



In Brief

Tree lighting, caroling Dec. 5

Culver’s annual Christmas tree lighting and caroling event, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, St. Mary of the Lake council, will take place Fri., Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m., at the train station/depot in the town park. Hot drinks and snacks will be provided inside the depot with caroling beginning outside before dispersing into groups to carol around Culver. All are invited and encouraged to attend this popular holiday event.

Children’s Christmas party Dec. 6

The Culver fire department, VFW, and Lions Club-sponsored annual children’s Christmas party will take place Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Culver Elementary School cafeteria. Santa will be there as well as a clown (complete with balloons and magic tricks), besides games and other Christmas fun. All area children are invited.

Wesley Cookie Walk

Wesley United Methodist Church, 511 School St., Culver, will have a “Cookie Walk” Dec. 6 from 9 a.m. - noon.

Shoppers can walk along several tables and choose the cookies of their choice.

There will be a variety of cookies available. The congregational members of the church make the cookies. Containers will be provided. Cookies can be purchased for a cost of \$5 per pound.

Free movie, popcorn at Culver library

Free popcorn and a movie are on tap at the Culver-Union Township Public Library. “Polar Express” will be shown Mon., Dec. 1, starting at 6 p.m. The library invites children of all ages to come in their “PJs,” bring a pillow and blanket, and enjoy a fun new family classic. It may be cold outside but it is always HOT! at your library.

CBGC Thanksgiving hours

The Culver Boys & Girls Club will be closed Thurs., Nov. 27 and Fri., Nov. 28 for Thanksgiving Break. The club will re-open Mon., Dec. 1 during normal club hours, 3-6:50 p.m. Any

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A soul full of soup...and community service

Above: CCES sixth graders Constancia Pena (standing, at right) and Shianne Wagner (standing, at left) serve Pena’s family, seated from left: Nicole Artist, Adam Artist, Charles Artist, and Gabrielle Kegley, age eight. (see story below).

CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Not by soup alone

With ‘Soup for the Soul,’ CES sixth graders learn service hands-on

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

By any estimation, it’s safe to say the Culver Elementary School sixth graders’ “Soup for the Soul” event was a smashing success. That’s certainly true financially, says sixth grade teacher Missy Trent, who with CES art teacher Joyce Lyman conceived the event as a service project for her students earlier this fall. Her ideal fundraising goal for the Nov. 20 soup supper, held at the CES cafeteria, was \$1,000. At final count, the project raised \$1,500 for the Plymouth-based women’s shelter Heminger House.

Just as successful, however, was the other goal of the effort: involving students in their community in a positive way and increasing their awareness of the needs of others, and their capacity to serve. Further, the community at large became a part of the story. Trent and Lyman say the flow of people attending the three-hour supper was constant.

“This was standing room only,” Lyman says. “There was a slew of (people here). The chief of police came, and the EMTs – it was that whole community thing. I was nervous. I thought I’d be sitting here with this soup and all these bowls!”

The bowls themselves were made by students and teachers, all 140 of them. Students began in art class last month, crafting bowls, cups, mugs, toothpick holders, and accessories out of clay. That multi-week labor was followed by students Nov. 20 gathering around 2:30 p.m. and working on after the 7:30 p.m. close of the event. As it turns out, Lyman’s fears of being left holding the bowl, so to speak, were unfounded.

“Almost everybody donated something,” she notes. “It was a wonderful turnout.”

“I was afraid we’d run out of soup!” adds Trent. “Lots of people bought bowls and donated them back to the (sale) table. Our cafeteria workers, bless them, have stayed here all evening serving and washing dishes. (Cafeteria director) Carin Clifton got soup from the distributor so she could donate some for the project.”

A number of area restaurants donated multiple pots and pans of soup and other goodies, while some businesses donated items for the evening’s raffle.

Trent contacted one South Bend TV station to come cover the event, and in response to an uncertain reply as to whether a crew could come down, “I said, ‘Listen, our kids have worked hard on this, but we also have some of the best restaurants around!’ So he said, ‘You’ve convinced me.’ And, I’m sending soup



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Academies induct 15 for Arts & Letters success

Firari, Tahse among honorees

Culver Academies inducted fifteen new members into the school’s Arts & Letters Hall of Fame Sat., Nov. 15.

Four inductees of the Class of 2008 attended the event. They were:

John C. Harmon II '53, composer, jazz pianist, and recording artist. Harmon, a prolific composer performed at the ceremony.

Harvey Firari, a member of the Culver faculty from 1952 to 1987, teaching English, history, speech, filling in as an adviser for the Roll Call and Vedette, and coaching tennis for 15 years. He also served as the chairman of the Fine Arts Department and the director of theater and the concert series manager. In 1976 Firari received the Hough Family Chair of Fine Arts and in 2002 a bench was placed on the Eppley Quad honoring his contributions to the school.

Firari is also known for the original plays and musicals he authored while at Culver, many of which were performed on the Eppley stage, including Phillip Sandan (with fellow inductee Jay Turnbull in the lead role) and Vagabond from Indiana (based on Ernie Pyle’s war reporting). He also wrote book reviews for the *South Bend Tribune* and the *Smalltown* column for the *Culver Citizen*. He now writes a blog, “Smokeytown” (on-

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Under a silent snow

Old man winter, ignoring the fact that it’s technically still fall, kicked off winter weather season with a bang, blanketing the area with snow on more than one occasion last week, causing many area schools to close -- and Culver schools to delay classes -- Nov. 21. In the photo above, Culver Elementary School’s playground sits empty and devoid of children due to the early snowfall.

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line at www.smokytown.typepad.com), from his home in Cazenovia, N.Y.

Andrew Malcolm '62, journalist and author, current author of the national political blog on www.LATimes.com called Top of the Ticket.

D. Martin Tahse is the most prolific and award-winning producer of the ABC "Afterschool Specials" from the 1970s and 80s. Between 1974 and 1989, Tahse was responsible for 26 After School Specials for ABC, more than any other single producer.

The Specials became a sort of unofficial training ground for young actors who went on to greater fame, including Kristy McNichol ("Family"), Malcolm-Jamal Warner ("The Cosby Show"), Kirk Cameron, and Ben Affleck.

Tahse began his stage career at Culver. He continued his involvement in dramatics at the University of Cincinnati, where he studied under Professor Paul Rutledge, head of the theater division. Tahse was one of the founders of the Maxinkuckee Playhouse (1950-1961), a summer theater on the shores of Lake Maxinkuckee. Tahse was featured on the cover of the May 29 *Culver Citizen*.

Three inductees, awarded the honor posthumously, were represented by family members. The inductees were:

Edwin R. "Bill" Culver III W'34, '38, director for 16 years of the Municipal Theater Association of St. Louis (The MUNY), the nation's largest outdoor amphitheater;

James W. Michaels '39, Managing Editor of Forbes Magazine, who reinvented business journalism and reinvented Forbes every few years; Ernest "Red" Loring Nichols '21, jazz musician, band leader and actor, playing difficult cornet pieces for his father's brass band at age 12, he went on to perform on many records, led the pit orchestra for two of George Gershwin's shows, and had his life highly fictionalized in "The Five Pennies," starring Danny Kaye as Red.

Other inductees included: Daniel Beard, author and illustrator, best known as the founding director of Woodcraft Camp; Daniel Boorstin, Ph.D. H'29, author, who served for 12 years as the Librarian of Congress; Walter S. Burr T'42, vocal performer and animation, whose work for over 50 years includes the voice direction of over 2,000 half-hours of popular animation including Yogi Bear, The Flintstones, and others; Maxwell K. Hearn '67, art curator, currently the Douglas Dillon Curator, Department of Asian Art, at The Metropolitan Museum of Art;

Russell Werner Lee '21, renowned New Deal photographer for the United States Farm Security Administration; William S. Perry '47, composer and producer, whose recent compositions include 2007's "Jamestown Concerto for Cello and Orchestra" and "Six Title Themes in Search of a Movie," which premiered in September 2008; James W. Riley '71, film industry and special effects, Vice President of Development for Stargate Films overseeing worldwide business and content development; and John Gordon Turnbull Jr. '56, architect, involved in the restoration of many important historic buildings in the San Francisco region through his firm Page & Turnbull.

Some of the more prominent previous inductees to the Arts & Letters Hall of Fame at Culver include actor Hal Holbrook '42, comedian Jonathan H. Winters III'41, children's author Jon R. Scieszka '72, opera singer Ara Berberian '48, photographer Tina Freeman '68, and film critic Eugene K. Siskel '63.



