

# The Culver Citizen

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## In Brief

### Farmer's Market will open May 8

The Culver Farmer's Market, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, will open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon starting May 8 and running through October 9. The market is located at the corner of Jefferson and Ohio Streets (across from CVS Pharmacy). New vendors are welcome. For space call Barb at 574-842-2648.

### Culver Bible hosts National Day of Prayer

Culver Bible Church will be hosting National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 6 at 7 p.m. All are invited to join the church to pray for our community, state, and nation.

### Town-wide spring cleanup this wk.

The Culver community clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, May 8 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Town of Culver will provide dumpsters for those wishing to dispose of debris from their home or yard. Hazardous chemicals and tires cannot be accepted. Please contact street department head Bob Porter (culverstreet@townofculver.org) or call 574-292-3943 with questions about what will be accepted.

### Community garden regular work begins May 10

Culver's community garden will begin planting May 10 at 5 p.m., with an ongoing work schedule for the garden on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 5 p.m. (for whatever work needs to be done). The garden is for the community and organizers would love to have many people include themselves in the project. Produce will be taken to the Culver food pantry as well as sold at the Farmer's Market, with proceeds going to the expense of the garden and to the food pantry. Any questions may be directed to Barb Quivey at Grace Church (574-842-2331, during morning hours) or Cory Barnes (574-842-8246 or 574-780-1491).

### CUTPL Book Club to meet May 12

On Wednesday, May 12 at 3:30 p.m., the Culver-Union Township Public Library's book club "Hooked on Books," will meet to dis-

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## Exemplifying 'family, diversity, and excellence'

ABOVE: Culver's Lions Club honored 18 of the leaders of Culver Community High School's class of 2010, which Class President Jacob Sheridan described in terms of "family, diversity, and excellence." Sheridan, at right in the top image, received a \$1,000 scholarship (presented to him by Lions incoming President Barbara Winters, left) from the Lions. Other seniors awarded at the April 28 event included (front row, left to right) Nate Niswander, Sarah Bailey, Jordan Cooper, Shae Harris, Elise Jackson, Whitney Kestle, Olivia Knapp, Emma Lorenz, (back row) Marshall Master, Robert Molebash, Amanda Rabenau, Lauren Shaffer, Jacob Sheridan, Jerry Smith, Angel Tobey, Alena and Williams. SEE STORY BELOW

# Outstanding CCHS seniors recognized

## Annual Lions Club event praises student accomplishments

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Continuing an ongoing tradition, Culver's Lions Club last week honored 18 outstanding Culver Community High School seniors at its awards banquet held at the CCHS cafeteria.

Among the festivities at the April 28 event, as in recent years past, was an audience-dazzling performance of several numbers by the school's award-winning Jazz Street student choir, under the direction of Diane Derrow. She thanked the Lions for providing the choir -- which was accompanied on piano by Ann Bigley -- with funds to send its members to Butler University earlier in the school year to compete, and she described Jazz Street's participation in a recent Western Michigan University vocal jazz program, which she said "shocked a lot of kids into (saying), 'Wow, this is fun stuff!'"

CCHS Student Council President Angel Tobey took the podium -- following an introduction by Lions President Dan Adams -- and described some of the Council's activities during the past year, including creating new traditions during Spirit Week and Homecoming (such as revival of a years-old bonfire tradition, lunchtime games and the addition of fireworks to the half-time Homecoming Queen crowning). Tobey also spoke enthusiastically of the Council's charity and fundraising efforts, including town cleanups via the CAVS Service Club, Christmas Caroling, some students traveling to Mexico for a Habitat for Humanity mission trip this spring, raising money for the Haiti Relief Fund, and drawing widespread attention and praise for raising \$3,000 to help make a Marshall County boy's wish to go to Disney World come true.

"That was a proud moment in my and my classmates' high school careers," Tobey said of the Make-A-Wish effort.

Senior Class President Jacob Sheridan described his class in terms of "family, diversity, and excellence," noting the class "is like a big family... I have 60 other siblings!"

Sheridan described some of the class of 2010's victories, including during homecoming week and in parade float designs, wrestling, and others.

CCHS guidance counselor Brenda Sheldon, who presented the awards to students, said she's certain the class' leadership skills "will be the largest contributing factor in your success."

Students accepting awards included:

- Sarah Bailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Bailey, who received the French Department's French Award. Bailey took on the unusual task of studying both French and Spanish, and praised recently-retired CCHS French teacher Vickie Dearth ("She has the craziest stories you'll ever hear") and current French teacher Nicole Treber, whose French-language, school-wide scavenger hunt Bailey said "was the best fun I've had all year."

Bailey plans to attend Ball State to become a teacher.

- Jordan Cooper, son of David Cooper, received the Industrial Technology Award and thanked retiring IT teacher Tom Schmidt for his trust in placing Cooper in leadership positions within the program.

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## Culverites take tops in 'Best Loser'

ABOVE: Cheryl Smith, Joe Smith, Rick Tompos and Sheryl Tompos wanted to be "Vegas Bound" after winning the Happy New Year edition of the Best Loser, with 197 pounds of weight lost between the foursome. That adds up to more than 19 percent!

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## Culver student art awarded at show

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Culver's Tri Kappa once again held its annual student art show, over the April 23-25 weekend, showcasing works in various mediums from Culver Community Middle and High Schools and Culver Academies. On display in the ballroom at the Culver Cove were 98 entries, viewed by more than 100 visitors, according to Karen Blocker of Tri Kappa. Culver artists Joyce Lyman, Sean Surrisi, and John Bickel served once again as judges. Students were awarded a total of \$960 in prize money.

"Mary Beth Harness of the Culver Community Middle and High School and Bob Nowalk of the Culver Academies were very encouraging of their students to participate," noted Blocker. "They truly enjoy the shared experience and feel the students do as well."

"This is Culver Tn Kappa's bright moment in providing culture for our community," added Blocker. "We 'fine tune' the event every year, but feel the basic premise of providing an opportunity for art to be shared is what it's all about."

Winning entries in this year's show were:

**Best in show:** "Mirror," Guonlin Chen (Culver Academies), painting (see image detail, page 2 this issue)

**Peoples' choice:** Guanlin Chen (Culver Academies)

**Painting:** "Landscape Lake Maxinkuckee," Sangwan Lee (Culver Academies) -- first place; "Heat," Emma Lorenz (CCHS) -- second; "Happy Pat," Patrick Mulvihill (CCHS) -- third; "Seated Model, Kim Asenbeck (Culver Academies) -- honorable mention.

**Printmaking:** "A Dream from Childhood I," Qian Gao (Culver Academies) -- first; "Swirly Stuff," Jessica Trexton (CCHS) -- second; Untitled, Michael Nay (Culver Academies) -- third; "Senor Spaghetti," Vanessa Morales (Culver Academies) -- honorable mention.

**Photography:** "Barber," Stella See Art page 8

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## Art show winner

LEFT: Detail from the painting, "Mirror," by Culver Academies student Guonlin Chen, which won Best in Show at last month's Tri Kappa student art show. Chen also won the People's Choice award at the show, which took place at the Culver Cove ballroom.

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Cooper plans to attend Lincoln Tech to study diesel technology.

- Shae Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harris, was recognized as Business Professionals of America President and given the Business and Drum Major awards. Harris, who will attend the BPA National competition in California later this month, said music "has been my life for a long time" and described elementary school dreams of being a drum major in high school.

- Mikaela Dulin was recognized as French Club President, but was unable to attend the ceremony.

- Elise Jackson, daughter of Carol Jackson, was recipient of the Choir Award, and thanked Diane Darrow, who she noted came to Culver the same year Jackson arrived as a freshman. She said she plans to attend the University of Southern Indiana, and while her major is undecided, "Whatever it is, Miss Darrow's life lessons will always be in my heart."

- Whitney Kestle, daughter Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kestle, who was given the Art Award, thanked CCHS art teacher Marybeth Harness for "pushing me to excel in art...she's the type of teacher to push me to succeed."

