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In Brief

CBC special service, film on sanctity of life

Culver Bible Church, 718 S. Main St., Sunday, will observe Sanctity of Life Sunday on Jan. 22 with a special service, including a 30 minute, fast-paced video "designed to change the heart of a nation that is complacent toward abortion." The service begins at 10:30 a.m. Call Pastor Dan at 574-842-3056 for more information.

Community meal at St. Mary's Jan. 30

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church's monthly community meal will take place Monday, January 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.

PBS "Catholicism" series screened

Father Robert Barron's "Catholicism" (PBS) DVD series will be screened Wednesday evenings through March 14, from 7:15 to 9 p.m. (location to be announced). Join us for 10 weeks of great conversation, food, friendship -- and a fascinating look at our Catholic faith in a relaxed environment. 7:15 p.m. will be arrival and helping yourself to some food and drink; 7:30 to 8:20 "Catholicism" DVD session of the week; 8:20 to 8:45 p.m. Conversation and departure. Participants should feel free to bring a friend or two. RSVP not necessary but helpful: St. Mary of the Lake Church office 842-3667 or smarys@culcom.net.

Early Culver religion display at Museum

The Center for Culver History, located in the lower level of the Culver Public Library, downtown Culver, has a new display outlining some unique facets of Culver's early religious movements. Topics addressed include the effects of Jesuit and Protestant missionaries on the religious heritage of the local Pottawatomie, and the popular education and revivalism of the Chautauqua Assemblies of the turn of the century. The display also features photographs, documents, and artifacts from Culver's churches, past and present. The exhibit joins a recently-added one on Culver High School's yearbooks.

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"I've never felt so much love..."

These words summed up part of the reaction of Rhonda Reinhold to the Culver community en masse, and family, friends, and supporters from miles around turning out (to the tune of over 600) to help raise over \$32,000 for her family, that of Rob Reinhold, who is battling ALS. The occasion was Saturday afternoon's benefit event (SEE STORY BELOW), held at Mystic Hills Golf Course. Pictured AT LEFT: Reinhold (left) with wife Rhonda at his side, pause with event organizers Larry (standing at left) and Dawn (standing at right) Brockey. CENTER: Reinhold's uncle, Fred Reinhold, shared a moment with his nephew during the event. RIGHT: Culver bank manager and songwriter-guitarist Chad Van Herk provided music prior to the Reunion Station band taking the stage. Culver area churches, businesses, organizations, and individuals fed into the food, funding, and providing of items for the silent auction, which also helped raise significant funds.

Avalanche of support surpasses all expectations at Reinhold benefit

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Culver's Rob Reinhold may have summed up the enormity of Saturday's benefit for his family in describing the event: "Overwhelming."

Family members, friends, and attendees in general would concur, though the question lingers as to what was more overwhelming: the incredible community turnout or the amount of money raised. In both cases, the numbers are -- well, overwhelming.

Co-organizer Larry Brockey says nearly 600 people came and went (over 800 tickets were sold) between 2 and 6 p.m. Saturday at Mystic Hills Golf Course, where two buildings were engaged to hold the standing-room-only crowd. Bearing in mind that most of those people paid \$20 to attend (\$10 for children), in addition to drinks bought and silent auction items paid for, the dollar amount raised is still staggering, at over \$32,000. And, says Larry's wife, Dawn, the other primary organizer of the event, they're still not done counting.

As reported in recent editions of The Culver Citizen, Reinhold was diagnosed a little over a year ago with ALS, perhaps better known as Lou Gehrig's disease. In the months since, he has become confined to a wheelchair and increasingly lost muscle function. Culver Elementary 6th grade daughter Reilly increased awareness locally of the disease through a service project at the school, which focused the Brockeys' attention on helping gather the community -- and the Reinholds' friends in surrounding areas -- around the family in support, particularly financial, but no less personal, physical, and spiritual.

"The support and love have been unbelievable," said Rob's wife Rhonda, as the event wound to a close Saturday. And referring to the Brockeys, she added, "None of it would have happened without them."

"We were just amazed," Rhonda continued. "Everybody asked why we moved back to Culver, and this is it. This town has just embraced us. We couldn't get through this without everyone. The church See Benefit page 7

Ice fishing tourney, carnival rescheduled

Due to weather conditions up to now, the Culver Chamber of Commerce and Marshall County Visitor's Bureau, in partnership with the North American Ice Fishing Circuit, have opted to change the date of the planned ice fishing tournament and winter carnival from the last weekend in January, to Feb. 17 through 19, according to Chamber president Dawn Brockey.

The event, which is expected to bring more than 100 teams, is expected to include camera crews shooting footage for the Circuit's television show, "Icemen," which airs on the Versus sports cable network.

In addition, a winter carnival, including snowman building contest and ice skating camp on the lake, is planned to accompany the event. Chamber vice president Tony Sellers says more details about the outdoor fun components of the event are on the way, but he sees the various activities as a great way to further and promote the Come Alive

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Local spot tells story of glaciers, forgotten local industry, and one family's haven

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

McLeod details marl, geological history of area

Culver Academies Science instructor Paul McLeod recently gave members of Culver's Kiwanis Club a crash course in

For Weavers, marl-rich land more than just income source

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By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

A largely unnoticed to many -- and certainly non-descript-looking -- piece of property just west of Culver holds a great many memories for Dan Weaver and others, and tells an unusual tale of a bygone industry and the local man who made a living from it. The man was Dan Weaver's late father, Allen. The area is today a conglomeration of properties west of Thorn Road, north of State Road 10, and



Part of Houghton Lake, facing north. PHOTO/PAUL MCLEOD

Indiana's geological history. McLeod's specialization and interest in geology was evident as he addressed the audience on the glacial formation of

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Pinder looks back on a century's memories, wisdom

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Fay Pinder celebrated her 100th birthday at her son Ed and daughter-in-law Lora's crowded Culver home last month. Some 100 people flowed through: right around one guest for every year she's been alive, though no one would guess she has passed the century mark, to look at her.

Fay Pinder has called Culver home for many years now, but she grew up near Kewanna, Indiana, the granddaughter of immigrants coming through Otway, Ohio. Her heritage was apparent in Fay's father's deep ("you could hardly understand him," she says) German accent. Her father was taken out of school in the second grade. Her mother's family lived in Illinois.



Fay Pinder, right, and son Ed, share a moment at Fay's 100th birthday party at Ed and Lora Pinder's home in Culver last month. PHOTO PROVIDED

Fay Koenig (her maiden name) was born at home on Dec. 12, 1911, around four miles from Kewanna, the farm on which her father

worked. She was one of 10 children, the second to youngest.

