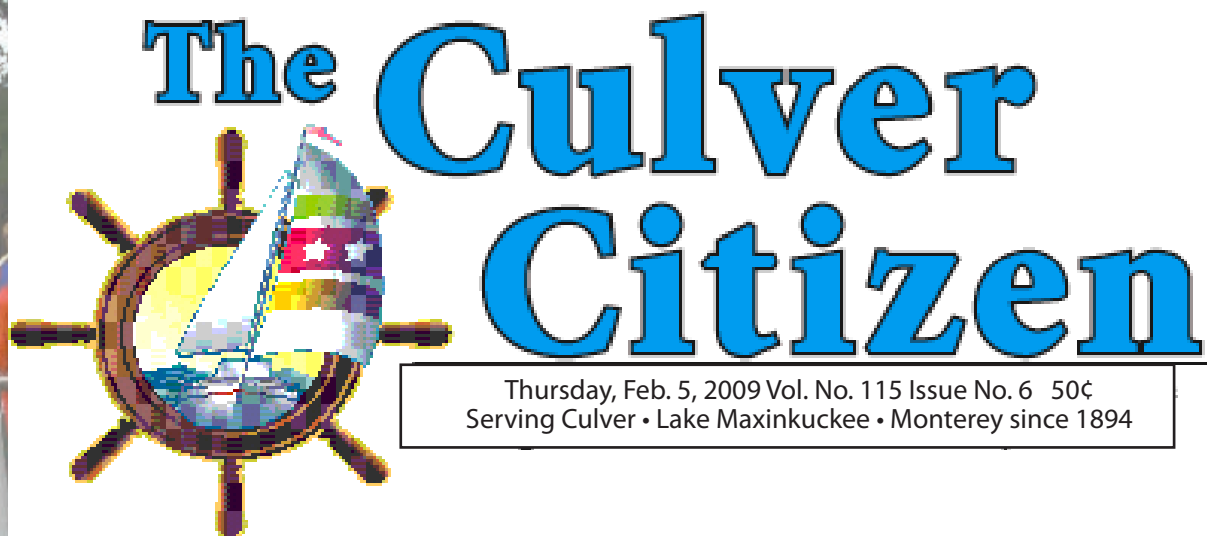


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## In Brief

**Lions, Council of Churches host chili supper Feb. 6**

The Culver Lions Club in conjunction with the Culver Community Council of Churches will host a chili supper Friday, Feb. 6, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the railroad station-depot, 615 Lakeshore Drive in Culver. Cash donations will be accepted at the door, with all donations going to the Culver food pantry, which operates out of the Grace United Church of Christ on Plymouth Street, Culver.

Make it a special Friday evening by attending the Chili Supper and then taking in the Culver Community High School boy's basketball game, which starts at 7:30 p.m.

**Culver Coffee 'Drink of the month' for Relay**

The Culver Coffee Company on Lake Shore Drive will donate all proceeds from its "drink of the month," starting in February, to Culver's cancer-fighting Relay for Life, which takes place in April. According to Culver Academies student Ian Greenberg, one of the organizers of the event, Culver Coffee owner Dawn Minas will share all proceeds from a chosen drink, starting in February with the shop's popular Mexican hot chocolate.

**Culver Bible Church to show "Fireproof"**

Maybe you missed the showing at the Uptown Cinema, or just haven't seen it yet.

In either case, you will be able to view the movie "Fireproof" at Culver Bible Church, 718 S. Main St., Sun., Feb. 8, at 6 p.m. Starring Kirk Cameron, watch a marriage that is on the rocks, get renewed by a leap of faith. A great movie for all couples, married or contemplating marriage. For more information, call 574-842-3056.

**Dembowski to visit Culver REAL site**

State Representative Nancy Dembowski will visit Culver's REAL Services nutrition site Fri., Feb. 13, for its noon meal. The public is welcome but reservations are requested by Feb. 11, and may be made by calling 574-842-8878. A suggested donation of \$3.50 is requested for the meal.

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## Off-unsung heroes

Norma Kampe, (above, left) was honored for his quiet but copious volunteering in the Culver community Jan. 28, along with members of the Culver Lake Fest committee (above, right) for their efforts in keeping the summertime festival – now entering its 26th year – alive. Not all members of the committee were on hand to receive the award, but above, from left, are Connie Overmyer, Glenn Patton, Mike Overmyer, Shelli Dickey, and Bill Birk.

CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

# Kampe, Lake Fest committee honored

## Culver Lions name Citizen, Organization of the Year

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

An annual Culver Lions Club tradition launched 32 years ago by Lion Jerry Thomas (according to current Lions president Dan Adams) was continued Jan. 28 when the longstanding organization celebrated its Organization of the Year and Citizen of the Year awards night.

Adams introduced the Organization of the Year, the Culver Lake Fest committee, with a brief history of the annual summer festival, which kicked off in 1984 as a result of a meeting of Culver Economic Development Committee, which then included Jim Moss, Jean Rakich, Roy Shepard, Joe Plankis, Charles Edgington, Jim Bonine and Bob Tanguy. Tanguy, said Adams, asked why Culver lacked an annual festival, which he suggested could include "a parade, beauty contest, fireworks, races,

booths, rock band, and a fun weekend!"

Roy Shepard was named the first festival project chairman, committees were formed, and the Culver Lake Festival was born 26 years ago, with the first year's parade over two miles long with 126 units. Other events that first year included a burnout contest, beauty contest, races, motorcycle show, rock band and a variety of booths, Adams noted.

"Twenty-six years later," he added, "the Lake Fest is still going strong. They have added an antique car show, cheerleading competitions, kiddie rides, more entertainment which includes our own area pipers, kid's games, fishing contest, a fun run, food booths and new to the festival last year was a bike tour which goes from a ten mile tour to a one hundred miles tour.

"Organizing the lake fest takes a lot of time and ef-

fort. Thanks to the commitment of many area citizens, it has continued for 25 years."

Adams noted this year's festival committee officers – present for the award – include Mike Overmyer (president), Glen Patton (vice president), Shelli Dickey (secretary), and Connie Overmyer (treasurer), with this year's committee members including Dean and Susie Norwich, Jean E. Overmyer, Jim and Donna Weirick, Greg Fisher, Linda McCune, Deb Foley, Mark Damore, Dave Crabb, and Bill Birk

Accepting the award on behalf of the committee, Mike Overmyer thanked the Lions and lauded Lake Fest as a "community event with community organizations taking part in it."

"As with anything, people get tired after doing the same thing every year," said Overmyer. "We had that moment last year, our 24th

year, where we almost said, 'enough's enough.' But it was the 25th year (coming up), so we couldn't let it die that year. After (last year's event), we all looked at each other and said, 'You want to do it again?' And everybody volunteered to do it again."

Overmyer said the group could use help this year with the festival itself, especially manning the information and other booths, and invited the public to assist.

Lion Jim Harper introduced the winner of the group's 2009 Citizen of the Year Award, Culver's Norman Kampe, by quoting the Gospel of Matthew: "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on a stand, and it gives light to every one in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they

may see your good deeds, and praise your Father in heaven."

"These words of scripture really apply to the person to be honored this evening," explained Harper, noting Kampe and his wife moved to Culver to retire from farming and as a 40-year rural mail carrier. Harper listed some of Kampe's many volunteer efforts in the community. "Have you been to the food pantry for any reason? If so, you have most likely seen this person stocking shelves or waiting on the customers. The blind need to have materials read to them for many reasons: business, letters from relatives, to get general information, and just for pleasure. (Norm Kampe) has helped fill these needs for people in Culver."

Kampe, said Harper, also has volunteered moving

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## Water rates, town manager residency debated at council meeting

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Culver residents will see an increased water bill around the end of February, according to members of Culver's town council, who passed the second and third readings – following a public hearing – of an ordinance raising water rates just over 25 percent. Steve Carter, representing accounting firm Umbaugh and Associates, explained expenses have gone up in recent years, especially in the area of payroll, and said the town's water utility fund has had consistently negative cash flows. Funding in that account, added Carter, was down to about \$66,000 as of August, 2008, an amount he said isn't adequate to serve the community's needs. The lowest-end water customers in Culver, billed based on a minimum monthly usage of 2,000 gallons, will see their bills increase from about \$7.90 to \$9.95 per month.

Resident Doris Breyfogle expressed concern that "the people who live here 12 months a year are supporting all the people who live here partial-year, four months or so."

"I think it's unfair," Breyfogle added. "Those (water) services still have to be provided for (part-time residents). If the people here at random still have the same service we get, but we're supporting them, there needs to be something done."

