

# The Culver Citizen

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## In Brief

### 'Crazy Quilt Club' onstage at Culver Comm. Sat.

The Culver Comm. Cavalier Drama Club will perform "The Crazy Quilt Club" Sat., March 10 at 7:30 p.m., and Sun., March 11 at 3 p.m., at the Culver Comm. High School. The setting is an elderly women's quilt club. The ladies' doctor (played by Anne Nowalk) brings her aunt to visit, causing a mysterious turn of events. A detective (Cameron Turney) is brought in to investigate the murder of one lady and the comical murder mystery begins to unravel.

### VFW Ladies Aux. Friday meal

The VFW Post 6919 Ladies Auxiliary will serve a Lenten special edition of its Friday meal March 9, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Served will be cabbage rolls, choice of baked potato or fries, salad and dessert for \$9; Perogies six for \$5; all you can eat fish dinner with choice of potato, salad and dessert, \$9.

### Gleason reads from new book March 9

Local author Ray Gleason will read from his new book, "The Violent Season," about the generation of young Americans who experienced the Vietnam war, Friday, March 9, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Culver Coffee Company in Culver. Wine, cheese, pizza and coffee will be served for the guests. Gleason's new book will be published in the fall of 2012.

### Comm. Lenten services

Upcoming Culver Council of Churches Community Lenten services include Leiters Ford. UMC (March 11, with guest Pastor Larry Saunders), Wesley UMC (March 18 with guest Pastor Nancy Foster), and Grace UCC in Culver (March 25 with guest Pastor Father Tom Haynes).

### Blood drive March 13

The Red Cross will sponsor a blood drive Tuesday, March 13, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Culver Academies in the Gymnasium, located at 1300 Academy Road in Culver. Come to donate and receive a t-shirt. To schedule an appointment to donate please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcross-blood.org for more information. Please bring your

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## A busy Culver weekend

Some notable visitors were among the highlights of an active weekend in Culver last week. UPPER LEFT: Culver Cub Scout Pack 290 held its annual Pinewood Derby Saturday afternoon. Standing is Pack Leader Jim Coiner releasing Cub-made cars as Cubs (from left) Joey Rehka, Owen Faulk (face obscured), Alex Paré, and Rachal Bartlett look on. CENTER: Bishop Kevin Rhoades (at right), Catholic bishop of the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese, made his second-ever official visit to Culver Sunday, and his first to Culver Academies' Memorial Chapel, where he celebrated Mass following an invite by student Sarah Barry (center). Pictured at left is Monsignor Thaddeus Balinda, pastor at Culver's St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church, as the three mount the chapel steps in preparation for the Mass. AT RIGHT: \* Indiana Senator Randy Head (R - Logansport) held a "town hall style" meeting Saturday morning at the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library (SEE STORY BELOW). Here, he talks with Culver residents Trent Bennett (seated at right) and Francis Ellert (standing), with Marshall County treasurer Deb Vandemark seated in the background.

## Culver-affecting legislation on tap during Senator's visit

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Indiana Senator Randy Head (R - Logansport) visited Culver and Argos Saturday, discussing some recent high-profile state legislation and fielding questions from citizens.

Due to recent redistricting, Head, a fourth year Senator, now serves the area. At a "town hall" style meeting at Culver-Union Twp. Public Library, he initially discussed the controversial "Right to Work" law, which passed last month, as well as the state smoking ban, which has passed the House but not the Senate.

Locally, Head said he coauthored a bill which would allow counties to choose to allow golf carts on county roads, a revision of 2009 legislation which allowed towns and cities to permit the vehicles on their streets, but banned them from state and county roads entirely. The ruling has been particularly thorny in communities like Culver, in which traveling the few blocks from town limits to the Culver Academies campus technically puts golf carts briefly -- and illegally -- on a county road. Other issues included residents around the lake making their way from home to nearby golf courses or into town, which in many cases puts them on state or county roads.

Head said those responsible for the 2009 bill "didn't think much about a town like Culver," and that the new bill "will give counties the power to draft the same ordinances as towns and cities."

He explained one version from the House would restrict the number of passengers allowed on the carts, among other provisions.

"I think we'll see some progress (on the bill this session)...it's local control. It would be up to each county to decide."

The passage of House Bill 1117 last month could have a tangible impact on one major development in the Lake Maxinkuckee area of late. Audience member Trent Bennett discussed a history-making agreement between the town of Culver and Southwest Conservancy District, which would hook 165 homes previously using septic systems to the town's municipal sewer system. The bill in question, said Bennett, provides that sewer districts may not require property owners to connect for ten to twenty years, provided the health department certifies their septic is working.

Head said supporters of the [See Senator page 3](#)

## Monkee in the middle

In the wake of the unexpected death of 1960s heartthrob Davey Jones, of the rock group The Monkees, at age 66 last week, Monkee fan and Culverite Sue Norwich recalls meeting the singer last June outside a concert at the Morris Performing Arts Center in South Bend.



Pictured here, with Jones (center) is Norwich, right, and childhood friend Jennifer Koster DeKock (the two have been Monkees fans since their junior high days in DeMotte, Ind.).

Norwich made the "Monkee Maniac Mommas" the ladies are wearing (and which Jones autographed) just for the occasion -- the shirts, she says, "seemed to be a hit wherever we went that day, with at least 60 people coming up to us and asking where we got them, or yelling out car windows and giving us the thumbs up."

The South Bend concert, she says, was her second Monkees show, the first being as a young teen in 1967 at the then-Chicago Stadium.

"Since my parents didn't want to go to a concert filled with screaming girls (...first concert was totally non-stop screaming), they made my older sister, Connie Overmyer take me," she recalls.

Norwich describes the day of her second Monkees show as "one of the greatest we ever had," since she and long-separated friend DeKock spent the day going "back into time and act(ing) like dumb teenagers."

