

# The Culver Citizen

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## In Brief

### Ladies Auxiliary dinner tomorrow

The Ladies Auxiliary of Culver's VFW Post 6919 is serving a choice of steak or seafood platter, in addition to the open menu, from 5:30 to 8 p.m., Friday, Mar 25. The public is welcome to the dinner.

### Annual VFW fish fry Saturday

Culver's VFW Post 6919 is sponsoring, with the assistance of Culver Fire, EMS and Police Depts., an all-you-can-eat fish fry to benefit the Culver Food Pantry, Saturday, March 26 from 4 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$4 for children 12 and under and \$8 for adults. Fish will be prepared by the Tyner IOOF Lodge. Doors are open to the public at 108 E. Washington Street. Carry out orders are available at 574-842-3886.

### Odd Fellows breakfast Saturday

The Maxinkuckee Odd Fellows Lodge #373 will hold its All you can eat Pancakes and Sausage, Biscuits and Gravy breakfast Saturday, Mar 26, from 6 a.m. to noon, at the corner of 18B and Pine Roads, Culver. Cost is \$6 adults, and \$4 children. The event will also feature the Rebekah Country Store.

### Culver 'Soup for the Soul' March 29

The student-led "Soup for the Soul" community event takes place Tuesday, March 29, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Culver Elementary School. CES 6th graders create hand-made pottery in which community-donated soup is served to diners from the community, who then take home and keep the student-made items. A silent auction and other events are part of the evening, which raises money for several local charities.

### Community meal at St. Mary's Wednesday

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church's monthly community meal will take place Wednesday, March 30. On the 30th day of each month, a community meal will be provided for anyone interested in attending. St. Mary of the Lake is located at 124 College Avenue in Culver. Questions may be directed to 574-842-2522.

## Faces of patriotism

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ABOVE. LEFT: Culver's VFW Post 6919 held its annual awards breakfast March 12 for local participants in the national VFW Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen essay contests. Top winners were given awards and cash prizes for their efforts. Voice of Democracy essay contestants are high school students, while Patriot's Pen participants must be in 6th through 8th grades. After families were served breakfast by volunteers from the post, winners were announced and awards given out. Pictured at bottom are (left to right) Margaret Dehne and Barb Linhart of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, and Voice of Democracy 3rd place winner Kayla Shaffer. Top photos, left to right, are: Brianna Kinyanjui (2nd place, Patriot's Pen), John Shaffer (1st place, VoD), and Renae Johnson (1st place, Patriot's Pen).

## Thankful semistate champs

PHOTO/PAUL PARE

AT RIGHT: Culver Military Academy's basketball continued an amazing season for Culver area sports with an edge-of-your-seat victory Saturday night at the semistate finals in Columbia City. Here they display a student-made banner made thanking Culver trustee Jim Henderson for his support of the team, and his providing 11 chartered fan buses to the game for students and others in the area, besides sponsoring admission to playoff games, according to Anne Kelley of the Academies. Players rolled out the banner following CMA's victory, as Henderson cut down the game net. (See story, page 12).

# Proposed legislation, shifts in Culver's makeup will impact local public ed, says Schuldts

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Heated discussion has raged in recent weeks and months over education-related legislation at the state level in Indiana, including from local teachers who visited the state house to oppose proposed changes across the Hoosier state (as reported recently in the *Citizen*). The question on many Culver residents' minds is, how will what's been proposed -- if in fact it's passed -- affect local public school education?

Culver Community Schools Superintendent Brad Schuldts has some answers.

still being debated among Republican lawmakers in Indianapolis, has been on the streets for about three weeks.

Among proposed changes are the removal of two grants highly impactful to local schools' budgets, Schuldts notes: the Restoration grant -- whose removal would amount to a loss of \$572,692 -- and Small School grant, which if lost would cost the school \$195,485.

Further affecting Culver is a funding source known as Prime Time, which is proposed to shift its formula from allotting monies based on 1999 enrollment in Indiana schools, to a reading of the current enrollment, whose numbers are significantly lower.

The Small School grant was conceived to allow funding of programs such as physics or foreign lan-

guages which might attract smaller groups of students, and thus are difficult for smaller schools to fund on their own, but which are viewed as important educational offerings. Extra monies were designated to compensate for such courses.

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Schuldts.

The Prime Time aspect of funding will affect different schools in different ways, he points out, since it's based on enrollment numbers. Schools with increased enrollment will actually stand to gain eco-

Culver Elementary School is one of those in the corporation to be affected if proposed legislation on education funding goes through at the state level.

That's because the number of children living within Culver has dropped dramatically over the past two decades, due in large part to increased housing prices. The 1988-89 school year, for example, saw official student numbers corporation-wide at 1,225 (the actual number of students tallied was 1,178).

While numbers fluctuated over the course of the ensuing years, they peaked during the 1997-98 school year, when the official number was 1,254. Many Culverites may remember this period as marked by portable classroom buildings and a motivation to expand school building sizes, projects which in fact followed over the next several years.

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### Grant funding cuts

He refers to a form, available online via a link from Culver schools' website, at [www.culver.k12.in.us](http://www.culver.k12.in.us), detailing estimates of funding changes if currently proposed legislation (specifically House Bill 1002) passes. Its current incarnation, which he says is

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nomically from the shift. In Culver's case, trends many have long observed in the community stand to significantly lower the school system's funding.