"We just had a buggy, and we didn't have a way to get anywhere besides horse and buggy," she recalls. "We had no electricity for quite a while. We used a fruit cellar."

Her first scholastic experience was a one-room,

one-teacher school in the country called Dewey, where Pinder was one of two in her grade. In Pinder's third or fourth grade year, when Dewey closed, the children were transferred to the school in Kewanna. Students "bused" to school on a horse and sled in winter, and by horse-drawn hack in better weather (this eventually gave way to a motor bus).

Fay recalls one particular wild ride four of the Koenig children experienced while driving the buggy to school in Kewanna one morning. The buggy shaft broke and the former racehorse pulling it took off, Fay's brother unable to stop it.

"The buggy upset in the ditch with all four of us kids," she explains. "Luckily we were not hurt. The

horse went on to Kewanna."

She continued attending Kewanna School until her senior year, when her father began work at a farm nearer to the tiny town of Grass Creek, down the road. She was one of just eight graduates of Grass Creek School. Fay vividly recalls a winter storm in which Grass Creek ran out of bread. The Koenig family, however, had plenty: the bread truck couldn't get through to town, but was stuck at their farm.

"We had plenty of bread and cake and stuff! My brother was stuck in Grass Creek with the other kids, and he was having too much fun to come with this boy who came on a one-horse sleigh (to our

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the lake, local mining of glacier related materials, and the geological makeup of area buildings.

McLeod, who authored a two-part series this fall in *The Culver Citizen* on the geological history of many of Culver's buildings, started with a disclaimer that he doesn't "pretend to be an expert."

"I've been a geologist a lot longer than a teacher. I worked all over the Western United States and South America. I've been a teacher for about 10 years; I came down from a school in Wisconsin called Conserve School."

Turning to the geology of this area, McLeod said geologists distinguish between hard and soft rocks, noting one would have to dig beneath a considerable amount of unconsolidated sediment to find hard rock in Marshall County. That dirt was mostly generated through glacial processes, he added, which also formed Lake Maxinkuckee.

McLeod showed a physiographic map of Indiana, explaining certain topographies can be explained by particular kinds of rock strata. Rock here ranges between 300 and 500 million years old, he said, discussing geologic-geographic structures such as the Cincinnati and Kankakee Arches and Illinois and Michigan basins, areas with economic significance regarding their oil production.

Basins, he said, pertain to an "enormous sea, 500 miles across," 400 million years ago, generating animal life such as one might find today in Caribbean waters, with coral reef margins.

"You can still find (remains of oceanic animals) in the rock here," McLeod explained. "If you look closely at the library building (where the meeting took place), you'll find these critters all ground up (in the rock and

"Most of the terrain we look at today comes from the most recent glacial advance, which was known as the Wisconsin Advance; it started 75,000 years ago, hung around...and started a retreat around 12,000 years ago. It's very recent."

He noted many people in the mid-19th century thought the notion of ice covering the area in such a period "was crazy." In the absence of modern oxygen isotope data, 19th century scientists accepted the idea of glaciers due largely to ubiquity of the kinds of surface topographic features we see in the Culver area, such as moraines, kames, eskers, and glacial outwash. Oxygen isotope data from the past 50 years, he says, supports glacial theory, but doesn't prove it.

"People have gone back and figured out when these glacial advances come about," he said. "It's about every 100,000 years for the last 800,000 years. If the most recent advance began around 75,000 years ago, then the next advance might begin around 25,000 years from now. Culver might be sitting underneath a sheet of ice a mile thick 50,000 years from now. There's something to think about!"

In light of such factors, McLeod remarked that "most of the conversation about global warming today is misinformed and needs to go broader."

If one ventures into farmer's fields just outside Culver, he continued, visible will be grains ranging from the size of sand to the size of Buicks, a fact attributable to "bulldozing" by glacial ice.

"But if you go down to the Lake Maxinkuckee beach, the grains are all the same size," he noted. "The water sorted that sand there."

Showing a map of wells in northern Indiana codified

Award-winning Hamman's art on display at CUTPL



Phyllis Hamman, left, with some of her works, joined by Theresa Hudson of the Culver-Union Township Public Library.

Landscapes and nature-based works in oil by Phyllis Hamman will be exhibited through Feb. 6 upstairs at the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library, the first major exhibition by the award-winning Hamman in more than two decades.

Hamman, of Monterey, says she began painting serious-

ly in 1972 after taking lessons in Kewanna. She says she used to work in photo finishing, hand-tinting photographs (one of which -- shot at Culver Academies -- won awards in five counties and came in second place at the Indiana State Fair). She's no stranger to Culver as a straight-ahead painter, either. She painted a mural on longtime Culverite Verl and Sylvia Shaffer's wall, of his son parasailing on Lake Maxinkuckee (her son Tony is married to the Shaffers' daughter Twyla).

Hamman's late husband owned the lumber mill in Monterey, where she's lived now for 42 years. Her striking painting of him seated serenely on a riverbank, fishing pole in hand, won second place in the professional portraits division in Monticello, Indiana, and it's one of the few paintings at the library not for sale.

Another popular work -- depicting a raccoon -- won Most Popular at the Heartland Artists gallery in Plymouth, Best of Show in Pulaski County, and other awards. Hamman says most of her raccoon paintings are modeled from her own pet!

Hamman was one of seven Indiana artists whose work was chosen some years ago to be featured on notecards for the Indiana Wildlife Association, which led to her being featured in shows in South Bend, Muncie, and Indianapolis.

Those interested in purchasing Hamman's work may call 574-542-2376. Those interested in exhibiting their own art at the library may contact Cindy Good at 574-842-2941.

by color, McLeod said well diggers could hit bedrock at a variety of depths here in Marshall County.

"A lot of wells in the Plymouth area are at pretty shallow depths, but down here (around Culver) we have some wells 130 to 525 feet deep. That's the thickness of the glacial cover before you hit hard rock. So when the glacier left, it left a lumpy blanket -- some places are really thick, and some are thin."



PHOTO/PAUL MCLEOD

Citizen editor Jeff Kenney examines a vein of marl along the shore of Moore Lake.

lakes here may be. As the ice got farther north, eventually the flow would start to diminish, and we were left with streams, rivers, lakes, and ponds."

Showing an 1881 plat map of Culver, McLeod told the audience he and the Citizen editor paid a visit to Houghton and Moore Lakes recently, just west of Culver, to examine marl deposits there.