- Olivia Knapp, daughter of Tina Rudd and Jeff Knapp, received both the Math and Science Awards. Knapp said science "is my passion," and thanked CCHS teachers Theresa Hammond, Bob Konzelman, and Mike Buschman. She plans to attend Purdue to major in biology, with hopes of becoming an oncologist.

- Receiving the Drama Award was Emma Lorenz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lorenz. She also thanked Darrow, who heads the school's Drama department, and who Lorenz said "pushed me so much to become more than I thought I could have." She plans to attend Ivy Tech in South Bend to study culinary arts.

- Marshall Master, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Master, was recognized as Industrial Technology Club President. He recounted the Club's work in recent years on several hovercraft machines, which he said were donated to Rochester's school system since the IT program is being dissolved at CCHS next year. Master will attend Ivy Tech in South Bend before heading to Ball State for computer engineering.

- Cynthia Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Miller, was described by Sheldon as "a strong leader," and

was recognized as Spanish Club President. Miller thanked CCHS Spanish teacher Chris Stevens ("One of my favorite teachers") and described his style as "laid back, but we learn a lot and get a lot of work done." She noted Stevens also organizes the senior class' trips to Florida, from which the seniors had just returned the day before the banquet.

- Besides making waves for his football career at CCHS, Robert Molebash, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Molebash, was given the Vocational Award. Molebash described his initial efforts with wood as "so bad (CCHS Building Trades instructor Kyle Elliott) had me autograph it, and it sits on his shelf in his room." However, "from his teaching and encouragement, I will attend Manchester College and major in business management, and somehow function that into construction in my future life...thanks to Mr. Elliott for all his caring and believing in me."

- CAVS Service Club President and Science Club President Nate Niswander, son of Chris Colcort and nephew of Melissa Sytsma, was described by CAVS sponsor Sheldon as her "right arm in the CAVS Club...of the total of 15 service projects (undertaken by CAVS), Nate was at every one."

Niswander, who called his service work in Culver "a life-changing experience," recalled projects raising money for the needy, cleaning up Culver, heading to Mexico for the Habitat for Humanity mission trip, and other efforts.

"My high school career has been great, and a lot of it thanks to Mrs. Sheldon," added Niswander, who plans to attend the University of Southern Indiana to major in political science and minor in history.

- Amanda Rabenau, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Rabenau, was given the Art Award, Family and Consumer Science Award, and was recognized as Art Club president. Noting the Art Award was "a great honor for me," Rabenau described "an amazing year in Art Club...knowing all your hard work pays off is good to know." She plans to attend Ivy Tech in South Bend to study photography.

- Lauren Shaffer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Shaffer, received the Band Award. She explained her involvement in band at Culver really began in the fifth grade, making the program "an eight-year commitment; you have to be tough to stick it through."

Shaffer played trumpet at CCHS, including performing "Taps" for three consecutive Veteran's Day programs at the school, and plans to attend college at Indiana

## Tour de Max returns next weekend

Bicyclists from Culver and beyond are gearing up for the annual Tour de Max bicycle tour next Saturday, May 15, starting at 7 a.m. The event is led by Culver Tri Kappa (under the guidance of Chairperson Karen Heim), and proceeds from the ride are used to enrich the community as a whole.

A mechanic from Culver's Bike Barn will be on hand that morning to help with any last minute breakdowns. The shop is located close to the Culver Beach Lodge (819 E. Lake Shore Drive), where "Tour" will kick off. Bike Barn owner Don Baker recalls his and

his wife's Tour De Max experience.

"Janet and I rode the 30-mile route of the Tour De Max back in 2007, and we really had a lot of fun. It's really a great way to kick off the season!"

All riders start with the tour riding around beautiful Lake Maxinkuckee. Cyclists may choose from a 10-, 30- or 63 mile tour.

Registration and online payment is available. Interested cyclists may register online at Active.Com or request a registration form by e-mailing [tour\\_de\\_max@yahoo.com](mailto:tour_de_max@yahoo.com). Registration and check-in will be open

from 7 until 9:30 a.m. at the Beach Lodge. However, if you plan to ride 63 miles, riders may start no later than 8 a.m. SAG stops will be open for a set period of time based on these departure times.

Cost is \$25 and the registration fee includes a t-shirt, rider number, SAG support and stops, as well as refreshments upon returning to the Beach Lodge. Children 12 and under ride free with an adult, but a t-shirt is not included. Additional t-shirts or t-shirts from past years may be purchased that morning.

Wesleyan for a biology major in the area of animal sciences; she also hopes to join the pep band there.

- Returning to the podium for the second of three trips was Jacob Sheridan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Sheridan. Besides his role as Senior Class President, Sheridan also received the Social Studies Award and praised CCHS social studies teacher Paul Paré for "a good job giving us discussion topics." Sheridan is bound for Wabash College this fall, likely for a double major in physics and chemistry, though he noted he's not completely decided on major.

- Jerry Smith, son of Joe Smith and Angela Anaya, was recognized as National Honor Society President and was recipient of the Spanish Award. He lauded the "many (CCHS) leaders who are not here but deserve to be" and thanked National Honors Society sponsor Theresa Hammond as well as Spanish teacher Stevens. Smith plans to attend the University of Minneapolis' College of Pharmacy and minor in Spanish.

- Angel Tobey, daughter of Steve Tobey and Tammy Tobey, received the English Department Award and Yearbook Award, in addition to her role as Student Council President. Tobey said the yearbook award was not unexpected, since "I eat, breathe, and sleep yearbook. And English is a passion of mine." She thanked CCHS English teacher and yearbook sponsor Tina Stacey and said she plans to attend Purdue with an undecided specific major, though it will be in the area of liberal arts.

- The Cornucopia Editor Award went to Alena Williams, daughter of Beverly Charnetzky and Willis Ray Williams. Williams said she's been a part of the CCHS Cornucopia literary and arts journal staff since her freshman year, and is headed to Ivy Tech this fall to be a physical therapy assistant before transferring to Ball State.

As part of the Lions' annual event, incoming Lions President Barbara Winters also presented a scholarship of \$1,000 (doubled from the past \$500 amount) to a chosen student.

"We flip a lot of pancakes and sell lot of flea market items," said Winters, "but when you come to this kind of event and hear them tell you what they've done, it is awe inspiring, and I commend the whole community: kids, parents, and grandparents. We are so proud to be here."

Explaining the Club's Scholarship Committee chooses the recipient, Winters described the high school activities of winner Jacob Sheridan, who besides aforementioned awards and positions has been a Boys State delegate, part of National Honor Society and the Academic Super Bowl, a Science and Spanish Club officer, played football, golf, and wrestled for four years.

"All the work has paid off," said Sheridan in accepting the award. "I hope I put it to good use; thank you."

Adams also thanked CCHS secretary Sandy Master for her work in making the event possible.

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## Obituary

### Jane A. Wakeland July 8, 1950 — May 1, 2010



CULVER — Jane A. Wakeland, 59, of Culver, passed away Saturday, May 1, 2010 at Memorial Hospital in South Bend after a 10-year battle with Multiple Myeloma.

Jane was born July 8, 1950 in Lafayette, to Arthur and Marsella Smith.

She was married June 6, 1971 to Bruce Wakeland. He survives.

Jane was a graduate of Purdue University. She obtained a B.S. in Library Science as well as her master's degree.

She was the technology coordinator of the Culver Community School District where she was employed for 33 years. She was also a director of the Hoosier Educational Computer Coordinators (HECC).

Jane is survived by her husband of 39 years, Bruce Wakeland; mother, Marsella Smith; sister, Kay (Vince) Schrader; sister-in-law, Elaine (Joseph Zosky) Wakeland; brothers-in-law, Neal (Keri) and Daniel (Janet) Wakeland; and numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grand-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Arthur Smith.