### Major changes in Culver's population

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## B.I.R.D. will fly again next month, seeks projects, volunteers, donations

The committee behind Culver's B.I.R.D. (Building, Inspiring, Recreating, and Discovering) is planning a one-day return of the successful service event it sponsored locally last summer. Scheduled for Saturday, April 23, the student-led service day combines the efforts of students from Culver Academies and Culver Community High School, as well as adults from both areas and beyond, to assist anyone in the community with work projects with which they need assistance (last year's efforts ranged from cleanup jobs to painting or repairing houses).

"We are looking for (both) volunteers and projects to work on," says Andrea Canacci, a senior at Culver Girls Academy who, as a local resident, attended Culver Community Schools in the past and has a heart for all facets of the Culver community. She says B.I.R.D. is also seeking donations to fund supplies needed for the jobs handled by the group.

"It will only be one day," she adds, "so we would like both the volunteers and residents to know this is their chance to participate in volunteering, getting help, donating, or simply coming to the night event we will host at the town depot that evening."

Applications for assistance from B.I.R.D. are in the process of being placed at venues around town, or residents may call Canacci at 216-280-5065. She emphasizes parents and other adult supervisors are especially needed this year, in the event that -- as was the case last year -- large groups of volunteers participate.

"Since (last) summer's event went so well, we are all very excited to see how much we can do this spring," Canacci explains. "The B.I.R.D. committee was very grateful to have such great support from the whole community (and) we would like to make this organization something that can last in the Culver community."



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## CBGC Member of the Month

Second grader Makaila Caudill of Culver Elementary School was named the Culver Boys & Girls Club member of the month for February. The Boys & Girls Club gives this award out monthly to the member who best exemplifies the values of respect, responsibility, and honesty, according to CBGC Unit Supervisor Cory Monnier.

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# Council talks zoning of recently annexed land

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Culver's Town Council will consult the Culver Plan Commission concerning rezoning of a large area of land on the south side of town, following a public hearing and discussion at the Council's March 8 meeting.

The land in question encompasses properties owned by McGee, Roberts, and Howard, respectively, and part of the area is planned for construction of a Garden Court senior living center, work on which should begin later this year.

At issue was the question of whether the Plan Commission intended a total of 80 acres of the land -- which was annexed into town last year -- to be rezoned as single and/or multi-family use, converting it from S1 (Suburban/residential) to R2 (Residential 2) use. Council member Sally Ricciardi said she could see the land being rezoned as R1 (Residential 1) for single-family use, but didn't understand opening so many acres up to multi-family development, which would open the door indiscriminately to development of apartment complexes or multi-family subdivisions.

Council member Ralph Winters agreed, adding, "It's much wiser to make your R2s on an as-requested basis."

With closing of the hearing, Council members agreed to pursue discussion with the Plan Commission for clarification of its members' intentions.

In other Council action, purchase of a truck and radio (at \$22,852 for the truck -- the cost was misprinted as over \$200,000 in a recent issue of the Citizen -- and \$3,111.50 for the radio) was approved for Culver's police department, following a request for consideration at the Council's previous meeting. Police Chief Wayne Bean noted the vehicle would be four-wheel drive and have standard police lights on it. Council President Ginny Munroe, in approving of the need for the purchase, noted officers had to use personal vehicles during a recent blizzard in the area, since their police cars were unable to traverse the snow.

During his attorney's report town attorney Jim Clevenger updated the Council on a situation from the last meeting, noting the town employee who had failed to pay his portion of the cost of removal of a tree on his property, has now paid his share.

Council member Lynn Overmyer proposed to add a sign to the "Welcome to Culver" sign at the north end of town, denoting Culver as the home of state heavyweight wrestling champion Jeremiah Harvey. She said further action will proceed pending hearing from the Culver Community High School, which Harvey attends.

Munroe said March 29 has been set tentatively as the date for a work session on base sewer rates for Culver Academies, a matter discussed at a recent Council meeting.

## School from page 1

lation was funded at 1,165 students, and numbers remained in the low to mid-1,100s over the next few years. By 2008-09, numbers were dipping below 1,100, and the 2010-11 school year saw funding numbers at just 1,065, with actual recorded students at just 1,018, a reduction of some 200 students from the peak.

Adding to the financial side of things, the state only funds kindergarten students at half-rate, based on the assumption that they only attend school on a half-day basis. Culver, like many Indiana schools, switched to a full-day kindergarten schedule several years ago, and has been absorbing the costs of the extra half-day per kindergarten student ever since.

As is clearly the case locally, declining school enrollment isn't always a sign of a bad school. In fact, Schuldts notes some of the Culver corporation's elementary schools have been cited in recent years as exemplary schools.

However, besides the lower and middle income housing crunch in Culver, the number of students corporation-wide receiving free and reduced lunches has dramatically grown to 54 percent of all students in the corporation today. "The State of Indiana wants to 'flat line' the kindergarten through 12th grade education budget," says Schuldts, which means keeping it from increasing or decreasing. However, the net result is "an emphasis on increasing funding for school corporations with growing enrollment, larger school corporations, and those with fewer free and reduced (lunch, i.e. lower income) students. Also proposed is increased funding for charter schools."

