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## In Brief

### School make-up days

The Culver Community School corporation has announced that its snow make-up days will take place on May 27 and 28. Graduation will still take place on May 23.

### Baseball, softball signups

Culver baseball will hold its 2008 sign-up at the Culver Public Library on Saturday, April 5, Saturday, April 12, and Sunday, April 20. Sign-ups will be from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. Any child ages four through 12 as of June 1 may participate. This year we are also starting a girls' softball league. Sign-ups for softball are the same date as baseball. Those with questions may call (574) 842-3992.

### Easter egg hunt, petting zoo at the park

On Saturday, March 22, starting at 10 a.m., Culver's town park will hold its annual Easter Egg hunt. Culver's Young Farmers will also hold their annual petting zoo in the western end of the park, for children of all ages.

### Boys & Girls Club spring break

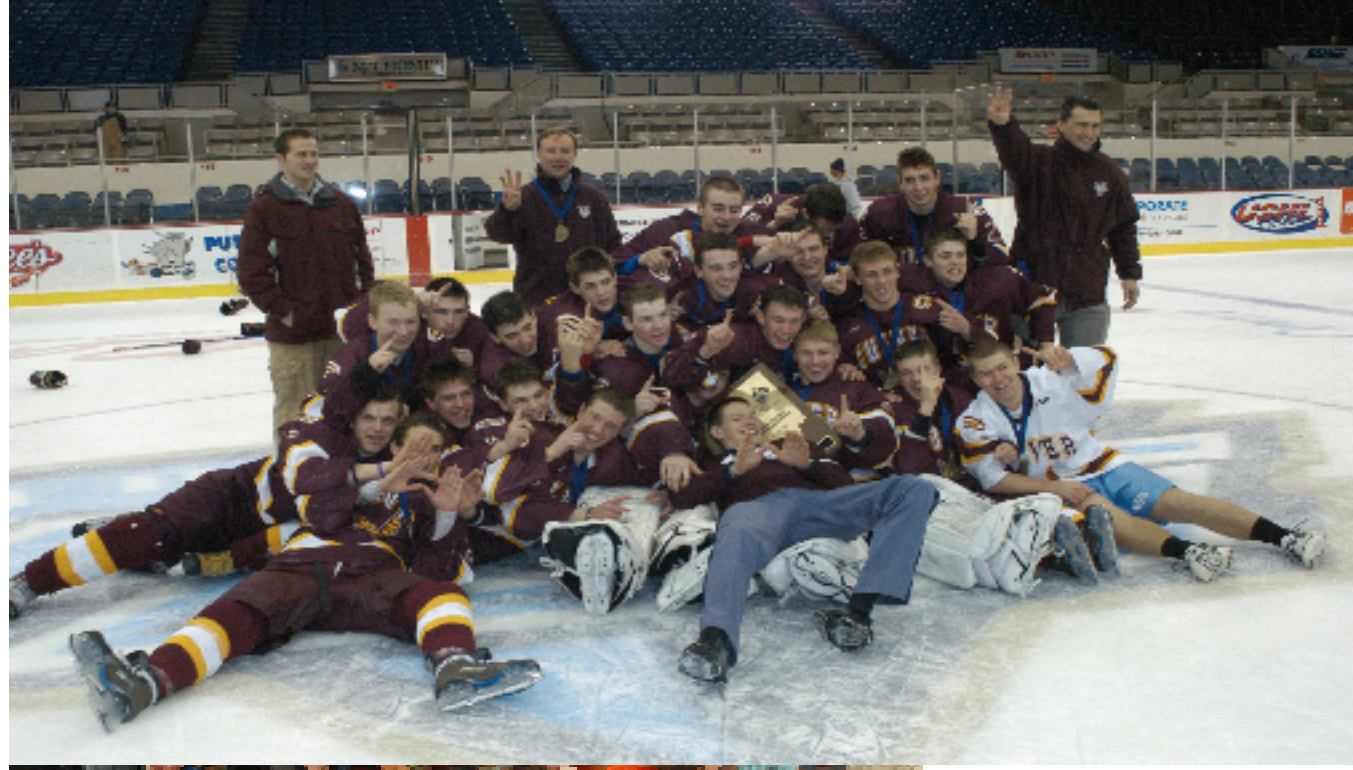
Culver's Boys & Girls Club's spring break hours will be 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., March 24-28. Lunch will be provided at noon. Spring break activities are free with Club membership, \$25 per year (scholarships are available). The Club's Kidstop Daycare program will be open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cost is \$10 per day or \$45 per week, with breakfast, lunch, and snack provided. Deadline to sign up and pay is March 18th. Questions may be directed to (574) 250-0103.

### Kindergarten roundup

Culver Community School superintendent Brad Schuldt has announced kindergarten roundup for students in the Culver Elementary School attendance district on Weds., April 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the Culver Elementary School cafeteria. Kindergarten roundup for students in the Monterey Elementary School attendance district will be held on Thursday, April 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the Monterey Elementary School cafeteria. To be eligible for kindergarten, a child must be five years old on or before Aug. 1, 2008. Children do not need to attend this informational meeting for parents. At the meeting, parents will be informed about required health records, forms needed

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# CMA wins state hockey crown



PHOTO/JAN GARRISON

The Culver Military Academy Varsity B hockey team won its third straight Indiana High School Hockey Association title at the Pepsi Coliseum in Indianapolis on Saturday, March 8 in an overtime victory against Hamilton Southeastern.

In the photo: team members Frank DeAugustine, Grey Edwards, Alex Feighan, Tony Glacin, Evan Iwaniec, Stephen Keisler, Luke Kucera, Conner Kucera, Matt Mahalak, Kyle Ohradzansky, Tommy Ott, Dominic Panetta, Will Preston, Johnny Rathjen, Tyler Rostenkowski, Blake Roubos, John Sabo, Luke Sandler, Blake Saylor, Andrew Schmit, Scott Snyder, Max Terhar, Todd Paul, Vince Vacketta, Anthony Wolfe, head coach J.J. Schmiedlin and assistant coach Jeremy Church.

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## Survivors

Cancer survivors (from left) Mike Schwartz, Karen Easterday, Deb Scott spoke to students at Culver High School as part of a kickoff of that school's involvement in Culver's April 18 Relay for Life.

