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In Brief

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.

Items sought for Relay auction

Donations are being sought for this year's Relay for Life online auction, which will offer a variety of items for open bidding over a two week period to be announced. Culver Academies student and Relay fund raising coordinator Ian Greenberg says, "We are looking for just about anything (in good taste) to put in the auction. For example, a gift basket with historic Culver items could be the perfect item."

Businesses or individuals may donate items, all of which are tax deductible, adds Greenberg. Proceeds from items go towards the April, 2009 Relay for Life's goal of fighting cancer. Those with items to donate or questions may contact Greenberg at 574-842-7777 or via email at greenbi@culver.org.

Mad Ants tickets on sale to support BEAM efforts

Marshall County youth philanthropic organization BEAM (Bettering Every Aspect of Marshall County) is selling tickets to the March 15 Fort Wayne Mad Ants basketball game, which begins at 6:30 p.m. in Fort Wayne. 600 tickets were donated to BEAM by Mad Ants owner and Culver resident John Zeglis, with proceeds supporting the organization's operating budget for the next two to three years. Tickets are \$10, a half-price discount from the regular ticket price. Those wishing to purchase tickets are encouraged to contact BEAM head Myles Pinder through the Culver Community High School, 574-842-3391.

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On the job

Above: Culver's new town manager, Michael Doss, confers with town clerk Casey Howard this week, his first on the job. Doss has already become a visible fixture around town (see story below).

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Legacy of an icon

Charles Dickerson Sr., photographed above in 1960, was a fixture in Culver and at Culver Academy for over five decades, and inspired his children and grandchildren to break racial barriers and strive for success (see story below).

PHOTO/CULVER ACADEMIES ARCHIVES

Meeting Michael Doss

Culver's new town manager plans to be visible, interactive with community

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

If Culverites have been hoping for a town manager who will be immersed in the community and value input and dialog with local citizenry, Michael (call him "Mike") Doss should be a hit.

Having been raised and worked in small towns most of his life, by choice, Doss says he's passionate about local, small-town government and feels fortunate "at an early age to have seen the light. I love local government and I plan to stay in it and work my career in that area."

Speaking in his office in Culver's town hall, Doss is – at the time of this interview – a few hours into his third day on the job and now in his first full week in town, so he's still learning the ins and outs of what's unique about Culver (he'll meet with the town council in about 48 hours for a more in-depth work session on priority issues and projects). But Doss is quite familiar with what makes for a healthy relationship between town manager and citizens and employees in any small town.

"In larger towns you sometimes...can become a little more faceless," he says. "Here you can become intimately more involved with the (town) department heads. You can mingle with the community."

"I want to go to (local organization and club) meetings and embrace the community. As town manager you can come and sit in your office all day, but you do a disadvantage to yourself and the community to not get involved. When you go to conferences and say you're the Culver town manager, you're the face of the town. If you don't get out, you won't have a grasp of the needs and wants of the town...you become more passionate for what you do when you're in those organizations and coaching the little league team. People see you not just as someone who works in government, but a person, too."

Doss grew up in West Virginia, earning a bachelor's degree in criminal justice pre-law and one in political science. He earned his Master's degree in public administration at West Virginia University. Over the years, he's worked in several communities doing project planning, capital improvement projects, budget and finance work, and has been a municipal manager. His latest work has been in Lewisburg, Ohio as a municipal manager in that community of roughly 1,800, where he lived with wife Elizabeth – who is studying respiratory therapy – and their two boys.

He was attracted to Culver, he says, as "a great place to live and raise a family. It's a safe community...a nice place to live, work, and play. It's a gem, tucked away."

It's a gem he plans to work towards strengthening on

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Culver BPA is again small school with big results

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Culver Community High School's Business Professionals of America organization has gained a reputation regionally and even statewide as an active and exemplary chapter, a group from a small school able to accomplish undeniably large feats of performance and participation. So losing a crop of last year's top-notch seniors has meant recruiting a new group of members -- many of them incoming freshmen -- a process BPA sponsor Mike Schwartz feels is going pretty well. If the numbers are any indication, he's right: Culver's BPA has the second largest membership in this chapter's history, and had a pretty good showing at the Jan. 24 BPA district competition in Warsaw.

There, 15 out of 19 Culver BPA individual members qualified for the state-level competition in Indianapolis in March. Culver students taking first place in their respective areas were: Nick Arzola (PC service and repair and computer security), Ben Haut (CISCO systems administration), Mark Maes (advanced interview skills), Myles Pinder (banking and finance, and interview skills), Kalie Thompson (fundamental word processing, basic office systems and procedures), Cameron Turney (legal office concepts and individual economic research project), and a presentation management team consisting of Shannon Dunfee, Alex Hnatukso, Mark Maes, and Gavin Norton.

CCHS junior Shae Harris, a BPA veteran, is chapter president this year. "I think our chapter has really grown this year, which makes it a lot more exciting," she says. "There are a lot of fresh faces, and that makes it more fun because we can work with

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Quietly breaking barriers

Dickerson's legacy extends beyond Culver, across US - Part one of two

Black History Month 2009

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Editor's note: The story of Culver's early African American community is that of unique and accomplished individuals who played a role in the greater Culver story that was remarkable for its time (see also the article this issue on Culver's being possibly the first integrated high school basketball team in Indiana). In this and next week's Citizen, we examine the life and legacy of one of the great African American figures of Culver.

During the greater part of the twentieth century – particularly during an era when, in most of America, African Americans were treated with little or no respect – Charles Dickerson was one of a small handful of African Americans who became leaders in their own community within Culver, but also became the objects of a respect, admiration, and affection afforded to very few whites, in the Culver community at large. What's more, the subtle but impactful legacy he left a highly successful son and grandson remain testaments to Dickerson's character and determination.

Dickerson spent most of his working life in Culver as head waiter at the Culver Military Academy's mess hall. In Culver as in most of America, there were few if any exceptions to the social norms of the day, and African Americans were generally employed in more manual tasks (a community icon equal to Dickerson's status during this period, for example, was Roy "Sheep" Scott, the African-American head custodian at Culver whose daughter, Thelma, would break barriers of politics and business in Culver many years later).

Such an undeniable stain on the historic record, however, shouldn't be allowed to overshadow Charles Dickerson's legacy, and that of his late son James, an accomplished graphic artist in New York, and grandson Gregg, a successful advertising executive on two US coasts.

From Culver to Harlem...and beyond

James Dickerson helps fulfill his father's vision

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

James Dickerson, eldest son of Charles Dickerson Sr. and brother to Jane and Charles Jr., was drawing, according to his father (speaking to the Culver Alumnus magazine in 1960), since he was old enough to hold a pencil. That "Jimmie" Dickerson -- a graduate of Culver High School, born in 1917 -- elevated his penchant for art into a successful tenure at New England Art School in Boston and a career in advertising art for some of the country's top clothiers is a testament to his parents' efforts and a community of both African-American and white supporters in Culver as he grew up. His younger brother Charles, for example, was hailed as one of the best basketball players on the CHS team, former secretary of his class, and treasurer for the junior Hi-Y – all in 1938 in a nearly all-white school. In fact, a bad back prevented Charles Jr. from accepting the offered opportunity to play on the US Olympics basketball team, according to James' son Gregg.

Gregg also recalls his father speaking of his own success as a Culver ball player, and occasions when players on other schools'

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St. Mary's to host week-long mission in March

Saint Mary of the Lake Catholic Church, 124 College Ave. in Culver, will host a parish mission from March 12 – March 15. The mission will give people of all denominations the opportunity to read, pray, and reflect on spiritual topics during the Lenten season with the hope of deepening participants' relationship with God.

The mission theme this year is "The Eucharist:

the Source and Summit of Christian Life." Each evening at 7 p.m., a different priest will be present to facilitate discussion on the evening's topic. Topics include:

"Faith: Mary's 'yes' and her praise (Fred and Lisa Everett; Sun., March 1)

"Prayer: 'Do whatever He tells you'" (Fr. David Voors; Mon., March 2)

"Service: acting prayer" (Fr. Jason Freiberger; Tues.,

March 3)

"Reconciliation: mercy, the heart of the law" (Fr. Bernard Galic; Wed., March 4)

"Eucharist: that we might be one with Christ" (Fr. Kevin Bauman; Thurs., March 5)

All parishioners and guests who wish to participate in the parish mission are invited to attend the one-hour presentation each night. Follow up sessions

will be held during the morning for those unable to attend in the evening, or for those looking for more reflection and fellowship. Times for the morning session will be determined.