Receiving honorees at Culver Academies' second Arts & Letters Hall of Fame ceremony. Front row, left to right: Harvey Firari, Retired Faculty; Mr. Verne Langdon, nephew of Ernest "Red" Loring Nichols '21. Back row: D. Martin Tahse '48; John C. Harmon II '53; Andrew H. Malcolm '62; Mrs. Jean Briggs Michaels, widow of Mr. James W. Michaels '39; Steve Culver, son of Edwin R. "Bill" Culver III W'34, '38; Mr. Taylor Culver, grandson of Edwin R. "Bill" Culver III W'34, '38.

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back to (WNDU news anchor) Tricia Sloma tonight!"

The goal of giving to Heminger House was meaningful to attendee Nicole Artist, whose daughter, sixth grader Constanca Pena was a participant in the event. "At one point," says Artist, "(She and I) were in a shelter, so she can relate to it. And I think it's really good for the kids. It gets them to meet people and do something good for the community. She was excited about everybody making their own bowl to sell. She was like, 'Mom, we've got to do this because it helps people.'"

Constancia herself, pausing for a moment from busily serving guests, says the work "feels like a real job."

The students, whose work besides setup and cleanup included washing dishes, acting as waiters and waitresses, and going from table to table offering bread and refills, also received high praise.

"These kids are sweet and polite," says Lyman.

"You can't say enough about them," agrees Trent. "They have done over 100 percent."

Laurie Boine, whose granddaughter Abbi Atkins was serving, adds the students "are very pleasant and helpful," and, says Abbi's mother Dorothy Beauchamp, "they're really on top of things."

With several inches of snow falling outside, it was, notes sixth grader Haley Klimaszewski, "a good night for soup." Haley's mom, Lori (dining with dad Lou and brother Cody), says Haley was "pretty excited about this. And I really didn't expect it to be this big. I was overwhelmed when I pulled up and saw all the people here, and then stood in line for a while. It's good food and good people."

Sixth grader Janele VandePutte was also surprised at the huge turnout. "I expected a few at a time, but not this many."

"It was pretty cool to be on TV," she admits, and even though she's had few breaks throughout the evening, she says, "It's fun. Your friends are here, and you get to meet up with them and work together."

Lyman, who says she "just (doesn't) have a complaint" about the evening, adds thanks to Julie Cowan, another partner in planning and executing the event, and the host of high school teachers who also attended and took part. Trent, who says a representative of Heminger House attended and thanked her personally, praises the aid of the CES staff and the students' parents, besides her own mother, who went virtually door-to-door in Knox soliciting donations for the raffle.

Dorothy Beauchamp sums up the feelings of most everyone involved. "It's a very good idea. It's a good thing for the kids."

Diltz among Veteran' Day re-enlisters



Brig. Gen. Michael J. Lally congratulates Spc. Joseph Diltz, a Culver resident in preparation of a mass re-enlistment ceremony at Joint Base Balad, Iraq.

U.S. ARMY PHOTO/BRIAN A. BARBOUR.

JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq –Service members from across Iraq gathered in Joint Base Balad, to re-enlist and commemorate Veteran's Day.

285 Soldiers and Airmen from the 3d Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) and Joint Base Balad raised their right hand and recited the oath of enlistment with Brig. Gen. Michael J. Lally, the 3d ESC's commanding general, presiding over the mass re-enlistment.

One of those raising their hand Tuesday was Spc. Joseph Diltz, a Culver resident. Spc. Diltz has served 19 years in the Army.

"For 233 years, the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces have raised their hands and spoken the words these heroes in front of you will speak today," Lally said. "For our Nation to be successful — for us to sustain our freedoms — we must be willing to serve."

Concluding Lally's speech, the formation of service members raised their right hands and swore in — once again.

The Veterans Day event was designed to both remember those who have served or are serving and to sustain a quality, all-volunteer 3d ESC team.

Accumulatively, service members pledged more than 1,500 years of additional service to their country. The service members originated from over 34 different States and 13 different brigades, all under the 3d ESC.

The event was the first-ever mass re-enlistment at Joint Base Balad.

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Obituary - Ulch

Mary Jane Ulch

March 22, 1935 - Nov. 4, 2008

Mary Jane Ulch, 73, of 12143 Behning Rd., Ossineke, Mich. passed away Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2008 at Alpena Regional Medical Center. Mary was born on March 22, 1935, in Fort Wayne to Edward and Nettie (Walker) Washburn. She married Ralph Ulch on June 15, 1968. She was a member of Ossineke United Methodist Church, OUMC Woman's Book Club, Eastern Star and the VFW Auxiliary.

She is survived by her husband, Ralph; eight children: Paul Sherwood of Manchester, N.H., Mary Jane Batta of Monterey, Julie (Ron) Nichols of South Haven, Mich., Harvey Ulch of Boston, Mass., Roy Ulch of Fort Wayne, Rita (Brian) Proctor of Indianapolis, Steve (Christi) Ulch of Lincoln, Mich., and Patrick Ulch of Winamac; 13 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one brother, James Washburn of Culver.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Joann Clifton; and one brother, William Washburn.

A memorial service will be held at Wesley United Methodist Church, Culver, on Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008 at 10 a.m. Memorials may be made to Ossineke United Methodist Church in Michigan.

The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements.

Death notice - Hartz

Alvin H. Hartz
Nov. 19, 2008

CULVER — Alvin H. Hartz, 85, of Lafayette, formerly of Culver, died at 11:23 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19 at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Lafayette.

Arrangements are pending at the the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver.

Community Calendar

Thursday, Nov. 27

Thanksgiving; schools closed, no public events scheduled.

Sunday, Nov. 30

Open gym, 1 - 3 p.m., Culver Middle School

Monday, Dec. 1

Knitting Class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
Al-Anon Mtg., 5:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
“Polar Express” Party, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library
Overeaters Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
DivorceCare, 7 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ

Tuesday, Dec. 2

Fitness class, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library
Culver Chamber of Commerce annual awards dinner, 6:30 p.m., Cafe’ Max.

Wednesday, Dec. 3

Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library

Thursday, Dec. 4

Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library
Culver Coffee Co. five-year anniversary and holiday open house (all wknd).
Larry Surrisi, City Tavern Restaurant, Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library
Alcoholics Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
BZA mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall
Knights of Columbus St. Mary of the Lake Council #13720 social mtg, 7 p.m., church rectory basement

REAL Services

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.

Thursday, Nov. 27: Closed for the holiday

Friday, Nov. 28: Closed for the holiday.

Monday, Dec. 1: Cheeseburger with Onions, bun, Potato Salad, cauliflower and broccoli, peaches, and milk.

Tuesday, Dec. 2: Beef Stew with Vegetables, biscuit and margarine, corn on the cob, mixed fruit,, and milk.

Wednesday, Dec. 3: Oven Fried Chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, Bread & Margarine, applesauce, and milk.

Thursday, Dec. 4: BBQ Pork , bun, whipped potatoes, Italian green beans, , pineapple, and milk.

Friday, Dec. 5: Sweet & Sour Smoked Sausage , black eyed peas, cole slaw, roll and margarine, cherry cobbler, and milk.

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Obituary - Good

Pauline L. ‘Polly’ Good

Aug. 1, 1927 — Nov’ 19, 2008

MONTEREY — Pauline L. "Polly" Good, 81, of Maple Street in Monterey, died Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2008 at 5:25 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver.

She was born to Edward C. and Ida A. (Appler) Master in Monterey Aug. 1, 1927.

She was married to the late Lorin C. Good January 13, 1947 in Monterey. He died Aug. 8, 1969.

Polly was the owner and operator of Polly's Beauty Shop in Monterey and was an active member and organist of the St. Anne's Catholic Church. She frequently played organ at other churches in the area and was also a member of the Altar & Rosary Sodality.

Polly taught music in class at St. Anne's Catholic School in Monterey and served as secretary for the American Legion Auxillary Post #399 in Monterey. She was president of the Pulaski County Human Services Board of Directors and was an active member of the Monterey Birthday Club.

Polly had been a 4-H leader and was a member of the Pulaski Memorial Hospital Auxillary. Her family lovingly called her a "professional volunteer."

She was an avid Cubs, Bulls, Bears and Notre Dame fan. Polly loved to play golf and go bowling. She enjoyed quilting, sewing and taking care of her flower garden.

Polly was a selfless friend to all she knew. She loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

She is survived by two sons: Master Trooper ISP Robert L. (Carla) Good of Tipton and Lt. Col. USAF Charles L. Good of Kokomo.; three grandchildren: Andrea M. (Brad) Powell of Tipton, Allison L. (Toby) Ripberger of Tipton and Tara R. Good of Kokomo; two sisters: Alberta Wilcockson of Plymouth and Jean (Rowdy) Rensberger of Argos and two brothers: Karl (June) Master and Jack (Carol) Master, all of Monterey.