PHOTOS/ PAUL PARÉ AND \*JEFF KENNEY -- LAYOUT/JEFF KENNEY

## CCHS hosts multi-school look at '1 to 1' tech here

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Teachers from some 15 schools across and beyond Indiana converged on Culver Comm. High School last week for an up-close look at the school's 1 to 1 Apple iPad initiative, launched at the start of this school year.

School administrators, teachers, and students spoke about the initiative. These included Culver Comm. Schools superintendent Brad Schuldt, CCHS principal Albert Hanselman,

Culver Comm. Middle School principal Julie Berndt, technology head Daniel Blocker, CCHS teacher Mike Buschman, CCMS teacher Ashli Faulkner and students Colin Stevens and Cameron Turney. The over 60 teachers who attended were also given a tour of the building and encouraged to observe the devices in action throughout the day.

CCHS became the second school in Indiana to implement iPads in the 1 to 1 context, in which each

student is issued a portable computer for both at-school and at-home use, in lieu of textbooks in many classes.

During his presentation, Stevens emphasized the advantages of the "light-weight" device over lugging textbooks to class. He demonstrated the use of education-oriented software Moodle from his Humanities class, note-taking on the iPad in mathematics, and video lessons created by Buschman.

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## Town will re-advertise town manager position

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Culver's town council will not hire a new town manager from any existing candidates, council members said at the Feb. 28 regular meeting. Instead, the position will be re-advertised.

The town, which has been without a town manager since last April, narrowed down a long list of candidates to a small handful during two different rounds of advertising and interviewing. In the latest case, the search was put on temporary hold last fall until after elections, and the candidate landscape had

changed once the council was able to refocus attention on the search.

It was agreed advertising for the position would focus on Midwestern venues, to prevent a proliferation of long-distance candidates, who might be unable to journey to Culver for face-to-face interviews. Council member Ed Pinder suggested listing a salary range in the advertisement, noting it's been said "we're trying to get a \$70,000 to \$80,000 town manager for \$50,000."

In other actions, the council approved a new designation for reimbursement in its annual sidewalk

sharing program, during which residents replacing sidewalks may apply for the town to share the cost. Utilities manager Bob Porter explained last year's rates were \$2.75 per square foot of sidewalk and \$14 per linear foot of curb, and asked that a third designation be added for those replacing both curb and sidewalk simultaneously. Suggesting the existing rates remain the same, Porter asked that curb-sidewalk combinations be reimbursed at \$26 per linear foot of five foot wide sidewalk-curb.

Porter also noted last year

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Answering audience questions, Stevens said using the iPad's "virtual keyboard" to type a lengthy report is less advantageous than a standard computer keyboard. He also said since Hanselman enhanced software offerings near the start of the school year, he felt no lack of applications



Addressing educator visitors to Culver Comm. High School last week were (from left) Colin Stevens, Cameron Turney, and Ashli Faulkner.

necessary for school.

Schuldts said his initial assumptions that he couldn't use the virtual keyboard in his own work were soon proven wrong, adding business teachers have found students type at least as fast on them as standard keyboards.

Turney, a senior recently recognized as a National Merit Scholarship candidate, said she was first opposed to use of iPads in school.

"I thought they'd be a distraction," she said, "but what I like about it is I feel my education is personalized to me."

She discussed teacher-structured "wiki" applications in which students and teachers share information, noting teachers can upload their PowerPoint presentations for students to use as notes, and to which they can digitally add their own notes. She demonstrated digital recordings made by music teacher Diane Derrow for choir members, and showed digital sheet music used by the choir, onto

which students can add their own notes via the iPad.

Turney also showed part of a video she and other students made for Spanish class, touring the school and describing it in Spanish.

"I don't remember how I survived without (an iPad)," she added.

The students noted some classes continue to incorporate traditional paper textbooks.

Buschman explained he was out of school last fall for two weeks with a severe illness, but was able to update students remotely using the iPad. He also said makeup of missed time took three to four days instead of the full two weeks due to the devices.

Buschman demonstrated the "Facetime" application, which acts as a two-way video-audio screen, through which he can interact with his class even if not in the room.

"The amount of math taught in my room now is incredible because (of the iPads)...not a lot different happens in my room than before as far as the way I present and assess material. It just happens better."

Faulkner said the devices have been controversial at the middle school, noting "some teachers hate them."

However, she said she herself "jumped in with both feet" and makes extensive use of the class' "wiki" and note-taking application, adding the students "use it a lot."

Hanselman also said, because of the iPads, school tech staff members "spend more time helping teachers with curricular stuff than...working printers (and the like)."

*Thanks to Rachel Meade for editing assistance.*



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## Students encounter local, national black history

Culver resident Jim Harper (standing, at center) discusses his personal experiences growing up in Culver as an African American, as well as his memories of attending Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's historic "I Have a Dream" speech with juniors at Culver Comm. High School last Friday.

Students had read, or were preparing to read white writer John Howard Griffith's account of darkening his skin in order to experience life as a black man in the deep south in the late 1960s, "Black Like Me." On hand as well was Marizetta Kenney (seated at right), of Culver, who corresponded by mail with Griffith after reading the book, and who recounted for students her memories of living in Chicago when race riots broke out following the 1968 assassination of King.

The program also included a presentation on the history of African Americans in Indiana and especially in Culver during the early to mid-20th century by Jeff Kenney of the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver.

The event was organized by CCHS English teacher Tina Stacey (seated at left), and took place in the school's media center.

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a fair amount of the \$25,000 budgeted yearly for the program went to sidewalk replacement on Ohio Street, in connection with Safe Routes to School grants. He suggested holding back \$18,000 this year for Safe Routes projects, leaving \$7,000 for citizen reimbursement. On average, he said, citizen projects tend to run around \$1,000 each.

The council approved Porter's recommendations.

Council also approved Porter's request that the position of sewer plant operator be offered to present plant employee Karl Shoffstall, noting no applications have come in for the position following the departure of past operator Joe Sheppard.

Council president Sally Ricciardi announced openings on Culver's plan commission and board of zoning appeals, respectively. Two openings -- one Republican and one Democrat-- are open for county appointment, provided the candidates live in Culver's zoning district. One Republican town of Culver-appointed opening exists as well. Ricciardi thanked Bobbetta Ruhnnow, who recently resigned after various terms on both boards, for her years of service.

