



# The Culver Citizen

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## In Brief

### Community chili supper Jan. 29

The Culver Community Council of Churches, together with the Culver Lions Club, is sponsoring a "Chili Supper" in which all proceeds will go to the Culver Food Pantry. The CYCO group, Culver Youth Community Organization, will supply youth volunteers to assist with the supper. The supper will again feature the famous "Pinder Chili and the desserts" provided by the ladies of the various churches that comprise the Council of Churches. The event will be held Friday, January 29 from 4:30 to 8 p.m. at the Vandalia Railroad Station in Culver. Freewill donations will be accepted at the door.

### Free computer classes at the library

Culver-Union Township Public Library will begin its free computer classes in January. Classes will be held Monday evenings at 6 p.m. and Friday mornings at 10 a.m. Sessions for the month of January will cover essential computer skills, Internet, and E-Mail, with classes covering Microsoft Office in months to follow. These are hands-on classes and the library will provide computers. If you have your own laptop computer, feel free to bring it to the classes. Classes for January include: Computers for Beginners Part I, Jan. 4 (6 p.m.), 8 (10 a.m.); Computers for Beginners Part II, Jan. 11 (6 p.m.), 15 (10 a.m.); Internet, Jan. 18 (6 p.m.), 22 (10 a.m.); E-Mail, Jan. 25 (6 p.m.), 29 (10 a.m.). For more information, call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941, visit [www.culver.lib.in.us](http://www.culver.lib.in.us) or e-mail [abaker@culver.lib.in.us](mailto:abaker@culver.lib.in.us). The library's street address is 107 N. Main St.

### 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.

### Culver pantry in need

Culver's food pantry, located at 107 N. Main St. See Briefs page 3

## Around the Culver world in 365 days

ABOVE: Scenes from the year that was. TOP PHOTO: Volunteers with the Grace United Church of Christ-sponsored Culver Community Garden, located on land owned by the Wesley United Methodist Church. Pictured left to right are Wilma Craft, Latham Lawson, Mick Henley, Barb Quivey, and Marilyn Bickel. MIDDLE ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: 1. Culver was again the spotlight in January when the Academies' Black Horse Troop (pictured here rehearsing in Culver) marched in the presidential inaugural parade in Washington, D.C. 2. Monterey Elementary School principal Julie Berndt was named Principal of the Year By the Indiana Association of School Principals. 3. Jimmy Croy was one of several well known in the community to pass away in 2009. His untimely death shocked many in the area. 4. Janette Surissi (left) and Judy Sawhook assist in the June Tri Kappa event, "Chairs for Charity." 5. The Culver Boys & Girls Club chose a 1950s theme for its annual auction in July. Some of the local celebrity participants are seen here. BOTTOM ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: 1. Demolition work took place last summer in the Culver Elementary School gymnasium, preceding renovation of the bleachers and other components. 2. Several communities joined in supporting Culver area students Mag (left) and Liz West (CES teacher Missy Trent, who assisted in the effort, is in the middle). 3. Culver High School football player Michael Salary helped lead the Cavs in an autumn winning streak on the gridiron. 4. Indianapolis Colts football star Dallas Clark joined hundreds of others for the community-wide 2009 Relay for Life in April, to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

# Memories of Culver, 2009 AD

## A look back at the year that was

2009 was another year of triumphs, tragedies, and everything in between for the Culver community. As in years past, the Citizen takes a look back at highlights, week by week, of the year in headlines and profiles.

### JANUARY

**Jan. 8:** Early December kickoff events for this year's second annual Relay for Life in Culver have resulted in more than 175 participants and 25 teams registered for the April 17 event to fight cancer. The effort has already raised more than \$10,000 toward the \$200,000 goal.

A campus kick-off at Culver Academies was held Dec. 5 in the Shack for students, faculty, and staff, while a kick-off for Culver community residents -- plus faculty and staff -- was held Dec. 8 the train station-depot in Culver and a kickoff event at the Culver Community High School Dec. 15.

**Jan. 15:** Culver Academies Black Horse Troopers and Equestriennes paraded in Culver in a 'dress rehearsal' for the upcoming presidential inaugural to which they were invited. Five television stations from Indianapolis and South Bend -- besides a number of area newspapers and other media -- descended on Culver Jan. 11 to cover the preparation.

Culver mourned 72-year-old Ronald King, who died after the ice boat he was on fell through the ice on Lake Maxinkuckee.

Chad Van Herk was named Assistant Vice President and Branch Manager, Mortgage and Consumer Lending at Culver's First Farmers Bank & Trust, filling the vacancy left at the retirement of Larry Miller last year.

**Jan. 22:** Temperatures nearly 20 below zero ground much of Culver to a halt last Thursday and Friday, two days during which Culver schools were closed.

When Culver postal clerk Bill Rhodes retires Jan. 31, the community will lose a familiar face over the past two-plus years, and the Plymouth community may mark the end of a postal career with which it was familiar for two decades.

Officially reorganized but retaining Sally Ricciardi as president, Culver's town council announced Jan. 13 it would offer the long-discussed position of town manager to Michael Doss of Lewisburg, Ohio.

**Jan. 29:** "Four months of practice, years of restless waiting, 500 miles of travel, (and) 100 riders with their respective horses later," as Culver Academies senior Ashley Eberhart puts it, the school's Black Horse Troop and Equestriennes have returned from their participation in president Barack Obama's Jan. 20 inaugural parade.

Academies senior Samantha Costas wrote, "Happiness, anger, frustration because of the cold, numbness... then when I saw the (president's) viewing stand, all the negatives got pushed out for 30 seconds while I passed president Obama and his wife Michelle. It was an amazing feeling to represent Culver there."

### FEBRUARY

**Feb. 5:** Culver's Lions Club Jan. 28 celebrated its Organization of the Year (the Culver Lake Fest committee) and Citizen of the Year (Culver's Norman Kampe) during its annual awards night.

The Culver Community school board of trustees will begin the bidding for the old administration building on Ohio Street over a 50 day period.

Culver residents will see an increased water bill around the end of February, according to members of Culver's town council, who passed the second and third readings -- following a public hearing -- of an ordinance raising water rates just over 25 percent.

**Feb. 12:** The sudden death of Culver Community High School senior Liz West's parents -- both within three weeks of each other -- late in 2008 left the community shocked and Liz and her sister Margaret reeling. Thanks to the legacy left by her parents, and a remarkable outpouring of support and encouragement from Culver and the surrounding communities, Liz West chose to move forward with strength and resolve.

**Feb. 19:** Culver Community High School's Business Professionals of America organization has gained a reputation regionally and even statewide as an active and exemplary chapter, a group from a small school able to accomplish undeniably large feats of performance and participation. 15 out of 19 Culver BPA individual members qualified for the state-level competition in Indianapolis in March.