She was preceded in death by her father, Edward C. Master; mother, Ida A. (Appler) Master; husband, Lorin C. Good; sisters: Dorothy Langenbahn, Wilma Kelsey, Martha Master and brothers: Phil Master, Rudy Master and John Master.

Visitation will take place from 2 to 8 EST Sunday, Nov. 30 at Frain Mortuary, 305 E. Main St., Winamac. A rosary service will take place at 2:30 p.m. EST on Sunday and a Scriptural Wake Service will take place at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Funeral Mass will be held at St. Anne's Catholic Church, Monterey, Monday, Dec. 1, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. EST with Rev. Bert Woolson officiating.

Burial will follow at St. Anne's Cemetery, Monterey.

In lieu of plants, memorial contributions may be made to St. Anne's Catholic Church, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society or to the American Cancer Society.

Messages of sympathy may be sent to the family at www.frainmortuary.com.

Frain Mortuary, Winamac, is in charge of arrangements.

Engagement



Ben Nigel Vandermark of Syracuse and Amanda Lee Rose of Pierceton announce their engagement to be married Sept. 19, 2009 at Foellinger/Freimann Botanical Conservatory, Ft. Wayne.

The future bride is the daughter of Bruce and Kimberly Rose of Pierceton. She is a 2000 graduate of Whitko High School and earned her bachelor's degree in social work from Ball State University in 2004. She is a social worker with Kosciusko Homecare and Hospice, Warsaw.

The future groom is the son of Bruce and Mindy Vandermark of Syracuse. He is a 2003 graduate of Ombudsman Education Services, Goshen. He is in productions with Choretime/Brock Inc., Milford.

First Responders class offered

From Jan. 8 – Feb. 26, 2009, a “First Responders” course will be offered for lay persons, factory workers, college students, athletic trainers, law enforcement personnel, firefighters, and rescue squad personnel. Students will develop emergency medical skills and knowledge to assist people who have sustained an accidental injury or are suffering from a sudden illness or medical problem. Classes will be Mon. and Thurs. evenings with one Sat. class, and will run from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Culver-Union Township EMS Base, 200 E Washington St. in Culver. Cost of \$175 include textbook. The sign-up deadline is Dec. 20. For more information or registration, contact Millie Sytsma, PI, CCEMT-P at millie@culcom.net or 574-527-6627.

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Wedding - Roberts, Caulk

Andrea Lauren Roberts and Travis Barrett Caulk were united in marriage Sept. 20, 2008 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Indianapolis. Instrumental music was provided by the Dolce Trio.

The vocalist was Fiona Solkowski. The bride wore a strapless gown of champagne silk satin, trim-med in alencon lace with beading, pearls, and Swarovski crystals worn under a champagne alencon lace coat trimmed in beading, Swarovski crystals, and pearls. Her headpiece was a gold tiara trimmed with Swarovski crystals, beading, and pearls with chapel length veil of champagne sparkle illusion. She carried a bouquet of ivory hydrangea, dahlias, ranunculous, hypernicum berries, and green cymbidium orchids.

Maid of honor was Stephanie Schipp of Palatine, Ill., friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Megan Brouillard of Plainfield, Katie Heseman of Chicago, Ill., Kaelyn Kiser of Greenfield, Julie Klima of Beverly Hills, Mich., Jette Martin of Indianapolis and Sarah Literal of Greenfield, all friends of the bride. They wore floor length sleeveless gowns of burgundy chiffon. The best man was Ryan Brouillard of Plainfield, friend of the groom.

The groomsmen were Dan Brouillard of Illinois, friend of the groom; Brian Broydrick of Boston, Mass., friend of the groom; Denver Caulk of Plainfield, brother of the groom; Jacob Caulk of Plainfield, brother of the groom; Dan Gazanfari of Winnetka, Ill., friend of the groom; Ryan Roberts of Greenfield, brother of the bride; and Stephen Roberts of Greenfield, brother of the bride.

The reception was held at the Scottish Rite Cathedral Grand Ballroom, Indianapolis.

The bride is the daughter of Rick and Jeannie (Ruby) Roberts of Greenfield. She is a 2002 graduate of Greenfield-Central High School.

She also earned her bachelor's degree in 2006 from Purdue University and her master's degree in 2008 from Ball State University. She is employed as a speech-language pathologist with Brownsburg Community Schools.

The groom is the son of David and Leslie Caulk of Plainfield. He is a 2003 graduate of Plainfield High School. He also graduated from Purdue University Krannert School of Management with a bachelor's degree in 2007. He is a commercial credit analyst with Lincoln Bank in Plainfield.

Following a wedding trip to Riviera de Maya, Mexico, they now reside in Avon.



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OPINION

Are you being served?

Thursday, November 27, 2008 • Culver Citizen

You’ve got to be kidding...give thanks?

This past week was a particularly difficult one for me as a hospital chaplain. There was a lot of sadness – more than usual. Toward the end of the week I walked across the cold parking lot to my car pondering life’s challenges. Driving home I listened to the news on the radio that the state of the

economy was getting worse instead of better. Along with many other families ours had taken a hit – my husband’s plant closed down last summer. Upon arriving home, I reminded myself that it was my turn to write an item for this column and that I had planned on making it about the importance of giving thanks. I chuckled and realized that it would be a good exercise for me – something that I needed to write perhaps more than the Citizen’s subscribers need to read.

Whatever our circumstances, the Bible instructs us to give thanks. The New Revised Standard Bible reads:

... giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 5:20).

... give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble (Psalm 107:1-2).

During difficult times the above passages may seem close to impossible to understand; to some they may even sound offensive. That is why it is important to remind ourselves of three things. First, we need to remember that when bad things happen they are the result of living in an imperfect world rather than a cruel twist of events directed by God. God is with us in our pain. God is not inflicting it upon us.

Second, giving thanks and grieving are two very different things that are not mutually exclusive. A person may grieve deeply the loss of a loved one, the loss of a job, the loss of a house, or the loss one’s financial well-being, while at the same time give thanks to God. It may sound absurd to give thanks, but as we read in 1st Thessalonians, it is the will of God. As such, we can trust that God not only knows what is being asked of us, but even more important, God knows what is in our best interest.

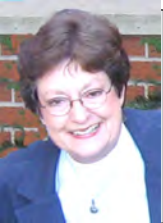
Third, we do not have to “feel” thankful to be thankful. Being thankful can be an attitude rather than an emotion. In time, however, the emotion will likely follow. In the meantime, we can share with God our hurts, our fears, and our loneliness. We can share with God that we do not always understand God’s ways. We can share with God that at times God seems pretty distant. We can share how afraid we are to open ourselves completely. But also, we can ask God to still our fears, recalling Philippians 4:6-7: Do not worry about anything, but by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

When we give thanks to God we are opening ourselves to God. That is God’s will. We are acknowledging that God is in all and above all – that no matter what befalls us, this is God’s world and God is in charge. God is a merciful God. God is a loving God. God cares about the world and God is engaged in this world through the power of the Holy Spirit. However, unless we open ourselves to God it is difficult for us to receive the healing blessings of God’s love and mercy. We open ourselves by giving thanks.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Pastor’s Corner

By Margie Shaw
St. Elizabeth’s
Episcopal church



View from Main Street

By Jeff Kenney
Editor



During my chat with Missy Trent and Joyce Lyman at the Culver Elementary School last month to prepare for our first “Soup for the Soul” article, it dawned on me that I have no memory of such service-oriented class projects when I was in elementary school. There might have been occasional efforts to make Christmas cards for folks in the nursing home and that sort of thing, but I can’t recall anything comparable to the event that took place last Thurs. night, “Soup for the Soul.” This is in no way a knock against any of my teachers -- elementary or high school. The point, instead, is that I was impressed, as were a number of others, if the presence of a South Bend TV station and scores of diners at the event is any indication, with what happened that night, and also the hard work on the students’ and teachers’ part that led up to it.

As we talked, I also found myself recalling other examples of service involving Culver youth in the past year. It was a bit later in the season, I think, in 2007 that I followed CES fourth graders around Park N’ Shop as they collected food for the needy, using money they had raised (and learning about how to stretch a dollar and manage a budget at the same time). I certainly don’t remember anything like that as a young student.