# Relay kicks off at Culver high school

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Culver high school last week held a kick-off assembly on March 5 to introduce Culver's Relay for Life event to students. The assembly included three cancer survivors telling their stories, two of whom are CHS faculty members, Mike Schwartz and Deb Scott. Katie Barnes, former Culver Middle School student and presently a student at Culver Girls Academy, provided information about the April 18 event, for which students were given an opportunity to sign up through clubs they are involved with at the school. Relay for Life raises money for the American Cancer Society.

Already signed up are CHS' Business Professionals of America, CAVS service club, the Caval Crier newspaper staff, Cornucopia literary magazine staff, the Industrial Technology Club, the Foreigners Club, and sev-

eral student-developed teams not affiliated with school-sponsored clubs.

Several CHS staff members will be chaperoning and sponsoring teams as well.

In addition to forming teams, the school will also contribute to the evening's entertainment. Two Culver Community School bands will be performing at the event, which takes place all night Friday the 18 until the morning of the 19, at the Culver Academy track at the corner of State Roads 117 and 10.

Culver High School is selling luminaries to help raise money for the event, and the IT club will be making plaques to commemorate the event and selling them to the community and the schools in order to raise money for the event.

*Katie Etlinger and Paul Pare' assisted with the writing of this article.*

## Relay seeks survivors, supporters

On April 18, starting at 7pm, the two high schools in the town of Culver will be hosting an American Cancer Society signature event: Relay For Life. Relay is an overnight festivity whose mission is to celebrate individuals who have had to fight cancer, remember those we have lost to cancer, and fight back against the disease. This Relay will be the first in Indiana to be run by high-school students, and will be held at the Culver Academies' football field. American Cancer Society defines a survivor as anyone who has ever heard the words, "You have can-

cer." Survivors of cancer are encouraged to contact Gayle Lewallen (lewallg@culver.org), or call the survivor committee adult supervisor Lauran Allinson (574) 842-8290 if interested in participating or getting more information. Relay is a wonderful opportunity to meet people from the surrounding area, as well as participate in raising funds for cancer research, education, and patient services in our local area.

One does not have to be a survivor to attend and participate, however there will be special ceremonies to celebrate our survivors.



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## Weight watchers

Culver Elementary School sixth graders (from left) Torrie Christlieb, Caitlyn Brewer, Hayes Barnes, and Gunnar Schmidt weigh one of two rats used in a multi-week nutrition study in Marilyn Day's science class.

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# Major repaving discussed by council

By Jeff Kenney, Citizen editor

As in many area communities, repairing streets and potholes locally occupied a good portion of the discussion at Culver's town council meeting on March 11. Specifically, Lake Shore Drive between Bradley Street at the east and Main Street at the west, was on tap, with town manager Sean McDermott raising the possibility that the area may be due for a total repaving, including removing the bottom layer

and pave over with new, would be a temporary solution estimated at three to five years of durability.

He reported seeking price quotes for the project – a major one by any standards – which could be done in phases. Council president Ralph Winters noted that the council has roughly \$100,000 to work with this year towards paving. Council member Ed Pinder expressed his opposition to repaving the street to that degree. "We've

tion of street merits the depth of the project, which could be executed four to six blocks at a time. Winters acknowledged that cost is a factor. "This would consume our entire paving budget for the next five or six years. In the past, we have milled down (the existing pavement) to the brick, leveled out the cuts and holes, and done a three-inch overlay...that's probably an eight to ten year repair. (But) this is a heavily traveled street, and it's our



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Potholes like this one, on Lake Shore Drive near State Street – and how to handle repaving of them – are causing headaches for the town of Culver, and were a central topic at the March 11 town council meeting.

of bricks beneath the present pavement. McDermott said that a less thorough overlay of pavement, which would strip away a layer of asphalt

never done a street like this before," said Pinder. "Why start now?"

McDermott said that the travel and wear on that sec-

front door to community." In response to concerns from Winters and Pinder about cost, McDermott not

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## Birth announcement



On Feb. 13, 2008, Dave and Julie (Easterday) Day of Noblesville, IN, added twin boys to their family. Austin Vincent Day, born at 5:41 p.m., weighed 5lb., 5oz. and was 20 inches long. Aiden Walker Day, born at 5:46 p.m., weighed 6 lb., 4oz. and was 20 inches long. Also welcoming the twins was big brother Landon Robert, age two.

Maternal grandparents are Greg and Karen Easterday, Culver. Paternal grandparents are Fred and Nancy Day, Rochester. Paternal great-grandparents are Georgia Day, Arcadia, and Gale Young, Sheridan.

## REAL Services menu

Those interested in sharing a meal at REAL Meals are asked to call Ruth Walker at the nutrition site (the Culver beach lodge) before 11 a.m. on the day before for reservations, at (574) 842-8878. There is a suggested donation of \$3.50 for each meal.

Thurs., March 20: Turkey Manhattan, mashed potatoes, gravy, beets, bread & margarine, fresh fruit, milk.

Fri., March 21: Tuna noodle casserole, peas & carrots, brussels sprouts, bread & margarine, jello w/fruit, milk.

Mon., March 24: Chick-

en patty, bun, red potatoes, broccoli, applesauce, milk.

Tues., March 25: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, carrots, strawberries, wheat roll, milk.

Weds., March 26: Pork loin, lima beans, cottage cheese, pineapple, apple spice cake, bread & margarine, milk.

Thurs., March 27: Ham & beans, cole slaw, corn bread and margarine, greens, diced onion, apricots, milk.

Fri., March 28: Pasta primavera, tossed salad and dressing, garlic bread, Italian beans, pineapple, milk.

enced was not the Marshall County auditor, and no part of the article referred to that office.

## Clarification

In last week's Citizen article, "Library board approves, previews children's room renovation," the auditor ref-

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for registration, kindergarten screening, Indiana curriculum standards, and programs available for kindergarteners. Parents should bring a copy of the child's birth certificate to verify date of birth, and child's immunization record. Parents who cannot attend the roundup should call Culver Elementary at (574) 842-3389 or Monterey Elementary at (574) 542-2601 to make other arrangements.