The Outreach Ministry at Grace United Church of Christ in Culver has announced plans for two mission projects specifically designed to benefit the community food pantry located at the church: 'Budget-Friendly Meals' classes and a Community Garden

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## Seven swans a-swimming Lake Max

Just in time to make the last edition of the Citizen to fall within the 12 days of Christmas, these seven swans were spotted a-swimming on Lake Maxinkuckee outside the Winfield Street home of Russ and Rita Mason, who shared this photo with the Citizen, on Christmas day. Photos of partridges spotted in pear trees in Culver may still be sent to the editor.

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## 2009 Memories from page 1

## MARCH

**March 5:** Michael Holdsworth of Mishawaka, when he heard the story of Culver's Liz West – who lost both parents within the space of three weeks this past December – announced organization of an April 5 benefit at Chippewa Bowl in South Bend for West and her sister Marge.

Efforts to resolve the question of whether to vacate a College Avenue-area alley by Culver's town council led into a sometimes heated discussion at the council's Feb. 24 meeting.



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Michael Uslan, producer of last year's highly successful Batman film, "The Dark Knight," chats with Culver Academies sophomore Maria Guarino in March.

**March 12:** Culver Tri Kappa's Chairs for Charity June event promises creativity, charity, community involvement, and fun, according to organizers, who say a month of community-created chairs will be capped off with a gala auction at the end of the month.

Culver Community reached its first back-to-back sectional championship game in program history, but the Cavaliers ultimately fell short defending their sectional 34 crown Saturday at North Judson-San Pierre.

**March 19:** Papa's restaurant in Culver hosted a March 14 Relay for Life fund-raising talent show and talent show and contest, which saw 10 year old Taylor Smith of Culver emerge a crowd-pleasing second-place winner. The most unusual entry involved a French horn and this bow-tied pooch. Culver Academies student band Cadence took first place in the contest.

Alan Huss laughs at some of the rumors that

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Culver Military Academy's basketball program is scouring the planet in search of big-time talent, plans to convert the Eagles into a Midwestern version of legendary Oak Hill Academy, the push for a national program, and withdrawal from the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA). But according to Huss, the Eagles' second-year head coach, none of it's true.

**March 26:** Michael Uslan, producer of last year's highly successful Batman film, "The Dark Knight" as well as five previous Batman movies, on March 3 spoke at Culver Academies' Eppley Auditorium. Uslan also visited with students in several classes on campus.

## APRIL

**April 2:** Well-known children's author David Slonim contributed his creative prowess to one of Culver Tri Kappa's "Chairs for Charity" during his recent visit to the area for the 24th Annual Young Authors' Conference.

Two Culver Elementary School students -- sixth grader Haley Klimaszewski and second grader Mackinna Burlison -- emerged winners of the writing contest at the 24th Annual Young Authors' Conference, held at Riverside Intermediate School March 12.

Culver Academies controller Rick Tompos told Culver's Kiwanis Club that "not cutting jobs" was a major priority for the school during the current economic crunch.

Culver's James T. Harper Sr. was presented a Melvin Jones Fellow (the highest distinction awarded by the Lions Club International) during a special ceremony for dedicated humanitarian services by Past International Director Dennis Cobler at the Lions District 25 G Convention held in Plymouth March 7.

**April 9:** Supporters from at least four counties gathered Sunday to rally behind Culver Community Schools students Liz and Mag West at an all-day fund-raiser in South Bend. Event organizers included Michael Holdsworth and Jessica Dieter of South Bend, and Culver Elementary School teacher Missy Trent.

For the second time in the past nine months, Culver's Medallion Cabinetry was the site of a possible threat, bringing officers from both the Culver and Marshall County police to investigate. While last July's threat, however, was phoned in, the discovery last Friday around noon was written, in this case on a bathroom wall.

For the second time in as many years, Culver Community High School is home to the recipient of the prestigious Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship, which pays all four years' worth of tuition and book fees to the public or private Indiana college of the winner's choice. What's more, this year's winner, Myles Pinder – son of Ed Jr. and Peggy Pinder – is the second of his siblings to receive the scholarship, the first being his sister Jessica in 2001.

Culver Community High School seniors came out on top last Friday at the school's annual Sports Spectacular, held at the high school gymnasium, winning the competition against other CCHS classes. As usual, Culver Community's teaching faculty dominated the annual basketball game against CCHS seniors.

**April 16:** Culver Community High School's top ten seniors honored their most influential teachers. Students included Tony Leyva, Kimberly Irsa, Whitney Banfield, Kallie Thompson, Myles Pinder, Shannon Dunfee, Brittany Collins, Justin Master, Kristina Klausning, and Beth Wojdyla. Honored teachers included Chris Stevens, Tiny Stacy, Vickie Benner, Bob Konzelman, John Browder, Bill King, Marybeth Harness, and Theresa Hammond.

**April 23:** Culver's Relay for Life 2009, held Friday night at the Culver Academies football field and track, raised over \$107,000 towards fighting cancer by Saturday morning. Indianapolis Colts and NFL superstar Dallas Clark was part of the event and took time to visit with participants and sign autographs.

Culver's town council April 14 struck language from its sidewalk sharing program policy which disallows money from that program be used towards new or commercial construction projects, or "substantial" remodeling to an existing structure. The decision answers ongoing concerns raised over the past few years by residents and council members as to how monies are distributed from the town's \$25,000 annual sidewalk budget, half of which is allotted each year for cost-sharing on residents' sidewalk replacements.

**April 30:** Much of the news concerning the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library's finances is good, as evidenced by the April 21 meeting of the library's board of trustees, though an audit from the state board of accounts likely to occur in the next few months also prompted the board to discuss and pass a somewhat debated resolution. A much debated resolution would be adopted that the board plans to "take no action with respect to compliance or non-compliance" with "Indiana law regarding use and disposition of library resources" until after the library receives the final audit report.

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## Obituary

### Raymond Edgar Kline December 3, 1917 - December 26, 2009

CULVER — Raymond E. Kline, 92, of Culver, and Fort Pierce, Fla., passed away Dec. 26, 2009, at Clarkston Specialty Healthcare, Clarkston, Mich., where he had been a patient for the last month.

Raymond was born Dec. 3, 1917, in Culver, to Edgar and Nellie Kline. He graduated from Culver High School and attended Moody Bible Institute.

On March 24, 1940, he married Daralys J. Leland in Culver.

Raymond opened Kline's TV and Appliance store on June 18, 1952, and was in business for approximately 40 years. Ray belonged to the Gideons, providing him exciting opportunities to distribute Bibles in numerous countries, including some "iron-curtain" countries.

He was an active member of the Grace Baptist Church in Plymouth, for many years and later attended Antioch Baptist Church in Rochester.

Raymond Daralys enjoyed traveling all over the world together, their journeys taking them to more than 60 countries. For the last five years, Ray shared his time with son Tim and family in Indiana and daughter Carol and family in Michigan.

Raymond is survived by son: Tim (Cindy) Kline of Peru; daughter: Carol (Steven) Holtzclaw of Oxford, Mich.; daughter-in-law: Christine Kline of Indianapolis; grandchildren: Matthew Kline, Camille Brugh, Amber Terry, Arielle Adenew, Avin Kline, Kris Holtzclaw, Kristen Brody; and great grandchildren: Steven, Erik and Audrey Brody and Elizabeth and Jacob Holtzclaw.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Daralys; son, Paul Kline; and sister, Josephine Powell.