The Southwest Conservancy District has completed construction of their main sewer line, and six homes have hooked into it and are sending wastewater to Culver's plant, said Porter. The move is part of a historic agreement shifting the last Lake Maxinkuckee homes away from septic wastewater disposal. It will eventually send waste from all homes on the southwest side of the lake to Culver's municipal plant. The District, it was noted, bills its member homes and the town bills the District. The town began tracking that flow March 1, according to Porter.

Following up on last session's discussion of "Knox-boxes," EMS director Chuck Dilts reported Culver's EMS and fire department will each possess two keys to a "Knox-box" at the new Garden Court senior apartments

on South Main Street, while the police department will take charge of one key. He also said the EMS has purchased two cast iron lock boxes in which to store the keys inside each ambulance.

The Garden Court facility is the first to utilize the box, which allows emergency service non-damaging entry to the building utilizing box keys in the possession of each department. Dilts said internal procedures for safety and accessibility of the keys are still being developed, and he's researching ordinance standards used by other towns.

It was noted the first resident at the facility has already moved in, and a grand opening will take place in coming weeks.

Dilts also presented his department's annual report on the previous year, during which it began constructing an addition to its garage, acquired 800 MHz radios for increased interoperability, added three advanced certified EMTs, provided CPR training, and supported the Christmas basket project.

During 2011, said Dilts, Culver's EMS had a total of 425 ambulance runs. 277 were medical, 129 trauma, 47 "stand-bys" (such as at sporting events), and 10 others, (mostly in the area of maintenance and cancelled calls). A total of 1,277 shifts were covered by volunteers, 314 by full-time staff, and 369 by part-time staff, for a total of 1,960.5 out of 2,190 possible shifts covered. He explained the numbers were "pretty close" to 2010's.

Ricciardi noted the service's volunteer numbers are down and more are needed.

"It is very rewarding," she said of volunteering for the EMS, something she's done for more than 30 years. "I wouldn't have stuck with it as many years as I have if it wasn't."

Fire chief Mike Grover said his department is putting together specifications for a new grass truck to replace the

oldest of two existing grass trucks, a 1973 GMC model. The new vehicle, which will be used to fight fires in off-road areas inaccessible to larger rigs, will likely cost between \$80,000 and \$140,000.

Grover also noted fireman Jerry Siler, who was recently trained in use of the department's new hovercraft vehicle, has been busy almost nightly training fellow firefighters in its operation.

Police chief Wayne Bean reported the sheriff's district will provide \$25,142.03 to place a repeater box on a tower in the Culver area. He had requested an initial \$15,000 district grant be supplemented to cover the full \$25,000 cost of the installation. Council approved Bean's writing a letter authorizing placement of the repeater and his department funding the electricity to it.

In other approvals, the council ratified \$5,000 for the Culver Boys & Girls Club, \$5,450 to replace countertops and cabinets (and add a dishwasher) at Culver's sewer plant laboratory, and permission to town clerk Karen Heim to repaint the clerk's office in the near future. Pending approval from a neighbor, council also approved a request from Culver Cove executive director Rich West to temporarily place a dumpster at the east end of Jefferson Street on the beach side of the Cove building.

An easement has now been obtained allowing the town to begin work on the storm water outlet at the end of Davis Street, Porter told the council. At a cost of \$6,300, Commonwealth Engineers will handle design and permitting of the work, and will investigate brown-colored water flowing into the lake during high water flows.

During the public input portion of the meeting, resident Jean Rakich complimented the look of Ohio Street, where she said property clean-up work had obviously been done.

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Past to Present

The Pilot News will be featuring prom pictures on special pages the first week in April 2012.

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## Teaching history through their craft

As a part of Black History month and Civil War history, the Susanna Circle Quilters of Wesley United Methodist Church in Culver presented a program to the Culver Elementary fifth grade. The presentation was based on the book, "Hidden in Plain View" which tells the story of mes-

sages in quilt blocks to guide escaping slaves on their journey north to freedom. Pictured from left to right are quilters Connie Overmyer, Judy Patton, Elaine Averill, Rosalie Bonine and Kay Tusing.

## Culver police begin impaired driving crackdown

Culver police officers will join more than 250 state and local law enforcement agencies across the Hoosier state in the Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest. March crackdown on impaired and dangerous driving.

Through March 18, officers will work extra hours to conduct high-visibility enforcement activities designed specifically to identify impaired drivers. Motorists will also see an increased number of patrols looking for aggressive drivers and unrestrained motorists during the 17-day mobilization.

In March 2010, there were 50 fatalities on Indiana roadways. Of these, 28 percent involved a driver who was legally intoxicated. According to the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI), alcoholic beverages continue to be assigned as the primary factor in more than one-third of alcohol related collisions in the state of Indiana.

Operation Pull Over Blitz 70 is a statewide enforcement effort supported by federal funding allocated to The Culver Police Department from the Traffic Safety division of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI). Indiana's crackdown on impaired driving will be reinforced by a paid statewide media campaign as well as public outreach efforts geared towards the prevention of impaired driving.

To learn more, visit [www.StopImpairedDriving.org](http://www.StopImpairedDriving.org).

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Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive ID when you come to donate.

### Soup for the Soul March 14

Culver Elementary School's Soup for the Soul will return Weds., March 14, from 5 to 8 p.m., at the school cafeteria. For a \$5 donation diners receive bowls, mugs, or other items hand-made by CES 6th graders, who will also serve the meal, which includes bread, drinks, dessert, and more. A silent auction will also take place, with proceeds going to several area charities.

### Community meal at Grace March 15

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Thursday, March 8 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.

### Little League sign-ups

Culver Little League baseball and softball registration takes place Sat., March 17, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., March 21 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., March 31 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and April 4 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Culver-Union Township Library. Any questions or concerns, please contact Donna McKee, 574-216-6180, or Crystal Keller at 574-216-0771.