"We discovered through poking around, that this area is very different than 100 years ago. We think the wooded area might have been a boundary of that (Houghton) lake. They may have dug trenches to lower the lake. One reason was they were trying to exploit marl deposits. Those lakes are underlain by marl deposits which were mined on a small scale over the course of 100 years ago. It's swampy -- probably 100 years ago, it was all under water."

The marl, McLeod pointed out, probably originated during the era of the last glacier's leaving ponded drainage area, varieties of ecosystems mixing materials with "little critters" there. A close-up photo of marl at the site today shows a number of fossils including snails, which McLeod noted are "one of the most tolerant of all marine critters. Put them in an environment of almost any temperature, salinity, or oxygen level and they thrive."

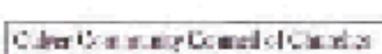
Marl, he added, is a mixture of lime, clay, and fossils useful on farm fields as a pH regulator and fertilizer.

Ice, he said, is the only reasonable explanation for transporting large boulders such as one he photographed near Lake Houghton, as water doesn't have sufficient speed to move such an item.

McLeod also covered some of the territory he detailed in his Citizen articles, noting the proliferation of Indiana limestone in area buildings such as the public library, elementary school, and "probably 200 buildings in Culver."

Closing out the Kiwanis meeting, it was noted the club will not meet in January, and will meet only the first and third Thursdays in February, but at the Culver Coffee Company rather than the usual Culver Public Library meeting space. *For more, see also "The Houghton Lake area, then and now," on page 4 this issue.*

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Letter to the editor

A sincere THANK YOU to everyone from the Community for your help with the Culver Community Christmas program.

Not only did I receive cash donations, but also organizations, dorms, athletic groups, churches and individuals adopted families. There were also a group of kids who came from the academy and the community school and a youth group from one of the churches to help the day we made up the baskets.

The support that is given throughout the community was fantastic. A combined effort from both schools - all the churches - community organizations - individuals - and the township trustee help make this program a success.

It provides food and gifts to many people in our community who would otherwise not have such a Merry Christmas.

FYI - the program this year supported, 52 families, which included 132 children, and 23 senior citizens, at an estimated cost of \$6,500-plus.

WOW what a fantastic community to help it's own! It truly was a wonderful Christmas for all!

Again I thank you, as I am very proud and honored to be a part of this project.

Sincerely,
Marlene Mahler
Christmas Program Chairman

Anniversary - Lewis



Loren W. Lewis and Judy E. Lewis of Monterey will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with their family Jan. 28, 2012. They were married by the Rev. Paul Halbert at the Argos Christian Church Jan. 28, 1962.

They have two sons, Brian (Bray) of Monterey and Gary (Toby) of Columbus. They have two grandsons, three granddaughters, two stepgranddaughters, two stepgrandsons, two great-granddaughters, one stepgreat-granddaughter, and one stepgreat-grandson.

Loren and Judy have lived at their present address since 1966. They grain farmed, raised hogs, and have a small trucking company.

The couple would enjoy receiving cards from friends. Cards may be sent to 6424 E 600 N, Monterey, IN 46960.



REAL Meals 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., Jan. 19: Chicken and sausage jambalaya, rice, breaded okra, sliced pears, bread and margarine, birthday cake, and milk.

Fri. Jan. 20: Split pea with turkey ham soup, carrots, crackers, hot peaches, and milk.

Mon. Jan. 23: Parmesan Chicken, Pasta, lima beans, berry pear crisp, Italian bread and margarine, parmesan packet, and milk.

Tues. Jan. 24: Beef Manhattan, mashed potatoes, French cut green beans, bread and margarine, and milk.

Weds. Jan. 25: Country Fried Steak & Gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, sourdough bread and margarine, fruit cup, and milk.

Thurs., Jan. 26: Sloppy Joe, hamburger bun, cheesy potatoes, stewed tomatoes, tropical fruit, and milk.

Fri. Jan. 27: Turkey Tetrastini, mixed vegetables, Brussels sprouts, dinner roll and margarine, pears, and milk.

Culver, county candidates file

Familiar Culver names were among those Republicans filing Jan. 12 at the Marshall County clerk's office in Plymouth.

Current county coroner William Cleavenger was first in line, filing for a second term, this time running against Leslie Trump for the same position.

Francis Ellert, who ran a hard-fought campaign against Democrat Nancy Dembowski (to whom he lost by just over 200 votes) in 2010, did a courtesy filing for Indiana District 17 House of Representatives. Redistricting has shifted Dembowski out of this district. Ellert's county fil-

ing was followed by official filing in Indianapolis.

Current Marshall County commissioner and Culver resident Kevin Overmyer is seeking a fourth term as county commissioner, with Deborah Griewank running against him.

Others filing included Deborah VanDeMark (seeking reelection as county treasurer); Rex Gilliland (reelection as an at-large member of the county council); Larry Fisher (seeking an eighth term as County Surveyor); Jon VanVactor and Steve Harper (both seeking election to as at-large county council members).

Death notice

Lehman

Leo Noah Lehman
Jan. 13, 2012

LAFAYETTE — Leo Noah Lehman, 91, of Lafayette, died at 7:15 a.m. Friday, Jan. 13, 2012 at his residence.

He is survived by a son, L. Edward Lehman (wife: Laurie) of Indianapolis, a daughter, Pamela White (husband: George) of Lafayette, a brother, Wilbur Lehman (wife: Martha) of Lafayette, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation is from 5 p.m. until the time of wake service at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, 2012 at Hartzler-Clapper Funeral Home of Brookston with Deacon Ed Cleary officiating. A Funeral Mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, Jan. 20, 2012 at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church. Share memories and condolences online at www.clapperfuneralservices.com.

CCHS financial aid night Feb. 1

CULVER — Culver Community High School will host a financial aid night Feb. 1, at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. It is highly recommended that students who are planning or considering education or training beyond high school attend with a parent.

Kathy Mills from Ancilla College will provide valuable information on how to apply for financial aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Mills will also have a question-and-answer session regarding the financial aid process.

If you have any questions, please contact the guidance department at 574-842-3391 or 574-542-4017.

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(Wesley United Methodist, where the family attends), the school, my work (the IU hospital in Knox), Rob's (South Bend-based pipefitter's) Union, our friends -- it's amazing."

As they were prior to the event, the Brockeys are dismissive of their role in the proceedings.

"We just said we would do it," Larry said. "We didn't have to beg -- people asked what they could do. We had more people asking to help today than we could even use. And a lot of people have done things at (the Reinholds') home that people don't even know about."

"It just takes your breath away," adds Dawn, noting almost 100 percent of food and items were donated. In fact, she says, only \$100 of the many donated funds had to be used towards purchase of anything to make the afternoon happen, a staggering feat in light of the sheer volume of food, items, and space -- and that's not to mention the talents of local guitarist and songwriter Chad Van Herk, and band Reunion Station, both of whom donated their time.

