicki Conley and owners Dan and Bonnie Bickel, were conspiring to help out as well, and that help came in the form of a benefit for Pinder at the restaurant November 19.

"They planned it for some time," says Lora Pinder, "but they only had one week to pull it together (since they wanted to wait until Ed and Peggy Pinder were out of town), so it was

more word of mouth than anything. They called us the Thursday before."

Once she learned of the benefit event, Lora called Peggy in California. "I knew it would touch her heart and would uplift Ed-die to know the town would do this. Peggy was kind of speechless!"

Bickel expected 100 to 150 attendees to the dinner and silent auction benefit, but numbers came in at more than double that number.

"It was amazing," declares Lora. "It was everyone. We had neighbors, people from the churches, from the lake, merchants (many of them gave things at the silent auction), and people from beyond the community. We were amazed at the people that were there."

"We talked to so many people," notes Ed Sr., "that Lora got a salad and three hours later she hadn't eaten that salad!"

"I know Eddie and Peggy felt the money is fine," adds Ed Sr. (his wife notes it will "really, really help them"), "but the fact that people would show up and do that..."

Lora finishes his sentence: "That will warm their heart for the rest of their lives."

In the meantime, Ed Pinder Jr. is already up and walking, feeling returning in his fingers, arms, and legs after the successful surgery (surgeons discovered a tiny bit of the tumor was, in fact, malignant). A tiny portion of the tumor couldn't be removed, say the Pinders, so the surgery will be followed with radiation and chemotherapy, and Ed will still need physical therapy to restore full functionality to his body and its interaction with his brain.

The Pinder family told the *Citizen* they expected to be reunited with Ed Jr., his wife, all of his children, and most of his siblings for Thanksgiving, and it's certain there was a great deal to be thankful for at this year's celebra-

tion. Not only is the Pinder family grateful for the hope given them through Ed's surgery, but for a community which rallied around them in support.

"When he was first diagnosed," says Lora, "people stopped him and said, 'Eddie, we'll be praying for you.'"

"This is a wonderful community," notes Ed Sr.

Lora agrees. "They rally around their own, that's for sure."

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Lora and Ed Pinder Sr.

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Windy City fun

Culver Elementary School sixth graders Diamond Skiles (left) and Carlie Jo Bradley pause at the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago during their grade's annual trip to Chicago in late October, during which students, teachers, and chaperones rode the South Shore train to the Windy City. Besides spending much of the day at the Aquarium, students ate at McDonald's before the train trip home, said CES sixth grade teacher Missy Trent. Students collected pennies in classroom jars to make the \$480 needed for the train ride, Trent said, and even had enough left over to put some towards a future field trip "or to send a gift basket to the train conductor, who was especially nice and helpful to us during our trip."

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December 8 at 4 p.m. for the church's annual Saint Nicholas Day after-school party for all ages. 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.

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.

Adult winter gym at Culver Middle School

Sunday afternoon basketball at the Culver Middle School, for adults 18 and over only, takes place Sundays from 1 to 3 p.m. and will continue 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.

CES students aim to warm local hands

Culver Elementary School second graders are collecting gently used mittens and gloves for local community members in need as part of their grade-wide project, "Hearts Warming Hands." The students 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.

Culver Post now open Sundays

Culver's VFW Post #6919 is now open Sundays from 1 p.m. until time

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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.

Culver's Fujimura continues remarkable career with South Bend appointment

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor



Longtime Culver area resident and educator Tom Fujimura has been promoted to the role of Executive Director of Instructor for the South Bend Community School Corporation. The role, an important one in the city's educational system, comes on the heels of a prestigious career in education for Fujimura, who has already begun in his new position.

Fujimura is a graduate of the University of Hawaii with a bachelor's degree in business education, and earned his master's degree in the same area at Indiana University, which is where he met his wife, the former Sherrill Edgington of Culver. He completed a master's degree in guidance counseling at Indiana University and earned a master's degree in administration at the same school.

He moved in June, 1975 from Hawaii to Culver, working at IVY Tech State College in South Bend before moving on in 1978 to nearby Ancilla College at Donaldson. Many in Culver will remember Fujimura for his work from 1979 to 1983 as a guidance counselor at Culver Community Schooks, where he worked under Judd Dillon as principal and alongside fellow counselor Ruth Shanks.

In 1983, John Mars asked Fujimura to be academic dean at Culver Academies, a position he held among oth-

ers until 1990.

He was also solicited to help launch the Indiana Academy for the Gifted and Talented in Muncie, Indiana, acting as assistant principal at Burriss Laboratory School as well as working on his doctorate while there. Frank Lane, brother of Fred Lane of Culver, then sought Fujimura to replace him as head of guidance and assistant principal at Lafayette Jefferson High School in Lafayette, Indiana, at Lane's retirement.

Tom Fujimura began a shorter commute from Culver in 2004, when he began work with the South Bend School Corporation as principal of John Adams High School. There, says wife Sherrill, Tom "turned the school around in less than a year," getting it into the baccalaureate program and earning the love of students there.

In the ensuing years, Fujimura served as principal of Greene Intermediate Center where Sherrill says he also "straightened out some problems."

It is worth noting that throughout a remarkable career in education across the state, Tom Fujimura's services have been sought ought and solicited by the institutions he has served.

