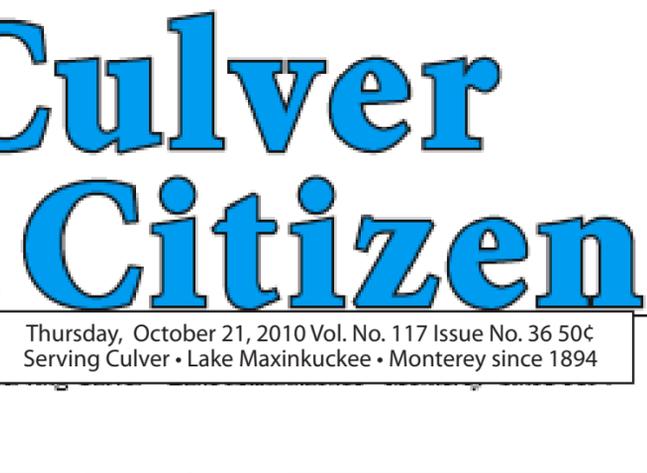


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In Brief

VFW ladies hold dinner Oct. 22

The Ladies Auxiliary at Culver's VFW Post 6919 will offer a special dinner Friday, October 22, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Served will be beef tips and gravy over noodles, choice of potato, salad bar, dessert. Also open menu. The cost of the meal is \$8. Proceeds will go to veterans projects. The meal is open to the public.

Bible study at Trinity

A Bible study on the Holy Gospel according to St. John will be offered on Thursday evenings, 7 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church, 430 Academy Road, Culver. The Rev. K.C. Dehning will lead the study, which will uncover one chapter each week for the participants. This Bible study is open to the public. Trinity Lutheran Church is a member congregation of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

Girl Scouts meet

Culver's Girl Scout Junior troop #30472 and Cadette troop #30474 will meet at the Culver Public Library the first and third Mondays each month starting in November. Currently the Girls are selling nuts, candies and magazine subscriptions for their fall fund-raiser, which will conclude on October 22. In November, they will collect clothing and donations for the Goodwill "Bag-It-Up" campaign. A drop off location for Goodwill donations will be announced in coming weeks.

Lions Halloween Party correction

In the past few weeks' Brief on the Culver Lions' annual children's Halloween party, it was stated that the judging of the costume contest will take place at 6:35 p.m. In fact, the judging will take place at 6 p.m. and awards will be given at 6:35. The Citizen regrets the error.

The party will take place at 6 p.m. Thursday, October 28. This year, the location has changed from recent years: the event will be held at the Culver Elementary School gymnasium. This is a party for anyone in the Culver Community School Corporation. Games will begin at 7 p.m. The judging categories will be: Infant through 3 years old; 4 and 5 year old; 6 and 7 year old; 8

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Scarecrows invade Culver once again

ABOVE: Returning after a year's hiatus is Culver's Chamber of Commerce-sponsored scarecrow contest in the town of Culver, and above are some of the earliest samples of local residents, businesses, and groups' work (for readers who can't make it out, "Pumpocio" (at right) includes the text, "When you wish upon a star..." followed by, "...wish for Lake Maxinkuckee.")

Culver organizations receive MCCF grants

Two Culver area organizations were awarded grants by the the Grants Committee of the Marshall County Community Foundation for its second round of grants for 2010, during a press conference held October 14 in Plymouth.

The Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver received \$6,000 towards a handicapped ramp at the Center for Culver History, the Society's museum and research center located in the Carnegie portion of the Culver Public Library. The ramp is planned to be constructed to give the appearance of a rustic dock on Lake Maxinkuckee, and will enable the facility to meet requirements for handicap access.

The Culver Boys & Girls Club received \$7,200 to support the daily operation of its after-school program, which is located at the Culver Elementary School and serves more than 300 youngsters, nearly 100 of which utilize the club daily for educational, fitness, homework help, and other facets of the program's offerings.

Grant committee members include Louise Mason, Chair of Bourbon, James Erwin of Plymouth, Kay Finlay of Culver, Tammy Houin of Plymouth, Scott Jennings of Tippecanoe, Patti Kitch of Bourbon, Carolyn Kline of Culver, Robert Pickell of Plymouth, Sarah Smith of Plymouth, Jim Weirick of Culver and Susan Wagner of Plymouth. Sylvia Bieghler of Plymouth, Dean Byers of Plymouth and Susie Reinhold of Plymouth serve as advisors to the committee. Grants are awarded to support health and human services, youth, arts, civic and scientific endeavors, education, environmental and prevention of cruelty to animals and children as allowed by the IRS regulations.

Other entities receiving portions of the \$50,000 in this round of grant awards included the American Red Cross of Marshall County, the Boys & Girls Club of Marshall County, Plymouth Arts Commission, Inc. See MCCF page A4

Culver couple wrestles with attack on heroic dog

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

In the three years since Chad Gard of Culver adopted Mini, a short-haired St. Bernard, his dog has proven a loyal and faithful friend, perhaps best exemplified in her rescue of a small child in 2008. Now Gard and his fiancé, Xenia Czifrik, are called upon to return the favor, due to the apparent cruelty of an unknown individual who shot Mini in the face October 2, eventually requiring surgery to remove her eyes.



PHOTO SUBMITTED

Chad Gard, left, and Xenia Czifrik with Mini the dog, shortly after removal of the stitches from her eyes.

Many Culverites may be familiar with Gard (who teaches Band, Orchestra, Percussion Ensemble, and private lessons in Percussion and Music Composition at Culver Academies) and Czifrik (a Physics teacher, among other duties at the school), at least partially through their presence at Culver's Farmer's Market this past summer, where they sold produce from their Hole in the Woods Farm (www.holeinthewoodsfarm.com), ranging from home-made lip balm, to salad greens and purple Peruvian fingerling potatoes, among other items.

As documented on the website, Mini the dog was born September 22, 2006 and adopted by a family in the Grand Rapids, Michigan area, where her interactions with young children no doubt contributed to her gentle ways with youngsters and adults alike. Forced by financial difficulties

to give the dog up, the family took her to the Humane Society in 2007. Gard, searching online for a pet via petfinder.com, stumbled across Mini's photo and made the more than three-hour trek to Grand Rapids, finally adopting the dog that same year.

"Everywhere that Mini went," Gard writes on the Hole in the Wood website, "people immediately fell in love with her. Though she was much older than the other puppies in her obedience class, she learned re-

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Council frustrated over outlet delays

Takes first steps on cat, noise ordinances

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

With ideal working conditions at Lake Maxinkuckee's west shore outlet slipping away day by day, Culver's Town Council last week voiced its frustration over what members perceived as ongoing delays on the part of the consulting firm with whom a contract has been negotiated for several months, finally opting to re-bid the contract should the firm -- GIA Consultants, Inc. -- refuse to accept the current contract offered.

The culvert through which the outlet flows into Hawk Lake had been identified more than a year ago as in need of replacement, a job with which Marshall County agreed to assist, with the backing of the Town of Culver and Mike Strang, a consultant with the Bonar Group. When Bonar merged with GAI earlier this year, negotiations began on the contract, resulting in a number of weeks of clarifications and revisions requested by the Council.

Specifically, the Council had most recently expressed concern with wording in the contract concerning GAI's inspection services, which Council members said was a standard part of similar contracts in the past.

"The frustrating part," said town attorney Jim Clevenger, "is that the county highway department is ready to go take out the old outlet pipe and install a new one. The superintendent is looking at the (currently low) lake level and seeing he would not have to deal with water if they go in now."

Town Manager Michael Doss told the Citizen that the project would last three days, if weather permitted. Clevenger noted GAI would handle design of the project, prepare drawings and specifications, prepare permit applications, and coordinate with the county highway department if the contract is approved.

Noting Strang himself has worked with Culver and Marshall County for years as an independent engineer before consolidating with Bonar and then GAI, Council member Ralph Winters stressed the Council's shared concern with the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council as to the fragility of the project in maintaining the proper flow of water into Hawk Lake. He also acknowledged, "I'm afraid we've already lost this year" to complete the project, adding there it would be 45 days from the day the contract is signed before work could begin.

In the end, the Council voted to affirm member Ginny Munroe's suggestion: "I think we should take a strong, firm stance with (GAI). If they don't accept the contract (as proposed), we start over and aim for next fall (to begin the project)."