Noting her work with town accounting has led her to see the rate increase as "essential," town clerk Casey Howard expressed sympathy with Breyfogle but noted, "We're so 'resorty' in this community, I don't know how you decipher (part-time residents) from full-time people. (Part-timers) still have to pay the minimum. That's part of the pie when you live in this type of community."

Howard added part-time residents' rates "will go up like everybody else's."

In response to audience member Dave Cooper's comment that the town could raise water rates on a regular, gradual basis, council member Ginny Munroe noted the council did discuss that option, with Howard explaining she placed a note in the town's annual budget to begin incorporating just such a small increase into annual practice.

In other discussion, Culver may have a new town manager as early as Feb. 9 if final contract negotiations are approved. The council agreed to revise its proposed contract for Michael Doss of Lewisburg, Ohio, who asked to be allowed to take a part-time job if he chooses, freeing him up to take community positions such as coaching.

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## Former school administration building will be up for bidding

Bobbie Washburn Ruhnow

Culver - The Culver Community school board of trustees adopted their first resolution of the year that will begin the bidding for the old administration building on Ohio Street. After consulting with Harold Wyland, attorney for the corporation, Brad Schuldt, superintendent, explained the process. The bidding will take place over a 50 day period. Sealed bids will be opened immediately and announced and posted on the corporation's web site; bidders may also choose to get an update by e-mail. This will allow serious bidders to rebid if they wish. Schuldt said "Basically, this is an auction but "strung out" over a period of time." The purchase price must be 90 percent of the appraised value that has been determined by two independent appraisers. Schuldt said the appraised value is a matter of public record, but interested parties must come to the administration office and fill out a formal request for the information. Legal ads will be placed to announce the date to receive bids and closing dates for bids.

The board has reorganized and Marilyn Swanson is the president with Gene Baker serving as the secretary. Reorganizing as a board of finance, trustees agreed to appoint Swanson and Baker as finance officers also.

Bid dates for the renovation of the Culver Elementary School gym will soon be announced. Greg Saal and Martin Truesdell of Stair Associates, got the final approval of the trustees to put the project to bid after discussing base bid estimated costs and alternatives. There was some discussion of eliminating the public restroom in the south addition to the gym that would

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## Supporting our troops

Tia Romig, left, and Austin Brissette, sixth graders in Missy Trent's class at Culver Elementary School, stand with items they brought for US troops, part of a collection the class began recently. Brissette says he has an uncle serving in the Army -- and knows a number of his father's friends are in the military -- which has helped him realize how much donations are appreciated by troops serving overseas. Romig's own father once served, and affirmed the same thing to her. She brought in noodles and juice packets, with Brissette donating noodles, chapstick, and popcorn.

The class is collecting water packets, sunblock, portable and non-perishable food items, baby wipes, and even flea collars to help fight pests while in the field.

Though the students say they won't know who, specifically, receives the items they've sent, "we hope they enjoy what we brought in," says Romig.

For a more thorough list of items needed, and where to bring them, see the "Briefs" section of this issue of the Citizen.

CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

## Town clerk Howard talks taxes, town projects

By Rusty Nixon  
Correspondent

The town of Culver is a unique community.

While the official population of the town by Lake Maxincuckee is just a little over 1500 people, at certain times of the year, it can seem downright crowded.

"In the summertime that triples," said Culver Clerk-Treasurer Casey Howard. "With people coming in to their summer homes around the lake that means that the need for fire, EMS and police protection triples too and we get additional tax money to provide that."

The town does get some help with its burden.

"A lot of the property tax money goes into the township and they help us quite a bit," said Howard. "They provide half the money for our fire and our EMS, they help with anything new in the way of equipment."

For Howard, making sure of cash flow is a challenge for the city.

"Really the biggest challenge is making sure that we get our property tax money on time," she said. "It's also getting harder and harder to get grant money for projects with all the qualifications you need it's very hard to stay on top of."

Culver does not look to be as concerned about HB 1001 property tax legislation enacted by the General Assembly.

"I'm probably not as versed on this as I should be but fortunately I don't think its going to affect us as much," said Howard. "It appears that it will have more of an affect on bigger cities and possibly our township."

The city is also excited that work will begin on several new projects in the coming year that should make Culver an even better place to live.

"We're really excited about work that will begin on our storm sewers," said Howard. "We received a grant from OCRA (Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs) to do a study on our storm sewers and waste water. Commonwealth Engineering has finished that up and we're going to get another grant to undertake work on our storm sewers."

Because of the lake there are some places that can really have a drainage problem and this should go a long way to alleviate that.

"We're also very happy that the Southwest Conservancy District is in talks with us to divert their waste water to our plant. That will mean money for expansion there. We currently don't have a sewer department or a fee so we're going to have to take a look at that as the year goes on."

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save \$40,000 in the base bid with the option of considering this in the alternatives. There will be restrooms located in the girls and boys locker rooms that would be available during public events. Chuck Kitchell, elementary principal, voiced some concern that these might not be available during sporting events. Refinishing the gym floor and some bleacher additions could also be alternatives, Truesdell said.

The goal is to keep the renovation within the budgeted amount of \$700,000, Saal noted. Truesdell noted that without some reductions, present plans showed approximately \$550,000 in new construction and \$230,000 in alternates.

The board hopes to review bids in March and the completion date for the project is expected by the fall of 2009.

Goals and objectives for the 2009 school year were discussed with emphasis on watching legislation with consolidation concerns. The board will monitor current state and federal actions and act appropriately they concurred.

The school calendar for 2009-2010 was adopted. School will begin August 18, 2009 with graduation May 28, 2010. All dates will be posted on the school's website. Legislation being discussed to push back the opening of the school year to after Labor Day has gained some merit in tourist areas, Schuldt announced, but has not yet become a law in Indiana.

Board members Gene Baker and Jack Jones complimented the BPA's continued success in a recent contest in Warsaw. Baker is a BPA sponsor in his school and noted how impressed he was in the professional presentations made by the Culver group.

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## Marching orders

Culver's inaugural parade locale fluctuates over years

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Culverites anxious to see the community represented at Barack Obama's presidential inaugural parade Jan. 20 were in for a wait. The parade, originally scheduled for 2:30 p.m., was pushed back several hours. Further, Culver was placed near the end of the parade, appearing before the new president and his wife in the dark (thankfully, the parade route was well-lit and the Black Horse Troop and Equestriennes were quite visible) and not until nearly 7 p.m., leaving some viewers in Culver complaining of missing the riders' appearance. Thankfully, some internet sites have made the entire parade available for repeated viewings.

Academies historian says late placement in the parade, and even darkness, are not new to Culver's inaugural experience. In years past, he recalls, a given entities' rank in the parade was based on the date that entities' home state entered

the Union. During the 1961 parade, slots were full and Culver took one of Montana's spares, almost at the end of the parade, Hartman says. "By the time we came by, the TV cameras had shut off because it was dark, and in those days they couldn't do much with lighting. The president and his party had gone."

Things changed for the 1969 parade, for which Hartman and Dave Gaskill visited parade headquarters to discuss moving Culver up. They were asked if Culver could carry 100 American flags, with Hartman confirming they could. "I went downstairs and called Dean Benson and told him. After a period of silence, he said, 'Do we have 100 flags?' I said, 'I don't think so.'"

Eventually it was decided 60 flags was the number,



The Troop in the 1965 inaugural parade.

PHOTO/CULVER ACADEMIES ARCHIVES

and an airplane ticket was purchased for a seat just for the flags. Culver Academy was near the head of the inaugural parade in 1969.

This year, president Obama and his wife did stay and watch the entire parade, and the video seems to suggest they were impressed with the parade. "I bet we'll get bumped up (closer to the front) next time," says Hartman. "I think once they say us, they said, 'We need that.' It's that dramatic."

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At issue was Doss' request that language be removed from the contract requiring he live in Union Township. According to Munroe, Doss' wife will be finishing schooling in Ohio over the next year in the field of respiratory therapy, and Doss expressed concern about the length of his wife's commute to a potential hospital job out of the area. The cost of maintaining two households over the next year was also an issue, added Munroe.

Doss' request to expand his residency options to all of Marshall County led council member Lynn Overmyer to suggest the contract require, instead, that Doss live somewhere within the Culver Community School district.

"My feeling is," said Overmyer, "if his kids go to school in Plymouth or Bremen, he's not going to be involved in Culver. I don't think he'll have a hard time a finding house in Union Township or the school district. When (former town manager Sean McDermott) was here, you had a problem when he left on weekends and wasn't involved in the community."

Council member Ralph Winters acknowledged the difficulty of finding affordable housing in Culver.

Several council members noted the Culver school district spans four counties, with some portions including close access to three hospitals (in Knox, Winamac, and Rochester). The council agreed to approve the contract with the agreement that Doss live in the school district rather than the township proper, with willingness to renegotiate if Doss disagrees.