Visitation with the family will take place at Odom Funeral Home, Culver, Wednesday, Dec. 30, from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., with funeral at 2 p.m.

Graveside service to follow for the family at Washington Cemetery, Culver.

Memorial contributions may be given to Moody Bible Institute, 820 N LaSalle Blvd, Chicago, IL 60610-3284. Condolences may be sent to the family via the obituary page at [www.odomfuneralhome.com](http://www.odomfuneralhome.com).

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

## Obituary

### Eddie D. Wright

### February 26, 1937- December 18, 2009

PLYMOUTH - Eddie D. Wright, 72, a lifetime Marshall County resident, living at 17926 14B Road, Culver, since 2006, died of natural causes in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, on Friday, December 18, 2009, at 11:59 p.m.

Eddie is survived by Eileen, his wife of almost 55 years, and his children and grandchildren: Edward Butch (Patty) Wright, Plymouth, and their children, Matt, Andy and Laura; Christopher A. Wright, Plymouth and his children, Nolan and Natalie and Kimberly A. (Jamey) Morrison, Culver, and their daughters, Amanda and Sarah. Two great grandchildren include Treyce and Grace. His sisters: Hilda Greene, N.J., Jean Abair and Pat Groninger, and two brothers: William Bill (Darlene) Wright and Larry (Phyllis) Wright, all of Plymouth, survive as well along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation was Monday, Dec. 21, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services were Tuesday, Dec. 22, at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. The Rev. Dr. Ronald Liechty officiated.

Memorial gifts in Eddies memory may be made to the Marshall County Community Foundation Firemans Scholarship Fund, 2701 N. Michigan Street, Plymouth, IN 46563 or the Marshall County Cancer Association.

Sharing of memories and letters of condolence may be sent to the family via [www.johnson-danielson.com](http://www.johnson-danielson.com)

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*One ongoing component of the Citizen this past year was a host of feature stories on people, places, historical items, and other facets relevant to Culver in the past and present. Here's a look back at many of them from 2009.*

**Jan. 8** Charles Duff, who died Dec. 28.

Culver Academies community servant Ian Greenberg

Union Township Trustees office and its function in the community

**Jan. 15** Jack Campbell (who died late in 2008) and Culver Marina

**Jan. 22** Two approaches to character and kids in Culver,

with Ray Gleason of Culver Academies and Culver Elementary School second graders.

**Jan. 29** Sue Neikirk's photography hobby documents the last vestiges of the area's past life via buildings

**Feb. 19** Culver's new Town Manager, Michael Doss

Charles Dickerson, son James, and grandson Gregg, in a two-part story for Black History Month.

The 1922 Culver High School integrated basketball team

**March 5** Popular and longtime Culver Community High School French teacher Vickie Dearth, finally back home after a life-threaten-

ing illness

**March 19** The McCloskey family of Fair Oaks Dairy in Fair Oaks, Ind., Culver parents and lead sponsors of the 2009 Relay for Life

**March 26** The economic downturn hit home for well-known local family the Buschmans

Kevin Berger profiled Garden Court apartments, proposed for Culver construction in the near future

**April 16** Kenny Miller, the last of Culver's milk men and inheritor of three generations of Culver dairies.

**April 30** The Wesley United Methodist Women's Thrift Store

**May 14** Katie Cummins, 101, who died May 1

Culver High School's After-prom

**June 4** Mark Schlabach, who grew up in Culver, has become a nationally known ESPN commentator and writer

**July 2** Culver High School's class of 1954

José M. Garzón, retiring after more than three decades of teaching Span-

ish language and culture at Culver Academies

**July 9** The Marmon and Greenleaf families of Lake Maxinkuckee, in a two-part story

"The Last Soda Fountain" remembered Mr. T's drug store

**July 16** Culver community servant Art Birk, who died unexpectedly July 6, was honored

Jack Semler, Culver meowner, and his hot air balloon business

**July 23** Culver in the pews: assessing Culverites' church attendance

The RH Ledbetter boat has 'Serenaded' Culver a for quarter-century via the Moonlight Serenade

**July 30** The Meek family's Market Basket & Co. discount grocery helps during a tough economy

Longtime Culverite and Culver Public Library figurehead Edna Taber, who died July 20

**Aug. 6** Culver's EMS on its 30th anniversary

**Aug. 13**

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## Death notice

### Montgomery

**Betty R. Montgomery  
Dec. 25, 2009**

CULVER — Betty R. Montgomery, 63, of Culver, died Friday, Dec. 25, 2009 at her residence.

She is survived by her husband L. B. Montgomery; sons, Chuck (Ruth) Dilts and Joe (Nicki) Dilts of Culver; daughter Kimberly (Mike Zentz) Dilts of Argos; step-son, Anthony R. Montgomery of Ky.; step-daughters, Christina Roberts and April of Ky.; brother, John Armstrong of Monmouth, Ill.; and 15 grandchildren.

Odom Funeral Home, 104 E. Lakeshore Dr., Culver was entrusted with arrangements, which will be held at a later date.

## Briefs from page 1

cated 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](mailto:citizen@culcom.net).

## 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. 31:** Sweet and sour chicken, rice, black eyed peas, roll and margarine, blueberry

crisp, salad, and milk.

**Friday, Jan. 1:** Closed for the holiday.

**Monday, Jan. 4:** Salisbury steak and gravy, yams, broccoli, bread and margarine, strawberries, and milk.

**Tuesday, Jan. 5:** Beef Manhattan, mashed potatoes and gravy, wheat bread, beets, dessert, and milk.

**Wednesday, Jan. 6:** Spa-

ghetti and parmesan cheese, tossed salad and dressing, garlic bread, green beans, pineapple, and milk.

**Thursday, Jan. 7:** Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, peas, bread and margarine, fruit cocktail, and milk.

**Friday, Jan. 8:** Pork cutlet, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, bun, grape juice, dessert, and milk.

## Community Calendar

### Thurs., Dec. 31 - New Years' Eve

Culver Public Library, other entities closed for holiday  
VFW New Year's Party, 7:30 p.m., Post 6919 headquarters (see Briefs)

### Fri., Jan. 1 - New Years' day

**Sat., Jan. 2**  
Quilting group, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Census job testing, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Culver Public Library

### Sun., Jan. 3

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

**Mon., Jan. 4**  
Knitting Class, 5 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Free computer class, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library  
DivorceCare, 7 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ

**Tues., Jan. 5**  
Master gardening, 5:30 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Culver Chamber of Com-

merce mtg., 6:30 p.m.

Town Council public work session on town-wide trash service, 6:30 p.m., town hall

**Weds., Jan. 6**  
Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library

**Thurs., Jan. 7**  
Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library  
Knights of Columbus St. Mary of the Lake Council #13720 social mtg., 7 p.m., church rectory basement

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# That Christmas spirit

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**Luke 2:1-20**

One of the really irritating things I do as a father is that I make up lyrics to Christmas Songs and drive the children crazy singing them around the house. Most of them involve the household pets on some level, and I try to stick to familiar secular tunes, so I don't want anyone to think I am desecrating any Christmas hymns.