Cart ordinance

Passed on first reading was ordinance 2010-010, pertaining to handling of cats within the town of Culver. Among other specifics, the proposed ordinance imposes fines on residents who "intentionally provide food, water, or other forms of sustenance or care to a nuisance cat(s). It is unlawful for any person to feed a stray or homeless cat(s) without full responsibility for the cat(s) by providing the cat(s) with continued humane treatment which shall include proper food, water, shelter, veterinarian care, rabies vaccination, and altering the cat(s)."

Doss noted there have been ongoing complaints in some areas of town concerning the population of apparently feral cats and individuals who feed them.

Noise ordinance

Also adopted on first reading by Council was ordinance 2010-009, to deal with noise issues in Culver. Doss ex-

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PHOTOS SUBMITTED
Mini's striking eyes
before her injury
(TOP) and after
(BOTTOM).

markably quickly. Well, everything except not pulling when walking on her leash! Even this, though, proved fortuitous in the coming months."

In January, 2008, Mini accompanied Gard to visit a friend near Medina, New York. Gard took his dog for a walk on the second morning of the trip, when a heavy, wet snow blanketed the area. She suddenly broke away from him, however, and made a beeline for the nearby woods, dragging Gard through along the slippery trail on his chest! His commands to stop were ignored until, some 250 yards into the forest, Mini stopped at the base of a tree, where a 19-month old girl lay in her pajamas, shivering.

"It turns out the toddler had wandered out through an unused dog-door while the rest of the family was going about its morning routine, believing her to be asleep," Gard explained, adding the small-town family preferred to remain anonymous, so the event was never publicized. "But Mini didn't mind. She found the child because of her loving, heroic heart, not because of a desire for fame."

In the summer of 2009, Gard and Czifrik began the relationship which would lead to their engagement, also bringing Czifrik's own large American Staffordshire Terrier Maynard into Mini's life. The two, Gard explains, became the cornerstone of the Hole in the Woods Farm family, which includes four cats, a Great Pyrenees livestock guardian named Falkor, six alpacas, and three hives of bees.

"Life for the family was going great," he recalls, "especially once we moved to Hole in the Woods in late May/early June, 2010. With a lot of work, and a lot of financial instability, the farm was taking shape. A proposal was made and a wedding date was set.

Life was hectic, but dreams were being realized, and things were really going well -- until around 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 2, that is."

Gard and Czifrik were playing down the road with the dogs and a friend when Mini chased a deer which had run past. Unable to follow her, Gard and company returned to the farm to await the dog's arrival. Soon thereafter, a neighbor phoned to say Mini was in their back yard bleeding from her eyes.

Mini's family rushed her to Dr. Wendy Hatter at Seven Oaks veterinary clinic in Plymouth, where the initial theory was the dog had run into a thorn bush with her eyes open. As Hatter consulted an ophthalmologist at a Purdue small animal clinic, Gard found a .22 bird shot pellet in Mini's fur.

"The hypothesis became that she got shot at," Gard writes, "and ran through the thorn bush because she was scared. All this time, Mini was in excruciating pain and suddenly blind, but remained sweet and obedient with every person she encountered, and Dr. Hatter was so impressed she had to pass it along to the folks at Purdue."

Dr. Rob Holl, one of Mini's regular veterinarians at Plymouth Veterinary Clinic, had been contacted as the on-call vet, and continued contact with Gard and Czifrik throughout the night. The couple later rushed Mini to Lafayette for care at Purdue University, where it was discovered she had several holes in each eye. A radiograph of her head showed a number of bird shot pellets in her face, including 11 in her eyes alone. It was confirmed the gunshot must have come from within 20 feet.

"The only reason to shoot an animal of Mini's size with bird shot, particularly at that range," says Gard, "is to cause pain and suffering. And it's definitely close enough to tell she had a collar and tags on, was healthy with a beautiful coat and well groomed, and surely coming up with friendly body language including a tongue hanging out and tail wagging, asking, 'Can you help me? I'm a little lost.'"

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AHS exhibit examines Indiana cartoons, cartoonists

From the antics of fat-cat Garfield to the cracker-barrel philosophy of Brown County savant Abe Martin, the many creations of Hoosier cartoonists are highlighted in the Indiana Historical Society's traveling exhibition, Indiana Cartoons and Cartoonists, opening October 28 through December 8 at The Center for Culver History, the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver's research center and museum, 107 N. Main Street (lower level of Culver-Union Twp. Public Library).

Thanks to their work on the comic and editorial pages, Indiana artists have entertained and informed (with syndication) millions of newspaper readers across the country. The exhibit explores the amusing goings-on of characters from comic strips like "Chic" Jackson's "Roger Bean," which featured the lives of a typical Hoosier family, to the editorial musings of Pulitzer Prize-winning artist John T. McCutcheon, who was a fierce opponent of America's entry into World War II.

Drawn from the collections of the Indiana Historical Society, Indiana State Library, and other institutions throughout the state, the exhibition also examines the life and work of such Indiana cartoonists as "the dean of America's editorial cartoonists," Evansville's Karl Kae Knecht; artists from the Crawfordsville area known as the Sugar Crick School of Art; "the first black political cartoonist," Henry Jackson Lewis, who worked for the Indianapolis Freeman; Abe Martin creator Frank McKinney "Kin" Hubbard; Richmond's Gaar Williams, who earned a designation as the "James Whitcomb Riley of the pencil"; and Muncie's Jim Davis, responsible for bringing Garfield to life.

Since 1991, the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver has been connecting people to the past by collecting, preserving, interpreting and disseminating Culver's history. A private, nonprofit membership organization, AHS maintains, with the cooperation of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library, a research division, with archives and artifacts, on the history of Culver and Union Township.

This travel display is on loan from the Indiana Historical Society travel display collection in Indianapolis, Indiana.

It also became evident Mini was permanently blind, and facing the prospect of four daily eye drop doses and years of pain medication if her eyes were kept (which would have been strictly for cosmetic reasons), Gard and Czifrik made the difficult decision to have her eyes removed. Dr. Robert Lindsey at Plymouth Veterinary Clinic performed surgery on the dog the morning of October 4. Mini returned home the next evening.

"Every one of the dozen or so vets that treated her was amazed by her gentleness and good nature, despite excruciating pain for such a long time, coupled with sudden blindness," Gard recalls. "She's strong, and we're confident she will recover well."

In addition to veterinarians and staff in Plymouth and Lafayette and "countless friends, family, and colleagues who have expressed concern" and assisted them, the couple are also grateful to an anonymous man who paid Dr. Hatter's bill for them before the couple even picked up their bill for at Seven Oaks clinic.

Several friends asked if an option was available for online donations to help offset the costs of Mini's veterinary care, and Gard and Czifrik gratefully set up a PayPal link on the Hole in the Woods website (specifically, at www.holeinthewoodsfarm.com/family/mini.html) to make it possible to do so. Gard notes they're not a nonprofit organization, so donations aren't tax-deductable, "but we will be eternally grateful."

Mini, meanwhile, is working to adjust to her blindness and find her way around the couple's house and yard, though Czifrik notes "she does not seem intimidated by bumping into things or falling occasionally.

"She has been a great inspiration," Czifrik adds, "and we have a lot to learn from her. We are honored to be her seeing-eye humans."

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Death notices

Donald A. Rowe Oct. 13, 2010

PLYMOUTH — Donald A. Rowe, 67 of 11288 Shady Lane Drive Plymouth, died Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2010 at 8:45 p.m. in Memorial Hospital, South Bend, after a three-year battle with cancer.

He is survived by his wife, Kathryn; a daughter, Cheryl A. Rowe of Milwaukee, Wis.; a sister, Gloria Speck of Hebron; a brother, William E. Rowe of Knox; a granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17 at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will take place at 3 p.m. in the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the funeral home's website at www.johnson-danielson.com.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Marshall County Humane Society P.O. Box #22 Plymouth, IN, 46563.

Betty Cable Oct. 11, 2010

CULVER — Betty Cable, 71, Culver, died Monday, Oct. 11, 2010 at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

She is survived by a son, James (Shannon) Cable of Greenfield; brother, Russell Prosser of Culver; sisters, Velda Craig of Knox, Laurel (Steve) Roush of Culver, Annette Warner of Minnesota, Nancy (Jim) Manzuk of Knox, Helen Matiya of Culver; and two grandchildren.

