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## In Brief

Grace church offers assistance

The Youth Group of Grace United Church of Christ in Culver would love to help anyone with outdoor work and yard work, odd jobs etc. on the afternoon of April 13. This is a mission project for the youth group. Help them by having them help you! Contact Grace Church (574) 842-2331 or Cory Barnes at (574) 842-5062. Please leave message and address.

Wesley preschool registration

Registration for Wesley Preschool begins Saturday, April 12 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the preschool room at Wesley United Methodist Church, 511 School Street.

The preschool offers two classes, a junior and senior. To qualify for the junior class, children must be three by Aug. 1, 2008. To qualify for the senior class, your must be four by Aug. 1, 2008.

The junior class meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and the cost is \$64 per month. The senior class meets every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., and cost is \$92 per month. There is a registration fee of \$40, which also covers the supplies for the school year. Please contact Wesley UMC with any questions at (574) 842-2900.

Tri Kappa Art Show April 25

Culver's Tri Kappa's annual student art show will be held at the Culver Cove beginning on Friday, April 25 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. and continuing Saturday, April 26 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and concluding on Sunday, April 27 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The show will exhibit a variety of artwork from area high school students, and is free and open to the public. Visitors are encouraged to vote for the people's choice award.

EMS offers CPR, EMT classes

Culver Union Township EMS will offer a healthcare provider CPR course on Sat., May 3 from 9 a.m. to noon at the EMS base at 200 E. Washington St. Registration deadline for the class is April 21; there is a \$25 fee for the class which includes book. The EMS will also be hosting a Basic EMT class beginning on Aug. 11 and running through Nov. 24. The course cost is \$525, which includes the textbook and clinical shirt. Anyone interested in taking either class is encouraged to contact See "brief" page 2

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## Spectacular!



Left: Lucas Hanselman, back, gets set to defend his father Albert in the faculty-senior basketball game at the annual "Sports Spectacular" at Culver Community High School on Friday. The faculty has never lost the game in 23 years.

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## One of the few

Culver Comm. High School senior Ashley Jones, above, center, just became CHS' third-ever Lilly Scholar, a distinguished award given to a limited number of students statewide. She is shown here with parents Jack and Karen Jones.

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Left: Culver's BPA medal winners at the state competition in Indianapolis. Top row, left to right: Myles Pinder, Justine Hoesel, and Ben Haut. Bottom row, left to right: Ashley Jones, Linley Master, Brianna Wilson, and Kasi Browning.

Full story below.



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## The blue and the gold

Culver Cub Scouts pack 290 awarded its outstanding members at the groups Blue and Gold ceremony on March 29. Swashbuckling Scouts pictured above (left to right): Adrian Craig, Wyatt Coiner, Trenton Jones, Dakota Bennett, Nikolas Vela.

Full story page B4.

## Culver library talks renovation, finance, memorials

The Culver-Union Twp. Public Library has gathered some information about its probable income loss as a result of recent property tax caps imposed by the state of Indiana, according to library director Carol Jackson. As of now, it appears that the grand total loss of income for the library in 2010 - when the caps are instituted in full - will be \$159.

At the library board's April 1 meeting, Jackson noted that other libraries are expecting far more dramatic losses in tax-derived income, citing nearby Bremen, whose library stands to lose \$14,000 in 2010. She referred board and audience members to www.citiesandtowns.org, a website that details projected losses in communities across the state, and added that the Kenley proposal is the accurate guide on that site. "So," Jackson said, "(this is) good news for us."

Also at the meeting, the board once again discussed some details of its upcoming children's room renovation. Specifically, the board discussed instituting a carpeting change in the renovation that had been struck from the plan at the last meeting. Board member Dave Campbell explained that he and Jackson met with the architect, who pointed out that the old and new carpeting have a different pile height,

# Culver BPA takes unprecedented number to nationals

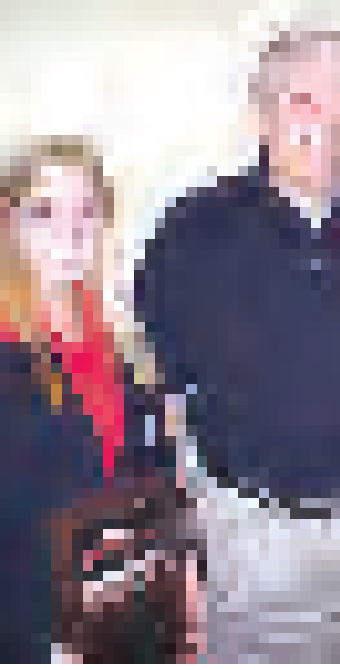
By Jeff Kenney Citizen editor  
Culver Community High School's Business Professionals of America (or BPA), as reported in February in the Citizen, sent an unprecedented number of students to the state-level competition this year, according to CHS' BPA head Mike Schwartz.

Now the school will be sending an unprecedented number of students - having gone from five last year to nine this year - to the national competition in Reno/Lake Tahoe this May.

A common question, says Schwartz, is why there aren't any boys from the group going to nationals. "It's nice that we have two that are qualified to go (this year)," he notes.

One of these is the group's state champion, first place winner in the CISCO systems administration (computer networking) competition, junior Ben Haut, who just joined BPA this school year. Haut says peer pressure first got him involved in the group, but he plans to stay in the group and get more friends to join. Presently enrolled in computer classes at the SCILL Center in Knox and planning to continue studying computers at the Center next year, Haut says, "I had no idea what to expect (at the state competition). There were a lot of people there who seemed to know what they were doing. Actually, it wasn't that tough."

The other male student headed to nationals is junior Myles Pinder, whose win was in the area of banking and finance. Pinder made it last year to state, but this is his first year heading to nationals. Pinder hopes to pursue a career as a pediatrician, but chose banking and finance



"(The Reno trip) will be cool because it's right after our senior trip (and I've) never been to Nevada."

Even though she plans to study psychology in the future, Wilson echoes many BPA members who feel the program will help her in the future, in her case in terms of

as his BPA area of study because, he says, "I don't mind taking tests."

Pinder could hardly believe the news that he was headed to nationals. "I asked if they were joking with me. I was jumping all over the place!"

Senior Brianna Wilson is a second year BPA member, but this was her first year competing. She took third place in keyboarding production, and fourth in basic office systems and procedures. "I didn't expect to do as well as I did," says Wilson.

keyboarding and knowledge of office norms.

Kasi Browning agrees. "BPA is a lot of work, but it just kind of sets you up for the future when you enter the business world."

Browning, a senior in her first year with BPA, took second place for her individual research project on the impact of credit cards on the economy, learning among other things that once she's in college, she'll make up the primary target group. See "BPA" page 3

Left to right: Kylie Gunder, Mike Schwartz, and Lyndsey Fisher.

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## Mahler, trustee, will no longer be assessor

Bobbie Washburn Ruhnow  
Culver - Marlene Mahler, Union Township trustee, announced to her Advisory Board that effective July 1, 2008, she will no longer be the township assessor.

The state legislature has dissolved all township assessor's duties for all townships that don't include 15,000 parcels. This will affect all but approximately 40 to 44 township assessors in Indiana Mahler reported.

July 1, 2008 all township records will be turned over to the County Assessor's office. This includes personal property tax assessment records for farmers, businesses, RV's and ATV's. Presently, Mahler also obtains all building permits issued in the township and makes an inspection for property tax purposes. This will now be done by County personnel. Interestingly enough, Mahler said, she will keep the title of township assessor as she is an elected official, just not the duties.

All assessors were required by law to obtain a Level I certification in one year and a Level II within two years by December, 2007. The county paid for the classes at a cost of \$150 per class for the training and Mahler had obtained her Level II certification.

How this translates into a cost saving effort to for the taxpayer is unclear. Mahler pointed out that this will require the County Assessor to hire qualified persons to assume the job done by township trustees.

In other business, the Advisory Board voted to install four tornado alert sirens in strategic locations around Union Township. Presently, the town of Culver has installed two and the Academies have three tornado alert sirens installed.

The sirens will be purchased from the American Signal Corporation. Classified as the Tempest T-128 Siren, the alert system has a range of 2 and 1/2 miles with a 70 decibel sound. They will be located on a standard wooden utility pole mounted approximately 45 to 55 ft. above grade. They will be activated for tornado alerts by the County Emergency 911 system.

Presently, outlying areas of Union Township have no alert system in place and rely on warnings from the local fire and police department for tornado alerts.

With the placement of the four sirens, the township will have an early warning system in place.



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## Eagle Scouts

Two Scouts from the Culver area attained the coveted Eagle Scout rank in the Boy Scouts recently. Pictured, from left, are Conlan Deery, Troop 206 (Monterey) Scout Master Dan Murphy, and Andrew Overmyer. The Eagle rank, says Murphy, is the highest a Scout can earn and involves several requirements that must be met, including earning 21 merit badges (the boys, said Murphy, both have earned badges numbering in the upper 30s). Eagle Scouts must also demonstrate that they have lived by the Scout law and oath. The most difficult aspect of earning Eagle rank, Murphy says, is that each Scout must choose a project to benefit his community, formulate a plan, and lead others to accomplish that end. Conlan's project involved collecting supplies for kits to be given to patients at the St. Joseph Regional Med. Ctr. in Plymouth. Andrew's was to completely repaint the Lions Club basement in Monterey, where the Scouts meet.