Reduced, however, will be funding for smaller school corporations like Culver's, and those with declining enrollment and larger numbers of free and reduced students. "Which," Schuldts notes, "hits Culver Community in all three areas."

## Culver could lose over \$1 million

All in all, the Culver school corporation, he explains, stands to drop from a \$7.4 million current budget to \$6.9 million next year, and \$6.8 million the following year, a decrease of \$1,080,525 over the next three years. Since the cuts would affect schools' General Funds, 85 percent of which are personnel expenses such as wages and benefits, the bottom line effect for Culver would almost certainly be a loss of teachers and other staff.

Schuldts has already held a workshop for school board members to address money-saving possibilities in the corporation, but present budget concerns come on the heels of last year's reduction in funding to the corporation of \$300,000 to \$400,000.

"We've already tightened the screws down (in terms of saving money)," Schuldts says. "Our heating and air conditioning is reduced, we've shut down buildings to reduce energy, cut out travel and professional development for teachers. Since we've already done that, all that's left is personnel...you can't save enough paper clips and gas to make up a million dollars."

"If this budget is passed, the worst case scenario is, we're looking at a reduction in teachers and non-certified staff. That means larger class sizes, and it could mean 'pay-to-play' in some sports through user fees, or elimination of some of the extra coaching positions, or even elimination of some of the sports we fund. Extracurriculars like art and music suffer. It's something that's going to be difficult."

"We have some expenses at Monterey Elementary we have to look at," he continues. "Even consideration of

whether to keep that building open, even though Monterey has been an exemplary school for several years. But it's the second smallest K through 6th building in the state of Indiana.

"When we were using our own funds from property taxes," he says, referring to property tax cuts in Indiana a few years ago, which left the state to find funding streams for entities ranging from schools to municipalities, "we could support it. But when the state says it will provide the funds for our General Fund, it will be very difficult."

## Funding sources confused

Some confusion exists, too, as to availability of funds for various needs in the corporation, Schuldts explains. "Transportation, debt service, pension bond fund, and capital project funds are supported locally and not affected. Dollars for buses, the new administration building, renovations and additions, and technology cannot be used in the General Fund, and are of no help in solving the cuts in the General Fund."

That's why the high school can undertake a major renovation of its auditorium this summer, but may yet have to cut teachers in the near future. Spending allotted from various funds is determined by the state, he adds.

Still, he points out, "Culver Community has one of the lowest five Total School tax rates in the State of Indiana, at \$.3907 per \$100 assessed evaluation. But since the state has taken over the General Fund, they have not been able to maintain our previous, local efforts, and have taken away local control of the Culver community to make...decisions regarding the level of funding."

## A 'philosophical change' at the heart of it

Motivating budget changes at the state level, Schuldts adds, is a "philosophical change about where...money should be."

About half of Indiana's 290-plus public school corporations will lose money if the legislation passes, while the other half will actually gain. Indiana is only one of about nine states nationwide going through similar proposed reforms, he says, but if present proposals are passed, they would be the most drastic on the table and the Hoosier state would become the "poster child" for similar approaches to educational reform.

And unfortunately, "school performance won't even help us in this situation...the teachers are doing a good job and constantly trying to do better. We're assessing where our kids are and constantly trying to match the state's standards and do it at the proper time so our kids are ready when testing time comes. But this (current legislation situation) is kind of demoralizing."

Much-discussed proposals from the state regarding vouchers for private and charter schools, Schuldts says, actually aren't the primary culprits potentially affecting Culver.

"I'm not against charter schools and vouchers, but now is not the time to cut funding to public schools...there are still one million students in Indiana attending public schools."

He hopes area residents will contact their legislators -- a matter complicated by the fact that Culver's corporation is made up of four counties and thus several districts. A list of senators and representatives, and their contact information, is available on the school corporation's website, he notes.

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## Death notices

### Albert

#### Howard Gene Albert March 12, 2011

HIBBARD — Howard Gene Albert, 61, of Hibbard, died at 7:40 a.m. March 12, 2011 at his residence.

He is survived by his mother, Marjorie Albert of Hibbard; son, Samuel Albert of Argos; daughter, Nicole Albert of Argos; brother, Norman Albert of Hibbard; and sister, Boni (Dean) Danner of Waukesha, Wis.

Visitation took place from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 17 at Odom Funeral Home, Culver.

Funeral services took place at 1 p.m. Friday, March 18, at the Faith Baptist Church in Plymouth.

Burial followed in Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the funeral home's website at [www.odomfuneralhome.com](http://www.odomfuneralhome.com).

### Brock

#### Timothy Allen Brock March 13, 2011

CULVER — Timothy Allen Brock, 52, of Plymouth, died at 6:07 a.m. Sunday, March 13, 2011 at Hospice House, South Bend.

He is survived by his father and stepmother, Eli (Virginia) Brock Jr. of Culver; sons, Ty Brock and Kyle Brock, both of Culver; brothers: Marty (Sherri) Brock of Plymouth, Galen Nathaniel (Sarah) Moriarty of Bourbon, and Jack (Jeanetta) Moriarty of Argos; sister, Launa (Judd) Field of Hazard, Ky.; longtime companion, Kathy Beatty of Culver; a granddaughter, Kambriah Brock of Plymouth; two nieces; and two nephews.