There will be no services. Braman and Son Memorial Chapel, 108 S. Main St., Knox, is assisting the family.

Glenn S. Lemler Sept. 4, 2010

CULVER — Glenn S. Lemler, 91, Culver, died Sept. 4, 2010 in Bradenton, Fla.

He is survived by his wife, Marcella; sons, David Lemler of Plymouth and Vincent (Jennifer) Lemler of Bradenton, Fla.; a daughter, Mary Jo Lemler of Los Angeles, Calif.; half-brothers, Dan and Robert Lemler; and five grandchildren.

There will be no visitation. Graveside services took place at noon Saturday, Oct. 16 at Culver Masonic Cemetery, Culver. Odom Funeral Home, Culver, assisted the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be made to the family via the funeral home's website, www.odomfuneralhome.com.

Violet J. Ray May 1, 1939 – Oct. 13, 2010

KEWANNA — Violet J. Ray, 71, a resident of Kewanna, died at her residence Wednesday evening, Oct. 13 at 10:10 p.m.

She is survived by her husband, Bob Ray; daughters, Judy Lynn Reed of Plymouth, Beth Ann (Jeff) Aker of Zephyrhills, Fla., Wendy Jo (Fred) Berkeypile of Plymouth; son, James Robert (Karen) Ray of Argos; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and siblings, Loretta Keehn of Walkerton, Shirley DeBow, Elizabeth Ward Barbara (George) Dickerson, Joseph (Janet) Gaines and Roger (Denise) Gaines all of Plymouth, and Brenda Carter of Argos.

The family received friends Oct. 16 in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home in Plymouth. Services followed visitation in the funeral home. The Rev. Glen Mitchell officiated.

Memorial gifts in Violet's memory may be made to the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana 911 E. 86th St. Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46240 or Guardian Angel Hospice Inc. 1050 W. Market St. Logansport, IN 46947.

Condolences may be sent to the family through the website: www.johnson-danielson.com

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Letters to the editor

Tax caps...yes or no?

Your Governor and Legislature are going to present a referendum at election time to ask you to vote the tax caps into our Indiana Constitution.

Please think about this before you do it. Once something is voted into the Constitution, it is almost impossible to rescind.

I've worn the hats of property owner, businessman, Town Council member, and last, but not least, a teacher, and I see how much financial harm these tax caps have done; especially to our school system. Our Governor and Legislature have not found any alternative to make up the financial loss that the tax caps have caused. We may find, in the near future, that these particular tax caps are not justified and want to change our thinking on them. This would not be possible if they are actually inserted into the Constitution.

Again, I ask you to think strongly before you vote yes on this referendum!

**Ed Pinder Sr.
Culver**

Think pink!

Each year, as we approach our annual "Ounce of Prevention Fundraiser," we have those natural Jitters that accompany any big effort: Will people show up? Will they donate? Will it be as fun as it was last year?

And each year (afterward, of course) we shake our heads at our foolishness! After all, we're talking about the people of Marshall County here! These are people who genuinely care about each other and are people of their word.

And every year, you come through, joining in our battle to increase awareness of and help fight breast cancer.

There's another challenge we face each year, too: how can we possibly express the depth of our gratitude to each one of you? We try to remember everyone who helped in any way and include them in our thank you ad ... and while that gives recognition, it just doesn't feel as special as the feelings we have in our hearts!

But what could possibly capture that feeling?

Absolutely nothing. It's simply bigger than words, bigger than actions.

We are overwhelmed by your generosity ... humbled by your willingness to pitch in, in so very many ways ... and forever grateful that we call Marshall County "home." Thank you for every effort, every prayer, every way you have helped us make "Ounce of Prevention" a huge success, once again!

**Jennifer Houin and Jessica Oliver
Plymouth**

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The "Gimmie, Gimmie mentality"

A few years ago, my family and I went to Indianapolis. We visited the Children's Museum, the State Capitol Building and the Indianapolis Zoo. We spent the night in a downtown hotel and walked around the area. We walked by plenty of "panhandlers" which didn't make much of an impression on me, as I have visited many third world countries while serving in the Navy. My son, who was five at the time had a different perspective. About six months later, my son and I were talking and he asked about the "Gimmie, Gimmie man," saying the one man that was holding the McDonald's cup begging for change. That person is not the typical American; we are not a country of handouts. Our country was founded on hard work and self reliance. When Indiana was settled, it wasn't "farm ready." Settlers didn't apply for Federal grants, they went out and did the hard work of clearing tracts of land by hand, on their own.

This past week I read a print advertisement for a candidate running for a political office, and what was stated made me think back to the "the Gimmie, Gimmie Man." One of this person's platform states that they will "bring more of our federal and state tax dollars back to..." It then hit me. I believe that this aspiring politician is naive in thinking that "bringing home the tax money" is what an elected official is supposed to say and do. The more seasoned politicians don't go out stating it in such a bold manner.

Money that Americans are taxed represent a portion of their hard work and valuable time. This "federal and state tax money" has to come from somewhere - it comes from our fellow Hoosiers and Americans citizens, that's where.

Why do their hard earned tax dollars need to come to us and vise versa? Do we want politicians whose goal is to bring more tax dollars back to their area, or do we want politicians who are fiscally disciplined and will not overburden individuals and businesses with high taxes? Let's require our elected officials to be responsible with "our" money. Let's demand of them to be part of the solution and not continuing to be a part of the problem of the financial dire straits that our country is currently in. They work for us, and we can choose who to hire and who to fire. To be fair to that candidate, one of their other platforms is to "pass a balanced budget with reduced spending," and that is a good thing.

I ask that if you are going to vote on November 2, please inform yourself on all the candidates, not just one political party or the other. Thank you.

**Gary Shaffer,
Culver**

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Pesek completes Navy basic

Navy Seaman Recruit Nikolo H. Pesek, a 2010 graduate of Culver Community High School, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Pesek completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations". This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor.



Recipients of grants in the latest round from the MCCF are represented by (front row, left to right) Sara Hill, Billie Treber, Annette Wojcik, Agnes Bramfeld and Jennifer Maddox. Middle Row: Louise Mason, Debi Gidley, Sarah Hendrix, John Pinter and Linda Rippey. Back row: Cory Monnier, Lowell Michaels, Will Smaka, Randy Schmucker, Fred Karst and Mike Lintner.

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(Encore Performing Arts), Heminger House, Lake of the Woods Property Owners Association, the Marshall County Historical Society, the Marshall County Neighborhood Center, Marshall-Starke Development Center, United Way of Marshall County.

The general endowment of the Marshall County Community Foundation now exceeds \$3 million dollars. This enables the Foundation to award grants in excess of \$100,000.00 on an annual basis.

General Endowment Fund grant applications are due February 1st and August 1st each year. Ralph C. Vonnegut Fund applications are due February 1st. Applications and more information may be obtained by calling the Marshall County Community Foundation at 574-935-5159 or visiting their website at www.marshallcountycf.org.

Community calendar

<p>Thurs., Oct. 21 Biography Book Club, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library Jackie Walorski, Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library Fall break (Thursday and Friday), Culver Community Schools</p>	<p>Library Town Council mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall</p>
<p>Fri., Oct. 22 Computer class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library</p>	<p>Weds., Oct. 27 Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library TOPS mtg., 5:30 p.m., Grace church Road Literature book club, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library</p>
<p>Sat., Oct. 23 Quilting group, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library Friends of the Library \$1 per bag booksale, Culver Public Library Culver Academies Summer School Halloween Camp (today and Sunday)</p>	<p>Thurs., Oct. 28 Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library Thursday Tech Time, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library Lions Club annual children's Halloween party, 6 p.m., Culver Elementary School gymnasium Culver Public Library board mtg., 7 p.m., Culver Public Library Culver Community School board mtg., 7 p.m., administration bldg.</p>
<p>Mon., Oct. 25 Computer class, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library</p>	
<p>Tues., Oct. 26 Story time, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library OA, AA meeting (open), 6:30 p.m., Culver Public</p>	

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Name that Culver citizen

Last week's Mystery Citizen, current Culver police officer Chad Becker, was identified only by Scott Croy. Admittedly it wasn't the best photo of Chad (who is pictured below in his Culver EMS hat, in 2008), so maybe that's partly what stumped many readers. He has, of course, been a part of Culver's police force virtually since he was old enough to graduate Culver Community High School and attend the police academy and continues to be a well-known officer today.