The great diversity of attendees was also remarkable, notes Dawn, who reiterates once again Culver as "an incredible and amazing community."

Rhonda Reinhold acknowledged turnout for the event surpassed everyone's expectations, adding, "I've never felt this much love in my life. It's a gift."

You deserve a factual look at...

Do the Jews Have the Right to a State in the Holy Land?

The question is not whether the Palestinians are an "invented people," but rather why Arabs deny Jewish history and Jewish rights to a state in Israel.

The recent broohaha about whether the Palestinians are an "invented people" misses the point. The real question we should ask is, "Why do Palestinian Arabs renounce 3,000 years of Jewish history in Palestine and the rights of Jews to a state in their ancestral homeland?" Can peace really be achieved if the Palestinians teach their people the lie that Jews are newcomers and Palestinians were the original inhabitants of the Holy Land?

What are the facts?

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas stood before the United Nations General Assembly in September 2011 and said, "I come before you from the Holy Land, the land of Palestine, the land of divine messages, ascension of the Prophet Mohammed (peace be upon him) and the birthplace of Jesus Christ (peace be upon him)." What's missing in Abbas's description of the Holy Land is any mention of its Biblical founders, the Jewish people, or the fact that Jesus was a Jew. So heaven is the Palestinian effort to turn history on its head that Abbas's predecessor, Yasser Arafat, often claimed that "Jesus was the first Palestinian martyr."

Indeed, asserting the history of the land of Israel in order to deny Israel's right to exist is central to the Palestinian Authority's PR strategy. This rewriting has two dimensions: first, to erase the 3,000-year history of the Jewish nation in the Holy Land; and second to invent ancient Palestinian, Muslim and Arab histories in the region.

The Palestinians deny virtually every fact of Jewish life in Palestine before and after Biblical times. Dr. James Anand, a lecturer at Bir-Zeit University states that in the Holy Land after 60 years of digging . . . they've found nothing at all, not a water jug, not a coin, not an earthen vessel . . . absolutely nothing of this [Jewish] myth, because it is a myth and a lie"—this despite the discovery of tens of thousands of Hebrew coins, texts, pots, buildings and seals carrying Biblical references. Likewise, despite definitive archeological findings from the Temple Mount in Jerusalem and extensive scholarly confirmation of two Jewish Temples, the Palestinian Authority (P.A.) categorically denies the existence of any Temple.

What's more, the P.A. claims that since the Jews had no history in the Land of Israel, Zionism was a colonialist movement fabricated by Europeans to get rid of Jews. Another professor at Bir-Zeit University, Sami Hamrock, asserts that President Abbas's erudite research proves "the Zionist movement is not Jewish . . . Rather it is an imperialist colonialist movement which sought to use the Jews . . . to further western colonialist plans."

Israel has long accepted the idea of two states for two peoples—i.e. Palestinians and the Jews. But the Palestinian Authority refuses to embrace this solution. As Mahmoud Abbas lashed out just a few months ago, "Don't order us to recognize a Jewish state. We won't accept it." Clearly, until this fundamental issue is resolved, the Palestinians will not achieve their goal of statehood. The fact that this outcome is based on falsehoods makes it a shame and a tragedy.

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To prop up claims that only Arabs have valid rights to the Holy Land, the P.A. and its academics have fabricated histories of Palestinians, Arabs and Muslims before Biblical times. Of course this is impossible, since the term Palestine was coined by Rome in 136 C.E.—after the time of Jesus. Islam was established much later in 610 C.E., and Arabs first arrived in Israel with the Muslim invasion of 637 C.E.

We witness more such distortions and outright lies in a 2005 Palestinian Authority video documentary that claims the ancient, vanished Canaanites were Arabs, as were the Biblical Hebrews, and that the religion preached by Moses was Islam.

In the face of these fabrications,

it's fair to ask: Are the Palestinians an invented people? The Associated Press headline responding to the question announced, "Palestinians 'invented people' is myth." But this is nothing new. The fact that the Palestinians are a made-up people has been established by all manner of historical research and documentation, even by Arabs themselves.

We know that never in history was there a Palestinian state. We also know that nearly all the cities in Israel, the West Bank and Gaza have Hebrew names—like Be'er Sheva, Nazareth and Hebron—and their current Arabic names are translations of these names.

More importantly, back in 1937, the Arab leader Avni Bey Abdul-Hadi proclaimed to the Peel Commission, "There is no such country [as Palestine]. Palestine is a term the Zionists invented." Then in 1977, Zahir Muhsein, a member of the PLO Executive Committee said in an interview that, "The Palestinian people does not exist. The creation of a Palestinian state is only a means for continuing our struggle against the state of Israel. . . . Only for political and tactical reasons do we speak about the existence of the Palestinian people."

To say that the Palestinians are a fabricated people, however, is not to say that they don't deserve their own state. Rather, the problem arises when the P.A. invents of only their peoplehood but also a false history that justifies permanent jihad against the Jewish people and denies their rights to self-determination and a Jewish state in their homeland.

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Indeed, asserting the history of the land of Israel in order to deny Israel's right to exist is central to the Palestinian Authority's PR strategy. This rewriting has two dimensions: first, to erase the 3,000-year history of the Jewish nation in the Holy Land; and second to invent ancient Palestinian, Muslim and Arab histories in the region.

The Palestinians deny virtually every fact of Jewish life in Palestine before and after Biblical times. Dr. James Anand, a lecturer at Bir-Zeit University states that in the Holy Land after 60 years of digging . . . they've found nothing at all, not a water jug, not a coin, not an earthen vessel . . . absolutely nothing of this [Jewish] myth, because it is a myth and a lie"—this despite the discovery of tens of thousands of Hebrew coins, texts, pots, buildings and seals carrying Biblical references. Likewise, despite definitive archeological findings from the Temple Mount in Jerusalem and extensive scholarly confirmation of two Jewish Temples, the Palestinian Authority (P.A.) categorically denies the existence of any Temple.

What's more, the P.A. claims that since the Jews had no history in the Land of Israel, Zionism was a colonialist movement fabricated by Europeans to get rid of Jews. Another professor at Bir-Zeit University, Sami Hamrock, asserts that President Abbas's erudite research proves "the Zionist movement is not Jewish . . . Rather it is an imperialist colonialist movement which sought to use the Jews . . . to further western colonialist plans."