"These two guys did an excellent job," says Murphy. "They will be a benefit to whoever they meet in the future...I'm really proud of them."

## "Library" from page 1

less. Do you have any plans for when the library is broke, how to keep going and pay the bills?"

Jackson said that the state library did a seven-year comparison of the Culver library's finances from 2000 to 2007, which she had already handed out to the board at the beginning of the meeting.

Nyby added that the library's balance at the beginning of 2007 is off by over \$100,000 from the end of 2006. In response to a question from board member Saft, Jackson affirmed that the state audited the library last year. "Did the state board find anything?" asked Saft. "Some things went on," Jackson replied. "It was noted in the audit."

Saft said she would like to look into Nyby's figures. "I'd be concerned, too," she added.

Mike Fitterling, from the audience, stood and thanked Saft "for her questions and concerns."

Fitterling asked the board members to stand up and identify themselves by

name. "I normally don't get involved in these things," he continued, "But I wanted to see who had the deep pockets, the money burning a hole in their pockets. We're spending so freely."

Audience member Bobbie Rhunow questioned the choice of purple and orange as carpet colors in the renovation. Saft joined Rhunow and the audience in chuckling and assured her that the colors look better than they sound, joking that she would keep an eye on the tastefulness of the color scheme.

Marlene Mahler, from the audience, asked about the library's pledge to memorialize the two workers who died during construction of the renovated portion of the library in the early 2000s, saying she asked about the memorials six or seven months earlier.

Jackson answered that the memorial plaques were finished and there was debate about where to place them.

In response to an audience question about trees as memorials, Jackson said she was

waiting for the library parking lot to be sealed (it was repaved last year) before moving ahead with landscaping, but that she has been in touch with Culver's Tree Commission. Dave Campbell added that the board had originally decided on plaques, but then considered trees, and had then decided to do both.

"This is six or seven years ago (that the men died)," said Mahler. "I just want something so when somebody comes in, they can see that the people in this community (care) that their family members were killed building (the library)."

Carol Saft asked where the audience wanted the plaques, and when some consensus seemed to be reached that they should be placed by an existing plaque upstairs near the elevator, Saft said, "Then let's put them by the elevator plaque...and get that done."

During the treasurer's report portion of the meeting, Saft asked why there was a negative number in the children's gift fund, to which Jackson replied that

she would have to find out. Saft noted that there was a negative number there last month as well, with Jackson replying that the library accountant can shift money from one fund to another if needed. "But even in the general fund, you don't have enough to cover the deficit," Saft noted.

"It may be he's applied some things to the gift fund that should have been taken out of the operating fund," said Jackson.

Saft also asked why the library had a deficit of \$31 in the Public Library Access Card (PLAC) fund. Jackson said she would investigate.

Saft asked Jackson if there was any news on money for the library's Rainy Day fund, which Jackson reported last month was to be redistributed. Jackson said that the library did receive the money back for that fund, adding that the library received \$16,000.

Saft also asked Jackson to correct any money that went into the library's general operating fund instead of the debt services fund.

Jackson asked to point out, for the record, that the library's monthly budget is calculated by dividing the annual budget into 12 categories. "Any yearly contract or annual fee, if we pay it out one month, may put us \$100 over for that month,

but we're still totally under budget for the annual. If you look at 2008, where we are now, we should have spent about 25 percent or less of our budget, so we are well within budget."

Saft noted several times that she would like to have financial reports before the meeting, so she can examine them in more detail and ask questions.

Board member Campbell asked Jackson about the library's subscription to Playaway, a take-home audio book format that uses MP3 technology similar to that of an iPod. Jackson reported that the library has a one year subscription to Playaway and has about 15 of the items in stock now, with usage "starting to take off."

Jackson also reported that the library's new meeting room, on the lower level, is finished, adding that the children's area will temporarily relocate to that space while renovations occur in the children's area.

She also reported that the library parking lot, west of the building, which had been repaved one year ago, will be sealed and repainted at a cost of \$2,475 which will come out of the Library Improvement Reserve Fund as a building expense.

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aged to contact the EMS at (574) 842-2773. Application packets will be available beginning April 1. Deadline to sign up for the course is June 20.

**Trinity Bible study**  
Marriage and Family continues to be the topic at the Community Bible Study held every Wednesday at Trinity Lutheran Church (430 Academy Road).

Upcoming sessions include: April 16 - The Finances (Family stewardship of money); April 23 - The New Addition (The blessings of children); April 30 - The Maintenance (Family spiritual life). The Bible Study begins at 6:30 pm. Questions may be directed to the church office at (574) 842-3175.

## Messiah singers sought

PLYMOUTH — Singers are wanted for The Messiah to be presented Thursday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. at Christos Banquet Center in Plymouth by the Marshall County Church Orchestra. If you would like to sing in this performance, call Don Harness at 574-936-7357.

## Citizen cell phone

CULVER —Culver Citizen editor Jeff Kenney may be reached by cell phone at (574) 261-7887.

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## Meeting notes: Tri Kappa

The March education meeting for the Epsilon Nu chapter of Tri Kappa, was recently held at the City Tavern. Mr. Chris Kline a six year member and president of the Culver Community school board was the guest speaker. The group was also honored to have attending, Tri Kappa province 12 province officer, Mrs. Lori Jacobs and her recording secretary, Mrs. Jill Richardson, both of Walkerton. Committee reports were read and old and

new business was conducted. Mrs. Barbara Winters reminded the group that the Tri Kappa Art show will be held at the Culver Cove April 25 through the 27th.

The friendship basket was made by Joette Surisi and won by Colleen Denham.

The next meeting will be Monday, April 21.

Tri Kappa is a philanthropic organization with the objective of supporting programs in charity, culture, and education.

## 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., April 10: Cabbage Roll, corn on the cob, tomato and cucumber salad, banana pudding, wheat dinner roll & margarine, milk.

Fri., April 11: Chicken Chop Suey, rice, cottage cheese, fruit cocktail, pie, milk.

Mon., April 14: Smoked

Sausage & bun, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, sliced apples, milk.

Tues., April 15: Pork loin, peas, squash, bread & margarine, tropical fruit salad, milk.

Weds., April 16: Cheeseburger & bun, corn, green beans, apricots, cake, milk.

Thurs., April 17: Beef Manhattan, mashed potatoes, gravy, beets, bread & margarine, fresh fruit, milk.

Fri., April 18: Tuna Noodle Casserole, peas & carrots, brussel sprouts, bread & margarine, jello & fruit, milk.

## Obituary

### Linda Lou Rich

Feb. 7, 1938 - April 3, 2008

PERU — Linda Lou Rich, 70, of Peru, died at 11:03 p.m. Thursday, April 3 at Wabash County Hospital. She was born Feb. 7, 1938 in Argos to Howard and Dorothy (Bodey) McGowen. She was raised by Cliff and Ruth Bodey. On March 8, 1959, she married Jack E. Rich, who survives.

She was a retired beautician and office manager at the Miami County Jail for 10 years. She was a member of New Life United Methodist Church, Mexico, Ind. and the Business and Professional Club in Peru.

She is survived by her husband, Jack E. Rich; son, Robert (Kathy) Rich of Culver; daughter, Kimberly Larson of Carmel; daughter-in-law, Connie Rich of Wabash; and grandchildren: Alexa Larson, Anna, Emily and Jack Rich, Lauren, Carson and Connor Rich.

She was preceded in death by son, Indiana State Trooper David Rich; and her parents.

Funeral services were Tuesday, April 8 at 11 a.m. at New Life United Methodist Church, U.S. 31 & 400 N., Mexico with Pastor Rob Baszner officiating.

Burial was at Culver Masonic Cemetery, Culver. Memorial contributions may be made to Wabash-Miami County Home Health Care & Hospice.

## Death notice

James H. Tolson

April 3, 2008  
MONTEREY — James H. Tolson, 59, of Monterey, died Thursday, April 3 at home.

He is survived by his wife, Charlotte (Poe) Tolson of Monterey; daughters: Amanda Tolson of Monterey, Mattie Tolson of Monterey and Pam Balchunas of Monterey; five grandchildren; brother, Jasper Tolson of Toto and Ernie Tolson of Texas; and sisters: Ann Faith of Lehigh Acres, Fla., Flo Kreisler

of Monterey, Patty Branham of North Judson, Lavern Markum of Texas, Irene Duchcher of Ft. Myers, Fla., Mary Lou Minix of Clay City, Ky. and Leatha Faly Tolson of Florida.

Visitation was Saturday, April 5 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Braman & Son Memorial Chapel, Knox. Funeral services were Sunday, April 6 at 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial was at Monterey Cemetery.

## Birth announcements

### Dickson

Richard Ryan and Danielle Nichole (Hart) Dickson announce the birth of a daughter born at 7:59 a.m. on March 5, 2008 at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.



Danika Joneé Dickson weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and was 20 inches long. She was welcomed home by sibling, Phoenix Dickson, 3.

Maternal grandparents are Pam McCoy of Argos and Rick and Kathy Hart of Culver. Maternal great-grandparents are Carol McCoy and Jr. Vires of Argos, James and Ruth Hart of Argos and Margaret Dehne of Culver and the late Thelma Hart. Paternal grandparents are Richard and the late Ina Dickson of Argos.

### Shepherd

Craig Shepherd and Kalee Whit-taker of Ply-mouth announce the birth of a daughter

born Feb. 25, 2008 at 7:22 p.m. at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.



