



In Brief

Culver Easter egg hunt April 4

The annual community Easter Egg hunt will take place Saturday, April 4, starting at 10 a.m. in the Culver town park on Lake Shore Drive.

Boat slips available

The Culver Park & Recreation Department has boat slips available for the upcoming boating season. Culver/Union Township residents pay \$700 for a boat slip, while patrons outside of this area are charged \$1,000. Wave runner spaces are \$400. For more information, call the park at 574-842-3510.

Hydrant flushing

The Town of Culver will be flushing fire hydrants during the week of April 13. During this process your water may have a "rusty" color however it is still safe to drink. The hydrant flushing is done twice a year and is necessary to remove rust from the town's water distribution system.

Leaf and brush pick-up

The town of Culver's spring leaf pick-up will take place the weeks of April 13 and 20. Brush pick-up is each Wednesday. Citizens are reminded not to mix leaves and brush into the same piles for pick-up, as different equipment is used for each pick-up.

Marshall County Democrats meet

The next monthly meeting of the Marshall County Democrats will be held April 4 at 9 a.m. at the City Tavern in Culver. A breakfast buffet will be served. Cost is \$7.50 per person.

Culver baseball, softball sign-ups

Culver youth baseball and softball league sign-ups will be held at the Culver Public Library on the following dates: Saturday, April 4, 10 a.m. to noon; and Sunday, April 19, 1 to 3 p.m. Those with questions may contact Francis Ellert at fellert@ckokomo.com.

CPR training in Culver

A basic training class in CPR will be held at Culver's EMS base at 200 E Washington Street, Wednesday, April 29, from 6 to 9 p.m. The fee is \$25 with book or \$10 without book. Those

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A celebrity chair for Culver

Above, left: Well-known children's author David Slonim contributed his creative prowess to one of Culver Tri Kappa's "Chairs for Charity" during his recent visit to the area for the 24th Annual Young Authors' Conference (see story below). The chair will be on display soon at the Culver Public Library preceding its debut this June alongside creatively decorated chairs from across the community as part of Tri Kappa's event, which culminates June 28. More information is available at the "Chairs for Charity" blog at chaircharity.blogspot.com.

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A sure sign of spring

Sights like the one above, right, are no doubt causing collective sighs of relief across Culver. Students working to prepare Culver's town park for its busy summer season can only mean spring is finally here, as is spring break for these students (from left to right), Culver Community High School graduate and Ancilla sophomore Katie Carter, CCHS junior Ashley Zehner, and CCHS senior Ryan Carter. Culver's beach officially opens Memorial Day weekend.

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Young Culver authors winners

Two Culver Elementary School students emerged winners of the writing contest at the 24th Annual Young Authors' Conference, held at Riverside Intermediate School March 12.

Sixth grader Haley Klimaszewski and second grader Mackinna Burleson were selected winners in the writing contest held in conjunction with the conference for Marshall County's elementary students. Each school selected a winner from grades K-3 and one from grades 4-6; students wrote on the topic

"If you lived in the time of Abraham Lincoln." Writing Contest winners received a free book by the conference's guest speaker, artist/illustrator David Slonim and a chance to get a personalized autograph.

Although Slonim — who also visited several elementary schools in the area — started his career as a fine artist, he found he really enjoyed illustrating children's books and speaking to children about his art. His message to students was "Talent is the willingness to keep trying until it's right," a quote from the

book "Carlson's Guide to Landscape Painting."

Some of his book illustrations took fifteen tries before he got them right. He also mentioned that a great life skill was learning how to get along with other and treating them with respect as he had to do when there was a disagreement with an editor about one of his illustrations.

In addition to the Culver winners, other Writing Contest winners are Jed McIntire and Jessica Dettwiler from Argos; Calvin Petrucelli and Grace Allmon from Jefferson; Anthony

Hatter and Emily Kinney from LaVille; April Bowen from Lincoln Junior High; Autumn Wilson and Hugh Smith from Menominee; Ryleigh Collins and Brittanie Spornhauer from North Liberty; Kathryn Harville and Kennedy Schneiders from Riverside; Cole Filson and Kira Master from St. Michael's; Justin Hefner and Samantha Burleson from Triton; Rebecca Stacy and Kamran Nayyar from Walkerton; Callie Burch and Alysa Kaminskas from Washington; Kaitlyn Carothers and Travis Owen from Webster.

Winning writings
Haley Klimaszewski
(CES grade 6), *an excerpt:*
"Dear Diary,
August 27, 1809
...I drifted through the garden and rambled through the woods, but found no pleasure in my usual activities today. Hence, I set out looking for my most valued acquaintance, who I have known since infancy, Alfred."
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Not cutting jobs Academies' 'number one goal'

Tompos on finances of county's largest employer

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

A number of rumors and misconceptions persist about the economics of Culver Academies, especially during the present economic crisis. Some of those misconceptions



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY
Culver Academies controller Rick Tompos discusses the school's economics.