**Pastor's Corner**

By Tom Haynes  
St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church

Just as a couple of examples, our dog is named Polynomial, and so we have the favorite "I Saw Poly Biting Santa Claus." Our cat is named Jaboo, and a new fractured classic is "Here Come Jaboo's Claws." I will spare you my singing these just as an act of charity, but you can imagine the effect.

I saw on Facebook that the daughter of a friend of mine has been doing the same thing, and I stand in awe of this child. She was singing "On the first day of Christmas, my true love gave to me - Jesus in a car seat." I guess this one gets bonus points because it takes secular music and makes it sacred with a sense of humor. In some ways, this is our challenge as Christians. We take the secular and worldly and make it sacred by adding Jesus. A sense of humor helps a lot in this process.

I can't get Jesus in the car seat out of my head. You see one of those life-changing events for me was the day Susan and I put Sarah in the child seat to take her home the first time in 1995. I remember all too well how very small she was and how very fragile she seemed. I had been warned to get a small child seat, and so I got a fairly small one. It was way too big, and a nurse helped us roll up blankets to wedge around her to keep her centered and stable.

I have this picture of Mary and Joseph taking some spare bands of cloth to roll up and keep baby Jesus in the car seat. I am not sure how you mount a car seat on a donkey, but you have a picture of this scene in your head now.

There is no getting around the fact that babies are dependent on others for virtually everything. They are fragile and pretty helpless. Yet this baby was the Son of God who would die for our sins and be resurrected. This is not an ordinary baby, and things are complicated.

There you have it. It is a mystery. Jesus is truly human and truly divine. It is not ordinary. It is complicated and it is hard to understand.

As Christians, we are not ordinary either. By grace we are also complicated. We are dependent in so many ways on God and our brothers and sisters as believers. God has given each of us powerful gifts of the Holy Spirit, but we don't get a complete set, and we need each other.

Complicated and dependent may make us nervous, but it should not. I will quote the angel: "Do not be afraid; for see -- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord." We have Jesus, and we have just been reminded of His birth and His presence in our lives at Christmas.

Blessings to each of you from St. Elizabeth's!

*Tom Haynes is the Pastoral Leader at St. Elizabeth's as he prepares for ordination in the Episcopal Church. He also teaches math at The Culver Academies and is the Assistant Director of Religious Programs.*



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## Where in the world is the Culver Citizen?

In another installment of our periodic feature, *Where in the World is the Culver Citizen?*, one Citizen reader sent this photo from parts distant to Culver in hopes readers can identify the exotic locale in which our well-traveled and sophisticated paper recently found itself.

Readers may recall a similar November photo quiz (which turned out to have originated in Dallas), all growing from a photo sent the paper some years ago of the Citizen traveling with reader Gary Shaffer in Israel.

The editor encourages those traveling outside Culver to shoot similar photos of themselves or family or friends with the paper in hand at some well-known, iconic, or unusual location around the state, country, or world.

Guesses as to the location of the photo at left (hint: that water in the background is not Lake Maxinkuckee!) or submissions of similar photos may be emailed to [citizen@culcom.net](mailto: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.

## Name that Culver "citizen"



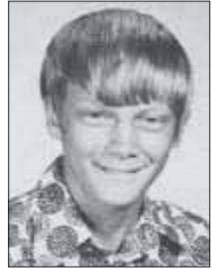
Left: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Shannon Shepherd, then and now. Right: this week's mystery citizen.



Last week's Mystery Citizen either stumped all readers, or came during a busy holiday period and caught some sharp-eyed guessers out of town or too busy watching the skies for Santa to pay close enough attention to our little game. She was Shannon Shepherd, Director of St. Mary's Daycare on College Avenue. She was even featured in an article on the Daycare in the December 17 *Citizen!*

This week's Mystery Citizen is familiar to many Culverites in several capacities and settings, though most are tied to one local entity. Free New Year's parking in downtown and even uptown Culver awaits correct guessers.

Guesses may be emailed to [citizen@culcom.net](mailto: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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# Sports

## Cavs takes consolation in win over Comets

By James Costello  
Sports Editor

CULVER — It may not have been the championship that they had hoped for, but the Cavaliers found some cause for holiday cheer with a 52-47 win over Caston in the consolation round of the Culver Holiday Tournament Wednesday.

After winding up on the wrong side of a nip-and-tuck contest against eventual tourney runner-up LaVille in its opener Tuesday night, Culver finished on the winning side of another closely-contested battle Wednesday in which the Comets cut their hosts' lead to as close as 48-47 with 2:20 remaining.

"I was telling the guys on the radio we experienced the other end last night, and it's nice to come out on the other end," said Culver head coach Kyle Elliott. "I thought our kids came out and played extremely hard. I thought we took care of the ball a little bit better tonight than we did last night."

After two games struggling from the field his past two outings, Cavalier shooting guard and All-Tournament selection Zoe Bauer returned to form with 25 points in the win, including the last four points of the game as Culver held off rallying Caston.

"I thought Zoe played a little bit more within himself tonight, and he let the game come to him a little bit more than him forcing the game and the issue," said Elliott. "A couple of times he did get out of control maybe, but I thought he had it set up a little bit better tonight, made some nice decisions and was able to finish some shots inside of the arc. As of late, that's about the only thing he's had success with is from behind the arc, and he needs to put the ball on the floor and attack and make those things happen... I thought he was able to finish and use his strength a little bit more down inside."

"There's no doubt that when he's scoring we're doing some nice things because it frees up a lot of



PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO  
Culver's Collin Stevens, back, puts pressure on Caston's Alex Herd, front, who loses control of the ball during the Culver Holiday Basketball Tournament consolation game.

other kids to do some positive things," added the Culver boss.

Off guard A.J. Neace was responsible for many of those positive things, finishing with 12 points for

the night, including 3-of-3 shooting in the second half and a pair of consecutive treys in the third quarter to put Culver up by five with a minute and a half left in the frame.

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The consolation win broke a two-game skid for the Cavaliers, who now stand at 3-5 on the year and can carry a little momen-

"We need that second player to give us some points there, and I do believe A.J. is that kid that can do that for us," said Elliott. "Playing that off-guard position as teams try to rotate a little bit, we had a couple nice reversals to him. He seemed to be stepping into his shot a little bit more tonight and having a little bit more lift. Lately he's been a little bit flat on his perimeter shots, and he had a little bit more lift and a little bit more zing in it and was able to fin-

tum into the break.

"It's nice obviously getting one here heading into the break," Elliott said. "It puts us 3-5 on the year, not necessarily where we wanted to be, but it is a win, and it's something hopefully we can build on. We'll have a few days off here for the holiday and we'll come back in here and get busy again."

Caston was led at the game by 14 points from Wes Rigney, who was named to the All-Tournament team along with Bauer.