One resident's request to vacate a College Ave. alley in Culver led to lengthy dialog as to the value of the town retaining ownership of alleys or allowing long-unused land to revert to private hands.

Both James Washburn, the property owner, and his attorney, Jim Easterday, were on hand, arguing the alley has been used as a driveway for the Washburn home for over 60 years, and has no proximity to town utilities. Easterday said the space in the 15 by 150 foot alley is "pretty tight" and explained cars sometimes pull in and park, particularly on busy occasions like Lakefest. The plan commission, he added, has already approved the vacation.

While one neighbor expressed approval of the move according to Easterday, another wrote a letter requesting the alley remain public.

Several council members expressed some concern about the general practice of vacating public alleyways, though the council agreed there seemed little strong reason not to grant Washburn's request. In the end, the council tabled the matter pending Easterday presenting documentation of the approving neighbor, and further investigation into the history of the town's agreement with the opposing neighbor.

The council approved \$12,500 from the fire department's budget to purchase a pickup truck for use in hauling dirty hoses and other equipment back from fires, as well as transporting firefighters to training classes and other general uses, as explained by fireman Dave Cooper, speaking in fire chief Mike Grover's absence.

The council also approved after-the-fact purchase of two loads of salt for use on Culver's streets, as presented by street department head Bob Porter, who added he hoped the salt would last the town through the remainder of the winter season.

Town attorney Jim Clevenger informed the council he held a pretrial conference Jan. 13 pertaining to zoning issues raised by west shore resident R.J. Ratcliff. Culver's board of zoning appeals is to file its record by March 13, after which another pretrial conference and hearing will be scheduled.

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books and assisting in other ways at the public library, with Hospice, the Red Cross food pantry, Meals on Wheels, and REAL Services.

Kampe frequently visits the sick and shut-ins and gives rides to those in need and unable to transport themselves. While still living in Illinois, he added, Kampe was an active volunteer with Respond Now, the homeless shelter, and Meals on Wheels.

One of his most visible ongoing endeavors in Culver is the upkeep of the large lawn and grounds of Trinity Lutheran church on Academy Road, with which Kampe -- the father of three daughters and a son, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren -- is very active.

"His family," continued Harper, "would say he loves music, dogs, and stock car races. He is a private person who believes action speaks louder than words. Everyone I know would agree with his family."

Presenting Kampe, Harper added, "The light is on the candle stick."

Accepting the award, which was kept a secret from him by his wife, family and friends until the presentation itself, Kampe quipped, "My wife and I have been married 58 years, and right now our marriage is a little on shaky ground... but we can work it out!"

"It's an undeserved honor," he added. "There are a lot more people in town more worthy of this than me, but I thank you. I'm very honored."

Closing the meeting, Lion Adams added, "Norm is just the type of person we like (to give this award to). You have humility, and you do it (volunteer) for the reason it's done for, and not for recognition."

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## Letter to the editor

### Thanks to Culver for support in need

I am writing this letter for several reasons; the main purpose is to thank all the people in Culver and hoping they realize how fortunate they are to live in that town.

On Saturday, Jan. 10 my parents, Phil and Peg Aschinger, had a fire in their home that began at 4 a.m. Not only did the volunteer fire department (10 in all I believe) arrive within three minutes and did an incredible job, but they also gave reassurance and emotional support to us all.

Although the home wasn't a total loss, they still had to relocate (which they have) while the reconstruction and repairs are completed. Within hours, the friends of my parents and residents who hardly know them were calling and seeing what they could do to help.

After an overwhelming day my parents and I went to PaPas for dinner. The owners, Brian and Carla, knew of the fire and after a much-needed wonderful meal, Brian came out and said there would be no bill, and if they could do anything simply to let them know.

Living in Cincinnati, I always look forward to returning "home" to that small town atmosphere friendliness and ease. It was clearly brought to my attention why again.

In these hard times not only in the U.S. but all over the world it's nice to know people are as nice as they are.

Again, I strongly felt it necessary to write this letter and to thank all the people of Culver, where neighbors are neighbors. As with most disasters, blessings happen, and it certainly began right away.

**Eric Aschinger**  
Cincinnati, Ohio

## Obituary - Fisher

### Virginia L. McIntyre Fisher May 1, 1922 - Jan. 28, 2009

Virginia Lee McIntyre Fisher, 86, of Culver, IN passed away on January 28, 2009 at 9:30pm while in residence at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver, Ind.

Virginia was born in her family home in Logansport, Indiana May 1, 1922. She was raised in Logansport and spent her summers on Lake Maxinkuckee. Her grandmother was among the first settlers of the north end of Long Point. Virginia attended Purdue for a year and went on to study window display at the Chicago Art Institute. She married Richard L. Fisher in 1943 and they had 5 daughters. Virginia was a charter member of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Carmel, Ind. She ran the Episcopal Food Bank in downtown Indianapolis for 10 years. Later after making their permanent residence on the South Shore of Lake Maxinkuckee she was instrumental in establishing St. Elizabeth Episcopal Church in Culver. Virginia's love of the lake led to the formation of the Antiquarian and Historical Society. Her dream of creating a Culver Town Park was realized when Heritage Park was established.

She is survived by her husband Richard Fisher of Culver, daughters: Pamela Fisher of Culver; Priscilla Fisher (George) of Naples, FL; Jennifer Fisher Shea (Jamie) of Culver, grandchildren: Nicki Birrell Jentgen (Phil), George Birrell, James Fisher Shea, David Lingle and 2 great-grandchildren: Emily Jane Jentgen and Devon Lingle.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Jenny Lee Fisher, in infancy, and Melissa Fisher Birrell.

A memorial service was held Tues., Feb. 3, at 11 a.m. at the Culver Academies Memorial Chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to St. Elizabeth Episcopal Church, 515 State Street, Culver, IN 46511.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the obituary page at [www.bonineoddm.com](http://www.bonineoddm.com).

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

## Township board reviews 2008, discusses Kernan-Shepard

Staff report

Culver - The Union Township Advisory Board met with trustee, Marlene Mahler, to reorganize the board and approve the annual report for publication. John Benedict will remain president and Connie VanHorn will serve as secretary. Bobbie Ruhnow will head the board of finance.

Final figures for 2008 showed Union Township stayed within budgeted approval without need for additional appropriations despite a rise in Poor Relief requests. Mahler reported 274 recipients of assistance including 162 for utilities, 24 for housing assistance and 88 for food assistance. Township contributions to EMS totalled \$83,635 and to Fire Fighting, \$158,050. Park and Recreation contributions totalled \$16,550. Other charges, which include cemetery care, insurance, wages and other incidental costs totaled \$26,029.

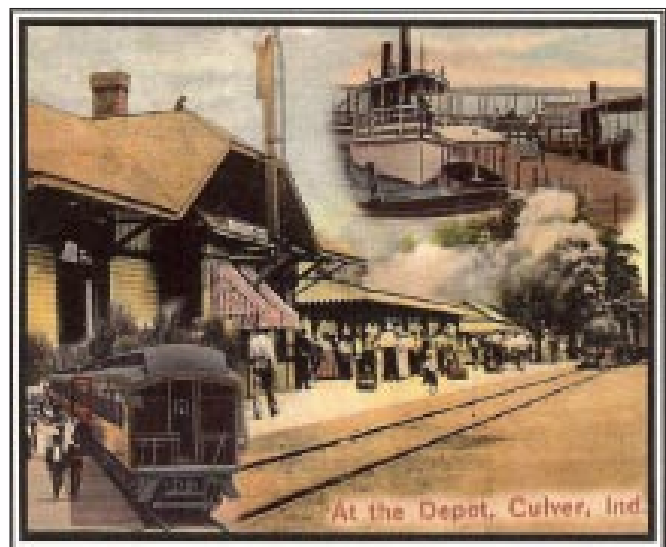
Dave Cooper, secretary-treasurer, and Ken VandePutte, assistant chief, of the Culver Union Township Fire Dept., discussed the purchase of an extended cab pickup truck. Presently, there are four qualified members of the Rescue Dive Team and six more are in training. Among other uses, the truck will be available to quickly transport the Dive Team and equipment to the scene. It can also be used as a transport for members taking their twice weekly training sessions in Plymouth to get their certifications. Board members agreed to share in the cost of the vehicle with the town of Culver provided the township share did not exceed \$12,500.

Mahler reported on a meeting held January 17 in Plymouth regarding consequences of the Kernan Shepard report recommending consolidation of small units of government into a one-unit governmental entity. Noting that Culver and Union Township have unique aspects that are best addressed by local elected and appointed officials, board members remained firm that they were opposed to any legislation that would force consolidation into a county executive type of governmental control.