Onsite childcare is available and refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact Beth Pare at 574-842-4321.



Chili for a cause

Top photo: Ed and Lora Pinder pause from a day spent making chili for the Culver Lions Club's annual chili supper Feb. 6. Bottom photo: A number of Club members pitched in to make the event a success, including (from left) Randi Fischer, Susan Elizondo, Marilyn Kelly (chairperson for the supper) and Alma Posejpal. The result was a check of nearly \$700 to donate to Culver's food pantry, located in the basement of Grace United Church of Christ on Plymouth Street.

PHOTO/DON FRIESE

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a number of levels. "Right now, with the economy being not that great, my goal is to maximize the resources we have without putting any more burden on taxpayers, and without sacrificing the quality of services we provide. That's something citizens expect, and it is a test of the measure of a town manager."

Goals for Doss include controlled economic growth and development to provide jobs and other opportunities for Culver's citizens; looking at potential tax abatements, tiffs, utility incentives, and zoning incentives; working with the Marshall County Economic Development Corporation; implementing use of GIS mapping with the town's public safety entities; looking into Culver's storm sewer system (already in progress); improving sidewalks, curbs, and streets; and being more proactive in approaching policies and upkeep, with a "lot more preventative maintenance."

Meeting such goals will be a more feasible process as Doss takes over from council members who have, while awaiting the hire of a new town manager, been acting as liaisons between the various town departments. "I think this (having a town manager) improves communication," explains Doss. "There's now a point person. Having one person makes accessibility a lot easier. Having a town manager brings some credibility, and brings a focal point for the town as far as interaction between the council and employees and department heads."

And the new manager encourages citizens to bring problems, concerns, thoughts, and ideas to him. "I pride myself on being an accessible person. The citizens and employees are our town's best assets. We all have to work together and communicate together. We may differ on different things, but in the end the intent of all the employees and council members is what's best for Culver."

Doss, too, plans to be a "hands-on manager," he says. "Don't be surprised to see me out there sucking up leaves, plowing snow, or riding with the police. You have a better understanding of your departments if you're out there working directly with them...you know what they face. No one can tell you better than the person who works that job, about that job."

"There's only so much you can get from reading a report," he adds. "You have to get out and witness what's going on; that gives you a deeper appreciation of what our employees go through on a day to day basis."

Not that Doss expects to have all the answers. "The town manager has to have great deal of humility," he notes. "If a citizen has an idea or thought, give me an idea. It's very important to have citizen discourse and involvement."

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They called him 'Mr. Dickerson'

Dickerson, according to Culver Academies' archives, was born in Rockville, Indiana, and journeyed to Culver for employment at age 16 in 1904 on the advice of his brother, Verne. It wasn't long before the then-headwaiter assigned Dickerson to the

team," the Comics.

From 1909 to his official retirement in 1953 (Dickerson would work off and on for several more years at various Academy functions), he was head waiter, the position for which he is best known. As such, says grandson Gregg, speaking to the Citizen via telephone from New York, Dickerson was a legend amongst African Americans in multiple states.

"The most important thing my father (Charles' son James) ever told about my grandfather was, if you were a black man in the Midwest and wanted a job, you knew about Charles Dickerson. Outside Chicago, he probably employed more black men than any other place...Charlie ran not only the kitchen (at Culver), but ran the infrastructure of what went beyond the kitchen to make your stay pleasant."

Gregg Dickerson remembers visiting his grandfather in Culver at what he calls a "Pollyanna house" at 206 Mill Street on Lake Maxinkuckee, on property adjacent to the home of Roy Scott's daughter Thelma and husband Bob Hodges, and her daughter Thelma Lilly (profiled last year in the Citizen), right across the fence. Gregg remembers Charles Dickerson as "a very imposing man over six

feet tall," but "very quiet" most of the time.

Gregg's visits to Culver demonstrated the status of his grandfather in the community – including the white community – at large. He recalls visiting the El Rancho movie theater on Lake Shore Drive too late to catch a showing of the film, but the manager – doubtless Evert Hoesel – recognizing him as Dickerson's grandson and setting up a special showing of the movie for Gregg and his sister-in-law. "The white folks knew me," he recalls, as "a Dickerson."

He also recalls journeying with his grandfather for a haircut at "the Shacks," a collection of small houses for more transient African-American help at the Academy, off today's State Road 10. "Driving down there, I always felt like a celebrity," says Gregg Dickerson. "They called him 'Mr. Dickerson' at the Shacks." The fact that area whites – as was the norm across the US – called Dickerson by his first name, "Charlie," troubled Dickerson's son James, and still troubles Harlem-raised Gregg, who also had one of his first encounters with overt racism during his cross-country travels between New York and Culver in the form of a gas station that refused to serve blacks (a fact heralded by a sign bearing a racist slur).

Back to Culver

Coming to Culver, though, was a memorable experience for an urban-bred youth like Gregg Dickerson, who spent countless hours skipping stones on the lake and occasionally running into adventures such as a gathering windstorm after taking his grandfather's rowboat onto the lake without permission, or using the tongues of new shoes – instead of the approved old ones – as the basis for a home-made slingshot.

One memory Gregg has of Charles Dickerson's wife Lela is his family's arrival in Culver one summer afternoon to find Lela Dickerson, age 72, high in a cherry tree picking fruit for her family.

"Granny" Dickerson also saved Gregg and his brother after the aforementioned rowboat incident, diverting Charles' anger to more pleasant topics. "(My grandfather) looked like he wanted to whup us" after they returned to shore with the boat, recalls Gregg with obvious mirth. "Fortunately my granny came out... we came in with about six or seven of those little sun perch we'd caught in the lake, and she made like we had caught a whale!"

Charles Dickerson's baseball career, notes Gregg, could not of course feed a family, but he was "an avid baseball fan" who chatted with Culver cadets about the sport in the dining hall at every opportunity.

The Comics team included Roy Scott, Luther Whitted, and other prominent members of Culver's African American community, and counted as a rabid fan chairman of the Culver board Edwin R. Culver, according to the Alumnus, who followed the team to "Winamac, North Judson, Delong, Knox, and South Bend in his big, red Packard."

A separate article, on the career of the Comics team, is planned for the Citizen in the near future.

In next week's Citizen: Charles Dickerson's legacy of success and breaking barriers.

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Charles Dickerson at work at the Culver Academy mess hall in 1944.

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Superintendent of School's table, besides a slot on what the Culver "Alumnus" magazine of winter, 1960, describes as "the waiters' Sunday afternoon baseball

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teams would hurl racial slurs at him on and off the court. James would also share the court with the Harlem Globetrotters later in his life, though only for a few weeks, asked to help out while a member of a "settlement house" (or college dorm) team, due to one of the Globetrotters being injured.

Dickerson was drafted into World War II. In spite of segregation during the war and at home in those days, says Gregg, black veterans like James Dickerson "believed when you came back from the war, you'd be treated differently. That didn't happen."

However, Dickerson's talents were put to good use while he convalesced in a French hospital during the war when he was asked to do quick sketches of operations so doctors would have reference information from operations performed.

As was the case with many "shell shocked" veterans of that war, Gregg Dickerson says his father "would wake up in the middle of the night yelling, 'Incoming!' Or we'd get thunderstorms and he would react to that. He carried his combat memories to the grave."

Finally back stateside, James Dickerson turned his attention to his art as a career. In those days, says Gregg, the difficulty of retouching black and white photos made their use in print advertising very difficult, facilitating the need to advertise clothing and fashion accessories using drawings, a field in which James Dickerson excelled.

"There were few of my dad's clients who knew he was a man of color," recalls Gregg. "Those who knew, their political views were parallel (to my dad's)...a little bit to the left."

Married in 1948, James and his family lived in Spanish Harlem for several years, he working out of a studio on 42nd Street and 5th Avenue.

James Dickerson "was doing very well financially," according to his son. "He did fashion illustration for men and boys wear. His clients included the crème de la crème of the fashion industry at that time: Gant, Botany 500, Brooks Brothers, Izod...a lot of catalog stuff. His work appeared in major newspapers (and publications like) GQ magazine...very few people knew he was black. His painting was tremendous, but his illustration paid the rent. He put us through school."