This week's Mystery Citizen inherited her sense of service to the Culver community from her parents, and has served the town in several capacities over the years. Free parking in uptown or downtown Culver awaits correct guessers!

Guesses may be emailed to citizen@culcom.net, dropped off in one of our drop boxes (located at the Culver Public Library and Culver Coffee Company), or call the editor at 574-216-0075.



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Library news

Thursday Tech Time

On Thursday, October 28, Thursday Tech Time will discuss the pros and cons of buying vs. building a computer.

Discussed will be differ-

ent scenarios, and models of computers will be compared from several different manufacturers. Finally, we price out the parts for these computers to see when it makes sense to buy a prebuilt computer, or

when money may be saved by building the computer yourself.

Thursday Tech Time is an open discussion group for anyone interested in computers and technology. Sessions are held from 6

to 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month. All sessions are free and open to the public.

Bio Book Club

Culver-Union Township Public Library's Biography

Book Club meets Thursday, Oct. 21, at 10:30 a.m. The selection for this month is "Holy Cow!" by famous Chicago baseball announcer, Harry Caray. Copies of the book are available by the "Book Club" sign in the

library.

Join us in the small meeting room at 107 N. Main to discuss the book. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 574-842-2941.

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plained that policies of other area municipalities relating to noise were examined in creating the proposed ordinance, adding one challenge is determining "exactly what is noise and how you measure that noise."

It was discussed that options include audibility from a certain number of feet from the source of the noise, or employing decibel-measuring devices which could verify a certain volume level. Culver Police Chief Wayne Bean said in general he liked the proposed ordinance, which would include stiffer penalties for those causing noise problems in town, though he requested a minor change in wording to allow officers to ticket offenders without a 24-hour waiting period after the first warning given. He added most police departments in the area don't use the meters -- though he doesn't oppose their use -- and most area residents presently turn their music down when asked.

"It seems like we don't have many residential issues," said Munroe of ongoing noise complaints in Culver. "It's mostly a problem with businesses. They have a percentage of time when they make their money (in the summer), and it's mostly outdoor (music). I feel if they've been warned by police on a Friday and the next Friday it happens again, they need a ticket."

Bean and Council President Sally Ricciardi also stressed residents must call the police when a noise problem arises, rather than complain later.

"If you don't call the police and complain," said Ric-

ciardi, "you can't expect anybody to turn the music down."

Zoning overhaul

Winters raised the question of a proposed overhaul of Culver's zoning ordinances, completed in draft form over three months ago by a sub-committee of Culver's Plan Commission.

A few contested areas of the draft have held it up from Council approval, he noted. Ricciardi said she spoke with Plan Commission member Bobbie Ruhnnow and others the previous week about the matter, and the conversations were "very productive." Munroe affirmed the dialog appears to have fostered "some give and take on both sides" (the Council and Plan Commission). The matter will be added to the agenda of the following Council meeting.

Streetscaping one step closer

The Council approved an increase from \$64,000 to \$76,000 for DLZ engineers for their design role in downtown Culver streetscaping for which an Indiana Department of Transportation grant was received early this year. Doss said the increase was due to INDOT requirements necessitating "significantly more reporting to more agencies" in order for the work to be done. DLZ is optimistic work could begin on the project by late summer or early fall of 2011, Doss added.

Christmas decorations tackled

Culverites should enjoy greatly enhanced Christmas decorations this holiday season following a vote from the Council -- at Doss' recommendation -- to hire a company to provide decorations as well as install them around town and remove them during early January, at a cost of \$1,625 per year. The company in question handles similar work for municipalities around Indiana, and will also maintain the non-religious decorations, including replacement of faulty lights.

Doss explained the move would not only remove the burden of decorating from local organizations who have taken on the work in years past, but would protect town employees and others -- who typically install the decorations -- from incurring injuries such as one who suffered a "serious injury" in the recent past during decorating. At Council's request, Doss agreed to seek a one-year contract with the company as an initial trial before contracting for three years' service, as was originally proposed.

Town budget passed on first

During a public hearing, the town's 2011 budget was passed on first reading, following "many work sessions" to prepare it, according to Clerk Howard. The proposed budget is \$1,8090,381, including (among other figures)

\$1,148,150 for Culver's police, fire, and EMS services; a decrease of \$10,000 for Local Roads and Streets to \$9,000; and \$261,131 for the Parks department.

Howard said the proposed budget is a "slight increase from last year," though she explained that each department's particular increases were justified by additional revenue. In answer to audience query, Howard said the town likely won't spend all the money it budgeted for the year, which is typically the case from year to year; most departments, she added, spend only about 60 percent of their allotted budget each year.

"We're very fortunate here in Culver," she explained, "with the circuit breakers (property tax caps) which everybody is being affected by. Argos lost \$50,000, and the county lost six figures. Culver lost \$139. People complain our tax rates are high, but it's actually helped us. We haven't seen a huge decrease in revenues."

EMS news

At the request of Culver-Union Township EMS head Chuck Dilts, the Council approved the sale of a retired 1998 ambulance to Starke County's EMS service, pending approval by the Union Township Trustee. The Council also wrote off just over \$8,000 in non-collectible claims from deceased individuals with no estates, bankruptcies, and the like.

As of the end of September, he reported, the EMS has had 311 ambulance calls this year, with the highest numbers taking place in May and July.

Other items

A new sidewalk will be added on the east side of Lake Shore Drive in front of the municipal parking lot at the water tower, following Council vote approving a bid for \$3,940 by Bachman Concrete.

Tap and labor fees for the town will be waived in the installation of water and sewer lines at the future Garden Court senior living apartments on South Main Street, a value of around \$1,500, by Council vote. The cost of materials will still be required for the project, however.

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Sports



Cavs finish regular season on high note

By Dee Grenert
Staff Writer

CULVER — Culver Community football head coach Andy Thomas said his team treated Friday's regular-season finale with LaVille as a playoff game.

but one.

Salary crossed the goal line on a 5-yard run that put the Cavs up 7-6 after the first play of the second frame, and again on a 27-yard jaunt to give Culver a 21-6 lead with 10:51 left in

started well but struggled in the red zone over the final three quarters.

The Lancers accepted the opening kickoff and methodically marched 69 yards in 17 plays, punctuated by sophomore Andrew Hostetler's juggling 7-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Rodney Bettcher. Salary and Sam Hissong blocked the extra point to keep the score 6-0 at the 3:13 mark of the first quarter.

"Our defense woke up after the first drive," Thomas said. "We played with more urgency. We're going to have to come ready to play right from the opening kick in the playoffs."

LaVille twice drove deep into Culver territory in the second half, but a costly false start on the Culver 1 prevented a third-quarter score, and Culver's Micah Budzinski intercepted a pass inside the Culver 10 in the fourth quarter.

Both teams open Class A Sectional 33 action next week; Culver heads to Lake Station while LaVille hosts Whiting.

• CULVER COMMUNITY 35, LaVILLE 6

At Culver
Score by quarters
LaVille: 6 0 0 0 — 6
Culver: 0 14 14 7 — 35

Scoring summary
First quarter

LV — Andrew Hostetler 7 pass from Rodney Bettcher (kick blocked), 3:13.

Second quarter
C — Mike Salary 5 run (Collin Stevens kick), 11:55.

C — Zoe Bauer 5 pass from Salary (Stevens kick), 4:03.

Third quarter
C — Salary 27 run (Stevens kick), 10:51.

C — Sam Hendrickson 19 pass from Stevens (Stevens kick), 2:29.

Fourth quarter
C — Stevens 2 run (Stevens kick), 4:10.

LaVille stats
Rushing: 36 carries for 199 yards (Sean Webb 15-79, Hostetler 7-48, Spenser Omans 7-47, Drew Dutoi 1-14, Bettcher 6-11).

LaVille stats
Passing: Bettcher 5-18-1, 76 yards; Hostetler 0-2

Receiving: Codee Kimbel 2-24, Hostetler 2-16, Omans 1-36.

Tackles: Cody Timm, Sean Webb 5.