That trend continued with the South Bend

school corporation, which in November, 2007, named him director of intermediate programs for its entire school system, a position he held to good effect for the next two years. Following was his appointment in November to executive director of the Office of Curriculum and Instruction. There, says Fujimura, he is responsible for the organization and implementations of the kindergarten through 12th grade curriculum and oversees all professional development for teachers and staff, besides monitoring all grants related to curriculum and instructions and managing the Office of Curriculum and Instruction, which has 14 directors and facilitators.

A Culver Christmas 2009



During the month of December, the Citizen seeks to list all public holiday-related events in this space. If your organization or entity is planning such an event, please contact the editor at 574-216-0075 or citizen@culcom.net to be included in this listing.

Town-wide Christmas tree lighting and caroling, train station/depot at Culver's town park, Friday, Dec. 4, 4:30 p.m.

Children's Christmas party (Culver VFW and Lions Club) featuring Disney's "A Christmas Carol" at the Uptown Cinema followed by a visit with Santa Claus at the fire station, Saturday, Dec. 5, 10 a.m.

Culver Coffee Company holiday/anniversary open house, 634 Lake Shore Drive, Friday, Dec. 4 through Sunday, Dec. 6

"It's a Wonderful Life" live radio play, Culver Academies Eppley Auditorium, Monday, Dec. 7, 7:30 p.m.

St. Nicholas After-School Party including a visit from St. Nick, St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church, Tuesday, Dec. 8, 4 p.m.

Maxinkuckee Singers Christmas Spectacular, Grace United Church of Christ in Culver, Wednesday, Dec. 9

Christmas Vespers service, Culver Academies Memorial Chapel, Sunday, Dec. 13, 5:30 p.m.

Children's Nativity pageant, St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church, Friday, Dec. 18, 5:30 p.m.

Letter to the editor

Generosity, loving hearts in Culver community

I am writing to thank the Culver Community on their love and support in my time of need. I have been through some trials and tribulations in the last four months, but my home town has shown what loving people and generous hearts can achieve.

On July 17 of this year, I thought that I was very healthy with very little cares, but that changed quickly when I suffered four mini-strokes and a seizure within a two hour period of time. I was diagnosed with a brain tumor two days later. The tumor was located in a bad area, under the motor functions for my right side.

After research, advice, and soul-searching, we decided to go to the University of San Francisco Medical Center to a Doctor Mitchel Berger. Doctor Berger agreed to do the delicate surgery which would take six to seven hours. The tumor was growing slowly, but the longer it is left in the brain, the more malignant it would become. I decided to have the surgery and on November 16th, the procedure was performed.

When I woke from the surgery, I had no feeling in my right side. My right leg was hanging off of the bed, I had no feeling in that limb. I was told within six-nine months most of the feeling would return.

Two days later, I began to have some sensation in my right side, although it was like sleeping limbs, all pins and needles. I was sent to rehab two days later. At that time, I could not walk. I was having problems doing the simplest of tasks, but after three days in rehab, I was walking again. The feeling has not returned, but I'm thankful for what has returned.

I am back home and I would like to thank everyone in the community, especially Vicki Conley, and Dan and Bonny Bickel and everyone at the Edgewater Grille.

I do not know if I deserved all of the love and attention that the community has shown toward me, but thank you all so very much.

Ed Pinder
Culver

Community Calendar

Thurs., Dec. 3

Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library
Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library

Master gardening, 5:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
Tech Time workshop, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library

Knights of Columbus St. Mary of the Lake Council #13720 social mtg., church rectory basement.

Fri., Dec. 4

Computer class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
Culver town Christmas tree lighting, caroling, and Santa visit 4:30 p.m., train station-depot

Holiday/anniversary open house, all day, Culver Coffee Company

Sat., Dec. 5

Quilting group, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library
Wesley church cookie walk and quilt auction, 9 a.m., Wesley United Methodist Church

Children's Christmas party (Culver VFW and Lions Club), 10 a.m., Uptown Cinema/Culver fire station
Holiday/anniversary open

house, all day, Culver Coffee Company (free wine and appetizers, 4 to 7 p.m.)

Sun., Dec. 6

Open gym for adults, 1 to 3 p.m. (Sundays through March 7), Culver Middle School gymnasium

Mon., Dec. 7

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
"It's a Wonderful Life" live radio show onstage, 7:30 p.m., Culver Academies' Eppley Auditorium

Tues., Dec. 8

Master gardening, 5:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
St. Nicholas children's party, 4 p.m., St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church
Town Council mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall

Weds., Dec. 9

Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
Lions Club mtg., 6:30 p.m., train station-depot
Knights of Columbus St. John Vianney Assembly business meeting, St.

Mary of the Lake Catholic Church rectory basement

Thurs., Dec. 10

Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library
Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library

Master gardening, 5:30 p.m., Culver Public Library

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is installed on a new pole at the town hall, is ready for use.

Doss said a landscaper accidentally bored into a water main on Culver's west shore November 23, leading to required repair work and a boil water notice for residents in the surrounding area.

The Town Manager also said the services of a new grant writer, based south of Indianapolis, have been secured and she will address the council December 8 about potential funding opportunities regarding Culver's storm water and sewer upgrades.

Notices of annexation have been mailed to property owners on Culver's south side, where a segment of land just west of South Main Street is slated for annexation. A public hearing will take place on the matter January 26, 2010.

