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In Brief

VFW Friday dinner tomorrow

Culver's VFW #6919 Men's Auxiliary will hold its next Friday dinner November 19 from 5:30 to 8 p.m., at the VFW Post at 108 E. Washington Street in Culver. Italian beef sandwiches will be offered for \$8, and a half slab of ribs will be \$9, or a full slab for \$17. Doors are open to the public, and everyone is welcome to come on down and join the VFW for a great meal.

Food drive, movie tomorrow night

The Union Township 4-H clubs are partnering with Ober Arbor Gleaners in a food drive benefiting the Culver Food Pantry. On Friday November 19, admission to the Uptown Cinema in Culver is a non-perishable food donation at 7 p.m. to see the PG-rated movie, "Secretariat."

Benefit dinner for Kirkland Dec. 11

A benefit will take place for former Culver Community Schools cafeteria worker Shari Kirkland, who has been diagnosed with terminal cancer, Saturday, December 11, from 4 to 8 p.m.

The event will be an all-you-can-eat chicken and noodle dinner at the Culver Community High School Cafeteria. Cost for adults is \$8, children 12 and under \$5; children 6 and under are free. Carry-outs are available. All proceeds will go to the family

CUTPL Biography Book Club

Culver-Union Township Public Library's Biography Book Club meets Thursday, November 18 at 10:30 a.m. The selection for this month is This Time Together, by Carol Burnett. Carol tells of her remarkable friendship with stars such as Jimmy Stewart, Lucille Ball, Cary Grant, and Julie Andrews; her television show that won twenty-five emmys in eleven years; and the sorrow she overcame with undaunting humor. Join us in the small meeting room of the library, at 107 N. Main, to discuss the book. Copies of the book are available at the "Book Club" sign in the library. The program is free and open to the public. For more information call 574-842-2941.

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Culver observes Veteran's Day 2010

ABOVE: Culverites across the community observed Veteran's Day last Thursday in a variety of ways. UPPER LEFT: Air Force Lieutenant Andrew Ramsey, a 2003 CMA graduate, joins his brother, Brock Frazer, class of 2013, following Ramsey's address to students at faculty at Culver Academies' annual observation of the day. LOWER LEFT: Vietnam veteran Ray Gleason, a member of the Academies' faculty, salutes during the school's ceremony at the Legion Memorial Building. CENTER: Phil Hiatt, retired Culver Community High School teacher, addresses students as part of CCHS' Veteran's Day observation. LOWER RIGHT: Members of Culver's VFW Post 6919 joined others at the Masonic Cemetery for the traditional community observation of the day. Other observations included part of a Culver Elementary School music program and a program on Academies graduates serving in World Wars I and II by historian Robert Hartman at the Academies museum downtown.

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CITIZEN PHOTOS/JEFF KENNEY EXCEPT *EMIL 'BUD' RUHNOW

Culverites observe Veteran's Day with multiple events

Local veterans mark solemn tradition at Culver cemetery

By Bobbie Washburn Ruhnow

Ninety-two years ago, November 11, 1918, a moment of silence was held to honor the signing of the Armistice ending the War to End All Wars, WWI. President Woodrow Wilson decreed Armistice Day as November 11, 1919 to show our solemn pride in all who fought and died in the great war. Finally, in 1954, after the end of the Korean War, the day officially became Veterans' Day.

Today, continuing the tradition, members of the Finney-Shilling VFW Post 6919, Collins Tasch American Legion Post 399, and VFW 6919 Ladies Auxiliary met at the veterans' memorial in the Culver Masonic Cemetery to remember and honor all who served in all of America's conflicts. Members of the Culver-Union Township Fire Department were also present for the ceremony.

At precisely 11:11:11 a.m., Bryce Lindvall, VFW Acting Chaplain, gave the opening prayer. VFW Commander Tom Schmidt gave the brief address, vowing to "keep our promise to remember and thank all veterans past and present."

Schmidt noted that it isn't the great ships, planes, tanks, and armament which accomplish the task, but the men and women who fight for our country that win the battle. "Thank you," Schmidt said "We will keep our promise to remember. Veterans, you have done your duty. Thanks and God Bless you all."

Ceremonies ended with the sound of Taps over the quiet of the audience.

Hiatt emphasizes 'Godly principles' defended by veterans

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Phil Hiatt, a former Culver Community High School history teacher who spent more than 30 years in the classroom before his retirement nearly four years ago, returned to the school last Thursday for a Veteran's Day address which made no bones about two major points: that the principles upon which America and its democratic government were founded were of a distinctly Judeo-Christian nature; and that America's veterans fought, suffered, and died to defend those principles, and deserve our heartfelt thanks.

Hiatt, who also emphasized how privileged his high school and middle school audience is to live in the "blessed nation" of America, spent the first part of his talk at the school's annual Veteran's Day observation demonstrating specifically the theistic nature of the language of the US Constitution, language ordaining the Supreme Court chambers in Washington, DC, and similarly theistic wording on the Washington Monument.

"Our nation was built and formed on Godly principles," said Hiatt. "They (America's founders) mentioned a Creator that was God; they didn't believe in just any god...it was the Hebrew-Christian God they believed in.

"If this is too much 'God stuff' for you," he added with a smile, "you reach into your pockets and pull out all your money...it all says, 'In God we trust.' You can bring it on up to me and I'll take it!"

Hiatt also described living conditions he witnessed during stays in

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Recent CMA grad stresses veterans' service

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Continuing an ongoing tradition dating to 1924, once again Culver Academies students, faculty, and guests gathered outside the Legion Memorial Building for the annual Veteran's Day ceremony which began as part of the dedication of that building to the Academies graduates who lost their lives in World War I.

This year's program included an address to students by 2003 Culver Military Academy graduate Andrew Ramsey, who was regimental commander his senior year at the school, played hockey both here and at the Air Force Academy, and See Academies page 2

Council talks cat ordinance, other matters

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

In one of its briefest meetings of the year, Culver's Town Council heard from Culver residents Mark and Becky Damore concerning its proposed "cat ordinance," already passed on second reading and slated for a public hearing and possible final passage at the November 23 meeting.