A time of sharing memories with the family will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. EDT Tuesday, May 4 at the Odom Funeral Home, Culver, with a memorial service at 7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to Miles for Myeloma, IU Foundation, P.O. Box 500, Bloomington, IN, 47402.

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

The Odom Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

## Engagement



Louis, Mo.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Douglas and Colleen Klausung, Monterey. She is a 2003 graduate of Culver Community High School, Culver, and a 2008 graduate of Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kan. where she earned a master's degree in Architecture. She is currently employed at Treanor Architects, P.A./St. Louis, Mo. as an intern architect.

The groom-elect is the son of Sterling and Susan Wallace, St. Louis, Mo. He is a 2003 graduate of DeSmett High School, St. Louis, Mo. and a 2008 graduate of the Missouri University of Science & Technology where he earned a bachelor's degree in Environmental Engineering. He is currently employed at Stantec Consultants, St. Louis, Mo. as an environmental engineer.

## Obituary

### Stanley Evan Curtis April 3, 1942 — April 25, 2010



URBANA, Ill. — Stanley Evan Curtis, 68, of Urbana, Ill., died at 10:10 p.m. Sunday, April 25, 2010 at the Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana.

Dr. Curtis was born April 3, 1942 in Plymouth. He was the son of Forrest and Mildred Henning Curtis.

His mother, Mildred Curtis of Pensacola, Fla. survives. He married Carol Sell June 17, 1967 in Big Rapids, Mich. She also sur-

vives. Dr. Curtis was Professor Emeritus at the University of Illinois and was a former department head from Penn State. He and his former wife Carol started the Mahomet Citizen in 1975. He enjoyed working, reading and spending time with his grandchildren.

Surviving are: his wife Carol, of Champaign, Ill.; one son, Lain S. Curtis of Urbana, Ill.; two daughters, Margaret (John) Curtis-Brown of Savoy, Ill. and Frances Siegel of Urbana, Ill.; four grandchildren: Cara and Colin Siegel of Urbana, Ill. and Evan and Elena Brown of Savoy, Ill.; three brothers: Thomas Curtis of Massachusetts, David (Darla) Curtis of South Carolina, and Lindon Curtis of Georgia; and one sister, Colleen (Petar) Grozdanovski of Pensacola, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Graveside services were held at 1 p.m. (EDT) Friday, April 30, 2010 at Poplar Grove Cemetery, Culver. The Odom Funeral Home, Culver was handling the arrangements.

Gregory Joseph Wallace and Cassandra Elaine Klausung, St. Louis, Mo. announce their engagement to be married Nov. 13, 2010 at St. Francis Xavier College Church, St.

## Obituary

### Marie G. Kose June 5, 1916 – April 27, 2010



CULVER — Marie G. Kose, 93, formerly of Culver passed away on April 27, 2010 at the Elmcroft Assisted Living Facility in Muncie, Ind.

Marie was born June 5, 1916 in Lincoln, Neb. After graduating high school, she fell in love with and married William Kose at the Christ Lutheran Church in Chicago, Ill. Together they raised two girls. William preceded her in death Oct. 9, 1993.

After moving to Culver, Marie worked at the Culver Military Academy as a telephone operator, retiring after 21 years. She was an active member of the Grace United Church of Christ. She was involved in the church's Women's Guild.

Being an active member of the community, Marie was a member of the Culver City Club and the Culver Homemakers. She was a Past Worthy Matron of Eastern Star, Culver Lodge, a mother advisor in the Order of Rainbow For Girls, Culver Assembly 61. One of Marie's favorite pastimes was baking cookies to share with everyone around her.

Marie is survived by her daughters, Betty L. (Bob) Knaus of Anderson, and Linda L. Hall of Evansville; nieces, Katherine Wirtz of Skokie, Ill. and Barbara Wirtz (Jim) Cote of Niles, Ill.; nephew, Henry G. Wirtz of Round Lake, Ill.; grandchildren: J. Michael Knaus of Sarasota, Fla., Mark A. Knaus of Evansville, Suzanne M. Hall of Hurst, Texas, and Thomas E. Hall of Noblesville; great-grandchildren: Joshua M. Knaus of Noblesville, Kylea C. Ashley of Vincennes, Mylon L. and Timothy A. Knaus of Vincennes; great-great-grandchildren, Mattilyn E. Ashley and Carter Knaus; and sister, Frieda Klein Wirtz of Skokie, Ill.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John Frederick Geier and Kathryn M. Luft Geier Klein; brothers: Henry, John, Edward, and Alexander Klein; sisters, Marie Klein Schreiber and Amalia Klein Reifschneider; and foster father, Henry Klein.

A time of sharing memories with the family was held from 4 to 7 p.m. (EDT) Monday, May 3 at Grace United Church of Christ, 307 N. Plymouth St., Culver.

Rev. Robin Keating officiated services at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 4 at the Grace United Church of Christ, Culver.

Interment followed at Culver Masonic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Grace United Church of Christ, Hope Hospice of Rochester, or State of the Heart Hospice of Muncie.

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 handling arrangements.

## Community calendar

### Thurs., May 6

Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library  
Story time, 3:30 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Census job testing, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Knights of Columbus St. Mary of the Lake Council #13720 social mtg., 7 p.m., rectory basement

### Fri., May 7

Computer class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library

### Sat., May 8

Culver Farmer's Market opening day, 8 a.m. to noon  
Quilting group, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Town-wide spring clean-up, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Census job testing, 2 p.m., Culver Public Library

Carillon recital, 4 p.m., Culver Academies Memorial Chapel

### Mon., May 10

Story time, 11 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Culver Redevelopment Commission, 4 p.m., town hall

Free computer class, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library  
DivorceCare, 7 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ  
Culver Community School board mtg., 7 p.m., administration bldg.

### Tues., May 11

Tuesday Tea and Craft, 3 p.m., Market Basket & Co.  
Culver Chamber of Commerce mtg., 6:30 p.m.

OA, AA meeting (open), 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library

Town Council mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall

### Weds., May 12

Story time, 9:30 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library

Culver history program, REAL Services, noon, Culver Beach Lodge  
Hooked on Books, 3:30 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Garden Club, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Lions Club mtg., 6:30 p.m., depot-train station

Knights of Columbus St. John Vianney Assembly business meeting, 7 p.m.

St. Mary's Catholic Church basement

### Thurs., May 13

Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library  
Story time, 3:30 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Census job testing, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library

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## CCHS graduation

Culver Community High School's graduation exercises will take place the evening of Friday, May 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the John R. Nelson gymnasium. The day will also be the final day of classes for Culver Community Schools overall.

## 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, May 6:** Cook's choice, sloppy joe, corn, bun, tossed salad and tomato, ranch dressing, apricots, and milk.

**Friday, May 7:** Chicken tortilla soup, chicken salad, applesauce, saltines, and milk.

**Monday, May 10:** Chopped steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, succotash, wheat bread and margarine, cooks' dessert, and milk.

**Tuesday, May 11:** Pork fritter with mayo, bun, stewed tomatoes, scalloped potatoes, peach cobbler, and milk.

**Wednesday, May 12:** BBQ chicken, potato salad, corn, wheat bread and margarine, pudding, and milk.

**Thursday, May 13:** Liver and onions with gravy, pinto beans, mashed potatoes, Mandarin oranges, wheat roll, and milk.

**Friday, May 14:** Breakfast sandwich, eggs, turkey sausage, cheese, English muffin, cinnamon coffee cake, warm cinnamon peaches, 100 percent juice,, and milk.

# The Vonnegut fund and beautiful trees – spring has sprung!

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Flowers are blooming and trees are filling out, you can tell spring has come to Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee. Recently, LMEC councilman Dan Baughman (who is also a teacher at The Culver Academies) and council Chair, Allen Chesser (a vice-president at First National Bank of Monterey) went to the Murphy property on Queen Road where the Curtiss Wetland is located, to plant trees to help secure the levees.

By Kathy Clark, Executive Director,  
Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council



The levees slow the water flowing through the Curtiss Ditch and into Lake Max. They were fortunate to see a snowy egret while planting, something quite

rare in this area.