Visitation took place from 4 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 16 at Odom Funeral Home, Culver.

Funeral services took place at noon Thursday, March 17 at the funeral home.

Burial followed at Burr Oak Cemetery, Culver.

Memorials may be given to the family.

Condolence may be made to the family via the funeral home's website at [www.odomfuneralhome.com](http://www.odomfuneralhome.com).

### Overmyer

#### Betty J. Overmyer March 17, 2011

CULVER — Betty J. Overmyer, 82, died at 2:45 a.m. Thursday, March 17, 2011.

She is survived by a son, Randy (Susan) Overmyer of Plymouth; and a daughter, Carol (Kent) Strang of South Bend.

Visitation took place from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, March 20, at Odom Funeral Home, Culver.

Funeral services took place at 11:30 a.m. Monday, March 21 at Wesley United Methodist Church, Culver.

Burial followed in Burr Oak Cemetery, Culver.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Marshall County Hospice.

Condolences may be made to the family via the funeral home's website at [www.odomfuneralhome.com](http://www.odomfuneralhome.com).

## 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., March 24:** Pork Loin with gravy, Brussels sprouts, black eyed peas, bread and margarine, cherry ambrosia, and milk.

**Fri., March 25:** Lasagna roll ups, meatless red sauce, lima beans, bread and margarine, spinach salad, fruit, and milk.

**Mon., March 28:** American goulash, green beans, dinner roll and margarine, hot apples, cookie, and milk.

**Tues., March 29:** Country fried steak, white gravy, mashed potatoes, pea and cheese salad, bread and margarine, fruit, and milk.

**Weds., March 30:** Meatloaf, baby bakers with sour cream, green beans, bread and margarine, pineapple, and milk.

**Thurs., March 31:** Chicken chop suey, low sodium soy sauce, rice, snow peas, Mandarin oranges, cookie, and milk.

**Fri., April 1:** Tomato basil soup, egg salad, bun, cheese, lettuce, tomato, pound cake, warm cinnamon peaches, and milk.

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## Library news

### Digital devices class

Culver Union Township Public Library, located at 107 North Main Street, announces an ongoing class on how to use digital devices and how to download eBooks and audiobooks. The class meets Monday, March 28 at 10 a.m. and repeats Wednesday, March 30 at 6 p.m. The class covers eReaders, digital devices and how to utilize Overdrive, the library's new system for digital content management.

For more information on this event, please contact CUTPL Director Colleen McCarty or Jonathan Gaskill via e-mail at [jgaskill@culver.lib.in.us](mailto:jgaskill@culver.lib.in.us) or by dialing 574-842-2941. You also can view a full calendar of events for Culver Union Township Public Library on our website: [www.culver.lib.in.us](http://www.culver.lib.in.us).

This program is free and open to the public and we invite you to come learn how to use that digital gadget you got for Christmas, and how to download digital content including eBooks and audiobooks!

### Intellectual freedom workshop

The Culver-Union Township Public Library will host a workshop exploring the basic principles of intellectual freedom in a public library setting, Saturday, April 2. Two sessions will be held: from 10 a.m. to noon, and from 2 to 4 p.m.

Presenting will be Dr. Jean Preer, Professor at the Indiana University School of Library and Information Science. The event will be held in the large meeting room of the library, located at 107 N. Main Street in downtown Culver, and all interested members of the community are invited to attend.

## Community calendar

#### Thurs., March 24

Spring vacation continues (March 21-27), Culver Community Schools

Spring vacation begins, Culver Academies

Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library

Spring storytime, 11:30 a.m., Culver Public Library

Thursday Tech Time, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library

#### Fri., March 25

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

#### Sat., March 26

Quilting group, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library

Maxinkuckee IOOF breakfast, 6 a.m. - noon, 18B and Pine Roads

VFW annual fish fry, 4 to 7 p.m., VFW 6919 Post

#### Mon., March 28

Knitting group, 10 a.m.

and 5 p.m., Culver Public Library

Computer class, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library

Culver Community School board mtg., 7 p.m., administration building

#### Tues., March 29

Story time, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library

Spring storytime, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library

Tuesday tea and crafts, 1 to 3 p.m., Market Basket & Co., SR 17.

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

Soup for the Soul, 4:30 to 7 p.m., Culver Elementary cafeteria

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

Al-Anon mtg., 7 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ Zion fellowship hall

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## Obituary

### Naomi Kaiser

#### Aug. 11, 1919 — March 16, 2011

VALPARAISO — (Martha) Naomi Kaiser, age 91, of Valparaiso, formally of Culver, passed Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at 11:10 p.m. at Whispering Pines Health Center. She was born Aug. 11, 1919 in Indian Creek Township in Monroe County, Indiana to A. Rolla and Bessie (Bowers) Crum.

Dec. 23, 1945, Naomi married Shelton Kaiser. Her husband, parents, and sister, Mary Lee Green, preceded her in death.

She is survived by daughter, Elaine (Robert) Sherer of Valparaiso; grandsons, Eric (finance Jenn Reed) Sherer of Carmel, Mark (Emily) Sherer of Indianapolis; and great-granddaughter, Ella Sherer.