During the November 9 meeting, the Damores asked how the town planned to police the ordinance, which aims to control a feral cat population some feel is a nuisance and health concern in some parts of town. Becky Damore noted the ordinance focuses on those who feed feral cats, but ought to make a priority of spaying and neutering the animals.

"That (spaying and neutering) really helps with population control," said Damore. "If you find people who take (cats) in, if they're not spayed and neutered, then you fine them."

Mark Damore explained his wife has already spayed and neutered a great many cats in the area.

"Feeding has nothing to do with it," added Becky of the ordinance's present emphasis on fining those who feed the feral animals. "Two cats become 10 become 20 (if unspayed or neutered). An outdoor animal has a life cycle of about two to three years. Once you fix them, that life will slowly fade out...(you should) pass a spay and neuter ordinance instead of a feeding ferals ordinance. The way I understand it, many people come here for the summer who have cats (and then the cats) have babies, and they (cat owners) leave for the summer."

She further noted some other Indiana municipalities have al-

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Local student launches 'Coaches vs. Cancer' event

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen Editor

Local Culver Girls Academy senior Alexis Christlieb hasn't had a family member directly affected by cancer, but she's seen the hardships other families go through when a loved one is diagnosed, and she intends a January 15, 2011 "Coaches vs. Cancer" event she's planning, to be her contribution towards battling the disease.

Coaches vs. Cancer centers around the 7:30 p.m. girls basketball game on the 15th in the Culver Academies gymnasium. All monies raised through concession stand proceeds, donations, and through a hoped-for halftime show during the game will go directly to the American Cancer Society. During the game (which otherwise will be the regularly scheduled game), the Culver team will be wearing pink headbands and shoe strings, says Christlieb.

She's also recruiting local sponsors, as part of her CGA Senior Service Project, to donate money or supplies to the game.

Christlieb credits Culver's head basketball coach Gary Christlieb (who also happens to be her father) with the idea, after Academies Athletic Director Al Clark gave him a packet sent by the American Cancer Society about "Coaches vs. Cancer" events, which he shared with Alexis. She says she's focusing on breast cancer rather than other

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Monterey's Smith rocks Indy

Taylor Smith, the 7th-grader from Monterey profiled in the Sept. 23 *Citizen*, performed last month at the Hard Rock Cafe (PHOTO AT LEFT) in downtown Indianapolis at a standing-room-only show her mother -- Monterey Elementary School teacher Stephanie Smith -- describes as "fabulous."

The event, preceded by a CD signing party at nearby Borders books and music, promoted Taylor and other artists recording with Indianapolis-based Ruff Dog Records, with whom Smith has already cut one single, with another on the way (she's autographing CDs at Borders in the photo AT RIGHT).

In fact, Borders sold out of the discs and has already requested a second shipment, says Smith, who adds a holiday party at the Opera House in Winamac slated for January will be the young singer's next big show. Ruff Dog Records may be found online at www.ruffdogrecords.com.

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the YMCA Cup during his career at CMA (the top award given to a graduating cadet). Ramsey is today a Lieutenant in the Air Force, having graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 2007, helping Air Force earn its first-ever berth in the NCAA tournament.

According to CMA Commandant of Cadets Col. Kelly Jordan, Ramsey was commissioned into the Air Force and served as a Contracting Officer for two years at Hanscom Air Force Base just outside of Boston before "being selected to attend the prestigious Naval Postgraduate School to earn an MBA in Strategic Sourcing. Andrew will complete his studies next month, and he looks forward to moving on to his next duty station."

Ramsey told the audience his desire to serve his country through the armed forces really began while at Culver when he and "my Battery B

buddies" watched the second plane crash into the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. "Me and six classmates decided we must confront these new enemies head-on," he added.

Pointing out each military conflict in American history involves different soldiers, weapons, and methods of fighting, Ramsey quoted Oliver North in describing the average member of America's armed forces, who he said is 20 and a half years of age, a high school graduate, and "better educated, better trained, and with better equipment" than any soldier in the past. He also noted that with each passing decade, fewer Americans have someone with a military service record in their family, and in the near future, less than 10 percent of Americans will have anyone in their immediate family who has served in the military. News stories of American casualties will have less and less direct impact

on the lives of Americans as a result, he added.

Pointing out that most Academies graduates will go into careers outside the military, Ramsey encouraged his audience nonetheless to seek ways to serve those in the military or veterans of the past, such as volunteering to serve homeless veterans in a shelter, or having lunch with someone whose spouse or loved one is serving overseas. Whether or not one's actions serve veterans specifically, Ramsey emphasized, "Choose to serve a cause greater than yourself. We must live out the ideals our veterans daily defend."

Ramsey quoted Frank Buckles, the 109-year-old last living veteran of World War I, who once said the secret to his longevity is, "hope."

Ramsey encouraged the audience to "keep (Culver's) ideals of service and sacrifice...leave today with hope for the future."

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Vietnam and Senegal, such as poverty-stricken people using American refuse to make homes and other amenities many take for granted. He noted America is also "first on the scene" across the world at natural disasters such as recently in Haiti, Indonesia, and Pakistan.

"Who went to their aid? The United States of America, with all the supplies and medicine we could take there. And who was there to deliver it? The US military forces...over the world, our military forces are on the frontlines to help give the help (people) need. Our soldiers have been on the front lines of battle."

Hiatt described the sacrifices of American soldiers in the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, and pointed out Americans "didn't just sit at home and watch people fight" during World Wars I and II, but sent military forces "not just for our country but for other people as well."

He also described more recent conflicts, pointing out that hundreds of thousands of troops deployed today "every day face death. Some are not coming home. Some will not be home to see the birth of their children. While we sit down and eat Thanksgiving dinner, celebrate Christmas, and watch football games at New Years, they are over there putting their lives on the line."

Hiatt then led the students in a chant of "USA!" and asked them to applaud the veterans present at the event, represented most visibly by members of Culver's VFW and Monterey's American Legion Posts, who opened and closed the ceremony with a combined Color Guard. What followed was a standing ovation by students, faculty, and attendees, punctuated by shouts of, "Thank you!" directed at veterans.