Dan and I then took the left over trees to the Culver/Union Township Park and, with the help of Park Superintendent Kelly Young, planted 14 River Birch along the shoreline and 5 Bald Cypress around a large electrical box by the flag pole. At Dan's suggestion, I attended a meeting of the Culver Tree Commission the next day and donated the remaining 40 or so trees to the town so they could start their own nursery.

Bob Porter, Culver Street Superintendent and Mike Stallings, President of the Tree Commission said they would make a welcome addition for the town to use in the future, when the need arises. A healthy tree canopy is great because it slows the rain that falls, allowing it to have more time to sink into the ground rather than simply runoff into the lake and lessening the possibility of soil erosion. Three great projects from a simple over abundance of tree stock - sometimes things simply just work out!

Also in the spring, some environmental grants are awarded and The Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council has been honored to receive funding from a lake community family's long-term grant program set up at the Marshall County Community Foundation.

The Ralph C. Vonnegut, Jr. family established this special fund in 2001 to benefit Lake Maxinkuckee in the areas of safety, recreation, and environmental work with the first grants being awarded in 2008. Ralph Vonnegut, Jr. served

on the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council in 1996 through 1997 and his family fund is a testament to how much he loves this lake. Being a past winner of this grant has allowed the LMEC to establish protocol for invasive plant species searches in our lake. We are so honored to be selected again this year.

In 2008 and 2009 a professional firm was hired to search the lake bottom for hydrilla, the invasive plant that overtook Lake Manitou in Rochester in 2006. This plant can grow over 1" per day with any amount of sunlight. The Indiana Department of Natural Resources closed Lake Manitou beginning in 2007 to prevent the hydrilla from spreading to other lakes while they used powerful chemicals to try to eradicate it. They have since partially opened that lake each year when growing season is over, but will be closing it again at the end of April for another whole-lake treatment. Because hydrilla can grow from broken fragments and also tubers it is very hard to kill, but the IDNR has sworn to eliminate it completely. We strongly urge anyone working or fishing at Lake Manitou to wait two weeks before putting boats or any equipment into Lake Maxinkuckee to allow anything that may have attached to die. Cleaning your boat, trailer, and equipment with hot soapy water would be best. One of the grants the LMEC received this year will go to conducting another search that is scheduled in Lake Maxinkuckee for August 12th. We are very lucky, so far – no sign of hydrilla has been found here.

The Ralph C. Vonnegut, Jr. Fund is also supporting our work on e-coli within our wetlands. They awarded LMEC a separate grant to cover the cost of follow-up studies to try to determine the source of e-coli at the Kline Wetland and Conservation Area at the south end of Lake Maxinkuckee. LMEC conducts tests at different locations around the lake every five years. Last year, our round of testing found we had an e-coli reading of over 8,000 parts per million at the Kline's spillway during July. The state's maximum parts per million is 235 and this seems high to stem from deer, geese or ducks so we are trying to find the source. We cannot thank the Vonnegut Fund, or those who manage it at the MCCF, enough for their assistance in these two projects!

The LMEC hopes everyone is finding time to enjoy this beautiful spring!

## Meaningful hymns can reveal God's beauty

Sometime around New Years my wife and I watched the film version of John Patrick Shanley's play *Doubt*, starring Meryl Streep and Philip Seymour Hoffman. The film version, of course, was nominated for many awards, including five Academy Award nominations. While I think this is an excellent film, I found myself moved at an unexpected moment in the film - during the closing credits. The producers picked a beautiful piece of music to play as



### Pastor's Corner

By Pastor Larry Saunders  
Wesley United Methodist Church

the names of all the people who brought the film to the screen scrolled by. When I went to watch the closing credits multiple times with the "subtitle" function on the

DVD player turned on so I could read the lyrics, my wife wondered what in the world I was doing! "Come, Thou, Redeemer of the Earth" is an Advent hymn composed by Michael Praetorius, a German organist and composer of the 16th and 17th centuries, and an early writer of hymns for Protestants. In the film, the hymn is sung by the voices of children in the choir of Christ's Hospital Boarding School in England, and it is simply remarkable – I may just purchase the soundtrack for the film just to have this hymn! What is it that struck me about this piece? Two qualities especially stand out in my mind – theological depth and beauty of the music, and these aspects have me thinking about our expectations in Christian worship, as well as God's expectations of us.

Of course, the old saying that "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder" reminds me that not necessarily everyone would find this piece beautiful. However, something about this piece helps me to enter an interior space in which I can sense more of God's beauty. It lifts my heart and mind to a place in which I can think about those things that are "true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing and commendable." (cf. Philippians 4:8). Whatever our standards are for beauty, whether in visual art, literature or music, I would suggest that one standard must be that it raises us above our worst traits

and moves us towards the best See Pastor's page 8

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## Name that Culver "citizen"

At press time, only a few readers had identified last week's Mystery Citizen. They were Barb Neidlinger and Craig Hopple, and he was Don Baker, who today with his wife, Janet Halling, owns and operates the Bike Barn



on Lake Shore Drive and Main Street in Culver. Free parking for blocks around the BB goes to our shrewd identifiers!



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

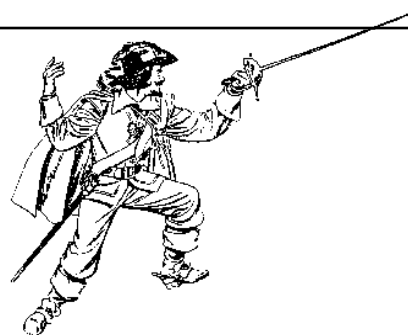
This week's Mystery Citizen's Culver roots go back to a family business as well as many years' involvement in a central Culver institution. Guesses may be emailed to citizen@culcom.net, dropped off in one of our drop boxes (located at the Library and Culver Coffee Company), or call the editor at 574-216-0075.

## Where in the world is the Culver Citizen?

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Last week's photo (below) stumped most readers. Andy Dorral recognized the site as Amecamecca, Mexico, where students from Culver Community High School and Culver Academies teamed up for a mission trip with Habitat for Humanity. A story on that remarkable endeavor will be featured in the Citizen in the near future. We'll return next week with a new "Where" photo. Thanks to Dana Neer and Emily Ryman for this week's



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# Sports



## Cavs falter at NSC

By Dee Grenert  
Staff Writer

CULVER — John Glenn's Ross Columbia provided ample proof for the theory that the most effective pitch is a well-located fastball.

The junior right-hander felled Culver Community a steady diet of fastballs, holding the host Cavs to two runs on five hits in a complete-game 8-2 Northern State Conference baseball win April 28.

Columbia fanned seven and walked five, three of those over the final two frames, in his longest outing of the year to push Glenn (5-5, 3-1 NSC) back to break-even for the season.

Only a couple of dropped pop flies in front of the plate marred an otherwise solid defensive effort.

At the plate, the patient Falcons coaxed nine bases on balls out of Culver freshman starter Kyle Vlach, and stole six bases.

"That's the way it's been the last four or five games: we've struggled to throw strikes," Culver head coach Mike Elliott said. "We've

got to come out, get on top and get ahead in the count and good things will happen. We walked eight or nine today and four of them scored. We had a game

earlier this year where we walked seven and all seven scored. Tonight a walk became a double; it was an automatic stolen base. We have to do a better job holding runners, too.

"The bottom line is the walks," he continued. "We gave them a lot of hitter's counts — 2-0, 3-1 — and then they're just sitting on fastballs. It makes it a lot simpler for the hitter."

All nine Glenn starters

in the order reached base at least once, paced by senior designated hitter Cody Singleton, who went 3 for 3, highlighted by a two-out RBI single in the first to give the Falcons an early 1-0 edge. Singleton scored twice, drew a walk, and swiped a trio of bags for good measure.

