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## In Brief

### VFW dinner this Friday

The Culver VFW Post 6919 Men's Auxiliary will host a Friday Dinner Dec. 18 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Included will be \$1 hamburgers while they last, Italian beef sandwiches for \$8, 1/2 slab ribs for \$9 and whole slab for \$17, with tip boards during dinner. The public is invited to the VFW at 108 E. Washington St. in Culver to have a great meal with great friends without spending a lot of money.

### VFW Christmas party Dec. 21

Culver's VFW Post 6919 Ladies' Auxiliary will hold its annual Christmas dinner and bingo party Monday, December 21 at 6 p.m. at the post, 108 E. Washington St. in Culver. Members are urged to attend and bring a food item to share for the dinner and white elephant gifts for bingo. Members are also asked to bring an item for the food pantry to this event and all meetings from now on.

### REAL Services Christmas party

The annual Culver REAL Services Christmas party will be held Wednesday, December 23 at Culver's beach lodge at the town park. Reservations must be made by December 11 by calling 574-842-8878, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Please bring a \$5 gift for a woman if you are a woman, or a \$5 gift for a man. Santa Claus has been called at the North Pole and will be at the party. Donation for the meal is \$3.50.

### Computer comparison at Dec. Tech Time

For December only, the Culver-Union Township Public Library's Thursday Tech Time will take place the third Thursday of the month, December 17 at 6 p.m.. Discussed will be the variety of computers currently available on the market. Desktop computers, along with the different types of laptop computers will be compared for price, performance and value. Thursday Tech Time is an open discussion group for anyone interested in computers and technology. Sessions are held monthly and are free and open to the public.

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## Brrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr...!!

ABOVE: Though temperatures rose over the weekend and early this week, old man winter made his first real stop last week as Culverites awoke the morning of December 10 to scenes like those above and temperatures just a few degrees above zero. The same morning brought a beautiful mist rising off Lake Maxinkuckee, as can be seen in both these photos. In the photo at left, the Antiquarian and Historical Society lighthouse keeps a silent vigil as mist billows behind it. In the photo at right,\* captured the same morning by Gary Shaffer of Culver: it didn't take long for ice to coat this overhanging tree and its lower branches. A small accumulation of snow -- melted within a few days -- accompanied all this cold, as evidenced above. No word yet on whether Culver will see a white Christmas.

# Chamber honors standout Culverites

## Minas, Stallings, Tri Kappa awarded at annual fete

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Culver's Chamber of Commerce gave three notable contributors to Culver's business, culture, and well-being a chance to shine December 8 at its annual awards banquet, held again this year at Café Max in downtown Culver. Chamber president Greg Fassett, Administrator at Culver's Miller's Merry Manor, pre-

sented the awards to Mike and Patty Stallings of Mirar Custom Homes (Volunteers of the Year), Dawn Minas, owner of the Culver Coffee Company (Business Person of the Year), and Colleen Denham, current president of Culver's Tri Kappa (the organization won the Lifetime Achievement award).

Fassett said the Stallings have owned a home in Culver for over 30 years,

though it was seven years ago the couple moved here full-time. They grew up and previously lived in the Chicago Heights area south of Chicago where they raised three children. During that period, Mike was a 22-year member of the local Kiwanis Club and served on the Crete Monee School Board for eight years (four as president). Patty served as president and board member on the elementary, middle and high school Parent Teacher Organization for 15 years, the League of Women Voters for 10 years as board member and presi-

dent, and taught Christian education to middle school children at St John's Catholic Church for 12 years. She was a school board member of Bloom Township High Schools for four years. After moving their business to Crown Point, Ind., Mike joined the Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and the St. Jude Home (a safe haven for women and children of domestic violence) fundraising committee. For the past 10 years, their company, Mirar Custom Homes, has built a home to be raffled off each year, which has become

the major source of funding for the St Jude Home. Since moving to Culver, Fassett said, Mike Stallings has been a board member and president of the Culver Chamber of Commerce, serves on the Second Century Committee's "Safe Route to School Committee," has been the Culver Tree Commission's president since its inception four years ago, and is currently serving on the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Fund board. He

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## Santa's been making the Culver rounds

Brianna Bailey, age 5, of the Culver area has a chat with Santa at the Culver fire station December 5. She joined a capacity crowd earlier for a free showing of the Disney movie, "A Christmas Carol" at the Uptown Cinema, all part of the annual VFW-Lions Club-fire department sponsored children's Christmas party, which also included treat bags and hands-on tours of the fire trucks in the station. Santa was assisted here by Culver fireman Ken VanDePutte.

## Daycare a 'home-like place' for area children

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

When St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church's daycare ministry opened in August, 2005, it opened possibilities for many area families previously unavailable, and also became the only registered, state-regulated daycare in Marshall County south of Plymouth....and while the trip from Culver to Plymouth may seem short in one sense, it can seem momentous when transporting children regularly for childcare.

What's more, the former private residence at 212 College Avenue -- just east of the church itself -- has retained the feel of the home it once was to several families through the years, to a number of local children in the more than four years of its operation.

Originally the vision of Joellen Guinin (who moved on from Culver to further her education in 2007), St. Mary's daycare took shape in earnest with the purchase of the property it now occupies, which includes a lively, grassy play area fenced-in just north of the house itself (outdoor play, weather permitting, is a part of each child's daily activity there). As an added bonus, the space greatly alleviated some of the need for elbow room to accommodate the more than 100 students, aged 3 to 15, in St. Mary's Sunday morning CCD (or Children's Catechetical Development) program.

In June, 2007, Shannon Shepherd, employed from the first with the daycare, took over as director and works with four other paid staff members serving 17 children through the week ranging from three months to five years old, though youngsters as old as seven are accepted in the program.

Weekdays through the school year, the daycare's doors open at 7 a.m. and close at 5:15 p.m., the hours in between spent

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Tommy Kelley hard at play at St. Mary's daycare.

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## Knights unveil 'crown jewel'

LEFT: Members of Culver's Knights of Columbus St. Mary of the Lake Council joined other area Knights in the dedication recently of a Ten Commandments Monument located on Michigan Street in Plymouth, according to correspondent Carol Anders. The monument is placed on land donated by Saint Michael Catholic Church. In the photo, Knights Donald Carli, Knox; Rick Thompos, Culver; Richard Pettinato, Knox; Joseph Stambolija, Culver; and Rutherford B. Walters, Ora, were present for the unveiling.

According to Father William Kummer of Saint Michael's, the back of the monument is inscribed with the Beatitudes. Kummer said Knights of Columbus groups all over the country have sponsored monuments similar to the one erected in Plymouth. Grand Knight Bob Pickell called the monument a "crown jewel" and credited local resident Joe Mersch, Project Moses chairman, with conceiving the idea and his efforts in raising the needed funding for the project.

The monument, which will be illuminated after dark, is one of the final steps on a state-of-the-art playground for the school and the community.

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and Patty served four years on the Fund's financial committee and received the Fund's "Exemplary Lake Stewardship" honor for removing and recycling over 140 tires from the park's lakeshore. Patty is on her fifth year with the Culver Boys and Girls Club auction committee and served three years on the Club's board. She is a Steering Committee member of the Second Century Committee serving on



CITIZEN PHOTOS/JEFF KENNEY

Culver Chamber of Commerce president Greg Fassett presented awards to Culver area businesspeople and organizations: (TOP LEFT) Mike (far left) and Patty Stallings; (TOP RIGHT) Dawn Minas; and (BOTTOM) Culver Tri Kappa members (from left) Chris Sheppard, President Colleen Denham, Bridget Lowry, and Becky Damore.

the Housing, Communication and community growth projects. She is a member of the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver's board, where she recruits and organizes volunteers for the Center for Culver History located in the lower level of the library. She is the Republican precinct captain for the Town of Culver. Fassett said the couple is

working together as co-

chairs of the Culver Cham-

ber of Commerce "Taste

of Culver" to be held

Saturday, June 19, 2010.

Both are also member of

the Culver Lions Club.

Patty Stallings told the

Citizen she and Mike

were "quite surprised" to

have been chosen as Cham-

ber honorees. "We believe there is no better place to live than Culver, Indiana," she says. "The townspeople, lake residents, and Culver Academies have combined to make this a very special place, and we join many others in giving back to our community."

Culver Coffee Company founder Dawn Minas (Brockey) was born in 1980 in Schererville, Indiana and is a 1998 Culver Academy graduate, Fassett explained. At the school, she was actively involved in volleyball, basketball, and softball as well as the leadership programs. She was Senior Prefect during her senior year, and won the Sportsman of the Year award. She was also awarded the William-Koch award, presented to the member of the graduating class that best embodies the ideals of teamwork. Minas went on to attend Eckerd College on a softball scholarship, and transferred to Indiana State University in 2001, also on a softball scholarship to play Division 1 softball. Here she graduated Cum Laude with double majors in Psychology and Business Administration. In 2003 she opted to return to Culver to put her degrees to work. Here she designed and developed the Culver Coffee Company, a gourmet coffee and retail shop and has since expanded the business four times, and it continues to grow. She has introduced open mic nights, local artists, book clubs, wine tastings, and beer gardens into the CCC's atmosphere. The mission of the Culver Coffee Company from the beginning, Fassett told the audience, has been to "give back and provide opportunities to the

entire Culver community:

town, lake, and Academy."