Student speakers also explained that CCHS students will be creating holiday cards with encouraging messages for overseas-deployed members of Indiana's National Guard, in the coming weeks.

Included in the event were student presentations on the meaning of Veteran's Day, a musical salute to each branch of America's Armed Forces by the CCHS band (under the direction of Jason Crittendon), and the playing of "Taps" by student trumpeters.

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Five years of Medallion service

Twelve employees of celebrated their five years of service with Elkay (Medallion Cabinetry) in Culver.

Pictured in the front row, left to right, are Tom Woodward, Pam Allen, Jerry Porter, Karen Bostain, Marilyn Hagenbush, Dorothy Gruchala, and Trula Amich. Back row: Ian Brandt, Donna Louk, David Woods, Anthony Clark and Ernie Quimby.

Medallion Cabinetry opened its doors in 2005 and started cabinet production in January, 2006.

Death notice

Hess

Helen Grace Behmer Hess
Nov. 7, 2010

MUNCIE — Helen Grace Behmer Hess, 92, formerly of Argos, died at 10 a.m. Nov. 7, 2010 at Westminster Village Nursing Home, Muncie.

She is survived by her husband, Gerald M. Hess; a son, Thomas Gerald (Kuniko) of Columbus, Ohio; daughter, Nancy Sue (Kenneth) Bruce of Albany, Ind.; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sisters: Lenore Schaefer of Grand Rapids, Mich., Betty Gene Wagoner of Albuquerque, N.M. and Julia Ruth Ward of Sacramento, Calif.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation took place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10 at the Argos United Methodist Church.

Funeral services took place at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Burial followed at the Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos.

Memorial donations may be made to the Helen G. and Gerald M. Hess Scholarship fund at the Marshall County Community Foundation, P.O. Box #176, Plymouth, IN, 46563. Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, assisted the family with arrangements.

Dancy

Virginia F. Dancy
Nov. 12, 2010

PLYMOUTH — Virginia F. Dancy, 87, of Plymouth, formerly of Culver, died at 9:02 a.m. Friday, Nov. 12, 2010.

She is survived by a son, Charles Dancy of Arizona; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

There was no visitation.

Graveside services took place at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16 at Culver Masonic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Children's Hospital and may be sent to the funeral home.

Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be made to the family via the funeral home's website at www.odom-funeralhome.com.

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types, since another of the school's basketball coaches has battled breast cancer and remains at a high risk to obtain the disease again in the future.

After a conversation with Juliana Newbill, the area American Cancer Representative, Alexis says her gears began turning in how to attract more students to the game, engage the community, and find sponsors to help raise funds. She's spoken to the CMA pep band, the basketball cheerleaders, area media, and local businesses towards that end as well, and with good response so far.

In addition to encounters with the ravages of cancer through friends' experiences, Christlieb was also inspired by Culver's Relay for Life, which began three years ago.

"Last year I was a team captain (at Relay)," she says. "It was such a great experience and really touching...especially the Luminaria part where the football field lights are turned off and you crack a glow stick depending on how close to you someone is that has been diagnosed...I am always shocked to see how many people crack them.

"Then as you walk around the track, people put their glow sticks in paper bags that have been decorated by families that have been affected by cancer. Watching families stand beside their paper bags and reading bags that say things like, 'We love you Grandpa; we'll see you in heaven,' brings tears to my eyes every year."

Christlieb stresses that funds raised will go directly to the American Cancer Society, but that the benefits of the event affect everyone.

"Cancer has affected every community in a different way," she says. "Fighting cancer is a communal effort, and through cooperation, collaboration, and teamwork, cancer can be eliminated. I greatly admire what the American Cancer Society and Relay has done for cancer patients everywhere and I hope that through hope, prayer, and hard work, cancer will be removed as a serious health problem."

People can participate by purchasing a Wall of Hope Donation card, or making a donation of their choice, by contacting Christlieb via 574-842-7032 or at Alexis Christlieb, 1300 Academy Road, Culver, IN 46511.

REAL Services menu

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.

Thurs., Nov. 18: Pork loin with gravy, Brussels Sprouts, black-eyed peas, bread and margarine, cherry ambrosia, and milk.

Fri., Nov. 19: Lasagna Roll Ups/Red Sauce, lima beans, bread and marga-

rine, spinach salad, fruit, and milk.

Mon., Nov. 22: American Goulash, green beans, dinner roll and margarine, hot apples, cookie, and milk.

Tues., Nov. 23: Roast Turkey & Stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, Cranberries, green bean cassarole, dinner roll and margarine, pumpkin pie with

whipped topping, and milk.

Weds., Nov. 24: Meat-loaf, baby bakers with sour cream, green beans, pineapple, bread and margarine, and milk.

Thurs., Nov. 25: Closed for the holiday.

Fri., Nov. 26: Closed for the holiday.

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Community calendar

Thurs., Nov. 18
Biography book club, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library
Mike Overmyer, JMC Engineering, Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library
Thursday Tech Time, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library
Board of Zoning Appeals mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall

Fri., Nov. 19
Computer class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
VFW Men's Auxiliary Friday dinner, 5:30 - 8 p.m., VFW Post 6919

Sat., Nov. 20
Quilting group, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library

Sun., Nov. 21
Culver Academies Thanksgiving vacation begins (through Nov. 28)

Mon., Nov. 22
Computer class, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library
Culver Community School board mtg., 7 p.m., administration bldg.

Tues., Nov. 23
Story time, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
OA, AA meeting (open), 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
Town Council mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall

Weds., Nov. 24
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
Lions Club mtg., 6:30 p.m., train station-depot

Thurs., Nov. 25
Thanksgiving Day
Public offices, many area entities closed for the holiday.

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Play your position

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1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21

When I coached lacrosse, they used to have this mercy rule in Ohio. If one team got ahead by ten points, they would not stop the clock. This would speed up the game, and it would prevent horrible scores from mismatched teams. In lacrosse, once you are ten points up, anything more is almost unsportsmanlike in my mind. In Indiana, we did not have a mercy rule like this, and so I had to have my own strategy.