Thea Delaney Shepherd weighed 9 pounds, 4 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Roger and Cindy Whittaker of Plymouth.

Paternal grandparents are Dale and Sally Shepherd of St. Louis, Mo.

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for credit card companies. "When I wrote my paper, I didn't have confidence in coming close to qualifying for nationals," says Browning. "I was happy just to get to go onstage. I was standing onstage and they called sixth place and it wasn't me, and I couldn't believe it. When they called fourth place and it wasn't me, it registered: 'Oh my goodness, I'm actually going to Reno!'"

Kylie Gunder took third place at state in advanced

Jones — of the Ambassador Torch award, which went to only 102 out of 1,200 BPA students in the state of Indiana. Shannon Dunfee, Alex Hnatusko, and Ashley Zehner, presentation management team and first team to make it to finals from Culver, took sixth place; Ashley Jones (sixth place administrative support, but also winning the Ambassador Torch award); Lyndsey Fisher (second place in the merit scholarship test).

## Community Calendar

**Thursday, April 10**  
Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library  
State Rep. Nancy Dembowski, Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library  
Sign language class, 4 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Alcoholics Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library

**Saturday, April 12**  
Wesley UMC preschool registration, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Wesley UMC Church

**Sunday, April 13**  
Big Ten Collegiate bass fishing tournament  
Carillon recital, 7:30 p.m., Culver Academies Memorial Chapel

**Monday, April 14**  
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  
Culver Redevelopment Commission, 4 p.m., town hall

Culver Comm. School board mtg., 7 p.m., administration building

**Tuesday, April 15**  
Fitness class, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Plan commission meeting, 6:30 p.m., town hall.

**Thursday, April 17**  
Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library  
Sign language class, 4 p.m., Culver

Public Library  
Alcoholics Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library

**Upcoming Highlights, April, 2008:**  
Relay for life, Culver Academy, April 18  
St. Joseph Health Ctr. gala, April 18  
Dancevision, Culver Academy, April 26  
Carillon recital, Culver Academy April 26



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

The BPA recently visited Culver's Kiwanis Club, sharing tales of state-level success and presenting a certificate of recognition to the club for its support of the program (see page B3). Back row, left to right: Ashley Jones, Myles Pinder, Lyndsey Fisher, Kylie Gunder, BPA sponsor Mike Schwartz. Front row, left to right: Shannon Dunfee, Kasi Browning, and Linley Master.

interview skills. The third year BPA member and CHS senior is also a state-level officer in BPA. "Being on the state team was a lot of fun," she says. "When we had the state officer breakfast, they talked about how we'd grown in ways they could see but we couldn't. It helped me in ways that had nothing to do with BPA."

"Going to Reno," she adds, "will be a lot different than going to New York (last year). We're going to have to rent a van; before, we were right downtown...I'm excited to lay by the pool. There was none of that in New York!"

Another student headed to Reno is Justine Hoesel, who is now attending school in Knox, but remains a member of Culver's BPA. She placed fourth in desktop publishing at the state competition. Shannon Dunfee will also join the Reno trip as district president-elect of BPA.

Placing at state, but not attending nationals, are: Linley Master (eighth in advanced office procedures and systems), Ashley Jones (10th in medical office procedures, but attending at nationals for her receipt — along with Lyndsey Fisher and Ashley

Schwartz notes that the group will be staying at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, which is "out away from the strip. There's nothing you can walk to. Reno is very strict about people under 21 and what they can and can't do."

The excitement of the group's success is accompanied, says Schwartz, by some practical challenges at nationals. "We've gone from taking two kids and renting a car, to renting a 15-passenger van, and the cost has gone up dramatically," he notes. "Airline tickets, hotel rooms, ground transportation, registration, and activities will cost approximately \$9248.00 or \$840.73 per person. Any and all donations would be gladly accepted."

Scwartz adds that of the students going to Reno is paying \$200 towards the trip plus the cost of meals.

The group has had three money-making projects this year and will sponsor a double-elimination dodgeball and cornhole contest on Saturday, April 26. There will be a high school and junior high division. Spectators may attend for \$3.

Anyone interested in helping the group should call

Mike Schwartz at 842-3391 or send checks to: CCHS, attn. Mike Schwartz, 701 School Street, Culver, IN 46511.

It's safe to say that Myles Pinder speaks for the group in his appreciation of Schwartz's efforts with BPA. "He's done a really good job. He's always willing to stay after school. He's there anytime you need him. You can't ask for any more than that."

Schwartz's respect for the students' accomplishment is mutual. "Culver's just developed a nice little reputation of having really good leaders," he says. "The state advisor said (all of the advisors) couldn't get over how great a job Lyndsey (Fisher) and Kylie (Gunder) have done this year...that made me feel real good, as an advisor, to hear that from other state leaders."

"(BPA) is about having the guts to try something even if you're going to fail," adds Pinder. "Those are life lessons that are going to help you...it's a great opportunity."

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## Pastor's Corner

By Ron Lewellen  
Pastor, Emmanuel  
United Methodist Church

Anyone who lives in northern Indiana is always looking forward to the first beautiful snow. "A beautiful snow is one with no wind and large flakes that flutter

down." But then after we have to shovel some for a while, we look forward to spring. In the spring we see robins, tulips spring up, trees bud, and then it is time to plant our garden, which is not far off. Jesus gave us the parable in Matthew 13: 24-43 about the sower. A sower sowed good seed in the field, but the enemy came at night and planted thistles and weeds. Those of us who have gar-

dens know that if you are going to have good tomatoes, beans, corn, cabbage, potatoes, or anything else we may plant, it takes a lot of time to keep the weeds out of our gardens. Just when we think we have them all out, it rains and we have to start all over again. The point Jesus is trying to make in this parable is this! Verses 37-40:  
1. He that soweth the good seed is Jesus.  
2. The field is the world.  
3. The good seeds are the children of the kingdom.

4. The tares are the children of the devil.  
5. The enemy is the devil.  
6. The harvest is the end of the world.  
7. The reapers are the angels.  
8. The tares, weeds, thistles, will be thrown into the fire.  
9. Then shall the righteous shine forth.  
Jesus spoke many parables, but this one, he explains. May each of us ask ourselves, are we sowing good seed or bad seed?

## Nostalgia

75 years ago  
April 12, 1933

Three boys, ranging in age from 14 to 16 years old, confessed Monday night to a series of small store robberies during the past few weeks. In each case the boys, who live on the south end of town, took articles of food. Some canned goods were taken Friday night from the J.M. Miller store, where the boys were frightened away, leaving their other chosen articles on the counter and floor. They had entered the Miller store three times before and the Hawkins store the same number of times. The boys said they planned to use the food taken Friday night on a campout on the Tippecanoe River.

Culver High School graduate Miss Helen Overmyer of Burr Oak will take her place as Queen of the May Day festival at Manchester College this year. She is a three-year Manchester student and the daughter of Lewis Overmyer, Burr Oak dairy farmer.

State Exchange Bank president W.O. Osborn told Culver's Chamber of Commerce that a new gross income tax law enacted in Indiana will be a great relief to people paying high real estate taxes and encourage the owning of homes.

50 years ago  
April 9, 1958

Construction is nearly complete on an eight-room addition to the Culver Clinic at 222 N. Ohio Street, making 20 diagnostic, treatment,

surgery, and recovery rooms. The building was originally constructed in 1955, when forethought to expansion allowed a 2,000 square foot space on the building's lower level, which has now been divided into eight rooms including a minor surgery room, four treatment and consultation rooms, a library, and two recovery rooms (editor's note: this building would later become the Culver Comm. Schools administration office for many years, before that office's recent move to N.

School Street). On sale this week at Quality Grocers, 109 S. Main St: Yacht Club coffee, 69 cents

Winners of the 11th annual regional Media Fair were: Amber Patton, Nickey Larsonowski, Shaun Shepard,



PHOTO/STEVE MCDANIEL

## 25 years later

Remember downtown Culver this way? Another in a series of photos taken by Steve McDaniel of Lakeside Auto Supply during the spring of 1983, some of which we will run in future weeks. In the photo above, facing east on the north block of Main Street, the dime store can be seen in the center, with the Masonic lodge visible to its right, and the Kelly shop to the right of that. Verl the barber was still in business then, in the shop presently occupied by Gladie's deli. Thanks to Steve for sharing these pictures with the Citizen.



per lb., choice grade round steak, 89 cents per lb., pork chops or roast, 47 cents per lb. Dial VI 2-2071 (editor's note: this is the present-day Diva Boutique shop).

25 years ago  
April 13, 1983

George Grove, Jeff Crum, Bob Krull, Jean Williams, and Weldon Hicks (above) were among those on hand Friday afternoon to plant trees around the Culver street garage.

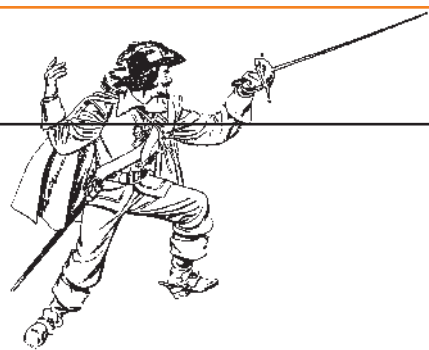
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This year's prom king was Ron Lee, and queen was Susan Zechiel. The court included John Flagg, Mike Elliott, Brian Johnson, Scott Keyser, Sharon Stayton, Darci Lowry, Kim Keller, and Gina Hooker.