Academies controller Rick Tompos sought to clarify March 12 before an audience of Culver Kiwanians at Culver Public Library. Noting the size and spread of the Academies, Tompos said the private school — the largest employer in Marshall County — is about a \$45 million annual operation. "That's a big chunk of change," Tompos noted. "One way economists think about the flow of money is, normally a dollar is spent four to six times in a community. If you multiply \$40 million times four, it's \$160 million. Not all of that stays here (in Culver), of course. We pay people that don't live here. But the concept is, there's a tremendous amount of economic activity in Culver because of the Academy."

Culver Academies is a not-for-profit organization, Tompos reminded his audience, which simply means the school doesn't budget to make a profit. Instead, its \$44 million income is budgeted to equal its \$44 million in annual expenses.

Half the school's income is derived from student tuition fees, while another third comes from Culver's endowment funds. The other 17 percent is raised by the Academies' Annual Fund, with odds and ends of other, much smaller income chipping in.

Tuition fees, explained Tompos, only cover specifically academic and student life "people costs" such as teaching faculty, counselors, and student life staff members. Administration costs, benefits, utility

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Council navigates specifics of sidewalk program

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Issues raised last year by citizens and council members concerning Culver's sidewalk sharing program fed into an animated discussion at the March 24 Culver town council meeting, with some council members expressing concern that language in the program should be more specific.

Each year for the past few years, the town of Culver has accepted applications from townspeople planning to replace deteriorated sidewalks, the town agreeing to pay a portion of the cost of the sidewalk. The ordinance establishing the program specifies funding is not intended either for commercial development, construction of a new home, or major remodeling of an existing structure. At issue for some council members was the definition of the term "major remodeling," which Culver building inspector Russ Mason said he has defined in the past by the dollar amount a citizen is spending on a given remodel. That language council member said she Ginny Munroe felt was too vague.

"I hate to change the ordinance to specific amounts," explained Mason, "because they vary from time to time. Last year it was \$75,000. The year before that it was \$50,000."

Adding somewhat to the confusion is a totally separate ordinance requiring any resident building a new home or undertaking a major remodeling project to install a new sidewalk at his or her own cost; money from the sidewalk sharing program is not intended to cover new sidewalks in such cases. Last year, debate ensued when one resident remodeling a home asked for funds from the sharing program, suggesting monies from that program were given to another resident remodeling part of a house.

Town clerk Casey Howard, who said some residents have already begun asking when applications are due for this year's sharing program, told the council she asked surrounding communities about their sidewalk programs and found that none have the same program as Culver's, with varying approaches to use of sidewalk funds to benefit the public.

Council member Ralph Winters explained the original basis of Culver's current program of sharing costs with citizens rather than the

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town itself handling sidewalk replacements. "In this town we have lot of small contractors without insurance for employees, so we went to a program where we give a flat fee (for sidewalk replacement) and the citizen hires a contractor. If he gets hurt, it's their problem and not ours. I think it's worked quite well."

Council member Ed Pinder pointed out there are a number of potentially unsafe sidewalks in town in dire need of replacement, with council member Lynn Overmyer noting properties with the worst sidewalks tend not to be the ones applying for funds in the program. Overmyer suggested the council could forego taking applications for sidewalk replacement and instead simply replace the most deteriorated sidewalks of its own choosing. Winters said, however, he felt citizens ought to have an opportunity to apply for the money.

Council president Sally Ricciardi suggested targeting half the designated \$25,000 for sidewalks this year for the sharing pro-

gram with the remaining money used for town-chosen projects, of which there already exists a list according to street department head Bob Porter.

Discussion was also held concerning addition of new sidewalks on some streets presently without any sidewalk at all, with Mason explaining sidewalk installation at a given property cannot be required if no public right-of-way exists on the street side of that property, all of which is contingent upon the layout of the original subdivision in each area.

Town manager Michael Doss said he will examine and try to reword the existing ordinance to better define major or substantial remodeling, and will also seek to update the dollar amount per square foot of sidewalk to better reflect this year's prices.

In other discussion, concern was raised over waterway management at the site of a new development off Sycamore Road north of Culver, with Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council director Kathy

Clark explaining the Indiana Department of Environmental Management has been corresponding with the contractor at the site about various violations, including damage to a stream on the property feeding into Lake Maxinkuckee. Clark expressed concern that many Marshall County contractors are unaware of environmental regulations concerning waterways even though lake-based properties all over the county bring in the highest assessed values.

The council asked Mason to contact the IDEM representative in charge of the site and work with the property owner and contractor towards compliance.

Approved by the council was a letter of support for the LMEC for its ongoing project in conjunction with Purdue University which last year included use of a small submersible testing device reading water flow and temperatures. Clark pointed out Lake Maxinkuckee is considered "the most excellent representation of a glacial, kettle-bottom lake," adding the Purdue

team has created three-dimensional topographies of the lake bottom and will compare its findings with the landmark 1920 study of the lake sponsored by state genealogy surveys.

