



# The Culver Citizen

Thursday, November 3, 2011 Vol. No. 118 Issue No. 43 50¢  
Serving Culver • Lake Maxinkuckee • Monterey since 1894



PHOTOS/DON FREESE AND \*TRENT BENNETT

## In Brief

### “Christmas in Culver” this wknd

“Christmas in Culver” will take place Nov 4 and 5 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Shoppers may enjoy refreshments shopping for holiday gifts and apparel at Civvies, Diva, Fisher & Co., Gail’s, and The Culver Academies Museum and Gift Shop. Dining specials and drawings are slated for Café Max, Corndance Café, Culver Coffee Company, and Papa’s. Other events include the “By the Lake” Holiday Bazaar at the Culver Depot on Lake Shore Drive; Mystic Hills Holiday Bazaar at Mystic Hills Golf Course on S.R. 117; The Market Basket Open House on S.R. 17; “Always Happy Life Photography” offering holiday portraits at the Culver Coffee Company; and Bottom Line Training Company offering fitness specials. Mike Saylor will provide carriage rides Saturday as well.

### Culver Halloween history exhibit

The Center for Culver History, the museum and research center of the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver, is hosting an exhibit on Halloween in Culver’s past. The exhibit will run into mid-November. Examined will be community events, private parties, and varieties of costumes and pranks. Photos, cartoons, and other memorabilia help tell the story. The museum is free and open to the public.

### Indiana statuary photographer at CUTPL Nov. 3

The Culver Public Library will host Hoosier photographer John Bower for his program, “Guardians of the Soul: Indiana’s Remarkable Cemetery Sculpture,” on Thursday, November 3 at 6:30 p.m. Using images from his book, Bower introduces Indiana’s spectacular, but little known, cemetery statuary. Call 574-842-2941 or visit www.culver.lib.in.us for more information.

### CBC to screen evolution documentary

The documentary, “Evolution: The Grand Experiment” will be shown at Culver Bible Church, 718 S. Main St. Sunday, November 6 at 6 p.m. For anyone who has any opinions for or against evolution, See Briefs page 4

## Lions Halloween fun

A huge turnout marks Culver’s Lions Club’s annual Halloween party last Tuesday, at which a host of original and unique costumes no doubt made judges’ choices difficult. TOP LEFT: Top three winners in the infant to age 3 category: (from left) Tyler Pohl (scarecrow), Leland Stubbs (golfer), and Zelda Coble (puppy). TOP CENTER: Top three winners ages 4 and 5 from left, Brandon Welsh (snowman), Chloe Felda (jewelry box princess), and Madeline Hamilton (red horn queen). TOP RIGHT: Top three winners ages 6 and 7 from left, Trenton Fritter (pirate), Marquez Anderson (scarecrow), and Kaley Hamilton (princess). TOP FAR RIGHT: \*Top three winners ages 8 and 9 from left, Savannah Barnes (butterflies), Jasmine Felda (claw game), and (BELOW RIGHT) Jane Wright. BELOW, LEFT: Top three winners ages 10 and up from left, Alissa Kimyanjui (candy corn), Jordan Schrimsher (mime), and Taylor Noah (stoplight).

## Culver women ‘paint the town’ pink for breast cancer awareness

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Culver residents Karen Easterday and Sue Roth wanted breast cancer to get some attention during the month -- October -- dedicated to its awareness, and it seems fair to say they succeeded handily. It’s hard to miss two women decked out in bright pink, adorned with pink feather boas, and wearing t-shirts with the text, “Yes they’re fake -- my real ones tried to kill me!” as they walk through the business districts of Culver.

That visibility, of course, was the whole point, say Easterday and Roth, both of whom have battled the disease and won.

“It started as a miss on the streets of Culver last week. a joke,” says Roth.

“We want to raise awareness,” adds Easterday, who also came up with the idea for the boas, “and to encourage early detection -- to get breast exams and do self-checks. We encourage younger women...more and more are being diagnosed. We encourage people to talk to their daughters, sisters, and granddaughters.”

“Far too many find themselves in stage three or four because they’ve been ignored,” Roth notes. “Their doctors think it must be something else, though they don’t think twice with older people (in diagnosing cancer).”

“Women are great at taking care of others and forgetting about themselves. Mammograms are easy to put off. No one wants to have them done, and no one wants bad news.”