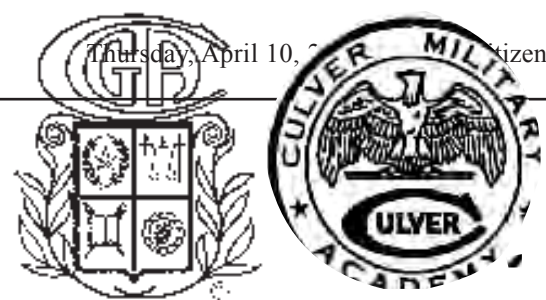
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# LOCAL Sports



## Sports Spectacular offers competition, fun for students, faculty, audience

By James Costello  
Sports Writer  
CULVER — Eight-year  
Culver Community head  
basketball coach Brett

Berndt accomplished a  
lot in his final year with the  
program. He guided the team  
to its first sectional champi-  
onship since 1985 and the

Cavs' first winning season  
in that same span of time.  
He coached his players to  
Culver's first regional final  
since 1946 with a win over  
Garrett in the North Judson  
Regional semifinal on March  
8. But all that paled in com-  
parison to his victory Fri-  
day night, when the Culver  
faculty handed the school's  
senior boys a 25-17 defeat

of the game," he laughed.  
"So that's how we usually  
get them."

"I felt bad for them a little  
bit," joked senior Lucas Han-  
selman, the Cavs' starting  
point guard. "They've got to  
keep their streak alive. We  
didn't want to end it, us be-  
ing the sectional champions.  
So we let them win."

The atmosphere was light



PILOT PHOTOS/JAMES COSTELLO  
Above: Jon Davis (44) and Brett Berndt, right, vie for a rebound at  
the faculty versus seniors basketball game at Culver Community  
on Friday.

at the 23rd Annual Sports  
Spectacular at Culver High  
School.

"Absolutely. We've beat-  
en those boys every year  
— I think it's been over 20  
years the faculty's been beat-  
ing them," said Berndt of the  
faculty team's 23-0 win  
streak against the seniors.  
"We'll take any win we can  
find, knowing we're getting  
up there in our age."

"We may be old and out  
of shape, but we're basket-  
ball savvy, and we try to take  
advantage whenever the kids  
that play basketball are out

at the annual Spectacular, as  
students, parents, faculty and  
other community members  
filled the gym to participate  
in the fun or just to watch as  
Culver' seventh-12th grades  
divided into teams to com-  
pete in a variety of games,  
such as the sack race, the  
dance contest and the "Dry  
Land Swim" in which con-  
testants were outfitted in flip-  
pers, arm floats and goggles  
before running up and down  
the court in a relay-style

See "Spectacular"  
page B1

## Culver's Posner to coach in national lacrosse tournament

BALTIMORE  
- Jon Posner,  
head lacrosse  
coach of Culver  
Military Acad-  
emy, has been  
named one of the  
coaches of the  
Midwest region-  
al team in this  
summer's adidas  
National High  
School Lacrosse  
Classic.

The inaugural  
contest is sched-  
uled for July 18-  
20 in German-  
town, Md. It will  
showcase the  
top 500 high  
school under-  
classmen la-  
crosse players  
in the country.

The Midwest  
regional team will be se-  
lected from an open tryout  
on June 7 at MAX McCook  
Indoor Complex in Chicago.  
High school coaches from  
the region will be on hand  
to evaluate and select 25 top  
high school underclassmen  
players to the team.

"It is an honor and privi-  
lege to be a part of this la-  
crosse tournament, especially  
with such a reputable name  
in sports behind it. The Adi-  
das National Lacrosse Clas-  
sic will bring amazing talent  
from across the country for  
a weekend benefiting all in-  
volved," Posner said. "As the  
coach of a team in the Mid-  
west, I think it is important  
for lacrosse players in our  
area to be exposed to talent  
from all over the nation."



PHOTO/JAN GARRISON  
Above: Culver Academies' lacrosse coach Jon  
Posner,

"I am very excited to have  
the opportunity to select and  
invite some of the finest la-  
crosse players in the region  
to a tournament where they  
will be playing in front of  
coaches from the best col-  
lege lacrosse programs in the  
country, as well as competing  
against the top players in the  
country."

The event holds meaning  
for the players. "I think one  
of the greatest advantages for  
the young men who will be  
participating in the tourna-  
ment is that they will have  
the opportunity to hone their  
skills, compete at a high lev-  
el, and hopefully, rise to the  
occasion of being surround-  
ed by other top competitors  
and have the opportunity

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# Big Ten Classic here April 12

## LMEC hopes to spread word about hydrilla safety

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

The twelfth annual Big Ten "Classic" Championship collegiate bass fishing tournament will hit Lake Maxinkuckee over the weekend of April 12 and 13, which not only allows new faces to enjoy the beauties of the lake, but also offers an opportunity to spread the word as to best practices for protecting Indiana waterways – Maxinkuckee included – from invasive species. At least that's the hope of the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council and Indiana's Dept. of Natural Resources.

The tournament's website, [www.collegiatebass.org](http://www.collegiatebass.org), calls the event "the grandfather of collegiate tournament angling," noting that the Championship dates back to 1996, when it was first contested on Lake Freeman, Ind., where student anglers from

Purdue University captured the inaugural Big Ten championship. It was last held on Hoosier waters in 2002, at the Salamonie Reservoir.

The University of Illinois, which boasts two straight years, 2006-2007, as champions in the event, will return to defend its title against a host of other college teams, including Ohio State, Indiana University, Purdue University, University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Penn State University, University of Iowa, University of Wisconsin, Northwestern University, and the University of Minnesota. Needless to say, Culver should be buzzing with fishing-related activity that weekend.

Kathy Clark, director of the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council, has been inspired by the group's excitement, and hopes the tournament will be a chance

for her organization and others to help share information about ecological safety in Indiana's waters (and beyond), particularly as it concerns the threat of infestation by hydrilla, an aquatic plant that virtually chokes all other life from freshwater lakes. Nearby Lake Manitou, at Rochester, remains closed due to its hydrilla infestation.

"This (hydrilla concern) is so close to our front door with the Lake Manitou infestation," says Clark. "We're working as close as possible with the DNR to educate, educate, educate, and monitor and inspect. That's the only way to try and keep hydrilla out. The sooner you spot it, the less costly it is to eradicate."

Tom Flat, aquatic habitat coordinator and administrator for the Indiana DNR's Aquatic Invasive Species program, says that preven-

tion of infestation is really about common sense practices. "We just ask folks to clean off their boats and boat trailers and even mud," says Flat. "Drain all the excess water out of tanks and boats that might harbor some of these critters. It's even nice to dry their boats and equipment out four or five days before going to another lake; this will often kill the viruses that are spread around."

"Also don't move bait from one lake to another," Flat adds. "The tendency is to put in a bucket on the side of a boat. We recommend that you use up all your bait in that lake. Don't throw left-over bait back into the lake. It's better to dispose of it in the trash then release it back into the lake."

Flat notes that sharing this information is a huge facet of helping prevent problems. He recommends that any-

one using the lake read the DNR's information on invasive species safety at [www.invasivespecies.in.gov](http://www.invasivespecies.in.gov).

Kathy Clark hopes to have information available via volunteers distributing material at the lake over the April 12 weekend. "Bass fishermen are considered the most traveling body of sportsmen," she says. "The collegiate group would be on the cutting edge of knowledge and management practices to protect our natural resources. I contacted them to see if I could make this a joint educational effort and we can stand together to get people to understand how important it is to clean everything before you take to another body of water...half of these kids are biology majors. If anybody can help us for the future, it's these kids! And they all seem so wonderful."

Clark notes that while bass

fishermen are noted for their travels, they aren't the only people capable of transferring problem species like hydrilla. "In all of our Indiana lakes there are people that live and boat, that go to Florida for the winter, which is the beginning state for this (hydrilla) infestation; it's absolutely polluted. If they bring a jet ski, kids' toys, even water coolers, to our lakes, they could be a carrier. There's not a single type of lake user that can cause this: it's all of us."

More information on partnership opportunities and the Big Ten event may be had by contacting the CBAA at [info@collegiatebass.org](mailto:info@collegiatebass.org) or via phone at (574) 780-4390.

## "Spectacular" from page 6

Proceeds from the event are used to fund the school system's various athletic programs — except for event schedules, the profits from which are donated to the Relay for Life Foundation — and high school principal Albert Hanselman estimated the games raised as much as \$3,000 Thursday.

"This is one of the nights the kids look forward to more than any other," he said. "It's actually a week-long event for the kids, starting with selling tickets and decorating. The majority of the student body turned out — we'll do a count later — we have a little over 500 kids, and I'll bet 400 of them showed up tonight."

Besides Berndt's and Lucas Hanselman's, the games were populated with many faces familiar to Culver sports fans, as athletes turned out to give back to the school's athletic programs and enjoy themselves.

Cavalier senior post man Jon Davis also played in the basketball game, squeezing his broad 6-3 frame facetiously into what appeared to be an old elementary school basketball uniform, and shooting guard Matt Marrs competed as well.