Doss also presented the council a spreadsheet showing the town is losing money on its sewer and water tap fees, which he suggested be raised as some of the expenses have doubled. "We're not in this business to make money," he said, "but we're not doing our citizens a service by losing money before we go out the door to do taps."

"To keep fees low, we wanted to just eat the labor and equipment costs, since the guys are working during the day anyway (so) we extracted out labor and equipment costs. Ninety-five percent of our citizens will never see this cost either way."

Tap fees are initiated when a new structure must tap into town sewer or water.

The council hired Fort Wayne engineering firm the Bonar Group to begin working on upkeep of the

deteriorating culverts running under West Shore Drive to facilitate Lake Maxinkuckee's main outlet. Bonar representative Michael Strang proposed further inspection to keep the culverts usable over the next five to ten years until funds are accrued to replace them.

Clerk Howard discussed the need to digitize existing town ordinances for greater searchability, an effort requiring some time and energy since few older ordinances have been digitized and extensive scanning would be required. She said, however, she felt she and other town staff could work on the project as time allows, rather than hiring an outside company to do the work.

Doss updated the council on the status of proposed creation of a Garden Court senior citizen housing project in Culver, which Kevin Berger of Easterday Construction brought up at the previous meeting by way of a letter. Berger said at the March 24 meeting he has received response from one area property owner ex-

pressing interest in working towards the project on that property (see also Berger's article on the project in last week's Citizen).

Doss told the council May 9 has been designated for a town-wide spring cleanup, with two 40-yard dumpsters rented and an 18 by 3 foot banner advertising the event being fabricated. The council approved the cost of both.

Also approved was hiring two part-time seasonal employees to aid in spring and summer leaf pickup with council member Pinder noting leaves and brush are not to be mixed by those residents wishing the town to pick up either.

Doss told the council there is a 40 percent difference in sewer readings between a town-installed sewer meter on Academy Road measuring outflow from Culver Academies, and the Academies' own meter. Doss is working with the Academy to discern the cause of the difference.

He also noted the town will flush fire hydrants the week of April 13.



PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Monterey 'crane day'

March 17 was "crane day" in Monterey. The 6000 block of Main Street was shut down for three hours in the morning Easterday Construction lifted the roof panels into place for the First National Bank of Monterey annex project, according to Kevin Berger of Easterday. The crane was set up in front of the bank and forklifts were used to maneuver the large roof panels so the crane could pick them up. The Town of Monterey took advantage of the situation and cleaned the street while it was closed, says Berger, with the project complete and the streets open "before the noon 'rush hour' it was St. Patrick's Day after all!"

In the photo at top, workers inspect panels before the lift begins, and in the lower photo, the crane poised above the bank roof.

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with questions or wishing to register should contact Millie Sytsma at 574-527-6627 or email: millie@culcom.net.

CCHS Sports Spectacular April 3

Culver Community High School will host its annual Sports Spectacular from 6 to 11 p.m. Friday, April 3 at the high school gymnasium. Doors will open at 5:30. At 6 p.m., there will be a faculty versus students volleyball game. This is followed by thirteen events that test the numerous abilities of CCHS' students. At 8 p.m., the faculty will play the students in basketball. The annual dance contest will be after the basketball game, followed by a high school dance from 9 to 11 p.m. Admission to the Sports Spectacular is \$3, and the dance will be free for high school students. All proceeds go to the Culver Community Athletic Department.

Tri Kappa art show April 24-26

Culver's Tri Kappa will hold its seventh annual Art Show Friday, April 24 from 3 to 7 p.m., Saturday, April 25 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday, April 26 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Culver Cove. Student artwork will be displayed from the Culver Academies, Culver Community Middle and High Schools. No admission fee is required.

'Dinner and a Movie' for Relay

Culver's Edgewater Grille and Uptown Cinema will host "Dinner and a Movie" in support of Culver's Relay for Life Friday, April 11. Dinner with a special Relay menu will begin at 5 p.m. The movie, "Twilight," begins at 7:30 p.m. Proceeds from the event will go to the cancer-fighting, April 17 Relay event. To make reservations for "Dinner and a Movie," call

574-842-2234. For more information on Relay, visit www.relayforlife.org/culverin or call 574-842-7777.

West benefit April 5

As reported in a previous edition of the Citizen, a benefit will be held for Culver Comm. High School senior Liz West and sister Margaret, who lost unexpectedly lost both parents in December, 2008. The event takes place Sunday, April 5 from noon to 8 p.m. at the Chippewa Bowl, 225 W Chippewa Ave. in South Bend. Included in the \$20 donation at the door are two bowling games and shoes, all you can eat lunch or dinner (depending on the time of your visit), and live entertainment. Raffles and prizes will also be part of the festivities. Questions may be directed to Missy Trent, 574-806-1745.