### Grace church prayer garden open

A "Meditation Garden" has been erected in the back of the sanctuary at Grave United Church of Christ on Plymouth St. for private and personal prayers and reflections. Guided meditations and reflections will be made available to those who desire a more structured experience with the symbols of the season. One must see for oneself the beauty of the garden in enclosed area of the church. Prayer Garden Hours: Sun: 9-10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Mon: 1:30-3:30 p.m. Tues: 9-11 a.m. Wed: 7:30-9 p.m. Thurs: 9-11 a.m. Fri: 9 a.m.-11 a.m.. Additional times will be posted on the door.

### Good Friday Services at Ancilla Chapel

Donaldson, IN --- Good Friday Service will be held in the Ancilla Domini Chapel, at the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ Ministry Center at 3:00 p.m. on March 21, 2008.

The Ancilla Domini choir will sing "The Passion according to St. John" by William Byrd. Robert Pickell portrays the Evangelist; Charles Weaver, Jesus; and Gary Sriver, Synagoga. Instrumentalists will be Kelly Filson, flute and Morgan Hasset, oboe. Mary Lou McCarthy is Director/Organist.

ed that the less extensive overlay paving would cost around \$100,000 and milling of the brick approximately \$200,000, just under half the cost of the thorough repaving he proposes. Council member Ginny Munroe pointed out that the town is engaged in applying for an infrastructure study grant and hoping to apply for a larger grant to upgrade its sewer and water. "If we get into the sewer project and find out we have to rip up certain blocks of the street," said Munroe, "we may find out we have to rip out (the pavement) we just put down."

Council members Lynn Overmeyer and Sally Ricciardi echoed the sentiments of most of the council that the section in question is in dire need of repair. Most also agreed that any major repaving before the hoped-for sewer project could force destruction of portions of an expensive, recently-paved street. Winters noted that in past years, temporary patching of damaged streets has been handled by slurry seal, which repairs major cracks and holes, albeit temporarily. "But," he added. "The condition of the street then was not nearly what it is now. We've got a real mess out there."

Audience member Doris Breyfogle pointed out that some sections of Lake Shore Drive - such as from the intersection of Main Street to Lakeview Street - would almost certainly not have to be torn up by the proposed sewer project, which will probably affect a stretch of Lake Shore Drive more radically further east. "That (western) portion of road I don't think you'd have to be tearing up anytime soon," she said. "The part from the fire station to Osborn's is another whole issue, and probably touchier as far as being a temporary fix. I agree that has serious problems down there."

Winters added that, even if the town is awarded the substantial infrastructure grant it hopes to receive, it could be as long as three years before action is taken on the town's infrastructure as a whole. McDermott suggested that the infrastructure study planned with the grant currently in process could begin with Lake Shore Drive, to speed up the process.

In other actions, the council approved the hiring of a new full-time police officer by Culver police Chief Wayne Bean. Troy Ulch, said Bean, grew up in Culver but

is currently part of the Wells County sheriff's department in Bluffton. Bean thanked the council for its patience during the hiring process, which he said is time consuming and presented him with a difficult decision. Winters commended Bean's work in screening applicants and his final choice. Bean said Ulch could be hired within the month.

The council approved the submission of its application for a state-managed grant awarding federal monies to conduct an infrastructure study for Culver, and also approved the commitment of \$4,400 as the town's portion of the matching grant. \$2,000 from the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council, originally intended to make up half of the money owed, cannot be used towards the required ten percent the town must submit, McDermott explained. The \$2,000 from the LMEC instead will now be in addition to the town's \$4,400 portion.

Culver EMS director Millie Sytsma updated the council on her department's work in the month of February, noting that there were a total of 35 ambulance runs in February, 18 in Culver, five in Union Township outside Culver, two to Monterey, and two to Culver Academies. She also noted that two of the service's drivers resigned last month, leaving the EMS in great need of daytime drivers. She said that drivers must be 21 years of age and have a clean driving record, and pass the service's driving course. She also noted that she is teaching CPR courses for the entire staff of the Culver School Corporation, which is now required to be CPR certified. Sytsma added praise for the positive relationship the EMS has developed with the fire department. "If we need additional help, we just call and get all kinds of it," she said.

Also discussed was the town's sidewalk cost-sharing program for 2008, with Winters explaining that half of last year's \$25,000 sidewalk budget was earmarked for a program in which the town helps private citizens pay for materials for sidewalk creation or restoration, with homeowners handling the hiring and payment for a contractor to do the labor.

In response to queries from Winters, council member Pinder reported that he

was not aware of any concrete plans from the Second Century committee in Culver for any major sidewalk projects in 2008, though Sean McDermott noted that the Community Redevelopment Committee recently discussed creation of a sidewalk connecting Miller's Merry Manor on School Street with the nearby baseball diamond to prevent wheelchair-bound citizens having to use the street to travel south.

It was noted that new construction projects - including private individuals -- and businesses are exempt from the sidewalk cost sharing program. Pinder added a concern that the specifications for sidewalk creation listed by McDermott might be too stringent. McDermott said he would speak to contractors to find a reasonable expectation for sidewalk creation specifications. Winters also stressed the importance of new sidewalks' compliance with Americans with Disabilities standards, and the need to make town sidewalks wheelchair-friendly.

The council also approved financing of a new vactor truck for the town to be paid over five years, and the purchase of a short-bladed chainsaw at the request of fire chief Mike Grover, who said the fire department uses the saws to cut into roofs and that long bladed saws are more dangerous on steep or slippery rooftops.

The council voted to proceed with prosecution of the Riggings on Culver's north side related to debris and a semi trailer at that site, and an ongoing effort to discern the responsible party, said McDermott. He added that the county has a substantial circuit court Cost Recovery Fund which could be obtained if the town prosecutes.

The council asked McDermott to renegotiate prices with Bennett's plumbing and heating for a dishwasher unit to be used to clean vials and other glassware used in testing town water.

McDermott asked that the council be made aware of Citywork software, a computer program that works with the county GIS mapping system and could be used to create a maintenance and repair schedule for streets, trees, storm and sewer water, and other assets. Council member Ginny Munroe said she has researched the product and was impressed with it.