Dickerson also "became a member of one of the most prestigious institutions you could belong to as an illustrator, the Society of Illustrators, which goes back to the early 1900s. They have a scholarship in my father's name they give out every year."

In 1959, landing a highly sought-after art job that James' son says "would make your year," the illustrator moved his family out of the city to an area of New York state that must have appealed to his Culver-bred living ideals, Skyview Acres. A rural community in Pamona, New York, occupied by politically "like-minded" people from all walks of life, the 46-family community was, says Gregg Dickerson, a "mixture of a lot of cultures and backgrounds. That was important to him, and it spilled over onto (me) and my two sisters."

"Each family has two to four acres of land...there's a ball field, manmade pond...deer, red fox, bears," adds Gregg, who has returned to the home to help take care of his 87-year old mother.

With the advent of new techniques in photography in the mid-1970s, James Dickerson's career as a commercial illustrator waned, though he continued to be active and stable. Diagnosed in the mid-1980s with cancer, he chose to eschew chemo and other traditional treatment routes in lieu of efforts to boost his immune system. "He painted like a fiend (during those last years)," recalls Gregg. "He had a variety of shows."

James Dickerson died April 27, 1989, leaving behind the legacy not only of a successful art career and fully lived life, but of inspiration to his children (his son Gregg, who will be profiled next issue, was a success in the advertising world). There's little doubt the lessons taught him by his father, Charles, laid the foundation James Dickerson needed to succeed, a foundation underscored by his unusual upbringing in Culver. Affirms Gregg, "His Midwestern roots gave him the strength to go ahead and do what he wanted."



A sweet Valentine's treat

Ina Harper of Culver baked this heart-shaped cake -- as delicious to eat as it is to look at -- to help Culver's REAL Services nutrition site celebrate Valentine's Day a bit early, Feb. 11. As expected, the cake was well received by all in attendance.

CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Roster of history programs kicks off with Culver's Main Street

Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee's unique and varied past will be showcased at a series of monthly events thanks to the Antiquarian and Historical Society. "Culver History LIVE!" will debut Saturday, Feb. 28 at 10 a.m. with a virtual "walk" through the history of the heart of commerce in Culver, Main Street downtown, as presented in a highly visual Power Point by the AHS' Jeff Kenney. Besides a wide array of fascinating historical photos, audience members will learn what stores and other ventures occupied Culver's familiar downtown landscape through the past century and beyond. There's sure to be some familiar names and images to some, and some surprises in store as well.



The west side of South Main Street in downtown Culver, circa mid-1970s. A 'virtual' walk through the history of Culver's downtown will kick off a series of monthly programs Feb. 28.

PHOTO/ANTIQUARIAN AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVES

The "Culver History LIVE!" series will showcase a different area of Culver's history -- either via a live, in-person program from a speaker or in the form of vintage movies and films -- each last Saturday of the month. Programs will take place in the Center for Culver history, the AHS' in-progress museum located in the historic Carnegie portion of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library, 107 N. Main St., downtown Culver.

Community Calendar

Thursday, Feb. 19
 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
 Board of Zoning appeals mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall
 Knights of Columbus St. Mary of the Lake Council #13720 business mtg., 7 p.m., church rectory basement.

Friday, Feb. 20
 Winter weekend leave (through Feb. 23), Culver Academies

Sunday, Feb. 22
 Open gym, 1 p.m., Culver Middle School gymnasium

Monday, Feb. 23
 Al-Anon Mtg., 5:30 p.m., Knitting Class, 5 p.m., 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. 24
 Fitness class, 9 a.m., Cul-

Community garden, meal programs part of Grace outreach offerings

The Outreach Ministry at Grace United Church of Christ, 307 N. Plymouth St. in Culver has announced plans for two mission projects specifically designed to benefit the community food pantry located at the church, according to Outreach Ministry members Barb Quivey and Connie Richie. They're inviting area churches and service organizations to join in these projects.

'Budget-Friendly Meals'

The Outreach Ministry in partnership with the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library and Purdue Extension Service-Marshall County, will present the first in a series of money management programs Thurs., Feb. 26 from 6-8 p.m.

"Budget-Friendly Meals" will be presented by Karen Richey and Cyndi Cole of the Family Nutrition Program, at the library, 107 N. Main St. They will demonstrate how to eat nutritiously on a low budget and cut grocery costs while meeting nutritional needs. They will also show where your untracked money goes and how to spend your money more effectively. Hands-on activities will be provided. This program will not include prepared food.

Future programs, held at Grace church to include the church's cooking kitchen, will meet Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in March and April and include:

- Skillet Meals -- March 24 at 10:30 a.m.
- Healthy Snacks -- March 31 at 10:30 a.m.
- Bountiful Beans -- April 7 at 10:30 a.m.
- Eating In on the Run -- April 14 at 10:30 a.m.

These programs will include live cooking demonstrations and low-cost recipes. Prepared food will be available for sampling. Free handy kitchen items will be given to participants.

All programs are free and open to the public. Call the Culver Library for further information at 574-842-2941, adult services.

"These sessions," says Quivey, "will be open to any interested persons, but we especially hope to reach out to those who utilize the food pantry and other low and fixed income folks. As more and more people lose their jobs we feel a special urgency to offer ways to ease some of the problems."

Community garden

The group has also obtained permission to use part of the Academy Road lot owned by Culver Community Schools, and is awaiting word on the role of area Master Gardeners in the project (they are expected to have at least an advisory role).

Though the plot isn't large, say Quivey and Richey, as the project begins it seems a reasonable size to start.

Volunteers are sought, they say, for the following roles in the community garden:

- Plowing, disking and raking.
- Donations of fertilizer (natural or commercial), seeds and plants.
- Volunteers for planting.
- Tilling, hoeing, weeding volunteers.
- Mowing the grass around the plot regularly.
- Pest control.
- Harvesting produce as it is ready.
- Distribution to the Food Pantry at appropriate times.
- Clearing debris at the end of the season.

"This sounds like a lot," says Quivey, "but with community cooperation and God's help we can do it! And think of all the good exercise and fresh air we will receive in return."

We hope that some folks from (area) churches or organizations will be inspired to assist in one or more of these areas. We ask that you please inform your membership and encourage their participation and support."

Specific dates and times will be announced for these tasks in the near future. In the meantime, those with questions may contact Barb Quivey at Grace church (574-842-2331) Tues., Thurs., or Friday mornings from 9-11 a.m. or at home, 574-842-2329. Projects co-chair Connie Richie may be reached at 574-542-4810. Both would be glad to answer questions.

McKee wins at VFW 'Soup-erbowl'

Culver's VFW Post 6919 held a "Soup-erbowl" event Feb. 1 with a cook-off from noon to 4 p.m. with 12 soup entries. Donna McKee won the soup cook-off with her "twice-baked potato soup" recipe. As the winner, she was able to choose the charity she would like to receive the \$165 in soup sales proceeds. She chose to have food purchased with the money and requested it be taken to the Culver food pantry. The food was delivered to the pantry Feb. 7.

Immediately following the soup cook-off, a 2009 Superbowl party began, with hot wings donated by Rocky Bachman. Everyone enjoyed the close football game, free wings, euchre tournament, and beverages. Thanks to all who participated, to Rocky for the wings, and congratulations to Donna from the VFW 6919 Men's Auxiliary.

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Letters to the editor

Thanks for clear sidewalks

To all Culver Homeowners and/or Business Owners:
 As an avid walker in the town of Culver, I would like to say **thank you** to all Culver homeowners (or dwellers) and business owners that keep their sidewalks clear of snow. You help make Culver a much safer place for Culver pedestrians, our Postal workers, and for our children that walk to and from school.

I would like to offer a **special thank you** to whoever has been clearing sidewalk paths in the town park and through the Indian Trail" area between the town park and the Culver Academy grounds. I cannot remember a time in recent (and not so recent) memory of this ever being done before this year and, speaking for the many people that walk through these areas everyday, **thank you so much** for your efforts. It is truly appreciated!

Part of the responsibility of owning a home or business in Culver is to clear your sidewalks of snow, and I applaud those of you that live up to that responsibility. It is noticed and appreciated by those of us that like, or need, to walk the streets (or sidewalks, hopefully) of our great town.