Maxinkuckee Players auditions May 2

Auditions for the

Maxinkuckee Players' production of "The Music Man" will take place from 9 a.m. to noon, 1 to 4 p.m. and 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday, May 2, in the Culver Community High School Auditorium.

Anyone interested should come prepared to sing a song of their choice and read from the script that we will provide. Piano players will be available or they may sing with a recording. There are parts available for all ages. Show dates are Friday, July 24; Sunday, July 26; Wednesday, July 29; Friday, July 31; Saturday, Aug. 1; and Sunday, Aug. 2. For more information, call director Becky Liechty at 574-941-2343.

Culver Kindergarten Roundup

Kindergarten Roundup for Culver Elementary district students will be held Wed., April 8 at 6 p.m. in the Culver Elementary School cafeteria. Kindergarten

Roundup for Monterey Elementary students will be held Tuesday, April 7 at 6 p.m. in the Monterey Elementary School cafeteria. To be eligible for kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old on or before Aug. 1, 2009. Children do not need to attend this informational meeting for parents.

Parents should bring a copy of the child's birth certificate to verify the date of birth, and the child's immunization record. If a parent cannot come on April 7 or April 8, contact Culver Elementary at 574-842-3389 or Monterey Elementary at 542-2601 to make other arrangements.

Budget-friendly meal programs at Grace

The Outreach Ministry at Grace United Church of Christ in Culver will present a series of nutrition and budget programs, held at the church. These will take place Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. They include Bountiful Beans (April 7), and Eating In on the Run (April 14). All programs are free and open to the

public.

Hospice volunteers needed

SouthernCare Hospice is looking for volunteers to make a difference in terminal patients, and their family's lives. If you have a little time to donate, and would like to make a difference in your life and others, please join this most rewarding volunteer program.

Many volunteer opportunities are offered including: Delivering goody bags, running errands, visiting with patients, being a part of a team, relieving caregiver, providing snacks, reading and writing.

To join the volunteer program, please contact Chelsey Beery, Volunteer Coordinator at 260-432-6075.

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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Letter to the editor

Praise for Jazz Street

On March 12, 2009, my husband and I spent a delightful evening at Culver Community High School. We attended the Jazz Street Cafe.

Dinner music was provided by Robbie McKinnis at the piano. His program was fantastic. He possesses a true talent for the piano. Then we were amply entertained by a great-sounding brass quartet.

All this while we were being served a delicious meal by some very pleasant young ladies. The service was excellent. Finally the Jazz Street vocal group appeared and presented an awesome program.

Congratulations to Diane Derrow, director, and all those involved with a wonderful evening.

Sandy Middleton
Culver

Lions Spring Fest returns May 2



Lions Club servers Judy Sawhook (left) and Kathy Berendei clown around at last year's Spring Fest.

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The Culver Lions Club annual "Spring Fest" flea market sale will take place Saturday, May 2 at the Culver Vandalia railroad station on Lake Shore Drive. Events are scheduled as follows: Breakfast, 6 a.m. to noon. Flea market, 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bake sale, 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The ever popular sausage, pancake and sausage gravy and biscuits breakfast is still only \$6 for adults and \$3 for those under 12. All proceeds from the event support numerous community activities and also State of Indiana Lion projects involving eye, hearing, cancer and speech care.

Some of the many local community projects made possible by supporting the Lions include eye screening for children ages 1 through 5, eyeglasses for those in need, children's school supplies and backpacks, children's Halloween and Christmas parties, high school senior awards night, and Senior Scholarship. The Lions also collect and recycle old eyeglasses, hearing aids, cell phones, household batteries, and ink jet cartridges, which can be deposited in the Lions drop-off boxes at the First National Bank of Monterey on N. Lake Shore Drive and the Family Vision Clinic on N. Main Street.

Police blotter

Jarrold M. Minix was charged Feb. 9 on Pearl Street in Culver with possession of a controlled substance – Hydrocodone – and battery resulting in a bodily injury to Timothy J. Yuhas.

Bryce L. Bowman, 33, of Culver was issued a citation February 12 for exceeding the posted speed limit, 50 mph in a 35 mph zone.

Thomas M. Dimino, 57, of Plymouth was issued a citation February 14 for exceeding the posted speed limit, 45 mph in a 20 mph zone.

Brooklyn L. Wheeler, 23, of Culver was issued a citation February 17 for a seatbelt violation.

Ronald D. Frickey, 49, of Columbia City, Ind. was issued a citation February 21 for exceeding the posted speed limit, 53 mph in a 35 mph zone.

Anne Marie Geller, 37, of Ora was issued a citation February 24 for exceeding the posted speed limit, 45 mph in a 30 mph zone and driving while suspended.

Barbara J. Fugate, 46, of Culver was issued a citation February 24 for a seatbelt violation.