Once the score got lopsided in our favor, I would run plays and place seniors so people would feed them the ball. Even guys who aren't very good deserve to make a goal or two when they are seniors just for sticking it out and contributing in other ways. Sometimes people who play defense want to trade positions and play offense for a change.

I think that in general, we have a tendency to envy people who are not like us. Guys who play defense want to play offense just by nature. People who are engineers imagine they could have happy lives as teachers. There are a lot of "what if's" in our lives. Things happen. We come to a fork in the road, and in the words of Yogi Berra, we take it.

When we were swapping positions on the lacrosse team, the point was to be inefficient. It was a game after all, and we were having a good time and trying to be good sports. Think about our work as member of the Body of Christ though, and we have a responsibility to our brothers and sisters. If we try to play outside our position there and mess up the balance, we make it less likely that we are working for the kingdom.

It might be fun to be a prophet, but if that is not where your gifts lie, you are not going to be very good. The Scriptures tell us that "God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose." There is intentionality here, and it is not just Coach Haynes saying you don't belong on offense. This is God's plan, and we need to discern His will for us.

God has a plan for each of us, and the challenge is to discern that plan when the stakes are so very high. How many of us want to play God? This is not a game. This is a serious as anything gets. We need to discern God's will and do it. We need to appreciate the fact that the Body of Christ has many parts. "...there are many members, yet one body."

The challenge of course is discerning God's plan, and that is the assignment I am giving you. Prayerfully consider your gifts and the opportunities for ministry you have. Look for the places the Holy Spirit is moving in your life. Grace happens!

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

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



Pastor's Corner

By Tom Haynes
St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church

Nostalgia

100 years ago: November 21, 1910

A new front is being put on the Osborn Building, vacated recently by Hand's Grocery (*editor's note: this building today houses the northern portion of Cafe Max, having been home to a number of businesses, including the Home Theatre and, upstairs, HL Werner's jewelry shop.*)

A cistern has been dug at the Methodist Church parsonage and a back porch with a cement floor will be added (*note: the parsonage in those days sat where the BP gas station is today, at the northwest corner of Main and Washington Streets.*)

80 years ago: November 14, 1930

The broadcast of the basketball game over radio station WCMA direct from the Community Building won the applause and appreciation of fans from a wide area.

One of the last projects to be started by the late E. R. Culver was that of the bird sanctuary. This community is asked to take a personal interest in this unusual project and see that the birds and animals are not molested.

Master Brothers have been awarded the contract to build the Marley Dairy Company's milk cooling plant which is being built opposite the Erie Depot in Monterey.

70 years ago: Novem-

ber 20, 1940

The new Music and Fine Arts Building will be dedicated at the Culver Military Academy on Nov. 21 as a feature of the Thanksgiving weekend.

Culver's new school band, under the direction of Richard Bowles, made its initial appearance before the public Nov. 15 at the basketball game.

The Maxinkuckee Drama Guild will present the play, "The Tinker" as a Christmas treat to the community from the Chamber of Commerce.

60 years ago: Nov. 22, 1950

August Wennerstrom, 66, former superintendent of buildings and grounds at Culver Military Academy, died Nov. 21 at Fort yne, Ind. (*editor's note: oddly missing from this note is that Wennerstrom was the only known survivor of the 1912 Titanic disaster to become a Hoosier (his country of origin was Sweden), and certainly Culver's only Titanic survivor; each year, he recalled his ordeal on the ship to the Academy students.*)

50 years ago: Nov. 21, 1960

The trustees and advisory boards of Union Township of Marshall County, North Bend Township of Starke County, and Aubbeenaubee Township of Fulton County on Nov. 17 unanimously approved the

final resolution setting up a new consolidated school district, to be called Culver Community Schools. The new school district will officially come into being Aug. 1. Four members of the five-man school board were also appointed at Thursday's meeting. They are Eugene Benedict, Union Township trustee... Donald Taylor, trustee of North Bend Township... Vernie Bowen, Aubbeenaubee Township trustee... and Fred White. The consolidation was carried out under 1947 and 1949 laws without the approval of the Fulton, Marshall, or Starke County reorganization committees.

Mrs. Melton's kindergarten class had a birthday party for Richard Sytsma, who was six years old Nov.

12. Connie Sue Kelly treated the class to cookies on Wednesday. Melvin, the giraffe, is visiting the room this week.

In Mrs. Keyser's first grade class, Bruce Snyder had a birthday Nov. 15.

The music department of Culver High School will present its first concert of the 1960-61 school year at three o'clock Dec. 4, in the Community Building. The concert will have a holiday flavor and promises to be one of the highlights of the musical calendar. The program will include numbers by the junior band, senior band, and senior choir. The junior band numbers 86 this year and will offer four selections. The senior band has 56 members.

Name that Culver 'citizen'

Last week's Mystery Citizen, Chuckie Wieringa, has been visible of late in his capacity (among others) as a security officer at Culver Academies.

Carin Clifton, Maggie Nixon, and Scott Croy all correctly identified him, and may park at will in downtown (or uptown!) Culver for free.

This week's Mystery Citizen is another longtime familiar face in Culver



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



in several capacities, and his reach in recent years has extended in a particular way beyond the local community itself (though indirectly it's done so for years).

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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CCHS' Zehner signs

Culver Community High School senior Gwen Zehner, of Monterey, is seen here last week with family and coaches signing to play basketball with the University of Illinois Springfield, who she says spotted her while playing for Indiana's Finest Mutual Athletic Association girls' basketball team last summer at Noblesville (the team is a statewide endeavor to prepare high school players with goals of Division I, Division II, or collegiate level basketball play). Noting she plans to study Psychology at school, Zehner says she's looking forward to the opportunity to begin playing her freshman year (though she added she was mostly ready for her CCHS game that evening!).

A member of the CCHS varsity team since her freshman year, Zehner thanked Indiana's Finest coach Mike Duke, as well as her parents "for letting me play basketball all summer instead of working a lot!"

"I think it's great," said CCHS Girls Basketball Coach Tony Scheub. "This is an awesome, fun, exciting time for her. She's had a couple other offers, so this was a hard choice, but now that she's made it, she can enjoy playing her senior year."

