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In Brief

Balanced calendar mtg Weds.

Culver Community Schools are considering moving to a balanced calendar in the near future. If you are interested in learning more about a balanced calendar, please plan to attend a presentation at 7 p.m. in the Culver Community High School auditorium. After attending the presentation, you will be asked to fill out a survey on your opinion of the subject.

VFW Friday dinner

The Culver VFW #6919 Men's Auxiliary, 108 E. Washington in Culver, will hold its Friday dinner April 18 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Served will be a half-slab of barbecue ribs for \$10 or a full slab for \$19. T-bone steaks are \$14 each. Fish dinners are \$9 each. All meals include salad bar, baked potato and green beans. Doors are open to the public.

Wesley Preschool open house Saturday

Come and see what Wesley Preschool in Culver is all about on Saturday, April 12 from noon to 2 p.m.. For the 2014-2015 school year, the preschool will offer a 2-year-old class on Tuesday and Thursday, 3-year-old class Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and a pre-k class Monday through Friday. All classes will offered from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Those with questions may contact Tracy Gordon, Director of Education at 574-780-4007.

Easter egg hunt Saturday

Culver's annual Easter Egg hunt will take place Saturday, April 12, starting at 10 a.m. at the Culver town park, and is intended for children ages 2 through 4th grade. The Easter Bunny will be here so bring your camera! The event is sponsored by the Culver park and recreation department.

St. Mary's Child Care accepting registra-

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Top 10 honor their top 10

ABOVE, LEFT: The top 10 graduating seniors at Culver Comm. High School honored the teachers they chose as most influential on them (SEE STORY BELOW) last week. Pictured in the TOP PHOTO are, from left, Emily Shidler (seated) and teacher Peggy Arquette, Kayla Shaffer and Joyce Lyman, Trent Elliott and Andy Thomas, Michael Skiles and Louis Posa, Kennedy Thomas and Shane Lowry. In the BOTTOM PHOTO: Donald Clark and Ron Stevens, Megan Lyczak and Vickie Benner, Dylan Bennett and Mike Buschman, Caleb Dehning and Todd Shafer, and Timothy Wireman and Luke Biernacki.

Top 10 CCHS seniors honor most influential teachers at annual banquet

Jeff Kenney Citizen editor

If each incarnation of the annual banquet to honor the top ten graduating seniors from Culver Comm. High School and the teachers they chose as most influential takes on a flavor of its own, this year's event seemed in many ways to be a night of engaging oration, from students and teacher alike.

Trent Elliott

In the case of Trent Elliott, son of Kyle and Lori Elliott, it was chosen teacher Andy Thomas, athletic director and football coach at the school, who took his speech in a creative direction.

After CCHS principal Albert Hanselman introduced Elliott as having participated in National Jr. Honor Society, band, the CAVS service club, basketball, football, golf, 4H, a mission trip to Mexico, and planning to attend Fairmont State University in West Virginia to major in Business, Elliott said Thomas "expects excellence and treats everyone the same. He expects each person to

work hard in the classroom, and he helps kids who struggle."

Elliott added that Thomas' weight program enabled him to be where he is today and the school as a whole, to whose athletic championships in a variety of sports Elliott alluded.

Elliott also said Thomas as inspired him to play football in addition to his original aspiration to play basketball, and thanked Thomas for preparing him for "the game of life."

For his part, Thomas, displaying several boxes with photos of Elliott at different stages of his accomplished athletic career, described him using an acronym spelling out his name.

Among traits Thomas ascribed to Elliott were his being resolute, a "nice guy" who is well-spoken and polite, full of smiles and laughter, talkative and emotionally invested in his endeavors. Thomas also praised Elliott's parents and grandparents and their influence on him, among other things.

Michael Skiles

Honoring chosen teach-

er Louis Posa was Michael Skiles, son of Patty and Loyd Herrell and Jack and Kelly Skiles. A participant in National Honor Society, Art Club, Calvacade, Chorus, Spanish Club, Student Council, the CAVS Club, and CYCO, Skiles was also vice president of his class during his freshman year and assisted with the baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball, track, volleyball, and wrestling programs at CCHS. He plans to attend Trine University and major in Elementary Education.

Noting Posa has "an important role in my life," Skiles described Posa as "a really great teacher" and emphasized his ability to make learning fun and humorous and thanked him for "all the stuff he does in just making high school great."

Posa, thanking Skiles for selecting him, said he was humbled by the choice and described Skiles as "a fun, great young man and a great addition to any group you're involved with."

He also said Skiles' family went out of their way to make him feel welcome in

Culver, and noted Posa's own alma mater is Skiles' choice of Trine. Both share math as a favorite subject and an interest in being educators. Posa said Skiles will be a "great addition" to his intention to coach volleyball, adding that Skiles just returned from a mission trip to Mexico.

"Thank you for being a quality student," said Posa.