The women started on Lake Shore Drive at the

Culver Coffee Company, walking as far south as Studio Hair Design and Bottom Line Training Company on South Main, before turning around and heading back to the Coffee Company, stopping off for lunch at



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Sue Roth, left, and Karen Easterday were hard to miss on the streets of Culver last week.

Cafe Max (“We scared their people,” Roth adds with a laugh) along the way. They made stops at the town hall and post office as well.

Several people expected them to ask for donations, Roth says, but “mainly we went in with a very brief message: get tested and get preventative. Early detection is everything...we had several that said, ‘Oh I need to do that -- I’m going to go home and make that appointment.’”

Sue Roth, who works in the Alumni department at Culver Academies, was diagnosed with breast cancer about a year ago. Easterday, who is nine years free from stage three breast cancer -- the highest risk form -- called her last winter, though up to then the women only knew each other casually.

“I knew I had a kindred spirit,” smiles Roth, recalling their first conversation,

which wound up lasting three hours. “She got me through more than she knows.”

Roth acknowledges she’s “very lucky” to have been told by her oncologist to “go home and have a good life” after her last checkup, though she will continue to see him every six months. Both women say they’ve learned the importance of support, as in the case of a group of women at the Academy Roth says support and encourage one another.

“(Support) makes a big difference when you’ve had a cancer diagnosis,” explains Easterday. “Lots of people say they’re thinking about you and love you, but when you know they have been there, it’s a different level of support. You know they get it...that’s the value of support groups no matter what (the ailment or difficulty).”

“You don’t see (cancer) coming,” says Roth. “It’s a scary diagnosis. Everything changes forever, but it’s not always the end of everything. There’s life after this, and good life.”

Both Easterday and Roth say they struggled with the label of “survivor.”

“They had a (cancer awareness) walk several years ago (in Culver),” recalls Easterday. “It was a week after my diagnosis. They handed me a ‘Survivor’ cap to wear. I said, ‘I don’t even know if I’m a survivor!’ (Husband) Greg said, ‘Put it on.’ But I said, ‘That’s too much like saying I’ve got cancer.’ But from the moment you’re diagnosed, you are a survivor.”

Roth admits putting on a “Survivor” t-shirt for the first time at last spring’s Relay for Life in Culver was difficult.

“I’m not a victim....but it

See Pink page 2

## Resident defends wind turbine photos to Culver council

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

A Culver area resident was on hand at the Oct. 25 meeting of Culver’s town council to defend photos he had made available throughout the community pertinent to the controversial proposed wind farm in Marshall and Fulton Counties, a project the council was once more asked to take a formal position upon.

Hank Bilsland, noting he had addressed the council a few months prior in hopes it would vote for or against the project, in which some 60 windmills would be placed near Culver and Argos, among other locales. He said he received an email describing comments made at the previous council meeting questioning the authenticity of several photos of Lake Winnebago in Wisconsin, where placement of a number of towers has radically altered the view of the shoreline.

“Someone suggested (the photos) were digitally enhanced,” said Bilsland. “I assure you, they were not. I paid a photographer to take them, and he emailed them to me. I brought the photographer’s address if you want to contact him.”

Council member Ralph Winters acknowledged he had questioned the authenticity of the photos.

Bilsland also urged the council to take a vote on the proposed project, which he said could be “devastating” to the Culver community, specifically in the areas of reduced tourism and property values.

“Only a few people will gain anything from having these things on their properties,” he added. “Everybody else will be hurt by it. You’re cutting your tax base way more than you’ll pick up on these turbines.”

Council member Lynn Overmyer responded that the council

See Council page 3



PHOTO/CULVER ACADEMIES COMMUNICATIONS

## Culver’s royal guest

Culver Academies hosted the return of a royal alum, HRH Crown Prince Alexander II of Yugoslavia, who attended the school during the 1950s and paid a visit here last week. Born on Yugoslav territory while his mother, Queen Alexandra and father, King Peter II, were exiled in Great Britain from their homeland due to Communist occupation (they had originally been forced into exile by advancing German forces during World War II), the Crown Prince served in the British Army and pursued international business. Although he officially could use the title King, he chose to retain the Crown Prince Title, and has traveled the world and become known for his ardent defense of democracy and human rights. He’s pictured here meeting Serbian-American student Nikola Devura of Chicago.