As reported in last week's Citizen, Doss told the Council official word has arrived from the Indiana Department of Transportation, whose Transportation Enhancement grant awarded \$442,000 to the Town of Culver towards enhancement of its downtown.

Doss added wreaths and candy cane decorations have been put on the streets for Culver's holiday lighting.

Town attorney Jim Cleavenger said he sent letters to members of Culver's Park Board clarifying some matters not raised at a recent Park Board meeting discussing sale of fund-raising fence pickets towards the park's Vandalia Village community-built playground. Cleavenger said the letter was motive out of concern "about misinformation" and addressed "gifts intended for certain things...(and that) statute says you can have a committee but the Park Board is responsible and is supposed to approve these committees, and needs to give them direction."

At the Council's request, Doss will discuss a citation issued a resident for violation of Culver's dog ordinance; the resident, in attendance at the meeting, asked the council to drop the citation, which he said was issued for his dog running loose in town. The dog's owner said his dog broke its chain and the citation was a first offense.

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Performing Arts Center Box Office, open Monday through Friday from 1 to 4 p.m., and the Eppley Auditorium Lobby Box Office, open one hour prior to the performance. All seats are reserved. Cash, personal checks, MasterCard, Visa, and America Express are accepted. For additional information, contact the Box Office at (574) 842.7058.

OPINION

Receipts

It's Thanksgiving break out here at The Hill School as I write, and with the kids gone, all the furry woodland creatures have reappeared—though, to tell the truth, our various campus mammals are pretty brave, if not actually brazen. Fox and deer show up from time to time on the playing fields, even though the school is in an urban neighborhood. There's a family of rabbits living in the courtyard of my faculty housing area, and while they've learned to stay away from my neighbors' fierce Chihuahuas, they're otherwise quite calm. And on Sunday evening a couple of weeks ago, a bat flew through the Chapel during the service, apparently just to hear the choir.



It's Still the Lake Water

By John M. Houghton

nuts for their dining convenience. The walnuts the squirrels were getting at the Johnson restaurant were, of course, culls (or mostly so, anyway)—not suitable for human consumption. But black walnuts are messy enough that I wonder how many people even bother to harvest them any more—for the neighborhood squirrels or for themselves—rather than buy them in a tidy plastic bag, or just substitute English walnuts. The flavor is stronger, I guess, than that

of English walnuts, but good: you certainly used to get them cooked into various treats, especially at the holidays (but then again, I suppose the same thing could be said of squirrels).

We didn't have a walnut tree on our property—just maples, plus the one weeping willow my mother planted so that Great-aunt Eva wouldn't be able to see into our living room across the then-empty lot from over where the Chet Marshalls live now, and the big pine north of the house that my dad decorated for Christmas. We did, though, have a farm in Fulton County, just across State Road 110, and on that farm we had some trees—not walnuts, but hickories, one on either side of the ramp that led into the barn. These cousins of the walnut and pecan are not exactly a breeze to clean, either: the husks come off easier than those of the walnut, but then you're left with what might as well be a little round chunk of solid wood. If you do finally get the nut meats out, though, they're really quite sweet and good—except, of course, for the several varieties which are completely inedible.

For so long as we owned the farm, then, we gathered hickory nuts and took them back to my grandmother's house at 815 ½ Obispo Street (actually on Akron Street), where after some work with a hammer at the newspaper-draped kitchen table, they became an element in the annual holiday preparations. She must have used them in a number of different recipes—or, as Hoosiers of her generation would have said, "receipts" (still the first definition in my Webster's): but one in particular sticks in my mind, and, as I have her handwritten copy, I can pass it on (with some notes):

Mrs. Cushner's Date and Raisin Drop Cookies

1 package dates (I used ½ lb. of chopped dates)
½ box seeded raisins (½ lb. in my grandmother's day)
1 cup shortening
2 cups brown sugar
2 eggs, beaten
1 cup milk, 1 teaspoon of baking soda added
1 teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon maple extract (optional)
½ cup nut meats
3 cups flour

Preheat oven to 450 degrees.

Cook raisins and dates in a little water; let cool.

Cream shortening and brown sugar; add other ingredients in order, ending with date-raisin mixture.

Drop batter by teaspoonfuls on greased baking sheet. (Tablespoon/serving spoons yield about three dozen three-inch cookies.)

Bake about 10 minutes.

These cookies scorch easily. I recommend the fine old practice, followed by my grandmother, of baking one sample first, to check the time required. This sample cookie can then be evaluated by any children who happen to be loitering in the kitchen. I made a batch this evening, with store-bought black walnuts, and they were ok—but hickory nuts would've been better.

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

Nostalgia

100 years ago

Dec. 2, 1909

The Ladies' Aid at the Methodist Church served a splendid Thanksgiving dinner in the new basement dining room. Though the price of the dinner was 25 cents, the net proceeds were between \$50 and \$60.

Editor H.F. Schrickler of Knox came over to Culver on Thanksgiving with a party of two automobile loads to see the game at the Academy (*editor's note: this would be future Indiana Governor Henry F. Schrickler!*).

80 years ago

Nov. 27, 1929

A much needed business in Culver is ready for trade in its building across from the depot. The new flower shop is operated by Albert and Gordon Byer.