Emily Shidler

Honoring health and physical education teacher Peggy Arquette was Emily Shidler, daughter of Kristy Shidler and sister of Olivia Weaver, who participated in National Jr. Honor Society, Art Club, Cornucopia, Drama Club, Science Club, Spanish Club, CAVS Club, basketball, soccer, softball, and volleyball. She plans to attend IUPUI and major in Nursing.

Noting Arquette has known her since she was a small child and was friends with Shidler's mother, Shidler said Arquette has been her teacher since middle school.

"She would always commend me for doing well on tests and participating in

discussions," she said. She also described an incident when Shidler got in trouble in class.

"I was afraid I lost a very important person in my life, but we were as good as gold the next day," she said, adding she's been Arquette's teacher's assistant during the past year.

"I love and admire her for her strength," she added. "She always kept a smile on my face."

Arquette described Shidler as "one of the most hard working students I've seen in many, many years" and noted Shidler had perfect attendance since the 2nd grade. She also praised Shidler's involvement in school spirit and said the two "would share ups and downs, mistakes and compliments."

"We as adults didn't get where we are without people that really, really cared about us (as children)," said Arquette. "I like to do that with kids. It's the best job in the world. We get to care, teach, love, and I hope make a difference in somebody's life."

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Brand new Culver Kiwanians

Pictured are the newest members of Culver's Kiwanis Club, inducted at last Thursday's meeting. Pictured from left to right, Larry Brockey, Kiwanis club president, Jacob Cavazos (of First Farmers Bank and Trust), Melva Githens, Sue and Bill Roth. The club also now has its own Facebook page to help members and the community keep up with its latest endeavors, online at www.facebook.com/CulverKiwanis.



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Pint-sized pizza chefs

The senior class from Culver's Wesley Preschool visited the Culver Coffee Company on a March 31 field trip, where owner Dawn Brockey helped the youngsters make pizzas. Pictured are Kenny Gibson, Charlie Schrimsher, Owen Johnston, Daniel Chambers, Audrey Argiris, and Kali Loehmer.

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St. Mary Child Care Ministry (SMCCM) in Culver is now accepting registrations for the upcoming 2014-2015 school year.
For more information please call 574-842-3488 or visit our website: www.culvercatholic.com.

Marshall Co. Historical Society dinner April 22
Tickets for the 43rd annual Marshall County Historical Society Dinner, a musical tribute to Bill Wagoner, are on sale at the Marshall County Museum. The social hour at Christo’s Banquet Center will begin at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, with dinner at 6:30. After dinner, local musicians, Dave Haycraft, Mike Lintner, Randy Jones and George Schricker will share their passions for the music from the 1950’s, to the 1990’s, as they honor the contributions made by Bill Wagoner, former local rock-n-roll band member and 34-year owner of Wagoner’s Music Shop on Jefferson St. in Plymouth.
Tickets for the event are \$25 for members of the Historical Society, and \$30 for nonmembers. Call or stop by the museum and purchase individual tickets, or reserve a table of 8. For more information call 574-926-2306 or visit the Marshall County Museum at 123 N. Michigan St. in downtown Plymouth.

Open house, community workshop May 8
An open house and community workshop will be held Thursday, May 8 at the Lion’s Club Train Depot in Culver. The open house will be from 4 to 6:30 p.m. and will allow residents to “drop in” and review the draft comprehensive plan for the Town of Culver. Members of the consultant team and town staff will be on hand to answer questions. The room will be set up with several poster boards and exhibits displaying the draft plans and policies that are being considered. The open house will be followed by a Community Workshop at 7 p.m., which will include a more formal presentation of recommendations contained in the draft comprehensive plan.

Automatic utility bill payment
Beginning in April, the Town of Culver will offer residents the option to pay their utility bills automatically via ACH (also known as EFT). Those who would like to take advantage of this option may fill out an authorization form available from Town Hall or www.townofculver.org. Please attach a voided check and return the signed authorization to Town Hall, 200 E. Washington, Culver, IN 46511. For those who would like to begin the service in April, please return the authorization no later than the 5th of April. Going forward, authorization forms must be received no later than the 5th of the month you wish to begin the automatic payments. If you have any questions, please contract Town Hall at 574-842-3140 or clerk@townofculver.org.

SAT, ACT prep at CCHS
SAT and ACT preparation classes at Culver Community High School take place Tuesdays and Thursdays in April, when Vickie Benner will work on the verbal por-

tion at 7:20 a.m. On Wednesdays, Mike Buschman will work on the math portion and continue every Wednesday and Friday at 7:20 a.m. The SAT will be offered on May 3 at Culver Academies. Registration deadline is April 4; late registration is April 18. The ACT will be offered on June 14, at Kokomo, South Bend and Elkhart. Registration deadline is May 9. Registration packets are available in the Culver Community High School guidance office
Winters scholarship accepting apps
Applicants for the Ralph E. Winters Scholarship must be: Culver Community High School graduates who are at least second semester freshmen and plan to enroll full time in their sophomore year or above in a technical program such as engineering, pharmacy, mathematics, science, nursing, agriculture or a technical certificate program. Students must be enrolled in an accredited Indiana institution of higher education. For more information, call 574-946-0906 or email Kim Krause, scholarship coordinator at kskrause@embarqmail.com.