PHOTO/DON FREESE

### Halloween helping hands

Among those who helped bring last week’s Lions Club Halloween party to fruition were the combined forces of Culver Community High School and Culver Academies’ service clubs, who helped with setup and assisted youngsters and families with games and prizes. Pictured at LEFT are students (front row, left to right) Angela Lewellen, Tia Romig, Katie Blocker, and Maddie Coby. Second row, Molly Sage, Caitlynn Brewer, Shakkira Harris, Bella Lee, and Allen Betts. Back row, Kellie Bonine, Justin Croy, Cassie Vansky, Phoebe Hall, Chenyere Franklin, Stephanie Elden, Mary McKinnis, and Anthony McHugh. Not pictured are fellow helpers Kevin Hogan and Cameron Turney.



PHOTO PROVIDED

### CBGC member of the month

Pictured is Culver Elementary 5th grader Abby Gregory, the Culver Boys & Girls Club’s Member of the Month for September. The award is given out monthly to the member, who best exemplifies the virtues of

respect, responsibility, and honesty, according to site director Cory Monnier.

## Pink from page 1

was very meaningful. You are in a different category now, whether you like it or not.”

Some months ago, Roth’s husband Bill found the t-shirts the women wore for their walk, on the internet, eventually leading to the idea of the walk. Now they say they plan to do it every year, hopefully with others joining them.

Hand in hand with awareness, Easterday and Roth also

laud another Culver community effort, the annual Relay for Life, and its tangible benefit of funds raised to fight cancer. They hope to dispel the mindset which seems to have developed among some here that Relay funds -- which go to the American Cancer Society -- leave the Culver area and have little benefit in the local community itself.

“People in the community are benefiting from the results of the money,” Roth insists. “The research is being used -- the detection, the tests they can run, the treatments: that’s all available right here. We used to hear chemotherapy, and they threw the kitchen sink at you and hoped it helped. If the cancer didn’t get you, the chemo did! Now that’s all changed.”

Easterday agrees.

“South Bend has incredible research and treatment programs going on. We get the results (of Relay funds) here. We are the recipients of this.”

Roth points out she waited for her son Tim, an urologist in Elkhart who performs prostate cancer surgery, to take her to Mayo Clinic for a second opinion.

“He said, ‘I didn’t, because the care you’re getting here is so good.’ He would have had me there in a minute (if he felt it necessary).

“So participate in Relay,” she adds. “Every nickel raised is helping a lot of us in the community.”

She also notes Relay has brought the community together.

“That’s a very heartwarming thing to see. The luminaries (candle-lit paper bags with names of cancer victims or survivors) all lined up. The Academy, town, the country -- all our tribes are represented, all coming together. (Relay is) healthy for the community and the money really does do some good.”

Easterday notes many people in the Culver area have had, and continue to have cancer, and Northern Indiana in general has a “very, very high cancer rate,” though no one is entirely certain why.

Meantime, Karen Easterday and Sue Roth are living each day to the fullest.

Easterday says her cancer experience keeps things in perspective.

“When I was diagnosed, I had no grandchildren. I wanted so much to be a grandma (and) now I have five grandsons and a brand new granddaughter, and I feel like every single day is a gift.

“My kids hug me different, and I treasure that.”

“It’s nice to be here and share experiences and laugh,” concurs Roth, who is especially grateful to have found a “soul mate” in Easterday’s friendship.

“We connect on a different level. I’d say, ‘I had the craziest thought (about my cancer) the other day,’ and she’d go, ‘Oh, that’s so normal. This will pass.’ Either I’m not crazy or there’s two of us and we can enjoy the company!”

Council from page 1

had voted several times that the matter fell outside its jurisdiction, since the turbines would be placed outside the town limits. Council president Ginny Munroe noted the council had not taken a formal vote on the matter at all, and member Ed Pinder added many members feel differently about the project and that lack of unity led to the decision not to take a formal vote.

Overmyer said any vote for or against the project “would be a personal vote (and) wouldn’t be for the townspeople.”

Bilsland replied that the matter will “drastically affect a lot of those properties you’ve zoned,” and responding to Overmyer’s reiteration that the project is outside town limits, Bilsland said, “It means a lot (to the county) for the town to say (it’s for or against the project).”