Mr. and Mrs. John Newman announce the birth of a son, Herbert Russell (Nov. 30) and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Snyder announce the arrival of a son on Nov. 26.

The battle of wits between a wolf and a man ended Saturday night when Peter Scheuer of Monterey killed the animal; he had been the victim of system-

atic killings of his sheep for six weeks (*editor's note: the animal was almost certainly a coyote, as wolves had been long wiped out of the area years earlier, while coyotes were commonly mistaken for wolves*).

Roy Watts has remodeled and enlarged the building adjoining the Rollins Chapel and changed it into a two-story residence (*ed. note: Rollins Chapel was Culver's longtime African Methodist Episcopal church, located just south of today's City Tavern building, on Harding Court. Could the two-story residence in question be one of*

the still-standing homes in the area?).

50 years ago

Dec. 2, 1959

Crown prince Alexander of Yugoslavia, now a Culver resident, is just another student to his fellow cadets at Culver Military Academy. He carries a full academic workload, plays intramural soccer, and is a photographer on the student yearbook. Like all cadets, he is assigned periodically as a waiter in the dining hall and to clean-up detail in his dormitory.

The national commander

of the American Legion Martin B. McKneally, will speak at the Eppley Auditorium at Culver Military Academy Monday.

25 years ago

Dec. 5, 1984

The Culver Community School board of trustees Monday night approved the purchase of a computer for the Culver Elementary School office to keep office and school bus maintenance records. An IBM PC unit and accompanying equipment was purchased from Computerland for \$4,864.11. There was discussion as to whether a computer should be purchased with tie-ins to other entities in the school system, but CES principal Russ Hodges said his investigation showed the cost

of such a system to be prohibitively high.

Culver Community High School students inducted as new members of the National Honor Society include Chester Gut, Sam Potter, Michelle Hyland, Galen Reinholt, Brad Campbell, Krista Cultice, Connie Hudkins, Tammy Keller, Michelle Kelly, Paul Kline, Sharon Ryan, and John Zehner.

A grease fire in the kitchen of the Corner Tavern (*today's Corn Dance Cafe -- editor*) did minimal damage thanks in part to the arrival of the Culver fire department.

The Maxinkuckee Singers will have a busy month performing in the area this December. The group boasts 20 members including Director Jan Moon.

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.

Thursday, Dec. 3: Beef cutlet with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread and margarine, peaches, cookie,

and milk.

Friday, Dec. 4: Stuffed baked potato with shredded cheese and sour cream, taco meat, broccoli, fruit parfait, muffin, and milk.

Monday, Dec. 7: Smoked sausage, sauerkraut, spudsters, peas and carrots, fruit, bun, and milk.

Tuesday, Dec. 8: Peppersteak with sauteed, green peppers and onions, baby spinach salad, mashed potatoes, dinner roll and margarine, pound cake with

strawberries and whipped cream, and milk.

Wednesday, Dec. 9: Meatloaf, baby bakers and sour cream, green beans, bread and margarine, peaches, and milk.

Thursday, Dec. 10: Chicken pattv. bun and

mayo, red potatoes, broccoli, applecrisp, birthday cake, and milk.

Friday, Dec. 11: Meatballs and noodles with gravy, mixed vegetables, bread and margarine, pears, and milk.

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Name that Culver "citizen"



Above: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Teresa Hudson, then and now. Right: this week's mystery citizen.

Last week's Mystery Citizen is indeed a familiar face to anyone frequenting the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library (and who doesn't after all?). She's one of a handful of friendly faces behind the upstairs circulation desk, Tera Hudson. Our hint about her being descended from another long-familiar face around Culver referred to her father, "Sarge" Hudson, well-known to generations of Culver Academies students involved in the horsemanship program there (in fact, as those passing the intersection of State Road 17 and Lake Shore Drive know well, the Black Horse Troop pasture there was named last year in Sarge's honor).

Among the Citizen readers recognizing Teresa over the Thanksgiving weekend last week were Judy Sawhook, Mary Baker, Glenn Dunfee, Charlotte Hahn, and Jennifer Luttrell, who all receive free parking at the library for their sharp-eyed talents.

This week's Mystery Citizen is very visible in Culver as well, though not typically at the library. Instead, he's associated with more than one often-frequented business in the area.

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.



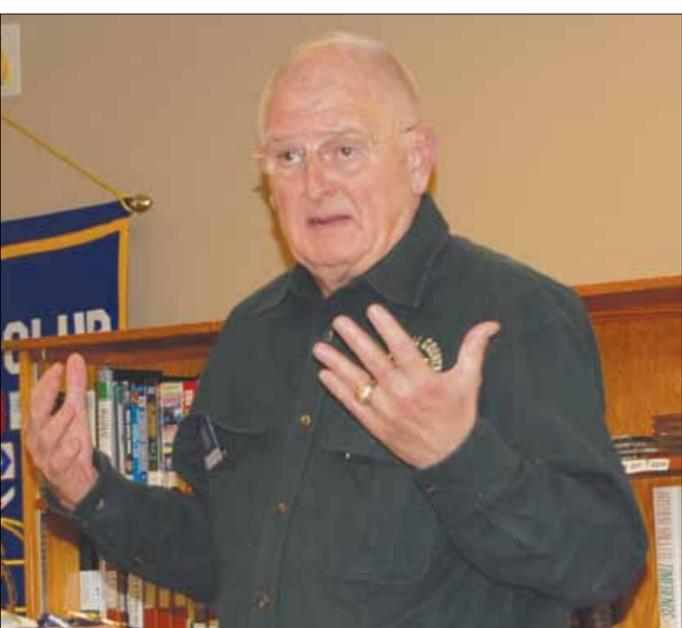


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A helping hand from Culver's Knights