The Culver Pedestrians

Altar Boyz performance at Eppley Feb. 26

Culver Academies' Huffington Concert Series continues Thurs., Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m. with Altar Boyz (www.altar-boyz.com), the hysterical account of five singing heart-throbs from Ohio -- Matthew, Mark, Luke, Juan and Abraham (he's Jewish!) -- whose soul-searching performance leads to some surprising discoveries during their New York City debut. Whether you like Abba, Bernstein or *NSYNC, audiences will love the sweet harmonies and high-octane choreography of these five wildly talented performers.

Upcoming performances in the series include DRUM-Line Live, March 19 at 7:30 p.m.

This performance brings the black marching band tradition to the theatrical stage and features a large cast of colorful and flamboyant performers from Americas top historically black colleges and universities, and presents the rhythmic sounds of the great brass past including Earth, Wind, and Fire and Tower of Power side by side with the hottest contemporary hip hop and R&B.

The public is welcome at these events. The Eppley box office has two locations; please note the location for hours of operation. The Steinbrenner Performing Arts Center box office is located in the foyer of the main entry facing Academy Road, and is open Mon. through Fri., 1 to 4 p.m. The Eppley Auditorium box office is located in the lobby, and is open one hour prior to any ticketed performance. Email Marsha Coven to request tickets at covenm@culver.org or call the box office at 574-842-7058. All seats are reserved seating. Ticket prices are \$20 (orchestra/mezzanine; senior/student \$15) and \$15 (balcony; senior/student \$10). All ticket sales are final. The box office accepts cash, check, MasterCard, Visa and American Express.

Van Leeuwen graduates

Navy Ensign Alda Van Leeuwen graduated from the Navy's Officer Candidate School at Newport, Rhode Island Feb. 6, one of an unusually large number of female candidates (there were 13 females in all out of 46 total candidates in her class).



Navy Ensign Alda Van Leeuwen is shown here with her father, Fr. Tom Walker, pastor of Protection of St. Mary the Protectress Orthodox Church in Plymouth, at her graduation Feb. 6 from Navy Officer Candidate School. Van Leeuwen is also granddaughter of Ruth and the late Tom Walker, Sr. of Culver.

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husband Rich Van Leeuwen. Ensign Alda Van Leeuwen, headed next to Naval supply school in Athens, Georgia, says the OCS is "a hard, but good program."

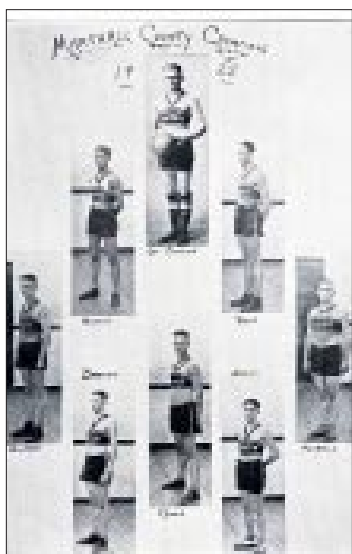
Van Leeuwen is the granddaughter of Ruth and the late Tom Walker of Culver, and daughter of Fr. Tom Walker of Plymouth. Having started Sept. 21, Van Leeuwen actually graduated with a fractured hip, notes

Another Culver first?

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

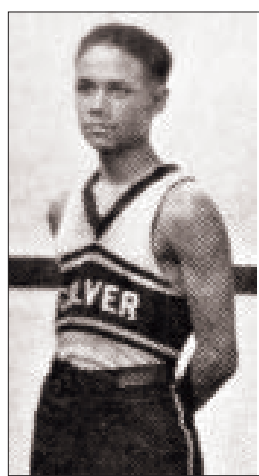
Between the town of Culver, Culver Academies, and Lake Maxinkuckee communities, there are a number of unusual, unique and noteworthy events, people, and circumstances. Add to these the possibility that Culver's was the first integrated boys' high school basketball team in Indiana (the high school in New London, Indiana, a Quaker area, lays claim to the first integrated girls' team, in 1903).

Roger Dickinson, executive director of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in New Castle, plans to publish word of Culver's possible status as "first" in Indiana Basketball History Magazine, the museum's publication, in the near future to see if anyone can "beat" Culver's record.



"I can not confirm Culver High School was the first integrated school in the state," notes Dickinson. "But I will accept it until someone proves us wrong."

The evidence, at least, is undeniable. The 1922 basketball team is pictured, in



From the pages of the 1922 Culver High School yearbook, the "Marshall County Champions" basketball team including Whitted, left, and Wade.

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full, on one page of that year's CHS yearbook, then entitled "The Maxinkuckee." The yearbook in question is part of the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver's archives, located

can-American players simply labeled "Whitted" and "Wade."

The yearbook, oddly, doesn't list first names for all its class members, so

1922 team may have been first integrated in state

in the C e n - t e r for Culver History museum in the Culver Public Library on Main Street. To the left and right of t e a m captain Overmyer a r e shown t w o A f r i -

while "Wade" can be identified by the 1920 yearbook as Wesley Wade, which Whitted is depicted is somewhat up for debate. The Whitted family was a well-known African-American family in Culver, headed by David Whitted -- employed at Culver Military Academy from 1901 to 1946 -- and wife Zena.

Both players were part of a community of African Americans who migrated here just before or around the turn of the 20th century, initially following employment when the Missouri Military Academy staff and faculty moved to Culver to merge with Culver Military Academy.

As such, Culver's public schools were integrated by around the turn of the century.

As discussed elsewhere in this issue, the Acad-

emy employed a number of black workers as waiters and in other positions until the mess hall shifted to cafeteria-style service in 1958. In the years prior, black residents of Culver became well-known pillars of both the Academy and town communities; in fact, a far higher percentage of Culver's African American students went on to university-level education than that of the white population at the time. In years past, Culver was home to an all-black baseball team, the Comics, and Rollins Chapel, and African Methodist Episcopal Church.

And, of course, what may be Indiana's first integrated boys' basketball team. Until proven otherwise, that's another distinction to add to Culver's many.

This Old House

Someone asked me a while back if I could write one of these columns without mentioning any of my kin. And in fact I had planned to write this month's piece about something I saw in Edwin R. Corwin's "One Township's Yesterdays" that seemed pretty much family-neutral. But then my cousins Tom and Katy came to visit here in Pottstown, and Tom mentioned in passing that Edwin Corwin was some sort of a relative: some days, you just can't win.

Toward the end of his book, Corwin takes up the question of old houses in Culver as of the time of his writing, 1934. Among Corwin's candidates, in his original terms (slightly edited), are: "the third house north of the cemetery; the second house north of the Methodist parsonage; the Gandy homestead at the corner of Main Street and Lake Shore Drive; the old Bradley house, above Wickizer's, on Lake Shore Drive; the old Grandpa McGuire house, second west from the Evangelical Church [now Emmanuel United Methodist]; the frame house eastward from Young's store in south Culver, on the south side of the lane or street that leads toward the lake; the old parsonage on the west side of Plymouth Street, halfway between Jeffer-

son and Washington; and the old Durr house, east of the police station, on the east side of Lake Street, between Lake Shore Drive and Washington Street in the Knapp Addition."

Some parts—maybe even most—of this can, I imagine, be made clear with enough attention to old maps like the ones Judi Burns has helpfully posted on her web-site. The Methodist parsonage was on the northwest corner of Main and Washington, so a house two doors north would be somewhere between Washington and Cass. The Gandy house was at 103 Lake Shore Drive, more recently site of the D-X gas station, the Max Surf Shop, and Through the Grape Vine. The Grandpa McGuire house sounds like the one on the south-east corner of Mill and Ohio, where Ohio now makes a jog (it used to end at Mill). On the other hand, some bits seem deliberately unclear at this distance in time, though they must have been perfectly straightforward seventy-five years ago. There were, two of which were arguably "east of the police station".

It turns out that these eight candidates, however (and a barn, which I'm not even going to get into here), are really only appetizers. After describing all of them, Corwin turns to another source, John F. Cromley. "Neigh-

bor" Cromley, as he was known, had been born to Joel and Amelia Cromley in Sandusky County, Ohio, in December, 1845; his family moved to the Maxinkuckee area in the early 1850s, living first in the far southwest corner of the county (the area of Cromley Cemetery), and then moving into Marmont in



It's still the lake water...

By John Wm. Houghton

1869. Neighbor Cromley lived almost to the age of 96, dying in March of 1941, the last Civil War veteran in Marshall County.