Israel has long accepted the idea of two states for two peoples—i.e. Palestinians and the Jews. But the Palestinian Authority refuses to embrace this solution. As Mahmoud Abbas lashed out just a few months ago, "Don't order us to recognize a Jewish state. We won't accept it." Clearly, until this fundamental issue is resolved, the Palestinians will not achieve their goal of statehood. The fact that this outcome is based on falsehoods makes it a shame and a tragedy.

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south of 16th Road. One section, owned and managed today by the Nature Conservancy, contains Houghton and Moore Lakes, small, natural bodies of water visible on the earliest maps of the area, from the 1830s.

Another, more southerly section, will be instantly familiar to generations of Culverites as the former site of Culver's fish hatchery ponds, the American Legion, and the Maxinkuckee Conservation Club grounds, all of which made memories for Scout troops, churches on picnics, anglers in fishing tourneys, and the like for some 30 years starting in the late 1930s.



PHOTO/PAUL MCLEOD

Tiny snail and other once-aquatic creatures' shells can be seen readily in the grey-white makeup of marl, as is visible in this recent photo taken at the former manure spreader.

For Dan Weaver, whose father's machinery and ingenuity literally carved out the contours of portions of the land, the area collectively was home away from home (though the back door of his childhood home -- and still the home of mother Rosemary -- looks out over part of the area) and just this side of Heaven.

"As as a child I was back there continuously," he recalls, "especially in summertime when I was out of school. It was very unique. It was a way of really getting close to nature in a way most people probably didn't have. Plus I got to understand a lot of farmers and what they go through. I learned a lot about farm work. I know dad would drive by somebody's house and turn the marl spreaders on for advertising, and the next thing you know, they'd have a job for him!"

Marl, as explained via Paul McLeod in the accompanying article this week, was deposited in sporadic pockets in northern Indiana during the glacial age, and makes an excellent fertilizer for farmer's fields, though today it's rarely used, due in large part to the difficulty of mining it. That's a difficulty with which Alan Weaver was familiar, but was willing to take on and overcome, reaping the rewards in the living he and his family made from marl.

"The Huck Finn of Thorn Road"

Allen Weaver was born in 1920 and grew up on what is today the John Drang farm on Thorn Road. And while his childhood home was across the road from what would eventually become the center of his business as an adult,

Allen spent his childhood hunting, fishing, and trapping in the alternately marshy, alternately wooded land surrounding the lakes.

"This was during the Depression," notes Dan Weaver. "He provided quite a bit of meat on the table (from that land).

"There would be big, three-foot, 22-pound northern pike and big bass in Moore Lake," Weaver adds.

Weaver says the existence of the "vein" of Marl on the land was fairly well-known to area farmers, but few wanted to undertake the hefty task of conjuring it out of the earth. Allen Weaver, however, following his graduation from Culver High School in 1938, was willing, and he and a friend began shoveling out the marl by hand, spreading it on customers' fields with a

"I think he hauled his first load up to the Broekers' farm on State Road 8 -- quite a ways -- with a team of horses," notes Weaver. "He sold it by the cubic yard instead of the ton. Being a wet material, you'd be selling them water if you sold it by the ton!"

Part of the appeal of marl, Weaver explains, is that his father could sell it at a lower cost than lime, another popular fertilizer, though marl had a lower magnesium content, which spared the soil some of magnesium's toxicity. He says marl's coveted calcium content is around 96 percent to lime's slightly higher rate, so the difference was negligible.

Gerald Osborn owned the land, which Allen Weaver contracted to use, giving Osborn a percentage per yard of the proceeds from the product.

Coaxing marl from the earth

Dan Weaver admits mining marl was "a hard way to make a living," particularly in those days before the advent of wider tires to handle the conditions of the land.

"He was physically very stout," recalls Weaver of his father. "He could put in a days' work that would kill most

guys nowadays."

Allen Weaver built the road on the property which wraps around to the west by throwing dirt to one side as he dug with his crane; he let it dry for six months, says Dan, and had a road. This approach was necessary due to the swampiness of much of the ground in the area.

The process of actually digging the marl also involved some creative engineering.

"That whole area, if you walked across it, the ground would shake for 15 or 20 feet. You obviously couldn't take a 20-ton crane. So he would take heavy lumber and build a wide base for the crane to sit on, and dig from that. One time a mat (base) broke and it took three or four days with heavy tow trucks to get the crane back on the mats. You didn't know how far it would sink!"

As the senior Weaver dug, he would stockpile the grey-white marl and let it dry, a process which could take some time.

His most oft-used marl pit was Moore Lake, the smaller of the two. At one time, says Dan Weaver, the pit was some 25 feet deep, and the bottom visible. While digging marl around 1963, Allen hit an artesian well and thousands of gallons began pumping into the lake.

"It would fill that seven-acre pond (Moore Lake) and it would take only three or four days to fill it," Dan notes. "It was a battle to fight that water, but it still keeps that pond fresh. Beavers were his nemesis, too, in that they would dam up his access to the pit. They had muskrat, mink, and the ducks and geese. Wildlife was more plentiful than it is now. He carried a shotgun with him, and would always take time to duck or goose hunt."

Though Moore Lake was Weaver's primary marl pit, he also mined from one near Oak Grove, and another at Eddy Lake near Argos. One of those areas might be preferable in order to be that much closer to a given order he had to deliver.

At peak, Weaver mined some 20 to 25 cubic yards of marl per year, explains Weaver, noting an acre one yard deep is 5,000 cubic yards.

"So in one year, he probably dug an acre 15 feet deep. That's what it would take."

Mining took place early spring some through summer and into fall; in winter, the marl would freeze.

"The farthest I know he took any (marl) was down south of Lafayette, and he hauled quite a bit to Morocco, Indiana."

Next week: the business of marl, a rattlesnake haven, and Allen Weaver as a 'Renaissance man.'

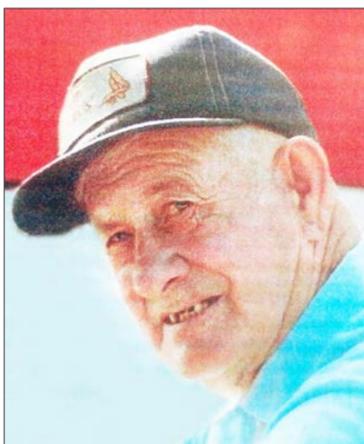


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Allen Weaver in later years.

The Houghton Lake area, then and now

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

A substantial section of the 1900 book, George Ashley and W.S. Blatchley's "The Lakes of Northern Indiana and their Associated Marl Deposits," which is available on the internet through scholarworks.iu.edu, is devoted to Houghton and Moore Lakes and their marl content.