• CULVER 52, CASTON 47

At Culver Holiday Tournament Consolation game

Score by quarters

Culver: 15 29 40 52

Caston: 16 26 37 47

CULVER (52): A.J. Neace 4 2-2 12,

Nick Peterson 0 0-0 0, Brock Elliott 0 0-0 0,

Collin Stevens 2 0-0 4, Zoe Bauer 11 3-3 25,

Patrick Mulvihill 0 0-0 0, Kyle Pugh 1 1-2 4, Micah Budzinski 1 1-1 3,

Larry Clingler 1 2-4 4. Totals: 20 9-12 52.

CASTON (47): Max Foreman 0 0-0 0,

Allen Russell 0 0-0 0, Trevor Hoover 7 4-5 20,

Wes Rigney 6 2-6 14, Justin Cousins 0 0-0 0,

Caleb Brown 3 0-0 6, Brant Hartman 1 0-0 2,

Alex Herd 1 3-8 5, Zek Kesler 0 0-0 0,

Bryant Liming 0 0-0 0, Dylan Johnson 0 0-0 0,

Mitch Kerr 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 18 9-19 47.

3-point goals: Culver 3 (Neace 2, Pugh 1), Caston 2 (Hoover 2).

Rebounds: Culver 21 (Clingler 11), Caston 20; Assists: Culver 12,

Caston 11; Turnovers: Culver 15,

Caston 16; Fouls (fouled out): Culver 13 (none), Caston 10 (none).

Records: Culver 3-5, Caston 0-9.

## Culver struggles in holiday battle against LaVille

By James Costello  
Sports Editor

CULVER — Culver Community has been relying on Zoe Bauer's production all season long, and for the most part, the junior phenom has been able to carry that offensive load.

Bauer struggled from the field a second straight game on Tuesday, however, as visiting LaVille held him to a season-low-tying 12 points, and the Cavaliers generally struggled with 22 turnovers for 21 points by the Lancers in a 53-48 LaVille win in a Culver Holiday Tournament semifinal game at John R. Nelson Gymnasium Tuesday.

Lancer guards Jacob Mangus and Jordyn Williams switched off on and double-teamed Bauer to hold him to a 4-for-22 mark from the field with a little help from the rest of the LaVille defense, and Bauer finished with 12 points for the second consecutive game, roughly half his average heading into Tuesday's tourney tilt.

"Zoe, he's a tough player. In my opinion, he's one of the tougher players in the area, one of the tougher ones we'll play against, so obviously he's going to demand a lot of attention night-in, night-out," said LaVille head coach Michael Edison. "What's amazing about him is he can shoot 4 for 22 in the game, and he's still so effective because he makes other people around him better. Such a great passer, sees the court, just this leadership skills. He's the type of player that you just love watching as a fan, as a coach, unless you're on the other team."

"I was pleased with my guys, the way Jordyn and Jacob played defense. That was a huge key." Most of Bauer's output came in the second quarter as he converted 3-of-5

attempts from 3-point territory, including a buzzer-beating triple from the wing that knotted the score at 22-all heading into halftime. He knocked down his first attempt of the second half to give Culver a 26-24 lead but just when he seemed to be warming up, he fell silent again, scuffling to an 0-for-13 finish at the contest.

"As far as Zoe goes, he's been shooting the ball well all year and definitely struggled tonight," said Culver coach Kyle Elliott. "One of the things we've been talking to him about is he can't just rely on the perimeter shot, and tonight was a good example. His only four makes were from behind the arch; he never had a simple two all night. He's a three-year starter for us, and he needs to learn to adjust. If the perimeter shot isn't falling, he's got to be able to put the ball on the floor."

As effective as they were on the defensive end, Williams and Mangus were equally impressive on the offensive end of the floor. Mangus put up a game-high 18 points, while Williams was good for 16 to make up more than half LaVille's offense in the win. Williams, a sophomore, also recorded team-leading tallies of three assists and four steals.

"Big roles that those guys played

tonight," said Edison. "With Jacob it's confidence, and with Jordyn it's focus. If he's focused those two are tremendous athletes. They run track in the spring, and they have tremendous 400 times. Those guys when they come focused, they're tough to stop."

For Culver, forward Larry Clingler chipped in

a team-high 13 points to make up for Bauer's off night, mostly off the glass. Clingler clutched six offensive rebounds on his way to a game-high eight caroms and wasted few of the extra opportunities with 11 second-chance points, including nine in the fourth quarter alone.

"I thought Larry Clin-

gler played an excellent game," said Elliott. "The problem was that most of his points came off his hard work at getting missed shots from our teammates. Our goal, which we talked about again at half was to get the ball down inside to Larry. We felt as though he could have some success if we could get him the ball in the paint, and there were several times he had the guy on his back and we were looking to reverse the ball and put it on the floor rather than looking to get it inside."

It was a nip-and-tuck game between two Northern State Conference and Bi-County rivals that featured a total of eight lead changes. Culver opened the final frame on a 7-3 run to take a 41-36 lead, but LaVille fired back with an 8-2 run of its own featuring a baseline 3-point-er from freshman Andrew Hostetler and a putback on another Hostetler 3-point attempt by fellow freshman Nick Amor to give the Lancers the lead for good. Mangus split a pair of free throws in the bonus with 1:25 on the clock, and junior forward Codee Kimbel came down with a big offensive rebound, assisting Mangus on

a layup to give the visitors a four-point cushion at 47-43.

"We're down to right around a minute or so to go, and we don't get the defensive board on that missed free throw. That was absolutely huge because they get the board, hit the layup and then go up four," said Elliott. "It's a completely different ball game; it's a two-possession game, and then we come down and force up a 3 right off the dribble. When you're only down four you attack the bucket, so our decision-making and our execution down that stretch, we just completely lost our composure and our focus."

Culver slips to 2-5 on the year and will take on Caston in the tourney consolation game at 6 p.m. tonight, while LaVille will put its new 3-3 record on the line as it takes on North Judson — which topped Caston 49-39 in the tourney opener Tuesday.

• LAVILLE 53, CULVER COMMUNITY 48

At Culver Holiday Tournament Semifinal

Score by quarters

LV: 5 22 36 53

CC: 13 22 34 48

LaVille (53): Nick Amor 1 0-0 2,

Justin Baker 0 0-0 0, Jay Carbiener 0 0-0 0,

Cody Coblenz 0 0-0 0, Andrew Hostetler 2 3-4 9,

Codee Kimbel 0 0-0 0, Jacob Mangus 6 2-4 18,

Trenton Stout 3 0-2 8, Tim Wicks 0 0-0 0,

Jordyn Williams 5 5-6 16; Totals: 17 10-16 53.

Culver (48): A.J. Neace 5 0-0 11,

Nick Peterson 0 0-0 0, Brock Elliott 0 0-0 0,

Collin Stevens 2 0-0 5, Zoe Bauer 4 0-0 12,

Patrick Mulvihill 0 0-0 0, Kyle Pugh 3 1-2 7,

Micah Budzinski 0 0-0 0, Larry Clingler 4 5-6 13; Totals: 18 6-8 48.