Baked potato supper April 11
A baked potato supper will be served at the Culver depot-train station Friday, April 11, with all proceeds going to support the “Gift of Warmth” (to provide winter wear and heating funds to needy area families). The event will be hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church and will start at 4:30 p.m. and go to 7 p.m. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. Carry-outs are available.

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

Kindergarten round-up April 17
Culver Community Schools’ kindergarten round-up will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 17 in the Culver Elementary School cafeteria. To be eligible for kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old on or before Aug. 1, 2014. Children do not need to attend this informational meeting with parents, however the kindergarten classrooms will be open to visit following this meeting. If a parent cannot come on April 17, please contact Culver Elementary at 574-842-3389, or 574-542-4017 to make other arrangements.

Student art show April 26, 27
Culver Tri Kappa is pleased to announce the 12th annual Student Art Show on Saturday, April 26 and Sunday, April

27, at the Culver Cove Marmont Room. The art show is open to any student from the Culver Academies, Culver Community High School and Culver Community Middle School. Categories include drawing, painting, photography, print and three-dimensional. Stop by and vote for best of show and people’s choice categories.
CUTPL Celebrates One Book, One County
During the month of April, the Culver-Union Township Public Library will celebrate “One Book, One County,” a county-wide program encouraging the community to read and discuss the same book. Marshall County’s 2014 selection for “One Book, One County” is “Orphan Train” by Christina Baker Kline. Stop by the library to pick up a reading guide and a book. CUTPL will host a book discussion led by Reference/Adult Services Librarian Laura Jones on Saturday, April 19 at 1:30 p.m. in the small meeting room. This program is free and open to the public.

Exercise for seniors
Culver-Union Township Public Library is pleased to offer Exercise for Seniors. This free exercise class for seniors will meet three times a week and offer easy, seated exercises. The program is scheduled for Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 10 a.m. and will meet downstairs in the large meeting room. For more information, call the Culver-Union Township Public Library at 574-842-2941 or e-mail ljones@culver.lib.in.us. The library’s street address is 107 N. Main Street.

CRC offers match to local donors’ STEM dollars

The Culver Redevelopment Commission is offering to match any local individual, organization, or entity wishing to support Culver Community Schools’ efforts to facilitate the new STEM-based program to better meet nationwide standards in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math, no matter how small the financial contribution, until they reach a total of \$10,000. Expenses may include new computers, software, or other equipment needed in support of implementing Project Lead the Way’s program, which are not covered by grant funds. For more information, or to set up a donation, contact Kathy Clark or the CRC at 574-952-2963 or k.clark6094@sbcglobal.net.

Friends seeking youth books
The Friends of the Culver Public Library will hold a book sale in April and are in need of children’s and young adult books to help with the sale’s success. Please check your bookcase and drop off at the lower level of Culver-Union Twp Public Library.

‘Catholicism, Coffee, & Current Events’
Topics of current interest and relevance through the lens of historic Christian ity and Catholic teaching takes place Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. in the conference room of the Culver Coffee Company, Lake Shore Drive in Culver. All are welcome to enjoy a cup of coffee and conversation. Topics include: Current events open forum (April 6), The Church and science - from evolution to the big bang, are faith and science compatible? (April 13), Immigration issues - what’s the ‘Christian perspective’? (April 20), The abuse scandal, the Inquisition, and more... when the Church seems like the ‘bad guy’ (April 27), Current events open forum/Q&A (and goodbye) (May 4).

Jacobson is 2014 Lilly scholar

PLYMOUTH - Cole Jacobson has been named recipient of a four-year, full tuition scholarship as the Marshall County Community Foundation (MCCF) 2014 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar. Jacobson will receive full tuition to the Indiana college of his choice and a \$900 yearly stipend for required books and equipment.
Jacobson is the son of Tod and Theresa Jacobson of Plymouth; Theresa is a longtime teacher at Culver Community Schools. Cole attends John Glenn High School and plans to attend the University of Notre Dame and will major in Actuarial Science.
The MCCF 2014 Lilly Scholarship Selection Committee consists of Beth Styers, Chair, Dr. Don Balka, Carolyn Kline, Connie Lemler, John Small Jr., Jared Weidner, Barbara Winters and Ron Zeltwanger.
For more information, contact Linda Yoder, Executive Director, Marshall County Community Foundation at 574-935-5159 or info@marshallcountycf.org or visit online at www.marshallcountycf.org.