Naomi graduated from Indiana University School of Business Administration with honors in 1941. She taught business at Culver, Bloomington, and Tippecanoe High Schools before raising a family. Later she became the school librarian at Culver. She was a member of Grace United Church of Christ, active in Guild, and Culver City Club. She enjoyed collecting blue plates and finger lamps from places where she traveled. She very much enjoyed being with all of her family and visiting with neighbors.

Her wishes were to have her body donated to Indiana University Anatomical Board, Indianapolis.

Burial will follow at the Orleans, Ind. cemetery.

A memorial service will be held at noon Saturday, March 26, at Grace United Church of Christ, Culver, officiated by Rev. Robin Keating.

Visitation will be prior to the service from 11 a.m. until noon in the back of the sanctuary of Grace church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Grace United Church of Christ or the Visiting Nurse Association Foundation (hospice) of Valparaiso.

#### Weds., March 30

Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library

TOPS mtg., 3:30 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ

Community meal, 6 p.m. St Mary of the Lake Catholic Church

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## If these walls could talk: The Wickizer Building

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We continue our series of semi-regular journeys through Culver's past as we look at the lives of historic buildings in the area. We're currently strolling down Main Street's east side in downtown Culver, making our way south. As readers will recall, we've just left the southeast corner of Main and Jefferson Streets and now stand in the shadow of what has been known for nearly a century in Culver as the Wickizer Building. As has been the case with other structures in the downtown retail area, Wickizer's spent about half its life as a single-entity structure, but has long been split into two storefronts, at 106 and 108 South Main, respectively. That's today's Gail's shop, run by Gail Ruhnow, and the unfortunately empty spot last occupied by a Chinese restaurant and buffet.

An in-depth story of its own could -- and probably should -- be written about the Wickizer store and the central role it played in Culver's business community. Predating its existence there, however, was a clothing and grocery store as of 1906. Though an exact date for Wickizer's occupancy of the building isn't available at present, a 1917 advertisement in the *Culver Military Academy Roll Call* lists P.A. Wickizer offering furniture, bedding, pianos, and "5, 10, & 25 cent goods."

Many who recall Wickizer's knew it as Hattie Wickizer's Dry Goods and Grocery (and I've been told more than once that Hattie was, appropriately enough for her name, known for her hats!), which it stayed for some 30 years. As is the case today, the building's upstairs would be used as an apartment.

The *Culver Citizen* reported that in October, 1947, Wickizer's was sold to "Fort Wayne men" and would become known as the Culver Department Store.

Dating the various businesses -- and in fact, the official street addresses -- in the two storefronts which were created from the once-single Wickizer's can be challenging, as it is with similarly split buildings at other locations on the same street. For a time, auto parts stores run by Leonard Richards and Robert Healy, respectively, occupied part of the space.

By 1957, the Culver News Agency would relocate from across the street -- at the corner of Main and Madison, said the *Culver Citizen* on November 26 -- to the Wickizer Building, beginning many years' association of the building with Culver's only newsstand, and with its proprietors, William and Edna Taber, who ran the business (while raising three sons) in addition to Bill's photography, jazz music, and other activities, all of which were aided by Edna (who passed away in 2009).

The Tabers sold the newsstand in Septmeber, 1980, to Don and Jewell Golden, who moved to Culver from Tippecanoe and dubbed the operation "Golden's Newspaper Stand," a short-lived venture for the couple, who instead poured much of their energy into operating the Olde Towne Restaurant, which opened around the same time in the other (south) section of the building (though initially the newspaper stand did boast an ice cream parlor and coffee shop in the back quarter of its space).

More recent Culverites will remember the fairly lengthy tenure of the Olde Towne, which the Golden's ran into the

late 1980s, prior to Allen and Toni Tettenborn taking it over and operating it in the 1990s. The Olde Towne gave way to the aforementioned Chinese Buffet in the early 2000s, and it closed its doors within the last few years.

106 S. Main has been home, among other things, to Ward and Esther Miller's Painter and the Poet Gallery for three years prior to their move north to their present location, and of course today it remains the home of Gail Ruhnow's former Town and Country Baskets, which for several years now has offered a variety of gifts and items of local interest.

An added note to not only this column, but the ongoing series of, "If these walls could talk"...

This week's column is a good example of one I expect will garner several responses from readers who remember businesses or other entities occupying a given space for a period of time, which haven't been mentioned in this column.

There's a rough pattern of commerce here (similar, undoubtedly, to small towns across America) in which communities tended to be self-contained and thus sported long-standing, thoroughly-stocked businesses like Wickizer's early in the 20th century. In the 1950s, things tended to shift economically, and some downtown buildings in Culver during and af-