No council member replied to Munroe’s request for motions for a vote on the mattter.

Among its actions, the council approved the proposed 2012 budget for the town of Culver of \$1,820,340 a .6 percent increase from last year’s budget. Audience member Bill Githens, a member of the Union Township advisory board, noted he’d spoken with Culver Academies comptroller Rick Tompos, whom the town still had not contacted concerning \$30,000 the Academies had pledged in previous years -- but so far not this year -- towards fire and EMS service. Town clerk Casey Howard siad a death in the family had prevented her from having time to contact Tompos, which she said she will do.

Munroe said she and Howard had looked into several properties around Culver repeatedly discussed for ordinance violations in maintenance and upkeep such as “debris, smelly things, appliances (in the yard),” and the like. She said existing ordinances “have a lot more teeth...than what you may remember in terms of what you can be cites for.” Council approved the list of properties and writing letters -- signed by the whole council and sent registered and first class -- to property owners warning of fines and other actions.

A fine of \$50 was approved against a citizen for a trash fire less that 25 feet from a structure, a problem police chief Wayne Bean said was a repeat issue. Since the ordinance leaves the fine amount up to the council to determine, after some discussion it was agreed to go with Winters’ suggestion of \$50 as an initial fine, with the option to go higher if violations continue.

Council also held a public hearing to rezone several areas from R1 (residential) to S1 (suburban) on West Mill and South Ohio Streets as well as C2 zoning on Anchors Way. Culver plan commission Bill Cleavenger, in the audience, noted the changes, which the commission had recommended, were “basically housekeeping” to make zoning in those areas consistent.

Approved was a resolution adopting the American Education Week proclamation read out loud by Winters, with a change to include both public and private schools as valuable for what they provide American children. The week of Nov. 13 through 19 marks the 90th annual observance.

Council approved \$2,300 plus up to \$500 installation fee for a chart recorder to better meter outgoing sewage

from Culver Academies, the measurement of which various equipment issues has made difficult from time to time in recent years. Culver utilities manager Bob Porter said the recorder would allow detailed readings of flow, and would be “crucial in knowing when (equipment) failed.”

The council will contact grant writing firm Project Priorities in hopes of moving forward with creating a new comprehensive plan for Culver, at the urging of audience member Kevin Berger, who explained the existing plan, at 12 years old, is outdated on various levels. He said a planning grant through Indiana’s Office of Community and Rural Affairs is virtually a “given if we apply for it,” to cover the cost of the plan. Such a grant would require a 10 percent match from Culver, but could be requested up to \$50,000 to cover the cost of the plan writing, which Berger said cost around \$20,000 12 years ago.

In other discussion, audience member Don Baker praised the town for its leaf pickup and thanked the council and police for their work in enforcing noise ordinances, which he said is “making a difference in our neighborhood. The police have been very responsive.”

Council member Pinder expressed relief that West Shore Drive is now open after weeks of delay on a project at the Lake Maxinkuckee outlet culvert there.

“Even though (the delay was) not our fault, I kind of felt like it was,” he said. “I’m glad (people affected) didn’t behead some of us!

“We tried our best. I hate to talk about some company that didn’t try their best,” he added, referring to complaints about delays in action on a gas line at the site managed by a local power company, which audience and council members had previously cited as causing much of the holdup on the project.

Obituary

Rod A. Martindale

Oct. 23, 2011

CULVER — Rod A. Martindale passed away Sunday the 23rd of October, 2011 in Culver.

He retired from Indiana Bell with more than 30 years of service. Rod was an avid fisherman, enjoyed remodeling old homes, and always looked forward to buying his next new truck! Oct. 19, 1979 he married Dollie Keller.

He is survived by his wife Dollie Martindale of Culver. His sister Marilyn Bayman (Al) of South Bend, his children, Ricky Martindale (Diane) of Walkerton, Robert Martindale (Becky) of South Bend, and Susan Lovell (Jim) of Manhattan, Mont.; his stepchildren Rae Bonnell (Jeff) of Monticello, Cindy Kasten (Tom) of Winamac, and Tim Posthuma (Darcie) of Rochester, 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother, Richard Martindale of South Bend.

Cremation has taken place, and his ashes will be buried in Culver Masonic Cemetery. There will be no visitation, and a private family service will be held. Rod will be greatly missed by all his family, and friends.