First downs: 16
Fumbles-lost: 1-0

Punts: 2-37
Penalties: 3-15

Culver stats
Rushing: 38 carries for 357 (Salary 16-213, Hendrickson 12-82, Stevens 8-42, Cole Flora 1-14, Sam Hissong 1-6).

Passing: Stevens 6-7, 70 yards; Salary 1-1, 5 yards

Receiving: Hendrickson 3-46, Micah Budzinski 2-21, Bauer 2-8

Tackles: Johnny Anderson 9.

First downs: 19
Fumbles-lost: 2-0

Punts: 1-29
Penalties: 6-50

Records: LaVille 2-7 (1-6 NSC), Culver 6-3 (4-3 NSC).



PHOTO/DEANNA L. GRENERT

Culver's Sam Hissong is hit in the Cavaliers' Northern State Conference game with LaVille Friday.

Given the results, the defending sectional champion Cavs look poised to make a strong run at a repeat.

Senior running back Mike Salary danced his way to 213 yards in 16 carries, scored twice, and even tossed a touchdown pass for good measure in the Cavs' 35-6 Senior Night win over Northern State Conference rival LaVille.

"Our offensive line did a good job getting on people and staying on people," Thomas said. "Our backs ran the ball hard and our quarterback made good decisions."

"We'll go as far as (our seniors) will take us," he added. "We looked at this as a playoff week, and we needed to play well. I'm proud of our players and coaches."

Working behind offensive linemen Max Burgess, Jeremiah Harvey, Jeremiah Ray, John Ahlenius, Nick Zehner, and Matt Hurford, the Cavs rolled up 462 yards of total offense — 357 on the ground — and scored in every possession

the third quarter.

Sandwiched in between, Salary lofted a fourth-and-goal 5-yard halfback pass to classmate Zoe Bauer for a 14-6 Culver lead with 4:03 left before halftime.

Culver senior running back Sam Hendrickson added 82 rushing yards and three catches for 46 yards, highlighted by a 19-yard scoring strike from sophomore quarterback Collin Stevens to give the Cavs a 28-6 lead with 2:29 to go in the third.

Stevens, who also finished a perfect 5 of 5 in PAT tries, capped off the scoring with a 2-yard plunge in the final stanza as Culver snapped a three-game slide.

"It's something that's been hard to come by against LaVille," Thomas said of the win. "They always play hard and we knew we'd be in for a struggle. I'm proud of the kids. We've had three tough, three very difficult losses in a row and they continue to come to work and practice hard."

LaVille, meanwhile,

Lady Cavs fall at Argos Sectional

By James Costello
Sports Editor

ARGOS — Argos started finishing its shots, while Bremen suddenly struggled to do the same, and Plymouth flooded the box and held off Culver's Whitney Sanders as the Lady Dragons and the Rockies both advanced to set up a classic rivalry match-up at the Argos Girls Soccer Sectional Thursday.

PLYMOUTH 3, CULVER 1

Plymouth missed a penalty kick less than 3 minutes in and it nearly came back to haunt the Rockies.

Up 2-0 after goals by Kendra Reininga — her first of the season and Plymouth's first Tuesday in the 20th minute — and Krista Vanlue, Culver striker Whitney Sanders beat out a pair of Plymouth defenders for a solo goal in the 48th minute to cut the score to 2-1.

There was a foul outside the box a few minutes later

that initially looked like a penalty kick situation, but a free kick was instead called. The shot sailed errant, and Emily Wilson scored on a Courtney Hersick pass in the 63rd minute to bring the score to its final.

"Hats off to Culver. There was a 7 to 12-minute stretch in the middle of the second half where they really were taking it to us," said Plymouth head coach Joe Morris. "That goal I think energized them. (Sanders) is a great player, but she also seemed to catch double fire when they scored that goal, and for a minute there when it was still 2-1 where we had the silly foul outside the box and you think 'Wow, is that in the box?' ... that could've been a turning point. If it's inside the box, and they can put it in the back of the net then we've got a dog fight."

There was some confusion about who exactly scored Plymouth's second-half goals, a tribute to the

Rockies flooding the box in the second half.

Culver closes its season at a respectable 9-7-1 and head coach Theresa Jacobsen is hopeful for the future.

"I was very pleased with the progress," she said. "We had our first winning season since I believe 2000, so in a decade. Next year I think there'll be another good group of freshmen coming in so I'm excited."

• ARGOS GIRLS SOCCER SECTIONAL At Argos

• PLYMOUTH 3, CULVER 1

First half
P — Kendra Reininga (Jordin Cook)

20th minute
Second half

P — Krista Vanlue (Brea Whitmire, Stephanie Rosas) 48th minute

C — Whitney Sanders 60th minute

P — Emily Wilson (Courtney Hersick) 63rd minute

Shots on goal: Plymouth 11, Culver 3

Saves: Alayna Holmquest (Plymouth) 2, Abby James (Culver) 8

Records: Plymouth 7-9-1, Culver 9-7-1 (Final).

CGA tops Plymouth for 3rd straight sectional title



PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO

Members of the CGA girls soccer team celebrate their sectional championship win over Plymouth at Argos Saturday.

By James Costello
Sports Editor

ARGOS — Led by tournament MVP Kylee Shipley, the Lady Eagles whitewashed Plymouth 3-0 to claim their third straight Argos Girls Soccer Sectional championship Saturday at Eugene Snyder Field.

"It's always good, but I think with this third one we've kind of established a standard now that's expected," said Culver Girls Academy head soccer coach Nathaniel King. "Now we can focus on a bigger challenge at regional. It's a big confidence boost going into regional."

Shipley backed up a two-goal performance in the semifinals Thursday with another pair of scores and an assist to power CGA's offense Saturday.

Her header off an Abigale Baker cross put the Eagles on the board just four minutes into the contest, and her solo shot in the 43rd minute gave Culver some insurance. The senior Culver native assisted with a short back pass to freshman Amber Cowell for a goal in the 67th minute to bring the score to its final.

"It's going to be hard when she moves on, when she leaves," said King of

Shipley. "She is a big-game performer. She steps up in the big games, but I think it's not just Kylee. Her teammates make her the player she is and vice versa so this is a good team victory and hopefully the leadership we have with this team can be a good example to the leaders we have next season."

"You look at Dineo Mmutla, you look at Kylee Shipley, and they really create problems for any team," said Plymouth head coach Joe Morris. "For our team they create special problems because Kylee does a great job of every time the ball comes to her she passes off and then makes a great run, and the combination of Dineo being able to put a ball perfectly in a position that Kylee can run onto it makes it difficult for a team."

Plymouth had few scoring chances with only three shots on goal compared to 10 by CGA, although the Lady Rockies nearly evened it up at 1-all just over a minute into the second half as a Courtney Hersick shot ricocheted off the post and away from the goal.

"We started the second half, we're down 1-zip, and

within the first 2 or 3 minutes, we get a ball that's off the outside of the goal post instead of the inside of the goal post," said Morris. "In all honesty, that ball hits the inside of the goal post, and it becomes a much different game. And I do think it's true in any athletics at any level but more so with high school young ladies, it's just confidence. As things go well your confidence tends to swell and you improve the style of your play."

CGA improves to 10-8-1 and will move on to the South Bend Riley Regional where the Eagles will face South Bend St. Joseph's Wednesday.

Plymouth closes out its season at 10-8-1 and says goodbye to six seniors in Ashley Taylor, Jordin Cook, Brea Whitmire, Kendra Reininga, Trisha Neidlinger and Hannah Christy.

"We had some early struggles for the team, and I really couldn't be more pleased with the way they brought it all together for the sectionals. We arguably could've been out much earlier in the sectionals, but we stepped up the level of play, and I thought we were more cohesive than they had all year. We had some tough losses in games that we thought we should've won, but to have those games come out on the other side in sectional that's the kind of thing that makes you look back and say, 'Wow, this season wasn't so bad even if it wasn't the result that we wanted.'"