Assessing duties have been removed from the duties of the township trustees, but Mahler has been asked to work for Marshall County to assist local farmers in Union, Walnut and Green townships. Of the ten township trustees, five have been approached to work to ease the burden for the Marshall County Assessor's office. The change in assessing duties by the legislature has put a burden on the County, Mahler noted, and the Assessor's office has had to hire four additional personnel. Local farmers will be able to be served at Mahler's Union township office.

## Culver history, artistry celebrated in new note cards

The Culver Antiquarian and Historical Society has announced the release and availability of a series of unique,



One of new notecard four designs, by designers Angela Ridenour and Sarah Perschbacher, highlighting Culver history.

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eye catching note cards. There are four different cards, each with a composite scene highlighting one aspect of our rich heritage – the town, lake, train depot and Academy.

Cards are available at a number of favorite local establishments, including Fisher and Company Clothiers, Gail's, The Collectors, Studio Hair Designs and Elizabeth's Garden. They are also available at the Culver Academies bookstore and the Culver Center for History museum room in the Culver Public Library. Additional outlets including the internet are in the works.

The note cards are blank inside and are available in packages of eight cards of each scene. Variety packages containing two cards of each of the four scenes are also available. All packages are \$10.

The scenes on the cards were created and donated to the Society by photographers and creative designers Angela Ridenour and Sarah Perschbacher at their Imagine Studios, [www.imag-studios.com](http://www.imag-studios.com), 574-780-3346. Their imaginative works include creation of scenes for customers incorporating persons of their choosing. Several works by these local talents are displayed at The Edgewater restaurant.

The Society's Judy Sawhook reminds everyone that, "These cards are an ideal way for folks to send personal greetings and notes of remembrance or thanks. They also make wonderful gifts, especially for those who have visited you from out of town."

### Citizen contact info

Drop-off boxes for community news are located at the Culver-Union Township Public Library and the Culver Coffee Company on Lake Shore Dr. These boxes will be accessible during the locations' normal business hours.

Citizen editor Jeff Kenney may be reached at 574-216-0075. News can be sent by e-mail to: [citizen@culcom.net](mailto:citizen@culcom.net) and mailed to: The Culver Citizen, c/o The Pilot News, P.O. Box 220, Plymouth, IN 46563. Faxes may be sent to 574-936-3844.

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## Engagement - Jensen, Wunder



Ryan Jensen of Indianapolis, formerly of Noblesville, and Courtney Wunder of Indianapolis, formerly of North Judson announce their engagement to be married April 18, 2009 at Culver Academy Memorial Chapel.

The future bride is the daughter of

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Wunder of North Judson. She is a 1999 graduate of Culver Academy. She also graduated from Butler University with a bachelor's degree in journalism in 2004.

The future groom is the son of Mrs. Elaine Jensen of Noblesville. He is a 1999 graduate of Noblesville High School. He also graduated from Indiana University with a bachelor's degree in business management in 2004.

## Police blotter

**Rodney Stubbs** was charged Dec. 14 at Mill Street and SR 17, Culver, with driving while suspended and failure to signal for a turn or lane change.

**Jennifer Aaron Secrest** was charged Dec. 22 at Lakeshore Drive, Culver, with driving while suspended and failure to signal for turn or lane change.

**Timothy Paul Denton** was charged Dec. 28 at SR 17 at 20A Road, Culver, with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and with an ACE of .08 or more, unsafe lane movement.

**Vincent S. Carnegie**, 21, of Plymouth was issued a citation for a seatbelt violation Jan. 8.

**Brittany N. Clouse**, 19, of Winamac was issued a citation for a seatbelt violation Jan. 10.

**Terry Honkomp**, 33, of Plymouth was issued a citation for a seatbelt violation Jan. 13.

**Larry Pzer Jr.**, 23, of Culver was issued citations for an expired license plate, driving while suspended and no financial responsibility Jan. 17.

**Jesse J. McIntosh II**, 25, of Knox was issued a citation for a seatbelt violation Jan. 19.

**Kent D. Bowman**, 58, of Culver was issued a citation for exceeding the posted speed limit, 70 mph in a 55 mph zone Jan. 20.

**Cesar C. Zaragoza**, 27, of South Bend, IN was issued a citation for exceeding the posted speed limit, 70 mph in a 55 mph zone Jan. 20.

**Lisa M. Stidham**, 44, of Monterey was issued a citation for a seatbelt violation Jan. 20.

**Derek W. Keller**, 36, of Rochester was issued a citation for a seatbelt violation Jan. 20.

**Tamara D. Rutledge**, 42, of Monterey was issued a citation for a seatbelt violation Jan. 20.

## Community Calendar

### Thursday, Feb. 5

Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library

Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library

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

Knights of Columbus St. Mary of the Lake Council #13720, 7 p.m., church rectory basement

### Friday, Feb. 6

Lions Club/Council of Churches chili supper, 5 p.m., train station/depot.

### Sunday, Feb. 8

Open gym, 1 p.m., Culver Middle School gymnasium

### Monday, Feb. 9

'The Big Read' planning mtg., 4:30 p.m., Culver Public Library

Al-Anon Mtg., 5:30 p.m., Knitting Class, 5 p.m., Culver Public Library

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

DivorceCare, 7 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ

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

### Tuesday, Feb. 10

Fitness class, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library

Culver Chamber of Commerce mtg., 6:30 p.m.

Culver town council mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall

### Wednesday, Feb. 11

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

Lions Club mtg., 6:30 p.m., train station/depot

Knights of Columbus St. John Vianney Assembly business meeting, 7 p.m., St. Mary's church basement

### Thursday, Feb. 12

Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library

Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library

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

Parks and recreation board mtg., 7 p.m., town hall

# SMART Girls addresses challenges facing Culver's girls

The pressures and challenges that face young females are extraordinary, and experts differ on whether the upswing of increased aggression among adolescent girls is due to social changes or simply more aggressive reporting. Either way, they agree that girl-on-girl violence is often notable for its viciousness.

Adolescence is a time when girls are still dependent on their families, while trying to create their own identities. Girls of this age may be particularly susceptible to peer influences and may also begin to experience cultural pressures exerted around issues of physical appearance and body image.

Many girls carry forward into adulthood habits that they form as girls. How they respond to temptations to smoke, drink, or experiment with drugs or sexual activity for which they may not feel prepared can affect the quality of their

lives as adolescents and adults.

Providing equal access and equitable programming for girls has been an important focus of the Culver Boys & Girls Club since it opened last

year.

At this critical juncture in our social history, it is more important than ever that girls be given appropriate guidance during this vulnerable time in their lives when society is providing them with many conflicting and confusing messages about how a young woman should present herself.

MaryAnn Tidwell, the new Program Supervisor at the club has begun to address this issue head on with the implementation of a SMART Girls health and life skills program in Portage. "Young girls today are under a great deal of pressure to handle teen issues long before they reach their teens," Tidwell notes.

SMART Girls is a small-group program that utilizes a combination of informational and experiential learning activities to help female Club members develop healthy attitudes and lifestyles. Participants explore their own and societal attitudes and values as they practice life skills for nutritional eating, physical fitness, accessing the health care system, resolving conflict and building healthy mentoring relationships.

Focusing on girls 8-14 years old, the program design features interactive, experiential methods and approaches, including the use of anecdotes, role-plays, field trips, guest speakers and mentors. Club staff has the unique opportunity to promote positive values and behavior while establishing positive peer pressure among young girls who are in a critical transitional period of their adolescence.

This encourages development of positive attitudes in the face of the opposing negative pressures that so often influence behavior at that age. Please call MaryAnn Tidwell at 574-250-0103 for questions regarding club programs.

*Editor's note: Author Jennifer Wright, M. S., is director of resource development for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Porter County, of which Culver's successful club is a member. This article is part of a series of semi-regular columns pertaining to Culver's Boys & Girls Club, based at the Culver Elementary School, and the needs and challenges faced by club members and youth in general.*

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# Adventures of a (former) paper boy

The good folks at today's Pilot News likely have no memory of it, but I was employed by that newspaper years before my present tenure as Culver Citizen editor. This was before I -- and several present-day Pilot staff members -- was able to drive, of course, so the memory lapse is forgivable.

I used to joke with friends that I haven't been unemployed -- more or less -- since I was ten years old, and it's actually true. That was my age when I undertook that great American endeavor of preteen kids: the newspaper route. I doubt my sister Alethea and I would have chosen, on our own, to devote one to two hours or our after-school day (not to mention those early Saturday mornings) to biking around Culver in service to the Pilot News, but we weren't given a great deal of choice. Our parents decided we could start being responsible for our own non-essential purchases, and I must admit, the lure of those endless riches was pretty enticing.