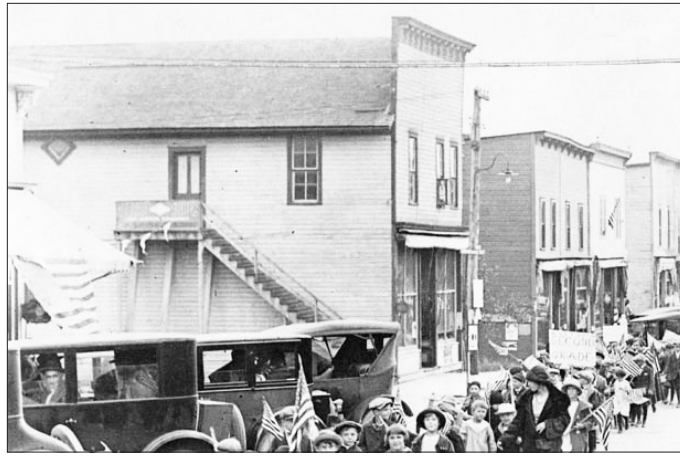
ter this period saw a flurry of variety in the occupants of commercial buildings like this one -- sometimes playing home to a lasting venture, but just as often housing a business for a year or less, or two years, or five. And sometimes those businesses almost played "musical buildings," hopping across the street for a few years, or a block north or south, as time and fortune moved on.

For the record, I do try to be as thorough as is reasonably possible when researching this series, realizing the term "reasonably" is relative! For a weekly series like this one, which is really an added bonus feature to our weekly newspaper -- much as I enjoy writing it, and frankly as much as readers so far seemed to have enjoyed it -- only so much time is feasible to dedicate.

As I was writing this week's column, for instance, a great many people filled my mind who could be contacted for more detailed information about the Wickizer Building: residents of an age (and possessing a sufficiently sharp memory) to remember it as Wickizer's store; Bill and Edna Taber's sons; the Tettenborns; Gail Ruhnow...the list goes on. However, the end result of so much research would be the loss of this as a weekly feature!

With all that said, you -- the readers -- are encouraged to contact the editor ([citizen@culcom.net](mailto:citizen@culcom.net), 574-216-0075, or via [facebook.com/culvercitizen](https://www.facebook.com/culvercitizen)) not only with added information to what you've just read, but also with tidbits you might like to share about upcoming sites. We'll be heading south on Main Street to round out the "business district" downtown (so into the 200 block of South Main) and then crossing the street and sauntering north along the west side of Main.

Meantime, readers' positive feedback about this series is much appreciated -- it's planned to keep going, hopefully for a good while.



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The Wickizer Building in the foreground during a 1924 parade of Culver Elementary students on Main Street. Note the vacant lot between Wickizer's and the next building.

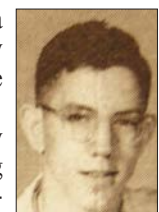
### Name that Culver 'citizen'



Jim and Barb Jones, Cindy Tusing King, Verl and Sylvia Shaffer, and Sandy Middleton were among those who correctly identified last week's Mystery Citizen. Sandy ought to be able to -- he's been her husband, as she points out, for 56 years! He's John Middleton, and last week's "hint" referred to a story in the Citizen last year about his father, Philip's role in arming Culver businessmen following a 1920 robbery of the State Exchange Bank on Main Street. Due no doubt to Middleton's aid in planning, Culver gave bank robbers a run for their money in a 1933 robbery which earned the community some fame for its adventurous capture of the bandits.

This week's Mystery Citizen has had active roles in several local organizations, and he continues to be quite visible in one, in particular, today.

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



ABOVE: Last week's Mystery Citizen, John Middleton, then and now. LEFT: this week's mystery citizen.

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## SAT, ACT prep classes at Culver High School

SAT and ACT preparation classes at Culver Community High School will begin in April. Starting Tuesday, March 29, Vickie Benner will work on the verbal portion and continue every Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30 a.m. Beginning Wednesday, March 30, Mike Buschman will work on the math portion and continue every Wednesday and Friday at 7:20 a.m.

The SAT test will be offered May 7 at Culver Academies. The ACT test will be offered June 11 at Kokomo, South Bend, and Elkhart.

Registration deadline for the SAT is April 8, with late registration until April 22. Registration deadline for the ACT is May 6. Registration packets are available in the CCHS Guidance office.

Alternate SAT test date is June 4 at Culver Academies.

## Culver Schools kindergarten registration

Culver Community Schools Kindergarten Roundup for those students in the Monterey Elementary attendance district will be held Tuesday, April 5 at 6 p.m. in the Monterey Elementary School cafeteria. Roundup for those students in the Culver Elementary attendance district will be held Wednesday, April 6 at 6 p.m. in the Culver Elementary School cafeteria. To be eligible for kindergarten a child must be five years old on or before Aug. 1, 2011. Children do not need to attend this informational meeting for parents. During this meeting parents will be informed about required health records, forms needed for registration, kindergarten screening, Indiana curriculum standards and programs available for kindergartners. Parents should bring a copy of the child's birth certificate to verify date of birth, and the child's immunization record. If a parent cannot come April 5 or April 6 they should contact Culver Elementary at 574-842-3389, or Monterey Elementary at 574-542-2601 to make other arrangements.

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## Briefs from page 1

### Friends offer silent auction

The Friends of the Culver-Union Township Public Library organization is displaying a collection of counted cross stitch pieces donated by a library patron, in the large display case at the library. The pieces are part of a silent auction to raise funds for the library. Bids can be placed at the circulation desk, and the winning bid at the end of the month will be the winner of the stitched piece. Funds raised will go to the Friends' ongoing support of the library.