Minas is currently serving

on the Indiana State Uni-

versity Alumni Board of

Directors, as well as Vice

President of the Culver

Chamber of Commerce. As

of 2010, she will be serving

on the Culver Academy Le-

gion Board.

"When Dick Branting-

ham asked me if I was sit-

ting when he called to tell

me about the award," said

Minas, "I thought he was

calling to tell me the cof-

fee shop burned down or

something! Needless to

say, I was incredibly sur-

prised and so incredibly

honored when he indeed

told me I was this year's

Business Person of the

Year. I have been extremely

blessed with two wonder-

ful parents who I learned

99.9 percent of all I know

from. I have also been re-

cently blessed with a won-

derful husband. I truly have

wonderful customers who

have supported me in busi-

ness the past six years, and

staff that really makes me

proud."

Fassett said the Epsi-

lon Nu Chapter of Kappa

Kappa Kappa, Inc. was

chartered December 14,

1959, its original charter

members including Ruth

Cleveland, Grace Cool-

man, Virginia Kraning,

Mary Edgell, Norma Hen-

derson, Joyce Kaufman,

Aldona Muehlhausen, Ma-

rie Newman, Ann Nelson,

Carol Snyder, Ann Walmer,

and Frances Winslow.

"These women had a vi-

sion that chartering a chap-

ter with Tri Kappa would

benefit the Culver commu-

nity," he explained.

The goal of Tri Kappa is

to promote charity, culture,

and education in our com-

munity, Fassett continued,

noting the local chapter

donates annually to orga-

nizations on the state level

such as Riley's Children

Hospital, Hoosier Art Sal-

on, and Special Olympics

and on the local level to

the Culver Public Library,

Boys & Girls Club, Cul-

ver Community Schools,

Beaman Home, Marshall

County Hospice, Victims

Assistance, the food pantry,

and more. The Epsilon Nu

chapter also awards sev-

eral thousand dollars each

year for local scholarships

and continuing education

grants to the Culver com-

munity.

Culver Tri Kappa presi-

dent Colleen Denham says

she was initiated into Tri

Kappa in 2000 and has

served as an officer for

seven years, two of them as

chapter president.

"We were honored to re-

ceive the lifetime achieve-

ment award from the

Chamber of Commerce,"

she notes, "especially dur-

ing our 50th anniversary.

Our goal is to promote edu-

cation, charity, and culture

in the Culver community

and we cannot do so with-

out the continued support

of the local businesses and

this community. We are

thrilled by this recogni-

tion for our work and will

continue to serve this com-

munity by promoting edu-

cation, charity, and culture

for the next 50 years."

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## 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.

- Children's Nativity pageant**, St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church, Friday, Dec. 18, 5:30 p.m.
- Culver VFW Ladies' Auxiliary Christmas Party**, Culver Post 6919, Monday, Dec. 21.
- REAL Services annual Christmas party**, Culver beach lodge, Wednesday, Dec. 23, 11:30 a.m. (reservations due Dec. 11)

## 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. 17:** Pot roast with corn, rice, Brus-

sels sprouts, bran muffin and margarine, pears, and milk.

**Friday, Dec. 18:** Potato soup, applesauce, tuna pasta, saltines, and milk.

**Monday, Dec. 21:** BBQ chicken breast, broccoli, tossed salad with dressing, wheat roll and margarine, pudding, and milk.

**Tuesday, Dec. 22:** Pork

## Death notice

Rose

**John B. Rose**  
Dec. 6, 2009

ARGOS — John B. Rose, 71, of Argos, died Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009.

He is survived by his wife Ellen; children: John (Janice) Rose Jr. of Culver, Peggy (Steve) Smith of Big Sandy, Tenn., Fred (Lisa) Rose of Okeechobee, Fla., Harold (Barb) Rose of Big Sandy, Tenn., and Theresa Rose of Argos; siblings: Marianne Fisher of Nappanee, Irene Kmicikewicz of Nappanee, Francis Brady of Texas, Albert Rose of Plymouth, and Charlie Rose of Nappanee; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation took place from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9 at M.C. Smith Funeral Home, Knox.

Funeral services took place at noon Wednesday at the funeral home.

Burial followed at St. Jacobs Cemetery, North Judson.

fritter, bun and mayo, Stewed Tomatoes, scalloped potatoes, fruit cocktail, and milk.

**Wednesday, Dec. 23:** bone in ham with horse radish, cornbread dressing, peas and pearl onions, Mashers with sour cream

and chives, cheesecake with blueberry topping, and milk.

**Thursday, Dec. 24:** Closed for the holiday.

**Friday, Dec. 25:** Closed for the holiday.

## MCCF accepting grant apps

The Marshall County Community Foundation announces it will accept applications for the first grant cycle of 2010 beginning today. Organizations desiring to apply for a grant should contact the Marshall County Community Foundation office at 574-935-5159 or visit the website at [www.marshallcountycf.org](http://www.marshallcountycf.org) for an application.

Grant applications are due by 4:30 p.m., February 1, 2010. Applications will be reviewed by the Grants Committee of the Community Foundation and will be acted upon by the Board of Directors during their March Meeting.

Grant Requirements are humanitarian, cultural, educational, recreational, and environmental. Must be an IRS 501(C) or have a qualifying fiscal agent.

For further information contact Jennifer S. Maddox, President, Marshall County Community Foundation at 574-935-5159.

The grant application has been updated, please use the new application by visiting MCCF's website at: [www.marshallcountycf.org](http://www.marshallcountycf.org).

## Anniversary

Babcock



John and Linda Babcock, (formerly of) Culver, will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary with a surprise celebration in Chicago, Ill. The couple was married Dec. 20, 1969 at St. Domitilla Catholic Church, Hillside, Ill. by the Rev. Louis M. Cortney. They have three children: Patricia, 37, Lake Villa, Ill.;

Mike, 32, Mishawaka; and Greg, 30, DePere, Wis.; and four grandchildren.

John is retired from Culver Academies after 41 years of service as a math teacher and guidance counselor. He is currently employed teaching math classes at IUSB.

Linda works for School City of Mishawaka as a substitute teacher.

Even after 40 years, John and Linda still laugh at each other's jokes and remain best friends. They also love to travel the world together, mostly by cruise line. They currently reside in Mishawaka.

## Birth

Breeding



Steve and (Anna) "Buffy" Breeding, Plymouth, announce the birth of a son born at 9:09 p.m. Nov. 30, 2009 at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

Carter Mason Breeding weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces and was 19 inches long. He was welcomed by a brother, Brett

Kepler, 19.

Maternal grandmother is LaDonna Montgomery, Culver. Maternal grandfather is Dean Smith, Australia.

Paternal grandmother is June Breeding, Plymouth. Paternal grandfather is Richard Breeding, Plymouth.

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

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church's end-of-month community meal will take place Wednesday, December 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. St. Mary of the Lake is located at 124 College Avenue in Culver. Questions may be directed to 574-842-2522.

### Culcom encourages food donations

Culver Communications is encouraging its customers to make a difference by offering to take \$1 off tanning sessions, video rental, or Internet service for donations of non-perishable food or unused and unopened person hygiene items for the Culver food pantry during the months of December and January. Donations must be brought to Culver Communications at 514 West Jefferson Street. There is a limit of \$1 credit per invoice.

### Culver resident encourages personal protection whistles

One Culver resident wants to help others stay safe if attacked by way of the "three Ps...Practice Personal Protection."

Pat Watkins is hoping

people — especially women — will consider purchase of personal protection whistles, which she says are visible and easy to reach and can't be used against their owners as pepper spray or mace can. The whistle, adds Watkins, will startle an attacker and alert others, giving a potential victim a chance to escape from personal attacks. The whistles are available alone or on a variety of necklaces, bracelets, and other formats.

Those interested in obtaining a whistle or with questions may call Watkins at 574-842-4876.

### 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.

### Heritage Park bricks still available

The Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver reminds everyone that Heritage Park Remembrance Bricks are still available. These individual pavers are a lasting way to create a wonderful remembrance of families, relatives or friends. They become a permanent part of beautiful Heritage Park at the corner of Main and Jefferson Streets. Bricks are 4 x 8 inches with one or two lines of text for \$50 and 8 x 8 inch bricks with up to four lines for \$100 are available. They may be ordered by contacting Hahn at 574-842-3267. Order forms are also available in the Center for Culver History museum room at the Culver Public Library.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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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## Natural law

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By “natural law,” we mean the norms of human conduct, of right and wrong which are not derived from any positive law but from the very nature of humans because persons share the same humanity. Natural law overlooks the development and fulfilment of the human person, e.g respect for human life is natural.