Mike Lintner, President and CEO of the Marshall-Starke Development Center (third from right) accepts a check for \$2,000 from the St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church council #13720 of the Knights of Columbus at the group's November 18 meeting. The funds, Lintner told the Knights, will be used to purchase handicapped accessible doors for the Center's Plymouth facility. In thanking the group, Lintner said Marshall-Starke employs 193 people and serves about 250 adults with disabilities, 140 of them daily and the remainder in the Center's employment program; the Center also serves 182 children aged 3 to 5 in the Head Start program. Lintner also noted Culver council Grand Knight Rick Tompos, who sits on the Center's board, suggested the donation. Tompos said the funds came from donations made at the local Knights' Tootsie Roll giveaways in Culver. Tootsie Roll-derived funds must be used to assist people with disabilities, Tompos said, as established by national Knights organization several decades ago. Pictured above, from left to right: Knights Jim Coiner and Joe Stambolija, St. Mary's pastor Father Tad Balinda, Knights Pat McCaffery, Tompos, Terry Kelsey, Lintner, and Knights Chris Sayer and Bob Budzius.

Clevenger from page A1



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Marshall County coroner Bill Clevenger

time position, he said, and about \$8,500 toward his deputies (the present Chief Deputy Coroner is former Coroner John Grolick). Culver's Deputy Town Marshal, Chad Becker, is one of Clevenger's several deputies as well. Out of the Coroner's budget, the largest three areas of expense

are those associated with autopsies, toxicology, and radiology.

"The rule of thumb in Indiana," said Clevenger, "is, you take the population of a county, take once percent of that total population — which in Marshall County is about 47,000 people — and that percentage will

die within a year. Within Indiana's 92 counties, around 12 percent of those 470 will become coroner cases; that puts us at (around) 58 people. We just had our 61st case the other day. It's a roll of the dice."

What constitutes a coroner's case? Though the answer fits into a broad category, according to Clevenger, such cases include traffic accident homicides, work-related deaths, suicides, and any unattended death. Clevenger said Marshall County has been "fortunate" so far this year in relatively few (three at the time he spoke) traffic fatalities here, though he pointed out an accident involving minors playing with a shotgun resulting

in one young man's death constituted a "technical murder" earlier this year.

Clevenger told the audience the level of drug activity in the county surprised him. "We're in a hotbed of drug activity," he noted. "When I say it's around, it's around. You can walk around here and find it. We're mostly seeing drug-related deaths due to prescription drug deaths -- oxycotton is a big one. Xanax and others are traded like poker chips.

"Meth is major, major problem," he added. "We've had no directly-related meth deaths to my knowledge. But we have seen people who probably died because of other drugs. And if something blows up in your car and kills you, I'd call that a meth death."

The office of coroner, explained Clevenger, has "a little bit of sting...in Marshall County more than other counties. The coroner is the only official with the power to arrest the sheriff. Because the sheriff here doesn't have a chief deputy, if something happens to the

sheriff, you're looking at the sheriff!"

The coroner is also responsible for determining the manner and cause of death in an unintended death case. Clevenger noted, with the body of the deceased and its property being the responsibility of the coroner. He also distinguished between manner of death (such as an accident or murder) and cause of death, which describes the specific conditions which caused the individual to die such as asphyxia or inability to breathe if a heavy object falls on a person's chest. There are five categories of the manner of death, said Clevenger: homicide, suicide, accidental, natural, and undetermined. He also distinguished between intentional and accidental homicides.

Clevenger has also been selected to serve on the Indiana Mortuary Emergency Response Team, which he said speaks highly of how Marshall County's coroner's office has been thought of in recent years across the state. The team, he said, might be called in if a large airplane goes down in another part of the state. "Then I'll be walking out in a cornfield (searching the wreckage).

"I'm proud of what we've accomplished in this county in the past," he added.

In the Culver area, Clevenger has discussed with Town Manager Michael Doss and Culver's Town Council plans on a county level to establish a mass casualty plan, one of only three such plans formulated throughout the state.

"We all read about H1N1

Miami Nation Indians visit CCHS

By Ally Rabenau
Culver Community High School

Culver Community High School juniors experienced authentic education October 21 when members of the Miami Nation of Indians visited the high school (see photo on page 1). Chief Brian J. Buchanan explained the history of the tribe, their culture, and their present day existence.

Chief Buchanan said the Miami Indians have lived in the area now known as Wabash County since its early existence. He elaborated on events such as the Battle of Fallen Timber, and he discussed the Treaty of Greenville.

"I thought it was interesting seeing an actual Indian tribe that still thrives in today's society," said CCHS student Colton Measels.

In addition to the chief's comments, several male members of the tribe performed a number of their ritual songs on the drums, while the females in the tribe showed the students how they dance around the men. The significance of these rituals was also explained.

"It was a very interesting presentation. The drum and dancing performances were my favorite part," said student Tyana Montgomery.