Glenn first baseman Jake Kosinski unloaded a two-run double off the right-center field fence to key a four-run third, and Shetler reached base three times, scored twice, nabbed two bases, and knocked in the game's final run in the seventh.

Also for the Falcons, Solmos singled and scored in the third and drove in an insurance run with a sixth-inning sac fly for a 7-2 Glenn lead. Catcher Patrick Langel knocked in the first run of Glenn's big third inning with a bases-loaded dribbler to third, while Suter capped off the rally with a sacrifice fly for a 5-0 advantage, and Sean Liedtky singled home Singleton in the fourth for a 6-0 Falcons advantage.

For Culver (4-7, 0-5 NSC), freshman shortstop Collin Stevens deposited a 2-1 offering over the left-field fence for a fifth-inning home run.

"Collin's going to be a very, very good player for us, and already has been," Elliott said. "He started the year 8 for 10, but he's struggled lately. I think he was four for his last 24. He's another one who's been thinking instead of reacting. But we saw good signs from him today. His swing was a little smoother."

Sophomore Sam Hissong recorded a pair of infield singles for Culver, Sam

Hendrickson doubled in the first, and in the fourth, catcher AJ Neace singled and scored the Cavs' first run.

"We hit the ball hard a few times right at them, and they made some nice catches," Elliott said. "Offensively, we're striking out too many times. We're not getting hitter's counts. We're not sitting back, and we're not shortening our swing with two strikes; we're taking the same two-strike cut that we do earlier in the count."

"We started 4-1 this season, did some good things, now we've lost six in a row," he concluded. "We need to cut down on the little mistakes. Just relax and let the game come to us."

• JOHN GLENN 8,  
CULVER COMMUNITY 2  
At Culver  
Glenn: 1 0 4 1 0 1 1 - 8 8 2  
Culver: 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 - 2 5 2  
Ross Columbia (W) and Patrick Langel; Kyle Vlach (L) and AJ Neace.  
2B: Jake Kosinski (JG), Sam Hendrickson (C).  
HR: Collin Stevens (C).  
Records: Glenn 5-5 (3-1 NSC), Culver 4-7 (0-5 NSC).

## CGA breaks from tradition of Plymouth victories

By James Costello  
Sports Editor

CULVER — Over the past several seasons, the Lady Pilgrims haven't had much luck against Culver Girls Academy.

On Saturday, that luck seemed to change as Plymouth claimed a 5-0 shutout victory over their regional arch-rivals on their home turf at the Academies.

"Yes, we were not playing with all of our lineup today, but that doesn't change the outcome because from my perspective, they did what it took on every court to win the match," said CGA head coach Alan Loehr. "Just because we had a player absent, I don't want to hang my hat on that."

Plymouth quickly

grabbed victories on both doubles courts, and sophomore Kelly Hoeffler claimed a 6-3, 6-4 win at 3 singles to put Plymouth over the top with three match points.

Kara Gilley and Chelsea Bengé both had to gut out three-set wins at 1 and 2 singles, respectively to complete the shutout.

Gilley recovered from a lopsided 6-1 loss in the second set to trump Angelina Garcia — who was moved up in the lineup to replace usual No. 1 Ionna Aguilar Saturday — 7-5, 1-6, 6-3. The win was a reversal of fortune for Gilley, who fell in 3 singles play to Garcia last season.

Bengé, meanwhile, had to grind out a pair of tie-

breakers to seal her win over Jessica Simon 6-3, 6-7 (6), 7-6 (4), capitalizing on several unforced errors staying patient against the Culver No. 2 in the final set.

The JV Pilgrims also shut out their Culver counterparts 15-0 Saturday.

Plymouth's varsity remains unbeaten on the season at 9-0.

• PLYMOUTH 5, CULVER ACADEMY 0  
At Culver  
SINGLES: 1. Kara Gilley beat Angelina Garcia 7-5, 1-6, 6-3; 2. Chelsea Bengé beat Jessica Simon 6-3, 6-7 (6), 7-6 (4); 3. Kelly Hoeffler beat Paulina Cano 6-3, 6-4.  
DOUBLES: 1. Carly Plumlee-Lindsay Renz beat Sonia Shen-Ashley Dawson 6-1, 6-4; 2. Shannon Elliott-Erin Kinney beat Karina Cano-Michelle Molner 6-2, 6-1.  
Record: Plymouth 9-0  
JV score: Plymouth 15, Culver Academy 0

## Sports briefs

### Softball

**Glenn starts fast in win over Culver**

John Glenn was flawless in the field while piling up 10 hits in a 14-1 Northern State Conference rout of visiting Culver Wednesday.

The Lady Falcons jumped off to a 4-0 lead in the first and added four more in each of the next two frames for the win.

• JOHN GLENN 14, CULVER 1  
At Walkerton  
Culver: 0 0 1 0 0 — 1 4 4  
Glenn: 4 4 4 2 X — 14 10 0  
Jessie Bostic (W, 2-1) and Amanda Bogard; M. Dulin (L) and A. Overmyer  
2B: Cassidy Hardesty (G)  
3B: Hardesty 2  
HR: RoseMarie Banks (G)  
Record: John Glenn 6-5, 3-2 NSC

### CGA edges Morgan Township

Culver Girls Academy's Jessica Knox scored the winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning to beat Morgan Township in an 8-7 nailbiter at the Academies Wednesday night. Alexis Christlieb got the winning hit to drive in Knox.

Sophomore Meghan Grieves hit a two-run homer in the sixth to give CGA a 7-6 lead in the bottom of the seventh.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 8, MORGAN TWP. 7  
At Culver  
MT: 1 1 0 0 3 1 1 — 7 6 2  
CGA: 0 5 0 0 0 2 1 - 8 12 1  
Brenna Newell (W) and Alexis Christlieb; Logan Rassel (L) and Jana Thomas.  
HR: Meghan Grieves (CGA)

2B: Sarah Michalec (MT), Victoria Deman (MT), Brenna Newell (CGA)  
Record: CMA 3-8

### Knox routs Culver in 5

Knox pounded out 14 hits and plated 27 runs, 11 of them in the first inning as the Lady Redskins beat Culver 27-6 in five innings on the road Monday.

Alyssa Smart doubled twice for Knox, while Shayna Conner also doubled and Libby Flora tripled for the Redskins, who remain perfect in Northern State Conference play at 3-0. They are 7-1 overall on the year.

• KNOX 27, CULVER 6 (5 innings)  
At Culver  
Knox: (11) 34 36 — 27 14 2  
Culver: 0 1 1 3 1 — 6 2 5  
Jessica Walters (W) and Shayna Conner; L. Vanhorn (L) and A. Overmyer  
2B: Alyssa Smart 2 (K), Shayna Conner (K)  
3B: Libby Flora (K)  
Records: Knox 7-1, 3-0 NSC

### Baseball

**Trojans beat Cavs in conference contest**

Triton pitcher Brett Houlihan helped his own cause going 2 for 3 with a pair of doubles and three RBIs, and the Trojans claimed a 12-1, five-inning Northern State Conference win over visiting Culver Friday.

Four of the Trojans' eight hits were for extra bases as Bryson Mosier and Zeth Hoffer both homered. Hoffer finished the game with two RBIs, while Marc Lindsey recorded three

RBIs in the win.

Collin Stevens went 2 for 3 at the plate with a double for Culver.

Triton improves to 5-8 with a 2-4 NSC mark, while Culver drops to 4-8 overall with an 0-6 NSC record.

Triton will play today at 11 a.m. against visiting Manchester.

• TRITON 12, CULVER 1 (5 innings)  
At Bourbon  
Culver: 0 0 0 1 0 — 1 5 0  
Triton: 6 0 1 3 2 — 12 8 4  
Brett Houlihan (W, 2-3) and Matt Hroth; Sam Hissong (L, 1-2), Bryce Lindvall (1), Sam Hendrickson (5) and A.J. Neace.  
2B: Collin Stevens (C), Houlihan (W)  
HR: Bryson Mosier (T), Zeth Hoffer (T)  
Records: Triton 5-8, 2-4 NSC; Culver 4-8, 0-6 NSC.