Mr. Cromley, then, when interviewed in 1934, could remember which buildings in Culver had been standing when his family first came to the newly-renamed Marmont. His report to Corwin was that the house on the knoll under the pine trees near the depot was the oldest one in town: "It was the first house I saw when I came down here. It was wild here then. That house is the

only one left of those that were here in those days." Corwin backs up this statement with references to Ezra Hawkins (1853-1938: coincidentally, he lived next door to the McGuire House), and L. Caples Wiseman (1860-1937), who lived in the house when his parents, Lorenzo and Agnes Wiseman, first moved to Culver in 1869. Tim Wolfe, born about 1867 (and sometime proprietor of Culver's billiard parlor) said of riding past it when

he was ten: "It looked then just about the way it does today. It was old then, and it was built like an old-time barn, with a heavy hewn frame." Given its proximity to the depot, the house became a home for the Vandalia / Pennsylvania station agents, and an addition was built on to the back of it.

This all sounds fairly persuasive. The only problem with it, of course, is that there is not, in fact, a house under two pine trees next to the depot—though there is a slight bulge that might count as a knoll. It

turns out that W. T. Parish, Culver's station agent from 1917, had the house moved to Lake Street in the 1920s and added a canopy over the front entrance. Typically, though, Corwin doesn't give a street number, but simply mentions that the Arthur Simpson family lived in the house for a while.

The Editor and I tried some casual research on this question one morning last August over our sausage gravy and biscuits at a well-known local eatery: but even though some of the folks at neighboring tables actually lived on Lake Street, no-one seemed to know what might be the oldest house in the neighborhood. Once again, I turned to Judi Burns, who made a quick check of the 1930 census and reported back that in that year Arthur and Ruth Simpson lived at 452 Lake Street. I commissioned the Editor to check the east side of Lake Street for our old house. Sadly, he found no house numbered 452. More than likely, the house has been torn down in the seventy years since Corwin wrote; possibly, the house is still there, but has been renumbered.

There are presently hous-

es on some of the properties Corwin mentioned: on north Main Street and at the corner of Mill and Ohio, to name two. Whether any of them actually goes back to Corwin's day and is thus the current oldest house in town will, I'm afraid, require further research. -30-

A sixth-generation native of Culver (and resident of Houghton Street), the Rev. John Wm. Houghton, Ph.D., was educated in the Culver-Union Township Schools, Woodcraft Camp, the Naval School Band, and Culver Military Academy. He holds degrees from Harvard, IU, Yale and Notre Dame, and has taught in Culver Summer Camps and the Academies, as well as at independent schools in Fort Wayne, St. Louis, and Baton Rouge. A fellow of the Episcopal Church Foundation and an Episcopal priest, he is Chaplain and Chair of the Department of Religious Studies at the Hill School in Pottstown, PA. He has published a number of academic articles on theology, medieval studies, and J. R. R. Tolkien, and is author of a novel, Rough Magic, and of Falconry and Other Poems.

Staying the course for Christ

I recently finished reading a memoir by the Japanese novelist Haruki Marukami, entitled "What I Talk About When I Talk About Running" (Alfred A. Knopf, 2008, translated by Philip Gabriel). I have not read any or Mr. Marukami's works of fiction, but as an amateur runner, I found it interesting to read about how he saw similarities in his commitment to running marathons (and occasional triathlons) and his work as a novelist. As I broke out my own running shoes again just recently, beginning the a half-marathon by the bedifferent analogy for run-that compares running and Although a running analogy the words from the book "Since we are surround-lay aside every weight and with perseverance the race neer and perfecter of our -Hebrews 12:1-2

I openly admit that I I do not find solitary training, to converse with, to share the aches and pains with, and to cross the finish line with, all improve my experience of running (I have been blessed to have such people!). Perhaps Christ understands this about our human nature, and for that reason His word encourages to keep moving forward in the presence of "a cloud witnesses" – companions in the Christian life. As we individually strive to follow Christ daily, to train ourselves to be like Him, I suppose we would all do well to have people along the way who help to show us how – the ones that demonstrate grace, the ones who forgive in spite of their feelings, those who love people who are hard to love. Ultimately, our best bet is found in keeping our eyes squarely set Christ Himself!

I came away from reading the memoir impressed that author ran so consistently in training. I know firsthand how time consuming and draining the process can be for a half-marathon, much less a full marathon, and he was committed to running 6 days a week, even if just for a short time. I know my own tendencies – the desire to train only if conditions are nice, to want to skip a run if it isn't a perfect day outside, and sometimes even then to look for any reason possible not to run because I don't find it an inherently pleasant activity. There will always be excuses we could employ to simply give up in the Christian life – weariness, temptation, bitterness – the list could go on – but the joy of living for Christ and with Christ holds the greatest reason to stay the course!

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Pastor's Corner

By Larry Saunders
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Sports



Lady Eagles battle to finish

By Dee Grenert
Sports Editor

WALKERTON — Plymouth girls basketball assistant coach Russ Teal colared Alex Star following the Pilgrims' sectional title game Saturday.

"The left-handed shot is back," he said, beaming. Indeed.

Starr, a senior southpaw,

six rebounds for the Pilgrims. Highlights included a buzzer-beating 3-point rainbow that put Plymouth up 18-11 at the end of eight minutes, and a slick spin move and jumper during a game-ending 18-2 spree.

"After the last two games the only place to go was up," Smith said. "I think the break we had today helped.

We didn't have to go to school; we got to sleep a little extra.

"Alex, when she hits 3s is that kind of player for us," she added. "It's gotten to where when Alex shoots a 3, I know it's going in, and I can go to the other end and play defense."

A n o t h e r righty, senior point guard Danielle Hayden, drilled all three of her long-range offerings, finishing with 11 points and five assists.

"I thought Alex and Lyzz both really played well, and you can't say enough about Hayden," Plymouth head coach Dave Cox said. "Alex got us started good, and Lyzz was on her tail. We talked to Lyzz about getting more action in the middle because we didn't get anything in the middle against Glenn, and she was active in the middle. I liked our patience, too."

The Eagles, led by Katie Barnes and sophomore Kylee Shipley, hung tough through 12 minutes and led on four different occasions in the first quarter. But Plymouth carved up CGA's first-half zone defense, knocking down 7-of-10 looks from deep for a 36-23 halftime lead. The Pilgrims finished the evening 9-for-14 from downtown.

"When you shoot that well from the 3-point line..." CGA head coach Gary Christlieb said. "Plymouth was 7-for-10 from the 3-point line in the first half. We said at halftime if those shots were 2s, the score would have been 29-23. That was the difference. I don't think our defense was bad. They just had some good looks, and they hit some tough shots."

And the Pilgrims' defense took command in the second half. Buoyed by reserve Nicole Scheetz, who also teamed with Smith and Brittany Davis to repeat-

edly spring Starr with solid screens on the offensive end, Plymouth limited the Eagles to just seven points after the intermission.

In fact, the Eagles' lone bucket in the final 12 minutes — an Erica Sims layup off a feed from Shipley with 38 seconds left in the game — came against Plymouth's second and third strings.

"The one thing I noticed from looking at CGA's stats is they score a lot of points," Cox said. "In the first half we battled, but didn't do as good a job as we did in the second half."

"The difference for our defense was Nicole Scheetz," he continued. "She jabbed on defense. Jabbing takes away penetration, which is where CGA was getting a lot of offense. Once we took away penetration, Barnes and Shipley didn't go anywhere."

Barnes and Shipley paced the Eagles with 11 points apiece, with Shipley's entire production occurring in the game's first 12 minutes. Cassie Felton pulled down a game-high nine rebounds for CGA.

The Eagles finish with their second straight winning season, but bid farewell to starters Barnes, Felton and Emily Loehmer.

"It's really rewarding because they got to see the lows of the program and the highs of the program, and fortunately in the right order," Christlieb said. "As freshmen, they won four games. Last year we had our first winning season in 10 years, and this year as seniors they won 13 games and played in the sectional final."

"They had a goal to prove that last year wasn't a fluke, that it wasn't a one-shot thing, and to advance in the state tournament," he concluded. "They made a statement and came full circle. Emily, Katie and Cassie, I can't say enough about them. They've been the hub and heart of this team, and they're leaving a good legacy."