Zehner, pictured at right, front row center, signs surrounded by parents Greg and Mary; in the back row, left to right, are CCHS Athletic Director Andy Thomas, Zehner's sister Donna, Coach Scheub, Zehner's sister Jill, and CCHS Head Basketball Coach Mike Elliott.



Arrests

Paul A. Bottomly, 39, Culver, was arrested Nov. 13 by the Marshall County Police Department and lodged in the Marshall County Jail for battery by means of strangulation and domestic battery.

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ready enacted spay and neuter ordinances, which have been very successful. She suggested a fund-raiser or similar endeavor, since she acknowledged spaying and neutering is "really costly."

In other discussion, audience member Harold Kuczwar asked the Council if a reduced speed limit could be considered for the area of State Road 10 near Tamarack Road and School Street, and heading to State Road 17. Noting he'd seen two Culver Academies students and -- in a separate incident -- a young jogger nearly hit by a vehicle in the area recently, Kuczwar asked if the town would consider lowering speeds there. Town Manager Michael Doss noted the road is out of the town's jurisdiction, being a state road, but said he would contact the Indiana Department of Transportation to investigate the possibility.

The Council passed ordinance 2010-007, a long-discussed revision to Culver's zoning ordinances. Council member Lynn Overmyer asked if the vote should be delayed in the absence of fellow members Sally Ricciardi and Ginny Munroe, though remaining members Ed Pinder and Ralph Winters said they had no problem moving ahead with the vote, and Culver Building Inspector Russ Mason said language had been removed at Ricciardi's suggestion, so there was no need for further delay.

Permits are being submitted by Mike Strang of the Bonar Group/GAI for work on Lake Maxinkuckee's outlet on West Shore Drive, following several months of planning and negotiations towards the work. Meanwhile, Doss suggested representatives of the town and Marshall County should meet to hammer out who will take responsibility for which portions of the work, adding an easement should also be sought for a property owner along the outlet on whose land some of the work will have to be done.

Audience member Doris Breyfogle emphasized concern over many residents' raking of leaves into the streets, which can cause clogging of town storm sewers. Audience member Leroy Bean, however, said if leaves aren't picked up within a certain time frame, grass may die beneath longstanding lead piles, and if leaves are picked up by a town backhoe, damage is done to residents' terraces. Town Clerk Casey Howard re-emphasized the need to keep leaves out of streets to prevent clogging issues.

The Council approved \$1,655.86 in parts for Culver's four snow plows to prepare them for this winter. He also noted the town's leaf truck has been down, but would be repaired within the next day or two.

Town attorney Jim Clevenger asked the Council to look over a draft of an open container ordinance he created in response to a request at the last meeting.

Winters stressed the need for residents to wear bicycle helmets, especially when children are riding, noting he's seen several parents and children riding without helmets in recent weeks and months.

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Sports briefs

Girls basketball

Culver wins opener

Culver won its opener at South Central Thursday, 45-32.

Gwen Zehner led all scorers with 17 points, while Patrice McBee scored nine points for the Lady Cavaliers, who out rebounded their opponents 35-16.

Stephanie Ralon led the Satellites with 10 points.

• CULVER 45, SOUTH CENTRAL 32
At South Central
Score by quarters
Culver: 15 11 8 11 — 45
SC: 10 7 7 8 — 32
CULVER (45): Nicole Carnegie 0 1-4 1, Ali Overmyer 0 2-2 2, Patrice McBee 2 5-8 9, Whitney Sanders 2 0-3 4, Alison Zehner 1 3-4 6, Kayla Shaffer 3 0-0 6, Gwen Zehner 6 5-8 17; Totals: 14 16-29 45.
SOUTH CENTRAL (32): Shelby Wothen 4 0-1 8, Hayley Pahl 0 3-6 3, Katie Bekavac 2 5-9 9, Stephanie Ralon 4 2-4 10, Jill Rosenbaum 1 0-2 2; Totals: 11 10-22 32.
3-point goals: Culver 1 (A. Zehner), South Central 0; Rebounds: Culver 35, South Central 18, Turnovers: Culver 18, South Central 12, Assists: Culver 11, South Central 6, Records: Culver 1-0, South Central 0-1.

ShIPLEY scores 1,000th point as CGA routs Bethany Christian

Kylee Shipley scored her 1,000th career point on a 3-pointer from the top of the key in the second quarter en route to 12 points as Culver Girls Academy routed Bethany Christian 60-33 in the two teams' girls basketball opener at the Academies Friday.

Sophomore center Andrijana Cvitkovic knocked down a trio of 3-pointers and scored a game-high 16 points, while Shipley dished out seven assists and clutched eight rebounds to lead the Lady Eagles in two statistical categories.

Bethany Christian was led by Marla Zumfelde's 13 points for the night.

CGA will hit the road for its second game tonight at Peru. Tip-off is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 60, BETHANY CHRISTIAN 33
At Culver
Score by quarters
BC: 5 16 22 33
CGA: 16 32 46 60

BETHANY CHRISTIAN (33): Marla Zumfelde 4-1 2-3 13, Ali Hochstetler 0-0 0-0 0, Chris Minter 0-0 0-0 0, Mattie Lehman 0-0 1-4 1, Twila Albrecht 1-0 0-0 2, Malaina Weldy 0-0 2-4 2, Gina Gautsche 1-0 1-2 3, Alena Yoder 0-0 1-2 1, Natalie Thorne 2-0 3-6 7, Laken Richer 1-0 0-0 2. TOTALS: 9-1 12-24 33.
CGA (60): Alexis Christlieb 0-0 0-0 0, Kenzie Ungar 2-0 0-3 4, Katie Gawor 1-0 0-0 2, Andrea Lin 0-0 0-0 0, Kylee Shipley 3-2 0-0 12, Brenna Newell 3-1 0-0 9, Annie Morsches 2-1 0-0 7, Victoria Christlieb 4-0 0-0 8, Casey Hall 0-0 0-0 0, Lindsay Haller 0-0 0-1 0, Monique Novoa 1-0 0-0 2, Rita Zambon 0-0 0-0 0, Andrijana Cvitkovic 3-3 1-3 16. TOTALS: 19-7 1-7 60.