3-point goals: LaVille 9 (Mangus 4, Hostetler 2, Stout 2, Williams 1),

Culver 6 (Bauer 4, Neace 1, Stevens 1);

Rebounds: LaVille 21 (Kimbel 5),

Culver 29 (Clingler 8); Assists: LaVille 14

(Williams 3), Culver 8 (Neace 2, Stevens 2, Bauer 2);

Steals: LaVille 14 (Williams 4), Culver 8 (Neace 2, Bauer 2, Clingler 2);

Turnovers: LaVille 15, Culver 22; Blocked shots: LaVille 3 (Amor 2), Culver 2 (Bauer 2); Fouls (fouled out): LaVille 13 (none), Culver 14 (none).

Records: LaVille 3-3, Culver 2-5.



PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO  
Culver Community's A.J. Neace, back, drives the lane and kicks while LaVille's Jacob Mangus defends during a Culver Holiday Basketball Tournament game Wednesday at John R. Nelson Gymnasium in Culver.

## 2009 Memories from page 2

### MAY

**May 7:** Culver High School student recipients of the Culver Lions Club's senior achievement awards included Alyssa Allyn, Whitney Banfield, Sebastiana Basham, Shannon Dunfee, Sarah Kirkland, Ccody Kozubik, Laura Lyczak, Megan Myers, Adam Neace, Myles Pinder, Broderick Schmidt, Kalie Thompson, and Elizabeth West.

The Indiana Department of Education announced Culver schools' meeting state standards for AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress), the first time all four schools – Monterey Elementary, Culver Elementary, and Culver Middle and High Schools – simultaneously qualified.

Culver Community High School Business Professionals of America students bound for Dallas will have to wait for their trip thanks to concerns over the "swine flu" pandemic at the site of the BPA National Leadership Conference in Dallas, Texas, originally scheduled for May 6 through 10.

The town of Culver's efforts to improve sidewalk safety by removing or altering trees causing sidewalk buckling around town has resulted in at least a few residents unhappy to bid farewell to favorite trees.

Jennifer Voreis was inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame April 25 at the Hall's Women's Awards banquet.

**May 14:** Culver Community Junior-Senior High School, through an Indiana Dept. of Education grant, was awarded \$147,433 towards implementing technology into its English curriculum, which bought 31 computers to be used in all four English classrooms.

The historic Maxinkuckee Yacht Club and Uptown Cinema in Culver teamed up for a screening of the 2008 Walt Disney documentary "Morning Light" May 23. The movie



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY  
Bobbie Cummins Washburn Ruhnow accepts a Distinguished Alumni award from Culver Kiwanian Ralph Winters.

included Ed Furry, boat captain in the movie as well as a Culver resident and Maxinkuckee Yacht Club member. Furry was on hand to answer questions and relate his experience working for Roy E. Disney, producer of the film.

Culver-Union Twp. Public Library board member Alfred Nyby, who joined the board last year after several months

of raising concerns about library finance at meetings as a private citizen, has resigned from the board in the wake of a debated resolution adopted at the board's April 21 meeting.

**May 21:** The annual Tour de Max bicycle ride around Lake Maxinkuckee and beyond, sponsored by Culver's Tri Kappa, took place Saturday.

Monterey Elementary School principal Julie Berndt was named Principal of the Year By the Indiana Association of School Principals

Work began last week on removal of the old bleachers, locker rooms, restrooms, and other fixtures in the Culver Elementary School gym. Jackson Services, whose staff are graduates of Culver Community Schools, handled the demolition work.

**May 28:** Don Baker and wife Janet Halling are awash in bicycles and accessories at Culver's newest business, The Bike Barn. The couple hope the store -- at the corner of Lake Shore Drive and Main Street -- can fill a niche in Culver, promote cycling at many levels, and reunite their family.

Members of Culver's Kiwanis Club, guests, and honorees gathered once again for the club's annual scholarship and awards banquet May 21. The Barbara Winters Award for Excellence went to Justin Master. Awarded the Club's scholarships were Kristina Klausning and Kalie Thompson. Distinguished Alumni awards went to Paul "Red" Davidson of

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Leiters Ford, Monterey's Don Good, Bobetta "Bobbie" Cummins Washburn Ruhnow, a graduate of Culver High School, and Culver Community High School principal Albert Hanselman. Recognition as Kiwanian of the Year was sprung on an unsuspecting Dick Swennumson, past president of the club.

### JUNE

**June 4:** A number of chairs are already in the queue for Culver Tri Kappa's "Chairs for Charity" community event, kicking off June 6 in Culver. Area residents have been encouraged to apply their creativity to virtually any sort of chair of their choosing in preparation for a "chair parade" throughout the month of June. The chairs will be displayed outside participating businesses in Culver and Plymouth until a June 28 auction at the Culver Cove, during which they will be sold to the highest bidder in a gala fund raiser to support Tri Kappa's many philanthropic endeavors in the community, which include educational and cultural efforts



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY  
Husband and wife team Don Baker and Janet Halling (with baby Graham) opened the Bike Barn in Culver last spring.

Mike and Bonnie Bennett's new home had humble beginnings with the pouring of concrete before the start of school last fall, but became a rustic dream home for the couple thanks to the efforts of Culver Community High School's Building Trades class and instructor Kyle Elliott.

Culver Community High School held its annual graduation exercises last Friday evening

**June 11:** Culver's community garden project -- located at Lewis and Slate Streets on land owned by Wesley United Methodist Church and spearheaded by Grace United Church of Christ -- was assisted by volunteers from several area churches. The food will be given to the Culver food pantry.

Sunday's graduation and final formation ceremonies took place on the campus of Culver Academies, where weekend commencement festivities included military and riding exhibitions with the Lancer Band, a CGA Junior/Senior Tea, Baccalaureate service, Commencement convocation, final Garrison Parade and the Final Ball.

Culver is featured prominently in the latest (Spring, 2009) issue of Indiana Basketball History Magazine, a publication of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame. The article, "Culver Integrated Basketball" by Culver Citizen editor Jeff Kenney, discusses the history of Culver's African-American community of the past and specifically the 1922 Culver High School basketball team.

**June 18:** Culver Community Schools bid farewell to three longtime employees May 29: Kay Hyland, Helen Drew, and Melanie Robertson.

Garden Court Board of Directors President Ron Liechty told Culver's town council it looks as if Culver will likely be the thirteenth area community to build one of Garden Court's senior assisted living facilities. That's good news for Culver and the council, which has expressed support for the project for several years. The absence of available land for the project has been resolved thanks to property owner Wade McGee of Culver, whose land sits near the southwest convergence of Davis, Ohio, and Main Streets.

**June 25:** Last Friday night's annual Culver Boys & Girls Club auction, a 1950s themed affair, took place at the Culver Academies multi-purpose building. The event's hula hoop contest was a prime draw, pitting local celebrities against each other (Emily Ryman raised the most money to emerge the winner).

Joan Reininga Ready hopes her new book, "Rural Route 8, Old State Road: A Story of Rural Resilience" (2009), inspires others to write down their own personal stories and memoirs, an act she feels is important not just for potential readers, but for the writer as well. The book is sold in Culver at Gail's shop on Main Street.