### Rietow brothers raise Knox past Culver

Joe Rietow pitched six innings in relief, striking out 11 and giving up one run to earn an 8-7, nine-inning comeback victory for the Redskins over Culver.

Knox recorded 15 hits in the win. The Redskins stay unbeaten in NSC play at 3-0 and 7-5 overall.

Sam Hendrickson doubled for Culver, which slipped to 4-6 on the season and 0-4 in the NSC.

• KNOX 8, CULVER 7 (9 innings)  
At Knox  
Culver: 2 0 4 0 1 0 0 0 — 7 9 4  
Knox: 0 0 0 2 1 0 4 0 1 — 8 15 2  
Kyle Sanders, Joe Rietow (4, W, 2-2); Bryce Lindvall, Collin Stevens (5, L)  
2B: Sam Hendrickson (C), Jake Rietow (K), Kyle Hernandez (K), Joe

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## Correction

In the April 22 Culver Citizen, page 7 Sports Brief, "Terhar goes on a tear," it was incorrectly stated that Max Terhar hit a triple and grand slam to lead Culver Military Academy's baseball team to a 20-0 win. Connor Kucera, Plymouth, was the hitter in the described scenario. The Citizen regrets the error.

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## Cutting a rug

Chad and Melinda Master of Argos took part in the Plymouth-based Lifeplex Dance Academy's celebration of National Dance Week, April 23 to May 3, during which free dance classes and other activities were offered participants. Chad is a computer technician at Culver Academies, where two of the couple's children attend school.

# Council acts on trash exemption, handicap discussion

## Town-wide trash to begin July 1

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

The Culver Town Council last week denied a request from the Co-owners Association of the Riggings housing development in Culver for exemption from the town's upcoming town-wide trash hauling service. At the April 27 Council meeting, Ron Peters, representing the Association, noted he had discussed the matter at a previous Council meeting in January, and referred to language in the town's recent trash hauling ordinance which would allow exemption for an entity paying for its own on-site trash dumpster. Some housing entities, such as several condominium and apartment complexes, fall under such a category.

Peters said the Association includes 15 co-owners, four full-time and 11 part-time residents who are parents of Culver Academies students. He explained the Riggings has an arrangement with its current trash hauler charging \$110 per month for a total of six waste containers, a number derived from averaging container usage throughout the on and off-seasons of housing usage at the complex. Under the town-wide trash hauling system, which would assess a \$15.09 fee to the water bill of each resident for trash service, Peters noted costs at the Riggings will increase to \$3,400, a difference of \$1,700.

"While many are seeing a decrease in trash costs," he added, "we're seeing an increase."

"If we exempt you because (you) have part-time residents," said Council member Ginny Munroe, "then all the other part-time residents would come in and want to be exempt. It would open a huge can of worms."

Munroe and fellow Councilperson Ed Pinder asked Peters if the Association could replace its current trash setup with a dumpster, but Peters said trying to place one in an area of the development convenient to access — particularly for older residents with difficulty getting around — negates that possibility. He also added concern that others in the area, or passing through, would see such a dumpster from State Road 10, on which the Riggings is located, and use it for their own dumping.

Peters accepted the Council's decision not to grant exemption and praised its work on the trash matter, adding, "We do appreciate everything you folks on the Council do, 99.9 percent of the time. We feel very strongly about the Culver community; we're on private road, but we try to be good citizens."

In related news, the Council also passed on third reading its solid waste ordinance — with Council member Ralph Winters opposed and Pinder abstaining — as well as all three readings of an ordinance to establish a fund for the trash collection utility fee.

Some discussion was held as to specifics of language within the contract between the town and waste hauler Allied (formerly Key) Waste, the company contracting for town-wide trash removal for the next three years. It was agreed the contract would not be violated should weather-related circumstances force a delay of one week in waste removal. It was also discussed that the company could miss no more than two consecutive pick-up days due to a strike or other labor-related issues without violating the contract, which calls for weekly pickup on Mondays.

For loose bags of trash exceeding what would fit in the supplied trash receptacle for a given week's pickup, Town Manager Michael Doss said a fee of \$1 per bag will be required, plus an additional 50 cent handling fee per bag. Stickers will be available for purchase at the \$1.50 price per excess trash bag.

Doss also noted town-wide service will begin officially July 1, 2010, and run through June 30, 2013. He noted standard size of both trash and recycling receptacles will be 96 gallons, though individual residents may request smaller totes if needed.

Also discussed at some length was the first reading of an ordinance suggested at the Council's previous meeting, designating a space on Winfield Street handicapped for

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Rietow (K), Jeremiah Landrum (K)  
Records: Knox 7-5, 3-0 NSC, Culver  
4-6, 0-4 NSC

### Bartelman powers Eagles

Connor Bartelman was a perfect 4 for 4 hitting for the cycle for five RBIs as Culver Military routed Washington Township 12-2 in two innings at CMA Saturday.

Kyle Bartelman went 3 for 4 with four runs for the Eagles while Connor Kucera was 2 for 3 with a pair of doubles. Chris Williams took the win on the mound for the Eagles.

• CMA 12, WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP 2 (5 innings)  
Washington Township: 010 001 — 2 2 4

Culver Academies: 302 32X — 12  
12 3

Chris Williams (W, 1-0), Mark Siatta (6) and Max Terhar; Goodan (L)

### CMA falls just short

Chris Williams threw three shutout innings in relief and Culver Military battled back with three runs in the fifth and sixth, but the Eagles fell a little short in a 4-3 home loss to Tippecanoe Valley Tuesday. CMA slips to 2-3 with the result.

• TIPPECANOE VALLEY 4, CULVER ACADEMY 3  
At Culver  
TV: 100 300 0 — 4 4 1  
CMA: 000 012 0 — 3 5 1  
James Hackworth (W), Dan Kitch, Tyler Peterson (7) and Kameron Akers; Connor Kucera (L), Chris Williams (4) and James McGing.  
3B: Brody Andrews (TV).  
Records: TV 7-4, CMA 2-3.

### Youth soccer

Coach Marlo Anderson's 3rd and 4th grade boys soccer team rebounded from last week's loss, to shutout Lavelle 3-0. Fisher Shea scored twice and Cody Russell chipped in another to supply the offense. Culver played stifling defense led by Pat Schmiedlin, Dakota Bennett, and Nik Vela. The shutout for Culver was their third in five games, and they have outscored their opponents 22-5 this season. Culver improved to 4-1 on the season and host Plymouth this Saturday.

parking use by Vickie Dearth, who lives nearby. Neighbors had suggested the move, said Council President Sally Ricciardi, after occasions when Dearth, who uses a walker, had to travel a block or more to reach her home due to a lack of parking near her residence.

As at the last meeting, discussion was raised by a few audience members as to whether the move would set an undesirable precedent for others requesting similar spaces.

"I see no problem with doing this," said Pinder. "We're here to be compassionate with people...there's probably (only) half a dozen people in town with her situation. If we can't do this for half a dozen people in town, there's something wrong with us."

Council members said the ordinance could be rescinded when Dearth no longer lives at the residence, and it was noted that the parking space is available to anyone with handicapped vehicle tags, not just Dearth specifically. The Council voted to approve the ordinance with Council member Lynn Overmyer — who noted she's not opposed to the move — abstaining.

The Council also voted on two change orders pertaining to work on sidewalks and curbs on Lakeview Street, which is slated for repaving this year. The first order was an addition of \$1,100 to the cost of the project, whose work was awarded to Easterday Construction of Culver, to make the sidewalk approach on the street ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant.

The second change was an additional \$1,300 for several feet of curb initially missed by the contractor in his measurements towards cost estimate. Overmyer objected the mistake was on the part of Easterday and not the town, so no cost should be added for the town. Kevin Berger, representing Easterday, said he missed arrows painted on the road indicating curb portions when he first measured the street.