McDermott said he and Mark Sullivan had a fruitful meeting with Culver Academies facilities director Jeff Kutch concerning the town's infrastructure planning grant and sewer and water issues. "They're being proactive on their end," said McDermott, "changing their pumping schedule, cleaning out sludge, which they hope will help with odor issues... they're very willing to work with the town and help solve these problems jointly."

The council approved advertising for two part time, summer positions on the town's street crew.

Also approved was permission for town attorney Ron Gifford to go forward in creating a special use permit and fine for non-compliance with cleanup of grease traps at restaurants and food facilities in Culver. Gifford was also authorized to go forward with the drafting of a preliminary ordinance for storm water.

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Troy Ulch, right, is sworn in by Culver town clerk Casey Howard as the town's newest, full-time police officer. Ulch, who grew up in Culver, has been working with the Sheriff's department in Wells County, and according to Culver police chief Wayne Bean, should begin work with the Culver department in the very near future.

## Ulch is Culver's newest police officer

By Jeff Kenney, Citizen editor  
The citizens of Culver should soon be seeing a new face patrolling the town's streets. Troy Ulch was sworn in on March 17 as Culver's newest, full-time police officer, a vacancy left when officer Jeremy Somerville left the department last year.

If Ulch is a familiar face to many, it's because he grew up in Culver and graduated from Culver high school before moving to Fort Wayne to attend college. After a brief move back to the Culver area, Ulch moved to Bluffton, just south of Fort Wayne, and began work as a reserve officer for the Wells County Sheriff's department, a move spurred on by the father of Ulch's fiancé, him-

self a retired sheriff's deputy there.

Ulch says police work is "definitely something in my blood." His grandfather, Win Hanson, was a Plymouth police officer whose own father, Ulch believes, was once the chief in the same city. "(Law enforcement work) has always been a little bit of a dream of mine, but it always seemed unattainable...when I met my fiance's father, he showed me it's possible. You can get it, but you have to work at it."

Ulch had been contemplating a move back to Culver, and happened to call looking for police department openings just before Somerville announced his departure. It wasn't long before he got

the call he'd hoped for. "It's always been a hope of mine to come back here. I like the town. We would like to have kids someday, and then I thought it would be a nice town to raise kids."

Culver chief Wayne Bean says that the process of weeding through the 27 initial applicants for the job was long and made for some tough choices. He notes that Ulch will begin with Culver's field officer training program before being out on his own, and will also have to attend Indiana's Police Academy's next available class session. Meantime, Bean and the rest of Culver's officers are grateful to add Ulch to their ranks, says Bean. "We're glad to have him aboard."

## Trinity offers family bible study

Trinity Lutheran Church in Culver, is hosting a Marriage and Family Bible study for the Culver community. The Rev. K.C. Dehning, pastor at Trinity, will present the study, which is patterned after a book entitled, "Building the Christian Home - A Marriage Enrichment Manual." The Bible study will be presented on five-consecutive Wednesdays in April beginning at 6:30 p.m. Dehning comments, "Good marriages need to be built and the best place to begin is with the One

who designed marriage in the first place." Using similar terminology to the building of a house, the Marriage and Family Bible Study will be divided into five sessions:

April 2: The Blueprint (God's design for the family); April 9: The Building Blocks (Building a lasting relationship); April 16: The Finances (Family stewardship of money); April 23: The New Addition (The blessings of children); April 30: The Maintenance (Family spiritual life). This Community

Bible study is open to anyone in the community who is married, engaged, or dating. "The principles discussed and studied will enrich any relationship when they are applied properly using God's Word," added Dehning. For more information about this Community Bible Study, call the church office at 574-842-3175.

Trinity Lutheran Church located at 330 Academy Road in Culver.

## Engagement



Scott Robert Breiter of Flower Mound, Texas and Ragan Leigh Croy of Flower Mound, Texas, announce their engagement to be married on Oct. 25, 2008 at Calvary Lutheran Church, Plymouth.

The future bride is the daughter of Scott Croy of Culver and Debbie Berger of Lakeville. She is a 1992 graduate of Culver Community High School and earned her Bachelor of Science degree in organizational management from Bethel College in 2000. She is a business development manager with Constellation New Energy.

The future groom is the son of Frank and Carmie White of Darien, Ill. He is a 1983 graduate of Hinsdale South High School and earned his Bachelor of Science degree in BioMechanics from Arizona State in 1988. He is a chief operating officer with Brad Oldham, Inc.

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## Obituary

### Martha Angelucci Miracle

Dec. 14, 1909 - Feb. 26, 2008

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — Martha Angelucci Miracle, one-time Culver resident, passed away on Feb. 26, 2008 at the age of 98. Mrs. Miracle was born on Dec. 14, 1909 in Yale, Va. to the late Joseph and Roxie Griffin.

Martha will always be remembered for her beautiful singing voice and for a love of music that was evident in so many aspects of her life. A devoted voice and piano teacher for many years, she was a founding member of the Newport News Operatic Society, which was later merged with several other area opera companies to form the present-day Virginia Opera. She had a strong artistic bent, and enjoyed expressing this through painting and drawing, but also focused her unbounded energies on developing a gourmet lasagna recipe into a full-scale business enterprise that operated out of her own garage. Martha even wrote and had published an autobiography entitled "Pro Peccatis." She was a member of the Presbyterian Church, where she was a regular participant in Women's Circle.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, James V. Miracle; step-children, Thomas Y. Miracle, Laura M. Oatney, and Jay Miracle; granddaughters: Elizabeth A. Oatney and Margaret Oatney; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

The family received friends from 6 to 7 p.m. on Monday, March 3, 2008 at the Smith & Williams Funeral Home, Kempsville Chapel, in Virginia Beach. The service was held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at Bayside Presbyterian Church, 1400 Ewell St., Virginia Beach, VA. Burial was private the following day. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Bayside Presbyterian Church.

## Obituary

### Danny Ray Ehlinger Sr.

Nov. 28, 1950 - March 15, 2008



KNOX — Danny Ray Ehlinger Sr. of Knox, 57, formerly of Leiters Ford, passed away March 15, 2008 at Starke Memorial Hospital.