### Baked potato supper March 23

Trinity Lutheran Church in Culver will sponsor a baked potato supper Friday, March 23 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the railroad station-depot at 615 Lake Shore Drive. Price is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under, and tickets may be purchased at the door. Price includes a baked potato with all the trimmings, pies, cakes, coffee, and lemonade. Carry-outs are available.

### VFW fish fry March 24

Culver VFW Post 6919, at 108 E. Washington in Culver will hold its annual "all you can eat" fish fry Saturday, March 24, from 4 to 7 p.m.. Cost is \$4 for children 12

## Death notice

Woodward

**Phyllis L. Woodward**  
March 4, 2012

MONTEREY — Phyllis L. Woodward, 82, of Monterey died at 11:12 p.m. March 4, 2012 at the Heart Center of Indiana, Indianapolis.

Funeral arrangements are pending at the Odom Funeral Home in Culver.

## New round of free computer classes

Culver-Union Township Public Library will continue its session of free computer classes into March and April. Classes are held Monday evenings at 6 and Friday mornings at 10, and will last two hours. Throughout April, a new session of classes for beginners will be available. These are hands-on classes and the library will provide computers. If you have your own laptop computer, feel free to bring it to the classes. Sessions include: Microsoft Word (March 12 and 16); Microsoft Excel (March 19 and 23); Microsoft PowerPoint (March 26 and 30); Microsoft Publisher (April 2 and 6).

For more information, call 574-842-2941, visit [www.culver.lib.in.us](http://www.culver.lib.in.us) or e-mail [abaker@culver.lib.in.us](mailto:abaker@culver.lib.in.us). The library's street address is 107 N. Main St.

and under and \$8 for adults. Meal fundraiser profits will benefit Culver community organizations. The fish will be prepared by the Tyner IOOF Lodge. Carry out orders are available: call 574-842-3886. Doors are open to the public.

### IOOF breakfast March 24

The Maxinkuckee Odd Fellows Lodge 373, Culver, will hold an "all you can eat" pancakes and sausage, biscuits and gravy breakfast Sat., March 24, from 6 a.m. to noon at the corner of 18B and Pine Roads. Adults are \$6 and children \$4. Rebekah Country Store will also be selling items.

### Band uniforms needed

Culver Community High School's band program is accepting donations to replace its existing, 25-year-old uniforms with a newly-designed set of 40. Each uniform costs \$390, and the total funds still needed are around \$4,000. Anyone interested in helping may do so by way of the band's spring fund-raiser, or by bringing donations to band director Jason Crittendon at the school, or mailing them to the school at 701 School St., Culver, IN 46511.

### 'Catholicism' screened, discussed at Coffee Company

The acclaimed PBS documentary, "Catholicism" is being screened and discussed Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. at the Culver Coffee Company on Lake Shore Drive in Culver. Each session lasts until 10:45 a.m., and anyone is welcome to join in the conversation.

### New Citizen email address

A reminder that the *Culver Citizen* is transitioning its email address to [culvercitizen@gmail.com](mailto:culvercitizen@gmail.com). Please update your address books.

Also, "friend" the *Culver Citizen* on Facebook -- and visit [culvercitizen.com](http://culvercitizen.com) -- for the most current updates and information.

## Obituaries

### Ellen 'Jean' Zandstra

Feb. 27, 2012



CULVER — Ellen "Jean" Zandstra, Nee Kiehn, 82, of Culver, formerly of Lansing, Ill., passed away Feb. 27, 2012. She is survived by her children: Susan (Dave) Beggs, Diane Zandstra, stepchildren: Dave Zandstra, Cheryl Lynn Rogers, and Dan (Donna) Zandstra, six grandchildren: Brian Zandstra, Pam Zandstra Abbring, Paula Zandstra, Damon Chizmar, Amy Chizmar-Hose, and Tasha Lynn Zandstra, seven great-grandchildren: Emma, Daniel, Timothy, Stevelyn, Tasha, Trenton, and Kierstyn, one great-great-grandson: Richard. Jean is preceded in death by her husband: Charles Zandstra Aug. 30, 1973, and her sister: Dorothy Galbreath.

Funeral services were Friday, March 2, 2012 at 11 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 18420 Burnham Ave, Lansing, Ill. Burial followed at Oakridge Cemetery, Lansing, Ill. Friends visited with the family Friday morning from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials to the First United Methodist Church.

### Charles C. Kline Sr.

Oct. 18, 1933-March 2, 2012

SOUTH BEND — Charles (Charlie) C. Kline Sr., 78, of South Bend passed away at 9:42 a.m. Friday, March 2, 2012 in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Mishawaka. He was born Oct. 18, 1933 in Culver to Clarence C. and Olive (Lake) Kline. Nov. 25, 1985 in Mishawaka, he married Donna (Tuggle) Kline who preceded him in death Feb. 17, 2012.

Mr. Kline is survived by two daughters, Milinda (Bill Riester) Liedtky of Walkerton and Charlene (Jim) Smith of Cassopolis, Mich.; son, Charles C. Kline Jr. of South Bend; two stepsons, Steve P. (Carol) Kilgore of South Bend, and Scott A. (Michele) Kilgore of Mishawaka; six grandchildren, Ryan, Sean and Kyle Liedtky, Ashley (Casey) Claeys, Abbey and Shelby Kilgore; three great-grandchildren and a sister, Brenda (Bobby) Wynn of Culver. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Virginia Bullock and Laura Gunder.

Mr. Kline was a lifelong area resident. He served his country honorably in the United States Army. He retired in 1996 after 35 years as a truck driver, working for Preston Trucking for 15 years.

Graveside services will be held at a later date. Palmer Funeral Home-Guisinger Chapel, South Bend is assisting the family with arrangements.

Contributions in memory of Charles C. Kline Sr. may be offered to the Sclerodema Foundation for his deceased wife, Donna Kline. Online condolences may be sent to [www.palmerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.palmerfuneralhomes.com).