It was also noted the council’s Nov. 8 meeting will be rescheduled to Nov. 10 due to local elections that Tuesday. The 6:30 p.m. meeting time will remain.

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., Oct. 27:** Chicken and sausage jambalya, bread-ed okra, sliced pears, bread and margarine, birthday cake, and milk.

**Fri., Oct. 28:** Split pea with ham soup, carrots, crackers, hot peaches, and milk.

**Mon., Oct. 31:** Parmesan chicken, pasta, lima, berry pear crisp, Italian bread and margarine, parmesan packet, and milk.

**Tues., Nov. 1:** Beef Manhattan, mashed potatoes, French cut green beans, bread and margarine, and milk.

**Weds., Nov. 2:** Country fried steak and gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, sour dough bread and margarine, fruit cup, and milk.

**Thurs., Nov. 3:** Sloppy Joe, hamburger bun, cheesy potatoes, stewed tomatoes, tropical fruit, and milk.

**Fri., Nov. 4:** Turkey tetrazzini, mixed vegetables, brussel sprouts, dinner roll and margarine, pears, and milk.

Death notice

Lowry

Rosalie E. Lowry

Oct. 21, 2011

CULVER — Rosalie E. Lowry, 94, of Winona Lake, formerly of Culver, died Oct. 21, 2011 at Grace Village Health Care, Winona Lake.

She is survived by a son, Mark (Sharon) Lowry of East Bernard, Texas; three daughters, Sally (Richard) Large of Cordova, Tenn., Judy (Carl) Wagoner of Leesburg, Martha (Marston) McGwin of Keokuk, Iowa; and 11 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Graveside service was Friday, Oct. 28, 2011 at 2 p.m. at Maxinkuckee IOOF Cemetery/Poplar Grove Church.

Memorials may be made to Poplar Grove Church. Letters of condolence for the family may be sent via the obituary page at [www.odomfuneralhome.com](http://www.odomfuneralhome.com).

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



Briefs from page 1

this 58 minute documentary is a must see. the event is free of charge.

Culver Club open house at museum

The Culver Academies Museum and Gift Shop will be the site of an open house and membership drive Friday, Nov. 11 from 5 to 7 p.m., hosted by the Culver Club of Culver. Orders for Vespers poinsettas will also be taken. Wine, cheese, and refreshments will be on hand, and a brief presentation about the museum and the Club will take place at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

IOOF breakfast Nov. 12

The Maxinkuckee Odd Fellows Lodge #373 IOOF will hold an all you can eat pancakes and sausage, biscuits and gravy breakfast Sat., Nov. 12 from 6 a.m. to noon, at the corner of 18B and Pine Roads. Adults are \$6 and children \$4. Also available will be the Rebekah Country Store.

Dislexia program Nov. 8

A free presentation from Susan Barton, an international name and member of Bright Solutions for Dislexia, will take place November 8 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Culver Community High School. If you are unable to attend this live presentation, you can learn more about dyslexia by visiting [www.BrightSolutions.US](http://www.BrightSolutions.US). Seats may be reserved at [culverhs.eventbrite.com](http://culverhs.eventbrite.com).

Community meal at Grace Nov. 15

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. All are invited to this free, ecumenical event whose purpose is to share a friendly meal in a welcoming, community atmosphere. The meals are held on the 15th day of each month

in the basement of the church.

Fitness classes at Bottom Line

The Bottom Line Training Company, located at 232 S. Main Street, Suite D, Culver, has announced a new, 30-minute fitness class for teachers, “Teacher Express,” which meets Tuesdays through Nov. 22, from 3:30 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$25.

Area residents are also encouraged to manage holiday pounds with “Maintain, Don’t Gain,” through Jan. 1, 2012. Each team or individual will weigh in weekly and be entered into a drawing if weight is maintained. Cost is \$10 per person. Participants may register at Bottom Line, or at 574-842-2400, or [shaina@bottomlinetrainingco.biz](mailto:shaina@bottomlinetrainingco.biz).

Leaf pick-up

The Town of Culver has begun leaf pick-up. All leaves must be placed in the ter race not in the street. Please separate your leaves from the sticks and brush. Pumpkins, rocks, etc. are not acceptable debris for pick-up. Leaf pick-up will continue through December. The leaf crew will move from the north end of town to the south end of town and then repeat. All questions should be directed to the Town Hall at 574-842-3140 between 8a.m. to 4 p.m.