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### JULY

**July 2:** Tri Kappa’s first-ever Chairs for Charity parade in Culver and Plymouth culminated in Sunday night’s standing room only Chairs for Charity auction, during which auctioneer Jerry Kinsela helped the organization sell more than 70 uniquely and creatively decorated chairs.

An all-class Culver Community High School reunion was set for Lake Fest weekend.

Culver’s annual Miss Maxincuckee pageant was held Saturday, June 20, at the town park depot/train station. The 2009 winners included Princess Miss: Lillian Proskey; Junior Miss: Brianna Overmyer, Miss Maxincuckee: Paige Norwich, Little Miss: Allie Harris.

Culver’s town council wrestled last week with how best to handle reports showing sanitary sewage flow from Culver Academies’ campus to the town of Culver sewer plant is significantly higher than previously believed, necessitating decisions as to fees for sewer services and costs to the school.

**July 9:** Residents and visitors to the parking lot of Culver’s Park N’ Shop supermarket will find what feels like a virtually new store. Last week, most of the final touches were put into place at on Lake Shore Drive, and customers have been wowed by the transformation.

Culver Community High School’s Business Professionals of America sent eight students to the BPA national competition in Dallas, Texas, in June: Cameron Turney, Shannon Dunfee, Kalie Thompson, Nick Arzola, Gavin Norton, Ben Haut, Mark Maes, and Myles Pinder. Arzola, Pinder, Thompson, and Turney placed in the top ten in their respective competitions, beating out others from across the US.

**July 16:** Culver’s Gary Shaffer presented a check last week to Liz West, who recently lost both parents and is working to adopt her younger sister. The money was raised from donations to Shaffer’s lake service business on Lake Maxinkuckee.

**July 23:** Last weekend saw the 2009 Culver Lake Fest (whose theme was “Stars over Maxinkuckee”) with parade marshal was Sharon Coffey. The annual Sunfish Regatta on Lake Maxinkuckee, in which boats were launched from the Zeglis cottage on East Shore Drive, also took place.

This summer’s performance of “The Music Man” by the ever popular Maxinkuckee Players kicked off at the Culver Community High School auditorium. The lead role of Harold Hill was played by Gregg Underwood.

**July 30:** A decades-old tradition was relived Saturday evening when the Culver Lions Club offered its annual corn roast and Culver-Union Twp. Volunteer Fire Department its annually coinciding Firemen’s Festival, making for a well-received and well-attended close to Culver’s busy July.

House Bill 1483 – which technically includes offroad vehicles, farm wagons, and golf carts – took effect July 1 and upholds a state ban on operation of golf carts on county and state highways. The law has folks in the Culver area debating its merits.

### AUGUST

**August 20:** Culver’s town council took first steps towards an amended rate schedule for most building permits within the town, at its August 11 meeting. Council president Sally Ricciardi said the proposed new ordinance “should bring the fees -- not up to what cities charge -- but a little bit higher than what Culver has been charging, so they cover the expenses hopefully of what the building commissioner (incurs).”

Monsignor Thaddeus Balinda from Uganda is the new priest at St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church.

Police chief Wayne Bean addressed residents’ concerns over door to door solicitors in Culver, recommending reporting such activity to the department if it appears suspicious.

**August 27:** A rash of vehicular thefts and break-ins has many Culverites – especially those on the south side of town, where a number of the incidents occurred within the past month – concerned, and has Culver police warning residents to take some “self-policing” precautions in spite of Culver’s status as a small, low-crime community.

After several months of discussion over an expected audit by the state board of accounts, the Culver-Union Township Public Library has been in the midst of that audit, as reported during its August 18 board meeting.

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### SEPTEMBER

lead the Cavs to a series of impressive football victories this season.

**September 24:** Culver Community High School student Michael Zlaty has helped with basketball. A number of fans and former players attended the event per 23 added into some of the terror and stature of Culver’s near-100-year affair. Author Emerson Houck’s visit to the Culver-Union Township Public Library September

council meeting and town manager Michael Doss is investigating details service. The notion of town-compacted service was raised by residents at a recent town compacted handle the majority of residents, trash and recycling, which is an obvious to the individually compacted services presently in place. Currently, two waste disposal

**September 17:** Culver seems one step closer to town-wide trash service, as opposed event increased markedly from last year’s inaugural festival. to aid needy families with warm clothing and heating bills this winter. Attendance at the the Crown Cinema and town park, with proceeds going towards “The City of Maxinkuckee.” The second annual Lake Maxinkuckee Film Fest was held over Labor Day weekend at

Culver Citizen) Aug. 22 for a Culver History Bike Tour. and Jeff Kenney of the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver (and editor of the More than two dozen enthusiastic bicyclists joined Don Baker of Culver’s Bike Barn

areas that a student in nearby Argos has compacted the illness. were increased last week when the news reached residents of the Culver and surrounding

Fears of health threats due to the H1N1 influenza virus across the state and country

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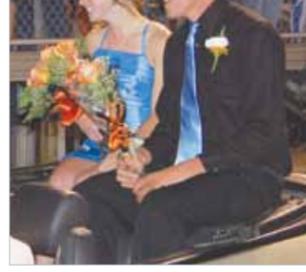
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### OCTOBER

**Oct. 1:** Culver Community High School held its Homecoming last Friday, including the annual downtown parade and queen and king crowning, besides a football victory against Knox. The 2009 Homecoming Queen was Kaitlyn Looney, escorted by Preston Poisel.

**Oct. 8:** Culver Academies celebrated the renovation of its Vaughn Equestrian Center with a three-day Horsemanship Reunion Weekend October 2 through 4. Invited guests included Horsemanship alumni from the Academies and Culver Summer Schools and Camps, donors, friends, and families associated with the program through the department’s 112-year history, and past and present members of the Horsemanship staff.



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY  
2009 CCHS Homecoming Queen Kaitlyn Looney, escorted by Preston Poisel.

Guests and supporters of the Center for Culver History, located in the lower level of the Culver-Union Township Public Library, attended a tea and tour of the facility September 22, where they were given a tour of some of the current exhibits by Marizetta Kenney and Chris Landskron of the AHS. A number of exhibits and events this year kept the museum on the radar of many Culverites.

Dr. Lincoln Konkle, English professor at the College of New Jersey, executive director of the Thornton Wilder Society, discussed Wilder’s work with student cast members, staff, and the Dianne Derrow, director of Culver Community High School’s upcoming stage rendition of Wilder’s “Our Town,” slated for October 31 and November 1 at the high school auditorium.

Trinity Lutheran Church in Culver celebrated its 50th anniversary. The Rev. Dr. William R. Diekelman of Ballwin, Mo., serving in his second three-year term as first vice president of the 2.45-million-member Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, helped celebrate the occasion at the church.

Guy and Stephanie Snider took over the Culver Cabana on East Jefferson Street as new owners.

**Oct. 15:** The Culver Academies Museum and Gift Shop opened downtown earlier this month, showcasing the more than 100-year history of the renowned school through historic artifacts and multi-media exhibits.