Persons differ same. Each is a dis-great likeness. When group of beings that common and that's

It's true that natural thing can be popular mandments of God

To steal, to kill, or wrong in the past, in their being wrong;

not have to guide us on that because it's natural to us.

Despite many theoretical doubts about natural law, people of all times and places recognize that certain actions are right and others are wrong in themselves, independent of any human law giver.



### Pastor's Corner

By Fr. Tad Balnda  
St. Mary of the Lake  
Catholic Church

from one another. No two men or women are the tinct individual, yet these different persons share a we speak of people, therefore, we are speaking of a have something in common. They share something what makes them human beings.

law is not popular these days, but that doesn't mean Popularity and truth are two different things: some-but not necessarily true. After all, the Ten Com-have never been popular but they are true!

to lie are actions that are wrong today, they were and will be wrong forever. There is nothing artificial it's just natural that they are wrong. Somebody does

## Culver High School Christmas wishes: 1959

“Students express Christmas wishes” (50 years ago)

From the December 16, 1959 edition of the *Culver Citizen*, students at Culver High School were polled as to what they'd like to find in their Christmas stockings. “I see the tribe around the Culver High School teepee have a variation of ideas,” wrote pollsters Lila Bean and Merrie Kay Stoneburner, who selected their favorite answers for this Christmastime article. Some of these names should certainly ring a (Christmas) bell, even a few years later.

**Sharon Lindvall:** A date

for the Christmas formal.

**Skip Kiel:** Jayne Mansfield

**Chuck Kiel:** My foot.

**Judy Bishop:** My good luck charm with B.R. on it.

**Vicky Lutz:** Lar-ry.

**Pat Lutz:** Bob.

**Pat Kline:** Jim's ring.

**Judy Kimmel:** A cadet from Cuba.

**Carol Overmyer:** A watch that keeps time!

**Barb Kauffman:** Santa Claus

**Charles Hardin:** Ferria

**Mark 4-9 Superfast**

**Linda Gibbons:** A boy!

**Jean McCoige:** A certain girl from Plymouth, so I

could dispose of her.

**Jean Warner:** Lots of new clothes.

**Betty Zechiel:** A Hi-fi.

**Nancy Burns:** A portable TV set.

**R o c h e l l e**

**Good:** A 1960 El-dorado convert!

**Sharon Spahr:** He's too big and too far away to get in my stock-ing.

**Sharon Baker:** Larry Mahler

with a signed statement he won't enlist in the Navy and leave me all alone.

**Cheryl Dillon:** Nothing – Santa went to Downs's house first!

**Penny Down:** She's just

jealous.

**Betty Kose:** An Air Force boy named Bob, who would hand me a term paper and a book report, which are due over vacation, as he steps out of the stocking after a year and a half of being in Japan.

**Bobbie Lou Easterday:** A toothbrush and a stick of gum!

**Chris Croy:** A certain private named Ned in his Army uniform.

**Lila Bean:** A special gift from a special guy and a “yes” for the Christmas formal.

**Sandy Smith:** A bottle of touch-up paint to repair the “little” mark on the side of my dad's car!

## Nostalgia

### 90 years ago

Dec. 17, 1919

The first lake accident of the winter occurred last evening when Russell Fisher started to skate after dark to the Palmer House (later the *Culver Inn*, close to today's *Huffington Library at Culver Academies* -- editor) and ran into an open channel not far from the Lake View Hotel (today's *Indian trails* -- editor), but was able to swim to shore.

With 9 to 10 inches of ice on Little Lake and 6 to 7 inches on Maxinkuckee, winter seems to have arrived. The Medbourn Ice Company began operation on Little Lake Monday morning and will load cars for shipping.

Two boilers for the heating plant of the proposed new high school building have arrived. It's unlikely any construction work will start before spring.

### 60 years ago

Dec. 14, 1949

Service men throughout the community participated in a special service here last Thursday evening to mark the 30th anniversary of the W.A. Fleet Post of the American Legion.

(Culver's State Exchange Bank president) W.O. Osborn spoke before 450 members of the State

Association of Implement Dealers in the Riley room of the Claypool Hotel in Indianapolis Monday.

The second annual Community Carol service attracted another large audience for the festive and well arranged program at Culver Academy last Sunday evening.

### 50 years ago

Dec. 16, 1959

Epsilon Nu chapter of Kappa Kappa Kappa (Tri Kappa) was formally installed as the 120th active chapter of the sorority with impressive rites here Monday afternoon (the chapter celebrated its 50th anniversary in *Culver last week*, and will be featured in an extensive article in next week's edition; it was also honored with a Lifetime Achievement award by *Culver's Chamber of Commerce*. See story page 1 -- editor).

Tuition increases have been announced for next year by the Culver Military Academy and Culver Summer Schools by \$100 for the Academy and \$50 for the Summer Schools. Winter school tuition was raised to \$2,000 for the nine-month academic year, while Culver Woodcraft camp and Summer Naval School tuition is now \$600 for the summer and Cavalry school is now \$650 for

the summer.

Culver Chevy and Olds dealer Lester C. Snyder made a gift of a 1959 Oldsmobile 88 engine and

automatic transmission to Culver Academy for instruction purposes.

## Name that Culver “citizen”

Last week's Mystery Citizen apparently stumped all our readers, so your editor can't be accused of throwing everyone “giveaway” contest photos that everyone will “get



Above: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Chad Van Herk, then and now. Below: this week's mystery citizen.

at the drop of a hat! Your editor had to foray beyond the reaches of the Culver school year-books for last week's photo and delve instead into the yearbook wilds of that strange and foreign faraway land, Plymouth (thanks to as-



sistance from the editor's lovely wife, Beth, who graduated from PHS but is now a true Culverite and can even pass the Culver naturalization test). Our Mystery Citizen was the face behind



Culver's First Farmer's bank on Main Street, Chad Van Herk. Since no one guessed his identity, customers of the bank continue to be given free parking priority over correct guessers.

Catching up on some older business, Bill Mulvihill correctly guessed the identity of the previous week's Mystery Citizen, Dan Bickel. Bill's guess came in a bit after press time.

This week's Mystery Citizen is yet another Culver business person and native daughter.

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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## Rouch scholarship awarded

Robert Spragg, a Purdue University student at the school of Civil Engineering was awarded a scholarship during a ceremony held Thursday, Oct. 1. Spragg is pictured here (center) with Dr. Julian "Jud" and Betty Rouch, Culver, sponsors of the Land Surveying Scholarship.

## McKee, food pantry wins at VFW cook-off

The Culver VFW Post 6919 Men's Auxiliary congratulates Donna McKee for winning the Auxiliary's November 22 soup cook-off with her cheeseburger soup. The event was a great success, raising \$230 for the Culver food pantry, which received \$100 cash and \$130 in food from the group, which thanks all who participated. The Auxiliary is planning another soup cook-off for the "Soup-erbow!" game and hopes to see not only diners but new participants as well. All monies collected at these events benefit local charities.

## County visitors bureau seeks Culver event news

The Marshall County Convention and Visitors Bureau is seeking information about events taking place within Culver during the 2010 calendar year. The MCCVB would like to promote these events within its website ([www.marshallcountytourism.org](http://www.marshallcountytourism.org)) as well as in its 2010 Marshall County Visitor's Guide.

Also, as a member of NITDC (Northern Indiana Tourism and Development Commission), the organization is able to submit two calendar event listings on MidwestLiving.com, for each time period March/April, May/June, July/August, September/October, and November/December.

Needed are the event name, location, date, contact (person, phone number or email), website, and a 40-word description if possible.

To submit events, contact Cori Holzgart, Administrative Assistant, Marshall County CVB, 220 North Center Street, Plymouth, Indiana 46563; 1-800-626-5353, fax: 1-574-936-9845. Email [ceh@marshallcountytourism.org](mailto:ceh@marshallcountytourism.org).

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## Daycare from page 1



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Shannon Shepherd, Director of St. Mary of the Lake daycare ministry, pauses for some Christmas cheer with several children at the daycare. From left to right, Jack Christiansen, Braden Keller, Owen Dorrel, Maggie Kelley, and Tommy Kelley.

daycare. "I love the children. It's more than a job to me; I love it there.

"It's safe there," she adds, noting all employees and volunteers have background checks, are CPR-certified, and stay up to date on universal precautions. "And it's a quality of daycare I don't think people necessarily find in a home daycare...we're there spending time with their children and reading to their children. All our children are readers -- they love being read to."

She says the daycare offers a low ratio of children to adults and walks children, if needed, to and from the local elementary school and preschool.