It doesn’t end there. There have been a number of *local* collaborations of Culver High School and Culver Academies students in the past few years (ground was broken for that when the two schools took a mission trip together out-of-country a few years back, surely a the community and Academy, as nities). Besides several clean-up come together for a variety of other caroling together at last year’s to hauling many loads of junk dur-working together to build the first also in the park.

Area youth were a big part of this for Life, a hugely successful en-if one is looking for evidence of lo-could fill a whole column with

There’s the CAVS service club group that brings together students from both schools for service intents, and -- on a county level -- there’s the BEAM youth endeavor, which announced its formation in collaboration with United Way this past summer.

In the Academy community itself, the development in recent years of required senior service projects has been a big -- though not the only -- part of some truly amazing student-led efforts, many of which have benefited and worked directly with a number of community organizations and projects. And much of the push into local community service from those projects has come from student initiative.

I’m glossing over it all, too. I could ruminate longer and give more and more examples, but you get the point. I found myself telling Joyce and Missy, last month, how amazing is the degree of service efforts Culver community youth are involved in, be it with a teacher as initial catalyst (as in the case of “Soup for the Soul”), or out of students’ own desire. Both Missy and Joyce will be quick to rave, to anyone who asks, about the degree to which the “Soup” students leapt upon each opportunity to throw themselves into the project. They certainly were hard at work Thurs. night.

If you haven’t figured it out already, this sort of thing makes me hopeful. The seventies may have been the “Me” decade, but we’ve had a lot of “Me” years since then; we are, at our worst, a “Me” culture. Youth are often maligned these days for being a rather spoiled, video and television addicted lot wholly immersed in the shallow, tawdry depths of a hyper-consumerist, self-centered culture (of course, it does take adults to create such a culture for them, but that’s another article). And there’s truth to that, of course. But there is another side to today’s youth.

Two weeks ago, Col. Warren Foersch, Deputy Commandant at Culver Military Academy, told Culver’s Kiwanis Club to take a good look at today’s CMA cadets, suggesting they’re as patriotic, educated (even more aware, he said, of the world around them) as their counterparts at Culver 50 years ago (an article on that talk should appear in next week’s Citizen). He’s a self-described optimist, mind you, but maybe so am I, at that.

It’s hard not to be a wee bit more optimistic when I see events like “Soup for the Soul” and the way the kids handled that entire project. It reminded me a bit of some of the community spirit -- which I admit I’ve read about and not lived firsthand, so perhaps I overstate it -- existent during World War II and the Great Depression in Culver and, of course, elsewhere. Trying times do tend to cause communities to pull together, and I hope that’s one aspect of our present national economic crisis with a silver lining.

As people discuss the need for all of us to brace for a tough near future, economically, it may be that smaller communities -- and dare I suggest in cities, neighborhoods -- can help one another bear the burden together. That’s been the case often in our nation’s past, and I think it can happen again.

If I haven’t been repetitively obvious in this in past columns, that’s part of what motivates me with regards to this paper: I think our troubles as individuals and as a whole are more than material or physical. They’re, for lack of a better term, spiritual. Like it or not, we’re social beings, we humans. We do need each other, again not just materially or physically but on an emotional, psychological and yes, spiritual level. In that context, acting like a real, honest to goodness community isn’t just a nice, wistful, nostalgic feeling. It’s a necessary component to authentic health. I think most of us know that, deep down. I think, too, our kids know it. What Foersch told the Kiwanis Club about CMA cadets is true of many youth, I think: they want to serve and contribute to their communities. They just need to be given the opportunity and the direction.

Nostalgia

75 years ago

Nov. 22, 1933

- As Union Twp. has taken care of most of its unemployed through efficient relief work, only four families have been on the dole. Thus, due to a modification by the state director of federal relief funds allowing only those on the dole to work on the state roads, only four in the area will be. Another ruling is that only 29 men will be used for CWA work until Dec. 1. Local unemployment is being largely absorbed by three government projects, with 112 now working on various prospects. The Civil Works Administration has designated that 57 Union Twp. men are to be given work at 50 cents per hour for unskilled labor. It is planned that these men will work to widen and improve the streets and roads, redecorate the library, paint the water tower, extend the sewer in the west part of town, and other projects.

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- Five new buildings are in the works at Culver Military Academy, as discussed at the latest meeting of the school’s board of directors. The buildings will be erected in the area west of the Argonne-Chateau Thierry barracks as far as the Jungle Hotel property (*approximately today’s Academy motels -- editor*), and will probably be used for teaching science, mathematics, English, social studies, economics, and administrative purposes.
- Thirteen boys have joined the Culver Cub Pack in the past few weeks, according to E.R. Corwin, Cubmaster.
- The school bus driven by Robert Crump caught fire due to an overheated engine as the children were being driven home. Crump was able to extinguish the blaze with a fire extinguisher before the load was threatened.

50 years ago

Nov. 19, 30, 1958

- The Culver City Tavern, located between Dean Rans’ Corner Tavern and Kline’s Appliances on the west side of South Main St., is closed temporarily because of violations of the state Alcoholic Beverages Act because of sales to minors and other illegal acts. The Tavern has changed hands quite a few times in recent years.
- An 12 by 9 foot enclosed entrance to the basement and social rooms of the Emmanuel Evangelical United Brethren Church has been added to the building to meet long-expressed needs of the congregation. The brick facade of the new entrance matches the original brickwork of the 1924 building, and has a large cross made of glass blocks over the door. Rev. V.L. Palmer is pastor of the church.
- On Nov. 30, ten years of St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church’s founding pastor, Fr. Joseph A. Lenk’s pastorate will have taken place. There will be a Solemn High Mass of Thanksgiving to God for the blessings He has bestowed on the parish in the past decade, when it grew from only 27 Culver Catholic families at Fr. Lenk’s arrival in 1948. Those years saw the erection of a quonset hut church which burned to the ground in Jan., 1954 and was replaced with the dignified brick structure of today. Communion increased from 1,000 to 9,000 during Fr. Lenk’s tenure.
- You’re invited to dine this Thanksgiving with the Don-Marie Restaurant four miles north of Culver on Road 17 (*Editor’s note: the Don-Marie was located in the building that for many years housed Culver’s FOE Lodge and is now home to the Market Basket & Co. grocery*).

25 years ago

Nov. 27, 1983

- Culver High School students named to the National Honor Society include Doug Keller, Cindy Thompson, Fred Stayton, Carrie Slyh, Ralph Shrader, and Kim Woodward.
- Culver’s Rough and Hilly Farmers sponsored a finger printing program with the help of the Culver Police Dept. on Nov. 5. A total of 231 fingerprints were recorded.
- The Burr Oak Rebekah Lodge elected its officers for 1984. They include: Wilma Hineline (Noble Grand); LaVerne Geiger (Vice-grand); Sylvia Shafer (treasurer); Irene Listenberger (financial secretary); Daisy Triplett (Past Noble Grand); and Marian Garrett (secretary).



Sports



CGA kicks off season with wins

Lady Cavs victorious over LaVille at home

By Dee Grenert
Sports Editor

Culver Girls Academy tipped off the basketball season with two proven scorers. Given senior forward Cassie Felton's fourth straight game in double figures to open the campaign, it looks like the Eagles found a viable third option. Felton, along with sophomore standout Kylee Shipley and four-year starter Katie Barnes, cracked double digits and helped CGA pull away late for a bruising 49-40 win over visiting LaVille at Fleet Gymnasium Nov. 22. "You can't underestimate how important Cassie Felton's offense has been to our team," CGA head coach Gary Christlieb said. "This was one of those neighborhood brawls. We knew coming in that this was going to be a knockdown drag-out, physical fight. "This is the first team that played us man to man," he added. "We've only seen zone, and I think the kids were a little shocked by the man. Give (head coach) Kevin (McCullough) and the kids from LaVille credit. I thought they were more physical than us in the first half."



PHOTO/DEANNA L. GREINERT

CGA's Katie Barnes, foreground, grabs a loose-ball rebound against LaVille's Cori Lindke, on ground Saturday at Fleet Gymnasium. Also pictured is CGA's Emily Loehmer, right.

Felton finished with 15 points and a game-high 14 caroms, one of which she converted into the last of three CGA rebound buckets during a 12-3 run that turned a close game into a 13-point Eagles edge midway through the final frame. Meanwhile, Shipley finished with a game-high 16 points on 5-of-9 field-goal attempts and a 6-for-8 showing from the free-throw line. "They're just plain better than us," McCullough said. "I'm not surprised by the outcome. This is by far the most points we've given up. I have no complaint about effort. I'm proud of the effort; we've got to execute."