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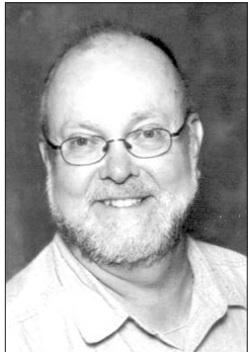
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Obituaries

David Owen Lee
April 22, 1940 - April 2, 2014



PLYMOUTH — David O. Lee, 73, of Plymouth died on Tuesday, April 2, 2014.

David was born on April 22, 1940 in Woodstock, Ill. to the late Ole and Amy (Richardson) Lee. After graduating from high school in Woodstock, Ill. and Southern Illinois University, David decided to join the army. His sister, Command Sergeant Major Mary A. Lee, who was on recruiting duty in Providence, R.I. wanted to be his recruiter and drove to Woodstock and returned to Providence with David. He chose to enlist with a guarantee to have advance training in Image Interpretation, the same element in the Army that identified the Russian Missiles in Cuba. He was very proud that he had the same military occupation specialty as they did and he was a model soldier. During his enlistment he had the opportunity to visit many countries including Norway where his father Ole Lee was born. After completing his three-year enlistment he returned to civilian life.

In July 1974 he married Teri (Throneberry) Lee and had nine children who survive: Daniel (Zulema) Lee of Mishawaka, Melissa Craig-Lee of Culver, Karen Lee of Culver, Anna (Gabriel) Kehoe of South Bend, Greg (Shea) Lee of Plymouth, Mary (Jeffery) Gates of South Bend, Lily Lee of Culver, Joseph Lee of Mishawaka, and Samantha Lee of Indianapolis. He is also survived by his sister Mary Ann Lee of Jacksonville, Ala., 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents Ole and Amy (Richardson) Lee, his brothers Robert and Delbert Lee, and a nephew Jeffery Lee.

David retired as a caseworker from the state of Illinois and moved to Culver to be close to his children and grandchildren. David was a member of Saint Mary of the Lake in Culver. He enjoyed volunteering his time at Culver Elementary School with Teri helping the children to learn to read. He was a member of the Tea Party and was the Alternative Communications Coordinator. He was also a member of Opus Dei.

Friends joined David's family in celebrating his life at Saint Mary's of the Lake Catholic Church, Culver on Sunday, April 6, 2014 from 4-6 p.m. EDT. Father Jeffery Largent officiated a Mass on Monday, April 7, 2014 at 11 a.m. EDT with visitation one hour prior. Burial took place after Mass at Burr Oak Cemetery, Culver. Memorials may be given to St. Mary's of the Lake Catholic Church in David's memory.

Condolences may be sent via the obituary page at www.odomfuneralhome.com.

The Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is assisting the family.

Mike McFarland
Feb. 18, 1955 – Feb. 22, 2014

PLYMOUTH — Mike McFarland, 59, of Plymouth died on Saturday, Feb. 22, 2014. He was born in Burr Oak on Feb. 18, 1955 to the late Robert (Burr Head) and Phebe C. (Aley) McFarland.

He was a retired Water, Wastewater Superintendent and a Supervisor at Donnite Corp. until it closed. He worked hard along side his father (Burr Head) teaching 4-H, shooting sports, care and upkeep of the equipment. As well as a Hunter Education Instructor. Mike was a standing member of NRA, NIOA, AWWA, and IWEA.

Mike is survived by his fiancée Frances (Buckner) MacLain, brother Randy McFarland, nieces Nicole and Angela McFarland, aunt Dorothy McFarland, several cousins and close friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother C.M. McFarland.

A Memorial Service will be held at the Culver Depot on Saturday, April 19, 2014 from 1 – 3 p.m.

Memorials may be given to the American Heart Association, the American Lung Association, Humane Society, or the Indiana Lions Eye Bank.

The Odom Funeral Home, Culver, assisted the family with arrangements.

Charlene 'Chuckie' Strang
Dec. 20, 1926 - April 4, 2014



CULVER — Charlene Strang of Culver concluded her loving, giving life on April 4 at the age of 87. She was given the name Charlene by her father, who was certain it could never be converted to a nickname. Naturally she later became “Chuckie” to the many who were enriched by knowing her as wife, mother, friend, and significant contributor to the Culver community. Born in Chicago to a family founded by her German immigrant

grandparents, Charlene spent enjoyable childhood summers at the family's second home at Bass Lake. There as a teenager she met the Culver youngster, Ted Strang, who was to become her husband after his World War II service ended. Their marriage over the subsequent decades was a model of love and dedication.