This article appears courtesy of CCHS English teacher Vickie Benner and CCHS newsletter The Caval Crier

Correction

In last week's (Nov. 26) edition of the *Citizen*, the photo caption on page 6 concerning Culver's Tree Commission incorrectly identified the gentleman at right in the tree planting photo as Jim Hahn. It was, in fact, Bill Furry. The *Citizen* apologizes for the error.

(influenza virus). What type of plan would we have in place if we're faced with, say, 30 people dead within 10 days? Culver will be talking about this. Plymouth is allocating funds (for) body bags, boxes to place bodies, mass burial sites...this is just the reality of the times. It could be terrorism, H1N1, a tornado."

In answer to one audience member's query, Clevenger said he can be called to court to testify in a death-related case, but "not as often as you might think."

He also expressed skepticism as to the feasibility of talk at the state level of making the coroner's position an appointed one rather than elected as it is today. "I don't know of anybody who would want to do this as a part-time job. Indiana is one of two states in the country that has a formalized training program for coroners. Every elected coroner and deputy has to go through this and pass the test. Is it really important that the coroner be elected? Probably not, but...who would they get to do it part-time?"

"Ten or 15 years from now," Clevenger continued, "will each county have a medical examiner? They don't come cheap. It would have to be a physician. We use a pathologist in South Bend that does our autopsies. I don't know if counties will see fit to put that in. You're working with families after a loss. Do families want to wait until somebody comes up from Wabash when you have a death at 2 a.m.?"

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Sports



Zehner leads Culver past Argos

CGA trying to find identity

By James Costello
Sports Editor

By Dee Grenert
Correspondent

ARGOS — Culver Community junior post Gwen Zehner spent the first 30 seconds of halftime warm-ups alone, laying the ball off the glass from alternating blocks.

Just consider the exercise a second-half preview.

The 6-foot-1 Zehner scored 21 of her game-high 34 points — the bulk in the paint — after the intermission to lead the Cavs to a 58-44 come-from-behind girls basketball win over Argos Tuesday at Phil Weybright Gymnasium.

Zehner's monster performance mitigated the absence of 6-foot-3 junior Patrice McBee, who separated her shoulder at practice Saturday.

"Gwen definitely stepped up," Culver Community head coach Ashli Faulkner said. "We sat down and talked with all of the girls yesterday and laid out goals now that we're without Patrice. Each one has to step up; no one person can replace her. Gwen played tremendously. Gwen did a phenomenal job scoring and crashing the boards."

"It was just a freak accident," Faulkner said of McBee's injury. "No one was around her. Right now we think she'll be out until January, but she's having an MRI and we'll know more after that."

Keyed by a series of lobs

and other well-threaded entry passes, Zehner nailed 9-of-10 second-half attempts from the field, with the lone miss turning into a Zehner rebound basket and foul. For the game, she converted 14-of-18 field-goal chances and grabbed 12 boards — 11 after the break — before fouling out with 1:29 left.

"We did a pretty good job keeping (Zehner) out of the ballgame in the first half," Argos head coach Joel Lowe, whose team was tied 24-24 at halftime, said. "We went with a zone press, which if you know anything about my personality is almost unthinkable, to try to contain her. We did for about three quarters. The problem is she's a baller. She can dominate, and she did tonight. When she fouled out, I was still optimistic about our chances to win."

Zehner also notched 10 points during an 18-0 run that turned a 38-35 Argos lead with 2:16 to play in the third quarter into a 53-38 Culver margin at the 1:51 mark of the fourth frame.

"We started to play basketball like we could," Faulkner said. "We had a size advantage and we knew Gwen could dominate if she wanted to, and we did a better job handling the pressure. We started running a few more sets for Gwen in the second half."

Also for Culver, senior

sub Cindy Miller chipped in eight points, highlighted by a triple off of a kickoff from Zehner to give the Cavs a 45-38 edge with 7:06 to play in the contest. Junior guard Nicole Carnegie added seven points, including a game-tying old-fashioned 3-point play to initiate the big stretch with 1:44 left in the third stanza, while Culver senior Susannah Baker handed out a game-leading seven assists. "Susannah and Nicole did a wonderful job seeing when (Zehner) was open," Faulkner said. "That's a testament to our guards seeing the whole floor now, and Gwen working to get herself open."

For Argos, forward Latisha Shepherd scored nine of her team-high 11 points in the second half. She hit four baseline jumpers in the third quarter, three of which gave the Dragons four-point cushions.

"Latisha Shepherd stepped up and hit some big shots from the outside," Lowe said. "We saw that spark that I saw last year coaching against her."

Point guard Kassi Hensley chipped in nine points, four assists and four steals, and Amanda Walker snagged five rebounds for Argos, which led most of the opening three quarters.

However, the Dragons went just 1-for-18 from the field and 4-for-15 from the charity stripe during the fi-

nal stanza.

"We did a much better job than the previous games, but we missed too many bunnies and free throws down the stretch," Lowe said. "I thought we gave 110 percent effort, we just have to do a better job with the bunnies and free throws."

"We've got some growing pains to go through," he concluded. "Still, we went toe-to-toe with what I think is a pretty good Culver team."

Culver travels to North White Saturday, while Argos heads to Jimtown next Tuesday.