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 3, PLYMOUTH 0

At Argos
Soccer Sectional championship

Halftime score: CGA 1, Plymouth 0

First half
Kylee Shipley (Abigale Baker) 4th minute

Second half
Shipley 43rd minute

Amber Cowell (Shipley) 67th minute

Shots on goal: CGA 10, Plymouth 3

Saves: Gracen Hirschy (CGA) 2, Becca Houser (Plymouth) 6

Corner kicks: CGA 3, Plymouth 2

Fouls: CGA 8, Plymouth 1

Records: CGA 10-8-1, Plymouth 8-10-1 (final)

CGA wins regional title

CULVER — Paced by repeat individual champion Waverly Neer, the Culver Girls Academy cross country team edged out Eastern 52-53 to claim the championship on its home course at the CGA Regional Saturday, while Plymouth's girls scored a 127 to earn the final semistate berth.



PHOTO/ALAN HALL

Culver Girls Academy's Waverly Neer runs at the CGA Cross Country Regional Saturday.

Paced by Neer's 17:53, the Lady Eagles secured three top-10 spots en route to the repeat team title and a ticket out to the New Prairie Semistate next Saturday. Kaye Sitterly finished fifth, and Kacie Hermanson was seventh for CGA, while Eden Brackenburg finished 21st, and Kayla-Colleen Miracle was 22nd.

The Lady Pilgrims were led by strong performances from their freshman class and four runners came in under 22 minutes Saturday. Freshmen Deborah Anders and Emmelyn Brandt clocked in at 21:01 and 21:06 in 18th and 20th, respectively, while fellow freshman Shelby Harrell placed 32nd in 21:51. Gaby Ramirez was 34th and Meagan Fisher finished 41st.

Triton also saw a strong performance by a freshman as the Lady Trojans came in ninth in the team standings to fall short of a bid to New Prairie, but freshman Alexandra Kann earned an individual trip out with a 20:33 for 11th place at the meet.

Culver Academies' boys team also made the cut out to semistate in second place behind boys meet champion Maconaquah Saturday. Austin Welch, Leopoldo Burtuete and Riley Thompson finished sixth, 11th and 15th, respectively, while Connor Hague came in 22nd, and Alejandro Velasco was 39th for the Eagles.

Plymouth placed seventh, two places short of a team berth to New Prairie as Juniors Diego Ibarra and Matthew Lee crossed the line in 27th and 31st individually. Seniors Santiago Ibarra and Derek Lee finished back to back in 35th and 36th, re-



CCHS soccer teams enjoy bright seasons

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Culver Community High School girls soccer coach Theresa Jacobson classifies this as a "good season" for the team, whose fourth place conference finish she notes was the best in a long time. The team also boasts its best winning record since 2002 (the team finished the season with a 9-7-1 record).

"We had a combination of good leadership from our four seniors, and a good, skilled group of freshman players," she adds. This year's senior players included Whitney Sanders -- whose scoring Jacobson praised -- CJ Dehning, Nicole Carnegie, and Lindsey Van Horn. She added lauding of freshman goalie Abby James, pointing out several freshman this year have taken on starting roles.

"They've worked very hard," Jacobson says of the team, whose freshman talent makes hopes high for next season as well.

Boys coach Jeff Becker says his team has "definitely improved" over last year, including in its number of players (the 21 team members, he says, makes this the biggest team CCHS has had in four or five years, especially competing as it is with other sports). This year marked the team's first conference win in three years.

With seven senior players, Becker acknowledges that next year will be a "rebuilding year," though the team boasts a number of juniors, sophomores, and freshmen with good field experience as well.

"We definitely competed well," he adds, noting at least two of the team's losses occurred during the last minute of their respective games.

PHOTOS/SUSAN SHAFFER

TOP PHOTO: CCHS' girls soccer team: front row, left to right: Lindsey Van Horn, Chelsey Jones, Shakkira Harris, Abby James, CJ Dehning, Caroline Baker, Leanza Shipley. Back row: Nicole Carnegie, Grace Lorenz, Erin Salyer, Denisha Brown, Whitney Sanders, Kayla Shaffer. The team's coach (not pictured) was Theresa Jacobson, Assistant Coach Cristyn Cottone, and Managers Moriah Carnegie and Michelle Elam.

BOTTOM PHOTO: The CCHS boys team included, front row, left to right: Logan Neidlinger, Zach DuPlay, Tyre Simpson, Dylan Bennett, Jordan Sanders, Dylan Ricks, Ian Randolph, Mitch Maes. Second row: Zach Loehmer, Kyle Vlach, Trent Becker, Nick Pritz, Dennis Davis, Larry Clinger, AJ Neace, Mark Maes, Alex Shaffer, Blake Bennett, Curtis Stacy. Not pictured: Chris Zehner. Not pictured are coach Jeff Becker and Assistant Coaches Kurt Lucas and Troy Ulch. Team Manager was Tatiana Randolph.

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New sewer budget approved for Lake Maxinkuckee

By Rusty Nixon
Correspondent

PLYMOUTH – The Marshall County Council has paved the way for a new sewer systems around Lake Maxinkuckee in the coming months.

The Council approved the budget for the South West Lake Maxinkuckee Conservancy in their meeting on Monday. Ted Schenberg of Strand Analytical Laboratories came before the Council to outline the budget and the reason for an initial "benefits tax" for those who will be tapping into the new sewer line.

The sewer became necessary as septic systems in the area were taxing Lake Maxinkuckee which Schenberg called one of the main economic engines of the area.

Originally the tax will provide for bridging the cash flow gap for the project between the time they tap into the city of Culver's sewer treatment system and the time home owners in the area hook up to the sewer. Schenberg said the plan was for the tax to be temporary – just one and possibly two tax seasons. The tax will be eight cents for each \$100 of assessed value on all property in the project area.

The Conservancy paid the town of Culver a buy in fee for the use of their treatment facility of \$725,000. Each of the 175 homes in the area will pay a \$14,000 tap fee to hook up and then will pay a monthly sewer charge.

Schenberg said that the project would begin in the spring with initial tap ins for residences in July or August. The project is projectad at \$2.1 million.

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Sports briefs

Boys soccer

CMA wins 5th straight sectional

Culver Military scored 14 goals while allowing none in two games to win their fifth straight Culver Boys Soccer Sectional Saturday.

Fernando Perez scored twice in the Eagles' 5-0 championship win over Kouts, while Luther Jacobs scored three times at the tourney for CMA.

Culver Military topped Oregon-Davis 9-0 as seven different Eagles scored in their semifinal game.

A.J. Neace scored in the

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spectively, while classmate Jordan Winkler rounded out the team score in 52nd place.

Triton was led by Trenton Stackhouse in 46th and Bryce Wanemacher in 49th.

• Culver Academies Cross Country Regional At Culver

Boys race

TEAM RESULTS: MACONAQUAH 78, CULVER MILITARY 82, WESTERN 83, LOGANSPOUR 104, NORTHFIELD 117, ROCHESTER 126, PLYMOUTH 161, KOKOMO 172, OAK HILL 184, TRITON 236

CMA (82): 6. Austin Welch 16:53, 11. Leopoldo Burtuete 17:05, 15. Riley Thompson 17:11, 22. Connor Hague 17:33, 39. Alejandro Velasco 17:56

PLYMOUTH (161): 27. Diego Ibarra 17:38, 31. Matthew Lee 17:45, 35. Santiago Ibarra 17:49, 36. Derek Lee 17:54, 52. Jordan Winkler 18:18

TRITON (236): 46. Trenton Stackhouse 18:09, 49. Bryce Wanemacher 18:13, 50. Nicholas Nordmann 18:14, 55. Trenton Cooper 18:23, 61. Blake Lemler 18:37

Girls race

TEAM RESULTS: CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 52, EASTERN 53, MANCHESTER 114, OAK HILL 126, PLYMOUTH 127, LEWIS CASS 152, NORTHWESTERN 154, TIPPECANOE VALLEY 208, TRITON 208

CGA (52): 1. Waverly Neer 17:53, 5. Kaye Sitterly 19:49, 7. Kacie Hermanson 20:21, 21. Eden Brackenburg 21:13, 22. Kayla-Colleen Miracle 21:21

PLYMOUTH (127): 18. Deborah Anders 21:01, 20. Emmelyn Brandt 21:06, 32. Shelby Harrell 21:51, 34. Gaby Ramirez 21:54, 41. Meagan Fisher 22:12

TRITON (236): 11. Alex Kann 20:33, 38. Ashley Kann 22:06, 45. Taylor Hatfield 22:23, 69. Blair Johnson 25:35, Kayleigh Craig 25:58

Wilkins was beloved 'Voice of the Eagles'

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

When former Culver Academies Athletic Director Larry Bess thinks of the late Geoffrey T. Wilkins, who passed away earlier this year on July 28, the first words which come to mind, he says, are "that he was so persistent and consistent."