### Baked potato supper April 8

A baked potato supper will be held at the Vandalia R.R. Station in Culver from 4:30 to 7 p.m. (ET) Friday, April 8. The meal includes large baked potatoes and all the "fixings" (chili, sour cream, chives, cheese, bacon bits, broccoli, etc.) and includes pie, cake, coffee, and lemonade. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Carry-outs will be available. The event is a fundraiser sponsored by

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Trinity Lutheran Church in Culver. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and younger.

### Preschool open house April 9

Wesley Preschool's Open House registration will be held Saturday, April 9 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Junior class students must be 3 years old and senior class students must be 4 years old by August 1, 2011. Seniors meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 8:30 to 11 a.m., and tuition is \$92 per month. Juniors meet Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 to 11 a.m., and tuition is \$64 per month. Registration form and \$40 supply fee are due upon registration. Please contact Jennifer Luttrell at 574-250-3852 with questions and interest.

### Community meal at Grace April 14

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Thursday, April 14 at 6 p.m., in the basement of the church. *Please note the altered date from the usual meal date of the 15th of each month.* All are invited to this free, ecumenical event whose purpose is to share a friendly meal in a welcoming, community atmosphere.

### Wesley's Got Talent April 10

Wesley United Methodist Church will shine a spotlight on its members' various talents Sunday April 10, starting at 2 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. All are invited join the fun of this silly show for families with magic tricks, a unicyclist, a martial-arts demonstration and much more.

### Maxinkuckee among Tournament locales

The MARCO Bass Masters Tournament Series will expand to six lakes in to 2011, including the Burt's

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## Kiwanis-Collins-Marina bass tournament May 7

The seventh annual two-person, team charity bass tournament on Lake Maxinkuckee in Culver, for the benefit of Culver Kiwanis Children's Charities, will take place Saturday, May 7.

Sponsored by Collins & Company Realtors and the Culver Marina, the event is hosted by the Culver Kiwanis Club and Marco Bassmasters.

The entry fee is \$70 per team if the entry is received by April 15 (\$80 per team if paid the day of the tournament). There is a 90 percent payout and a \$500 big bass guarantee. Additional door prizes will be announced at the tournament.

Check-in takes place at the Culver Marina, and live weigh check begins at 5 a.m. Launch will be from the west side public ramp or Culver Marina. Marina launch is by winch from eye hooks at front and rear of boats. Vehicles and trailers will be parked at the launch site or the Marina. Tournament hours are from legal sunrise (6:30 a.m.) to 2:30 p.m.

There will be a pre-tournament meeting at 6 a.m. at Culver Marina, at the southeast corner of the lake, inside channel.

Coffee in the morning will be offered by Culver Kiwanis and donuts from Culver Subway. Hot dogs and soft drinks will be provided at the awards ceremony.

Weigh-in and release of fish will begin at 2:30 at the Culver Marina. Cash prizes will be awarded after the weigh-in at the conclusion of the tournament. The public is invited and encouraged to attend the weigh-in.

Those with questions may email [volkerts@msn.com](mailto:volkerts@msn.com) or call 574-842-4566 and leave a message.

Body Shop Bass Bonanza at Lake Maxinkuckee April 30, and the final event, the Collins Realtors Clash at Culver Oct. 8 at Lake Maxinkuckee. For more information contact Mike Goins at 574-298-0208 or send an e-mail to [bassfish@embarqmail.com](mailto:bassfish@embarqmail.com).

### Winters scholarship applications available

Applications for the Ralph E. Winters Scholarship are now available for qualified Culver Community High School graduates who will successfully complete their freshman year of college and will be enrolling in their sophomore year this fall. Non-traditional students are also eligible to apply. Applications are available online through the Pulaski County Community Foundation's website at [www.pulaskionline.org](http://www.pulaskionline.org). Deadline for applications is April 18. For more information contact

the foundation at 574-946-0906.

### Support "Team Schrimsher" in ALF walk

Culver's Schrimsher family and friends will take part in the "Liver Life Walk" in Indianapolis May 14 to help raise money for the American Liver Foundation (ALF). Six years ago, David Schrimsher was diagnosed with chronic Hepatitis C, which causes serious and life-threatening cirrhosis of the liver. Those wishing to make a donation may visit [www.liverfoundation.org/walk](http://www.liverfoundation.org/walk), or a check may be sent, payable to the American Liver Foundation, to: Caitlin Schrimsher, 1003 South Street, Culver, IN 46511.



# Sports



## CMA beats Columbia City for 3A semistate

By James Costello  
Sports Editor

HUNTINGTON — It took the Eagles 37 years to win a sectional championship. Now they're going to the state finals.

Culver Military Academy's Juwan Brescacin slammed home a two-handed dunk in transition with 2.8 seconds remaining, putting the exclamation point on the win as CMA claimed a 51-49 victory over Columbia City at the Class 3A Huntington North Semistate Saturday.

"I really can't put it into words. I'm so proud of our kids," said first-year CMA head coach Mark Galloway. "From day one accepting me as a coach and believing in what we do, and you can see it carry over into the game where they believed in themselves, they believed in each other... They just played their hearts out."

Saturday's game was CMA's first ever semistate appearance coming on the heels of a historic run that has included the program's first ever regional and sectional championships since joining the IHSAA 36 years ago.