Although LaVille's Erica Schmeltz held Shipley in check for much of the game, the steady

sophomore opened the second half on a backdoor cut and feed from Barnes to kick off a 10-2 spurt that resulted in a 31-22 CGA advantage, and started and concluded the critical crunch-time spurt with a rebound bucket and traditional 3-point play respectively, for a 48-35 CGA lead with 3:55 left in the game. Emily Loehmer also collected a putback during the run.

"We're not the greatest rebounding team — we're basically playing four guards and a forward — but we were able to slice through and get to the basket," Christlieb said of his team's fourth-quarter offensive rebounding. "We're making plays at the most opportune times. That's huge."

Point guard Barnes chipped in 12 points, drew repeated contact to saddle LaVille with foul trouble, and also held LaVille center Hannah Amor scoreless in the second half, despite giving up 5 inches to the 5-foot-11 post presence.

"Katie Barnes played a great, great game," Christlieb said. "We put her on Amor, their post player, in the second half. I thought she did a great job defensively."

Also for the Eagles, reserve Erica Sims scored from the right baseline with 12 seconds left in the third quarter to put CGA up 35-31, just moments after the Lancers had trimmed their deficit to three points, and Alexis Christlieb provided steady minutes off the pine.

"Erica Sims comes in when Loehmer got into foul trouble and gets a bucket, and not just a bucket, but a crucial bucket," Christlieb said. "I thought Alexis Christlieb gave us good minutes defensively off the bench. It's good to see our bench start to get a little deeper."

Schmeltz paced the Lancers with eight points, 11 rebounds and five steals, while Kaitlyn Kopetski, Amor and Cori Lindke chipped in seven points apiece.

LaVille, however, squandered numerous opportunities, finishing the night a dismal 15-of-61 — 24.6 percent — from the field. Although the Lancers, who missed an alarming number of shots in the paint and from the blocks, pulled down 27 offensive rebounds, they managed just six second-chance points and turned the ball over 22 times.

"We certainly missed enough shots to win," McCullough said. "We were right there. I don't know what else we can do better without the ball going in the basket."

"We are a lot better than we were last year when we were 3-17," he continued. "We just have to value having the ball every time we have it."

LaVille still built a 12-6 lead at the first-quarter break, even after losing senior starter Marci Gurtner with an apparent ACL injury just two minutes into the game.

CGA, though, grabbed the lead before halftime and stayed in front the rest of the way. Barnes, fouled in a loose-ball scramble, hit a free throw with 1:02 left in the first half to give CGA the lead for good.

"We had to play with some adversity," McCullough said. "But we've got to execute. You don't get a point for hitting the rim. It was 12-6 at the end of the first quarter, and it could have easily been a 20-6 game. We're going to keep working, and continue to jam the ball inside."

CGA hosts Triton Monday, while LaVille heads home for a Tuesday date against Elkhart Christian.

CGA 49, LaVILLE 40
At Culver
LaVille: 12 20 31 40
CGA: 6 21 35 49
CGA (49): Emily Fuller 0 0-0 0, Marci Gurtner 0 0-0 0, Elaine Schmeltz 2 2-2 6, Katlyn Bettcher 0 0-0 0, Anna Boits 2 0-1 5, Kaitlyn Kopetski 2 3-5 7, Erica Schmeltz 3 2-5 8, Bekah Fagan 0 0-0 0, Hannah Amor 3 1-2 7, Cori Lindke 3 1-4 7. TOTALS: 15 9-19 40.
CGA (49): Alexis Christlieb 0 0-0 0, Katie Gower 0 0-0 0, Kylee Shipley 5 6-8 16, Emily Loehmer 2 0-1 4, Erica Sims 1 0-0 2, Cassie Felton 6 3-6 15, Katie Barnes 3 6-9 12. TOTALS: 17 15-24 49.
3-point goals: LaVille 1 (Boits), CGA none; Turnovers: LaVille 22, CGA 18; Rebounds: LaVille 50 (Er. Schmeltz 11), CGA 38 (Felton); Assists: LaVille 5 (Kopetski, Amor 2), CGA 6 (Barnes 3); Steals: LaVille 10 (Er. Schmeltz 5), CGA 13 (Barnes 4); Fouls (fouled out): LaVille 21 (Fuller, Er. Schmeltz), CGA 16 (none); Records: LaVille 0-3, CGA 3-1.
JV score: LV 32 (Cori Lindke 11), CGA 20 (Monica Weaser 8).

CGA slides by Walkerton in 'gritty,' close game

By Dee Grenert
Sports Editor

WALKERTON — Culver Girls Academy basketball head coach Gary Christlieb's shoulders slunk — at least partially in relief — as the overtime horn sounded.

The Eagles, boosted by a critical defensive stop at the end of regulation and a clutch overtime 3-pointer from four-year starting guard Katie Barnes, escaped with a 47-45 win over John Glenn at The Aerie Nov. 18.

"I thought we showed just a lot of moxy," Christlieb said. "It was gritty — it wasn't easy on the coaches. I thought we showed a lot of character because, for the most part, things went against us. We weren't getting many loose balls, and we had some great looks at the basket in the first half that just didn't go down."

Senior Cassie Felton scored a game-high 16 points — including a pair of free throws with 26.0 seconds left in overtime — grabbed four rebounds and played creditable defense for the Eagles, holding Glenn 6-foot junior Savanna Bruski to 15 points on 7-of-16 shooting from the field.

"Cassie Felton had her third double-figure game in a row," Christlieb said. "There was a time tonight when the rest of the team was struggling that she carried us. She's really playing well for us."

Sophomore Kylee Shipley chipped in 15 points, including six during a 9-0 fourth-quarter run that swung a five-point CGA deficit into a 38-34 lead with 4:36 left in regulation, and dished out six assists. Meanwhile, Barnes contributed five of her 12 points during the extra set.

A key defensive stop set the stage for Barnes' heroics. With a minute and change to play in a 40-40 game, the Falcons elected to hold for the final shot. After a timeout with 14.3 seconds left, Glenn gave the ball to Bruski in traffic and the Eagles batted away her 16-foot leaner from the middle as time expired.

"I thought the biggest segment in the game was the end of regulation," Christlieb said. "Our defense really stepped up and stymied them, and let us get to overtime. Our defense really rallied late."

While the Falcons got the ball to the player they wanted, with the Eagles collapsing on Bruski, it wasn't quite the situation they hoped for.

"We were trying to get (Bruski) one on one," Glenn head coach Dan Hutton said. "We tried to isolate Savanna, but it never worked out. She turned to the middle and I think they blocked the shot. We did a nice job keeping it for a minute and not turning the ball over, which was a minor miracle."

Glenn, though, with a pair of charity tosses from Kim Podell and another from Amy Pearish, jumped to a 43-40 lead with 1:50 left in the game.

A Barnes jumper pulled the Eagles within a point with 1:26 left in the game. Then, Glenn, which turned the ball over 23 times — mostly unforced — traveled trying to attack the middle at the 1:04 mark.

On the ensuing possession, Shipley skipped a pass over Glenn's 1-2-2 zone to Barnes waiting wide open on the weak side. Barnes drained a go-ahead trey — the Eagles' only bomb of the night — from the right wing to give CGA a 45-43 lead with 42 seconds to play.

"We wanted to take Shipley out of the game," Hutton, whose teams normally play man-to-man defense, said of the zone. "They cut hard, and she flashes to the ball."

"We told them to know where those three people (Shipley, Barnes and Felton) were at all times," he continued. "We lost Barnes and she hit that 3."

The teams then swapped turnovers, and after a Glenn missed shot, Felton canned two free throws for a 47-43 CGA lead with 26 seconds left.

However, a Bruski bucket with 10 ticks on the clock, followed by a CGA turnover, gave the Falcons a chance with 6.7 seconds to play. Glenn, though, traveled with .9 seconds left to squander its final opportunity.

"Turnovers — with capital letters," Hutton said of his team's ballhandling woes.

Despite the frenetic finish, the Falcons appeared in control through most of the first three quarters. Glenn twice constructed eight-point leads during the second quarter, and continued to lead for all but 49 seconds of the third quarter.

"Every time we had a nice lead in the first half, we couldn't stand it," Hutton said. "It was one of those games. We're young. We'll keep working, keep improving and keep plugging along."

Even after CGA's 9-0 fourth-quarter spurt, the Falcons fired right back. Emily Traversa's steal and basket with 2:19 left in the fourth quarter knotted the game at 40-40.

Podell chipped in 12 points for the Falcons, who used just six players. In fact, starters Bruski, Podell, Traversa and Cayla Ochs played all 36 minutes.