Wilkins, the man known as "the voice of the Eagles," overcame great odds and became a loved and respected fixture on the campus, notes current Athletic Director Al Clark. "He loved and was knowledgeable about all sports," Clark adds. "He cared about all of our teams and all of our athletes and that was very apparent...his passing leaves a big hole in our athletic staff."

Wilkins' memory was honored at the first home game of the school's football team August 27, when Head of Schools John Buxton and wife Pam presented Wilkins' mother, Fran, with a plaque bearing her son's image and a special Culver Military Academy varsity letter sweater with a patch bearing his initials sewn on, an idea spearheaded by alums Bill Githens (class of '65) and Bill Cleavenger ('62). Githens -- who along with Cleavenger was asked by the family to be an honorary pallbearer at Geoff Wilkins' funeral -- says Wilkins had been a close friend of his for more than 15 years.

"When Geoff passed away," he explains, "Bill (Cleavenger) and I wanted to make sure that he was appropriately honored for his long-time service to the Academy. So we thought, could we do to make this Therefore, we went to emies football coach) rel and Al Clark with two tions."

included moments of i n Wilkins' ory pre- ceding the national anthem at the f i r s t of this s e a - s o n ' s f o o t - b a l l , b a s k e t - b a l l , and baseball (the three main sports Wilkins announced for) home games at the school, patches with Wilkins' initials sown onto the uniforms of each of the sports above, as well as the presentation of the sweater, which Fran Wilkins wore, notes Githens, to the North Judson/Culver football game on September 10 (at which CMA won 20 to 19).

Geoff Wilkins was born August 5, 1961 at Homestead Air Force Base,

Homestead, Florida. He graduated from Edwardsville High School in 1980 and attended Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville where he majored in Sports Management. His father, George Wilkins Jr., MD (CMA class of 1950) had served the Academies as one of its most ardent supporters until his untimely death in 2005. The elder Wilkins' generosity was at the heart of a host of enhancements to the school's athletic program, from football helmets, jerseys, and filming and editing equipment, to lighting of the football and soccer fields and reclamation of the Fleet gymnasium. The Wilkins family moved to Culver in the early 1990s at George's retirement.

"I first met Geoff in 1992," recalls Bess. "Geoff actually was a play-by-play announcer for the Southern Illinois University basketball team. One day George Wilkins, who was one of most generous people in the world, came in (and) George said, 'Is it alright if I bring my son over?' The next day, here comes George and Geoff. George said (Geoff) had lots of experience doing play-by-play for baseball, basketball, and football. Geoff said, 'I would like to do play-by-play for your football games,' and I said 'We'll give it a shot.'"

"Geoff got behind the mic and really did a good job. As the years went by, he remembered all the coaches. If you asked Geoff what year Mitch Henderson quarterbacked against St. Joe and the score, he could tell you. He had everything memorized. All he had to do was look at a roster once and he didn't have to look at it again. He was an amazing, kind, gentle person....After football, he wanted to do basketball, and then baseball, and then softball. We offered to pay him, but George said, 'You have no idea how much you've paid him by letting him do this.'"

"On game days he would be as excited, if not more so, than the players and the coaches," confirms Clark. "He was always very professional in his approach, preparing meticulously for each event. He would speak to both coaches before each contest about lineups, making sure he knew the proper pronunciation of each and every name. His main sports were football, boys and girls basketball and baseball but he also did some hockey and lacrosse games when he had the time and opportunity. He loved and was knowledgeable about all sports."

"You never had to worry about Geoff being there," explains Bess. "He felt like that was his gift to Culver."

And, says Bess, "The kids (Academies students) loved him. I can't begin to tell you how many admired and respected him. They thought the world of him."

Geoff Wilkins -- whose determination overcame disabilities and obstacles and led to his reputation as the voice of the institution he loved -- was diagnosed with cancer earlier this year. He battled the disease to the end, passing away peacefully at Hospice House in Elkhart, supported by loving family and friends, besides the love and concern of a community which had embraced him as surely as he had embraced it.



PHOTOS/CULVER ACADEMIES COMMUNICATIONS
Fran Wilkins (left) holds a plaque presented her by Culver Academies Head of Schools John Buxton (center) and wife Pam (right) Aug. 27 in honor of her late son, Geoff (pictured at LEFT).

"There's no doubt in my mind that Culver did as much for Geoff as Geoff did for Culver," says Bess. "He had a great sense of belonging here, and we all want that...he was welcomed with open arms by everybody because of his kindness and love for the institution."

"I'm going to miss him," Bess adds. " He was a very kind, gentle soul (and) I was very proud that when Geoff came over, I had sense enough to give him a chance...everybody benefited in Geoff's presence."

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sixth minute of the Cavaliers' semifinal with Kouts, but the team was eventually overrun 4-1.

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At Culver
Championship: CMA 5, KOUTS 0

First half
Fernando Perez 18th minute
Luther Jacobs 21st minute

Second half
Manuel Ituarte 56th minute
Perez 59th minute

Charlie Kennedy (Herrera) 62nd minute
CMA 9, OD 0

First half
Kennedy (Dustin Cowell) 12th minute

Grant (Ituarte) 19th minute
Jacobs 19th minute
Herrera 23rd minute

Jacobs 24th minute
Ian Tulungen 33rd minute
Gutierrez 38th minute

Second half
Shin Wook Kang 59th minute
Benjamin Tumoine 68th minute

KOUTS 4, CULVER 1
First half

C — A.J. Neace 6th minute
K — Moon 16th minute
K — Moon 38th minute

Second half
K — Price 43rd minute
K — Moon 62nd minute

Volleyball

McBee powers Culver

Patrice McBee recorded 23 kills, 21 digs and five aces to lead Culver to a four-game win over Westville at home Thursday, 27-25, 25-20, 24-26, 25-21.

Also for the Cavaliers, Alison Zehner passed out 22 digs, Aspen Kitchell and Kalee Miller set 13 and 12 assists, respectively, and Cheantae Stiles served up seven aces.

CULVER 3, WESTVILLE 1 (27-25, 25-20, 24-26, 25-21)

At Culver
Culver stats

Kills: Patrice McBee 23, Samantha Howard 10

Digs: Alison Zehner 22, McBee 21
Assists: Aspen Kitchell 13, Kalee Miller 12

Aces: Cheantae Stiles 7, McBee 5

Mason takes MCCF reins from Culver's Zeglis

Culver endeavors among those awarded funding



John Zeglis (left) of Culver hands over the reins as chair of the Marshall County Community Foundation board to Louise Mason, right.

By Carol Anders
Correspondent

PLYMOUTH — John Zeglis of Culver performed his final duties as chair of the Board of Directors of the Marshall County Community Foundation during its annual meeting Thursday.

Zeglis made it clear, however, that he was stepping

down as chair, but not stepping away from the foundation.

"I'm not going anywhere," he said.

Louise Mason of Bourbon gave her report as chair of the grant committee and then accepted the position of board chair for the upcoming year.

Zeglis described his last few years with the foundation as a "roller coaster."

"Two years ago," he said, "the foundation had \$25 million (in various funds)."

Referring to the downturn in investments nationwide, Zeglis said, "then came the fall of 2008," when he said the local funds fell to less than \$15 million at one point. They are now nearing \$22 million.

As an illustration for his optimism for the future, Zeglis said the Dow Jones had the best September it has experienced since 1971.

Zeglis simplified the goals of the foundation saying, "There are three main things," outlining taking in money from donors, investing it, and then pushing it back out to the community.

Speaking of the three-year program initiated by the foundation, Zeglis said, "We can't claim victory, but we can at least declare an armistice."

President and CEO of the Marshall County Community Foundation Jennifer Maddox said there have been 14 new funds added during the past fiscal year.

As in the past, Maddox again summed up her comments saying, "Our promise is to always maintain the community's trust in the Marshall County Community Foundation."

The second round of grants approved included: American Red Cross, \$4,000; Antiquarian and Historical Society, \$6,000; Boys & Girls Club of Marshall County,

\$3,000; Culver Boys & Girls Club, \$7,200; and Encore Performing Arts, \$2,600.