According to the book, "Houghton Lake was drained in 1897, by a dredge ditch running to the southwest. The water was lowered about five feet and

three-fourths of the former water area was laid bare. In September, 1900, the water remaining covered a little more than 13 acres, and ranged in depth up to 20 feet."

As is true today, the lake is bordered by "a tamarack grove of 20 or more acres, and on the northeast an isolated ridge or island of gravel 15 to 20 feet in height, from which a good spring flows into the lake."

Testing for marl was done just prior to 1900 "with the aid of Mr. Amos Osborne, of Culver, Indiana, who owns the greater portion of the old bed of Houghton Lake," notes the book, which continues "there is no doubt marl more than 25 feet in depth underlies the whole of the water. it is estimated that, including the

present water area, there are 50 acres in the old bed of Houghton Lake over which the marl will average 20 feet in thickness."

To the east, then and now, lays Moore Lake, which Allen Weaver mined most extensively for marl.

"At least two-thirds of the area of Moore Lake is underlain with a deposit of marl which will average 12 or more feet in thickness," notes the book, adding rather humorously, "In fact it may run in most places 20 feet or more, as our tests were made in a leaky boat, with a shovel as a paddle, so that only an 15-foot auger could be used."

Counting the two lakes, the author concludes, "there is here a first-class deposit of marl, located within two and one half miles of two good railways."

If the author's thought was the use of area railroads to ship the then-lucrative substance, it was not to be. It took one man with a crane, trucks, and a good deal of determination and ingenuity to unearth a sizeable portion of the marl and transport it to appreciative farmers.

Today: Considering the relatively primitive state of technology prior to 1900, a remarkable amount of alteration was done to much of northern Indiana for purposes of more efficient farming.

Land conservation group the Nature Conservancy (nature.org) has undertaken a long-term effort to restore the 360-plus acres it bought from the Osborn estate in Dec., 2005, to as close to its original state as possible.

"One of the state's last remaining undeveloped lakes (Houghton) and fringing wetlands will forever remain a wild, natural place for the future," notes the group's website. "Houghton Lake was an opportunity of a lifetime, and one that the Conservancy could not resist.

"Extensive fens at Houghton Lake," The Conservancy explains elsewhere, "are a mixture of alkaline peat and, nearer the lake, pure marl."

Among other restoration plans, the group hopes to restore groundwater flow and quality to the lake and wetlands, an effort which includes removal of surrounding

fields' buried tiles and many ditches currently intercepting groundwater on its way to the lake.

"The adjacent fields will be restored to appropriate native wetland and grassland communities," adds the website, which will "increase habitat for many wetland species, especially rare snakes and turtles at the site."

A number of non-native plant and one insect species have been removed from the site since 2007, an effort detailed on the website.

In Aug., 2009, Stuart Orr of the Conservancy was granted permission by Culver's town council to include town-owned land once occupied by the fish hatchery, in conjunction with the restorative work in the surrounding area.

Name that Culver 'citizen'

Our Mystery Citizen last week was pretty widely recognized, no doubt partly from Culver High School memory, and partly as a well-known local businessman owning and operating Sellers Landscaping. He's also Culver's Chamber of Commerce VP, besides launching the "Come Alive Outside" initiative to encourage outdoor fitness.

Among those who recognized him were Maggie Nixon, Scott Croy, Jim Keller Jr., Michele Trusty, Anna Neher, Cindy Riestter, Tim McCarthy, Robin Roark, Shannon Shepherd, Debbie Noel, Marilee McCormack, Savanna Larson, Kristy Coiner Busse, Kay Tusing, and Jeane Overmyer.

This week's Mystery Citizen is a lifelong Cul-



verite, and descended from prominent long-time residents. She keeps a low profile, but is well known around town, and has been involved

with one local business for years.

Guesses may be emailed to culvercitizen@gmail.com or call the editor at 574-216-0075.



BELOW: Last week's Mystery Citizen Tony Sellers, then (left) and now. ABOVE: This week's Mystery Citizen.

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Players scramble for a rebound after a shot by Culver in the second half of Friday's girls basketball game in Culver. Pictured from left: Mickella Hardy (CCHS), Megan Howdeshell (Triton no. 40), Shana Anderson (Triton no. 32), Donna Zehner (CCHS), Angela Lewellen (CCHS, partly obscured), Taylor Hatfield (Triton no. 10), Ali Overmyer (CCHS).



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Trent Elliott (jumping at left) gets two of his eight points in the game with his patented jumper in the first half. Also pictured, from left, Allen Biggers (CCHS no. 20), Collin Stevens (CCHS no. 11), Zak Shively (Triton no. 10), and Seth Gingle (Triton no. 30).

Cavs hand Trojans NSC loss

By James Costello
Sports Editor

CULVER — With under a week and a half remaining until the Northern State Conference Meet, every NSC win is a big one.

The Culver Cavaliers won 10 of their 14 matches against conference foe Triton to take a dominant 48-24 victory over the visiting Trojans at home Wednesday and improve their seedings in the NSC.



PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO

Culver's Matt Hurford, top, controls Triton's Jeremy Kinsey during the 195-pound match at Wednesday's dual meet at Culver.

"I'm pleased with our performance tonight. Our guys wrestled very hard. They've been working hard in the room," said Cul-

ver head coach Louis Posa. "Seeding is big, but we've got to go and perform. We're back to work tomorrow, working hard in the room, and hopefully it'll pay off when the time comes."

The Cavs started off the meet on a high note as Austin Brisette won a 14-2 major decision against Joseph Soriano in a reprisal for a loss at the hands of the Triton junior earlier this season, while Tyre Simpson pinned Justice Warren in 55 seconds at 120 pounds to give Culver an initial 16-0 advantage after a Triton forfeit at 113. Ian Randolph followed another Trojans forfeit at 126 with a tech fall of Jeremy Bobendrager at 132 pounds to push the advantage to a comfortable 27-nil, and the Cavs racked up 42 team points before Triton was able to put a point on the board.

"We have guys coming out and getting big wins for us," said Posa. "Austin Brisette, what a match against a kid he lost to earlier in the season. Stephen Lehman and Mark Lehman picking up wins, and Ian Randolph, our senior, coming out in his last home dual and getting a big win for us."

"I was impressed with Tyre. He's been working hard in the room for us," added Posa. "He's really been working his pinning combinations, and he came through with a big win tonight."

The Trojans finally put up points in the 170-pound class as freshman

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Triton trips up Culver

Triton's girls basketball team downed Northern State Conference foe Culver Community 45-36 at John R. Nelson Gymnasium Friday.

Triton guard Kylie Mason scored a game-high 15 points, followed by Taylor Hatfield with 10 points.