So we were outfitted with baskets on our bikes, a zipper bag and flip-book with tear-off "receipts" for collecting subscription money -- a duty reserved back then for paper boys and girls, one of the most intimidating part -- and our wits, and turned loose daily for our duties.

My sister had a route on the south side of town, with mine made up of a large square bordered by Culver High School to the north, Slate Street to the west, Lakeview Street to the east, and Lake Shore Drive to the south. I can't recall the exact number of houses to which I delivered papers, but I recall I could finish the route in about an hour on a good day...longer on a bad day.

And there were bad days from time to time. One that sticks in my mind to this day was an incident that began outside the home of Leonard and Ethel Hoffman, who lived at the corner of School Street and Academy Road in a house now replaced by the Culver Community Schools' administration building (Ethel Hoffman, as it happens, was a great-aunt of frequent Culver Citizen contributor John Houghton. Some

Culverites may, as I did as a child, remember her for walking a pair of cats on leashes regularly, something you just didn't see every day). It was a windy day, and I had set my bike on its kickstand as I walked

ing and bared fangs, and a knowing ability to "psyche out" his victims...and it was all effective. My heart would start beating faster as I rounded the corner to his street. I would move as fast and quietly as I could from house to house, in hopes Shep would be sleeping, or perhaps busy dismembering a team of victims on the other side of his house from me.

I was talking, years later as an adult, to another former paper boy who'd delivered to that street a few years before me, and to my astonishment, he was all too familiar with Shep, and shook his head at the horror of it all. If I remember right, he once watched Shep become the victim of a snow plow or some such good-sized truck, and assumed he'd seen the last of his nemesis. But no -- Shep was back the next day, as if he'd never been hit at all, apparently invincible.

I'd suspect he was immortal, myself, if I didn't know he's gone now, though for all I know he's just changed owners and is terrorizing paper boys somewhere else...or perhaps in that great paper route in the sky.

There are other memories: the time one elderly customer, talking to his wife while I was collecting and no doubt thrown off by my decision to let my hair grow out around age 12, referred to me as "she." I don't think the sun set many times before I got a haircut, even if he was nearly blind, as I recall.

There were weather-related memories, too. Delivering in the rain and heavy snow, of course, was less than ideal, though I saw some beautiful scenery. And there were the boiling-hot summer afternoons when some of my cash went to the purchase of a Cherry Coke -- a delightful delicacy just released back then -- on the way home, at Verl's barber shop.

And, while devoting an hour or two of my precious time to the newspaper delivery arts was a burden at times -- especially when my friends were engaged in

something Really Cool -- it did have its benefits.

I remember that first paycheck and the thrill it gave me. It was more than 70 whopping dollars, more money than I'd had at my free disposal in my entire life. I was rich beyond my wildest dreams!

It runs in my mind my parents may have strongly suggested I undertake to save some of that hard-earned cash, but I was certainly grateful at the time they didn't enforce that notion. I still remember my sojourn to the Big Blue Store in Plymouth to make my first major paper route purchase one evening (if I remember right, it was a Masters of the Universe playset for \$30 or so -- those of you who grew up in the 1980s will find that name familiar).

All in all, I have mostly great memories of those days. I've always liked biking and walking (still do) and I got to know at least a part of the town of Culver pretty darn well -- street names included -- that way.

I also got to know people. Understandably, the folks with the most time and inclination to talk tended to be the elderly customers, and I've always had an affinity for older people. In spite of sometimes sacrificing an extra 30 minutes (and sometimes missing an episode of a favorite afternoon cartoon like GI Joe), I enjoyed those talks and remember the folks I talked to with fondness.

It's a shame, in fact, the practice of preteen kids delivering newspapers seems to have fallen by the wayside, no doubt for a variety of reasons. It was good for me on a variety of levels: the obvious benefits of health and fitness and a sense of responsibility and work ethic (even if, I can't deny, I let my dad deliver the papers from time to time), but also an appreciation of the community and greater appreciation of the great outdoors. In many ways I wish I could give that experience to my own kids.

So there you have it: your editor has been involved in a great many levels of the newspaper world...and has been at it -- with a break of about 20 years in the middle -- since he was only ten.

## View from Main Street

By Jeff Kenney  
Editor



the paper to the Hoffmans' door and chatted a moment with Mrs. Hoffman, as I often did.

What I didn't count on was the huge gust of wind that not only knocked my bike down, but began whipping my papers out, one by one, almost the way a high-speed copier whips out copied pages. Except my papers began flying majestically across the field to the north, towards the nursing home. I must have looked pretty comical trying desperately to retrieve the flying paper sections, even as new papers zipped out of my bike basket and sailed joyfully away. I would run into the field to catch one, then dash back to the bike to stop the latest one's ascent, all the while nearing tears with the realization that some two dozen papers (or so) had been lost to Mother Nature. This is one of any paper boy's worst nightmares! Luckily, I was able to make my way to various stores across town and buy replacements for most of the missing papers, though while all this was going on, it was getting dark and people were beginning to call my house, asking where their evening paper was.

Another classic paper boy nightmare, of course, is overzealous dogs. There weren't tons of those on my route, thankfully, but a few come to mind. The worst of all was "Shep," who lived on Plymouth Street. He was, as his name suggests, a German shepherd, and he wasn't to be toyed with. I was never bitten by him, but he was definitely the scariest dog on the route, just for the way he came at you, which involved blind-speed, lots of snarl-



## A familiar spot?

The house on the right may be a clue if the gas station at left isn't familiar to today's readers. Taken from a 1958 advertisement in the Culver Citizen, the image above shows the Standard Service Station (later Amoco -- today BP) at the northwest corner of Main and Washington Streets in downtown Culver. In those days, Bernie Bauer was station manager, assisted by Bill Decker and Kenny Martin. Note the garage door at right; well into the 1980s, the station was a full-service garage as well as gas station.

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# Sports



## Cavs edged out by LaVille, Mangus

LAKEVILLE — LaVille and Culver Community embarked upon the same mission Friday: Find Jacob Mangus.

The host Lancers clearly achieved their objective, and snapped a four-game skid in the process.

Mangus, a 5-foot-11 ju-

down Mangus at all.

"The Mangus boy is a nice player," Culver Community head coach Kyle Elliott said. "He's a Michael Edison-type player. He looks comfortable shooting the ball. He does a nice job reading the defense. We tried a little bit of ev-

where we were making other people beat us. I thought we did an OK job."

Larry Clingler, a sophomore forward, added nine points for Culver; sophomore reserve AJ Neace contributed eight points and four steals; and big brother Adam Neace ripped down nine rebounds.

Despite hitting a respectable 46 percent from the field, though, the Cavs still missed several opportunities in the paint, and finished 5-for-17 from the charity stripe. Culver, which trailed 30-21 at halftime, also allowed six LaVille offensive boards in the first half.

"We had a lot of opportunities inside that we didn't convert, and we went 5-for-17 from the free-throw line," Elliott said. "That's not a good combination. One of the keys was defensively we had to pick up the intensity. The defensive possession ends when you clear the rebound, and that really hurt us in the first half."

"One of the things we lack right now is consistency," he concluded. "We had spurts throughout the game where we did good things. Every one of the kids did positive things, but not with consistency. We don't have one player that can carry us to a win by himself. We need to work as a team, and it can't just be for 16 minutes. It's needs to be all 32 minutes."

•LAVILLE 61, CULVER COMMUNITY 43  
At Lakeville  
Score by quarters  
Culver: 11 21 37 43  
LaVille: 12 30 49 61  
CULVER COMMUNITY (43): Adam Neace 2 2-8 6, Nick Peterson 0 0-0 0, Justin Master 3 0-0 6, Zoe Bauer 5 0-0 11, Patrick Mulvihill 0 1-2 1, Kyle Pugh 1 0-0 2, AJ Neace 3 1-2 8, Larry Clingler 4 1-5 9. TOTALS: 18 5-17 43.

LAVILLE (61): Glenn Halasz 5 0-0 13, Jordyn Williams 1 3-3 5, Cody Coblentz 0 0-0 0, Codee Kimbel 3 1-3 7, Jacob Mangus 12 2-5 32, Colton Priser 1 0-0 2, Terrell Newkirk 0 0-0 0, Justin Baker 1 0-0 2. TOTALS: 23 6-11 61.

3-point goals: Culver 2 (Bauer, AJ Neace), LaVille 9 (Mangus 6, Halasz 3); Turnovers: Culver 12, LaVille 14; Rebounds: Culver 22 (Ad. Neace 9), LaVille 22 (Kimbel 6); Assists: Culver 7 (Bauer 4), LaVille 11 (Halasz 4); Steals: Culver 9 (AJ Neace 4), LaVille 7 (Halasz, Coblentz 2); Fouls (fouled out): Culver 16 (none), LaVille 16 (none); Records: Culver 4-10 (0-4 NSC), LaVille 3-10 (1-2 NSC).