But the seniors weren't the only class represented. Among others, freshman Patricia McBee participated in the free throw shooting contest, helping the ninth grade class to a 24-bucket victory in the event.

Also present was McBee's coach, Lady Cavaliers' basketball skipper Ashli Faulkner.

Faulkner — a former Division I college ball player — went 2-0 for the night as a member of both the faculty basketball and volleyball team.

During the volleyball match, Faulkner served up seven straight points in the first game as the staff team defeated the senior girls 25-

10. The second game ended prematurely in as the two-minute clock expired on a 12-9 senior lead.

"They kind of give you crap about it all day because they know you're playing in it," said Faulkner of her kids. "They ask, 'Oh are you gonna do this?'" You kinda have to tell them how you've got skills. I still think I have skills. It lets them see another side of teachers, which I think is cool."

## "Posner" from page 6

to showcase their talents to the college coaches. Adidas has done something remarkable here, and I'm looking forward to participating and contributing to its success" added Posner.

With a Culver four-year coaching record of 38-24, Posner guided CMA to the 2007 Indiana State Lacrosse Championship.

## BOYS LACROSSE

**CULVER MILITARY 10, KIRKWOOD (MO.) 4 AT CULVER**

CMA GOALS: Alex Niestrom 4, Jessie Rabishaw 3, Brandon Benn, Tommy Ott, Cory Hibbeler.  
CMA ASSISTS: Niestrom 2, Greg

Miceli, Josh Moles.  
CMA SAVES: Robb Harrison 10, Key McKinley 1.  
Records: CMA 4-2, Kirkwood 1-3.

**CULVER MILITARY 8, SYLVANIA (OHIO) 7 AT CULVER**

CMA GOALS: Brandon Benn 3, Greg Miceli 2, Tommy Ott 1, Alex Niestrom 1, Pierce Leonard 1.  
CMA ASSISTS: Leonard 2, Niestrom 1, Watanabe 1, Benn 1.  
CMA SAVES: Key McKinley 13.  
Records: CMA 3-2, Sylvania 0-1.

**CULVER MILITARY 7, DALLAS JESUIT 6, OT AT DALLASA**

CMA GOALS: Tommy Ott 2, Brandon Benn 2, Greg Miceli 1, Jonathan Watanabe 1, Jessie Rabishaw 1.  
CMA ASSISTS: Miceli 2, Chris Fox 2.  
CMA SAVES: Key McKinley 9, Robb Harrison 3.  
Records: CMA 2-0, Dallas Jesuit 9-4.

**HIGHLAND PARK 14,**

**CULVER MILITARY 4 AT DALLAS**

CMA GOALS: Brandon Benn 2, Barrick Bollman 1, Blake Saylor 1.  
CMA ASSISTS: Greg Miceli 1, Cory Hibbeler 1.  
CMA SAVES: Key McKinley 18, Robb Harrison 3.  
Records: CMA 2-1, Highland Park 5-2.

**CULVER MILITARY 12, SOUTHLAKE CARROLL 4 AT SOUTHLAKE, TEXAS**

CMA GOALS: Jessie Rabishaw 4, Brandon Benn 3, Cory Hibbeler 1, Chris Fox 1, Jonathan Watanabe 1, Alex Niestrom 1, Cameron Garrison 1.  
CMA ASSISTS: Greg Miceli 2, Tommy Ott 2, Fox 2, Benn 1, Rabishaw 1.  
CMA SAVES: Key McKinley 5, Robb Harrison 3.  
Records: CMA 1-0, Southlake 3-9.

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## "I put everything into everything I do."

### Jones is CHS' third Lily scholar

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

A new name can be added to a highly distinguished list at Culver Community High School, that of students from

Organization, Cavalier Alliance for Voluntary Service, Relay for Life, and as a Bible school teacher. She plans to attend Purdue University and is currently undecided on her

was in his office for a couple of hours...teachers really enjoy it when their students get honored with something like this; it's a credit to them."

Jones may be a familiar name to readers and Culverites in general, especially of late. Her involvement with the highly successful Business Professionals of America group at CHS, says Jones, has helped her in variety of ways that contributed to the scholarship. "Just being around people doing presentations helped a lot," she notes. "(The committee) thought I seemed comfortable speaking in front of them, and that helped a lot."

Jones cites several areas that Culver influenced her success. "I never would have had the opportunity to go on the mission trip to Mexico if not for this school, and the relationship with the Academy. In general, a smaller school academically has really helped in being able to go to teachers if I needed help. During the interview, I mentioned (CHS math teacher Mike) Buschman. They asked, 'what's the best piece of advice you ever received?' I had yearbook and calculus the same hour, and I was having kind of a tough time doing both. I was the editor-in-chief, I loved being in yearbook. I was talking to Mr. Buschman about it and told him I felt like I was letting him down. He just told me to do what I love, and I'd never thought of it that way. I was just doing what I was expected to do. I think they (the committee) liked that. I'm still Mr. Buschman's Teaching Assistant...he says I still get my hour a day that way!"

Jones—who attended Monterey Elementary school and was part of the first class to enter and leave Culver's recently-added Middle School -- credits her parents, as well, as an inspiration. "They support me in everything I do... they always encouraged me. When I was little, all I did was read books all the time. They always encouraged me when I tried something new,

and they never let me quit anything."

"I try and put everything into everything I do," Jones adds.

CHS principal Hanselman sees the scholarship as a victory for Jones and the school in general. "It's great for Ashley. We're very proud of her, and we're proud and happy for our teachers. They've helped her along the way. This is not only an individual award; it's good recognition for our school."

Previous Lily scholarship winners from CHS are Jessica Pinder and Jeremy Stotler.

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship is open to high school seniors who will have graduated by the end of June with a diploma from an accredited Indiana high school, and who have been accepted to pursue a full-time baccalaureate course of study at an Indiana school. Several scholarship applications from Pulaski County students were received and considered by the PCCF Scholarship Selection Committee. Recipients are nominated through a written application and an oral interview/presentation process. The finalists' names were submitted to the Independent Colleges of Indiana, Inc. (ICI) and approved for selection in accordance with the criteria and procedures consistent with applicable law and the overall goals of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship program.

ICI is a nonprofit corporation that represents 31 regionally accredited degree granting, nonprofit, private colleges and universities in the state.

The scholarships are the result of a statewide Lilly Endowment initiative to help Hoosier students reach higher levels of education. Indiana ranks among the lowest states in the percentage of residents over age 25 with a bachelor's degree. There were 216 scholarships awarded statewide.

## Cavalier Corner



## Sophomores' job shadow experience

By Hilari Weldon  
Culver Comm. High School

On February 15, about 30 students -- or 40 percent of the sophomore class -- participated in a job shadow day. These students attended work with people who were involved in careers of interest to the students. Students visited many different career fields, such as manufacturing, environmental, educational, business, and health occupations.

Before job shadowing, sophomores completed interest inventories to determine the different careers in which

they were compatible. The inventory also showed details, such as how much schooling the job requires and what is expected in a normal work day. This information helped students decide which career they would like to research. English teacher Sue Allen and guidance counselor Brenda Sheldon helped with the project.

"Two main parts to career counseling is (1) the knowledge of your self and (2) the knowledge of the world," said Mrs. Sheldon. "All career programming is used to set goals for the future."

## Culver Middle School honor roll

Culver Community Middle School announces its third quarter honor roll students.

7th grade, "A" honor roll: Morgan Osborn

7th grade, "A-B" honor roll

John Ahlenius, Erin Bau, Bradley Beaver, Ethan Bennett, Micah Budzinski, Holley Caddy, Jennifer Carroll, Michelle Elam, Marena Fleury, Clare Hartman, Sarah Haynes, MaKennon Hicks, Zachary Kephart, Cody Klimaszewski, Ashley Martinez, Mary McKinnis, Austin Sheldon, Leannza Shipley, Kortney Smith, Collin Ste-

vens, Abby VanHorn.

8th Grade, "A" honor roll: Kellie Bonine, Dustin Cowell, Bridget Davidge, Kacie Hermanson, Aspen Kitchell, Joe Krsek, Kalee Miller, Robert Norton, Sarah Rakich.

8th grade, "A-B" honor roll: Caroline Baker, Marin Barnes, Trenton Becker, Alyssa Binion, Zach Duplay, Cole Flora, Chandler Gast, Sam Hissong, Chelsey Jones, Emily Rich, Kyleigh Sage, Curtis Stacy, Amanda Steele, Joshua Thompson, Cameron Turney, Kevin VanHorn, Cassie VanSky, Austin Vela.



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Ashley Jones

the school to be named Lily Endowment Community Scholars.

Jones and Addison Elston, both residents of Pulaski County, will receive full, four-year scholarships as the Pulaski County Community Foundation 2008 Lilly Endowment Community Scholars.

Jones, the daughter of Jack and Karen Jones, will graduate from Culver Community High School in May. Ashley is a four-year member of Science Club and French Club and has played varsity soccer for four years as well. She is a two-year band member and has been involved in Business Professionals of America, Academic Super Bowl, and served as yearbook Editor-in-Chief for two years. Committed to community service, Ashley has volunteered her time with the Culver Youth Community

major.

Jones says she turned in her application after Christmas break, and three weeks later was notified she was one of six finalists. "As a finalist, I had to put together a 15 minute presentation about me and the things I've done, and why I deserve the scholarship," says Jones. "Then there was an interview and questions after."