"We've gotten better every week we've played," said junior point guard Jermaine Myers, who finished with 15 points, six assists and five steals at the game. "Coach really stressed that every week we want to come in and improve something, whether it's our defense or our offense. We've really matured as a group and meshed together."

The Eagles got off to a rocky start in the contest, coughing up six turnovers in the first frame to fall behind 14-9 at the first quarter break before settling in in the second frame. A steal for a layup by Myers, followed by a Brescacin layup off the baseline knotted the score at 20-all at the 39-second mark of the second, but Columbia City's Derek Hinen hit a pull-up jumper in the lane with 2.4 on the clock to give his team a slight 22-20 advantage going into the break.

"It may have been nerves. We knew that we were struggling in the first half," said Brescacin. "As soon as we got into the locker room, coach emphasized intensity. We weren't playing with that intensity we usually play with

so as soon as we came out we matched their intensity and even went beyond that."

The Eagles grabbed a 25-22 lead on a Willie Strong traditional 3-point play at the 6:55 mark of the third, and the two teams traded leads once more before CMA claimed the lead for good at the 1:12 mark of the third period.

CMA stretched its lead to as much as seven points in the fourth quarter and led by six with just over half a minute remaining after freshman Hayes Barnes iced a pair of free throws in the double bonus to put his team up 49-43, although Columbia City battled valiantly until the final horn, even burying a 3-pointer from the buzzer following Brescacin's power jam to bring the score to its final.

Myers and Brescacin each scored 15 points to lead CMA, while Strong scored seven, Barnes had five, and 7-foot-1 center Chier Ajou had six in the win. The Eagles scored at a 75-percent field clip in the second half while holding their opponents to just 38.5 percent from the floor in the same span.

"The second half I think we were down in a stance, we switched Jermaine over on (Drew Benedict) and even though he still hit some big 3s we made that adjustment at half," said Galloway. "We knew they were going to keep shooting 3s for sure, but we felt like we were going to guard them, and as they went deeper they made some but we rebounded and found a way."

CMA 51, COLUMBIA CITY 49  
At Class 3A Huntington North Semistate  
Score by quarters  
CC: 14 22 34 49  
CMA: 9 20 35 51  
COLUMBIA CITY (49): Daniel Woll 2, Tyler Mosher 6, Drew Benedict 18, Derek Hinen 8, Brandon Gay 10, JAred Murphy 2, Drew Burnsworth 3, Matt Rethlake 0, Ben Murphy 0; Totals: 18 4-9 49.  
CMA (51): Jermaine Myers 15, Hayes Barnes 5, Juwan Brescacin 15, Willie Strong 7, Elijah Murray 0, Alex Dodane 3, Chier Ajou 6; Totals: 21 6-15 51.  
3-point goals: CC 9 (Benedict 5, Gay 2, Hinen, Burnsworth), CMA 3 (Myers, Barnes, Dodane); Turnovers: CC 8, CMA 8; Rebounds: CC 15, CMA 21 (Ajou 8); Steals: CC 5, CMA 7 (Myers 5); Assists: CC 11, CMA 7 (Myers 6); Fouls (fouled out): CC 15 (Woll), CMA 14 (none); Records: Columbia City 19-6 (final), CMA 19-6.



PHOTO/PAUL PARÉ

CMA's Jermaine Myers holds up the words identifying his team: "Regional and Semi State Champions" following Saturday's winning game for the Eagles in Columbia City. The team will journey to Indianapolis Saturday for an evening game for the state championship.

## CGA's Neer sets 5K indoor national record at New Balance Nationals

NEW YORK — Waverly Neer had a feeling it might take a record pace to win the women's 5,000-meter run at the New Balance High School Indoor Track & Field Championships.

She was right. The Culver Girls Academy's star senior and 2010 IHSAA state cross country champion set a national high school indoor record of 16:35.15 Friday night at New York City's famed Armory Center and still had enough gas left in the tank for a PR in the mile race Sunday.

"Before the race, my coach and dad were talking about how strong the field was, and I said it might take a national record to win," said Neer by telephone shortly after her record-breaking effort Friday. "I'm really happy, but (knowing the other runners in the race) I guess I'm only a little surprised we ran that fast."

"I can't honestly put an emotion with it," she said. "This is so surreal. I can't believe I broke a national record and now I own it."

There were 35 runners in the field, circling a 200-meter track.

Neer bided her time until 1200 meters remained, then surged to the front, claiming her first high school national championship by an eight-second margin over Florida's Kathryn Fluehr (16:43.7) after the two dueled for much of the remaining 1800 meters.

"It was back and forth after the two of us broke off from the rest of the pack," Neer said. "I think we both probably knew we were on record pace, and it was just a really cool battle between the two of us."

"It was very, very exciting to see her be in the thick of things and see her take the lead in the last 800," said CGA head track and field coach Michael Chastain.

"It was a privilege to watch her do that. She just looked so graceful."

Feeling the aftermath of that championship run Sunday, Neer was still able to clock a personal-best 4:53.67 for an 11th place finish in the mile.

"She was feeling pretty rough but she performed well today," said Chastain. "She didn't break the top two, which we were disappointed in, but she ran a personal best and she ran it basically all alone."



CGA's Waverly Neer at the IHSAA Girls State Cross Country finals last fall.

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