"We all want our children to be kept safe, treated kindly, taught virtues, and supervised in appropriate activities," notes another daycare parent, Wendy Loehr, who with husband Alan takes advantage of the daycare for their daughter several hours each week. "St. Mary's staff have done just that under Shannon's leadership and those who came before her...there are few options available for child care in Culver, and we appreciate that our parish established this facility for all families who may need or want this service."

As a ministry of the church, St. Mary's daycare is actually a not-for-profit entity, says Shepherd. And while as a ministry it's not technically a licensed daycare, its being registered and state-regulated means it's inspected by the state as well as the fire marshal to ensure it's up to code and its files are as they should be.

And for some parents, such as Ed and Anne Kelley of Culver, the daycare has been "a lifesaver."

"Ed and I have only a few family members living in the area," Anne explains, "and we have found the staff at St. Mary's to be an extension of our family."

Beth Schmiedlin echoes the sentiments of many parents that the daycare not only fulfills a great need in Culver, where she says only a few childcare providers presented themselves when the couple had their first child (and most of those were already full to capacity), but also provided valuable stability for the children. Before St. Mary's, she says, "in the course of six years, my oldest son had six daycare providers."

And her sons, she says, "have fond memories of being (at St. Mary's) and enjoyed playing with their friends (there)."

Shepherd notes St. Mary's daycare is now accepting part-time applications for enrollment. Anne Kelley is in hopes that enrollment will continue and grow.

"Seeing our children run to greet the staff in the morning with the same enthusiasm they greet us with at the end of the day," she says, "is enough to know what a special place it is."

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# Sports



## CGA turns back Cavs in OT

By Dee Grenert  
Correspondent

**CULVER** — Culver Girls Academy needed someone, anyone to complement leading scorers Kylee Shipley and Andrijana Cvitkovic against Culver Community.

Brenna Newell assumed the role brilliantly.

The 5-foot-3 junior guard tossed in a career-high 20 points — five in the extra session — grabbed seven rebounds and handed out three assists to help the Eagles fend off Culver 67-59 in overtime at Fleet Gymnasium December 9.

"I can't say enough about Brenna Newell," CGA head coach Gary Christlieb said. "We've been looking for someone to step up and be that third scorer and she was tonight. She hit some clutch shots and only had one turnover. She did a great job handling the ball. This should be a great confidence boost for her. Each game she's gotten better, and she picked a great time to be big and step it up."

Newell, who broke a 57-57 tie with a free throw to open the extra period, accumulated the bulk of her total with short jumpers and layups. Her bunny courtesy of a Shipley feed put CGA up 60-57 with 2:57 left in the game and also sparked a 10-2 overtime run.

Meanwhile, Culver, which forced free basketball with a 10-1 spree over

the final 2:26 of the fourth quarter, dropped its second straight overtime decision and third straight nail-biter overall.

"I can't take anything away from the efforts of the other teams, but we're beating ourselves right now," Culver head coach Ashli Faulkner said. "We can't come and play just the second half and expect to win. This is the third game in a row that we're talking about, we should've, would've."

Shipley tied for game-high scoring honors with 21 points while adding six assists and five rebounds in a strong all-around effort. Her string of transition buckets in the third quarter helped the Eagles, who tore off a 13-2 third-quarter ending spurt, open a 45-33 lead heading into the fourth frame.

"We emphasized in practice, we emphasized in pre-game, and we emphasized during the game to get back in transition defense," Faulkner said. "We know

Shipley's good in transition. We didn't get back and she did get loose, and that's to her credit that she got herself in a position to

moved her away from the post defensively.

With smaller players left to double-team Zehner, who repeatedly set up on the right wing and then rolled to the block, the 6-1 Culver junior exploded for 13 of her game-high-tying 21 points in the fourth quarter. She also ripped down nine boards.

"We held Zehner to 21 points, which actually isn't bad when you consider she scored 32 points in this game last year," Christlieb said. "She kind of went off in the fourth quarter, but overall we kept her in check. I didn't want her to hurt us on the backboard, and we did a pretty good job there.

"Andi did a nice job in the lane," he added. "This was a good experience for Andi because Zehner is the first true post player we've seen this year."

After trailing from midway through the opening quarter, the Cavs drew even with 26 seconds left in the fourth stanza. Culver's Nicole Carnegie stripped the

ball from an Eagles guard and kicked it ahead to teammate Susannah Baker for a layup and 57-57 game.

Both teams missed chances to win in regulation. With 14.7 seconds on the clock, Culver in-bounded the ball to Zehner who dribbled and forced up a 13-foot jumper that clanged off the rim and off the backboard support, giving the Eagles another crack.

Newell missed with 5 seconds to go, and after CGA's Andrea Lin grabbed the offensive rebound, Shipley's 15-foot jumper fell short at the horn.

"With the foul trouble we tried to make a couple of defensive adjustments in the fourth quarter," Christlieb said. "Well, that didn't work. When (Culver) made that run, we lost our composure because on defense, we stopped doing what we had been doing. I give the kids a lot of credit. They got it right in overtime and that's pretty significant."

Carnegie added 14 points, including Culver's only overtime bucket, and secured nine rebounds. Also for Culver, Baker distributed seven assists, Alison Zehner handed out five assists and Whitney Sanders swiped five steals.

However, a 6-for-16 mark from the free-throw line, rough first half and a sloppy overtime cost the

Cavs dearly.

"I think we relaxed going into overtime," Faulkner said. "We had all the momentum and then just came out and didn't finish. No excuses. You've got to finish. The one thing every basketball team can control is effort. You can't relax."

"You don't know how frustrating it is to watch your team play so well for long stretches and then play two or three minutes where they kill themselves," she concluded. "I know they're tired. I know they're sore, but they have to suck it up, man up and finish."

**CULVER COMMUNITY 59 OT**  
At Culver  
Score by quarters  
Culver: 10 22 33 57 59  
CGA: 15 28 45 57 67  
CULVER (59): Nicole Carnegie 6 2-2 14, Susannah Baker 4 1-4 9, Whitney Sanders 1 0-0 3, Alison Zehner 3 0-0 6, Chandler Gast 0 0-0 0, Cindy Miller 2 0-3 6, Gwen Zehner 9 3-7 21. TOTALS: 25 6-16 59.  
CGA (67): Alexis Christlieb 2 0-0 4, Kenzie Ungar 2 0-0 4, Andrea Lin 0 0-0 0, Kylee Shipley 8 4-6 21, Moira Kelley 0 0-0 0, Brenna Newell 9 2-4 20, Erica Sims 1 0-0 2, Casey Hall 0 0-0 0, Monica Weaser 0 0-0 0, Andrijana Cvitkovic 6 4-7 16. TOTALS: 28 10-17 67.  
3-point goals: Culver 3 (Miller 2, Sanders), CGA 1 (Shipley); Turnovers: Culver 20, CGA 20; Rebounds: Culver 36 (Carnegie, G. Zehner 9), CGA 34 (Cvitkovic 11); Assists: Culver 17 (Baker 7), CGA 18 (Shipley 6); Steals: Culver 10 (Sanders 5), CGA 6 (Shipley 2); Fouls (fouled out): Culver 18 (Sanders), CGA (none); Records: Culver 5-3, CGA 5-3.  
JV score: CGA 26 (Casey Hall 8), Culver 9 (Chandler Gast 4).



PILOT PHOTO/DEANNA L. GRENERT  
CGA's Kylee Shipley (20) goes up for a shot in the first half against Culver's Alison Zehner (32).

score." Cvitkovic, CGA's promising 5-11 freshman, reeled off 16 points, 11 rebounds and three blocked shots before fouling out late in overtime. She locked horns with Culver post standout Gwen Zehner for better than three quarters, until her fourth foul with 6:22 to go in the fourth quarter

off a pressbreaker and a 47-46 Culver edge with 1:56 left in the game. But with Malchow, who also hit a pair of free throws with 53 seconds to go in the contest, on the loose the advantage didn't hold. For the game, Malchow finished with 14 points and nine rebounds. Hannah Starkey, who canned 3-of-4 from the charity stripe over the game's final 15 seconds, scored a game-high 16 points for the Zebras. Kirsten Elliott and Kayla Lindsey both snagged eight rebounds for Rochester, which survived 26 turnovers and a 31 percent mark from the field.

"We were our own worst enemy with careless mistakes in the fourth quarter," Stesiak said. "We've done a good job on the boards. Starkey and Elliott are undersized, but they make up what they lack in size with quickness. We haven't shot the ball well this year. Offensive rebounds and free throws have been our next best weapons."