For the Eagles, freshman guard Katie Gawor played 23 solid minutes off the bench.

"Katie Gawor gave us an outstanding lift off the bench," Christlieb said. "She played great defense the whole night."

CGA hosts Oregon-Davis Friday, while Glenn travels to South Central next Tuesday.

CGA 47, JOHN GLENN 45 OT
At Walkerton
Score by quarters
CGA: 8 10 29 40 47
Glenn: 9 23 30 40 45
CGA (47): Alexis Christlieb 0 0-0 0, Katie Gawor 0 0-0 0, Kylee Shipley 4 7-8 15, Emily Loehmer 1 2-2 4, Erica Sims 0 0-0 0, Cassie Felton 7 2-2 16, Katie Barnes 4 3-4 12. TOTALS: 16 14-16 47.
JOHN GLENN (45): Emily Traversa 3 1-1 7, Jacy Borlik 1 2-2 4, Cayla Ochs 1 1-3 3, Kim Podell 4 4-4 12, Savanna Bruski 7 0-1 15, Amy Pearish 0 4-6 4. TOTALS: 16 12-17 45.
3-point goals: CGA 1 (Barnes), Glenn 1 (Bruski); Turnovers: CGA 18, Glenn 23; Rebounds: CGA 14 (Felton 4), Glenn 22 (Podell 7); Assists: CGA 10 (Shipley 6), Glenn 9 (Ochs 3); Steals: CGA 5 (Barnes 2), Glenn 6 (Borlik, Podell 2); Fouls (fouled out): 17 (none), Glenn 13 (Borlik); Records: CGA 2-1, Glenn 0-2.
JV score: Glenn 31 (Rosemarie Banks 10), CGA 19.

Sports briefs

Girls basketball

Cavs win on the road

Culver Community's girls basketball team slugged out a 47-40 win at Michigan City Marquette Friday in a game featuring a combined 61 turnovers, 59 fouls and 80 attempted charity shots.

Cindy Miller connected from downtown three times en route to a team-high 11 points for the Cavs. Susannah Baker and Whitney Sanders chipped in 10 points apiece for Culver • CULVER COMMUNITY 47, MARQUETTE 40
At Michigan City (From Friday)
Score by quarters
Culver: 14 26 38 47
Marquette: 12 16 32 40
CULVER (47): Nicole Carnegie 1 3-6 5, Susannah Baker 2 6-10 10, Olivia Knapp 0 0-2 0, Whitney Sanders 1 8-17 10, Alison Zehner 0 0-0 0, Liz West 2 0-0 4, Gwen Zehner 2 3-7 7, Cindy Miller 4 0-0 11. TOTALS: 12 20-42 47.
MARQUETTE (40): Jen Igra 0 2-4 2, Caitlin Cavanaugh 5 0-0 10, Michelle Rowley 0 3-8 3, Janie Welsh 4 10-19,

Nora Wall 0 1-4 1, Shannon Mussa 1 0-0 3, Emily Cogswell 0 2-3 2. TOTALS: 10 18-38 40.
3-point goals: Culver 3 (Miller), Marquette 2 (Welsh, Mussa); Turnovers: Culver 31, Marquette 30; Rebounds: Culver 32, Marquette 28; Assists: Culver 10, Marquette 5; Steals: Culver 23, Marquette 19; Fouls (fouled out): Culver 30 (Carnegie, Baker, A. Zehner); Marquette 29 (Igra, Cavanaugh); Record: Culver 2-1.

Cavs fall

Culver Community dropped a 61-31 girls basketball decision to visiting Winamac Tuesday at John R. Nelson Gymnasium. • GLENZ 61, CULVER 31
At Culver
Score by quarters
Winamac: 23 33 55 61
Culver: 7 12 16 31
WINAMAC (61): Emily Ball 1, Jordan Brandt 4, Allie DeFries 11, Ellie Kiser 4, Holly Krohn 4, Ali Parks 4, Erika Redweik 16, Sarah Redweik 8, Whitney Schmicker 8, Katy Sommers 1.
CULVER (31): Susannah Baker 4, Nicole Carnegie 4, Olivia Knapp 2,

Cindy Miller 8, Whitney Sanders 1, Liz West 0, Alison Zehner 0, Gwen Zehner 12.

Girls hockey

CGA wins

Corinne Henning scored twice to lead CGA to a 2-1 win over Gilmour Academy Sunday.

Erin Tress and Meghan Grieves set up a goal apiece for the Eagles, while Lexie Ludewig piled up 20 saves. • CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 2, GILMOUR ACADEMY 1
At Culver
FIRST PERIOD
CGA — Corinne Henning (Erin Tress), 6:19.
SECOND PERIOD
CGA — Henning (Meghan Grieves), 5:22.
GA — Kayla Ross (Taylor Voipe), 1:12.
Shots: CGA 22, Gilmour 21. Saves: Lexie Ludewig (CGA) 20; Alana Marchinko (GA) 20.

Maxinkuckee Singers entertain with annual holiday concert



Members of the Maxinkuckee Singers above, left to right: first row: Sharon Coffey, Laura Snipes. Second row: Brian Liechty, Vicki Crossley (keyboardist), Kathy Overmyer, Jim Olivarius. Third row: Becky Liechty, Matt Sutton, Beth Webster (director), Gregg Underwood. Fourth row: Joy Ritenour, Dan Adams, Judy Patton, Charlie Underwood Sincerely, Beth Webster, director, Maxinkuckee Singers.

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The Maxinkuckee Singers, under the direction of Beth Webster with Vicki Crossley at the keyboard, cordially invite all to enjoy their annual Christmas concert, presented publicly in five performances.

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questions or concerns can be directed to 574-250-0103.

Culver Coffee Co.

anniversary/holiday open house

Culver Coffee Co. on Lake Shore Dr. will celebrate its five-year anniversary as a Culver business -- and the upcoming holiday season -- over the weekend of Dec. 4-7 with an open house event features live entertainment, special sales, and free samples. More information will appear in a future issue of the Citizen..

Winter open gym

An open gym will be held for adults at the Culver Middle School gym this winter, Sundays from 1 to 3 p.m., from Nov. 30, 2008 to March 1, 2009. Cost is \$2 per Sunday, or \$15 for the entire winter. Questions can be directed to Ken VanDePutte at 574-274-9942.

St. Mary's Nativity pageant Dec. 19

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church will hold its annual Nativity Pageant, reenacting the Gospel story of the birth of Jesus, Fri., Dec. 19 at 5:30 p.m. Following the pageant, which will feature children playing the various roles in the Nativity, an Advent party and carry-in will take place in the basement of the church at 124 College Ave. in Culver. Area children are welcome to the tryouts and rehearsals for the pageant, which take place at the church from 9 - 10:30 a.m. the first two Saturdays in December. The public is welcome to the pageant.

Culver library initiates Food for fines

The Culver-Union Twp. Public Library will accept donations of non-perishable food and personal items for Culver's food pantry to offset fines accrued for already returned items, between Nov. 3 and Jan. 3. Each item donated is good for one dollar off a patron's fine. Donated items may not be used to pay for lost or damaged items, and will not be accepted to pay fines for items still unreturned. Items should be brought to the circulation desk and given to a clerk along with the patron's name.

DivorceCare

DivorceCare divorce recovery seminar and support group (sponsored by the Culver Community Council of Churches): Meets at Grace United Church of Christ, 307 N. Plymouth St., Culver each Monday evening at 7 p.m.

DivorceCare features nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery topics. Seminar sessions include "Facing My Anger," "Facing My Loneliness," "Depression," "New Relationships," and "Forgiveness." For more information, call Pastor Robin Keating at 574-216-0331 or Michael Rakich at 574-842-4625.

Center for Culver History needs items

The Center for Culver History is in need of area artifacts to display in our recently renovated space, the future home of our museum. Items can either be a permanent gift to our collection or a loan. Artifacts may be dropped off at the Culver Public Library.

Citizen cell phone

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

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Plan commission hears of Park N' Shop expansion, new look

Staff Report

By Memorial Day, 2009, the Culver Park N' Shop will have a new exterior as well as a large expansion to present to their customers.

Dennis Rhodes, Indiana Supermarkets, presented a site plan to the Culver Plan Commission for approval. The plan includes a 48 x 52 ft. expansion as well as interior renovations to the existing store. There will be new signage and the existing sign will be removed. The parking lot will be repaved and the traffic pattern for entrance and exit will be redone. Rhodes said there will also be an added "ready to eat" section at the front of the store.