• CULVER COMMUNITY 58, ARGOS 44
At Argos
Score by quarters
Culver: 9 24 42 58
Argos: 13 24 38 44
CULVER (58): Nicole Carnegie 1 5-5 7, Susannah Baker 0 3-4 3, Kalee Miller 0 0-0 0, Whitney Sanders 2 1-5 6, Alison Zehner 0 0-0 0, Chandler Gast 0 0-0 0, Breanna Powers 0 0-0 0, Cindy Miller 2 2-2 8, Gwen Zehner 14 6-6 34; Totals: 19 17-22 58.

ARGOS (44): Samantha Stults 2 0-0 4, Alex Zechiel 1 1-4 4, Kassi Hensley 1 6-9 9, Karlee Van Der Weele 0 4-4 4, Kyla Van Der Weele 1 1-2 3, Hannah Alcorn 1 0-0 2, Amanda Walker 1 1-3 3, Latisha Shepherd 5 1-4 11, Brooke Thayer 1 0-0 2, Kayla Prochno 1 0-0 2; Totals: 14 14-26 44.

3-point goals: Culver 2 (C. Miller 2, Sanders), Argos 2 (Hensley, Zechiel); Turnovers: Culver 27, Argos 22; Rebounds: Culver 30 (G. Zehner 12), Argos 24 (Walker 5); Assists: Culver 13 (Baker 7), Argos 9 (Hensley 4); Steals: Culver 7 (Sanders 3), Argos 10 (Hensley 4); Fouls (fouled out): Culver 23 (Sanders, A. Zehner, G. Zehner), Argos 22 (Alcorn); Records: Culver 4-0, Argos 1-3.

Christian next Monday at 7:30 p.m.

• CGA 59, TRITON 45
At Bourbon
Score by quarters
CGA: 12 27 43 59
Triton: 10 23 31 45
CGA: Alexis Christlieb 3 2-2 8, Kenzie Ungar 2 0-4 4, Katie Gawor 0 0-0 0, Andrea Lin 1 0-0 2, Kylee Shipley 6 2-3 14, Brenna Newell 4 4-7 12, Adrijana Cvitkovic 8 3-7 19, Monica Weaser 0 0-0 0; Totals: 24 11-23 59.
Triton: Hannah Downing 0 0-0 0,

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Girls basketball

Lady Eagles top Triton

The Lady Eagles overcame foul trouble as three players finished in double digits in Kylee Shipley's return to play, and Culver Girls Academy beat Triton

59-45 at Triton Monday.

Shipley scored 14, Brenna Newell put up 12 points for her team, and freshman Adrijana Cvitkovic led all scorers and rebounders with a double-double 19 points and 10 rebounds be-

fore fouling out along with Shipley and junior forward Kenzie Ungar.

The Eagles racked up 15 steals for 24 turnovers by the Lady Trojans, which they capitalized off of with 21 points off turnovers for the win.

Triton was led by 15 points from Allison Thacker and 13 points from Aubrey Boardman.

The Lady Trojans were down just four points at halftime, but CGA ran out the third quarter 16-8 to take a commanding 43-31 lead into the final frame.

CGA improves to 2-3 with the win, rebounding from a loss Saturday at LaVille. Triton slips to 2-4. The Eagles will return to play at the Western Reserve Academy Tournament Dec. 4, while the Trojans will host Bethany



FILE PHOTO

Culver Girls Academy's Alexis Christlieb chases down a loose ball during a game at LaVille earlier this season. Christlieb scored eight points in a win over Triton Monday.

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CCHS Volleyball winners

2009 Culver Community High School Varsity Volleyball Award winners pictured are (from left): Patrice McBee, Most Kills, Most Blocks, MVP, NSC All-Conference; Olivia Knapp, Top Server, Captain; Alison Zehner, Top Passer, Captain; Aspen Kitchell, Most Assist, Mental Attitude; Ali Overmyer, Most Improved. 2009 Culver Varsity Volleyball Award winners

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Aubrey Boardman 5 2-2 13, Allison Thacker 5 4-5 15, Savannah Stutzman 2 3-5 7, Aundrea Sellers 0 0-0 0, Megan Howdeshell 0 0-0 0, Amanda Miller 2 1-2 5, Brittany Wallace 2 1-4 5, Sarah Stichter 0 0-0 0; Totals: 16 11-16 45.

3-point goals: CGA 0, Triton 2 (Boardman, Thacker); Rebounds: CGA 28 (Cvitkovic 10), Triton 30 (Wallace 8), Assists: CGA 10 (Christlieb 2, Ungar 2, Lin 2, Newell 2), Triton 6 (Stutzman 3), Steals: CGA 15 (Newell 3), Triton 8 (Boardman 3), Blocked shots: CGA 4 (Cvitkovic 4), Triton 1 (Howdeshell); Turnovers: CGA 18, Triton 24; Fouls (fouled out): CGA

21 (Ungar, Shipley, Cvitkovic), Triton 19 (none). Records: CGA 2-3, Triton 2-4.

Cross country Neer finishes just shy of Foot Locker nationals

Culver Girls Academy junior Waverly Neer clocked an 18:41 to finish just four seconds off of 10th place and a berth to nationals at the Foot Locker Midwest Regional Championships

in Kenosha, Wis. Saturday.