A trio of Cavs — Donna Zehner, Mickella Hardy, and Kayla Shaffer — scored 10 points apiece.

• TRITON 45, CULVER COMMUNITY 36

At Culver

Score by quarters

Triton: 16 24 37 45

Culver: 9 21 33 36

TRITON (45): Kaelyn Mason 1 0-0 3, Taylor Hatfield 3 4-6 10, Breanna Lemler 1 0-1 2, Krystal Sellers 2 0-0 4, Kylie Mason 5 2-2 15, Mallorie Jennings 0 0-0 0, Shana Anderson 3 0-0 6, Megan Howdeshell 2 1-1 5. TOTALS: 17 7-12 45.

CULVER (36): Ali Overmyer 0 0-0 0, Abby James 1 0-0 2, Tatum Schultz 1 1-2 4, Angela Lewellen 0 0-0 0, Donna Zehner 4 2-2 10, Mickella Hardy 4 2-4 10, Kayla Shaffer 4 1-3 10. TOTALS: 14 6-11 36.

3-point goals: Triton 4 (Ky. Mason 3, Ka. Mason), Culver 2 (Schultz, Shaffer);

Turnovers: Triton 18, Culver 18; Rebounds: Triton 27, Culver 32; Assists: Triton 11, Culver 10; Steals: Triton 11, Culver 9; Fouls (fouled out): Triton 15 (Howdeshell), Culver 16 (James); Records: Triton 10-4 (4-1 NSC), Culver 6-8 (1-4 NSC).

JV score: Triton 36, Culver 9.

Triton edges Culver, 57-56

Triton rallied back from a 43-39 deficit in the fourth quarter to win its third straight with a narrow 57-56 Northern State Conference victory over host Culver Saturday.

Clay Yeo led all scorers with 30 points to power the Trojans, while Zak Shively finished with 13, and Tanner Shepherd had 11 in the win, which pushes Triton to 8-3 overall with a perfect 3-0 conference mark.

Allen Biggers scored 18, Jacoda Anderson finished with 13, and Micah Budzinski had 12 for Culver as leading scorer Trent Elliott was held seven points below his average with eight in the loss, which drops Culver to 7-4 with an even 2-2 NSC record.

• TRITON 57, CULVER 56

At Culver

Score by quarters

Triton: 10 33 39 57

Culver: 9 30 43 56

TRITON (57): Seth Gingle 0 1-2 1, Clay Yeo 10 7-9 30, Tanner Shepherd 3 4-4 11, Zak Shively 4 4-5 13, Drew Mosson 1 0-0 2; Totals: 18 16-24 57.

CULVER (56): Collin Stevens 1 2-2 5, Allen Biggers 4 8-8 18, Trent Elliott 4 0-0 8, Jacoda Anderson 0 0-0 13, Micah Budzinski 5 2-2 12; Totals: 19 15-15 56.

3-point goals: Triton 5 (Yeo 3, Shepherd, Shively), Culver 3 (Stevens, Biggers 2); Turnovers: Triton 11, Culver 19; Rebounds: Triton 15, Culver 27;

Steals: Triton 11, Culver 4; Assists: Triton 6, Culver 14; Total fouls (fouled out): Triton 15 (none), Culver 21 (Budzinski).

Records: Triton 8-3 (3-0 NSC), Culver 7-4 (2-2 NSC)

JV score: Culver 30, Triton 29

Sports briefs

Boys basketball

2nd half dooms CMA

Culver Military was out-scored 36-11 in the second half as they remained winless with a 62-33 loss at Warsaw Saturday.

Alex Dodane and Willie Strong each put up 12 to lead the Eagles, who fell to 0-10.

Warsaw was led by a game-high 18 from Lucas Grose as the Tigers moved to 11-1 with their ninth straight victory.

• WARSAW 62, CULVER MILITARY 33

At Warsaw

Culver shoots through Westville

Culver shot 64 percent from the field while holding Westville to a 34 percent

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4th graders help fill the food pantry

Culver Elementary School fourth graders once again collected canned and boxed goods during December to donate to the Culver food pantry, located at Grace United Church of Christ.

Pantry director Leroy Bean (far left in above photo) and assistant Dennis Lewandowski (far right) visited the school Thursday, December 15, to collect the students' 247-item donation, according to 4th grade teacher Alicia Cotner.

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clip, and the Cavaliers claimed a 70-53 win on the road against their sectional 51 foes Wednesday.

Trent Elliott led all scorers with four 3s en route to 21 points at the contest, while Allen Biggers finished with 16, and Jacoda Anderson and Micah Budzinski each finished with 10 as Culver recorded 19 total assists in the win.

Westville was led by Dan Warnke and Kevin Stone-Tharp with 14 apiece, while Glen Cole had 13 for the Blackhawks.

Culver improves to 7-3 with Wednesday's win, which snapped a two-game skid.

• CULVER 70, WESTVILLE 53
At Westville

Wrestling

Culver goes 2-3 at Bremen Super Dual

Bremen placed third with a 3-2 record at its home super dual Saturday, while Culver finished fourth at 2-3, and Triton was fifth at 1-4. Jimtown won the meet with a perfect 5-0 team standing on the day.

Triton's lone win came versus Concord, while Bremen beat Culver, Triton and Concord, and Culver topped Triton and Concord.

Allen Betts joined a trio of wrestlers at the top of the 113-pound division, while Ian Randolph won the

132-pound class, and Matt Hurford won the 195-pound division for the Cavaliers.

• BREMEN SUPER DUAL
At Bremen

Boys hockey

CMA teams win

Culver Military's U16 team beat the Michigan Nationals by a 3-2 score, while Culver Military's midget AA team topped Munster 5-1 at home at the Academies Sunday.

Jonathan Billings opened the scoring at the 6:13 mark of the first period and netted the Eagles' game-winner with 1:08 to go in the U16 game, while Logan Badalich and Matt Moody each scored twice for CMA's midget AA team.

• CULVER MILITARY (U16) 3, MICHIGAN NATIONALS (AAA) 2
At Culver

CMA routs Penn

Kyle Bartelman scored twice, and Culver Military Academy whitewashed Penn 7-0 at home at The Academies.

Brandon Grieves scored with an assist, while Brock Frazer and Daniel Vaughan each scored with a partial assist, and Ryan Gandy and Michael Heidkamp also scored goals for the Eagles.

Girls hockey

CGA loses in shutout

Culver Girls Academy was shut out 3-0 in a home loss to Chicago Mission Sunday.