Danny was born in Rochester on Nov. 28, 1950 to Harland (Bud) and Peggy (Hunter) Ehlinger.

He graduated in 1968 from Aubbeenaubee High School, being the last class to graduate from that high school.

He was married Dec. 14, 1968 to Sharon Thomas in Culver at the Emmanuel United Methodist Church by Rev. Arthur E. Givens.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon Ehlinger of Knox; two sons: Eddie Ehlinger of Manistee, Mich. and Danny (Nora Howard) Ehlinger Jr. of Constantine, Mich.; one daughter, Shannon Shepherd of Culver; mother, Peggy (Hunter) Ehlinger of Rochester; one brother, Donnie (Betty) Ehlinger of Knox; and five grandchildren: Dustin, Hanna, Devin

Ehlinger of Knox, Emmalee Shepherd of Culver and Landen Howard of Constantine, Mich. He was preceded in death by his father Harland (Bud) Ehlinger; two grandsons: Nathaniel Shepherd and Ethan Shepherd; and by his in-law, Richard and Bernice Thomas.

Visitation with the family was held Tuesday, March 18 at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, from 2 to 8 p.m. EDT. Rev. Ron Lewellen officiated services Wednesday, March 19 at 12 p.m. EDT at the funeral home. Interment followed at Moon Cemetery in Leiters Ford.

Condolences may be sent through the obituary page at [www.bonineodom.com](http://www.bonineodom.com).

## Death notice

### Mitchell R. Elsea

March 12, 2008

CULVER — Mitchell R. Elsea, 63, of Culver, died on March 12, 2008 at 9:15 p.m. at his home in Burr Oak.

He is survived by his wife, Darlene Elsea of Culver; stepson, Brian K. (Deb) Cites of Nappanee; daughters: Linda Bradford of Plymouth, Michelle (Denver) Annis of Culver and Rebecca (Brian) Shepard of Knox; brothers: Charles Elsea of Kentucky and Thomas Elsea of Nappanee; sisters: Mae Powers and Ollie Polard of Clarksville; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

There was a visitation with the family at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, on Saturday, March 15 from 3 to 6 p.m. EDT. There was no services.

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# The Christian Diaspora

One of the beautiful things about living in a diverse community is that we are exposed to the religious practices of neighbors. At the Academies, we have students observing Holy Week and celebrating Purim. The lunar cycles are off this year, and so Passover and Holy Week don't coincide. As it turns out the Eastern Orthodox Christians don't celebrate Easter at the same time as the Western Roman Catholics and Protestants this year. It keeps us all busy with calendars as we schedule events.

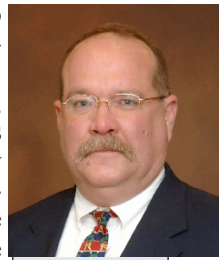
Purim is a Jewish holiday based on the Book of Esther. I have been struck by some of the lessons in this book for Christians, and wanted to share some of those in this column.

The Jews at the time were living the 'diaspora.' This is the 'dispersion' and they had been absorbed into a culture in Persia where their faith was not recognized or appreciated. I am going to suggest for the purposes of this column that we are living in the Christian diaspora today. The fact is that Christianity has been absorbed into the secular American culture, and people confuse the superficial signs with the practice. This undermines the spirit and makes authentic practice very challenging.

As I read Esther, I find significant lessons for Christians, and one is that there will be enemies of the faith. There will be those totalitarian hate-mongers who will be happy to persecute. This persecution may not be so overt as building a gallows, but if we are denied promotions or discriminated against in some way because of our beliefs, it creates a temptation to stop practicing. When the practice stops, the habits of faith are not there to hold us over in low points, and the faith itself is in danger.

A second lesson for us is

that placement is important. If Esther did not have the ear



## Pastor's Corner

By Tom Haynes  
Culver Academies

of the king, she could not have had the influence that she did. In this regard, Esther is the Joseph of her day. This seems trivial, but I think it is a significant detail in an election year. A few people of faith in the Congress for example may be able to help us find justice and peace.

A third point is that in the face of discrimination and overwhelming odds, Esther was willing to act, and she acted deliberately. I like to tell the students that God calls us to action. He does not call us to sit around and play PlayStation 2 as a rule.

Esther resolves to go into see the king knowing that it might be at the cost of her life. This is extraordinary courage, and it is not an impulsive act. This courage and determination is what defines Esther as a great queen. Had Esther and Mordechai not been willing to put their lives on the line, the story could have had a very different ending, and it would not be told today.

I wish everyone in Culver a blessed Easter season, and I pray that that you find the signs of the resurrection of Christ in your own lives. Look to reaffirm your faith through God's grace on Easter Day, and pray for me as I reaffirm mine.

Amen from the Culver Academies!

*Tom Haynes is Interim Director of Religious Programs at Culver Academies. He lives with his wife Susan and daughters Sara and Rebecca, in Culver.*

# Victories past and present

Our last few papers have been so packed with material -- which is a really good thing! -- that I've not really had enough space to squeeze in an editorial. In the past few weeks, it seems so much has happened, and so many potential editorials come and gone, that I hardly know where to begin.

I spoke to a high school student at Culver Comm. High School who said a lot of the "hype" has died down from the school's sectional win. If that's the case, the community is still abuzz with not only the sectional win, but the fact that the team also won one of its regional games...a great accomplishment. So, belated and heartfelt congratulations to the CHS team on their victories. This year, of course, was special for several reasons, not least among them the two decades that have passed since Culver's last sectional win, and perhaps most poignant, the memorable image of CHS principal Albert Hanselman handing the victory plaque to his own son, a moment neither of them will forget, I'm sure.

I would be remiss not to thank those who helped make our coverage of the big sporting events of Culver possible. Coverage of sports in general would be a near-hopeless endeavor if not for our sports editor, Dee Grenert and her staff, including James Costello and Andy McCaslin. Not only would I be at a loss to find the time to attend and cover (and write about) the many Culver area teams and athletes, but I can pretty much guarantee that most of you wouldn't want to read my sports article if I did cover the events!