**Oct. 22:** The Culver town council hopes to set a date to sit down with its Parks and Recreation board in the near future to discuss matters raised by citizens about fence pickets purchased as part of a fundraiser to erect last year’s Vandalia Village playground on the east end of the Town Park; the Park board informed citizens at a recent meeting those pickets will not be placed at the site after all.

The community mourned the untimely and unexpected death of Culver High School graduate James “Jimmy” Croy October 12.

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Olympic Gold Medalist Nikki Stone visited Culver October 28 as part of Culver Academies' Vaughn Outdoor Lecture Series.

The Culver Girls Academy Lady Eagles won their third straight regional cross country championship Oct. 18.

### NOVEMBER

**Nov. 5:** Heated discussion marked the Culver Town Council's October 28 meeting, focusing largely on ongoing concerns over actions and statements of Culver's board of parks and recreation, whose next meeting the Council plans to attend. Continuing was discussion of funds raised for the Vandalia Village community-built playground starting in 2006.

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



Culver Academies student Nicholas Bachewicz and Culver Comm. High School teacher Vickie Benner partner up during a bridge building for service event in November.

Culver's Lions Club held its annual Halloween party at the Culver Middle School gymnasium, awarding prizes to costumed youngsters.

A bald eagle was sighted and photographed by a number of area residents north of Culver near Hibbard.

**Nov. 12:** Adults and students from the Culver community and its high school as well as Culver Academies joined for two days' visit from award-winning New York University speaker and facilitator Dr. Christina Marin as part of an event sponsored by joint Culver Community High School and Culver Academies

service group CYCO. The event marked an historic convergence of students and adults from the two schools towards service for the entire Culver community.

Culver Community's football team put its collective foot on the accelerator and never let up Nov. 6. The Cavs racked up 379 rushing yards and 145 passing yards to snare a 48-21 Class A Sectional 33 title round win at Whiting, also the site of Culver's last sectional championship in 2001.

Near the close of a lengthy meeting of Culver's Parks and Recreation Board, board member Tammy Shaffer may have summed up the sometimes-heated discussion between the audience — filling the town hall meeting room to capacity — and the Park Board. "What I'm hearing is, you want more accountability... also you want communication. I'm willing to do both those things. I don't really think we're talking about a refund. We're talking about accountability and communication." The refund in question was for those donors who purchased personalized fence pickets between spring, 2006 and the present as part of a fund raiser for Vandalia Village, a community-built playground constructed last October in the east end of Culver's Town Park.

**Nov. 19:** The Culver Community observed Veteran's Day November 11 with events at the Culver Community High School, Culver Masonic Cemetery, and Culver Academies. Ray Gleason spoke at CCHS, Ryan Mayfield at the Academies, and Bryce Lindvall at the cemetery to mark the occasion.

Culver - It's sold! Harold "Sunny" Wyland, attorney for CCS, advised board members that the auction for the old administration building was a success. The winning bid of \$95,000 came from the Culver Educational Foundation, which will use the building as temporary office space.

**Nov. 26:** The charm of Culver's downtown has long been among its many draws for both visitors and locals, and members of Culver's Town Council as well as Town Manager Michael Doss are excited at the revitalizing improvements the area is about to undergo

## 2009 Memories from page 3

Clara Hansen and her restaurant, which went up for sale this year

**Aug. 27**

Local train enthusiasts Bob Albert and Jon Schmidt — and the history of the Culver and Hibbard railways — were profiled.

CCHS students built bridges and strengthened bonds with the innovative new IGNITION program

**Sept. 17**

A look back at the golden moments of Culver's basketball teams

CCHS and Culver Academies classes of 1959

**Sept. 24**

The Bigley family

**Oct. 1**

Culver's Dick Dugger and his amaranth grain project in Africa teamed with Dr. Fanuel Tagwira, Vice-Chancellor of Africa University in Zimbabwe, and his wife Margaret, and IT Equipment in Plymouth.

**Oct. 15**

John and Susan Childs' Certified Naturally Grown farm offers hayrides and a peek into historic farming methods

How did Culver handle the Spanish flu pandemic of 1918?

**Oct. 29**

Culver's connection to the Titanic tragedy

**Oct. 29**

Pam Buxton's victorious battle against cancer

**Nov. 5**

The late Eugene Riester recalled his first hand experience of the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

**Dec. 3**

Marshall County coroner and Culverite Bill Cleavenger

**Dec. 17**

St. Mary's Daycare ministry

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thanks to a nearly half-million dollar grant announced recently by the Indiana Department of Transportation.

At its weekly Thursday noon meeting at the Culver Public Library November 12, the Culver Kiwanis Club and other Culver organizations expressed their appreciation for the Culver Citizen. Its editor, Jeff Kenney and publisher, Rick Kreps -- who also publishes the Pilot News in Plymouth -- were both presented certificates of appreciation and heard positive comments from several local individuals and entities on the importance of Culver's local newspaper.

### DECEMBER

**Dec. 3:** Young people in the Culver community were targeted to receive a supply of H1N1 influenza 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.

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 diagnosed with a large, benign tumor on his brain. A successful operation in November was aided by widespread support from across all boundaries in the Culver community, including a well-attended benefit held at the Edgewater Grille in Culver.

**Dec. 10:** If the show of audience hands at the conclusion of a December 1 "town hall meeting" of Culver's Town Council was any indication, the majority of Culverites are in favor of the adoption of a town-wide trash pickup service for private residents within town limits. The Council intends to move forward with researching and drafting a possible contract for town-wide service.

Issues of finance dominated the December 2 meeting of Culver's board of Parks and Recreations, which was marked by sometimes-heated exchange between members of the audience and board president Ed Behnke. Though the previous month's standing-room-only meeting focused primarily on monies collected between 2006 and this year for purchase of personalized fence pickets as part of a fund-raiser for Vandalia Village, a community-built playground, this month's meeting focused more on some audience members' perceptions that the board should tighten control over its budget.

Culver resident and local businessman Francis Ellert has announced his intention to seek the Republican nomination to run for the Indiana State Assembly seat from District 17. Democrat Nancy Dembowski currently holds the Statehouse seat.

**Dec. 17:** 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.

Culver's Chamber of Commerce honored standout Culverites Dawn Minas Brockey of the Culver Coffee Company (Business Person of the Year), Mike and Patty Stallings (Volunteers of the Year), and Culver's Tri Kappa (Lifetime Achievement Award) at its annual awards banquet at Café Max in Culver.

Bishop John D'Arcy of the Catholic Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend visited Culver December 5 to officially install Monsignor Thaddeus Balinda as pastor of St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church here. The visit was bittersweet as it likely will be D'Arcy's last as Bishop. He will retire in January.

**Dec. 24:** Culver students of virtually every age "played Santa" by taking part in a variety of community giving projects rather than a traditional student-to-student gift exchange.

Culver-Union Twp. Public Library wrapped up its "The Big Read" community literary event in style last month at an awards ceremony and celebration which culminated more than two months' worth of programs. Winners in photo and essay contests were announced and the cast of the Culver High School's stage version of "Our Town" introduced.

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