**ROCHESTER 54,**  
**CULVER COMMUNITY 49**  
At Culver  
Score by quarters  
Rochester: 14 30 41 54  
Culver: 14 21 32 49  
ROCHESTER (54): Kirsten Elliott 2 1-2 5, Alanie Sroufe 0 0-0 0, Kaitlyn Dennie 2 1-1 5, Abbie Malchow 3 7-12 14, Ciara Smith 0 0-0 0, Jayme Smiley 1 0-1 2, Kelsi Denney 1 1-2 3, Hannah Starkey 5 6-8 16, Kayla Lindsey 1 2-2 4, Raean Hunter 1 3-4 5, Leighnee Smith 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 16 21-32 54.  
CULVER (49): Nicole Carnegie 4 1-4 10, Susannah Baker 0 2-5 2, Kalee Miller 0 0-0 0, Whitney Sanders 6 2-2 15, Alison Zehner 3 1-1 7, Chandler Gast 0 0-0 0, Cindy Miller 0 0-0 0, Gwen Zehner 6 3-7 15. TOTALS: 19 9-19 49.  
3-point goals: Rochester 1 (Malchow), Culver 2 (Carnegie, Sanders); Turnovers: Rochester 26, Culver 17; Rebounds: Rochester 54 (Malchow 9), Culver 30 (G. Zehner 13); Assists: Rochester 6 (Malchow 2), Culver 5 (Baker 2); Steals: Rochester 4, Culver 10 (Sanders 4); Fouls (fouled out): Rochester 19 (Lindsey), Culver 23 (Sanders, A. Zehner); Records: Rochester 5-2, Culver 5-1.

## Rochester escapes Culver with narrow win

By Dee Grenert  
Correspondent

**CULVER** — Culver Community nearly snatched victory from the jaws of defeat.

Rochester, though, grabbed it back.

After the Zebras squandered a 13-point second-half lead, sophomore guard Abbie Malchow drilled a go-ahead triple — her team's only field goal of the final frame — off an inbound play with 23 seconds left in the game to key Rochester's 54-49 girls basketball win December 1 at John R. Nelson Gymnasium.

"I think it's a gutty performance," Rochester head coach Tony Stesiak said. "It doesn't look pretty all the time, but we get it done. We had excellent execution all around on the 3-point shot. We had good screens, a good pass and good shot. We probably stole one tonight."

Following Malchow's 3-pointer, delivered from behind a screen two steps to the right of the top of the key to give the Zebras a 51-49 lead, the Cavs turned the ball over to effectively sew up the outcome, but not the night's drama.

Culver Community head coach Ashli Faulkner, with a Christmas due date to deliver her first baby, sat on the bench after the game in visible discomfort and conferring with her husband.

"We don't know what's going on yet," Culver assistant coach Tammy Shedrow said of the Culver skipper.

What Shedrow and the Cavs did know was that rebounding and foul trouble cost the squad dearly. Rochester, which out-rebounded Culver 54-30, snared 25 offensive rebounds and scored 17 second-chance points, highlighted by Mal-

chow's game-changing trey. Culver also lost a pair of players to fouls and sent Rochester to the free-throw line 32 times.

"It was huge," Shedrow said of the rebounding disparity. "We just didn't come out ready to rebound. We preach to crash the boards, crash the boards, and we didn't do it. It killed us."

Culver forward Gwen Zehner scored 13 of her team-high-tying 15 points during the second half and pulled down a game-best 13 rebounds, while junior guard Whitney Sanders fought through a pre-game injury to score 15 points herself and nab four steals. Junior guard Nicole Carnegie chipped in 10 points and Susannah Baker pulled in seven rebounds for Culver.

"Whitney Sanders cut her eyelid before the game," Shedrow said. "Our trainer patched her up and she was ready to play. Hats off to her because she didn't let adversity affect her."

Despite the rebounding margin and persistent foul trouble, the Cavs managed to climb all the way back from a 41-28 deficit with 1:21 left in the third frame.

With that seemingly commanding double-digit edge, the Zebras pulled the ball out and attempted — unsuccessfully — to milk the clock. The Cavs rattled off a 14-1 spurt, capped off by Alison Zehner's steal, bucket and foul to knot the score at 42-42 with 3:13 left in the game.

"Alison Zehner played very well," Shedrow said. "The second half we did come out ready to play. Unfortunately, you can't play just a half of basketball."

Culver claimed its first lead since the opening quarter when Sanders fed Gwen Zehner for a layup

## Boys basketball

**Cavs earn first W**  
Culver used a balanced offensive effort to outscore LaCrosse 29-14 in the second and third quarters, beating the Tigers 61-45 on their home turf Dec. 4.

Zoe Bauer led the Cavaliers (1-1) with 16 points, while Collin Stevens chipped in 10, Larry Clingler added nine, and A.J. Neace put up eight points in the win.

**CULVER COMMUNITY 61,**  
**LACROSSE 45**  
At LaCrosse  
Score by quarters  
Culver: 13 26 42 61  
LC: 11 18 25 45  
Culver (61): A.J. Neace 3 2-4 8, Nick Peterson 1 3-4 5, Brock Elliott 1 2-2 4, Collin Stevens 2 5-5 10, Zoe Bauer 6 2-4 16, Patrick Mulvihill 0 2-2 2, Kyle Pugh 1 1-2 3, Michal Budzinski 2 0-2 4, Larry Clingler 4 1-4 9; Totals: 20 18-29 61.  
LaCrosse (45): Seth Culver 2 2-2 6, Chris Kowalski 1 0-0 2, Ryan Pahl 2 4-8 9, Jordan Guse 6 0-0 15, Brian Budzinski 2 0-2 4, Larry Clingler 4 1-4 9; Totals: 17 7-14 45.

3-point goals: CC 3 (Bauer 2, Stevens 1), LC 4 (Guse 3, Pahl 1); Rebounds: CC 41, LC 30; Assists: CC 12, LC 8; Steals: CC 9, LC 16; Turnovers: CC 27, LC 23; Fouls (fouled out): CC 17 (none), LC 23 (Shoupe).  
Records: Culver 1-1, LaCrosse 1-2.  
JV score: LaCrosse 44, Culver Community 37.

## Girls basketball

**Feldman leads Lions past Culver in OT thriller**

Bremen's Kailee Feldman scored 20 points, including six of the Lady Lions' 10 with three players fouled out in overtime, and Bremen outlasted visiting Culver 66-64 in a Northern State Conference-opening thriller at Bremen Dec. 5.

Behind Feldman's 20, Lerin Studt put up 16 points, and Brittany Pittman hit three 3s on her way to 13 points for the balanced Lions offense.

Culver's Gwen Zehner dominated inside with a game-high 37 points, including a 13-of-15 performance from the foul line, while Cindy Miller matched Pittman's three

treys for 10 points.

The Lions improve to 3-4 with a 1-0 start in NSC play, while Culver slips to 5-2 and starts its conference schedule 0-1.

**BREMEN 66, CULVER 64 (OT)**  
At Bremen  
Score by quarters  
Bremen: 16 28 46 56 66  
Culver: 13 31 38 56 64  
Bremen (66): Brittany Pittman 4 2-3 13, Jenna Pfeiffer 2 1-2 5, Lerin Studt 7 1-3 16, Allison Shorter 2 1-2 5, Shayna Graverson 0 1-2 1, Kailee Feldman 6 6-10 20, Brooke Baker 0 0-0 0; Totals: 25 14-24 66.  
Culver (64): Nicole Carnegie 1 0-2 2, Susannah Baker 1 3-4 5, Chelsey Jones 0 0-0 0, Whitney Sanders 2 2-3 8, Alison Zehner 1 0-0 2, Breanna Powers 0 0-0 0, Gwen Zehner 12 13-15 37, Cindy Miller 3 1-2 10, Kalee Miller 0 0-0 0, Chandler Gast 0 0-0 0; Totals: 20 19-26 64.

3-point goals: Bremen 6 (Pittman 3, Feldman 2, Studt 1); Culver 5 (C. Miller 3, Sanders 2); Rebounds: Bremen 22, Culver 30; Turnovers: Bremen 15, Culver 18; Steals: Bremen 3, Culver 13; Assists: Bremen 6, Culver 15; Fouls (fouled out): Bremen 22 (Pittman, Pfeiffer, Studt); Culver 21 (A. Zehner).  
Records: Bremen 3-4, 1-0 NSC; Culver 5-2, 0-1 NSC.

## CGA wins

**WGA tourney**  
After going 0-4 against Western Reserve Academy in the championship game at the Western Reserve Girls Basketball Invitational the past four seasons, Culver Girls Academy finally broke through with a big second half to lift the Lady Eagles past their hosts 50-45 in Hudson, Ohio Dec. 5.

CGA trailed by 12 points at halftime but regrouped to outscore Western Reserve 31-14 in the second half. Kylee Shipley led the Eagles with a game-high 21 points en route to winning the tournament MVP award, while Andrijana Cvitkovic finished with 16 points and was named to the all-tourney team.

The Eagles advanced by beating Our Lady of the Elms, 56-31, in the tournament semifinals on Friday night.

**CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 50,**  
**WESTERN RESERVE 45**  
At Hudson, Ohio  
Score by quarters  
CGA: 9 19 33 50

WRA: 16 31 40 45  
CGA (50): Alexis Christlieb 0-0 2-0 0, Kenzie Ungar 2-0 1-2 5, Katie Gawor 0-0 0-0 0, Andrea Lin 2-0 0-0 4, Kylee Shipley 8-1 2-2 21, Moira Kelley 0-0 0-0 0, Brenna Newell 1-0 0-1 2, Erica Sims 1-0 0-0 2, Andrijana Cvitkovic 7-0 2-9 16; TOTALS: 21-15 50.

WRA (45): Nicky Waldeck 1-1 0-0 5, Hannah Barry 0-0 0-0 0, Louise Craig 2-1 2-3 9, Allison Isaac 0-0 0-0 0, Sarah Puffer 0-0 0-0 0, Katerina Vlasakova 1-0 2-2 4, Alison Schlothauer 1-0 0-0 2, Maggie Craig 2-0 4-5 8, Kelsey Greissing 3-0 1-1 7, Kathleen McCallops 4-0 0-0 8, Essence Bell 1-0 0-2 2; TOTALS: 15-29 45.

Turnovers: CGA 16, WRA 10; Assists: CGA 14 (Newell 4), WRA 3; Personal Fouls (fouled out): CGA 14 (none), WRA 18 (Craig). Technicals: CGA bench.

## Boys swimming

**CMA edges out Pilgrims**  
Culver Military won six races and finished the day with a win in the 200 free relay ahead of Plymouth in third to edge out the Pilgrims 94-90 at the Pilgrim Swim Relays Dec. 5. Plymouth won just two races but finished in the top three in all events to place second at the home meet.

Washington placed third with a score of 76 ahead of Rochester's 70, while Tippecanoe Valley finished fifth with 40 points.

**PILGRIM SWIM RELAYS**  
At Plymouth  
Team scores: Culver Military 94, Plymouth 90, South Bend Washington 76, Rochester 70, Tippecanoe Valley 40.  
200 medley relay: 1. CMA 1:50.62 (Rene Del Castillo, Matt Adams, Wyatt McCloskey, Zach Grant), 2. Plymouth 1:53.13 (Paolo Palmittessa, Joe Portteus, Riley Senter, Kevin Garrity), 3. Tippy Valley 2:05.42 (Gunnar Kaiser, Ethan McDonald, Kenneth Surface, Zeke McSherry); 500 medley relay: 1. Plymouth 5:14.41 (David Orender, Brandon Brasher, Jared Hill, Kevin Garrity), 2. Rochester 5:18.6 (Bill Grimes, Sam Thomas, Richie Ulrey, Matt Zeyen), 3. Tippy Valley 5:19.47 (Jan Brain, Ethan McDonald, Zeke McSherry, Kenneth Surface); 100 free relay: 1. CMA 53.5 (Maurica Cohen, Alberto Gonzalez, Adam Beltrones, Peter Brotherton), 2. Plymouth 55.96 (Cole Mann, John Hampton, Clayton Maddox, Ben Shortt), 3. Tippy Valley 59.43

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## Academies rowing captains to continue at Division I level

The captains of the varsity rowing teams at Culver Girls Academy and Culver Military Academy have signed National Letters of Intent to continue their rowing careers at the NCAA Division I level.

CGA senior Kirsten Elliott of Culver will continue her career at the University of Louisville, while CMA's Trevor Weaser of Plymouth will row at Northeastern University.

"I chose the University of Louisville for its rowing team. The girls I met on my visit immediately felt like family to me, and I'm excited and honored to join such a competitive and driven group of women," Elliott said. "Louisville will also provide me with multiple opportunities and programs to pursue my career in ophthalmology."

"Kirsten is going to be a great addition to the program and I couldn't be more excited," said Louisville women's rowing head coach Laura N. Aubrey.

Elliott, a Batten Scholar at CGA, was honored by the ICGSA as an Academic All-State award recipient in volleyball, and she was also selected as an Honorable Mention by USRowing in its national Scholastic Honor Roll. She lettered her first two years as a varsity swimmer and has been a four-year member of both crew in the spring and volleyball, which she co-captained during the 2009 season.

Elliott was also selected to serve as the dorm chair of her living unit for this year's first leadership rotation.

During her freshman year she raced in the varsity eight and was the stroke of the Novice four, helping compile a season record of 17-7. She was named Outstanding Novice Rower for her efforts.

During the 2007 season, Elliott was a member of the varsity eight and varsity four, which compiled respective records of 5-0 and 8-8. She raced to a third place finish in the varsity 4-with at the Midwest Scholastic Regatta. She later raced to a third-place finish in the USRowing Club Nationals in the junior B eight.

Last spring, CGA's varsity eight went 15-2, and the varsity four with coxswain went undefeated (7-0) and was a finalist in two events at the Midwest Scholastic Regatta. Elliott placed fifth in the varsity double and third in the varsity quadruple scull.

"Kirsten is one of those special athletes that come along so rarely," said Culver Academies rowing coach Guy Weaser. "Not only does she have the physical skills to be successful in rowing but the determination to be successful no matter how physically challenging, coupled with the ability to motivate her teammates to work with her to be successful."

CMA team captain Trevor Weaser signed to attend Boston's Northeastern after considering a variety of colleges for both rowing and basketball opportunities. At 6-9, he is also a captain of the CMA varsity basketball team as well as a four-year rower.

Weaser raced at the USRowing Club Nationals in the junior B double and advanced to the semifinals after his eighth grade year, and he joined the CMA team in the fall of his freshman year, rowing as stroke of the Novice four — which finished fifth in the Midwest Scholastic Championship — in addition to racing in the varsity eight the entire season.

"I have always enjoyed crew, ever since I was young," said Weaser. "I am excited to be able to represent the Culver Military Academy Crew team as a captain. I am really looking forward to the season. My main goals are to improve personally, but also as a team. The team aspect is one of the many reasons I enjoy crew so much. I feel that crew is the perfect team sport. You win together and you lose together. You improve together and learn from each other."

During the summer of 2007, Weaser again raced at the USRowing Club Nationals in the junior B double and the junior B single and advanced to the semifinals in both. He raced to a third-place finish with his father in the 2007 Masters Nationals in the Father/Son double.

As a third classman, he raced in the varsity 8-with, varsity 4-with and was undefeated in the varsity double at 9-0. The highlight of his 2008 season was a second-place finish in the junior quadruple scull and qualification for the finals of the varsity double at the Midwest Scholastic Championship.

At the 2009 Midwest Scholastic Championship Weaser placed second in both the Varsity double and junior quadruple scull. The junior 4-with raced at the American Scholastic Championship. He also raced in the varsity eight and four-with coxswain, compiling season records of 11-3 and 4-0, respectively.

"We are thrilled that Trevor will be joining the exceptional freshman class we have recruited for 2010-2011," said Northeastern men's rowing coach John Pojednic. "His athletic background, 6-9 frame and his desire to be an elite level oarsman will make him an asset to our program. We look forward to guiding him to the realization of his athletic and academic potential."

CGA has had a varsity rowing team since 1978, while CMA's program was established in 1921.



Culver Academies students Trevor Weaser, left, and Kirstin Elliott.

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(Aaron Howard, Mike Burke, Alex Nygaard, Jan Brain); 200 fly relay: 1. CMA 1:49.84 (David DeVries, Matt Adams, Peter Brotherton, Wyatt McCloskey), 2. Washington 1:55.54 ( Nicholas Tetzlaff, Nicholas Hay, Shawn Elston, Gabriel Lee), 3. Plymouth 2:17.65 (Jake Martin, Clayton Maddox, Michael Pedavoli, Riley Senter); Diving relay: 1. Washington 161.3 (Windsor Hay 91.1, Shawn Elston 70.2), 2. CMA 147.45 (Daniel Tuerff 76.95, Wyatt McCloskey 70.5), 3. Plymouth 127.9 (Joe Portteus 91.3, Jack Holloway 36.6); 400 free relay: 1. CMA 3:59.79 (Jorge De La Vega, Oliver Culver, Adam Beltrones, Jose Herrea), 2. Tippy Valley 4:00.46 (Zeke McSherry, Ethan McDonald, Gunnar Kaiser, Kenneth Surface), 3. Plymouth 4:32.74 (Brandon Brashere, Jake Martin, Michael Pedavoli, David Orender); 200 breast relay: 1. Washington 2:16.8 (Anthony Lee, Nicholas Tetzlaff, Windsor Hay, Shawn Elston), 2. Rochester 2:26.16 (Richie Ulrey, Victory Grimes, Darius Rude, Sam Thomas); 200 back relay: 1. CMA 1:57.01 (David DeVries, Zach Grant, Peter Brotherton, Rene Del Castillo), 2. Plymouth 2:13.10 (Ben Shortt, Jake Martin, Jared Hill, Paolo Palmitessa), 3. Rochester 2:31.6 (Fritz Heinzman, Taylor Campbell, Jonah Brooks, Matt Zeyer); 400 medley relay: 1. Plymouth 4:24.09 (Kevin Garrity, Jared Hill, Paolo Palmitessa, Riley Senter), 2. Washington 4:41.62 (Nicholas Tetzlaff, Gabriel Lee, Nicholas Hay, Mark Chabot), 3. Rochester 4:50.79 (Richie Ulrey, Darius Rude, Matt Zeyen, Sam Thomas); 200 free relay: 1. CMA 1:40.38 (Zach Grant, Jorge De La Vega, Matt Adams, David DeVries), 2. Rochester 2:04.05 (Travis Nelson, Taylor Campbell, A.J. Hudkins, Jonah Brooks), 3. Plymouth 2:05.6 (Jack Holloway, Cole Mann, John Hampton, David Orender).