"They emphasize obviously good grades, high SAT scores, but they also look for the well rounded student."

Jones says she was sitting in class when she was called down to the school office. "My parents were sitting there, and (CHS principal Albert) Hanselman came out. We went into his office and Sarah Kroft from the Community Foundation was there."

"Mr. Hanselman was very excited," Jones continues. "I

## Middle School students inducted into National Jr. Honor Society

Twelve students from the Culver Community Middle School were inducted into membership of the National Junior Honor Society in a ceremony held at the Middle School on March 19, 2008.

Members were selected by a Faculty Council for meeting high standards of scholarship, service, leadership, citizenship, and character.

Students inducted were: Kellie Bonine, Micah Budzinski, Sarah Haynes, MaKennon Hicks, Sam Hissong, Cristina Jimenez, Chelsey Jones, Mary McKinnis, Morgan Osborn, Leannza Shipley, Collin Stevens, Austin Vela,

"National Junior Honor Society members are chosen for and then expected to continue their exemplary

contributions to the school and community" said Julie Kitchell, chapter adviser.

The National Junior Honor Society ranks as one of the oldest and most prestigious organizations for middle level students. Chapters exist in more than 60 percent of the nation's middle level schools, and since 1929, millions of students have been selected for membership. NJHS is sponsored by the National Association of Secondary Principals, which also sponsors the National Honor Society.

## SCILL Center offers variety of computer classes

The SCILL Center will once again be offering a QuickBooks class to help students learn how to reconcile checking accounts, create and print invoices and receipts, track payables and receivables and create reports. Class includes breakfast, lunch, and workbook, and will be held on Monday, April 28, at the Henry F. Schricker Library, 152 W. Culver Road, Knox, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fee for this class is \$90.00. Reservations are required.

The Center will also offer a class in PowerPoint, the most popular presentation software in the world. In this course, students will learn how to create, design and edit individual presentation slides, and will gain an understanding of PowerPoint's most important tools and features for building effective presentations. PowerPoint

is an easy-to-use presentation design tool helping users make effective presentations.

This class will be held at the Henry F Schricker Library on May 6th, 8 a.m. to noon. Seating is limited; please register.

On May 7, SCILL will present a Basic Excel class from 8 a.m. until noon at the Henry F Schricker Library in Knox.

Starting with the basics, students will learn how to create, format and manipulate data in a spreadsheet. This is a "hands on" class using computers, not paper.

To register, or with questions, contact Terri Noonan at the SCILL Center at (574) 772-8001 or email at tnoonan@earthlink.net. The SCILL Center is located at 1300 Kloeckner Drive in Knox.

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# Lintner talks property tax in Culver, beyond

Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Property tax is one of the hotter topics around Indiana these days, and many Marshall County residents – like Hoosiers elsewhere – are wondering what the new property tax caps signed into law on March 19 will mean locally. Culver residents on March 20 were fortunate to have a local voice who's quite familiar with the matter on a county and even state level. Longtime Culverite and Marshall County Council member (and former president) Fred Lintner addressed Culver's Kiwanis Club on March 20 in an effort to help clear up some of the practical implications of the legislation, and he started by noting that 29 percent of Union Township residents' property tax dollars go to the county government (with 20.3 percent to the county within the town of Culver itself); 63 percent of property taxes on a county level go to the schools, with 44 percent from Culver proper. Five percent of township property taxes, he said, go to public library funding, with four percent of the town's dollars going to the public library. He also noted that 30 percent of Culver residents' property tax money goes back to the town government.

Maybe, maybe not."

Lintner added that the state did eliminate the position of township assessor in order to make property tax assessments more uniform.

As many have undoubtedly read by now, property taxes for homeowners have been capped at one percent of the assessed value of one's home, with rental property capped at two percent and businesses at three percent. To compensate, said Lintner, the state will raise sales taxes to seven percent. "The school corporations think they're not going to get enough money," he noted.

The state will take on child welfare and juvenile incarceration. Some counties previously had to pay the state

counties in the state, citing Lintner's own brother in Zionsville, whose property tax rate is 2.4 times higher than Lintner's own in Culver, though Lintner added that taxes in Culver went down because of very significant assessed value increases on homes on Lake Maxinkuckee, which increased sometimes as much as 400 percent.

How much one's assessed value reduction will be now depends on the value of one's property, Lintner pointed out. "The percentage gets larger as the value of the property gets larger," he said.

The median value of a home in Indiana is \$120,007, according to Lintner, with the median income at \$55,634.

have more income, more valuable property," Lintner continued. "We're really shifting taxes from property to sales and income tax. This may help homesteaders with short term goals, but the overall tax liability could well increase."

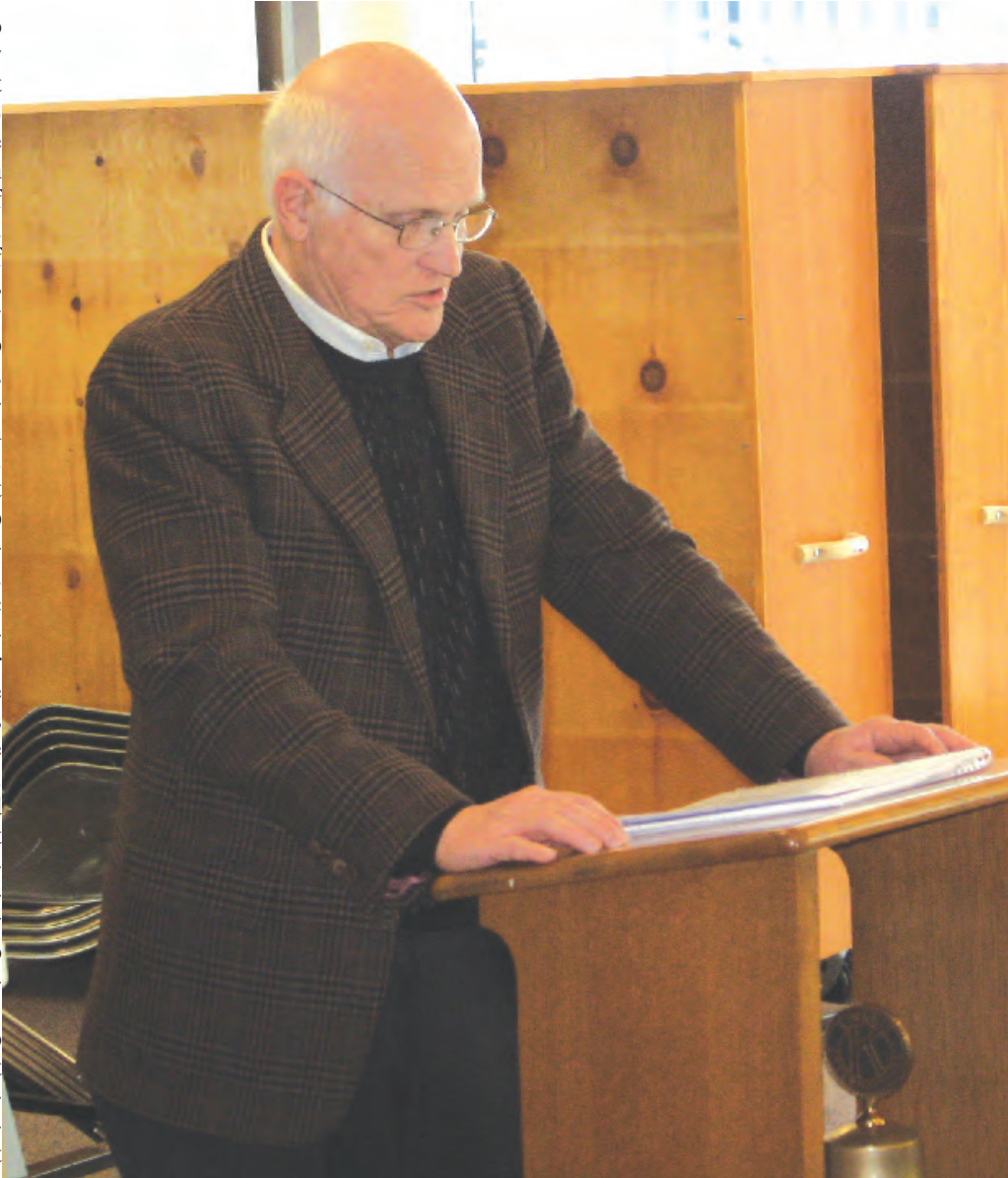
Lintner explained that a local option income tax is one of the things the state government has been encouraging counties to use if recent changes cause them trouble. In Marshall County, a form of this local option income tax is already in place in the form of the County Adjusted Gross Income Tax, or CAGIT. The state allows counties to add another one percent tax on top of an existing tax option like CAGIT.

"In 2010," Lintner said, "it's estimated that there will be a \$592,000,000 and a half loss (in tax monies) due to property tax reform. How do we make that up? It's not as bad for Marshall County as you might think. Lake County will lose 24 percent of its budget. St. Joe County will lose 15 percent of their budget... these counties are going to have to look at, and cut budgets, and enact local option income taxes to make this up. Eleven counties account for 79% of this \$592,000,000. It looks like Marshall County won't lose much at all in 2009. It will hit us a little harder in 2010. I won't promise Marshall County won't enact a local option income tax (but we in the county council would like to look at that budget very hard before we enact a local option income tax."