While Neer finished 11th at the regional meet, Culver Military Academy senior Alejandro Arroyo placed 26th with a 16:14 stop in a blistering boys race.

Orland Hills, Illinois native Lukas Verzbicas won the boys meet in 15:34, while Rochester, Minnesota's Megan Goethals won the girls race in 17:24.

Lancers trump CGA 39-34

By Ron Haramia
Correspondent

LAKEVILLE — Already in this early high school girls basketball season, LaVille's Lady Lancers have had their third straight win, this time a 39-34 decision over Culver Girls Academy November 21 at Dale E. Cox Gymnasium.

In the early going it appeared the outcome would be one-sided, but in CGA's favor. Behind the stellar play of freshman Andrijana Cvitkovic, the Lady Eagles ran out to a commanding 14-5 lead after the first quarter.

"We did some things really well early," said CGA's head coach Gary Christlieb. "Our first eight minutes were about as good as we've played all season."

An 8-0 run quickly set the tone for the visitors, who led by as many as 11 midway through the second quarter. Cvitkovic had eight of her game-high 19 rebounds in the first frame alone and finished as the game's high scorer as well, with 16. The 5-foot-11 Croatian also had three blocks and a number of assists while helping with the ball-handling load due to the absence of standout guard Kylee Shipley (out of town for a soccer function).

But with things going well and just two minutes remaining in the first half, Cvitkovic went to the bench and LaVille finished with a 9-2 run, led by a Kopetski bucket and two free throws, as well as Boits' first trey. By intermission the lead was down to just four, 22-18.

Full court pressure by LaVille in the second half and woeful shooting from the charity stripe by CGA kept the Lady Eagles (1-3) from catching the home team. For the game, CGA made just 4-of-15 foul shots (3-of-10 in the fourth period), while LaVille hit 5-of-6 in the final 1:48 and 10-of-18 overall.

"(Cvitkovic) clearly had an advantage and we tried to exploit that, but she's still a freshman and learning to play," Christlieb added. "We missed some opportunities. Everyone was standing around and that played into their hands. We were out of rhythm, out of sync. You can't beat anyone with 30 turnovers. Those killed us. We held them to 27 percent field goal percentage and if you knew that before the game you'd say, 'We'll take that.' We had been shooting about 80 percent from the free throw line in our other games so that was our other weak point. We're just going to keep working to get better."

• LAVILLE 39,
• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 34

At Lakeville

CGA (34): Alexis Christlieb 3 0-0 6, Kenzie Ungar 2 2-4 6, Andrea Lin 0 0-2 0, Moira Kelley 0 0-0 0, Brenna Newell 1 0-2 2, Erica Sims 2 0-0 4, Andrijana Cvitkovic 7 2-7 16. TOTALS: 15 4-15 34.

LAVILLE (39): Emily Fuller 0 0-0 0, Elaine Schmeltz 3 0-0 6, Jesse Feitz 4 0-1 8, Anna Boits 3 4-4 13, Kaitlyn Kopetski 1 5-9 7, Cori Lindke 1 1-4 3, Hannah Amor 1 0-0 2. TOTALS: 13 10-18 39.

Score by quarters

CGA: 14 22 27 34

LV: 5 18 27 39

3-point goals: LV 3 (Boits 3), CGA none; Fouls (fouled out): LV 17 (none), CGA 16 (none).

Records: LaVille 3-1, CGA 1-3.

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years and she's got to make an adjustment with that, but she's coming along nicely as well."

But while a young roster has its disadvantages, it also has its advantages, too.

"We understand that the majority of this group is going to be together for quite awhile, and we want to make sure that we're building and working and that they understand the various fundamentals of the game," Christlieb said. "I guess if we have any kind of a creed or motto, it's that it's one step at a time.."

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Culver fall sports award winners

Pictured are student athletes recognized at Culver Community High and Middle Schools' annual fall sports awards banquet November 11.

AT LEFT: 7th grade honor roll athletes. Front row, left to right: Paul Foersch, Bohdi Farquhar, Jerrod Betts. Middle row: Paxton Schmidt, Janele VanDePutte, Maddy Strycker, Shelby Gross. Back row: Alex Anderson, Whitney Hopkins, Alecia Rearick, Haley Klimaszewski.

BELOW: High school All-Conference athletes (front row): AJ Neace, Robert Molebash, Susannah Baker, Kaitlyn Looney. Back row: Patrice McBee, Max Burgess, Michael Salary, Jeremiah Harvey, and Larry Clinger.



ABOVE: 8th grade honor roll athletes. Front row: Melissa Schalliol, Michael Skiles, Courtney Littleton, Jaclyn Rocco, Emily Shidler, and Erin Salyer. Middle row: Trent Elliott, Caleb Nash, Chris Zehner, Nick Pritz, Kayla Shaffer, Torie Elliott. Back row: Donnie Clark, Gunnar Schmidt, Hayes Barnes, Shane Comiskey, and Torrie Christlieb



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ABOVE: High school honor roll athletes. Front row: Sam Hendrickson, Jacob Sheridan, Kalee Miller, CJ Dehning, Kaitlyn Looney. Middle row: Bradley Beaver, Allen Betts, Alex Baker, Clare Hartman, Aspen Kitchell. Third row: John Ahlenius, Collin Stevens, Micah Budzinski, Cole Flora, Mick Zehner, Joe Krsek.

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