• CHICAGO MISSION 3, CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 0
At Culver

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Trevor Kanarr reversed Lodge Burress out of a near fall to pin the Culver sophomore in 3:38. Triton's only other wins of the night came by forfeit at 182, 220 and heavyweight.

Along with Simpson's win by fall at 120, Matt Hurford and Matt Shots also earned first period pinfall victories for Culver at 195 and 152, respectively.

• CULVER 48, TRITON 24
At Culver

106: Austin Brissette (C) Major Decision Joseph Soriano 14-2; 113: Allen Betts (C) by forfeit; 120: Tyre Simpson (C) pin Justice Warren 0:55; 126: Mark Lehman (C) by forfeit; 132: Ian Randolph (C) tech fall Jeremy Bobendragar 18-1; 138: Keith Back (C) dec. Nate Spangle; 145: Stephen Lehman dec. Tony Swanson 8-3; 152: Matt Shotts pin Grant Stichter :49; 160: Mark Hurford dec. Dakota Grubbs 8-6; 170: Trevor Kanarr (T) pin Lodge Burress 3:38; 182: Tyler Milton (T) by forfeit; 195: Matt Hurford (C) pin Jeremy Kinsey :51; 220: Mike Horn (T) by forfeit; Heavyweight: Zach Edmonds (T) by forfeit

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The museum is open from Tuesday to Friday, noon to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Vonnegut fund grant cycle coming up

The Marshall County Community Foundation announces it is now accepting applications for the first General Endowment and Ralph C. Vonnegut, Jr. Fund grant cycle of 2012. Organizations desiring to apply for a grant should visit the website at www.marshallcountycf.org for an application. The website application must be used by all applicants and signatures of designated officials requested on the form are required.

Grant applications are due by 4:30 p.m., February 1, 2012. Applications will be reviewed by the Grants Com-

mittee of the Community Foundation and final decisions will be made by the Board of Directors during their March Meeting. Applicants must be organizations with 501(c)(3) IRS status or organizations with 501(c) IRS status whose request is charitable in nature for the following:

Start-up costs for new programs or the expansion of needed programs; one-time projects or needs

Adult basketball at MES gym

The Culver adult winter basketball program will start once again Sunday, November 27, from 1 to 3 p.m. EST, at the Culver Middle School gym.

It will continue at the same time every Sunday until March 18, the last session.

The cost is the same as always: \$2 per Sunday, or \$15 for the entire season, which includes 15 sessions.

As always, please, please bring your good sportsmanship, and do not bring your children. Questions should be directed to Ken VanDePutte at 574-274-9942.

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Pinder from page 1

farm), to get bread.”

Right after high school, Pinder worked at an old sewing factory in Kewanna, where she broke off a needle in her finger. Returning to work after its removal, she found the girl she worked with had fainted at her machine, from the sight. The factory closed up a week after she started, Pinder says, in that Depression-era time.

Her mother, Pinder says, regularly attended the Baptist church in Kewanna, but her father stayed home (upsetting her mother), out of fear he'd be asked to read in church, a skill he'd never acquired.

Although Pinder didn't move to Culver until her own children were grown, she recalls the following Culver-related memory from her youth. Her sister Bessie played Hawaiian music on piano, alongside a guitarist girlfriend.

“They had a job in Culver, I think on Wednesdays, playing Hawaiian music on the Culver radio station. She thought she was quite a celebrity at that time! My dad bought her a piano; she was crazy about music.”

The station would have been WCMA, which broadcast from the second floor of Culver Military Academy's recreation building and often featured area musical talent, among its other offerings.

Pinder says she isn't musically inclined, though “I can still play one little song I learned, on the piano!”

Though her father lived to the ripe old age of 87, Pinder's mother passed away at age 46, when young Fay was only nine years old.

“We had the flu during the (influenza) epidemic,” she says, of the World War I era killer of millions worldwide.

“Dad and Mom and I were all in bed. My older sister died the same year. She was around 20. One died in spring and one in August.”

Her older sisters stepped in and took over as surrogate “mothers.”

She also remembers the doctor coming from Rochester to remove her, and three of her siblings' tonsils -- on the family's dining room table!

Fay met husband Herald while keeping house for his aunt and uncle near Lucerne.

For nine years, Fay was head cook at the school in Fulton, Indiana. She also cooked one year at the school in Kewanna, where Herald had took the job he would keep for the next ten years, at Winamac Coil Springs, where Fay also eventually worked.

The couple had five sons (Ed, Richard, the late Robert, Jerry, and David), all of whom eventually attended school in Fulton, where young Ed first met Lora. The two began dating in Lora's junior year, and have been together ever since.

After their tenure working in Kewanna, Herald and Fay, went to work for Ed and Lora Pinder when the latter opened the Culver restaurant of the same name. The elder Pinders then moved into the South Ohio Street house next to the restaurant, which opened in 1973.

Fay, whom her daughter-in-law describes as “a tremendous cook,” thoroughly enjoyed cooking and did so with great success at the restaurant. The couple worked there for 10 years, until Herald passed away in 1982.

Fay returned to Kewanna for the next 25 years until moving back to Culver to live with Ed and Lora at their home, four years ago.

Along the way, she's maintained ties with Grass Creek church, which she first attended in 1968. Each year, the Ladies Aid continues to hold a birthday party for her in combination with their annual Christmas party, even though Fay attends Culver's Wesley United Methodist Church with Ed and Lora.

So how does a woman of 100 look and act at least 20 years younger than she is?

“I watch my food,” she says. “Every morning I eat half a grapefruit and a dish of Total with half a banana, and coffee. At noon I eat what the rest do. For supper I have a big dish of ice cream with a chocolate cookie. I eat carrots every day for my eyes and liver.”

She's beaten cancer three times now with only minor surgery and no chemo treatments, and her doctor says she'll live to be his pallbearer.

She dealt with high cholesterol by cutting down the fat in her milk, rather than going on medication.

She admits she doesn't like computers or cell phones. She kind of misses the old crank telephone, and picking up to talk directly to the operator for her number.

But all in all, says Lora of her mother-in-law, “she doesn't worry...I think that's why she's lived that long.”

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Outside initiative he's been working towards, which is aimed at bringing youth and families outdoors in the community for greater physical, emotional, and social health.

Those interested in more details on the ice fishing tournament may visit naifc.com. More details on the event and related activities will appear in the near future in *The Culver Citizen*.



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SCILL students of the month

Hayden Haimbaugh and Brandon Ditmire (left) of Culver Community High School were the afternoon class recipients of the SCILL Center's Student-of-the-Month award for November.

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.

Anthony Singleton from LaVille High School and Caleb Heineman from Knox High School were morning class recipients of the award.