Chuckie became a pillar of the Culver community. She was in fact the face of the town to newcomers when she served as Culver's Welcome Wagon Lady for many years. Others first knew her at a much younger age, when she worked as a preschool teacher at the Wesley United Methodist Church. To this day many graduates of that school, now adults, remember her with fondness. A profoundly devout Christian, at various other times she served in that church's office and was a regular worker at its Thrift Shop. Equal in importance to Chuckie, and to Ted, was their association with Culver's VFW Post 6919. She was a life member and past president of its auxiliary, and for many years its treasurer. She also volunteered for the American Red Cross in blood drives, and was active in the Culver City Club, a locally focused service organization. All of this service was recognized one year when Chuckie was selected the Grand Marshall of the Lakefest Parade.

She is survived by Ted, by two sons (Carl of Warrenville, Ill., and Gary with wife Lisa of Easton, Md.), and by Gary and Lisa's three sons (Greg Strang of Cambridge, Md.; Captain Derek Strang who is an Air Force pilot in Mountain Home, Idaho; and Lt. Brice Strang, U.S. Army Reserve, of Easton, Md.).

Visiting hours for Charlene Strang were 5-8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8 at the Odom Funeral Home in Culver, and the funeral service was at Wesley United Methodist Church on Wednesday, April 9 at 11 a.m. Memorial donations may be made to that church.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the obituary page at www.odomfuneralhome.com.

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

Gouwens to present organ
recital Sunday

John Gouwens will present his annual faculty organ recital on the Moller/Fabry organ in the Memorial Chapel, on the campus of Culver Academies, on Sunday, April 13, at 4 p.m. Eastern Time.

The program will open with "Prelude and Fugue in D" by J.S. Bach, continue with Virgil Fox's gripping arrangement of Bach's "Come, Sweet Death," the monumental "Pastorale" by French composer Jules Roger-Ducasse, and a hymn and an improvisation on that hymn (the tune being selected moments before the recital begins). The second half of the program will be devoted to the music of Charles Tournemire, a prominent French organist-composer famous for his brilliant improvisations. Gouwens "Cantilene," a selection from "L'Orgue mystique," and will close the recital with another "L'Orgue mystique" postlude.

The recital is open to the general public free of charge. A reception will follow the performance (with treats prepared by the recitalist).

The schedule is set for carillon recitals for 2014 well. Recitals on the 51-bell carillon will be presented at 4 p.m. Saturday afternoons on the following dates: April 26; May 17; June 21 and 28; July 5, 12, 19, and 26; August 30; and October 4. These recitals also are open to the general public.

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In the photo and article titled, "VFW soup cook-off a win for Culver food pantry (and McKee)" in the March 27 edition of *The Culver Citizen*, it was reported that Culver's Cafe Max was among those entering soups in the annual VFW soup cook-off. The Culver Coffee Company, however, should have been named as one of the providers instead. The *Citizen* regrets the error.

Correction

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She also read lyrics from a song she described as one of Shidler's favorites, "I Hope You Dance."

Donald Clark

Also honoring his health and physical education teacher -- in this case recent retiree Ron Stevens -- was Donald Clark, son of Anthony and Janeen Clark and a participant in National Honor Society, National Jr. Honor Society, Science Club, band, BPA, the CAVS Club, football, track, and wrestling.

Clark, who plans to attend Manchester University to study Business Administration, said he was "proud of those (students) who are here with me," and described the fun, responsive environment" of Stevens' health classes, noting some of Stevens' "words of wisdom and motivation helped me become the student and athlete I became."

Stevens initially joked that his smile might be bigger than the other 21 people at the honorees' tables "because I'm the only one who didn't go to school all day!"

He said he'd reflected, since retirement, on the power teachers have for good or ill among students and described the influence his own P.E. teacher had on him as a student, noting he himself had no idea of the impact he'd had on Clark.

He recalled Clark as a student he often mistook for being older than he actually was, and a participant in Stevens' weights class who would invest in the work whether the teacher was watching or not. He noted Clark congratulated his fellow students at the beginning of his speech, and added, "It was a pleasure to have taught him and for him to become my friend...I know you'll be very successful."

Kayla Shaffer

Kayla M. Shaffer, daughter of Don and Susan Shaffer and granddaughter of Nancy Strycker, was a participant Art, Science, and Spanish Clubs, band, BPA, the CAVS Club, and as class vice-president and secretary, as well as in softball, track, basketball, and soccer. With plans to attend Indiana University East and major in Business, Shaffer chose to honor elementary art teacher Joyce Lyman.

She described "exciting" art classes with Lyman making a variety of works in an array of mediums, and shared a story of gathering walnuts at Lyman's house with her brother and enjoying Lyman's fried mushrooms and plenty of laughs.

"She first inspired me in art," said Shaffer. "She always had a big smile on her face and taught me something new each day...I wish every class was like hers; she's the best teacher ever."

For her part, Lyman described the class of 2014 as a favorite of hers and said she was "honored to be chosen by this world-famous basketball star! I'm so proud to be remembered by a good kid."

She referenced Shaffer's grandfather, the late John Strycker, as a likely influence along with Shaffer's parents in particularly instilling a strong work ethic.