• CLASS 3A SECTIONAL 19 FINAL
At Walkerton
PLYMOUTH 59, CGA 30
Score by quarters
CGA: 11 23 28 30
Plymouth: 18 36 45 59
CGA (30): Alexis Christlieb 0 0-0 0, Katie Gawor 0 0-0 0, Moira Kelley 0 0-0 0, Kylee Shipley 4 2-4 11, Emily Loehmer 0 0-0 0, Erica Sims 1 0-0 2, Cassie Felton 1 4-4 6, Katie Barnes 5 0-2 11. TOTALS: 11 6-10 30.
PLYMOUTH (59): Alex Starr 6 2-2 19, Maggie Tanner 0 0-0 0, Chelsea Thoden 0 0-0 0, Brittany Davis 2 0-0 4, Danielle Hayden 4 0-0 11, Caitlin Gomez 0 0-0 0, Haley Smart 0 0-0 0, Nicole Scheetz 1 0-0 2, Meagan Barron 1 1-2 3, Lyzz Smith 5 7-7 18, Ariel Rensberger 0 0-0 0, Erin Kinney 1 0-0 2. TOTALS: 20 10-11 59.

3-point goals: CGA 2 (Shipley, Barnes), Plymouth 9 (Starr 5, Hayden 3, Smith); Turnovers: CGA 17, Plymouth 6; Rebounds: CGA 20 (Felton 9), Plymouth 22 (Smith 6); Assists: CGA 6 (Barnes 3), Plymouth 11 (Hayden 5); Steals: CGA 1, Plymouth 6 (Starr 3); Fouls (fouled out): CGA 13 (none), Plymouth 13 (none); Records: CGA 13-8 (final), Plymouth 19-4.

0 0-0 0, Larry Clingler 0 0-0 0, Nate Niswander 1 2-2 4. TOTALS: 12 10-15 37.

3-point goals: Argos 3 (Kuchel 2, Sanders), Culver 3 (Bauer, Mulvihill, Pugh); Turnovers: Argos 9, Culver 16; Rebounds: Argos 16, Culver 18; Assists: Argos 15, Culver 10; Steals: Argos 10, Culver 7; Fouls (fouled out): Argos 16 (none), Culver 14 (none); Records: Argos 9-6, Culver 4-12.

JV score: Argos 31, Culver 26.

Girls basketball

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CGA 'big three' deliver victory

By Dee Grenert
Sports Editor

WALKERTON — Defending Class 3A state champion Plymouth survived a major sectional semifinal scare from host John Glenn Friday.

Meanwhile, Culver Girls Academy enjoyed a monumental thrill.

The Pilgrims recovered from a four-point fourth-quarter deficit to eek out a 34-31 win, while the Eagles stormed back from a rough start to secure a 47-44 win over Mishawaka Marian.

CGA 47, GLENN 44
The big three — Kylee Shipley, Katie Barnes and Cassie Felton — delivered for CGA.

Shipley's entry pass from the top of the key to Felton on the blocks for the go-ahead layup with 1:02 left in the game proved to be the game winner, while Barnes scored 12 of her game-high 16 points in the first half to help the Eagles convert a 12-1 first-quarter deficit into a 25-20 halftime advantage.

"What resilience to just fight it back," CGA head coach Gary Christlieb said. "The credit goes to them. Kylee Shipley was in the locker room throwing up. She's struggled with the flu all day. She played a heckuva game, period, and especially under these conditions."

"Katie Barnes was just marvelous," he continued. "That's the best game Katie's played, I think, in her career."

After Felton's basket from the left block put CGA on top 45-44, Marian burned up the clock and a pair of timeouts in the process. Following the second stoppage with 7.7 seconds left, guard Alex Bousquet drove the left baseline, but bounced a reverse layup off the bottom of the rim, and Felton ripped down the rebound.

"It just didn't fall, but it was a good shot," Marian head coach Pat Catanzarite said of Bousquet's drive. "That was the second option. Alex read it, did the right thing and it didn't

fall." Emily Loehmer sealed the game with two free throws

"We won the game on the defensive end. We gave up (60) points the first time we played them, and just 44 tonight."

Throw in four Marian starters with at least two first-half fouls, and the Eagles soared back to take the lead in the second quarter and set up a tight closing half.

"Foul trouble got us away from the game plan," Catanzarite said. "The game was our fault. We stopped moving our feet and started reaching. Hat's off to (CGA). They deserved it."

Shipley added 14 points for CGA, while Felton tossed in eight points and secured five rebounds.

Marian Douglas led the Knights



PHOTO/DEANNA L. GRENERT

CGA's Kylee Shipley (20) gets ready to fire up a 3-pointer during a Class 3A Sectional semifinal game against Marian at John Glenn Friday.

with 1.5 seconds left in the game.

The Knights, who beat CGA 60-40 just 17 days ago, threatened a repeat performance, racing out to a 12-1 lead with 1:27 left in the opening frame.

But after the Eagles missed their first six cracks from the floor, Barnes nailed a jumper with 46 seconds left in the opening stanza and followed with a driving bucket at the end of the frame for a 12-5 game.

"The first time we played them we started down 17-5," Christlieb said. "I told them, 'It's 12-7, you've taken five points off.' We got some great looks, they just didn't fall."

"Tonight I thought our defense was great," he said of his team's 1-2-2 zone.

with 15 points. Emily Peppers-VanNamee followed closely with 14 points.

CGA 47, GLENN 44
Score by quarters
CGA: 5 25 36 47
Marian: 12 20 37 44
CGA (47): Alexis Christlieb 0 0-0 0, Kylee Shipley 5 4-7 14, Emily Loehmer 1 5-6 7, Erica Sims 1 0-0 2, Cassie Felton 3 2-3 8, Katie Barnes 7 1-1 16. TOTALS: 17 12-17 47.
MARIAN (44): Alex Bousquet 4 5-6 13, Kasey Schultheis 0 0-0 0, Vanessa Olivarez 0 0-0 0, Jillian Saros 1 0-0 2, Kathleen Kavanagh 0 0-0 0, Emily Peppers-VanNamee 6 2-3 14, Mariah Douglas 6 3-6 15, Stephanie Cukrowicz 0 0-0 0, Samantha Schmidt 0 0-0 0, Katherine Chalko 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 17 10-15 44.

3-point goals: CGA 1 (Barnes), Marian none; Turnovers: CGA 15, Marian 10; Rebounds: CGA 19 (Felton 6), Marian 17 (Peppers 6); Assists: CGA 5 (Barnes 3), Marian 11 (Kavanagh 4); Steals: CGA 5 (Shipley 2), Marian 5 (Kavanagh, Douglas 2); Fouls (fouled out): CGA 13 (Christlieb), Marian 18 (none); Records: CGA 13-7, Marian 11-11.

Young continues march to state

By James Costello
Sports Writer

MERRILLVILLE — Culver Military Academy senior Daniel Young continued his steady march to the top of the state wrestling podium with a semistate championship, as did John Glenn heavyweight Craig Fitzgerald, while Knox's Danny Bradley wrestled in his first-ever semistate title bout at the Merrillville Individual Wrestling Semistate Saturday.



PHOTO/ JAMES COSTELLO

Culver Military's Daniel Young, top, hammer locks Chesterton's Spencer Stockwell, bottom, during a quarterfinal wrestling match at the Merrillville Wrestling Semistate Saturday. Young went on to win the 145 semistate championship

one of the toughest semistates in the state, and I'm just proud of Dan for going in there and winning it," said CMA wrestling head coach Matt Behling. "I'm proud of him for winning not just for himself but for CMA. It's not like a semistate championship is something that happens every day."

Young's bout with Lymburner was a rematch of their Rochester Regional championship a week prior. In fact, it was the third time the undefeated 145-pounder had faced Lymburner this year as he is personally responsible for three of just four defeats of the Riley grappler this season. Since both wrestlers were already so familiar with one another, Behling and Young developed

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Sports briefs

Culver.
• ARGOS 56, CULVER COMMUNITY 37
At Culver
Score by quarters
Argos: 17 35 47 56
Culver: 15 20 29 37
ARGOS (56): Devin Rex 0 0-0 0, Ben Gilbert 3 3-5 9, Drew Overmyer 3 5-6 11, Scott Sanders 5 1-1 12, Matt Hollar 1 0-0 2, Justin Dunfee 0 0-0 0, Bryant Kuchel 6 0-1 14, Sam Edmonds 2 0-0 4, Jeremy Weirick 1 0-0 2, Dylan Colburn 1 0-0 2. TOTALS: 22 9-13 56.
CULVER (37): Adam Neace 5 5-9 15, Nick Peterson 0 0-0 0, Brock Elliott 1 2-2 4, Justin Master 0 0-0 0, Zoe Bauer 1 1-2 4, Patrick Mulvihill 2 0-0 5, Kyle Pugh 2 0-0 5, AJ Neace

Boys basketball

Argos keeps the bell
Argos retained possession of the traveling bell with a 56-37 win over Rival Culver Community at John R. Nelson Gymnasium Thursday.