JV score: LaVille 41, Culver 33.

## Lancers outplay Cavs at Culver

By James Costello  
Sports Writer

CULVER — In the words of LaVille head coach Kevin McCullough, it was a great day to be a Lancer. Not so good for the Cavs, however.

After falling 44-37 to Culver Community earlier this season, the Lady Lancers generally out-hustled and outplayed the Cavaliers on the road Saturday, taking a four-point lead off a key possession seconds before halftime and building steadily for a 46-31 Northern State Conference win at Culver.

"I don't want to say we were looking past LaVille, but I think we were a little complacent," said Culver skipper Ashli Faulkner. "I think we came into this game thinking we've already beaten them once, why shouldn't we beat them again? Yes, you have to think you're going to win, but you have to go out and you have to take it."

The Lancers took a 10-8 lead at the first-quarter break off a big 3 from the corner by reserve 3-point specialist Anna Boits on an Elaine Schmeltz assist, and the visitors got another lift from the duo late in the second quarter as Schmeltz hooked up with Boits again for a triple from the same corner during a momentum-stealing series a half-minute before the intermission.

After a 5-0 run highlighted by a Susannah Baker triple gave the Cavs their first lead of the game in nearly six minutes at the 2:54 mark in the second quarter, LaVille fired back with a low-post assist from junior guard Emily Fuller to junior forward Cori Lindke to knot the score at 16-all. Three possessions later, senior forward Erica Schmeltz swiped a steal in the paint, and Lancers junior post player Kaitlyn Kopetski was fouled by Cindy Miller going up for the transition bucket. Unhappy with the call — Culver's 10th foul of the half — Cavs sophomore Patrice McBee slammed the ball on the floor and was given a technical with only 29 seconds left to play. Kopetski split her free throws and Elaine Schmeltz buried both of hers before hitting Boits for the big 3-pointer on the ensuing Lancers inbounds play to put LaVille up by six. Baker scored for the Cavs before the break, but the damage was done and Culver headed for the locker room down 22-18.

"It killed us," Faulkner

said of the six-point possession. "If you want to talk about a momentum-changer, that's it. Our girls go into halftime, one of our girls gets a technical foul because she loses her cool. They hit a 3-point basket, they hit their free throws, and it snowballed from there. We could never quite recover from that."

Culver never led again Saturday as the Lancers slowed down the tempo in the second half, playing

need to be able to recover and pull through that as a team," Faulkner said. "They definitely took us out of our game. When you get two fouls on your big girls and when you take some of our guards out the mix, it is going to hurt us, and it's going to hurt the way we play."

Reserve guard Allison Zehner supplied a bright spot offensively for Culver in the absence of strong post play Saturday with a team-high 10-points, including a



PHOTO/DEANNA L. GRENET

Culver Community's Kyle Pugh (22) looks to pass against LaVille's Jordyn Williams (10) Friday at Dale E. Cox Gymnasium.



PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO

Culver Community's Whitney Sanders, left, tries to keep the ball from LaVille's Kaitlyn Kopetski, middle, while Culver's Cindy Miller (51) looks on Saturday at John R. Nelson Gymnasium.

nior forward, scorched the twine at a 12-for-14 rate from the field — 6-for-7 from 3-point land — and matched his jersey number with 32 points during LaVille's 61-43 Northern State Conference boys basketball win at Dale E. Cox Gymnasium.

Mangus buried the game's first shot — a nothing-but-net triple from the right wing — and never cooled off.

Sprung by screens and left alone in transition a number of times, the LaVille sniper nailed a triple with 2:55 to play in the first half that turned a nip-and-tuck game into a 26-17 LaVille lead, displayed some pretty impressive hops with a basket off a lob from an inbound pass from Cody Coblentz in the third quarter in addition to a troika of third-frame triples, and connected one last time from downtown to give the Lancers a 53-38 advantage with 5:32 left in the game.

In fact, only a first-half bout with foul trouble that resulted in a several-minute stint on the bench slowed

everything. We tried switching man, our conventional man, we tried to bump the cut. We were unable to stop him. Credit (LaVille's) screeners, and Mangus for hitting the shots.

"LaVille played a very good game and had a good game plan," he said. "More importantly, they had kids step up and make plays."

LaVille trailed just twice — both times in the first quarter — and took the lead for good, 12-11, on freshman Jordyn Williams' baseline drive and foul with 2.7 seconds to play in the first frame.

For Culver, sophomore guard Zoe Bauer, the clear focus of LaVille's defense, scored 11 hard-earned points, including a driving bucket at the 1:30 mark of the third quarter that cut the Cavs' deficit to nine points — the closest they pulled the rest of the evening.

"Zoe's an excellent player," LaVille coach Michael Edison said. "He's only a sophomore but he's already one of the better players in the area. We definitely wanted to be in a situation

possession ball for 7-of-13 offensive efficiency after the break. LaVille also out-rebounded Culver 18-12 in the second half on their way to a 36-25 edge in the battle of the boards, including a game-high 16 by Kopetski and 11 offensive caroms that yielded seven second-chance points for the Lancers.

"I'm not surprised by that at all. We didn't box out. We gave them way too many second-chance opportunities," said Faulkner. "They just out-hustled us in every facet of the game. It's very frustrating to have to go back to the drawing board this late in the season and say these are the things we did poorly... I give a lot of credit to Kevin and his girls because they played very well tonight."

Of course, the Lancers had a little help containing Zehner and McBee from officials at the game, too. Culver was whistled for 20 fouls compared to 11 by LaVille, Zehner collected three before halftime and had to ride the pine large stretches of the game, and McBee was whistled for two in the first half as well.

"I don't want to blame the game on the officials by any means because we

pair of 3s and seven points trying to make something happen during the Cavs' rough second half. For LaVille, sophomore Elaine Schmeltz threw in a game-leading 13 points while recording another game-high four assists, five rebounds and two steals for the Lancers.

Culver has just one game remaining in its regular season with an NSC closer against John Glenn Saturday at 6 p.m. before heading into Sectional 34 play Feb. 9.

•LAVILLE 46, CULVER 31  
At Culver  
Score by quarters  
LaVille: 10 22 30 46  
Culver: 8 18 25 31  
LAVILLE (31): Emily Fuller 1 3-4 6, Elaine Schmeltz 3 5-7 13, Erica Schmeltz 3 1-5 7, Kaitlyn Kopetski 1 4-6 6, Anna Boits 2 0-0 6, Cori Lindke 1 2-2 4, Hannah Amor 2 0-0 4. TOTALS: 13 15-24 46.

CULVER (37): Nicole Carnegie 1 0-4 2, Susannah Baker 2 3-3 7, Olivia Knapp 0 0-0 0, Patrice McBee 2 0-0 4, Whitney Sanders 0 0-0 0, Alison Zehner 3 2-4 10, Sarah Bailey 0 0-0 0, Cindy Miller 0 0-0 0, Gwen Zehner 4 0-4 8. TOTALS: 12 5-15 31.

3-point goals: LaVille 5 (Elaine Schmeltz 2, Boits 2, Fuller), Culver 2 (A. Zehner 2); Turnovers: LaVille 21, Culver 15; Rebounds: LaVille 36 (Kopetski 16), Culver 25 (G. Zehner 8); Assists: LaVille 10 (Elaine Schmeltz 4), Culver 6 (Baker 3); Steals: LaVille 6 (Elaine Schmeltz 2), Culver 16 (Sanders 5); Fouls (fouled out): LaVille 11 (None), Culver 20 (None); Records: LaVille 7-11, 3-3 NSC; Culver 9-10, 3-1 NSC.

## Culver teams place at wrestling sectional

By James Costello  
Sports Writer

PLYMOUTH — The Plymouth Rockies earned championship bout berths in six of 14 divisions, claiming four individual titles in the process to top the nine-team field with a score of 227 at the Plymouth Wrestling Sectional Saturday.

Culver Academies placed seventh with 110 points ahead of Culver Community with 98 points and Bremen with 82.5.

In fifth place at sectional, Triton placed in nine weight classes. Among those, the Trojans recorded two championships as Dylan Senff claimed the crown at 189 with a 7-0 win over Vermillion, and Blake Hoffer was preeminent at 171 with a 9-3 decision over Culver Community runner-up Robert Molebash.

Also struggling with a dislocation, CMA 215-pounder, Jack Crawford, who had

just two losses this year, was forced to sit out sectionals with a dislocated shoulder, effectively ending his season.

"He came in with two losses on the season and the last one was when he injury defaulted," said CMA head coach Matt Behling. "But we didn't want to risk it. He's just a sophomore so he's got two more years."