Purses sought for cancer-related fund-raiser

The first fund raising event for Hello Gorgeous! which treats cancer-fighting women to a spa event with new attire and more, will take place Dec. 9 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Michelle’s Headquarters, 114 N. Main Street, in Culver. The Great Purse Extravaganza encourages the community to donate lovingly used purses to be re-sold the night of the event. The items may be dropped off at Michelle’s, the Culver Coffee Company, and Elizabeth’s Garden between now and Dec. 2. The Dec. 9 event will include wine, cheese, and sweet treats “with some pampering surprises planned.” Questions may directed to 574-842-2662.

Name that Culver ‘citizen’

While a great many Culverites would recognize last week’s Mystery Citizen today, as well-known as she is, though most didn’t recognize her childhood photo. Among those who did: Cynthia Bonine Goss, Michelle Hyland Lampkins, and Kay Tusing,

They can bask in their prize of free parking in downtown Culver, for recognizing Susan Flora, who was a prominent member of Culver’s EMS service for years, and served the town in a variety of volunteer capacities.

This week’s Mystery Citizen is part of a family with deep roots in

Culver, and continues to live in the area, involved in a longstanding family business.

Guesses may be emailed to [citizen@culcom.net](mailto:citizen@culcom.net), or call the editor at 574-216-0075.

BELOW: Last week’s Mystery Citizen, Connie Van Horn, then (left) and now. ABOVE LEFT: This week’s Mystery Citizen.





## Turnovers lead Cavaliers past Trojans

By Andrew Dreibelbis  
Correspondent

CULVER — The Culver Cavaliers exacted revenge on West Central for an earlier season defeat in typical, grind-it-out fashion Friday night.

After West Central went up early with a 23-yard touchdown run at the 8:37 stop of the first quarter, the Cavs responded with two scores of their own from Kevin Hogan — a 3- and 2-yard run — to take a 14-8 lead and never looked back in a 24-14 win over the Trojans in a Sectional 33 semifinal at Culver.

When asked about any extra motivation the kids might have for this game, Cavs coach Andy Thomas said, “No, they knew it was win or go home, that’s all the motivation we needed.”

He also said they were, “fortunate to survive” and praised the Trojans as an outstanding team.

Just when it looked like it might be a repeat of their Week 1 regular-season matchup, the Cavaliers came up with a Lee Corso-esque “not so fast” moment. The Trojans marched right down the field on their opening drive and took a quick 8-0 lead. Not to be outdone, Culver took the ball down the field in 1:30, then Sam Hissong came up with a game-changing interception on the second Trojan drive of the night. The Cavaliers never looked back from



PHOTO BY ALAN HALL  
Culver Community's Tucker Schultz carries the ball while Sam Hissong blocks during the Cavaliers' sectional football game with West Central Friday.

there, rattling off 18 straight points, including a 3-yard plunge and a 24-yard field goal from Collin Stevens before West Central could answer again.

Faced with relentless pressure up the middle by the Cavalier defensive line all night, the Trojans put the ball on the ground four times, to go along with an interception, giving them five turnovers on the night.

In a game that featured two distinct halves, the Cavs proved their versatility, showing they can move the ball efficiently on offense while also slowing the game down and controlling both the offensive and defensive lines. Thomas praised his defense, especially junior Matt Hurford, for making the proper adjustments at halftime and slowing down an explosive Trojan rushing attack in the second half.

Culver moves to 7-4 on the year and will travel to South Newton to take on the Rebels in the Sectional 33 championship next Friday.

“They beat West Central earlier this year, so we’ll have our hands full,” said Thomas.

• CULVER 24,  
WEST CENTRAL 14  
At Culver (Class A Sectional 33 semifinal)

## Culver’s road ends at regional

PHOTO/ PAUL PARÉ



Alex Baker (center) rises to the occasion at last week’s regionals match against Fort Wayne, as (from left) Samantha Howard, Kaylee Miller (no. 1), and Ali Overmyer look on.

By James Costello  
Sports Editor

CULVER — Scrappy defensive play and teamwork earned Culver its first sectional crown in 14 years Saturday.