Lintner also pointed out that using income and sales tax as a base is more volatile than property tax.

Audience member Ralph Winters also noted that because of the new increase in renter's deductions, those

CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY  
County councilman and Culver resident Fred Lintner discussed the practical implications of recent property tax legislation with Culver's Kiwanis Club recently.



for these services because they couldn't afford them on their own.

In breaking down some of the down to earth implications of the changes, Lintner said he relied on Purdue economist Larry DeBoer for information. He noted that Marshall county is actually not one of the higher tax rate

"That person," he said, "will see property tax reduced by \$440, or 31.4 percent. But, they'll pay \$202 more in sales tax, and \$63 more in federal income tax -- because there's less to itemize...the change in what that person was paying and what they will pay amounts to \$155 less." "You'll pay more if you

## Miss Maxinkuckee sign-ups April 13, past queens sought

Any Culver girl interested in participating in the Miss Maxinkuckee pageant should attend a meeting this Sunday April 13, in the Union Room at the Culver Cove (subsequent Sunday practices will be held there as well).

These Sunday practices were scheduled this year to prevent conflict with sports practices and games.

Princess (ages four through six) and Little Miss (ages seven through 10) will meet at 5 p.m. Junior Miss (ages 11 through 14) and Miss Maxinkuckee (ages 15 through 18) will meet at 6 p.m.

This year's pageant will be held Sat., June 14 at the Culver depot, and will be the kick-off event leading up to the 25th anniversary Lakefest, which will take place July 18 through the 20.

The Lakefest and Miss Maxinkuckee committees would like past Miss Maxinkuckee Queens involved in this special anniversary year. Any past winners, or those interested in participating this year may contact Miss Max coordinators Shelli Dickey at (574) 292-2775, or Susie Norwich, at (574) 298-5970 with questions.

## Tree Commission needs community's help

By Judy Sawhook  
Culver Tree Commission

On the off chance that readers missed last week's article, fear not. That article gave a brief background on the Culver Tree Commission's and your role in helping to maintain the Urban Forest that is all around us. It is not too late for you to "get in on the action!"

This forest in which we live is on land owned by the town and other public entities, our utilities and individuals, including homeowners and businesses. In essence, everyone who is a part of our community has a responsibility for the care and maintenance of our trees.

Again this year, the Tree Commission will be doing its part by arranging for the planting of about 50 trees. Last year trees were planted primarily along E. Lakeshore Dr. and Main St. This year's planting will follow up with trees on State, Lakeview, Lake, Cass, Washington, Ohio, Madison and S. Main Streets. The trees will be planted between the curbs and sidewalks.

With your help, all of this will take place on Saturday, April 26. Volunteers will meet in the parking lot across from the funeral home at the corner of Lake Shore and Main Streets. It is important for everyone to arrive by 8 a.m. At that time a briefing will be held on how the planting will take place. Instruction will be given on the procedures to be followed to ensure a maximum survival rate for the trees.

Holes for the trees will have already been dug, but will need adjusting to accommodate the root ball of the tree being planted. A common error, for instance, is to plant trees too deep. Volunteers will also mulch the trees which will then receive their first watering by our Fire Department. In addition to the self-satisfaction received from "helping," your participation also gives you perpetual bragging rights for the trees that you "planted."

If you would like more information, or to indicate your willingness to participate, please contact Judy Sawhook at (574) 842-2861.

like himself with rental properties will have to raise rent prices. "They (the renters) will take (money) out of one pocket and put it in another. One additional item: the more people make, the more they put into the bank and save. The lower income people will be hit harder by the 1 percent increase in sales tax than high wage earners."

"I couldn't agree more," said Lintner. "Renters all over the state are going to be hurting."

"People around the lake complain about the assessment," Lintner added. "And they can blame the county and the state, but blame your next door neighbor who

sold his property at whatever price because the state decided to go to fair market value. My property went up because my next door neighbor's property went up."

"This law has the most salient effect on the high earner, the person who has high value property. The lower income person or the homeowner whose property is assessed at \$120,000, we'll see. Every house on Meridian Street (in Indianapolis) had a 'for sale' sign on it; they're the governor's neighbors. And there are houses on Lake Maxinkuckee that I know the assessed value doesn't even come close to the sales price."

# Gouwens to perform carillon recital April 13

John Gouwens, Organist and Carillonneur of The Academies, will present his annual faculty organ recital at the Memorial Chapel on Sunday, April 13, at 7:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. This will be the first recital performance employing the powerful "Requiescat in pace" by the "Dean of American Church Musicians," Leo Sowerby, will open the second half. This gripping memorial piece draws especially on the ethereal sounds of the organ, including the Harp, Chimes, and string celestes.

(to be announced) and an improvisation.

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Gouwens will also play three pieces from "Canticum Fumet. Fumet was a virtu-

ally forgotten musician, and certainly one of the most colorful characters among all French musicians. His compositions are by turns bril-

liant, brooding, and lovely, with bold harmonic twists and turns unique to Fumet.

Many musicians don't realize that Camille Saint-

merous works for the organ, including two series of Preludes and Fugues. The April 13 recital will include the B-Major Prelude and Fugue, in this case serving as a perfect vehicle for a tenor-range solo on the Cor d'Amour stop (added in 2007), and featuring some highly orchestral ebbs and flows of dynamics.

The final work on the program will be the brilliant "Prelude and Fugue in E-Flat" by Belgian composer Joseph Jongen. The Prelude is a rippling toccata in the French manner, seasoned with Jongen's post-impressionistic harmonies throughout. The Fugue is not only delightful listening, it is tour de force in the many compositional techniques that may be used in writing a fugue, such as stretto, inversion, and augmentation. This is hardly surprising, as Jongen was Professor of Fugue at the Brussels Conservatory, prior to ascending to the directorship of that institution.

The recital is open to the general public, and admission is free of charge. A reception will follow the recital, with food prepared by the recitalist - a longstanding tradition at John Gouwens's annual organ recitals.



John Gouwens will perform on the carillon at Culver Academies' Memorial Chapel on April 13.

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# Culver Cub Scouts honored at Blue & Gold

On Saturday, March 29, Culver's Cub Scout Pack 290 held its Blue & Gold ceremony, a celebration of the Boy Scouts of America's birthday traditionally held in February, but held over until March locally. The event is typically when boys in the Scouts receive the rankings they have been working all year for, according to Cubmaster Donna Vela. "We have a great group this year, much better than I ever expected," says Vela. "We have become more than just leaders and committee members; we've become very close friends. I want to thank them all for everything that they have put forth for this Pack. This year would not have gone as well as it has without their help."

Vela also thanked the Scouts' parents and families for their contribution to the success of the program. "If it weren't for your commitment in bringing the boys to their meetings, the extra activities, and working with them at home, this pack would not be able to run at all."

Awards and rankings given at the event include:

**Tigers:** Dakota Bennett - Tiger badge, Chess Academic Belt Loop, Citizenship Academic Belt Loop, three elective beads, Good Turn for America Patch and 2008 year segment. Wyatt Coiner: Tiger badge, Chess Academic Belt Loop, Citizenship Academic Belt Loop, two elective beads, Good Turn for America Patch and 2008 year segment. Adrian Craig: Tiger badge, Chess Academic Belt Loop, Citizenship Academic Belt Loop, three elective beads, Good Turn for America Patch and 2008 year segment. Trenton Jones: Tiger badge, Chess Academic Belt Loop, Citizenship Academic Belt Loop, Good Turn for America Patch and 2008 year segment. Nikolas Vela: Tiger badge, Chess Academic Belt Loop, Citizenship Academic Belt Loop, Bicycling Sports Belt Loop, Fishing Sports Belt Loop, Roller Skating

Sports Belt Loop, Table Tennis Sports Belt Loop, three electives beads, Good Turn for America Patch and 2008 year segment.

**Wolves:** Michael Boland: Wolf badge, one Gold Arrow point, three Silver Arrow points, Good Turn for America and 2008 year segment. Payton Lowry: Wolf badge, one Gold Arrow point, one

Fishing Sports Belt Loop, Roller Skating Belt Loop, Table Tennis Belt Loop, Good Turn for America and 2008 year segment.

**Bears:** Jack Campbell: Bear badge, one Gold Arrow point, one Silver Arrow point, Art Academics Belt Loop, Wildlife Conservation Academics Belt Loop, Badminton Sports Belt Loop,

ics Belt Loop, Badminton Sports Belt Loop, Good Turn for America and 2008 year segment, BSA Family Program patch. Garrett Reinhold: Bear badge, one Gold Arrow point, four Silver Arrow points, Art Academics Belt Loop, Mathematics Academics Belt Loop, Wildlife Conservation Academics Belt Loop, Badminton Sports

gram pins for the family. The Dilts Family: BSA Family Program Certificate and BSA Family Program pins for the family. The Reichard Family: BSA Family Program Certificate and BSA Family Program pins for the family. The Reinhold Family: BSA Family Program Certificate and BSA Family Program pins for the family.

also is our Conservation Committee Chair, was a part of the Blue & Gold Committee, on our Pinewood derby committee, and has been instrumental in requesting donations from organizations," Vela explains. "Ruth put our ideas together and came up with the invitations, programs place mats, and the slide show (as part of the ceremony)."