## Culver's Okray volunteers at bridge building competition

EVANSVILLE — Hannah Okray, a University of Evansville student from Culver, volunteered in the 42nd annual Balsa Wood Bridge Building Competition, which brought together more than 150 elementary, middle, and high school students in Evansville.

Since 1970, the UE student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers has hosted the competition as part of National Engineers Week. The event took place Saturday, Feb. 25 in Eykamp Hall in UE's Ridgway University Center. During the fall semester, UE civil engineering students and ASCE members, such as Okray, assemble balsa wood bridge building kits and invite young students to participate in the competition as a fun way to learn about engineering, math, and science. UE students put weight on each bridge to see how much it holds before breaking. Prizes are given and a scholarship to UE is offered to the high school junior who wins his or her division.

## 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., March 8:** Sloppy Joe, hamburger bun, cheesy potatoes, stewed tomatoes, tropical fruit, milk.

**Fri. March 9:** Meatballs and noodles, mixed vegetables, Brussels sprouts, dinner roll and margarine, pears, milk.

**Mon. March 12:** Italian Sausage and beef, hoagie bun, spudsters, carrot coin salad, cobbler, milk.

**Tues. March 13:** Sliced ham, macaroni and cheese, butternut squash, pears, bread and margarine, milk.

**Weds. March 14:** Onion sage chicken, mashed sweet potatoes, festive green beans, cherry ambrosia, roll, milk.

**Thurs., March 15:** Corned beef hash, fried apples, boiled egg, St. Pat's cookie, biscuit and jelly, milk.

**Fri. March 16:** Pork BBQ, onion bun, baked beans, sweet potatoes, pineapple, milk.

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### Pastor's Corner

By Rev. K.C. Dehning  
Trinity Lutheran Church

tures, for Christ says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh to the Father, but by me." Peter also says, "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is no other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." And finally John says, "Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father."

"Today Lutherans are often harshly reproached as condemning everything which is not Lutheran. However, our Church is unjustly reproached. We cannot deny that there are a few so-called Lutherans who teach that there is no salvation outside the Lutheran Church. All who subscribe to such principles appear to be strict Lutherans. Actually, they are not. They have really withdrawn from the Lutheran Church. As far as the heaven is from the earth, so far is our Church from teaching that only those can be saved who have been called Lutherans. The Roman Church teachers that outside of its church no one can be saved. It is against this dangerous error which Luther protested. He declared that the true Church of Jesus Christ is bound neither to Rome and the Roman Bishop, nor to any place in the world, nor to any person, but alone to God's Word. It is to be found everywhere among all nations and languages.

"Our Church teaches that there is only one true saving religion. It is the Christian religion. Therefore outside the Christian Church you can find neither the true God nor salvation. In Dr. Martin Luther's Large Catechism in the explanation of the Third Article we read, "But outside of this Christian Church, where the Gospel is not, there is no forgiveness, as also there can be no holiness." Furthermore, in the Formula of Concord we read, "In his eternal divine counsel God decided that outside of those who know his Son Christ and truly believe in him, he would save no one." This agrees exactly with the Holy Scrip-

"All orthodox Lutherans believe and confess that outside the Christian Church or without faith in Christ there is no salvation, yet nowhere do they maintain that outside the Lutheran Church there is no salvation. No, our Church has never drawn up such sectarian principles. In the preface of our public confessions the Lutheran confessors write the following, "As to the condemnations...of godless doctrines, it is in no way our design and purpose to condemn those men who err from a certain simplicity of mind...much less, indeed, entire churches... nay, rather has it been our intention and disposition in this manner openly to censure and condemn only the fanatical opinions and their obstinate and blasphemous teachers...For we have no doubt whatever that even in those churches which have hitherto not agreed with us in all things many godly and by no means wicked men are found who follow their own simplicity, and do not understand aright the matter itself, but in no way approve the blasphemies...."

Thus you see, that the Lutheran forefathers most decidedly rejected and condemned all false doctrine, falsification of the truth, and deviation from God's Word; yet they have just as decidedly also confessed that many pious people, many upright children of God and disciples of Christ are to be found among all Christian denominations. This important truth is well worth remembering.

This is reason enough to continue to pray for Christian unity within and without the Lutheran Church. I commend prayer for Christian unity as a part of your Lenten discipline this year.

## Where in the world is *The Culver Citizen*?

Another reader has enabled our adventurous little newspaper to experience a faraway, exotic, or iconic locale, and has the photos to prove it! Pictured here are two readers, with *Culver Citizen* in hands. Can any readers identify the location they're in?

Meanwhile, last week's "Where in the World" photo apparently stumped our readers, as no one responded with the correct location of our plucky local newspaper, pictured here. In the photo is Culver's Judy Sawhook, *Culver Citizen* in hand (surely no reader leaves home without it?) at the Quadracci Pavilion, designed by Spanish architect Santiago



Calatrava. The sculpture is a 2001 postmodern addition to the Milwaukee Art Museum. Write Judy and

husband Jim, "With its eye-catching, foldable sunscreen, which has a 217-foot wingspan, this architectural beauty is Milwaukee's lakeshore showpiece."

Calling the museum "a must see attraction," the Sawhooks said with great beer and German food aside, the four hour drive to Milwaukee is made worthwhile by the museum.

Guesses (or your own photos of the paper in some faraway locale) may be emailed to [culvercitizen@gmail.com](mailto:culvercitizen@gmail.com) or call the editor at 574-216-0075.

## Name that Culver 'citizen'



A handful of readers were prize winners -- whether full or partial -- for identifying last week's Mystery Citizens. The "game" was a special two-for-one edition which took advantage of side-by-side display of past photos of two present-day Culverites, both of whom graduated from Culver Military Academy and summer schools.

Just for fun, we shot their "today" photos in the appropriate booth at Cafe Max on Main Street, where their respective "then" photos are on prominent display. They are George Posejpal and Jerry Ney (George's photo, at left, was taken while he was a Woodcrafter here, Posejpal (left) and Jerry and Jerry's while in the winter school).