The Lady Cavaliers put in another scrappy performance at Tuesday’s regional with Fort Wayne Blackhawk, but the home team still fell in three games to the visiting Braves, 25-23, 25-19, 25-14, at the Class A Culver Community Volleyball Regional.

The first game was nip-tuck early before a 7-0 run by Blackhawk put the Cavs down by two at 15-17. Culver regrouped but was held off, 25-23, and the Braves grabbed the momentum heading into game 2.

They maintained that momentum with a 6-1 run at the start of the second set, and again Culver collected itself a little too late to fall behind by two games, 25-19. With a two-set lead and the match momentum firmly in its corner, Blackhawk’s offense starting clicking in the final set to put the hosts away 25-14.

As in its sectional run, Culver’s defense made most of the right moves Tuesday, but the team’s offense never really got going as the Cavs used tips and dumps to collect their points rather than hard spiking.

“That’s kind of what happened with us on Saturday; we got down in a couple games and we fought our way back,” said Culver coach Amanda Minix. “We did the same thing tonight, but obviously not on the good side of it. What hurt us is we didn’t get up and hit the ball like we had on Saturday.”

See Sports page 6

## Sports briefs

### Football

#### Mistakes bite Eagles

Culver Military Academy turned the ball over six times — four fumbles and a pair of interceptions — in a 35-15 Class 3A Football Sectional 17 loss to St. Joe at Oliver Field Friday.

Aramonti Phillips returned a kickoff 88 yards for a touchdown for the Eagles, and Edmund Hogan returned a fumble 15 yards for another score.

Ralph Laux led CMA in rushing with 58 yards.

St. Joe was led by David Arsenault with 162 yards and four touchdowns.

Class 3A, Sectional 17  
• ST. JOSEPH'S 35, CULVER MILITARY 15  
At Culver

### Boys cross country

#### Burguete competes at state CC meet

Culver Military Academy junior Leopoldo Burguete finished 89th in his first trip to the IHSAA State Cross County Meet Saturday at the LaVern Gibson Championship Cross Country Course in Terre Haute.

Burguete clocked a 16:48.2 to finish out his junior year with

See Sports page 6





PHOTO PROVIDED/JOE SKELTON

## County lakes council at Maxinkuckee

Tom Estrem explains to Carol Skelton the benefits of a field stone seawall and aquatic plants to prevent erosion of the shoreline at a home on Lake Maxinkuckee. Carol was one of many lake home residents who attended a seminar on preventing shoreline erosion led by Nate Thomas of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and Tom Estrem, Aquatic Ecologist with Cardno JF New. The seminar was hosted by the Marshall County Lakes and Waters Council at the Culver-Union Township Public Library.

## Sports from page 5

the Eagles. He placed 15th at the New Prairie Semistate the previous week to advance alone out of the meet after winning individual sectional and regional championships to lead CMA to team titles Oct. 11 and 15.

### Women’s college volleyball

**IUSB drops final two matches**  
Patrice McBee registered 15 kills, three digs, a block solo and three block assists as IU South Bend dropped its final two matches of the season.  
The Titans fell in their opener 25-21, 25-27, 25-11, 15-25, 21-19 to Huntington before dropping a 25-21, 25-20, 16-25, 25-22 decision to Roosevelt.  
IU South Bend closes out the season at 15-9.

**IUSB earns 15th win**  
IU South Bend (15-7) picked up a 25-15, 25-14, 25-15 sweep over Purdue Calumet on Tuesday night.  
Culver Community alumna Patrice McBee tallied nine kills with a dig and a block in the victory.

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

**Kindergarten:** Grace Sieber (Teacher: Amy Bonine), Jerry Hine (Heather Overmyer), Jack Rodgers (Stephanie Smith), Derek McKee (Jean Urbin), Noah Balchunas (Janna VanDePutte).

**Grade 1:** Chloee Danti (Andrea Berndt), Collin Hunnicutt (Kelly Dickert-hoff), Addison Crippen (April Jefferies), Ethan Keller (Becky Risner), Chloee Danti (Kim Morrison).

**Grade 2:** Cheyenne Lindsley (Jean Ahlenius), Junior Villegas (Tina Bailey) Savannah Barnes (Cindy Master), Lizzie Pugh (Lisa Moise), Austin Zehner (Terri Zechial).

**Grade 3:** Olivia Gilley (Valerie Cultice), Reagan Sheets (Jill DeSalle), Makaila Caudill (Rachel Rife), Matthew Bailey (Carrie Tharp).