Donald G. Boyd, 53, of Knox was issued a citation February 28 for exceeding the posted speed limit, 45 mph in a 20 mph zone and driving while suspended.

Karen Hough, 23, of Monterey was issued a citation March 1 for exceeding the posted speed limit, 35 mph in a 20 mph zone.

Laura L. Newman, 21, of Winamac was issued a citation March 1 for a seatbelt violation.

Eric T. Scott, 38, of Plymouth was issued a citation March 1 for a seatbelt violation.

Tammy M. Durbin, 32, of Winamac was issued a citation March 1 for a child restraint violation.

Trevor M. Weldon, 20, of Culver was issued a citation March 3 for a seatbelt violation.

Jamie L. Ransom, 26, of Culver was issued a citation March 9 for a seatbelt violation.

Eldon L. Doedon, 55, of Rochester was issued a citation March 9 for a seatbelt violation.

Paul W. Brust, 33, of Knox was issued a citation March 9 for a seatbelt violation.

Candace M. Stevens, 20, of Leiters Ford was issued a citation March 10 for exceeding the posted speed limit, 76 mph in a 55 mph zone.

Sarah J. Genz, 23, of Plymouth was issued a citation March 10 for disregarding a stop sign.

Jennifer L. Grubb, 42, of Kokomo, Ind. was issued a citation March 10 for a town ordinance violation.

Brian Alan Harding was charged March 15 at Lake Shore Drive and Forest Place in Culver with possession of marijuana in an amount less than 30 grams and operating a vehicle with suspended driving privileges.

Death notice - Reatherford

Avenell Reatherford
March 23, 2009

CULVER — Avenell Reatherford, 86, of Culver, died Monday, March 23, 2009 in Culver.

She is survived by son, Charles Reatherford of Culver; daughter, Linda Campbell of Ottawa, Ill.; sister, Maxine Barker of New Port Richey, Fla.; and one grandson.

Graveside services were held Friday, March 27 at 1 p.m. at Eagle Creek Cemetery.

Braman & Son Memorial Chapel, Knox, is in charge of the arrangements.

Death notice - MacTavish

James Alan MacTavish
March 25, 2009

THREE RIVERS, Mich. — James Alan MacTavish, 36, of Three Rivers, Mich., died Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at his parents' home.

He is survived by his sons: Drake and Gage MacTavish of Covington, Ga. and James A. MacTavish of Three Rivers, Mich.; parents, James L. and Cora MacTavish; brothers: Tom (Lori) Hagerman of Palmer, Mich. and Jesse MacTavish of Three Rivers, Mich.; sisters: Elizabeth (Mike) Baker of White Sulphur Springs, W.V., Heidi (James) Griffin of Fairfax, Va., Emilie (Steve) Curtis of Three Rivers, Mich. and Kristine (Kurt) Webb of Three Rivers, Mich.; and his biological father, Robert (Marcia) Hagerman of Galesburg, Mich.

Visitation was Saturday, March 28 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Eickhoff, Farrand, Halverson Chapel, Three Rivers where services were held at 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment followed in Riverside Cemetery, Three Rivers.

Memorials are being directed to Scidmore Park in Three Rivers.

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 and mailed to: The Culver Citizen, c/o The Pilot News, P.O. Box 220, Plymouth, IN 46563.

Tompos amongst Phi Theta Kappa inductees

DONALDSON – Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of two-year colleges, has inducted Culver's Sheryl Tompos and 21 other new members from Ancilla



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Ancilla students inducted in Phi Theta Kappa include (first row, left to right) Amber Beaver, Melissa Berg, Rhonda Bau, Andrea Baker, Stephanie McMillen. Second row: Sheryl Tompos, Rebecca Geib, Danielle Egger, Melanie Mullins, Cassandra Crum. Third row: Amber Edmundson, Christi Smith, Tim Huesca, Sharon Hochstetler, Rebecca Ellinger, Philip Gretter.

College for the spring semester. Those inducted to Ancilla's Beta Beta Beta chapter on March 15 include: Andrea Baker; Rhonda Bau; Amber Beaver; Melissa Berg; Matthew Bova; David Cameron; Cassandra Crum; Amber Edmundson; Danielle Egger; Rebekah Ellinger; Rebecca Geib; Philip Gretter; Amy Hajek; Sharon Hochstetler; Timothy Huesca; Matthew Mayer; Stephanie McMillen; Melanie Mullins; Leah Puckett; Christi Smith; Allen Stoneberg; and Sheryl Tompos.

To be eligible for membership a student must complete a minimum of twelve hours of associate degree course work and generally earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Students must maintain a high academic standing throughout their enrollment in the two-year college, generally a 3.25 GPA.