Few guessers had both names correct, but they include Toots Hen-



ABOVE: Last week's Mystery Citizens, George Posejpal (left) and Jerry Ney today and (AT RIGHT) a few years back.

derson (who suggested a prize of two parking places in downtown Culver, rather than the standard single place, which seems only fair!), Bill Githens, Marilyn Kelly, and Al and Pat Bunge (who win in the special 'long distance' category for guessing from Greensboro, NC -- no word on whether they'll drive to Culver to claim their parking spots).

Julie Bess recognized Jerry Ney only, while Kay Tusing and Dick Zimmerman recognized George Posejpal but not Jerry. Hope you're keeping score.

Catching up on some older business, Sharon Mahler recognized Larry Berger, our previous week's Mystery Citizen, just after press time.

Our Mystery Citizen this week spent a number of years with a particular institution in the Culver area, and continues to reside here with his wife, today.

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## Changes give Triton win over Culver

By Dee Grenert  
Staff Writer

BOURBON — Triton's boys basketball team needed some sort of in-game spark against an inspired Culver Community squad Friday.

A couple of key adjustments served the purpose.

Moved from a wing to the point against Culver's active 2-3 zone, Triton's Clay Yeo fired in a game-high 23 points, while defensively the 6-foot-6 junior locked down on Culver leading scorer Trent Elliott in the second half to lead the Trojans to a 46-41 come-from-behind Class A Sectional 51 semifinal win at The Trojan Trench.

"Offensively Culver was extending the zone and was leaving the middle open," Triton head coach Jason Groves, whose team dug a 12-point first-half hole, said. "We put Clay on the point and let him create out of it. The key was getting in the middle."

After Elliott capped off a 19-2 run with a trey from the right corner to give Culver a 21-9 lead with 3:42 left in the first half, Triton outscored the Cavs 24-5 over the next 13-plus minutes.

For the game, Culver finished 17 of 48 — 35 percent — from the field.

"We had some good looks, but we also rushed a few of our possessions," Culver head coach Kyle Elliott said. "We jumped out to a lead, but it's not like Triton was going to fold. When Triton was making that comeback we

had some turn-overs and Triton capitalized. We needed to protect the ball and get quality possessions."

"Defensively our problem was the same problem we've had all year: dribble penetration," he continued. "We were able to defend the perimeter, but once they penetrated we had to rotate off our guys and got out of position. That makes it harder to box out, and we gave up second- and third-chance points."

Trent Elliott, a

6-4 sophomore, finished with a team-high 13 points and four assists. Junior center Micah Budzinski recorded a double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds, and sophomore forward Jacoda Anderson blocked four shots.

"I'm very pleased with our effort," the Culver skipper said. "We came in with confidence, and our kids thought they could win this game. (Junior forward) Tucker Schultz spent most of the season playing JV. We challenged him with guarding Clay Yeo and he did his role. I'm very proud of his effort."

Triton built a 35-28 lead midway through the fourth quarter when Culver unveiled its full-court press for the first time and forced two straight turnovers, both resulting in baskets from junior Kyle Vlach to make it a 35-32 game with 3:34 to go.

Shively, though, answered with a basket in the paint and the Trojans shot free throws the rest of the way.

Culver finishes the season 11-10 and will return everyone but Johnny Anderson.

"Johnny Anderson didn't practice all week; he's had extreme back pain," Elliott said. "I felt bad for him that he didn't get to play in his last game. He's a nice young man and has worked extremely hard for us for four years. We had our second winning season in a row, which by Culver standards is pretty nice. However, it's all about putting trophies in the trophy case. Our kids expect to win, and we have to get at it this summer to take that next step."

• CLASS A SECTIONAL 51  
At Bourbon



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TOP: Culver's Jacoda Anderson gets "up" close to the rim and over the heads of Triton's Drew Mosson (no. 34) and Cody Shively (33).



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BELOW: Culver's Trent Elliott is guarded by Tanner Shively of Triton.



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## A parting shot

Culver Comm. High School basketball coaches bid farewell to the 2011-2012 season after Friday's game against Triton.

Pictured, from left, are head coach Kyle Elliott, assistant varsity and head junior varsity coach Tom Krueger, and varsity assistant Brett Berndt.

The Cavaliers finished this season 11-10 and next season will return the entire team with the exception of Johnny Anderson.



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Culver Military Academy's Dante Scott reaches in on Plymouth's Joe Knapp during a Sectional 19 basketball game at Plymouth.

## Pilgrims dethrone CMA, 51-29

By James Costello  
Sports Editor

PLYMOUTH — It wasn't that long ago that the Pilgrims took a lopsided regular-season win over Culver Military.

While that Valentine's Day victory must have still been fresh in Plymouth's mind in its sectional opener Wednesday, the Pilgrims certainly didn't seem to be looking past CMA as they handed the Eagles another lopsided loss in much the same fashion, 51-29 in a Sectional 19 quarterfinal at The Rock.

The Pilgrims set the tone on the defensive end early against CMA, forcing the Eagles into eight turnovers and recording four deflections in the first frame en route to an 11-4 lead at the quarter break. All total, Plymouth created 21 Culver turnovers for 28 points as the hosts built steadily towards the win.

"We had a lot of turnovers, and they didn't," said CMA head coach Mark Galloway. "You can't turn the ball over. That's been the Achilles Heel for us all season. Last time we played them we had more turnovers than shots."

The Pilgrims held CMA to worse than 32 percent from the floor, meanwhile. Promising freshman guard Dante Scott put up 10 points but scuffled to a 4-for-13 field conversion rate in the season-ending loss.

"Not to take anything away from their defense because they did a good job on defense, but we've had a hard time scoring all year," said Galloway. "That's tough. We've got a team that they sit and help and they skip it, and you don't have anyone who can make a shot. That's frustrating. We had a lot of open looks, we just didn't knock them down. We had layups we missed."

Wednesday's elimination concluded a winless season for the Eagles, who finished 0-23 after going 19-7 last season on their way to a state runner-up finish in Galloway's first year at the helm. The team bids goodbye to seniors Will Strong, Alex Dodane, Kenneth Tse and Charlie Kennedy.