Lyman also elicited laughter in not only noting Shaffer picked up more walnuts during the aforementioned day than the three boys working at it at the same time, but

adding, "I think tossing them into her container helped make her that great basketball player!"

Kennedy Thomas

There were more laughs to follow as Kennedy Thomas, daughter of Randy Thomas, ribbed chosen teacher Shane Lowry, art teacher at CCHS.

Thomas, who participated in National Honor Society and Jr. National Honor Society, Science, Art, and Spanish Clubs, band, CAVS Club, soccer, and acted as a Girls State Delegate, has an undecided major at Purdue University planned.

Describing Lowry as "the most sarcastic, sassy teacher I've ever had," Thomas presented a list of humorous verbal interactions with Lowry over the course of her high school career, adding that Lowry's outright praise of her as one of his favorite students to have in class took place "when no one was around."

"I did learn a lot about art," she said, "even though I'm not that great at it. He loves it and loves teaching it; he's inspiring."

Joking that this might be his last speech as an educator after Thomas' laundry list of his tongue-in-cheek insults, Lowry congratulated all ten students presenting that evening, and said it was an honor to be chosen by Thomas.

Though admitting he regularly "kids" Thomas, Lowry acknowledged telling her she's one of his favorite students to have in class.

"She also mentally quit my class like 50 times," he quipped. "She would say, 'I should go to Guidance and quit this class' I'd say, 'Don't tease me!'"

"It's been a pleasure to have you in class," he added, on a more serious note. "I really got to know you this year...I think we packed four years into one year. Your hard work is impressive to me."

Dylan Bennett

The son of Michael and Bonnie Bennett, Dylan Bennett -- a participant in National Honor Society, band, chorus, Drama and Spanish Clubs, the CAVS Club, basketball, cross country, soccer, and track, and class vice president his junior year -- plans an Aviation Management major at Purdue University West Lafayette. He honored CCHS math teacher Michael Buschman.

Explaining Buschman had been "a big part of my life since 6th grade" and noting he'd had Buschman as a track coach through his junior year, Bennett said the teacher helped him become an athlete as well as in the classroom, where math is his favorite subject.

"Despite rumors in the hallways, he can make mistakes -- it's just rare," smiled Bennett, who added he credited Buschman "with a lot of where I've been and am going in my life."

Buschman began by thanking his wife Ashley, pointing out people are often unaware of the demands of being married to a coach and educator.

Bennett, said Buschman, has "a certain confidence that he knows he's going to be successful. It's the way he carries himself. Sometimes it doesn't turn out well, and he takes that; it's okay."

He also described Bennett as having "a quietness about him, but no fear of helping people out and coming up with ideas...it's interesting that he wants to be an air traffic controller. He's going into the most stressful job in the world, but this is the kind of person you want in that position. He's even-headed (and) can make decisions in crunch time."

Timothy Wireman

Making speeches was a central theme in the speech of Timothy Wireman, son of David and Patty Ruhnnow Wireman, as well as that of his chosen educator, speech coach and teacher Luke Biernacki.

Wireman plans to major in Business at Indiana University in Bloomington, and during his CCHS tenure took part in National Honor Society and Jr. National Honor Society, the Caval Crier, chorus, the French and Science Clubs, CAVS Club, CYCO, cross country and varsity track, and was class president, secretary-treasurer, and vice president (during various yeas) as well as being a Boys State Delegate.

Wireman said he chose to honor Biernacki for several reasons, including the pride and love he has in his work, his positive attitude and encouragement, and especially the skill of impromptu speaking Biernacki inspired in him.

While he used that skill in every class, said Wireman, it especially helped him after his brother Bruce died in a car accident. Wireman wanted to let people know who his brother was, and to say goodbye, he said, at his brother's funeral.

"If not for Mr. Biernacki's training, it would have been impossible. It was the hardest thing ever. I wouldn't have been able to do that without him. Thank you; I owe you a lot."

Biernacki, who described Wireman's as "a wonderful family," described Wireman as thoughtful, kind, and energetic, and cited his ability to unite a classroom with his sense of humor.

Biernacki also described Wireman's efforts at speech

meets, where he said his primary objective was "to make the judge laugh at least one time. I probably should have said, 'No, Timmy,' but I said, 'Do it!' I would love to have seen the judges' faces!"

In fact, Biernacki read excerpts from several comment cards from judges at past speech meets -- to much laughter -- including, "You are a very pleasant fellow, but you just didn't know squat about the subject. To your credit, you said so up front. But you entertained me quite nicely."

"All kidding aside," concluded Biernacki, "he's truly genuine. If he's marching to a drummer, he is the most enthusiastic one out there. He made me a better teacher. It's truly awesome to get to teach a kid like that."