Turnovers: Bethany 27, CGA 18; Assists: Bethany 1 (Yoder), CGA 15 (Shipley 7); Rebounds: Bethany 43 (Lehman 7), CGA 36 (Shipley 8); Personal fouls (fouled out): Bethany 6 (none), CGA 22 (none); Records: CGA 1-0, Bethany 0-1.
JV score: CGA 26 (Saralena Barry 10), Bethany Christian 17 (Marie Bontrager 5, Hanna Hockstetler 5).

at home.

Grieves scored twice in the opening period for CGA on assists from Hannah Smith and Lesperance, but the Lady Eagles couldn't hold onto the 2-1 lead and after a pair of goals by the visitors in the second period, they found themselves playing catch-up in the final frame.

CGA moves to 0-2-2 on the young season.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 3, VICTORY HONDA 3
At Culver

First Period
VH — Chelsea Koehn (Samantha Pederson) 15:04.

CGA — Meghan Grieves (Hannah Smith) 10:07.
CGA — Grieves (Shawna Lesperance) 4:40.

Second Period
VH — Koehn (Valerie Twigg) 12:14 (PP).

VH — Lea Lusk (Allyvia Larrair, Koehn) 7:05 (PP).

Third Period
CGA — Hayley Branovan (Lesperance, Grieves).

Goals: Kaitlyn Allard (VH), Katelyn Cutshall (CGA)
CGA record: 0-2-2.

Girls hockey

CGA ties

Hayley Branovan scored on a double assist from Shawna Lesperance and Meghan Grieves in the third period to preserve a 3-3 tie with Victory Honda



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Making beautiful music at St. Mary's

Parishioners at St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church in Culver enjoyed a musical treat recently when members of the Culver Academies choir -- under the direction of Stacey Warren, pictured directing above, with back to the camera -- paid the church a visit for its Sunday, 11 a.m. service. The choir joined with church members in all of the hymnal offerings of the Mass, and delighted attendees with a solo hymn following Communion.

The choir can be heard again by the public on December 12 as part of the Academies' annual Christmas Vespers service in the Memorial Chapel on campus, as well as at the Walnut Church of the Brethren in Argos on Sunday, January 16.

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New swings at Culver park

Children headed to the east pavilion of Culver's town park will now have some additional options for fun, as this set of swings was recently installed, a project Park Director Kelly Young and the Culver Parks and Recreation board had discussed earlier this year as planned to accompany the Vandalia Village community-built playground already existing in the area.

"The addition of the swings on the east end of the park are part of our ongoing capital improvement projects that we have each year," Young told the *Citizen*. "Other capital improvement projects for this year include the repaving of the driveway, the installation of some new fencing, and the addition of the swings. All of these projects have enhanced the park in some way."

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Community meal at St. Mary's Nov. 30

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church's end-of-month community meal will take place Tuesday, November 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.

Leaf pickup info

The town of Culver reminds residents during this leaf pick-up season to please leave raked leaves in their yards and not in the streets (to avoid repeated problems with clogged storm sewers). It should also be noted that street crews work from one end of town to the other and repeat as necessary, so if your leaves have not been picked up, they will be as crews return to your area. A tarp may be used, if deemed necessary, to prevent raked leaves from blowing away in the meantime. Leaf pickup will continue this season until pickup is completed as long as possible into the

season. Residents are also reminded to make separate piles for leaves and brush. Brush pickup in Culver takes place during the third week of each month only.

VFW soup cook-off Dec. 5

Culver's VFW #6919 Men's Auxiliary will hold a soup cook-off Sunday, December 5, from 1 to 4 p.m. \$5 buys all the soup you can eat. All community organizations are encouraged to participate. All monies received will be donated to the Culver Food Pantry. Doors are open to the public for this event, which takes place at 108 E. Washington Street in Culver.

Friends will meet Dec. 6

The Friends of the Culver Public Library will hold their next monthly meeting Monday, December 6, at 1 p.m. at the library.

Members, or those interested in joining the organization, are welcome to attend.

Children's Christmas party Dec. 11

Culver's VFW Post 6919 and Culver's Lions Club are once again teaming up with the Culver-Union Twp.

Volunteer Fire Department for the annual children's Christmas movie and party, scheduled for Saturday, December 11, with the movie -- at the Uptown Cinema on Lake Shore Drive -- starting at 1 p.m. Following the free movie (title to be announced), children may visit with Santa Claus across State Street at the Culver fire station.

Culver Make-A-Wish donations accepted

Donations are welcome for two Culver area children fighting serious illnesses and hoping their wishes will come true for trips to Disney World in early 2010. Donors are encouraged to give up through January, 2011 by contacting Make-A-Wish volunteer Tina Stacy through the Culver Community High School, at 574-842-3391.

Home networking topic at CUTPL Nov. 18

The Culver-Union Township Public Library's Thursday Tech Time will meet November 18 at 6 p.m. around the theme, "Home Networking How-to." 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. For more information, call the Culver-Union Township Public Library at 574-842-2941 or email staff@culver.lib.in.us.

Auxiliary needs new members

Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center Auxiliary is in need of new members. Men and women can join to be volunteers to provide front desk and gift shop help. There are also opportunities to volunteer in the surgery office, in spiritual care, the emergency room, the free clinic, and other areas of the hospital. The Culver unit makes animal pillows to be given to children at the clinic and the hospital. Dues are \$5 per person and are being collected now. For more information call Ann at 574-842-2146.

Lions citrus fruit sales

The Culver Lions Club's citrus fruit sales have begun, and prices are the

same as last year. The pick up date for the fruit is December 4. Available are navel oranges, juice oranges, grapefruit, and tangelos. Prices are \$9 for 10 pounds, \$16 for 20 pounds, and \$24 for 40 pounds. To order, contact a member of the Culver Lions.

AHS exhibit examines Indiana cartoonists

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).

The exhibition examines the life and work of such Indiana cartoonists as "the dean of America's editorial cartoonists," Evansville's Karl Kae Knecht; Abe Martin creator Frank McKinney "Kin" Hubbard; and Muncie's Jim Davis, responsible for bringing Garfield to life.