Community Calendar

Thurs., April 2

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

Fri., April 3

Sports Spectacular, 6 p.m., Culver Comm. High School

Sat., April 4

Community Easter egg hunt, 10 a.m., town park
Youth baseball/softball signups, 10 a.m. - noon, Culver Public Library

Sun., April 5

Liz West family benefit, noon-8 p.m., Chippewa Bowl, South Bend

Mon., April 6

Census Job Interviews, 9 a.m. - noon, 1- 4 p.m., Culver Public Library
Knitting Class, 5 p.m., Culver Public Library
DivorceCare, 7 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ

Tues., April 7

Fitness class, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library
Bountiful Beans (budget friendly meal program), 10:30 a.m., Grace United Church of Christ

Weds., April 8

Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
Culver history talk at

REAL Meals, noon, beach lodge

Euchre club, 6 - 8 p.m., Culver Public Library
Lions Club mtg., 6:30 p.m., railroad station/depot
Knights of Columbus St. John Vianney Assembly business mtg., 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's church rectory basement

Thurs., April 9

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

REAL Services menu

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

Thursday, April 2: Western omelet, pastry, diced potatoes, fresh green pepper strips, orange, margarine, and milk.

Friday, April 3: Liver and onions, dressing, mashed potatoes, sliced apples, bread & margarine, and milk.

Monday, April 6: BBQ pork, bun, sweet potato patty sweet potato patties, pineapple, and milk.

Tuesday, April 7: Beef stew w/ corn, carrots, potatoes, cauliflower/broccoli salad, peaches & cottage cheese, biscuit, and milk.

Wednesday, April 8:

Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, bread & margarine, applesauce, and milk.

Thursday, April 9: Smoked sausage, black-eyed peas, cole slaw, roll and margarine, blackberry crisp, and milk.

Friday, April 10: Hamburger w/ cheese & onion, bun, pea & cheese salad, corn, fresh fruit (in season), and milk.

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Town-wide spring cleanup, deadline approaching

A Culver community clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, May 9 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Town of Culver will provide dumpsters for people wishing to dispose of debris from their home or yard. Items that cannot be accepted include hazardous chemicals and tires. Please contact street department head Bob Porter via the information below with questions about what will be accepted.

Culver Community High School and Culver Academies students will be on hand to load debris into the dumpsters and are accepting proposals for individual projects for those in need of assistance with outdoor clean-up or basic maintenance work.

If you need help with a project at your home, please send a description of the project including the number of volunteers it requires to Bob Porter (culverstreet@townofculver.org) or call 574-292-3943. All project proposals must be for outside work; no interior jobs can be accepted. The deadline for project proposals is April 27 to allow time for organizing our volunteer crews.

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My energy audit

Last week I asked John Vialard of Marshall County REMC to do an energy audit of my house. It's an inventory of a home's energy output, followed by some energy-saving solutions – usually a free service to utility customers. I learned that while some energy innovations are great, simply cutting back makes the most sense – especially if we *all* do it.

Conserve. John Vialard pointed out that while it might seem smart to install a new wind turbine, reducing my current energy use is wiser. Turning off lights and gadgets, using less water, programming my thermostat, correctly maintaining appliances, air-drying my clothes, insulating my water heater – all add up to savings for little cost.

Seal the cracks. Air infiltration happens when outside air sneaks in uninvited through cracks or gaps. "Make sure your house is as energy-efficient as possible," John advised me. "That will automatically reduce your carbon footprint and your costs." A "tight" house is an efficient one. Homes like mine that were built around 1980 and earlier are not as snug as more recent construction. John suggested taking advantage of a cold, windy day and feeling along windows, doors, walls, and visible ductwork with my hands. Holding a candle or a feather next to possible cracks can also indicate air movement. Cheap solutions such as applying caulk or adding insulation usually does the trick.

Buy efficient appliances. Tightening up the house saves energy; so does buying energy-saving appliances like the ones with an Energy Star label. According to John Vialard, appliances are the biggest contributors to energy use in a typical home.

However, don't rush out to replace your current appliances with new ones. "Unless you know that refrigerator is really working hard," said John, "it doesn't make sense to get rid of it in favor of a newer, more efficient one. Someone else will end up using it anyway, which will still consume energy."

Invest in an efficient HVAC system. When our aged air conditioner finally wears out, John suggested replacing it with a geothermal heat pump, a newer technology that offers radical energy and cost savings. Though installing a heat pump has a hefty price tag (as high as \$10,000), if you can afford it, it is exponentially more efficient than a furnace and readily pays for itself in just a few years.

More than light bulbs. I think compact fluorescent light bulbs are the greatest thing since sliced (organic whole grain) bread. However, John told me that lighting is not a significant energy cost for most people. He pointed out that the energy-saving benefits of CFLs won't be realized until *most households* are using them – it has to be a *collective* effort. That reminded me that saving energy should not be a pursuit for "obsessed greenies;" keeping energy costs low releases funds that can be used elsewhere.

What if our local schools had energy audits? How much money could we save just by taking steps to conserve energy, and how many dollars could be released for education? What about using energy audits to help cash-strapped libraries, non-profits or churches find ways to save energy?