I've said this before, but it's never been more true that our sports coverage would also be radically less (and in the case of at least one recent game, possibly non exist ant visually) without the help of Paul Pare', whose pho-

tos of both the sectional and regional games graced this newspaper. His help was invaluable.

Congratulations, too, to CMA's successful hockey team on a third state win in a row. I was pleased to stumble across the "25 years ago" story in this week's nostalgia column (below) announcing the Academy hockey teams's fifth consecutive state win back in 1983, which hopefully gives the current team something to look forward to!

Our family has gotten a kick out of dropping by an occasional hockey game the past few seasons. We expected the kids to grow bored quickly, but plenty of fast skating, the occasional outbreak of minor violence, and the general atmosphere of excitement and revelry have kept them riveted at each game we've watched. Again, Culver proves itself an amazing small town in its diversity of activities (the other event we expected the kids to leave early in restlessness was last fall's Dance Vision, to which they also stayed riveted, with my two year old daughter pleading to "meet a ballerina" after the performance; we flagged down a student in the lobby, still in her dance gear...my daughter still talks about that momentous occasion!).

In the meantime, Culver has tasted at least a brief preview of spring. As I write this, the cold weather has returned and is expected to stay chilly through much of the week. But we are reminded, appropriately enough, around Easter time, that hope and renewal is on the way. During the few days' weather break, I was suddenly and unexpectedly reminded again why I really do love living in Culver.

In the winter, there are

plenty of reasons, mind you. But we've spent much of this winter in our house or car, I'm afraid, and it was great being turned loose in the midst of weather in which is



## View from Main Street

By Jeff Kenney

was actually pleasant to be outside and could smell the earth and the scents of life and...well, spring. I was suddenly struck with a tangible reminder of what's so great about living here.

This summer, we'll stroll the sidewalks, the Academy campus, and the lakeside again, and our children will play on the playgrounds and we'll just generally be out and about again. I expect this will also enhance the newspaper: it's amazing how many people one runs into in this little village when one is outside frequently.

We've also incorpo-

rated a gradual, but I hope noticeable change in the look of the front of the paper, which we hope is a precursor of things to come. If you read last week's article on my and Citizen/Pilot publisher Rick Kreps' talk at Culver's Chamber of Commerce recently, you know that there are lots of very positive changes for the paper on the horizon. Some of these include a more visually appealing front cover with more photography and greater visibility, besides previewing the contents of each week's paper. We hope this will lend itself to more nonsubscribers picking up the paper off the rack and finding it worthwhile their while. We'll need your help to make it work as we'd like, and you'll be hearing more about all of this in coming weeks.

For now, I wish a joyful and blessed Easter to all of you, and may spring weather be soon to follow! If so, I'll be out there enjoying it as much as I can, and I'll see a lot of you then...

## Community Calendar

### Thursday, March 20

Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Fred Lintner, Marshall Co. council, Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library  
Alcoholics Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Board of zoning appeals mtg., 6:30 pm, town hall.  
Spring vacation begins, Culver Academies

### Monday, March 24

Spring break begins, Culver Comm. schools  
Knitting Class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Al-Anon Mtg., 5:30 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Overeaters Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library

### Tuesday, March 25

Fitness class, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Town council mtg., 6:30 p.m., Town

hall

### Wednesday, March 26

Jeff Kenney at Culver REAL Meals, 12:00 p.m., beach lodge  
Lions Club mtg., 6:30 p.m., depot, town park

### Thursday, March 27

Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Sen. Ed Charbonneau, Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library  
Alcoholics Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Board of zoning appeals mtg., 6:30 pm, town hall.

### Upcoming Highlights, April, 2008:

Relay for life, Culver Academy, April 18  
Dancevision, Culver Academy, April 26  
Carillon recital, Culver Academy April 26

## Nostalgia

### 75 years ago

#### March 22, 1933

Good morning, have you had your appendix removed yet? That seems to be the greeting in Culver as case after case of appendicitis has been reported, making a steady flow of mostly young people at the hospital. 26 cases have been reported in the last two months, with new cases reported almost daily. The consensus of local medical opinion is that the cases are following the recent influenza outbreak.

Mrs. C.M. (Reed) Andrews of Hibbard received a letter that must have eased a worried conscience. It read, "As a small girl I stole two rings out of your store. I don't know what they cost,

but I am sending you \$2 and ask you to forgive me. Jesus saves me, but I must do my best to pay back what I took, or in any way wronged anyone." The letter was unsigned.

### 50 years ago

#### March 19, 1958

Col. Charles Carroll (Cal) Chambers, age 70, president and general manager of Texas Foundaries, Inc. and distinguished Culver Military Academy alumnus, died in Texas Sunday. Besides a brilliant military career, he served beginning in 1922 as executive officer of CMA and later as vice president and treasurer of the Wrought Iron Range Co., St. Louis. He had been president of the

Culver Legion, secretary, vice president, and a director of the Culver Educational Foundation.

Parents visited classrooms at Culver school for Achievement Night last week. First grade teacher Mrs. Marshall reported, among other things, that her class took a trip to the park to see the train wreck, and students drew pictures of what they saw. Mrs. Allen, second grade teacher,

defeated St. Joseph's high school in South Bend to win CMA's fifth state hockey championship in a row, under the leadership of coaches Al Clark and Ryan Brandt.

The concrete is poured and the walls beginning to take shape at the Harbor Development Condominiums at the east end of Washington Street. The first seven units are expected to be completed by June; three-bedroom units



reports that student Rita Lutz brought in some pussy willows for decoration. Mrs. Carter, third grade, says that most of the boys in her class are playing marbles at recess, though some play basketball. Roberta Yeazel brought a goldfish to school which the class named Cleo.

will include 1,700 square feet of space with fireplace and piers. Two-bedroom units start at \$169,000.

Above: Carin Clifton of Culver's Rough and Hilly Farmers, hands a copy of "The Pig and the Cow," donated by the Farmers, to Culver Elementary School librarian Jane Wakeland.