Rhodes said that there will be some inconvenience to customers while the remodeling is taking place, but hopes that the end product will be worth it. The Plan Commission approved the site plan and agreed it was a major improvement to the area. They noted specifically, that the traffic pattern in the existing parking lot was a problem and commended Rhodes for addressing the issue.

Kelly Young, president, read a copy of a letter from the Indiana Dept. of Environmental Management addressed to Aker Properties, LLC, stating that IDEM had been contacted by the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council regarding the proposed PUD and its potential impact to wetlands and Lake Maxinkuckee. They continued by noting that the project would require proper authorization from their office and/or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. A wetland delineation must be done for the site and submitted. This was discussed in the preliminary proposal for



These drawings show proposed changes to the exterior of Park N' Shop supermarket on Lake Shore Dr.

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the Maxinkuckee Village PUD and Aker noted they were aware of the requirements.

Building commissioner Russ Mason submitted his report showing a total of 141 permits issued through November 17. Total fees to date collected are \$13,458.18 with \$850 being secured through fines.

Discussion was held concerning increasing fees for subdivisions and PUD's. Janette Surrisi will investigate fees in comparable communities and report back to the commission.

A replat of six lots into four buildable lots was approved for Sally Ricciardi and the mylar was signed for recording.

The Culver Board of Zoning Appeals had one variance for November. Anne and Ed Kelley, 932 Academy Road, requested a variance of the sidewalk ordinance. The ordinance requires a sidewalk be installed for all major remodeling of \$75,000 or above or a new residence or commercial project.

The hardship Kelley presented stated that water and sewer lines would have to be relocated, utility poles and lines moved, and a retaining wall built due to the need to cut into the existing hillside on the north side of Academy Road.

He also pointed out that this would be the only sidewalk on the north side in that area.

Board members noted that the issue of it being the only sidewalk segment on the north side was not a hardship. The purpose of the ordinance is to promote installing sidewalks in all areas as a matter of public safety. However, they agreed that the rest of his variance request did pose an undue hardship and granted the petition.

In other business, it was noted that member Bill Cleavenger would resign his position on the board at the beginning of 2009. Cleavenger has been elected as Marshall County Coroner. An appointment from the Culver Plan Commission will be made by the Town Council president.

In the matter of the Ratcliff denial of the special use for mini-warehouses, Mason said the 30 day moratorium on fines had expired and he would check with the town attorney on the next step. Trone announced that a "Writ of Ceritorari" has been filed by attorney, Jim Easterday, on behalf of Roderick & Pamela Ratcliff. The Culver Plan Commission had noted the placement of five storage sheds by Ratcliff on South Shore was illegal and placed without a permit. The Culver Board of Zoning Appeals in their October 16 meeting, denied the appeal from the Plan Commission's ruling and further denied a special use permit for mini-warehouses.

There will be no Plan Commission meetings in December and the BZA will have two hearings on December 4.

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Giving thanks

Senior students at Culver’s Wesley Preschool join Wesley United Methodist Church pastor Larry Saunders in a prayer of Thanksgiving to prepare them for the upcoming holiday. The prayer was part of the preschool’s monthly chapel time, led by Saunders and initiated in September in conjunction with Wesley teachers Jill Gavlick, Jennifer Lutrell, and Esmeralda Rogers. Besides closing in prayer, Saunders discussed the gifts of God for which the children could be thankful and read them a short Bible verse.

Pictured in the front row, left to right: Mary Kate Kelley, Emily Heim, Mackenzie Banks, Celia Richeson, Sydney Denham, Spring Ye, Adrian Schouten, Zach Hine (face hidden), Dalton Powell. Second row, left to right: Jordan Lewis-Otteman, Peter Kenney, Sam Luttrell, Gavin Salyer, Sophia Heath, Jill Gavlick, Kathleen Perkins. Third row: Jack Rodgers, Jennifer Luttrell.

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CHS students delve into French Culture

By Kalie Thompson
Culver Comm. High School

Bon Appetite! Breaking eggs, mixing flour, and flipping dough is what Mrs. Nicole Treber’s French III class experienced one afternoon. The all girl class had an eventful class as they sliced fruit, added chocolate and tasted their own piece of French culture by making a French favorite, crepes! Crepes are used for breakfast, lunch, or even dinner! Anything can be added to crepes from bacon to strawberries to potatoes!

The girls enjoyed getting to know what people in France find delicious, and they learned the recipe for crepes in French. They then converted the measurements from one language to the other. Treber had a great time saying, “I really enjoy being with this class, and I hope they appreciated it.”

“All in all, I had a great time,” said junior Mikaela Dulin.

Mrs. Treber, Culver’s new French teacher, comes from France so she has been teaching and learning from her students. She likes to have her students experience a new way to grasp French culture, besides just using the textbook. In class, she also uses lots of computer activities that her students have found very effective. Junior Lisa Caddy said, “All of the computer stuff we do together in class on the projector really keeps my attention, and I love it!”

School closings

Culver Comm. Schools will be closed Nov. 27-28 for Thanksgiving. There will be no afternoon classes Dec. 9 due to a staff in-service. There will be no school Dec. 19 for a teacher work day, and Christmas break begins. Dec. 22.

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Culver Middle School honor roll

Culver Comm. Middle School announces its first quarter honor roll students:

A Honor Roll

- Grade 7: Hayes Barnes, Donald Clark, Trenton Elliott, Kristen Gergely, Stephen Paolini, Paul Tulugen
- Grade 8: Mary McKinnis, Morgan Osborn, Collin Stevens

A/B Honor Roll

- Grade 7: Dylan Bennett, Ashley Braasch, Caitlynn Brewer, Victoria Christlieb, Shane Comiskey, Amber Cowell, Kevin Dehning, Megan Deon, Victoria Elliott, Justice Goodman, Maeve Kline, Mark Lehman, Stephen Lehman, Courtney Littleton, Caleb Nash, Cody Peterson, Nicholas Pritz, Shawn Russell, Melissa Schalliol, Kayla Shaffer, Michael Skiles, Kennedi Thomas, Phillip Thompson, Brittany Wilkman, Timothy Wireman
- Grade 8: John Ahlenius, Alexandria Baker, Erin Bau, Bradley Beaver, Micah Budzinski, Holley Caddy, Jennifer Carroll, Stevie Clinger, Patience Durbin, Michelle Elam, Marena Fleury, Peter Foersch, Erika Gonzalez, Clare Hartman, Makennon Hicks, Trista Littleton, Crystal Looney, Claire Marshall, Ashley Martinez, Alissa Overmyer, Elizabeth Rainey, Malici Shaffer, Austin Sheldon, Leannza Shipley, Kortney Smith, Abigail VanHorn, Dana Wireman

Monterey Elementary School honor roll

Monterey Elementary School announces its honor roll students for the first grading period

All As

- Grade 1: Sarah Keller, JaCaysia Macon, Alysa Penicaro
- Grade 3: Melissa Bradley, Selina Cunningham, Kristin Heise, Landon

Tibbett, Cole Weldon

- Grade 4: Katie Garland, Brianna Kinyanjui

- Grade 5: Zaria Salary

A/B honor roll

- Grade 1: Alexis Bajer, Destiny Bajer, Colin Barkley, Wyatt Binion, Jasmine Felda, Alexandra Jensen, Rafael Jimenez, Shyla Loehmer, Shayden May, Breann Milam, Autumn Smith, Amber Watts, Nikki Watts, Nathan Wood

- Grade 2: Ryan Bradley, Sydney Clinger, Alyssa Kinyanjui, Brooke May, Naomi Mires, Zachery Moore, Haley Pennington, Jebediah Smith
- Grade 3: Nathan Clinger, Emily Fisher, Rachel Kunce, Deanne Lewis, Raven Reese, Bryce Reynolds, Dillon Salyer, Taylor Thomas, Blythe Weldon
- Grade 4: Kendra Binion, Makayla Felda, Taiwan Jackson, Hailey Jones
- Grade 5: Austin Bailey, Marixenia Jensen, Rebecca Rainey, Victoria Shank, Taylor Smith
- Grade 6: Felicia Cruz-Hines, Kailey Heise, Whitney Hopkins, Elizabeth McElroy, Summer Moore, Alecia Rearick, Donna Zehner

CHS students inducted into Nat’l. Honor Society

By Kalie Thompson
Culver Comm. High School

The Academic Recognition and National Honor Society Induction ceremony was held Oct. 21 in the CHS auditorium. Donna Schwartz presented academic bars to seniors Whitney Banfield, Tony Leyva, Myles Pinder, and Junior Sarah Bailey, and academic “C’s” to juniors Tommy James, Jacob Sheridan, Jerry Smith, and Freshmen Kellie Bonine, Zach Duplay, and Chelsey Jones. Also given were academic letters to sophomores Kaceigh Ahlenius, Clarissa Baker, Nicolette Banfield, Jaclyn Bauer, Zoe Bauer, and CJ Dehning, as well as academic “Lamp’s” to freshmen Trenton Becker, Sam Hissong, Cristina Jimenez, Aspen Kitchell, Joseph Krsek, Kalee Miller, Amanda Steele, Cameron Turney, Cassandra Vansky, and Austin Vela.