Although the Eagles struggled in the sectional team standings, they did have some strong individual performances as Brown finished second at 125, while Daniel Young continued to rack up the wins with the 145-pound championship Saturday. His record now stands at 37-0 on the year.

"We started this today thinking 0-0," said Behling of Young. "Our record's 0-0 in the tournament. He's on a mission. He knows what he wants and he knows what he has to do, so this just

kind of starts him off on the right foot... He's eying for the state title. He took third last year at state, and he's been ranked No. 1 all year long, so that's what we're going after. He's got his mind set on it."

CMA's neighbor down the way, Culver Community reached the championship bout in two weight classes Saturday but had to settle for runner-up status in each. Molebash took second behind Hoffer at 171, while Dalton Overmyer finished second at 112. Also for the Cavs, Tommy James took third in the 215-pound class, while Jacob Sheridan was fifth at 103.

•PLYMOUTH WRESTLING SECTIONAL  
At Plymouth  
TEAM RESULTS: 1. Plymouth 227, 2. Warsaw 209.5, 3. Tippecanoe Valley 175, 4. Wawasee 165, 5. Triton 156, 6. Rochester 133, 7. Culver Academies 110, 8. Culver Community 98, 9. Bremen 82.5.  
INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: 103: Jarred Brooks (War), 112: Garth

Simpson (R), 119: Justin Brooks (War), 125: Chuck Holmquest (P), 130: Bobby Marcucilli (Waw), 135: Chase Lewandowski (P), 140: James Letsinger (P), 145: Daniel Young (CMA), 152: Adam Keener (War), 160: Eljoe Yoder (TV), 171: Blake Hoffer (T), 189: Dylan Senff (T), 215: Tom Schwartz (Waw), 285: Damon Howe (P).

PLYMOUTH (227): 103: 6. Austyn Lee, 119: 2. Nolan Ludwig, 125: 1. Holmquest, 130: 3. Caleb Kelly, 135: 1. Lewandowski, 140: 1. Letsinger, 145: 4. Chris Erikson, 152: 3. Trent Keyser, 160: 6. Sam Tomasik, 171: 6. Scott Barry, 189: 2. Brock Vermillion, 215: 5. Blake Gaines, 285: 1. Howe. TRITON (156): 103: 3. Matt Lindsey, 125: 5. Andy Thompson, 135: 6. Tony Swanson, 140: 3. Darius Stevens, 160: 3. Zack Clark, 171: 1. Hoffer, 189: 1. Senff, 215: 4. Matt Heath, 285: 4. Aaron Haines. CMA (110): 112: 6. Alex Maloney, 119: 5. Andrew Glietz, 125: 2. Josh Brown, 135: 4. Tyler Freeman, 140: 4. Zac Hewitt, 145: 1. Daniel Young, 152: 5. Cameron Crowell. CULVER (98): 103: 5. Ian Randolph, 112: 2. Dalton Overmyer, 145: 6. Mike Stout, 152: 6. Parker Woodward, 171: 2. Robert Molebash, 189: 5. Jacob Sheridan, 215: 3. Tommy James.

BREMEN (82.5): 112: 4. Ethan Starke, 152: 4. Trevor Berger, 160: 5. Brock Molebash, 189: 3. Alan Bollenbacher, 215: 2. Abraham Hall.

### Boys basketball

**Eagles lose**  
Knox defeated Culver Military Academy in basketball action at Harold Weinberg Gymnasium Saturday.

Cody Binkley led three Knox players in double figures with a game-high 24 points. Devin Garbison and Kyle Sanders added 14 and 10 points respectively for Knox.

Jermaine Myers led the Eagles with 13 points, followed by Wells Davis with 10 points.

•KNOX 52, CMA 43  
At Knox  
Score by quarters  
CMA: 15 24 32 43  
Knox: 8 18 34 52

CMA (43): Blayne Baker 2, Ramsey Bradke 3, Travis Britt 4, Wells Davis 10, Jermaine Myers 13, Carl Rivera 4, Trace Thews 2, Trevor Weaser 5. KNOX (52): Jared Benson 1, Cody Binkley 24, Todd Fornelli 2, Devin Garbison 14, Chris Newbauer 1, Joe Rietow 0, Kyle Sanders 10.

Records: CMA 9-4, Knox 8-5

### Girls basketball

**Cavs dominate**  
Culver Community's girls basketball team evened up its record at 9-9 with a 51-26 win at West Central Thursday.

Twin towers Gwen Zehner and Patrice McBee scored 15 and 13 points respectively to lead the Cavs.

•CULVER COMMUNITY 51, WEST CENTRAL 26  
At Francesville  
Score by quarters  
Culver: 15 28 37 51  
West Central: 4 6 18 26  
CULVER COMMUNITY (51): Nicole Carnegie 4 0-0 8, Susannah Baker 2 0-0 5, Cindy Miller 2 0-0 5, Patrice McBee 6 1-3 13, Whitney Sanders 2 0-0 5, Alison Zehner 0 0-0 0, Gwen Zehner 7 1-3 15. TOTALS: 23 2-6 51.  
WEST CENTRAL (26): Caitly Sams 1 0-0 2, Rylie Pfladderer 2 3-4 8, Vanessa Wuerthner 1 2-2 4, Sabrina Risner 0 0-0 0, Courtney Nelson 0 0-0 0, Makenna Hamilton 1 0-0 2, Riley Cervenka 0 3-4 3, Justine Kruger 0 4-4 4, Hannah Hooker 1 1-2 3, Marissa Hamilton 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 6 13-16 26.



## Raising the stakes for Relay

Culver Community High School Industrial Tech Club members (from left) Jordan Cooper, Max Good, and Marshall Master display samples of the plaques their team is creating as part of a fund raiser for Culver's second annual Relay for Life, slated for this April. The club, which sponsored a team at last year's Relay event, has expanded its efforts and is selling not only the purple commemorative Relay plaques pictured above (at \$10 each), but new personalized plaques with initials of loved ones affected by cancer, and available in a variety of colors (such as pink for breast cancer). The new plaques sell for \$20 each. The club, which built and raced its first hovercraft last year, will also use its larger craft to raise Relay funds this year (a story on that craft will appear in an upcoming issue of the *Citizen*). Those interested in purchasing plaques are encouraged to call the school at 574-842-3391 and ask for Tom Schmidt. Schmidt, industrial technologies teacher at the school, also oversees the IT Club.

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## CMS honor roll

Culver Community Middle School announces its honor roll recipients.

### First semester "A" honor roll

- **Grade 7:** Hayes Barnes, Shane Comiskey, Victoria Elliott, Caleb Nash, Stephen Paolini, Melissa Schalliol, Paul Tulungen
- **Grade 8:** Erin Bau, Michelle Elam, Mary McKinnis, Morgan Osborn

### "A/B" honor roll

- **Grade 7:** Dylan Bennett, Ashley Braasch, Victoria Christlieb, Donald Clark, Kevin Dehning, Megan Deon, Trenton Elliott, Kristen Gergely, Justice Goodman, Maeve Kline, Mark Lehman, Courtney Littleton, Megan Lyczak, Cody Peterson, Nicholas Pritz, Jaclyn Rocco, Kayla Shaffer, Emily Shidler, Michael Skiles, Kennedy Thomas, Phillip Thompson, Brittany Wilkman, Timothy Wireman

- **Grade 8:** John Ahlenius, Alexandria Baker, Bradley Beaver, Ethan Bennett, Micah Budzinski, Holley Caddy, Jennifer Carroll, Patience Durbin, Peter Foersch, Clare Hartman, Makennon Hicks, Trista Littleton, Crystal Looney, Claire Marshall, Ashley Martinez, Alissa Overmyer, Leanza Shipley, Kortney Smith, Collin Stevens, Abigail VanHorn, Dana Wireman

### Second quarter "A" honor roll

- **Grade 7:** Hayes Barnes, Dylan Bennett, Megan Deon, Victoria Elliott, Kristen Gergely, Maeve Kline, Megan Lyczak, Caleb Nash, Stephen Paolini, Melissa Schalliol, Kennedy Thomas, Paul Tulungen, Brittany Wilkman
- **Grade 8:** Erin Bau, Holley Caddy, Michelle Elam, Mary McKinnis, Morgan Osborn, Kortney Smith,

Collin Stevens

### "A/B" honor roll

- **Grade 7:** Ashley Braasch, Denisha Brown, Victoria Christlieb, Donald Clark, Shane Comiskey, Kevin Dehning, Trenton Elliott, Justice Goodman, Shakkira Harris, Abby James, Mark Lehman, Courtney Littleton, Grace Lorenz, Nicholas Pritz, Jaclyn Rocco, Erin Salyer, Kayla Shaffer, Emily Shidler, Michael Skiles, Timothy Wireman
- **Grade 8:** John Ahlenius, Zachary Allyn, Alexandria Baker, Bradley Beaver, Ethan Bennett, Micah Budzinski, Jennifer Carroll, Peter Foersch, Clare Hartman, Makennon Hicks, Trista Littleton, Crystal Looney, Claire Marshall, Ashley Martinez, Alissa Overmyer, Elizabeth Rainey, Austin Sheldon, Leanza Shipley, Abigail VanHorn, Dana Wireman