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. During the month, they will also collect clothing and donations for the Goodwill "Bag-It-Up" campaign. A drop off location for Goodwill donations will be announced in coming weeks.

Maxinkuckee Players call out to past members

Maxinkuckee Players are currently planning a 30-year celebration of their group's existence. It's been 30 years since Ben Rumson spearheaded the group and members would like to reassemble 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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CBGC, Dollar General partner for reading grant

Educators, mentors and parents are putting an extra emphasis on literacy skills to help America's youth beat the odds and graduate.

With generous support from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, the Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) has teamed up with Developmental Studies Center to implement After School KidzLit, a proven reading enrichment program for young people in grades K-8.

The Culver Boys & Girls Club (CBGC) is one of the organizations across the country selected by the BGCA to benefit from essential after-school educational assistance that emphasizes literacy. The Club is receiving a \$5,500 program implementation grant and an AfterSchool KidzLit kit, including grade- and age-appropriate books and leader's guides which will be utilized when the program is implemented at all Club locations. In August, program staff from the Culver Club joined representatives in Atlanta for an intensive training led by instructors for the Developmental Studies Center.

"It will be a great opportunity for our program staff to learn first-hand the key components of the program and to share ideas with staff of other Clubs who will be implementing the program," said, Steve Beekman, Director of Operations for the CBGC. "We are extremely excited about the difference this program will have on our community. It has the potential to make a positive impact on the young people we serve by increasing their appreciation for and enjoyment of high-quality children's literature."

Studies have shown that quality after-school programs result in long-term, life-changing lessons, including improved social skills, increased academic performance and a more positive attitude toward learning. The AfterSchool KidzLit approach is one where youngsters hear and read stories filled with relevant, multicultural characters, settings and issues. It helps them to think and speak about crucial social and ethical values.

KidzLit's primary activity is reading, but it also includes discussions and other fun, interactive activities through which participating young people explore more deeply the themes and content of the books and gain a better understanding of themselves and others.

Children interested in joining the Club and learning more about KidzLit or other youth programs are encouraged to visit the Club located inside Culver Elementary School, 401 School Street or call 574-250-0103.

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CES announces students of the month, "Culver's best"

Students of the Month

Culver Elementary School has announced its Students of the Month for September, 2010.

Kindergarten: Ruth Counts (teacher: Amy Bonine), Evan Gerber (Heather Overmyer), Kaitlyn Stacy (Jean Urbin), Kevin Bailey (Janna VanDePutte).

First grade: Natalie Stevens (Andrea Berndt), Cameron Minix (Kelly Dickerhoff), Zoey Coble (April Jefferies), Cody Winkler (Kim Morrison).

Second grade: Alexxa Howard (Jean Ahlenius), Matthew Cole (Tina Bailey), Abbi Richard (Carrie Tharp), Wyatt Ringer (Teri Zechiel)

Third grade: Isabelle Ahlenius (Valerie Cultice), Kenzie Binkley (Jill DeSalle), Zane Kisela (Rachel Rife), BreeAnnah Spicer (Kelly Young), Lucas Cobern (Rhonda Kinney)

Fourth grade: Sarah Luttrell (Stephanie Alva), Gabe Gomez (Leslie Shepard), Marcella Cooper (Alicia Cotner)

Fifth grade: Jake Rodgers (Gayle Kinzie), Lindsey Proskey (Raeanne Stevens), Dylan Pitera (Steve Young), Ben Myers (Joyce Lyman), Cody Rieckhoff (Jason Crittendon)

Sixth grade: Gabrielle McCarty (Bryan Albright), Jack Rich (Adam Huber), Vedrana Stefanic (Missy Trent), Jennifer Dady (Kris Arvelo), Steven Franklin (Mike Elliott), Scott Jones (Julie Cowen)

Charles Carrillo, Ayden Annis, Ethan Walleske, Hunter Sickmiller

Second grade: Makenzie Handley, Damian Byers, Blake Baugh, Katie Hoffman, Morgan Keller, Rebecca Minix

Third grade: Lily Hayes, Grant Dexter, Emma Krueger, Jacob Fisher, Brit-tany Young, Anna Blocker, Donavan Ziaja, Ethan Vlach, Dalston Fawley

Fourth grade: Abby Gregory, Madison Brewer, Brandon Jones, Brandon England, Hailey Shipley, Gabby Kegley, Abigail Gregory

Fifth grade: Raymie Shoop, Rachel England, Dylan Griewank, Shilo Guerra, Joey Baumgartner, Sierra Craig, Cody Russell, Alex West, Macee Strycker, Nathan Clingler, John Young, Danny Cook

Sixth grade: Maddy Diaz, Aviana Ahlenius, Dakota Allen, Brandon Havron, Danial Osborn, Patrick Kline, Troy Bolts

Culver's Best

Culver Elementary School announces its "Culver's Best" for September

Kindergarten: Paige Johnson, Eriahna Vela, Lelah Evans, Logan Coiner, Shawn Donley, Rylan Voter

First grade: Alyson Martin, Bryce Campbell,

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Loehmer is SCILL Student of the Month

The SCILL Center has announced the Student-of-the-Month recipients for the month of October.

Culver Community High School student Zachary Loehmer (above), along with Thomas Carey from Knox High School, was the p.m. class recipient of the award. Kaleb McCallum from John Glenn High School was the a.m. class recipient of the award. The Student-of-the-Month is chosen by the AutoTech instructors, Rodney Dawson and Mark Anderson, based on the student's test scores, class participation, attitude, attendance and initiative in the shop.



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Book/film club focus is 'The Lion in Winter'

CULVER — The Culver-Union Township Public Library (CUTPL) book/film group will meet Wednesday, Dec. 1 at noon in the library's large meeting room located downstairs at the library.

The selection, "The Lion in Winter," is a two-act play by James Goldman. Patrons are not limited to reading the play, but are encouraged to read other selections about historical figures Henry II and his queen, Eleanor of Aquitaine. The accompanying film stars Katharine Hepburn and Peter O'Toole and is the story of a power struggle between husband and wife, father and sons, and brothers against each other.