Local NHS president Kalie Thompson then inducted four new members, Sarah Bailey, Shae Harris, Jacob Sheridan, and Jerry Smith, into the organization. Also speaking on behalf of NHS was vice president Christina Klausning and Secretary Myles Pinder, as well as Shannon Dunfee, Beth Wojdyla, and Advisor Theresa Hammond.

Students rfect on ‘Mockingbird’ jury

By Rene' Porter
Culver Comm. High School

As Sue Allen's sophomores read “To Kill a Mockingbird,” Dana Thomas joined the class to talk about today’s juries and related them to the legal system portrayed in the book.

“The courtroom chapters in ‘To Kill a Mockingbird’ serve as a great platform to study the history of law and social justice in America. Just as in ‘To Kill a Mockingbird,’ our juries are the thermometer of equality and justice in this country as they are asked to decide their fellow man's guilt or innocence,” said Thomas.

She told the class particular characteristics that attorneys look for in a jury member. Students were then able to reflect on the jury process.

“Not many people realize it,” said Kaceigh Ahlenius, “but being on a jury can be hard because your decision can affect the rest of a person's life. You decide whether the rest of their life is okay or miserable.”

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Library drops ‘Taste’ festival

Chamber considers taking over popular event

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

The Culver-Union Twp. Public Library board voted to “get completely out of the Taste of Culver business,” as moved by newest board member Jim Hahn at its Nov. 18 meeting. The move came after discussion raised at the meeting by Culver Chamber of Commerce president Mike Stallings and president-elect Greg Fassett, who said they had already discussed the future of the July festival with Chamber board members, besides hearing from two library board members as well.

Though Stallings and Fassett cautioned the Chamber has not made any official decision as to whether it would take on the event, which up to now has been sponsored and organized by the library, the two suggested further discussion with the library as to what future it saw in the festival, which brings together samplings area restaurants and live music, typically for three hours on a Saturday afternoon on Main St.

“We’d have some fences to mend because of situations in the recent past,” noted Fassett, “(but) it seems to be an event that would probably fit our project of work better than yours; we wanted to see what you guys think about it.”

Some discussion was held about the library and Chamber collaborating. “It’s very tricky to do a joint venture,” said library director Colleen Carpenter. “My recommendation is we should probably let the Chamber take it over, but we would be very happy to meet with you and hand over any information we have as to how we went about it.”

Carpenter also commended the hard work of library staff member Alison Gaskill (formerly Schuldts), who has organized Taste of Culver each of its three years.

Board member Alfred Nyby said the Taste was originally conceived as a fund raiser. “In the last three years of having it,” he said, “we didn’t raise any funds. I also think this is something that promotes the restaurants more than it does the library.”

“I question whether we should be organizing and sponsoring Taste,” said Hahn before moving to end the library’s Taste sponsorship; he added he felt the event would be better served by the Chamber.

“The Chamber is pro business,” added Fassett, “but we’re also about quality of life. To show the community and surrounding communities what the quality of life is in Culver is an important statement for us to make. We think this project benefits the community.”

Presuming the Chamber board votes its interest later this month, Carpenter agreed to meet with Chamber representatives after the first of the year to discuss the event further.

The library board also introduced its new attorney, Ken Lukenbill of Plymouth law firm Stevens, Travis, Fortin, and Lukenbill, and noted a letter was sent to longtime library attorney Eugene Chipman thanking him for his years of service.

Carpenter reported that a representative of Umbaugh & Associates, an accounting firm hired to straighten out library finance books, would not be able to attend the meeting as planned, but will present the group’s findings at the December board meeting.

Library treasurer Rita Lawson, in noting the Library Improvement Reserve Fund (or LIRF) has a zero balance, replied to a query by board member Carol Saft that, even though the library’s tax draw has come in, tax money is not paid directly into LIRF.

Lawson also reported the bank recently wrote two checks for monies from the Finney Trust Gift Fund, money given the bank in 1929 with half the interest to go to the library and half to the local cemetery. According to library accountant Jim Faulkner, no bank statements related to the fund have been sent the library for approximately ten years, until the checks arrived recently closing out the account. The board will investigate the matter further.

Carpenter reported the library, which she says has maintained a minimum of spending in recent months, plans to spend a few hundred dollars on books and DVDs – primarily best sellers – and essential supplies. She said the Food for Fines program, which allows patrons a one dollar deduction off fees for already-returned items for each non-perishable food item donated, has collected over 200 items since its kickoff earlier this month. The program ends Jan. 3.

The director said she found records of the library’s most recent inventory from Oct., 2007; she plans to begin another inventory shortly, but will not close the library to do so. Nyby stressed the need for the library to conduct a capital assets inventory, as mandated by a past state audit. Carpenter said she and Faulkner are working on a plan for that inventory.

Library employee Teresa Hudson reported she recently completed a library science course, for which she will be reimbursed according to a policy adopted Oct., 2007. Hudson, who thanked the board, plans to complete her Library Science degree in coming years.

Reporting on an ad hoc committee formed recently by the board to look at library finances, Carpenter said the library will probably cancel its present contract with a Ft. Wayne-based firm handling its HVAC system, and is looking at two companies with bids to take on its maintenance at a lower cost.

The committee also recommended a change in library employees’ health insurance, opting for a reduced plan with somewhat higher cost to employees and lacking dental coverage, but which would be a \$1,700 increase in cost to the library, rather than the nearly \$5,000 increase the original plan would have seen in 2009.

Carpenter requested accountant Jim Faulkner be named assistant director, expanding his hours and duties at the library though continuing his role as bookkeeper and human resources record keeper. Hahn and Saft expressed concerns about the title, though not the change in position, and asked Carpenter to work on a different title for the position, which she will present at next month’s meeting. Board member Melanie Robertson expressed appreciation for Faulkner’s work and “the many hours he’s put in,” which Faulkner said he is happy to do.

Carpenter also announced to the board her plans to be married the week following the board meeting.



Hail to the chief

Culver Public Library director Colleen Carpenters, left, stands with Fred Karst of the Antiquarian & Historical Society of Culver before “Three Pottawattomis,” a painting by George Winter depicting Chief Nees-wau-gee, whose village (and later reservation) was located on the east shore of Lake Maxinkuckee up to the 1838 relocation of area Native Americans to Kansas. British-born Winter’s paintings of area Potawatomi are the most accurate and detailed visual information existent about their attire, appearance, and lifestyle. This is one of two known paintings Winter did of Nees-wau-gee, the other depicting the chief at the Lake Kee-waw-nay (today’s Bruce Lake), where he was chosen to represent local Indians at the 1836 council in which the US government obtained local tribal lands.

“Three Pottawattomis” has been unavailable in the Culver area prior to Karst’s seeking a copy of the painting, which is owned by the Wisconsin Historical Society, from whom the Antiquarians obtained this copy of the original. Presently on display in Carpenter’s office (where it can be seen from the circulation desk), this rare print is planned for display in the Society’s Center for Culver History, in the lower level of the library.



Christmas in Culver Holiday events around the area

Please submit your holiday events to citizen@culcom.net or by calling 574-261-7887.

Dec. 1: “Polar Express” Party, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library

Dec. 4-7: Culver Coffee Co. holiday and five-year anniversary open house (all wkd).

Dec. 5: Annual Christmas tree lighting and caroling (sponsored by the Knights of Columbus), 5:30 p.m., depot/train station, Culver town park

Dec. 6: Children’s Christmas party (Lions, Kiwanis, VFW sponsored), 10 a.m. - noon, Culver Elementary School cafeteria.

St. Nicholas Day party, 2:30 p.m., St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church

Dec. 10: Maxinkuckee

Singers holiday performance, 7:30 p.m., Grace Church

Dec. 14: Annual Christmas

Vespers, 5:30 p.m., Memorial Chapel, Culver Academies campus

Dec. 15: “Spirit of Christmas” Huffington Concert

Series performance, 7:30 p.m., Eppley Auditorium, Culver Academies

Dec. 19: Nativity Pageant and Advent party

with Santa, 5:30 p.m., St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church

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