Other recipients included: Heminger House, \$1,200; Lake of the Woods Property Association, \$2,000; Marshall County Historical Society, \$2,000; Marshall County Neighborhood Center, \$10,000; Marshall-Starke Development Center, \$7,500; and United Way of Marshall County, \$3,500.

One additional grant was given to the Marshall County Neighborhood Center for a Christmas Adopt-A-Family program in the amount of \$1,000.

Zeglis said the total was exactly \$50,000, and that two rounds of grants are awarded each year — each based on \$50,000 in total to be given.

Additionally, board members elected for terms in 2010-11 were unanimously accepted.

Members include: Richard Parker, Louise Mason, Kay Finley, Derek Jones, Carolyn Kline, and Jim Weirick, who were all re-elected.

Those joining the board as first-time members included: Sam Schlosser, Bryan Baker, Kurt Garner, Jared Weidner and Barb Winters.

The following were also accepted as officers: Louise Mason, chair; John J. Oliver, vice-chair; Richard Parker, treasurer; Patricia Kitch, secretary; and Derek R. Jones, legal counsel.

Sarah Smith, asset developer chair, shared her appreciation for several past donors to the Foundation. The program included the following: "With gratitude to those individuals who have chosen to support Marshall County and future generation through a planned gift."

Their names were read as charter members of the John Marshall Legacy Society. They included: Marjorie Ann Baker, Larry R. Linhart, Jennifer Maddox, Elizabeth S. Marshall, and Jon R. and Beverly J. Wein.

Others mentioned with gratitude, in memory included: Ruth and Lawrence Castaldi, Inez Humbert, Dorothy E. Kinney, Wilma Leman, Floyd R. Mattix, Herman and Florence Mattix, Mary C. and Samuel E. Perkins, Dorothy L. Peterson, and Ralph C. Vonnugel, Jr.



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A prize-winning 125th

Culver Town Clerk Casey Howard (second from left) was the winner of a \$125 gift card for CVS Pharmacy in Culver, as the 125th customer at the Culver branch of First Farmer's Bank & Trust, which celebrated its 125th anniversary during the week of October 4. Shaking Howard's hand, at left, is Branch Manager Chad Van Herk, joined, from left to right, by Amy Sustaita, Jackie Hedges, and Jaci McIntire. Howard's was just one of the many prizes awarded customers throughout the week. First Farmers was formed in 1885 as Mark Tulley's Exchange Bank in Converse, Indiana, its name changing to First Farmers in 1946. Several other mergers took place in the years following, and the bank expanded to eventually include 17 branch offices (the Culver branch opened in 2006) with more than 40,000 clients.

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and 9 year old; 10 and up. It is not necessary to be in costume to participate in the games.

Culver library board mtg. date change

Notice is hereby given that the Culver-Union Township Public Library Board meeting for October has been rescheduled from Tuesday October 19 to Thursday October 28 at 7 p.m. at the Library.

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

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

Maxinkuckee Singers seek director

Resumes are being accepted for Director of the Maxinkuckee Singers. All resumes must be submitted by November 1, 2010 to P.O. Box 45, Culver, IN 46511.

This is a non-profit organization and it is not a paid position.

Book sale Oct. 23

The Friends of the Culver Public Library will hold their next book sale Saturday, October 23 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the library. Books are \$1 per bag. The Friends welcome book donations anytime at the main desk of the library. Questions may be directed to Charlotte Hahn at 574-842-3267.

Walorski at REAL Meals, Kiwanis

Candidate for US Congress Jackie Walorski will speak at REAL Services Nutrition site at the Culver beach lodge (Wednesday, October 27, 12:30 p.m.) and Kiwanis (Thursday, October 21, 12:30 p.m.). There is a requested donation for REAL Services meals and fee for Kiwanis meals (both are at noon), but the speaker portion of each is free and open to the public.

Maxinkuckee Players call out to past members

Maxinkuckee Players are currently planning a 30-year celebration of the group's existence. It's been 30 years since Ben Rumson spearheaded the group and members would like to re-assemble as many of past and present members as possible.

Former members interested in participating in any way, should contact either: Andrea Mallory at 574-784-2479, Dan Adams at 574-842-3478, or Vickie Dearth at 574-842-2978.

The actual performances will be in April. There will be a few rehearsals prior to the performances.

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School board signs energy savings resolution, votes on JESSE restructure

Bobbie Washburn Ruhnow

The Culver Community school board said goodbye and thank you to Middle School administrator, Kelly Pulliam, whose last day with the corporation will be Friday. Pulliam has accepted a position with the Department of Defense and will be relocating.

The board will review the request for qualification from Performance Services. Brad Schuldt, superintendent, told the board that this is not a bid, but rather information about the company. Performance Services had made a prior presentation to the board on obtaining a \$2 million grant for "Guaranteed Energy Savings." A resolution signed by the board will employ the company who will develop a list of projects for review by the board. The project list may include projects which would exceed the \$2 million dollar grant and Schuldt recommended a sub committee of board members examine the proposals to prioritize and make recommendations to the full board. Performance Services guarantee substantial savings can be made and if not delivered, there is no cost to the corporation, Schuldt continued. The board approved the resolution with member, Chris Kline, abstaining. Kline noted that his company had some dealings with Performance Services and he wished to avoid any conflict of interest.

H. J. Umbaugh Associates will assist in the bond issue for the \$2 million project at a cost of \$165. per hour. The trustees also agreed to publish a request for an additional appropriation for the \$2 million. The interest on the bonds is guaranteed by the Federal government.

The budget for the 2011 school year was approved for \$12,758,176. This includes all funds and the cost to the

taxpayer will be .5043 per \$100 of assessed value. Schuldt said that the .5043 amount may be reduced by the tax board depending on the corporation area's assessed value.

The ten schools which compromise the JESSE (Joint Educational Services in Special Education) program met and made the decision to break into three pods. Culver's pod will consist of the Argos, Triton and Culver schools, Schuldt told board members. The vote of the ten school administrators was seven in favor, one abstention, one "nay," and one member was absent.

The restructuring of JESSE will result in the elimination of the central office. Presently, Culver has shared JESSE with Knox and North Judson. Culver has approximately 10 Special Needs students, with eight "high incidence" and two "low incidence" classifications. The administration will meet with the parents of the Special Needs students before the end of the year to discuss the new program.

In other business, Schuldt reported that the John R. Nelson golf outing had raised \$10,154.26. Half of this amount will be dedicated to the Staff Scholarship Fund and half to the Athletic Fund.

Kline reminded the board that he would no longer be a Culver Redevelopment Committee member after December 31. The school board has one non-voting, advisory, member on the CRC. The CRC has the authority to create TIF districts which can affect the school's tax rate. Kline's term of office ends December 31 and he did not file for re-election to the school board.

New board policies were reviewed on first reading. Noting that the policy stated that "tasting" a student was

no longer considered appropriate punishment, Schuldt laughingly told board members that this policy didn't reflect Culver's procedures, but were included due to the fact that these policies are a part of a 13 school standard document. The information can be accessed on the school's web site.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be October 28.

REAL Services menu

<p>To share a meal at REAL Meals, call Ruth Walker at the nutrition site (the Culver beach lodge) before 11 a.m. the day before for reservations, at 574-842-8878. A donation is suggested for each meal.</p> <p>Thurs., Oct. 21: Quiche, coffee cake, breakfast potatoes, orange or orange juice, and milk.</p> <p>Fri., Oct. 22: Salmon patties, tarter sauce, capri vegetables, roasted sweet potatoes, dinner roll and margarine, cake, and milk.</p> <p>Mon., Oct. 25: Pepper Steak, stewed tomatoes, scalloped potatoes, dinner roll, fruit cocktail, and milk.</p>	<p>Tues., Oct. 26: BBQ Chicken Breast, broccoli, corn, bread and margarine, pudding, and milk.</p> <p>Weds., Oct. 27: Chicken Pot Pie, mashed potatoes, dinner roll, fruit, pecan pie, and milk.</p> <p>Thurs., Oct. 28: Chili, baked potato, sour cream, oyster crackers, cottage cheese, Mandarin oranges, and milk.</p> <p>Fri., Oct. 29: Stuffed Cabbage, mashed potatoes, green beans, wheat roll, fruit cup, cookies, and milk.</p>
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