"I feel for our seniors, but I love our seniors because they never gave up," Galloway said. "And I'm not just talking about in games. You get to see them in games, but we see them every day in practice."

"First and foremost they're not going to be remembered for just being basketball players. They're going to be remembered as good people and good leaders."

Plymouth moves to 11-0 on its home court this season and at 16-5 overall advances to face Marian Friday in a semifinal set for 7:30 p.m.

• CLASS 3A SECTIONAL 19  
At Plymouth  
PLYMOUTH 51,  
CULVER MILITARY 29



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CYCO members pictured at left include (front row, from left) Allen Betts junior CCHS, Mary McKinnis junior CGA, John Ahlenius junior CCHS, Jordan Berger junior CGA. Back row from left: Joe Krsek senior CCHS, Cassie VanSky senior CCHS, Kalee Miller senior CCHS, Malcolm Snyder junior CMA, Tesia Janicki senior CGA

## Teen climber of world's highest summits coming to Culver

Like many other mountain climbers, Jordan Romero has scaled the highest summits on all seven continents in the world. But unlike all of them, Jordan began his quest to achieve that dream (and set the first of many world records) at the age of 10, and completed it by age 15 (yet another world record).

Jordan and his parents, also known as Team Jordan, brings the story of his experiences, as well as his message about the power of goal-setting and teamwork to students at Culver Academies on Monday, March 12, 2012, as part of the school's Vaughn Family Outdoor Leadership Series. Jordan will address the student body at 2:30 p.m. in Eppley Auditorium.

Funded by the generosity of the Robert C. Vaughn family (Robert Class of '74, his wife, Fallon, and their children Robert, Jr. Class of '06 and Browning Class of '08), the Vaughn Family Outdoor Leadership Series was established to introduce Culver students to adventurers and explorers who share their outdoor experiences, challenges, and passions.

Jordan summited the first of the Seven Summits, Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Africa, at the age of 10 in 2006. Less than a year later, in April 2007, he scored his second summit on Mount Kosciuszko in Australia. Two more summits followed that year. He continued on his quest (including a world-record climb up Mount Everest) until topping the last mountain, Mount Vinson Massif in Antarctica, on Christmas Eve 2011.

And while there will be plenty of stories about what were likely harrowing moments in his exploits, a greater message of setting goals, as well as being a young person working with adults as a team to achieve those goals, is the valuable lesson for students to take away from his presentation.

## Saturday's fun fair will raise funds for Logan Ctr

The Culver Youth Community Organization, a philanthropic collaboration between the Culver Community High School and the Culver Academies, will be hosting a Fun Fair Saturday, March 10 at Culver Academies' Steinbrenner Recreation Center from 7 to 10 p.m.

All proceeds from the Fun Fair will benefit the Logan Center in South Bend, which provides services and support to children and adults with mental disabilities. The Fun Fair will be open to youth, faculty, and families from the Culver Community High School/Middle School and the Culver Academies.

The night will feature fun inflatables, face painting, Blitzball, concessions, and community togetherness.

Admission to the Fun Fair will be \$2. CYCO members will also be selling Logan Center bracelets, clown noses, and plastic derbies to support the cause.

Culver Academies senior Tesia Janick says, "I am re-

ally looking forward to this event. The Logan Center has always been very important to my family, and I am thrilled to see the Nose-On come to Culver! The collaboration between the two schools through CYCO has been phenomenal—a remarkable illustration of what it means to be a community."

Culver Community High School Senior Kalee Miller echoes that same sentiment. "I think this is such a great event for such a worthy cause, and I am so proud that CYCO has been able to bring the Nose-On to Culver. I'm looking forward to the Fun Fair, and I really hope that we get a good turn out from CHS, the Academy, and all of the community to support and raise money for these people that truly deserve it." Those with questions may contact Cory Monnier at 574-250-0103. To learn more about the Logan Center visit [www.thenoseon.com](http://www.thenoseon.com).

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## Voreis honored

NORTH JUDSON — Jennifer Voreis, daughter of longtime former Culverite (now Montgomery, Ala. resident) Betty Voreis and granddaughter of Nellie and Oliver Baker of Culver, was honored recently at the North Judson boys basketball game against John Glenn.

A 1977 Judson graduate,

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Jennifer Voreis with N.J. Athletic Director Robb Vessely.

Voreis earned four varsity letters and was named team MVP each of her four

years. She was an all-conference selection for two years, received the Honor Award from the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association, and was named to the All-State Team in 1977. Voreis capped her high school career by being selected to the 1977 Indiana All-Star Team. She finished her career at North Judson-San Pierre with 1,247 points. She was selected team MVP all four years at St. Joseph College, and was a two-time Academic All-American, at one point holding the school's scoring and rebounding records. In 1986, she was the first woman ever inducted into the St. Joseph's College Sports Hall of Fame. After being named to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame's Silver Anniversary Team in 2002, Voreis reached the pinnacle in 2009 when she was inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall

of Fame. Voreis's Class of 2009 also included Steve Alford, Gregg Popovich, and Scott Skiles. She has secured her place in Indiana basketball history.







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## Plans for 2012 Lake Fest underway

Yes, Virginia there will be a Lake Fest! Mark your calendars for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 20, 21, and 22 for the 29th annual "Culver Lake Fest."

Jean E. Overmyer, Lake Fest committee president, explains, "Preparations have already begun to plan this year's festival. We are thrilled to bring back some of the Lake Fest favorites with adding new and exciting events to the festival."

The festivities will kick off Friday afternoon with food, arts and crafts booths, talent contest and the Miss Maxinkuckee pageant. A Saturday packed full of activities and events for all ages is scheduled. The Lion's Club will be hosting a pancake and sausage breakfast. Other Saturday events will be: bass fishing tournament, Walk-Fun Run five-mile run, parade, kid's games, wake board show, fire-

man's water ball contest and live entertainment. The day will end with a spectacular fireworks display over beautiful Lake Maxinkuckee.