Start in your own home, and let's see where our collective energy savings takes us!

A new group called Watt-Watchers is meeting in the library on March 26 at 7 p.m. in the Jim Neu Room to discuss ways of saving money and energy in Marshall County. It's open to anyone! For more information, contact me at marianne-peters@comcast.net.

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HOOSIER HABITAT: EASY WAYS TO LIVE GREEN
By MARIANNE PETERS

Spring into life and death

What a strange title for an article: "Spring into Death and Life"? Well, we are at the beginning of the season of spring. The restful winter sleep of nature is ending and everything around us is returning to life once again. There is talk of putting in gardens and flowers are beginning to bud and bloom. Yet, in the church we are near the darkest time of the year. This Sunday, the Church Year turns the corner to Holy Week and marks the events of the last week of our Lord's ministry which leads Him to death on the cross. On Sunday, the Church will celebrate our Lord's Triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Amidst the shouts of "Hosanna!" our Lord enters Jerusalem one final time. This past Sunday we learned the reason for this as Jesus said to His disciples, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man

will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; and they will mock Him, and scourge

head, and you shall bruise His heel." (Genesis 3:15)

Following the "celebration" which takes place on Palm Sunday, the mood of the Church changes from joyful excitement to one of somberness as the focus is shifted to the Passion of our Lord.

Holy Week is at times referred to as "the inner sanctuary" and "the holy of holies" of Lent. The curtain of the holy of holies is now raised and we

are permitted to view for ourselves what transpires within the inner sanctuary. As we recall the depth of Christ's agony in the torture chamber and on the cross, we are compelled to remember that our sins brought all this upon Him. So we search our souls and humble our hearts on Good Friday, the darkest of all days in the Church Year. We also are reminded once

again that through the death of Christ, our Great High Priest, we have gained free access to God by the forgiveness of our sins. What happens in this week makes us members of God's royal and universal priesthood, which includes all believers and only believers in Christ.

But do not despair, for the solemnity of Good Friday will be shattered by the lights, the shouts of joy, the singing, and the return of the "Alleluia" on Easter Sunday. From the darkest day of the Church Year on Good Friday, the people of God will leap to the highest festival of the Church Year on Easter Sunday. We will participate in the "feast of victory" with all the saints of God as we rejoice in Christ's victory over death which is also our victory.

May God bless your observance and celebration during this Holy Week of the Church Year.



Pastor's Corner

By Pastor K.C. Dehning
Trinity Lutheran Church

Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again." (Mark 10:33-34)

The promise made to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden following their rebellion against God and their fall into sin is about to be fulfilled. "I will put enmity between you (the devil) and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your

Nostalgia

100 years ago April 1, 1909

- Mr. H.H. Austin has sold his five-legged horse and returned with his wife from their winter's canvassing tour throughout Indiana.

- Albert Overmyer, new owner of the flour mill, will move to Culver from his farm about five miles northwest of Culver and will spend about four weeks repairing and improving the mill.

- Veteran Burr Oak station agent George W. Maxey is still in critical condition after inhaling the poisoned air from the freshly repainted depot.

- L.W. Keech of Kewanna has rented the second floor of the bakery building and will move his cigar factory to Culver, to open about April 5.

70 years ago

March 29, 1939

- All known records for March were broken Friday, when the temperature reached 78 degrees.

- Col. and Mrs. F.L. Hunt returned from Washington D.C. where they attended the world premiere showing of "The Spirit of Culver" movie, along with Admiral Rodman, several army officers, and alumni.

50 years ago

April 1, 1959

- Culver High School students share what they like best about spring. Mike Fitterling: "I don't have to waste any gas!" Anne Osborn: "The feeling that comes with it." Joyce Morrison: "I love to see

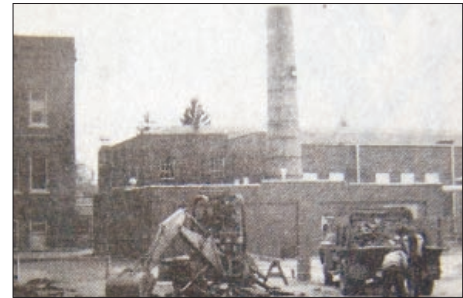
the flowers and buds on the trees."

- Gas Bonded Service Station reminds you to ready your car for warm weather now with radiator flushing and rust proofing and car washing and waxing. The station is located on Lake Shore Drive across from the town park.

25 years ago

April 4, 1984

- The Culver VFW Post 6919 and Ladies Auxiliary have donated the money for a fishing pier in the town park, and Rod Martindale will donate the la-



PHOTO/CITIZEN ARCHIVES

Name that Culver "citizen"

Last week's "mystery citizen" was, of course, veteran Culver Community High School Industrial Technology teacher Tom Schmidt. This week's mystery citizen is a familiar face to many Culver shoppers.