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## CES 'Culver's Best' for November

Culver Elementary School has named its "Culver's Best: for November.

- Kindergarten:** Kathleen Perkins, Zachary Hine, Spring Ye, Jordan Lewis-Otteman, Jack Madsen, Mackenzie Banks
- First grade:** Makenzie Handley, Matthew Bailey, Wyatt Ringer, Chyna Thomas, Ka-leigh Kephart, Damian Byers, Ethan Lima, Damian Dunn, Monica Lloyd, Rashae Hoover
- Second grade:** Isabelle Ahlenius, Lilly Sayavongsing, Dakota Clark, Drake Gross, Sheyenne Craig, Lucas Cobern, Keegan Allen, Hunter Manns.
- Third grade:** Jazzy Beitler, Alex Wagner, Jenna Moise, Megyn Gamble, Taylor Noah, Abby Gregory, Mackinna Burluson, Maranda Otteman
- Fourth grade:** Hayley Wilkinson, Daniel Skiles, Rachael England, John Young, Thomas Young, Shelby Swafford, Cody Rieckhoff, Kirsten Atkins.
- Fifth grade:** Jennifer Dady, Brandon Havron, Russell Temme, Cora Dodge, Donny Baugh, Erin Bendy, Josie Ross, Mike Garza
- Sixth grade:** Cody Valiquet, Maria Lindvall, Clare Nowalk, Tatyana Romero, Tyler Binkley, Machayla Allen, Josh Bodine, Megan Brady.

## Community Calendar

<p><b>Thurs., Dec. 17</b> Culver Academies winter vacation begins 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 Thursday Tech Time class, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library Board of Zoning Appeals mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall Culver Public Library board mtg., 7 p.m., Culver Public Library Knights of Columbus St. Mary of the Lake Council #13720 business mtg., church rectory basement</p> <p><b>Fri., Dec. 18</b> Computer class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library</p>	<p>Nativity pageant, 6 p.m., St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church VFW Men's Auxiliary dinner, 5:30 p.m., VFW Post</p> <p><b>Sat., Dec. 19</b> Quilting group, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library Census job testing, 1 p.m., Culver Public Library</p> <p><b>Sun., Dec. 20</b> Open gym for adults, 1 to 3 p.m. (Sundays through March 7), Culver Middle School gymnasium</p> <p><b>Mon., Dec. 21</b> Knitting Class, 5 p.m., Culver Public Library Computer class, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library VFW Ladies' Auxiliary Christmas party, 6 p.m.,</p>	<p>VFW Post DivorceCare, 7 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ</p> <p><b>Tues., Dec. 22</b> Master gardening, 5:30 p.m., Culver Public Library Town council mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall</p> <p><b>Weds., Dec. 23</b> Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library REAL Meals Christmas party, noon, Culver beach lodge Lions Club mtg., 6:30 p.m., train station-depot</p> <p><b>Thurs., Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve</b> Culver Public Library, other entities closed for holiday</p>
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## A new beginning and a fond farewell

Bishop John D'Arcy (right, assisted here by the bishop's Master of Ceremonies James Fitzpatrick, center) of the Catholic Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend visited Culver December 5 to officially install Monsignor Thaddeus Balinda (at left, better known locally as "Father Tad") as pastor of St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church here.

The Bishop told parishioners they're lucky to have Balinda, a scholarly and experienced priest who acted as Vicar General -- among other duties through the years -- at his home Diocese of Fort Portal in Uganda, Africa. Balinda arrived in Indiana in January and started at St. Mary's in August.

Balinda praised the bishop as well as his Culver congregation, emphasizing he is here "to be your servant" and joking the people of St. Mary's have "acted as Africans towards me" in terms of welcoming hospitality. A fellow priest from Uganda, Fr. Charles Oyo (not pictured here), also celebrated the Mass with Balinda and D'Arcy.

The occasion was especially poignant in that it's likely the last visit to Culver D'Arcy will make as bishop. It was announced in recent weeks he will retire in January; bishop Kevin Rhoades of Pennsylvania will take over his role as the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese's new bishop at that time. He will likely visit Culver this spring to confirm local Catholic students.

A reception and dinner for Bishop D'Arcy and Fr. Balinda was held following the installation Mass at St. Mary's.

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# Council considers legality of church sign

## Moves forward with town-wide trash service, other items

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

A representative from one area church visited Culver's Town Council at its regular December 8 meeting after Culver's Board of Zoning Appeals mixed the church's plans for what the church termed a "directional sign" pointing visitors to its location.

Bill Furry, representing St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church, located at 515 North State Street, had already received Council approval for the sign some months ago, providing the BZA also approved it. Furry said he presented the proposal to the BZA, at its most recent meeting, that a 20 by 30 inch sign using the Episcopal Church's national logo and pointing to St. Elizabeth's location be placed near the corner of State Street and Lake Shore Drive.

Furry said the church had been several years at a building on the north side of Academy Road, but moved to its present site, a former private residence, three years ago. He said he contacted Culver Building Inspector Russ Mason to learn legal specifications for placement of the sign and sent notice of the church's intent to 40 area property owners at the church's expense, adding he is aware of no objections to the sign from nearby citizens or organizations.

Furry said the BZA rejected the request on the grounds the sign is an advertisement as well as a concern its placement could set a precedent for similar signs.

"I think maybe having church signs in the community is not a bad idea," said Furry.

Furry said the intent was to place the sign in the median between street and sidewalk, and noted it would not obstruct drivers' view "unless you're driving on the wrong side of the street."

Fire chief Mike Grover, in the audience, said he has no objection to the sign, which would be placed across the street from the fire station.

Audience member Jean Rakich said municipal street signs saying "church" are sometimes seen, but expressed agreement with the BZA that the St. Elizabeth's sign looks like an advertisement.

"We don't see signs saying Grace Church, or Wesley, of St. Mary's," she added, referring to other local churches, none of which presently utilize directional signs.

"My sign doesn't say we've got specials on baptisms on Thursday," said Furry. "We're the only church in town that looks like a house; all the other churches look like churches. We're just trying to tell people there's an Episcopal church in town and where it is."

Council members agreed with Council President



Members of Culver's Girl Scouts shared lessons learned about trees and tree planting with Culver's Town Council during its Dec. 8 meeting. From left to right, Emily Bendy (holding map), Trista Vela, Olivia Jennings, Catherine Szymusiak, and Erin Bendy.

Sally Ricciardi they would like to take time to examine the specifics of the BZA's objections to the sign, and will contact Furry after doing so.

In other discussion, at the request of audience member Jim Hahn – who thanked the Council for a town hall-style meeting the previous week to discuss the possibility of town-contracted trash service for every Culver property – the Council discussed its next moves on the subject.

A public work session was scheduled for January 5 at 6:30 p.m. on the matter, and Council members with the exception of an abstaining Ed Pinder voted

to move forward with deciding what specifications should go into the bid for town-wide trash service.

During discussion, Pinder asked if people with homes in the Culver area but out of town at present should have a chance to learn more about the plan, which would require billing for trash service be added to all residents' water bills and facilitate takeover of all private residences' waste hauling by a single, town-contracted company.

Ricciardi asked if the issue should wait until the summer to move forward, noting many summer residents subscribe to the Culver Citizen and will read about the possibility of town-wide service. Council member Ginny Munroe said she hasn't heard from any summer-only residents except those positive about the plan, but said she's not sure she would be influenced against town-contracted service if she did hear objections. She cited the proliferation of visitors and possible part-time

residents apparently dumping trash in other people's – and businesses' and public entities' – trash receptacles.

Audience member Doris Breyfogle told the Council she doesn't disagree with the possibility of town-wide service, but emphasized a great deal more work will take place on the part of town hall employees if it is adopted, explaining an adequate administrative fee should be applied to residents' bills to cover the greater work load. She also suggested a town ordinance cover exactly who will be required to have town-contracted service and when trash bins should be put out for weekly collection and taken back in off the street.

Mike Strang of the Bonar Group told the Council recommended repairs have been made to an ageing pipe ushering water from Lake Maxinkuckee at its west shore outlet. He praised the work of town employees in repairs to the pipe, adding notice of the repairs was sent to various agencies

monitoring the effort such as the Indiana Department of Environmental Management and Army Corps of Engineers.