## Monterey Elementary honor roll

Monterey Elementary School honor roll - first semester

### "All-A" honor roll:

- **Grade 1:** Alexandra Jensen, Sarah Keller, Alysa Penicaro
- **Grade 2:** Ryan Bradley, Alyssa Kinyanjui
- **Grade 3:** Melissa Bradley, Selina Cunningham, Kristin Helse, Rachel Kunce, Bryce Reynolds, Landon Tibbett, Cole Weldon
- **Grade 4:** Katie Garland, Brianna Kinyanjui
- **Grade 5:** Zaria Salary
- **Grade 6:** Whitney Hopkins, Summer Moore

### A/B Honor Roll:

- **Grade 1:** Alexis Bajer, Destiny Bajer, Colin Barkley, Kameron Biggs, Wyatt Binion, Jasmine Felda, Rafael Jimenez, Shyla Loehmer, JaCaysia Macon, Shayden May, Breann Milam, Autumn Smith, Trevor Thomas, Amber Watts, Nikki Watts, Nathan Wood
- **Grade 2:** Alyssa Bailey, Sydney Clingler, Shelby Fritch, Savanna Johnson, Brooke May, Colton Minix, Naomi Mires, Zachery Moore, Jebediah Smith, Olivia Weaver, Haley Pennington
- **Grade 3:** Nathan Clingler, Emily Fisher, Jordan Hopkins, Deanna Lewis, Thorn Loehmer, Raven Reese, Dillon Salyer, Taylor Thomas
- **Grade 4:** Kendra Binion, Makayla Felda, Hailey Jones, Courtney Salyer, Jill Zehner
- **Grade 5:** Austin Bailey, Marixenia Jensen, Rebecca

Rainey, Victoria Shank, Taylor Smith, Megan Thompson

- **Grade 6:** Kailey Helse, Larissa Kreischer, Elizabeth McElroy, Alecia Rearick, Donna Zehner

Monterey Elementary School honor roll, second quarter

### "All-A" honor roll:

- **Grade 1:** Alexandra Jensen, Sarah Keller, Alysa Penicaro
- **Grade 2:** Ryan Bradley, Alyssa Kinyanjui
- **Grade 3:** Melissa Bradley, Selina Cunningham, Dillon Salyer, Landon Tibbett, Cole Weldon
- **Grade 4:** Hailey Jones, Brianna Kinyanjui
- **Grade 6:** Summer Moore

### "A/B" Honor Roll:

- **Grade 1:** Alexis Bajer, Colin Barkley, Kameron Biggs, Jasmine Felda, Rafael Jimenez, Shyla Loehmer, JaCaysia Macon, Shayden May, Breann Milam, Autumn Smith, Trevor Thomas, Amber Watts, Nikki Watts, Nathan Wood
- **Grade 2:** Alyssa Bailey, Sydney Clingler, Shelby Fritch, Brooke May, Colton Minix, Naomi Mires, Zachery Moore, Jebediah Smith, Olivia Weaver, Haley Pennington
- **Grade 3:** Emily Fisher, Kristin Helse, Jordan Hopkins, Rachel Kunce, Deanna Lewis, Bryce Reynolds, Taylor Thomas
- **Grade 4:** Kendra Binion, Makayla Felda, Katie Garland, Jill Zehner
- **Grade 5:** Rebecca Rainey, Zaria Salary, Taylor

Smith

- **Grade 6:** Kailey Helse, Whitney Hopkins, Larissa Kreischer, Elizabeth McElroy, Alecia Rearick, Donna Zehner

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## Culver Elementary 'Culver's Best'

CULVER — Culver Elementary School announced it's "Culver's Best" for December. Students named to the list include: Brendan Palya, Darren Shock, Chyna Thomas, Mackinna Burlison, Kaysha Redford, Storm Minix, Matthew Crum, Rebekah Johnson, Lucas Berdine, Alecks McBee, Shilo Guerra, Wyatt Ringer, Tommy Brady, Rylee Lutt, Jordan Schrimsher, Luke Schaller, Gavan Compton, Jennah McCarthy, Jaime Smith, Kayleen VanNostrand, Cayla Arthurhultz, Josh Bodine, Megan Brady, Debbie Combs, Kenny VanDePutte, Danny Flenner, Luke Neidlinger, Cheyenne Durbin, Mackenna Evans, Justine Dexter, Owen Keller, Owen Valiquet, Nicole DeKoker, Mickayla Allen, John White, Shianne Wagner, Alex Graham, Lillian Proskey, Abbi Richard, Rachel Nash, Tyler Thomas, Lindsay Emery, Marisa Howard, Kayleen Van Nostrand, Kagnie Hoffman, Nolan Shaffer, Fiona McLellan, Courtney Black, Jillyn Kline, Caden Grove.

## Culver Elementary students of the month

Culver Elementary School has announced its students of the month for December.

- **Kindergarten:** Jacob Graham, Kelsey Heise, Aubrey Highberger, Ethan Lima
- **Grade 1:** Lily Hayes, Carter Stevens, Allan James, Gabe Hissong
- **Grade 2:** Allison Pearl, Dakota Bennett, Elizabeth Johnson
- **Grade 3:** Cody Rieckhoff, Cody Russell, Lucas Berdine, Cherakie Thomas, Lucas Vela
- **Grade 4:** Garit Barnett, Cora Dodge, Cameron Marrs, Issaiah Bailey, Ethan Hill, Erica Nystrom
- **Grade 5:** Maria Lindvall, Cecelia Kenney, Kelsey Shaffer, Daoud Qurut, Debbie Combs
- **Grade 6:** Melissa Jewell, A.J. Ross, Joseph Cavazos, Jeremy Penrod



## Meet the Culver Boys & Girls Club staff

Pictured, back row from left to right: Abby Hayworth (gym supervisor), Chris Fussell (Ancilla work study student), Jeffrey Clifton (gameroom supervisor), Estaban Rosas (Ancilla work study student), and Lorinda Clifton (arts and crafts supervisor). Middle Row, left to right: Stephanie Koepkey (secretary/homework tutor), Mary Ann Tidwell (unit supervisor). Front row, left to right: Mary Mason (Americorps volunteer), Leanna Overmyer (computer lab supervisor), and Amber Beaver (Ancilla work study student). Not pictured: Angie Fleury (front desk receptionist) and Broderick Schmidt (substitute). The Culver Boys & Girls Club is located inside the Culver Elementary School and runs daily from 3p.m. to 6:50p.m. The cost of the program is \$25 per year. There are scholarships available for those who qualify. Any questions or concerns can be directed to 574-250-0103.

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**Briefs, from page 1****at Grace Feb. 15**

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

**Fishing, Indian items sought**

The Antiquarian & His-

torical Society of Culver is seeking items in preparation for upcoming displays later this year at its Center for Culver History museum. Specifically, the Society is seeking vintage fishing lures and other fishing-related items -- particularly those used on Lake Maxinkuckee -- as well as items related to local Native Americans.

Items for loan or donation may be brought to the Center, located in the historic Carnegie portion of the Culver-Union Twp.

Public Library in downtown Culver. The Center is open now Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. All are welcome.

**CES sixth graders collecting for troops**

Culver Elementary School sixth graders are collecting items for American troops and would greatly appreciate help from the community. Boxes of supplies are planned to be shipped March 20. Items needed include baby

wipes, individual serving size powdered mixes for water bottles, beef jerky, hard candy, hand sanitizer, chap stick with SPF, wipes for eyeglasses, any non-perishable food item (examples include pop tarts, granola bars, noodles in a cup, microwave popcorn), magazines (Reader's Digest, People, etc.). Individuals are encouraged to bring items to the school.

**Culver basketball history book on sale**

Culver High School's Business Professionals of America is selling copies of the Culver Community boys and girls basketball record book, a compilation of statistics from teams from 1968 through the present. The cost of the book is \$10. Copies may be purchased at the Culver High School.

**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., through March

1. Cost is \$2 per Sunday, or \$15 for the entire winter. Questions can be directed to Ken VanDePutte at 574-274-9942.

**Citizen cell phone**

Please note our new contract information and cell phone number on page 3. Citizen editor Jeff Kenney may now be reached at a new cell number, 574-216-0075. Please submit e-mail news items to the longstanding address, citizen@culcom.net.

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