Bryant Kuchel led three Dragons in double figures with 14 points. Scott Sanders and Drew Overmyer added 12 and 11 points respectively for Argos.

Adam Neace scored a game-high 15 points to lead

Coffee event, talent show lead flurry of Relay activities

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

As organizers and teams continue to fund-raise and gear up for the 2009 Relay for Life in Culver (April 17 at Culver Academies' football field/track), two upcoming community events are topping organizers' calendars as Relay awareness and fund-raising opportunities.

The Culver Coffee Company on Lake Shore Drive will play host Sat., Feb. 28 to a Relay event slated to include live music, free food, a movie, and more, with all profits to go to the Relay for Life effort. The Company has also pledged to donate all proceeds from its "drink of the month" in February – the shop's popular Mexican hot chocolate – to the Relay.

Papa's restaurant, also on Lake Shore Drive, will host a community talent show the evening of Sat., March 14. Included will be live music, movies, and of course plenty of food, besides what one Relay organizer, Ian Greenberg calls "huge prizes," including cash, for the talent contest itself. He adds the committee is looking for Culver area residents with various talents, to perform. Those interest-

ed in participating are encouraged to email relay@culver.org.

Papa's has already gotten in the act to support Relay by donating proceeds from anything ordered Sunday, Feb. 15 from the restaurant, to the Relay.

The committee continues to seek items for its online auction fund-raiser (see also "Briefs" this week). The auction itself will kick off Sat., March 14; more information will follow in a future edition of the Citizen.

Greenberg also said \$295 towards Relay was raised last week via a dance at Culver Academies.

Relay for Life is an annual event to raise money for the American Cancer Society's fight against cancer. At last year's local event, the first in the Culver community, Culver Academies became one of the few high schools to hold a Relay event. Over \$100,000 – the "dream goal" of the Relay committee and more than many expected to generate – was raised at the April event, with this year's goal to raise \$200,000. A number of Culver-based teams have signed up. More information is available at www.culver.org/relay.



The CIA comes to Culver

Visiting Culver Academies Feb. 2 and 3 was Gene Poteat, former Scientific Intelligence Officer with the CIA and president of the Association of Former Intelligence Officers. Poteat spoke to an audience of students, faculty, and visitors about his role in scientific intelligence from the U2 to spy satellites. Joining him was Elizabeth Bancroft, executive director of AFIO, and Jeff Scudder, a 1981 graduate of Culver Military Academy. The three facilitated eleventh grade American Studies student examination of previously unreleased, recently declassified CIA documents from the founding years of the Agency, according to Culver instructor John Bugelln, director of the school's Global Studies Institute.

Poteat's visit was part of a series of CIA-related programs which will continue March 11 with a visit from David Hatch, chief historian of the National Security Agency. The series will culminate in a May 14 symposium at Culver Academies on the creation of the intelligence community and how to rethink intelligence for the twenty-first century, says Bugelln. "It's unprecedented for the CIA to work with a high school outside the Washington, DC area," he adds. "Other projects like this are at university levels."

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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 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.

Boys & Girls Club growing in leaps and bounds

Alan Loehr, chairman of the board of the Culver Boys & Girls Club, above left, accepts a check from Culver Kiwanis president Grant Munroe.

Loehr paid a visit to the Kiwanis Feb. 5 to update that organization on CBGC, which first opened its doors as the Culver Community Youth Center in 2000, before becoming a part of the Porter County Boys & Girls Club a few years ago. Since that time, Loehr says CBGC has nearly tripled its average daily attendance and has doubled its membership to over 250 children, nearly half the population of Culver Elementary School, where the club is housed (the national Boys & Girls Club has said Culver's numbers are "extraordinary," adds Loehr). Loehr noted CBGC's hours have expanded to include five days per week, open until 6:50 p.m., with a summertime "KidStop" program from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. That program includes field trips to Lake Michigan dunes, water parks, museums, and zoos, besides its most popular feature: swimming jonts to the beach at Lake Maxinkuckee, the only time a number of area kids get a chance to swim in the lake, according to Loehr.

The regular CBGC provides a gamesroom, computer lab, homework help, gym time, arts and crafts, and Power Hour (which encourages children to complete extra educational pages to accumulate prizes and pizza; last year, 140 members participated with over 1,200 hours of work).

Mary Ann Tidwell is current director of the program.



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Members of this years CCHS Business Professionals of America. Front row, left to right: Mike Schwartz (advisor), Amanda Steele, Shae Harris; Second row, left to right: Jackie Bauer, Paige Norwich, Kaitlyn Comiskey, Kaleigh Ahlenius, Alex Hnatusko, Gavin Norton, Shannon Dunfee, Alexa Marrs, Kalie Thompson, Mark Maes; Third row, left to right: Ben Haut, Nick Arzola, Jerry Smith, Gwen Zehner, Myles Pinder, Chloe Broecker, Colton Mesels, Clarissa Baker, Chelsey Jones, Cameron Turney.

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them and they can go to nationals as sophomores or juniors."

Harris herself will be heading to state, having placed in the areas of presentation management and basic office procedures.

Culver freshman Cam-

eron Turney – whose five-page economic research project on the effects of gas prices on the economy was part of her district competition effort -- is also headed to state. Like many new BPA members, Turney was recruited by enthusiastic

veterans of the program. "Shae (Harris) and (senior Myles Pinder) said it was super awesome," she recalls. "You get really excited when you think you're doing well and you get to advance, and you think, 'How far can I go with

Culver's chapter made an impressive showing. She's headed to Indianapolis shortly for state officer screening; another CCHS student, sophomore Mark Maes, is running for state office as well.

this?"

Culver senior Shannon Dunfee became this district's president last March, attending three days of state officer leadership team orientation in Linton, Indiana and acting as a national delegate at the national BPA competition in Reno last spring, at which

Dunfee and senior Alex Hnatusko, says Schwartz, are "the two constants" in Culver BPA through the last four years, Hnatusko beating well qualified competitors at district in this, her first year in the area of entrepreneurship.

Dunfee and Pinder are both recipients of BPA's Torch awards on the district level, a system of earnings Schwartz says are comparable to the merit badge system in Boy Scouts, and which require activity in seven areas including co-operation, service, patriotism, culture, leadership, and more.

All of this – including getting to competitions, most notably on the national level (this year's will be in Dallas) – can be expensive and time consuming, and Schwarz says he thinks the economy has affected some members, with parents out of work and the like. "We've tried to find better ways to make money this year," he explains, including selling candles, holding bake sales, selling a Culver High School basketball record book (see "Briefs"

this issue), a fundraising brochure, and, hopefully later this year, a dodgeball tournament. "But hopefully when it comes time to fund the trip to Dallas, (the community will) be able to help us," adds Schwartz.

Pinder, the chapter's vice president this year, acknowledges the hefty financial, time and effort commitments required for active participation in BPA, but, he says, "It's tons of fun and it's one of the few clubs in school where being somewhat academically inclined proves to mean something. Most recognized activities in school tend to be athletics."

Hnatusko concurs BPA is hard work, but fun and valuable. "You have to put a lot of work in it, but it's very fun. It has helped me with more public speaking...I was very shy, and now I'm more open and willing to talk to people I don't know."

Readers wishing to contribute to the BPA's fundraising goals are encouraged to contact Mike Schwartz via the Culver High School at 574-842-3391.

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Council wrestles with seasonal sidewalk safety

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Though formal announcement was made at the end of the meeting, it was apparent by the new face joining Culver's town council for its Feb. 10 meeting that the town had a new town manager, at that point still on his second day on the job.