Doss noted that, even with the added cost, Easterday's bid still comes in lower than other bidders by a considerable margin. The Council approved both additions, with Overmyer opposing the move.

Town attorney Jim Clevenger told Council progress is being made on a contract between the town and Lake Maxinkuckee's Southwest Conservancy District, which plans to shift from existing septic systems to a connection to the town's sewer disposal system, a move long in the works.

The Council also approved up to \$12,000 for a sewer rate analysis from Umbaugh and Associated towards establishing a sewer rate for the Conservancy District once it joins the Culver system.

In other discussion, Doss told the Council funds are exhausted for the 2010 sidewalk sharing program, which had been reduced to \$5,000 this year to devote more money towards curbs and sidewalks adjacent to repaved streets this year.

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Also approved was a proposal by Culver-Union Township EMS Director Chuck Dilts to enter into an agreement with Fulton County's EMS allowing Culver's service to call on theirs for paramedic assistance as needed. Dilts noted the agreement is similar to an already existing one with Plymouth, in which a \$300 charge (except in Medicare cases, in which the two services split the charge) is assessed if a licensed paramedic is needed by Culver's EMS, which is not a paramedic service. Dilts said the agreement also formalizes a longstanding practice of allowing Fulton County's EMS to call upon Culver for runs to areas of Fulton County closer to Culver — such as DeLong or Leiters Ford — if Fulton ambulances are tied up and Culver to do the same in calling on Fulton County for aid as well.

Dilts noted CUTEMS' first priority is Plymouth, since St. Joseph hospital there is the local sponsoring hospital, but in some cases the Rochester hospital might be closer, or patients may request it. Ricciardi added CUTEMS currently calls for paramedic assists from Fulton County four or five times per year. Winters suggested a similar arrangement be considered with Starke and Pulaski County EMS services.

Michelle Scudder of Priority Project Resources addressed Council and the audience during a public hearing on Culver's proposed storm drainage improvement project, which would overhaul storm sewers on the west end of Culver. She will assist the town in its efforts to secure \$ 892,935 (the town will provide \$100,000 in matching funds) as part of a DR2 (Disaster Recovery 2) grant. Doss explained the town is still looking for letters of need in the affected area telling of hardship due to flooding there.

The Council also passed on all three readings an ordinance rezoning the former Culver Community School Superintendent's office on Ohio Street from R1 (rural) to a C2 (commercial) building. The structure was purchased last year by Culver Academies.

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Mike Stallings, representing

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## Culver couples win competition with nearly 20% weight loss

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By Rusty Nixon  
Correspondent

PLYMOUTH — An elephant, a whale or a Mack Truck. All three weigh about 3,000 pounds and that is how much lighter Marshall County is today, thanks to the dedication of the participants in the “Best Loser: Happy New You” competition.

The teams involved lost a total of 2,839 pounds. While the participants are lighter, the winners’ wallets are heavier with a grand

prize of \$1,000 going to the winning team “Vegas Bound” comprised of Joe Smith, Cheryl Smith, Rick Tompos and Cheryl Tompos. The Corporate champion was DelMonte’s team of “Three Fat Men and a Granny” — Kevin Chaney, Judy Patrick, Ron Lee and Mike Clark.

“Originally our plan was to take the winnings and go to Las Vegas,” said Sheryl Tompos, who lost 54 pounds for the winning team. “My husband has never been to Vegas

and Cheryl and Joe Smith (teammates) have been there once. Our goal was to lose 21 percent of our team weight and head to the casino.”

With 21 as their lucky number, the crew was able to lose 19.58 percent of their body weight. Joe Smith led the team, dropping nearly 68 pounds; Sheryl’s 54 was second and her husband Rick lost a little over 46 pounds. Cheryl Smith lost almost 25 pounds.

“We wouldn’t have been able to do it without exer-

cise,” said Sheryl. “I was burning 500 calories in the morning with exercise and 500 more in the afternoon. That was a lot more than I was taking in.

“We did it to be healthy. We have three young children and we want to be healthy for them. It was finding a way to get that extra bit of exercise all the time, just walking up the stairs an extra time or two a day, made a difference.”

Joe, who lost nearly 70 pounds and 42 of that in the first six weeks of the com-

petition, had one secret.

“A lot of hard work,” he said. “I worked out with a lot of cardio three or four times a week and ate lots of salad, fruits and vegetables.

“We plan on keeping the weight off so everybody else can have a chance to win the next time around.”

“It’s very difficult once you get to that weight,” said wife, Cheryl. “You have to change your whole lifestyle.”

The corporate champ had some in-house rivalry with another DelMonte team,

Ketchup if You Cannors. In the end, the team of Kevin Chaney, Judy Patrick, Ron Lee and Mike Clark won out.

In second place was the Czars — Joe Czarnecki, Jamie Czarnecki, Michael Delp and Michael Juskela. In third was Lookin’ To Be Lean — Steve Fuchs, Courtney Fuchs, Holly Platz, Ben Platz. Corporate second place was the Thin Seekers — Tom Bolze, Emily Bolze, Justin Bogunia, Nate Bogunia.

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Culver’s Chamber of Commerce, was granted permission by Council to close Jefferson Street between Main and Ohio Streets for the June 19 Taste of Culver festival, which the Chamber took over from the Culver Public Library a few years ago. The event, which will last from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., will be moved from Main Street to Ohio in conjunction with Culver’s Farmer’s Market, for which “Taste” proceeds will purchase a new tent, according to Stallings.

Audience member and Culver resident Barry McManaway raised concerns about noise levels at a business near his home as well as the speed of vehicles traveling down South Ohio Street and potentially endangering children there. McManaway said an ordinance had, at one time, been passed allowing the town to install temporary speed bumps to slow traffic, something Ricciardi said the Council will investigate.

Doss told Council the town’s emergency signal, located at the town hall, is finally “installed and fully operational,” allowing a long-requested switch of two sirens — on the north and south ends of Culver — to severe weather alerts only, leaving the central signal for fire alerts. Pinder expressed appreciation for the patience of residents on Culver’s north side who had requested the move around two years ago.

Winters, calling the transition to town-wide trash service in Culver “the project from Hell for a Town Manager to take on,” praised Doss for his work in “tiptoeing through this project without arousing any rancor.” The Council and audience gave Doss a round of applause for his efforts, and Winters added an expression of surprise at “the occasional lack of civility” from members of the public over the matter in recent months.

It was also noted the Council’s regular May 25 meeting has been changed to May 27.

## CBGC from page 1

Serne (Culver Academies) — first; “Toe-in,” Sarah Raskich (Culver Academies) — second; “Tornado House II,” Eleni Roulakis (Culver Academies) — third; “Hannah in Stardust,” Caitlin Mielot (Culver Academies) — honorable mention.

**Sculpture:** “Rockin’ Penguin,” Stormy Yockey (CCHS) — first; “Modern Moon Chair,” Amber Hopkins, (CCHS) — second; “Peace,” Morgan Jenkinson, (CCHS) — third; “Ocean Foam Crab,” Amanda Rabenau (CCHS) — honorable mention.

**Drawing:** “Three-minute Snack,” Wei-Wie Huang (Culver Academies) — first; “Self-portrait,” Wei-Wie Huang (Culver Academies) — second; “Robot,” Christian Albert, (CCHS) — third; “Pandemonium,” Whitney Kestle (CCHS) — honorable mention.

**Middle School:** “The Lynch,” Nathan Lynch (CCMS) — first; “Campsite with a Sunset,” Shelby Gross (CCMS) — second; “Racing Fish,” Grace Lorenz (CCMS) — third; “Grace,” Grace Lorenz (CCMS) — honorable mention.

**Pottery:** “Pants,” Emma Lorenz (CCHS) — first; Untitled II, Ryan Wharton (CCHS) — second; “Hippie Reflection,” Olivia Knapp (CCHS) — third; Untitled, Teddi Rausch (CCHS) — honorable mention.