At previous meetings Strang noted the pipe will need fully replaced, and he presented a proposal at the December 8 meeting for the various steps of that repair, adding a replacement will need to be in exactly the same location as the present pipe in order to maintain proper flow out of the lake and into nearby Hawk Lake. Towards that end, Strang said he's seeking detailed documentation of the pipe's engineering, something Kathy Clark of the Lake Maxinkuckee

Environmental Council said she may be able to help him with.

Also visiting the Council was Shannon McLeod of Priority Project Resources in Greensburg, Ind. McLeod, a grant writer and project funding coordinator-administrator for 17 years, has worked with communities across Indiana – including several in the northern Indiana region of which Culver is a part – and said she met Culver Town Manager Michael Doss in October. The two then discussed some projects the town has lately considered seeking funding assistance for.

McLeod said her firm has done well recently in winning federal Disaster Recovery grants, which the Council has long been eyeing as a possible funding source for much-needed overhaul of parts of its storm water system. The Council will consider the possibility of enlisting McLeod's services for that and other grant writing projects.

Town Manager Doss told the Council the Marshall County commissioners agreed to support annexation of county property on Culver's south side into the town proper, the latest step in a move to annex parcels just south and west of the Marmont Grille at Main and Ohio Streets.

Police Chief Wayne Bean presented the council with a check for \$19,800 which he said was derived from a Marshall County fund accumulated from fees associated with ordinance violations. Bean said communities in Marshall County are eligible to apply for funds from the monies if a conviction is gained in an ordinance violation case. In this case, he said, a \$10 traffic ticket eventually resulted in the offender paying \$156, after which Bean applied for monies from the county-based fund. The money will be used at the police department's discretion.

Members of Culver's Girl Scout Troop made a presentation to the Council as well, reflecting on their service experience assisting in a recent tree planting effort in Culver as well as describing how to plant trees and the types of trees planted in the area.

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# The Day of Infamy remembered...

## Pearl Harbor Day 2009: Navy veterans witnessed 'first shot' of World War II

By Mike Boys  
Staff Writer

PLYMOUTH — It's been 68 years since the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor and many of us remember where we were and what we were doing on December 7, 1941. Jim DeWitt, age 88, of Culver, and Jim Moore, 91, of Peru remember too. They were there. In fact, both were involved in "the first shot" of World War II. DeWitt and Moore were honored guest speakers at the Plymouth Rotary Club Monday at Christo's Banquet Center. Jim Moore, who was an ensign during the attack at Pearl Harbor, and Jim DeWitt, who was a yeoman at that time served on the same ship -- the USS Antares. The Hoosier pair recounted the early morning of Dec. 7, 1941. Both men were on

board the USS Antares when they entered the defensive sea area near Pearl Harbor's entrance when the helmsman of the USS Ward, which was nearby, saw a black object between the tow line of the USS Antares and the barge. The quartermaster used his binoculars for a closer look and saw what appeared to be a Japanese submarine's conning tower with periscope. At 6:40 a.m. that fateful day general quarters were sounded and the men



CITIZEN PHOTO/MIKE BOYS  
U.S. Navy Commander Jim Moore, 91, of Peru (left), and Culver's Jim DeWitt, 88, at right, are Pearl Harbor survivors and were guest speakers at the Plymouth Rotary Club Monday. Retired U.S. Army Lt. Colonel Ralph Booker, standing, was the program chairman.

of the USS Ward and USS Antares manned their battle stations. Finally the order was given to fire. Depth charges and gunfire erupted and the submarine was hit. This flurry of events all happened about an hour before the initial attack on Pearl Harbor — and was witnessed by both Moore and DeWitt. Moore told Rotarians Monday, "I guess you

could say that we saw the first shot of World War II, because about an hour later the attack began." They both said they had some close calls as the planes strafed their ship, but little damage was done. "It was scary," they remembered. Jim DeWitt served six years with the U.S. Navy and was a Yeoman 2nd Class when he was discharged. He also owned and operated the Culver Bowling Alley for many years until his retirement. Jim Moore served from 1940 until 1953 and retired as a full commander. He also served a term of years at the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

## In time for Christmas Eve?

A short story  
By Jim Walsh

Ella Mae had played the harp in a symphony orchestra. Her talent wasn't less playing a piano. When asked to direct and prepare her church's choir for Christmas Eve, years of musical training and vivid imagination foresaw directing a pontifical assembly of beautiful voices blending in heavenly harmony. She agreed to do it, sight unseen.

What she saw was a choir of old codgers: Rufus, Red, Nails, Winifred, Beulah, Grandma Lizzy and Buster. Rufus was a bass with the need to solo a note before a down beat. his sound something like a groundhog's grunt. Red, a time or two over his seven decades was a tenor who hung on to the high note, if he hit it. like he was on an inner tube in Lake Maxinkuckee during a stormy night.

Nails could harmonize with a song bird. Winifred had the urge to appraise the meaning of hymns. Beulah told a tale or two about Bridge hands played by the ladies over to the train station. Grandma Lizzy retold jokes, mostly Bob Hope's, though she claimed she was a mere babe in arms when he was on the radio. Root Beer' Buster could carry a tune. He didn't work at the root beer stand, just refueled every time he rounded the corner going into or out of Culver.

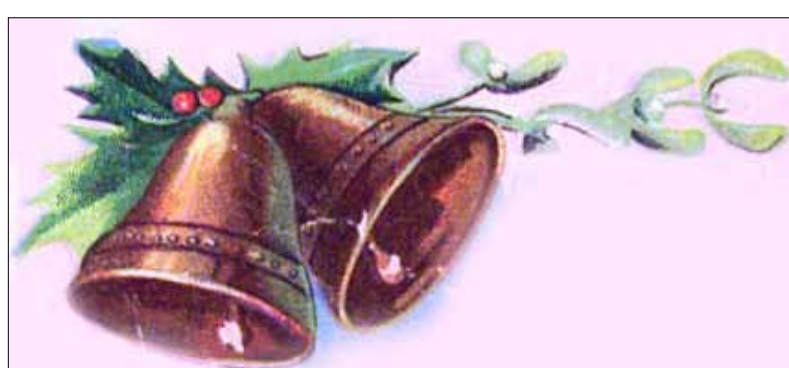
On Tuesday evenings, Ella Mae's old timers reluctantly got off soft couches, turned off TV, got in pickups and churned over the motor and scooted the back roads dodging deer to church. There, they'd gimp up the stairs to the choir loft, not that there was a loft, just rows of first floor chairs up front next to the piano. Tonsils loosened, Ella Mae would take to the piano to give hints as to the tune to sing. If she were dismayed she hadn't a symphony chorus in front of her, or would never have, she didn't let on. To fill voice gaps, she recruited Jean and Joan, a couple of preteens with beatific voices and faces to match who could read music as easily as Einstein could read mathematical formulas.

Come Sundays, trouble wasn't so much singing hymns sitting down during Tuesday practices. the oldies' preferred placement. but during service having to pull up off choir chairs to stand to sing. Old joints, like old voices, weren't what they used to be. Ella Mae's, Jean's and Joan's easy flow of body movements was effortless, but among the rest there wasn't much oil left to lubricate old bones. However, the elegant ladies' in the front row who took music way back when walking was the way to get to school, and the back row good old guys more used to holding tools than pitch, responded when Ella Mae raised her hand and swayed on the down beat like a flower in a breeze. The oldies mostly had good sense about time, tune and being close to harmony. None were embarrassed to lean forward to listen to Jean's and Joan's pitch singing notes where and when the sheet music set it down to be sung.

It might be said the choir of old codgers at Sunday services wasn't quite as heavenly in song as Ella Mae wished, none-the-less their sound chased more than one demon from church.

ized she might never get the sound of a Pontifical Choir in time for Christmas Eve, but wouldn't settle for less. She felt confident her teaching skills could bring out harmony, no matter that wandering minds and voices were the natural roads of old timers How to levitate her choir's sound?

It was Red who discovered how. He noticed Ella Mae's big toe stuck out of her right sandal like a sentry on guard.



He noticed the toe wiggled the directions of a compass in harmony with the time her hands counted per beat, the time she obviously hoped her choristers might keep during the singing of a hymn. He

noted there was as much rhythm in Ella Mae's big toe as there was rhythm in a baton in the hand of a maestro.

Red whispered the wonder to Nails who whispered to Buster who whispered to Rufus to follow the big toe! There were no music majors among them. Whatever was a measure or a staff was of no mind. The big toe was. Rufus came in on cue. Red held notes to time. Nails harmony soared like a snow winged dove. Buster sang with a glow of rapture.

Jean and Joan tuned in sweet as angels' breath. Winifred, Beulah and Grandma Lizzy were the very soul of song.

On Christmas Eve, Ella Mae, wearing the smile of Mona Lisa, relished the applause. Her choir had received what money could not buy: a sigh from the manger.

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