### 25 years ago

#### March 23, 1983

Culver Military Academy

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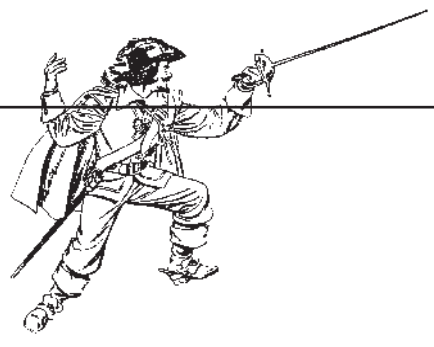
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# Sports



## Third time's a charm CMA Hockey takes third consecutive state win



PHOTO/JAN GARRISON

CMA Varsity B players celebrate after the overtime goal that won them the state championship.

INDIANAPOLIS - The Culver Military Academy Varsity B hockey team won its third straight Indiana High School Hockey Association title at the Pepsi Coliseum Saturday, but the Eagles had to work overtime to earn it.

Hamilton Southeastern fought back from a two-goal deficit in the third period to tie the 5A championship game at 4-4. But CMA used just 13 seconds of the five-minute overtime period to capture the state crown.

Frank DeAugustine scored his second goal of the contest off a pass from Blake Saylor and buried the puck in the upper right corner of the net for the game-winner at 5-4.

"He's the one we wanted to have the puck in his hands," said CMA coach J.J. Schmiedlin of the sophomore.

The overtime period, which featured just four players skating for each team, was a

first for CMA since Schmiedlin took over the team four years ago. He credited the team's regular season schedule with keeping the Eagles settled heading into the extra session.

"We weren't too worried," he said. "We're a young team, but our schedule helped them to mature. That's why we skate for two hours every day and have a 54-page situations booklet. We're prepared for everything."

Anthony Wolf, Andrew Schmit and Saylor tallied the other three goals for the Eagles, who finish the season 28-11-4. CMA and HSE split two games leading up to the state championship contest. The Royals beat the Eagles, 4-3, in the State Crossover Tournament in November. But CMA defeated HSE, 2-1, last week during the round-robin portion of the state tournament.

"We played a good team,"

Schmiedlin said of HSE. "We just got the jump on them."

Class 5A State Championship At Indianapolis				
CMA	3	0	1	1-5
HSE	1	1	2	0-4

**FIRST PERIOD**  
CMA - Anthony Wolf (VinceVacketta, Steven Keisler) 12:27.  
HSE - Nick Burton (Robbie Stein, Scott Gillespie) 12:03.  
CMA - Andrew Schmit (Max Terhar, Will Preston) 8:54.  
CMA - Frank DeAugustine (Blake Saylor) 4:10

**SECOND PERIOD**  
HSE - Kyle Peterson (unassisted) 3:11.

**THIRD PERIOD**  
CMA - Saylor (Luke Sandler, Keisler) 10:34  
HSE - Burton (Stein, Justin Short) 3:35  
HSE - Stein (Alex Ivory, Burton) 1:45.

**OVERTIME**  
CMA - DeAugustine (Saylor, Preston) 4:45.  
Saves: Matt Mahalak (CMA) 20; Ryan Bell (HSE) 26. Shots on goal: CMA 14-12-4-1-31; HSE 7-6-11-0-24.

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## Tourney champs

Culver's 6th grade boy's basketball team was victorious in the 19th annual Southwood Elite Basketball Tourney. Eleven schools were participating. Culver defeated Tippy Valley 42-36 in the championship game. The Cavs went a perfect 6-0 through the tournament.

Members pictures above include, from left: front row, Caleb Nash, Shane Comiskey, Dylan Bennett, Jordan Sanders. Second row, manager Justin Croy, coach David Nash, Trent Elliott, Nick Pritz, coach Kurt Comiskey, Hayes Barnes, coach Kyle Elliott.

## Scholarships available

CULVER — Applications for scholarships to be awarded from the Charles B. and Lenore M. Keitzer Trust are available at the First National Bank, Monterey, and Culver Community High School, according to Clairborn M. Wamsley, president of the bank.

Graduates of Culver Community High School who have lived within a five-mile radius of Monterey for at least one year while in high school are eligible to apply for the scholarship.

One scholarship is to be awarded to a person who is a member of St. Anne's

Catholic Church of Monterey and who is a full-time resident student studying for the Priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church. One or more scholarships will be awarded to the students who are graduates of Culver Community High School who are full-time students at a college or university.

Charles and Lenore Keitzer were long-time residents of the Monterey Community

and Mr. Keitzer served as president of the First National Bank for many years.

Deadline for filing applications at the First National Bank, Monterey and Culver Community High School is May 1 by 3 p.m. for both renewals and new applicants.

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## Nutrition the fun way CES sixth graders learn science with help of furry friends

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

A rat on the head may not be everyone's idea of a good time, but Culver Elementary School sixth grader Hayes Barnes and his classmates are quite comfortable with the little animals, and have grown to regard them as classroom pets of sorts in the four weeks that Marilyn Day's science class has been caring for them.

The rats – sisters from the same litter named "Cookie" and "Cream" – were provided by the Indiana Dairy Council as part of a program available to Indiana schools and aimed at educating students about their own nutrition as well as scientific study and methods, according to Day. "I started the rat program about 18 years ago," she says. "Someone just called my attention to the fact that the Dairy Council offered this project. All you have to do is sign up for it and send them \$5 to cover the cost of the rats. There's a book and a DVD that goes with it, with lessons that emphasize the scientific method."

Students, says Day, keep a scientific notebook, fill out observation sheets, observe the rats' behavior, plot the growth of the rats on a graph, and record the rodents' weight in grams – which also helps them learn the metric system – and the length of the rats' tails. In addition, students are responsible for cleaning and feeding of the rats, and exercising them regularly. Specifically, students are observing the results of feeding rats different diets for three weeks and reversing them during the last week.

As might be imagined, exercising the animals is a favorite portion of the job. The students may be working, but they're clearly having fun doing it. This is evidenced

by laughter and displays of affection directed at the rats, who attempt escape from the ring of seated students' legs that surround them. Over the weeks, students have had rats scamper up their pants legs and have tucked away the little creatures in their shirt pockets. Hayes Barnes gets laughs from other students when he places one rat on his head. His affection for Cookie and Cream, like that

these creatures, and we're talking about our own nutritional needs, the choices we make."