Sunday will start off with the traditional Lion's Club pancake and sausage breakfast. A community church service and the L'Max bike ride will take place in the morning. The car show will anchor the park as food, arts and crafts booths continue throughout the day. Bring your family and friends and be a part of a great weekend! Visit the website at [www.CulverLakeFest.com](http://www.CulverLakeFest.com) for more information.

The Lake Fest committee is always seeking volunteers and committee members. Those interested in helping with Lake Fest may call Jean E. at [jeovermyer@jmceainc.com](mailto:jeovermyer@jmceainc.com). This year's officers and committee members are as fol-

lows:

Officers/board members: Jean E. Overmyer, president; Sam Bramfeld, vice president; Donna Weirick, treasurer; Susan Elizondo, secretary; Trent Bennett, publicity.

Committee members: Trent and Dana Bennett, Bill Birk, Anthony Bonine, Kevin Bonine, Sam and Chelsea Bramfeld, Chris and Candi Chambers, Scott and Amy Curtis, Dave Crabb, Shelli Dickey, Frank and Susan Elizondo, Deb Foley, Ken and Linda McCune, Dean and Susie Norwich, JB and Jean E. Overmyer, Mike and Connie Overmyer, Jake Sturman, Jason Sturman, Jim and Donna Weirick.

## Senator from page 1

legislation felt some ordinances imposed excessive fines to property owners for not hooking up, and others felt they shouldn't be compelled to hook up if their septic works.

However, Head said, "Your septic doesn't work just because your toilet flushes! The idea of sewer systems was clean water; you can't pollute the lake or your neighbor's property."

Bennett recalled years past in which dye testing was conducted on seemingly functional septic systems which turned out to be dumping sewage into Lake Maxinkuckee. "There's no way, without digging up their filter systems, that they can know it works," he added.

Seven homes on Lake Maxinkuckee's south or west shores have already connected, Bennett said, with the rest to be on by this fall.

Regarding Head emphasized the Right to Work law allows no one in a union shop be forced to pay union dues in order to work there, but that the law does not outlaw unions, as some have suggested. He also insisted the legislation won't drive down wages and will instead bring new jobs to Indiana.

"I voted on the side of worker freedom," he said. "Some Right to Work states have stronger unions than non Right to Work states. The stronger unions are those that bring value to workers; those kind will stay or grow."

He said the legislation has brought 450 jobs to Muncie, enlarged one company in Albion by 120 jobs, and allowed Indiana to compete for a Michigan-based company considering several states.

Head said the proposed Indiana smoking ban is the "second most controversial thing we've done" this session, adding he voted for it in committee and in the senate.

The House and Senate versions of the bill are "drastically different" and must be reconciled in order for the bill to survive, he said. The House version, he explained, has numerous exemptions to the ban -- including casinos, bars and taverns, fraternal organizations, home-based businesses, and nursing homes. Opponents of the bill felt it infringed on the rights of business owners to decide what may happen on their own property.

Head noted testimony from a cardiologist was quite compelling for him; the cardiologist said the heart attack rate among nonsmokers -- inhaling secondhand smoke -- dropped 70 percent below that of smokers in one smoking

ban community.

Head also discussed public education, which he said is "near and dear to my heart." He described recent tours of Argos and Culver elementary schools and noted teaching is "a lot harder than it looks...I wouldn't have the patience to do it."

He said he voted against a bill which would close small schools simply because of their size, emphasizing small schools can be better than larger ones.

While one manner of reporting ISTEP scores in schools is federally mandated, Head said he authored a state bill this year affecting non-mandated reporting. The bill would remove the bottom five percent of scores from the tests, since students with learning disabilities and English as a second language skew results and hold "our teachers accountable for things they have no control over...most educators I've talked to don't mind accountability; they just want it to be fair."

When Marshall County commissioner Kevin Overmyer asked about funding for 911 dispatch, Head said he favors charging residents using cell phones 75 cents to \$1 per phone to underwrite the cost of the increasingly underfunded service. Traditionally, 911 has been paid for at \$1 per phone line for land lines, which have become an ever-decreasing norm for many in Indiana.

Head, Overmyer, and others also discussed the ramifications of recent legislation aimed at curbing nepotism and conflicts of interest, which prevents elected officials from serving on volunteer boards and commissions in the same area. The law has forced a few people in the area to resign from boards on which they've served effectively and are needed. Head acknowledged it's difficult to make a law to fit everyone, but that abuses in other areas of the state necessitated the move.

Head also discussed the need for greater rehabilitation for offenders leaving the state prison system, in order to help them become productive members of society and taxpayers, rather than repeat offenders. He also said local government reforms suggested a few years ago by the Kernan-Shepard report seem to have "petered out."

## CGA student Weil sings at Carnegie Hall



Katrina Weil, a Culver Girls Academy junior from Cary, Ill., spent February 8 through 13 singing in New York City. She was selected by competitive audition to perform at Carnegie Hall with the 2012 American High School Honors Choir, under the direction of Dr. Jeffery Ames. (Director of Choral Activities at Belmont University)

"He taught me to really appreciate the music and raw talent of the choir," said Weil. Each day in New York City, she spent seven hours rehearsing the six pieces the 250 voice choir sang for the Feb. 12 concert at Carnegie Hall. The two and a half hour concert included the American High School Honors Choir, Band, & Orchestra. When not in rehearsal, the choir toured the city and attended the Broadway musical, Anything Goes, starring Sutton Foster and Joel Grey.

It was Weil's first trip to the Big Apple. "It was thrilling!" she said. "I loved the atmosphere of NYC. I think I'd like to live there someday!"

The road to Carnegie Hall began in late spring, 2011, with a recommendation to the Honors Choir organization from Weil's choir director, Stacey Warren. The first step is the teacher recommendation, the Honors Choir organization reviews the recommendation, can then issue an invitation to audition, and the final step is for the student to submit two audition pieces for their consideration.

Marion Gomez, Program Director for the American High School Honors Choir said of Weil:

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