**Grade 4:** Dylan Wy-

CES Students of the Month

att (Stephanie Alva), Noah Parsons (Leslie Shepard), Destiny Bajer (Alicia Cotner), Emily Bendy (Chris Renneker).

**Grade 5:** Brandon Jones (Pam Craft), Chloe Caldwell (Gayle Kinzie), Nora Kline (Raeanne Stevens), Samantha Smith (Steve Young), Mary Osborn (Kelly Young), Shelby Fritch (Mike Elliott), Kate Renneker (Suzanne Hollis), Corey Jefferies (Kinney).

**Grade 6:** Kristin Heise (Bryan Albright), Dylan Pitera (Adam Huber), Sydney Pritz (Todd Shafer), Ben Myers (Missy Trent), Cherakie Thomas (Julie Cowan), Jordan Schrimsher (Carol Jackson), Lance Beaver (Joyce Lyman), Danny Cook (Arvelo).

## 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. 3:** Sloppy Joe, hamburger bun, cheesy potatoes, stewed tomatoes, tropical fruit, and milk.

**Fri., Nov. 4:** Turkey tetrazzini, mixed vegetables, brussel sprouts, dinner roll and margarine, pears, and milk.

**Mon., Nov. 7:** Sausage and beef, Italian hoagie bun, spudsters, carrot coin salad, cobbler, and milk.

**Tues., Nov. 8:** Sliced ham, macaroni and cheese, butter-nut squash, pears, bread and margarine, and milk.

**Weds., Nov. 9:** Meatloaf, baby bakers, sour cream, green beans, rye bread and margarine, pineapple, and milk.

**Thurs., Nov. 10:** Grilled chicken patty, multigrain bun, red potatoes, mayo packet, broccoli, apple sauce, and milk.

**Fri., Nov. 11:** BBQ pork, onion bun, mashed sweet potatoes, bakes beans, pineapple, and milk.

## Regional from page 5

Saturday, our hitters were getting up and hitting.

“Like I told them in the huddle, yeah it’s good that we can see the open court, try to get them off-balance, but kill-wise we didn’t have that many kills because we weren’t getting up and actually hitting the ball and really making them move on our hits.”

Culver closes out the season at 10-19 and bids good-bye to a trio of seniors in Aspen Kitchell — who led the team in kills and assists Tuesday with nine and seven, respectively — and Kalee Miller, as well as sub Gabby Jurado.

“Aspen, she’s been a four-year varsity letterwinner. She’s going to be missed. She knows the game; she’s played different camps and that type of thing all over the place. A great leader,” said Minix. “Kalee Miller, she did soccer her freshman year and came back and decided she wanted to do volleyball. I put her in as a setter; she was a setter in middle school. She’s not a vocal leader, she’s more of an action leader.”

“Gabby Jurado, she was a JV player last year,” continued the Culver boss. “Not a lot of varsity time this year. She knew what her role was this year. I told her ‘You’re going to be in the back row; you’re going to do some passing.’ If somebody’s having an off night she will be missed. In practice she encouraged the girls and once she got out on the floor she did what she needed to do.”

While Tuesday’s regional loss will no doubt sting for awhile, the Lady Cavs can still look back proudly at the 2011 season.

After a tough start, the young team came on strong at the finish. Culver’s trademark defensive hustle earned it a pair of five-set wins in the final week of the regular season heading into sectional before claiming tournament wins over Northern State Conference foe Triton — which had already handled Culver twice during regular-season play — and defending sectional champ South Central (Union Mills) in two more five-set victories at Saturday’s Culver Community Sectional to deliver the program its first sectional championship since Minix was a senior in 1996.

“We were on a high, of course, on Saturday,” said Minix. “First time since ‘96. We had a pep rally today, and one of my girls spoke, a senior Aspen Kitchell, and the last time we won was when I was a senior and one of our past teachers who’s now passed away was the coach then. We’re going to get up on the wall. That was the big thing — we’re going to get our picture up on the wall just like basketball has and that type of thing. It’s going to sting for awhile. Yeah, they’re upset that they didn’t go out on a higher performance.”

• FORT WAYNE BLACKHAWK 3,  
CULVER COMMUNITY 0  
(25-23, 25-19, 25-14)