Caleb Dehning

Also quite animated in his presentation was Caleb Dehning, son of Pastor K.C. and Terri Dehning, who honored 6th grade teacher Todd Shafer.

Dehning participated in National Honor Society and National Jr. Honor Society, French Club, chorus and band, CAVS Club, and golf, and was a Boys State Delegate and class president. He also served as baseball, soccer, and softball announced. Dehning will major in Music Performance at DePauw University this fall.

Dehning described a dislike of school, at the outset of his 6th grade year, so fierce that he literally had to be dragged to the car to attend, and didn't care what grades he earned.

Shafer, said Dehning, "changed the way I look at education (and) made it interesting for the first time in my life... he helped me find my calling."

Dehning explained Shafer used Dehning's interest -- especially that of music -- to Dehning's academic advantage as a motivator.

"It kind of created this effect that he taught me how to do things creatively," added Dehning, "not only to the best of my ability, but in the most creative way possible."

As a result, Dehning became excited to go to school and began breaking out of his comfort zone, including taking a lead role in Shafer's annual Shakespeare play and as a defense attorney in a mock trial staged during his class.

"I feel sorry for all the students who did not, or will not, go through Mr. Shafer's class," concluded Dehning.

Shafer, noting he didn't feel he could follow Dehning's rousing, detailed speech, thanked Dehning's parents and recalled Dehning's arrival at the small Monterey Elementary School, and the pressure Shafer himself felt to do well by the new student.

"He is very energetic; it's neat to see," said Shafer. "No matter what we did, he was there; he was involved."

He also described Dehning as "one of the bright spots" in an otherwise "rough year" in many ways.

"Being chosen by a student like this -- it's knowing he remembers the positive and learned stuff that year. For me, that's one of the most important things as a teacher... no matter what he does, in music or anything, he has a very bright future. And all of our futures will be brighter because of him."

Megan Lyczak

The daughter of Matt and Toni Lyczak, Megan Lyczak was a participant in National Honor Society and National Jr. Honor Society, as well as a Girls State Delegate. She took part in band, Science and Spanish Clubs, the CAVS Club and CYCO, and soccer, and plans to attend Purdue University to major in Psychology.

In honoring CCHS English teacher Vickie Benner, Lyczak said her interactions with Benner began when Lyczak was a freshman in the IGNITION program, which pairs freshmen with older students to help orient the newcomers to high school. But having Benner during her junior year, Lyczak said she was "amazed at the passion she had. She wanted everyone else to love what she loved -- to be a better writer (and) to care more about history. I wanted to study more to show her she was not wasting her time. I had never felt this way about a teacher before."

"I want to thank her for inspiring me and helping me to do better."

Benner made a point of recognizing colleagues not present at the event.

"I represent many other teachers who have played a significant role in the lives of these young adults," she said, adding she was "truly grateful to be standing next to Megan tonight."

She called Lyczak a "quiet leader" in the freshman IGNITION program who has gone on to be a mentor in the program herself. Lyczak, said Benner, also "excels in all aspects of English class. Writing seems to flow effortlessly from her, yet I know her dedication to her studies."

Emphasizing she was not "copying" Thomas' idea from earlier in the event, Benner used each letter of Lyczak's first name as an acronym to describe her, but using vocabulary words from class, including "munificent" (characterized by generosity), "erudite" (intelligent -- the top student in the senior class), "gregarious" (associating with others socially), "affable" (pleasant and gracious), and "notable" (having made her mark on Culver).

In describing the honored students and congratulating their honored teachers, CCHS principal Albert Hanselman described them as "a group of young people who are talented academically and athletically (who will be) very successful in the game of life."

He also lauded the parents in attendance.

"We as educators understand the importance of a good education, and we know that all of you as parents know that too...we have to stay on our game each and every day to stay ahead of your kids."

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Culver Comm. Schools honor athletes

Culver Commm. High and Middle Schools held their annual winter sports awards last month.

TOP LEFT: High School All Conference Athletes. Front row: Trent Elliott, Jacoda Anderson, Jerrod Betts. Back row: Donna Zehner, Kayla Shaffer, Mickella Hardy.

TOP RIGHT: High School Scholar Athletes. Front row, from left: Josh Krsek, Cody Valiquet, Brendon Pinder, Allie Harris, Courtney Salyer, Haley Jones. Middle row: Brennin Betts, Marisa Howard, Tatum Schultz, Grace Lorenz, Summer Moore, Olivia Johnson. Back row: Jerrod Betts, Elizabeth McElroy, Mickella Hardy, Shakkira Harris.

RIGHT: Middle School Scholar Athletes. Front row: Collin Knowlton, Lance Beaver, Jake Rodgers, Tracey Lindvall, Jenna Moise, Kennedy Ash. Back row: Brandon Jones, Hunter Ringer, RT Roberts, Ethan Shuman, Raymie Shoop.