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RIGHT: Bob Lorenz, whose Culver Community Middle and High School attending daughters Grace and Emma had artworks on display at last month’s Tri Kappa student art show, examines some of the sketches at the show, which featured 98 pieces from area students.



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## Confirmed at St. Mary's

Students from St. Mary of the Lake Catholic parish in Culver and Culver Academies were confirmed by John D'Arcy, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Ft. Wayne-South Bend April 24, at St. Mary's church, with the assistance of its pastor, Fr. Tad Balinda. Leading the parish Confirmation program was Sasha Pask, while Debbie Foersch led the Academies program.

In the photo below, parish Confirmandi are marked with an \*. Front row, left to right: Abigail Van Horn, Monique Novoa, Stella Serne, Kaylee Niestrom, Katharine Bradford, Brendan Radatovich, Jose Falomir. Second row: Jacob Kurdziel, Taek Lee, Kein Pajor, Cole Maetzold, Phil Kreuser, Pierce Freeman, John Brown, Jack Griffith, Jessica Sayer\*, Steve Paolini\*. Third row: Alejandro Arroyo Yamin, Erika Teahan, Zack Allyn, Alina Badalich, Shelby Saponari, David Romero, Alejandro Lafon Riojas, Maeve Kline\*, Adam Tompos\*, Victoria Christlieb\*, Evan Smith\*, Chelsea Bradley\*, Kody Hansen\*, Mason Barlow\*. Back row: Betsy Whitfield, Merixtel Fernandez, Abigail Baker, Sorcha Rice, Amanda Dilena, Shane Comiskey\*, Trent Elliott\*, Ben Pask\*.

## Briefs from page 1

Discuss R. A. Hughes' novel "A High Wind in Jamaica"

"A tale of seduction and betrayal, of accommodation and manipulation, of weird humor and unforeseen violence, this classic of twentieth-century literature is above all an extraordinary reckoning with the secret reasons and otherworldly realities of childhood," says New York Review Books.

"Hooked on Books" is hosted by Polly Thompson-Wolf and meets the second Wednesday of each month. Contact the library at 574-842-2941 to reserve a copy.

The Culver-Union Township Public Library is located at 107 N. Main St., Culver. All programs are free and open to the public.

**Aubbee Fire Dept. in running for fire truck**

For the second consecutive year, E-ONE asked departments throughout the United States to tell their stories for an opportunity to win a new Tradition ES fire truck. The number of entries and the overwhelming need for apparatus was shocking to contest representatives.

Aubbeenaubbee Township Fire Department, Leiters Ford, is one of the seven running for the win versus departments in Oregon, Oklahoma, Alabama, New Mexico, Kansas and Michigan.

**MCJFL sign-ups**

The MCJFL-Culver Junior Football and cheerleading is looking forward to another year and will be conducting sign-ups for boy 8 to 12 years old and girls Kindergarten through sixth grade Tuesday, May 11 at the Culver Public Library from 5 to 8 p.m.; and Wednesday, May 19 at the Culver Public Library from 5 to 8 p.m. Football players must bring a copy of their birth certificate.

**Tour De Max**

Registration is available for Tri Kappa's Tour De Max. Event is scheduled Saturday, May 15 at 7 a.m., local time. Participants can depart for a 10-, 30-, or 63 mile route starting and ending at Culver's Beach Lodge, 819 E Lake Shore Drive. Cost is \$20 before May 1 and \$25 after May 1 through the morning of the ride. Online registration this year accepts credit card payments. The registration fee include a t-shirt, rider number, SAG support and stops, as well as refreshments upon returning to the Beach Lodge. Children 12 and under ride free with an adult, but a t-shirt is not included. For more information, visit [www.tourdemax.blogspot.com](http://www.tourdemax.blogspot.com).

**Grass clippings re-**

**mind**

The Town of Culver would like to remind residents, as lawn-mowing season begins, to take care to prevent grass clippings from accumulating in the streets. Clippings in the street – besides detracting from the aesthetics of the town – plug much-needed storm drains and may seed into cracks in the street, hastening costly deterioration of the pavement there. The town appreciates citizen cooperation in this matter.

**Make-A-Wish volunteers needed**

An as-yet unnamed, seven-year-old Culver child has been added to the Make-A-Wish Foundation's list, and Foundation wanted to extend an opportunity to anyone interested in becoming a volunteer for Make-A-Wish. Volunteering entails meeting with the family of the child and following the progress of his or her wish. Those interested in volunteering are asked to pay \$20 for a background check and attend a one-hour training session. If enough volunteers in the area come forward, the Foundation will conduct

a training session here so volunteers might not have to travel. Those interested are encouraged to contact Tina Stacey via the Culver Community High School, at 574-842-3391.

**Carillon recitals**

John Gouwens, Carillonneur of The Culver Academies, announces the 2010 series of recitals on the 51-bell carillon at the Memorial Chapel, on the campus of The Academies. Recitals will all last approximately one hour, and will begin at 4 p.m. Saturday afternoons. Recitals will be offered May 22, June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31, September 4, and October 2. In the event of bad weather, the tower will be open to the public during the recital. Admission is free, and a tour and demonstration of the instrument will be offered following the performance.

**Free computer classes at CUTPL**

Culver-Union Township Public Library free computer classes in May include Computers for Beginners Part I (Friday, May 7, 10 a.m.), Computers for Beginners Part II ((Monday, May 10, 6 p.m.;

Friday, May 14, 10 a.m.), Internet (Monday, May 17, 6 p.m.; Friday, May 21, 10 a.m.), E-Mail (Monday, May 24, 6 p.m.; Friday, May 28, 10 a.m.). For more information, call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941, visit our website at [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).

**Church sale Memorial Day wknd**

Poplar Grove United Methodist Church, located on State Road 10 just east of Culver, will hold a sale at the church May 28 and 29 (the Friday and Saturday of Memorial Day weekend) from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Available will be everything from a Craftsman table saw and other tools, to a huge tent, furniture of all kinds to clothing for all sizes, antique glassware to designer shoes...literally something for everyone!

**OA, AA meetings**

Overeaters and Alcoholics Anonymous (open) meditation meetings for

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parts of our human nature. Nothing beautiful would drag us down, and all that we offer to God should be as beautiful as possible! I do not mean to define musical beauty in terms of factors like pitch and tone quality, God's desire would be that they are important only in the sense that we desire to offer God our best from heart given to Christ.

The other part of this hymn that I loved was its depth. In an age when some communication with one another is limited to 140 characters (Twitter and so forth), it is little wonder that thoughts communicating faith convictions are becoming increasingly subject to shallowness, and this spills over into our worship. Too much of what passes for the music of the Christian faith anymore is written to appeal only to the emotions, without enough consideration for whether or not it engages the mind, or even what the theological assumptions of the lyrics are (I think this is slowly changing for better – praise God!) In this Praetorius hymn, on the other hand, it is as if an ancient creed were set to mu-

sic – it takes more than four minutes to sing it entirely! To give an example of the depth, two of the stanzas read:

*From God the Father He [Christ] proceeds,  
To God the Father back He speeds;  
His course He runs to death and hell,  
Returning on God's throne to dwell.*

*O equal to the Father, Thou!*

*Gird on Thy fleshly mantle now;  
The weakness of our mortal state  
With deathless might invigorate.*

These words may have to be read multiple times to be fully understood, and there is a place for such complexity in our expressions of worship. God's grace in Jesus Christ is a wondrous and beautiful thing, and the people of God are benefitted when we honor the Lord with more than a desire to feel good as a result of worship. May the people of God become known once more for crafting worship with nuance, depth and conviction!

any interested person have begun at the Culver-Union Township Public Library, 107 N. Main Street in Culver. The meetings take place Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Whatever problems you may have with the compulsive habits of overeating or drinking, you are welcome at this 12-step (open) meet-

ing. We read from OA "For Today" and AA "Daily Reflections/24 Hours a Day" meditation and 12-step books, for example. These are free meetings open to any in need.

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