Michael Doss quietly observed proceedings whose main focus turned out to be on sidewalk safety during times of heavy snow, an issue raised in a letter read by council member Ralph Winters. The author of that letter, Marge "Termite" Baker of Culver, arrived at the meeting during council and public dialog about the matter, which centered on the number of sidewalks in town rendered unusable by large amounts of snow, both fallen from the sky and left in the wake of snowplows clearing Culver's streets.

Baker pointed out the dangers of trying to walk from one place to another, citing a stretch of Lake Shore Drive between Forest Place and the Original Root Beer Stand as particularly impossible to traverse, a problem exacerbated by the lack of much easement there, between sidewalk and street.

Several council members noted part of the issue grows from the absence of year-round residents in

many Culver houses, leaving a number of homes — including several in that particular stretch of Lake Shore Drive — devoid of people during critical winter months, with Baker countering homeowners should pay an area service to clear sidewalks in their absence.

Audience member Grant Munroe, one property owner in the area, acknowledged the ordinance requiring all homeowners to clear their sidewalks of snow, but noted, "If you clear the sidewalk, the snow plow is going to plow it right over a little later with more snow."

Various options were discussed as to the town's plowing the area, including attempting to shovel excess snow into town-owned property near the water tower at the east end of College Avenue, similar to the manner Culver's downtown is cleared of snow.

"(Clearing the snow off) Main Street is a straight shot," said council member Ginny Munroe, alluding to plows trying to navigate the sharp Lake Shore Drive

turn against traffic, "but that stretch near the Root Beer Stand could get dangerous."

Culver police chief



Downtown sidewalks are generally some of the clearest in town, in spite of the thin coat of ice in this December, 2008 photo. Some Culver residents are concerned about the safety of many of the town's sidewalks during the fall and winter.

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Wayne Bean, noting other communities like South Bend have had similar issues, said a great deal of responsibility for keeping sidewalks snow-free is typically put back on property owners. "You'll run into a problem when you start doing one street. Everybody will want that. If you show preferential treatment to some areas, you'll get com-

plaints from others."

Lake Shore Drive, added audience member Leroy Bean, is far from the only sidewalk in town covered with snow or, for that matter, raked piles of leaves. "The sidewalks are full of snow," he said. "You can't tell me, just because (town snow plows cover) the sidewalks up, that's the end of it. (Shovel) it again."

Suggestions from council and audience members included a note to residents on monthly water bills, reminding them of town ordinances to keep sidewalks free of snow and leaves, a newsletter once or twice a year reminding residents of all ordinances, and articles in the newspaper to get the word out.

"I wasn't trying just to write and complain," explained Baker. "I'm not charging anybody with the fault of it. We could have a

lovely town here. Just have some pride!"

After some discussion, the council also voted to deny a request from Culver resident Susie Mahler that she not be forced to hook her residence to town sewer as required of properties within 300 feet of town sewer. Mahler's Cass Street property is actually outside town limits, though it borders Culver on the west side of town. Mahler requested, some weeks prior, to be allowed to install septic rather than hook up to the town sewer, a substantial cost difference for her.

Of primary concern to council members was the precedent set by allowing Mahler not to hook up, effectively preventing the possibility of future annexing many properties bordering Culver and also -- as pointed out by town clerk Casey Howard -- setting a different precedent than was set for property owners on State Road 10 some time ago.

In other council action, council president Sally Ricciardi appointed Chuck Dilts, with council approval, to the Culver Board of Zoning Appeals.

A bid for \$106,520 went to Crossroads Ambulance of Middlebury for a new ambulance rig for Culver's EMS, pending that vehicle meeting the department's required specifica-

tions.

The council approved street department head Bob Porter's request to advertise for a full-time position on his staff and bring back one of his part-time leaf crew workers in the interim.

The council will look into the issue of flooding at 712 Nueva Gordan Street, brought to a head last weekend, according to Porter, when water running down the side of the street poured into the yard of the home and rained into its basement walls.

Tim McCarthy, speaking on behalf of Culver-Union Twp. EMS head Millie Sytsma, reported the EMS had a total of 31 ambulance runs in January, 29 of which were transports and two of which were fire standbys. One new driver was added this month, added McCarthy, with that driver and two others -- as well as Culver fireman Bryce Lindvall -- attending First Responder classes offered by Sytsma.

The council also scheduled for later that week a work session to orient town manager Doss on current and recent town issues, before introducing Doss to an applauding audience.

Sports, from page 6

Cavs bow out

Culver Community's basketball season came to an end with a 52-37 loss to host Winamac in Class 2A Girls Basketball Sectional 34 action Friday.

Nicole Carnegie and Gwen Zehner scored 10 points apiece to lead the Cavs.

CLASS 2A SECTIONAL 34
At Winamac
WINAMAC 52, CULVER COMMUNITY 37
Score by quarters
Winamac: 16 27 44 52

Culver: 11 13 28 37
WINAMAC (52): Emily Ball 0 0-0 0, Jordan Brandt 5 0-0 12, Whitney Schmicker 2 1-1 5, Holly Krohn 2 2-4 6, Katy Sommers 0 0-0 0, Sarah Redweik 1 0-0 2, Allie DeFries 2 0-0 4, Erika Redweik 8 3-4 19, Ellie Kiser 2 0-0 4, Ali Parks 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 22 6-9 52.
CULVER (37): Nicole Carnegie 4 0-0 10, Susannah Baker 1 0-0 3, Patrice McBee 3 0-1 6, Whitney Sanders 1 0-2 2, Ali Zehner 0 1-2 1, Cindy Miller 2 0-0 5, Gwen Zehner 4 2-3 10. TOTALS: 15 3-8 37.
3-point goals: Winamac 2 (Brandt), Culver 4 (Carnegie 2, Baker, Powers); Fouls (fouled out): Winamac 12 (none), Culver 12 (none); Records: Winamac 18-4, Culver 9-12 (final).

Hockey

Eagles win

CMA's prep hockey team scored four times in the third period to collect a 7-3 win over Gilmour Academy Sunday.

Kit Sitterley knocked in three goals, including two during the third period, for the Eagles.

Wrestling, from page 6

a slightly different strategy for Saturday's semistate match, and it worked like a charm as Young ran up a 6-3 lead in the first period then blanked Lymburner in the remaining two.

"The difference was we realized since we'd wrestled him twice, (Lymburner) is not able to take him down," Behling said of the game plan. "We're extremely good on our feet. We're good on top, too, but we have an advantage on our feet, so we'd just take him down and then let him get back to neutral, give him the escape and take him down again. We created a huge lead in the first period, and he wasn't able to come back from that.

"That's one of the great things about Dan," Behling continued. "He's very coachable. We come up with a plan together, and he goes out and executes it."

Bradley's 119-pound championship match at Merrillville was also against a familiar foe.

Although the Redskins junior had never faced Warsaw senior Justin Brooks on the high school circuit, the two had met previously in a freestyle bout where Brooks had beaten Bradley easily. In spite of that lopsided freestyle loss, Bradley was up 3-2 with 30 seconds left in Saturday's bout, but Brooks countered on a bad shot for a takedown, then scored some quick back points on Bradley to clinch the championship 7-3. The No. 3-ranked Brooks remained undefeated on the year, while it was Bradley's first loss of the season.

Five Plymouth wrestlers also closed out their seasons at semistate. Junior Chase Lewandowski, and sophomore Damon Howe both reached the quarterfinals at the event, but both fell in decisions a win short of making the state cut. Lewandowski's was a particularly disappointing loss as he was tied 2-2 with Pioneer's Owen Dorris coming into the final stretch. With roughly six seconds remaining in the match the grapplers were re-set in the middle of the mat with Lewandowski on top, but Dorris secured a quick escape for the win.

Briefs, from page 1

Culver schools snow makeup days

April 13 (Easter Monday) and May 8 will both be snow makeup days, according to the Culver Community Schools calendar. School will be in session both days, instead of off as the days had been pre-

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viously listed. The Culver schools' calendar is available online at www.culver.k12.in.us.

Fishing, Indian items sought

The Antiquarian & Historical 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

CulverElementarySchool 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.

Marshall County Unemployment Support Group

The Marshall County Unemployment Support Group meets Mondays in February (Feb. 9, 16, 23) from 10 a.m. - noon at the Plymouth Public Library's Jim Neufamily Room. You are not alone! Contact Ellen Weist, @ www.jdt@tmais.net.

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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