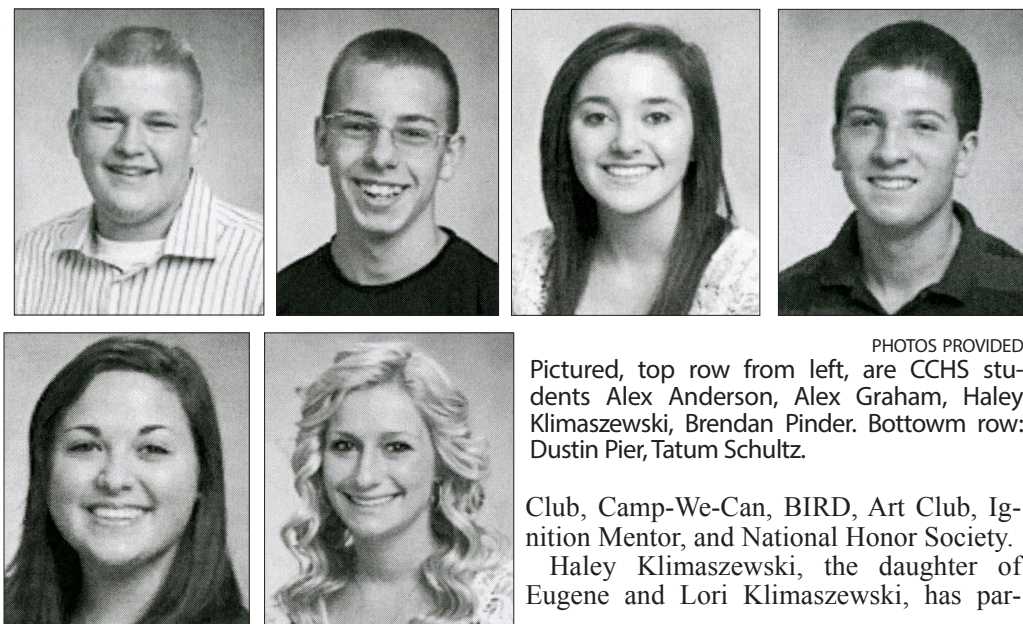
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CCHS Boys and Girls State Delegates

Culver Comm. High School has announced its Hoosier Boys and Girls State Delegates.

Girls State Delegates Tatum Schultz, the daughter of Troy and Hollie Schultz, has participated in 4-H, Student Council (Class President), basketball, cross-country, track, CAVS Club, BPA, Science Club, Spanish Club, Ignition Mentor, Camp-We-Can, CYCO, BIRD, and National Honor Society.

Dustie Pier, the daughter of Paul and Tonnia Pier, has participated in BPA, CAVS, CYCO, basketball, Science Club, Spanish



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Pictured, top row from left, are CCHS students Alex Anderson, Alex Graham, Haley Klimaszewski, Brendan Pinder. Bottom row: Dustin Pier, Tatum Schultz.

Club, Camp-We-Can, BIRD, Art Club, Ignition Mentor, and National Honor Society.

Haley Klimaszewski, the daughter of Eugene and Lori Klimaszewski, has par-

ticipated in CAVS, CYCO, Spanish Club, Art Club, Science Club, BPA, BIRD, Ignition Mentor, Camp-We-Can, HOBY, volleyball, softball, Student Council, and National Honor Society.

Boys State Delegates

Alex Anderson, the son of Kirby and Patricia Anderson, has participated in football, track, baseball, BPA, 4-H, Art Club, and CAVS.

Brendan Pinder, the son of (the late) Kerry and Stephanie Pinder, has participated in the following activities at CCHS: CAVS, CYCO, Spanish Club, Science Club, Art Club, BIRD, BPA, Ignition Mentor, Camp-We-Can, soccer, basketball, baseball, and National Honor Society.

Alex Graham, the son of James and Angela Graham, has participated in football, basketball, baseball, Science Club, Camp-We-Can, and CAVS.

Delegates must be in the upper half of their class (GPA); have leadership skills; be honest; and exhibit great character and citizenship.

Max Move set for April 19

All interested individuals are invited to participate in the third annual Max Move, held Saturday, April 19 from 9 a.m. to noon.

The goal for everyone who participates is to move around beautiful Lake Maxinkuckee at their own pace, enjoying one of the area's most beautiful natural resources. This is not a race, but instead, an opportunity to be with friends and family while participating in a fun wellness event.

If your goal is running, walking fast, walking leisurely or just strolling, we will facilitate this event to cater your needs. If you have never ventured around the lake and are a bit apprehensive that you will get half way around and not make it back, no need to fear, we will have a chase car to return you to the starting line if that should happen.

In addition, three refreshment SEG stops will be provided along the route.

The walk starts and finishes at the Naval Building on the Culver Academies campus.

This is event is free of cost, but please arrive around 8:45 to register. Parking is located at the hockey rink or around the oval near the flagpoles.



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