The USDA says that 70 percent of America's preteen girls and 60 percent of preteen boys are not getting the calcium they need. A common misconception about milk, according to the Dairy Council, is that it always makes drinkers overweight. A common student (and

during the last week of the demonstration. Rats are weighed and their tails measured weekly, allowing students to see for themselves how different beverages affect the rats' growth.

Student Amber Cowell explains that the rats are used "because they have the same digestive system we do."

So what have students observed during the experiment? "Cookie has been

CITIZEN PHOTOS/JEFF KENNEY

Below: (from left) Caitlyn Brewer, Maeve Kline, and Kayla Shaffer enjoy holding and petting one of the rats.



of his classmates, is apparent as he holds and pets them both. And, lest it be forgotten, students are learning as well.

"This really lets kids have an opportunity to practice the scientific method and see how it works from day to day," says Day. "Plus, they love having classroom pets; they really do get excited about that...they really get a hands-on experience of seeing how foods directly affect

adult) misconception about sugar is that it always makes individuals hyperactive. Part of the goal of the experiment is to debunk myths and establish facts about nutrition.

During the four-week experiment, the rats are fed identical nutritional and caloric equivalent diets with the exception of the control rat, which receives milk, and the experimental rat, which receives sugar water. The rats' beverages are switched

growing more because of the milk," says Cowell.

"Now that we've changed it (the rats' diet, during the last week of the experiment), Cookie has been more active with the sugar water," notes Maeve Kline. Cookie, the rat given milk instead of sugar water for the first three weeks of the experiment, weighs more, says Kline, "but she's not unhealthy fat."

Cowell sums up one major lesson learned: "It shows us what we should be eating. We should drink milk over caffeine and pop."

Day adds that one of the facts hopefully conveyed to the students is that sugar doesn't affect every individual in the same way. Some people become hyperactive – as is the common assumption – but some become sluggish instead. Intake of high amounts of sugar, she says, does not lend itself to healthy growth, especially for the developing bodies of sixth graders, as well as milk. And milk, taken in properly, does not necessarily make its drinker overweight.

Now that the experiment is over, two lucky students will get to take Cookie and Cream home for good. "They have to have permission from parents, and they have to pledge to take care of the rats the way we take care of them at school. We have a drawing and the two kids who get to take home the rats have their names drawn from a hat."

This year's new rat owners are Steven Lehman and Savannah Bailey.

"This is a very satisfying way to teach science for me," says Day. "All science should be hands on, not everything out of a book. The more experiences kids get to be involved in, the more lasting it is. I still have former students who remember doing the rats!"

This year's sixth grade students, it's a safe bet, will too.

## School board praises CHS winners, bids Irwin, Metzger farewell

Bobbie Washburn Ruhnow Culver - The ISHAA Sectional trophy took pride of place at the meeting of the Culver Community School board meeting. Board members were unanimous in their praise for the performance of the Culver Cavalier's basketball team and coach.

Superintendent Brad Schuldt noted that this was only the second time since school consolidation that Culver had triumphed at the Sectional.

Chris Kline, board member, also congratulated the Cavalier cheerleading squad. "They were really impressive," Kline said. "They did the pyramids and drops as well as any college squad I've seen," he continued. Praise was also in abundance for the performance of BPA students and those participating in the music competitions.

Culver Middle School will say goodbye to George Irvin, administrator, after seven years with the corporation. Irvin started as an assistant administrator with the high school and moved into the building principal's position when the Middle School was formed. Irvin will retire at the end of the school year.

Schuldt also announced the retirement of Rosa Metsker, audio specialist, after ten years.

An appeal has been filed with the State Board of Education on Culver Elementary School's Average Yearly Progress (AYP) results. After consulting with Chuck Kitchell, Schuldt said they filed the appeal to the results which could have affected the school's category placement. Schuldt explained that the Math and English tests were fine, but in the sub-categories the AYP is based on, student attendance problems affected the final score. Some of the sub-categories that affect an AYP result include

attendance, free and reduced lunch, and graduation rates.

The attendance difficulties were a result of some students who have had extended illnesses, Schuldt said. The State is requiring medical documentation before making a final decision.

In other business, the board approved purchasing a sign from Vanadco, Argos, Ind. to be placed near the entrance of the driveway of the administration building. The cost of the sign will be \$7,465 plus an approximate cost of \$2,500 to run the electricity to the lighted sign. Vanadco will take care of getting the proper permits for the placement, Schuldt reported.

Cheryl Geik thanked the board members for allowing her to attend a Social Studies conference. Accompanied by Ashley Faulk, Geik said possible changes to curriculum might include cutting Social Studies back to 25 minutes a day. Also, ISTEP testing in the seventh grade might be given once in the fall and twice in the spring.

Makeup days and board meeting dates were discussed and finalized. The board will meet once a month in June and July and twice in August to finalize the budget. The first day of school for students will be August 13, 2008 with teachers reporting on August 12 for orientation. The next board meeting will be March 24, the first day of spring break.

Schuldt also announced the Top Ten Banquet honoring the top seniors and their teachers will be held April 8, at the Pretty Lake Church. The banquet is hosted by the Chamber of Commerce in Culver and the Culver Kiwanis Club. Sponsors of the banquet include Coca-Cola of Plymouth, Millers Merry Manor in Culver and Ancilla College.

## SAT and ACT at Culver school

CULVER — SAT and ACT preparation classes at Culver Community High School will begin in April.

Beginning Tuesday, April 1, Vickie Benner will work on the verbal portion and continue every Tuesday and Thursday at 7:20 a.m. Beginning Wednesday, April 2, Mike Buschman will work on the math portion and continue every Wednesday and Friday at 7:20 a.m.

The SAT test will be offered

on May 3 at Culver Academies. The ACT test will be offered on June 14 at Kokomo, South Bend and Elkhart.

The registration deadline for the SAT is April 1 with late registration until April 10. Registration packets are available in the guidance office.

Alternate SAT test date is June 7 at Culver Academies.

## College news

The following students have graduated from Indiana University South Bend's Master's degree program: David Nash, John Gavlick, both of Culver. The following students have graduated from Indiana University South Bend's Bachelor's degree program: Danyelle Huff, Janette Surrisi, both of Culver.

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