Rae Ann Dilts, Assistant Bear den leader: Good Turn for America and 2008 year segment, BSA Family Program pin. Rich Vela, Webelos den leader: Good Turn for America and 2008 year segment, Whittling Chip and card. Vela is also the Assistant Tiger den leader, Pack trainer, camp coordinator, and Pinewood derby committee chair, according to Vela. Carla Guerra, Assistant den leader: Good Turn for America and 2008 year segment. Vela adds that Guerra is also a part of the committee. Of Rhapsody Craig, committee member, Vela says, "whenever we need someone, Rhapsody always seem to be there."

Bridget Lowry, Pack Treasurer, is "another person that seems to be there for any extra help," notes Dilts.

Chuck Dilts, says Vela, is committee chair and Assistant CubMaster, sat on the Pinewood derby committee, and "Chuck keeps us in check!"

Donna Vela herself, besides being CubMaster, is also an Assistant Webelos den leader, is on the committee, and acts as fundraising chair. "The leaders also gave me and Chuck Dilts plaques for CubMaster (me) and Assistant CubMaster (Chuck)," notes Vela. "Austin Dilts presented me with a vase of flowers with the colors of the Pack: orange for Tigers, yellow for Wolves, blue for Bears and red for Webelos. We were all very pleased with the ceremony, and I have been very pleased with the help that I have received throughout the year. It has been a great year."

Vela also notes that the Cub Scouts will have a Scout Spring Roundup on April 23 at 6 p.m. at the fellowship hall of the Wesley United Methodist Church. For more information, contact Donna Vela at (574) 933-1086.



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Cub Scout Pack 290 at the Blue & Gold. Back row, left to right: Malik Guerra, Trenton Jones, Wyatt Coiner, Dalton Rienhold, Payton Lowry, Michael Boland, Jack Campbell. Middle row, left to right: Caleb Sheridan, Nikolas Vela, Tyler Bare, Alan Dilts, Garret Rienhold, Riley Reichard, Lucas Vela. In the front: a "Cub Scout Buddy," Austin Dilts, 4 years old. Present at the event, but not in the picture, are: Joshua Vela, Adrian Craig, and Dakotta Bennett.

Silver Arrow point, Good Turn for America and 2008 year segment. Adrian Craig: Tiger badge, Chess Academic Belt Loop, Citizenship Academic Belt Loop, three elective beads, Good Turn for America Patch and 2008 year segment. Caleb Sheridan: Wolf badge, one Gold Arrow point, one Silver Arrow point, one Silver Arrow point, Good Turn for America and 2008 year segment. Lucas Vela: Wolf badge, one Gold Arrow point, six Silver Arrow points, Chess Academics Belt Loop, Badminton Sports Belt Loop, Bicycling Sports Belt Loop,

Good Turn for America and 2008 year segment, BSA Family Program patch. Alan Dilts: Bear badge, one Gold Arrow point, two Silver Arrow points, Art Academics Belt Loop, Wildlife Conservation Academics Belt Loop, Badminton Sports Belt Loop, Roller Skating Sports Belt Loop, Good Turn for America and 2008 year segment, BSA Family Program patch. Riley Reichard: Bear badge, one Gold Arrow point, two Silver Arrow points, Art Academics Belt Loop, Wildlife Conservation Academ-

Belt Loop, Roller Skating Sports Belt Loop, Good Turn for America and 2008 year segment, BSA Family Program patch.

**Webelos:** Tyler Bare: Webelos badge, Engineer Activity badge, Family Member Activity badge, Fitness Activity badge, Compass Emblem, Good Turn for America and 2008 year segment. Malik Guerra: Webelos badge, Good Turn for America and 2008 year segment. Joshua Vela: Webelos badge, Engineer Activity badge, Family Member Activity badge, Naturalist Activity badge, Compass Emblem, Chess Academics Belt Loop, Badminton Sports Belt Loop, Bicycling Sports Belt Loop, Fishing Sports Belt Loop, Roller Skating Belt Loop, Good Turn for America and 2008 year segment.

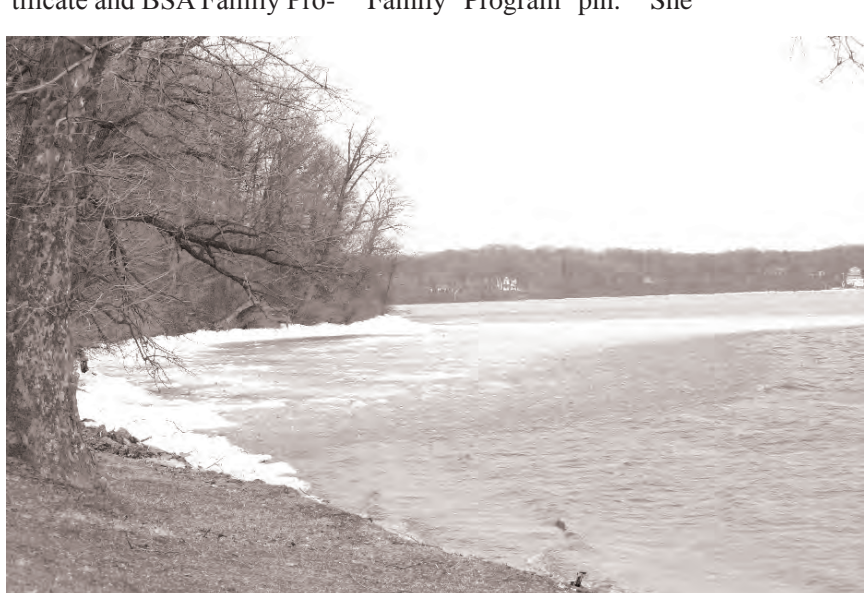
The Campbell Family: BSA Family Program Certificate and BSA Family Pro-

Recognitions included: Wesley United Methodist Church: Centennial Quality Unit Award Plaque. Among those receiving certificates of appreciation: Wesley United Woman, Culver Lion's Club, Chris Otto, Chuck Robbins.

Cub Scout leader awards included: Jim Coiner, Tiger Den leader: Good Turn for America and 2008 year segment, Whittling Chip and card. "He also has stepped in as the Wolf den leader for the rest of the year...and is also the assistant camp coordinator and was on the Pine Wood Derby Committee."

Karen Boland, Wolf den leader: Good Turn for America and 2008 year segment. "She also is our committee secretary, and was our Blue and Gold Committee Chair," says Vela.

Ruth Dilts, Bear den leader: Good Turn for America and 2008 year segment, BSA Family Program pin. "She



End of the ice age?

We can only hope the white mini-mountains of ice piled up to the left, on Lake Maxinkuckee's shore, represent the end of the cold stuff for the season. This photo was taken in late March.

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# Local students take first at Cavalcade

For the third year in a row, SCILL students took first place at the Cavalcade of Wheels annual Pit Stop Competition at the Century Center in South Bend on March 29. With this win, SCILL has won four out of the last five pit crew competitions they have participated in.

The SCILL students competed against teams from Indiana and Michigan high school programs. The teams compete against each other for the honor and scholarship money. SCILL entered two teams of five members each. One team consisted of second year students and the other team was first year students. Rod Dawson and

Mark Anderson, auto tech instructors at SCILL, coached the teams and accompanied them to South Bend for the competition.

SCILL took first place with a time of 4:13:47. The first place team consisted of David Sheridan (Culver), Blake Ensey (John Glenn), Shawn Tolson (Knox), Scott Smolek (North Judson) and Armando Huizar (Plymouth). SCILL also took fourth place with a time of 4:44:02. This team consisted of James Hittle (John Glenn), Al Bailey (Knox), Carlos Del Real (Plymouth), Mitch Heavilin (North Judson), and Chad Fowler (Knox).

The purpose of the Coach-

man Auto Club Program is to acknowledge participation in the Cavalcade of Wheels and to provide an incentive for high school students to continue on into higher education. Each team member of the winning Pit Stop Competition team was awarded a \$500 scholarship. The school of the winning team received \$500.

# Helping hand

Below: Culver Kiwanis Club vice president Grant Monroe, left, presented Culver Comm. High School's Business Professionals of America with a \$500 check towards expenses incurred traveling to BPA's national competition in Reno in May. Accepting the award is Mike Schwartz, BPA sponsor at the school. Several representatives of the local BPA spoke to the club on April 3 about their respective efforts and victories at the state competition in Indianapolis. See BPA story, page 1.

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Below: SCILL Center winners at this year's Cavalcade. Photo at left (left to right) Mitch Heavilin, Al Bailey, Chad Fowler, James Hittle, Carlos Del Real. Photo at right: Shawn Tolson, Blake Ensey, Scott Smolek, David Sheridan, not pictured: Armando Huizar

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# Future forest

Gary Shaffer (above, far right) hopes to turn seven acres of his 19th Road property (just south of Culver near Hawk Lake) into a forest populated by native Indiana trees. Forester Bruce Wakeland, from North Judson (second from right, above) planted 3,000 trees on March 24 on Shaffer's property, with the help of his brother, Neal Wakeland (driving tractor). Among the species planted: red oak, white oak, walnut, tulip, cherry, and burr oak. Shaffer says a state DNR representative looked at his land last summer and recommended

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how to approach the planting, which Shaffer says was inspired by a desire to have woodland around his property since he bought it 14 or 15 years ago. Although Shaffer says he doesn't consider himself an environmentalist, he is on the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council board, and hopes the trees will be a noise barrier as well as a possible wind block in the winter.

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