Copies of the selections are available at the circulation desk and may be reserved by contacting the library at 574-842-2941.

Patrons are encouraged to bring their lunch to eat while they enjoy the movie and the discussion afterwards. In December, there will be warm, spiced cider, cookies, coffee and tea.

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

Culver's DaMore places third in national race

Culver sailor Becky DaMore, of the east shore (not to be confused with another local Becky Damore, of the Original Root Beer Stand family) was part of a team taking third place in the prestigious Rolex Osprey Cup held in St. Petersburg, Florida over the week-end of October 23. The four-day regatta, which was first organized in 1996 to expand the opportunities for women sailors to compete in match racing, has committed since 2007 to a women's match race medal in the Olympics.

DaMore's team included Katy Lovell (New Orleans), Kaity Storck (Huntington, N.Y.), and Lyndsey Gibbons-Neff (Rosemont, Penn.). The team was the only one to beat the first-place team -- led by Genevieve Tulloch of San Francisco -- during the round-robin series at the start of the semi-finals. Lack of sufficient winds cut the second round-robin short, but on the final day of the race, October 23, four races made up the semi-finals, leading into five races in the first-to-win three final races which determined a winner.

Coming in second was a team led by Giulia Conti. More details on the race, and photos, may be found online at www.spyc.org.

Garner discusses Wythougan, AHS award, preservation

Antiquarian & Historical Society of Culver given McDonald Heritage award

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

The Marshall County-based Wythougan Valley Preservation Council presented the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver its Heritage Award October 15 for the Society's work in the Culver community, and Council President Kurt Garner was in Culver recently, addressing Culver's Kiwanis Club about the Council's work and mission throughout the county.

Wythougan -- whose name derives from the Potawatomi Indian word for the Yellow River -- was formed in 1999 originally around the preservation of the Garn house in Plymouth, though since then it has been involved in a number of restoration and preservation projects around the county. Most areas of Marshall County, including Culver and Union Township, are represented on Wythougan's board, and the Council is a member of the Marshall County Historical Society and an affiliate member of Indiana Landmarks.

The Council's status as a county-wide entity, said Garner, recently "shocked some Culver folks" who previously thought the group was a Plymouth-only organization, an impression Garner hopes to correct not only in Culver, but elsewhere in the county as well.

Discussing the Council's Daniel McDonald Heritage Awards (named for late state Senator and Marshall County historian -- and Lake Maxinkuckee resident -- Daniel McDonald), Garner said the festivities would include a tour of Wythougan projects and a dinner event. The Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver, he said, would receive one of two awards given that evening to entities who weren't necessarily involved in preservation projects per se, but are "involved in celebrating the history of their community," something the Wythougan board concluded

was important to recognize. The other award would go to those who reopened a historic grocery store in Tyner, dubbed the "Tyner Dynner," for its rehabilitation and reuse.

Garner told the Citizen Wythougan's annual meeting included election of officers, new board members, and adoption of the annual budget, as well as awarding of five Daniel McDonald Heritage Awards. In addition the Antiquarian Society and Tyner Dynner, these included Mike Umbaugh for his restoration of the Simons Building in Plymouth, the Marshall County Historical Society for their expansion and restoration of downtown Plymouth buildings, and St. Thomas Episcopal Church for their 150th anniversary and dedication to their historic campus.

Wythougan projects since the organization's formation and following the 1900 Kate Garn house on South Michigan Street in Plymouth, according to Garner, have included the 2002 restoration and rededication of Summit Chapel-School (c.1860) in Tippecanoe Township (one of the highest points in Marshall County); and the 2008 restoration and rededicated of the 1861 Jacoby Church.

"In the latter two projects we worked with the township trustees and local communities to make the projects a success," explained Garner, "as well as applying for a few small grants including two from the Marshall County Community Foundation. We use both...for programs and field trips, and even a wedding this summer at Jacoby."

Wythougan was also responsible for the September 11th Memorial at the Marshall County courthouse, several national register nominations, and the 100th Anniversary rededication ceremony of the Chief Menominee Memorial. That Memorial has been moving towards official recognition on the National Register of Historic Places as well. Garner told the Culver Kiwanians that Wythougan includes around 30 members, though it has had 50 to 60 members in the past.

"We usually get a bump in membership when we go out and target a project," he said. "Somebody's grandmother went to Jacoby church or something like that...and people will get active."

He also noted the group has "a fairly diverse amount of expertise among our members for projects," though Historic Preservation Fund grants often require restoration work be bid out. Sometimes Wythougan benefits from donated labor, and in some cases work is paid.

One important current Wythougan activity, Garner told the Citizen, is its fund-raising campaign to match a

\$15,000 endowment challenge to the MCCF by John Oliver of US Granules. Included with that is a \$5,000 challenge to double Wythougan's membership by year's end. Garner also discussed with Kiwanis a project with which he's working outside Wythougan. He's part of a statewide committee working to get the historic Michigan Road -- which ran from Madison, Ind., north through Argos, Plymouth, and into Michigan City, and was the primary road used by early Culver-area pioneers in the 1830s to arrive here -- declared a Historic Byway.

"For Marshall County it could mean some good economic benefits...the Lincoln Highway is doing the same thing. Marshall County really is the historic crossroads of



CITIZEN PHOTOS/JEFF KENNEY

ABOVE: Kurt Garner of the Wythougan Valley Preservation Council addresses members of Culver's Kiwanis Club last month.



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ABOVE: Jim Peterson, left, President of the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver, stands with Fred Karst of the Society, with the Daniel McDonald Heritage Award given the Society by Wythougan for its work "in celebrating the history of the Culver & Lake Maxinkuckee area through the establishment of National Register districts, the re-creation of the Culver Beach Lighthouse, and the establishment of the Center for Culver History, encompassing the museum and research area." The two are standing in front of the sign designating part of Lake Maxinkuckee's east shore as listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

the country."

Meantime, Garner told Culver Kiwanians there are some Culver-area restoration-preservation projects being discussed, and his main message for the Culver community is to "understand that we're here for you. That doesn't mean we have giant coffers of cash to hand out, but we will make something happen if we can."

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