As always, readers are encouraged to try to identify the pictured Culver "citizen." The prize for the correct guess is still the undying admiration of your editor.



Above: last week's mystery: a recent photo of Tom Schmidt.

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Harper honored as Jones Fellow

James T. Harper Sr. (second from left) was presented a Melvin Jones Fellow plaque during a special ceremony for dedicated humanitarian services. This award was presented to Jim by Past International Director Dennis Cobler (at left) at the District 25 G Convention held in Plymouth March 7. Also pictured are James Harper's wife, Ina (at right of Harper) and Sam Fryback, Lions District 25G Governor. Harper has served as Chaplain for the Culver Lions Club and for 4 years as the District 25 G Chaplain. He has also served on the District Membership Team and has presented this program two years at the Lions Midwinter Leadership Conference for the Lions of Indiana. Harper has been an active member of the Culver Lions Club for nine years since returning to his boyhood home of Culver. The Melvin Jones Fellow is given to those whose contributions make a difference in the lives of our community and area. —Art Birk.

CMA's Young to wrestle at West Point

Culver Military Academy's Daniel Young, seated center, shakes hands with father Mark, seated left, March 25 after signing on to wrestle at the United States Military Academy at West Point. Also pictured is mother Deborah, seated right, CMA assistant athletic director Mike Norton, standing left, and CMA wrestling head coach Matt Behling, standing right.

Sports brief

Boys lacrosse Eagles win easily

Brandon Benn scored six goals and assisted on three more to lead Culver Military's lacrosse team to a 16-2 win over Houston (Tenn.) Saturday.

Bud Lowans chipped in a trio of goals and three assists, while Tommy Ott and Cameron Garrison tallied two goals apiece.

• CULVER MILITARY 16, HOUSTON (Tenn.) 2
At Germantown, Tenn.

CMA goals: Brandon Benn 6, Bud Lowans 3, Tommy Ott 2, Cameron Garrison 2, Sean Thompson 1, Cameron Dabir 1, John Sabo 1. CMA assists: Benn 3, Lowans 3, Ott 5, Thompson 1, Blake Saylor 1, Pierce Leonard 2. CMA shots: 23. CMA saves: Robb Harrison 2, Colton Armitage 3. CMA record: 3-0.

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and other costs associated with campus facilities (utilities alone totaling around \$4 million annually), and student programs and services such as athletics and fine arts derive from the endowment fund.

Culver also has economic advisors to aid in investments, with an investment strategy of choosing steady, solid investment opportunities. "We don't try to hit a (stock market) home run," Tompos said. "We can't afford to. We can't afford to go down as fast as the stock market."

The school's investment money is fairly diversified and spread out over the world, with a portfolio around \$168 million as of Dec. 31, 2008.

"You might think, 'Wow, that's lot of money...you must have all you need,'" suggested Tompos. But, based on operating costs for the school, he said, that amount is relative and not enough, hence such campaigns as By Example, which seek large donations from some donors. Still, he said, the amount falls short of total operating costs. "That's the way it is with boarding schools...it's what you're providing. If we chopped the academy in half and closed all those buildings, it would be enough. But that's not our mission. We've done astronomically well relative to our benchmarks and our peers."

Tompos said Culver's investment approach translated to a loss during last year's nationally disastrous fourth quarter of nine percent, rather than the 25 percent many investors lost. Still, Culver is feeling economic woes along with the rest of the nation, and is working to continue raising money while reducing cost. The school did make money in January rather than losing it like so many, said Tompos, "So we're taking care of the money we have."

Recent streamlining at Culver Academies has included freezing wages and hiring, though Tompos stressed head of schools John Buxton's "number one goal" involves "trying our darndest not to get rid of anybody (or) any benefits."

Since 66 percent of the school's expenses are wages and benefits, making cuts on the remaining 33 percent of operating costs at the "very, very fixed expense operation" that is Culver Academies has included asking each department head to cut 10 percent of his or her department's budget, though the school is not dictating how.

"All expenses are rising," noted Tompos. "Everything's rising...look at some of the drastic measures some of the colleges and universities are making. Harvard and Yale have reduced head count significantly."

"We haven't felt everything yet (economically). We're just putting our toe in now. They say it's going to be years before that trickle down hits us."

Tompos also explained - in response to audience queries - 35 percent of winter school students are receiving financial aid due to financial need, while 12 percent attend via a merit-based program, totaling 47 percent of Culver students on some form of scholarship. About five percent - or around 40 students - of winter school students currently receive a "full ride" scholarship based on academic merit. About one percent of summer school students receive similar aid, Tompos added.

Promoting truer beauty

At left, Elise Paré of Culver is given a touch-up by Fort Wayne Arbonne make-up artist Leigh Anne Busch at a March 15 event held at the LifePlex in Plymouth to prepare Marshall County models for this year's Pure Fashion show at South Bend's Hilton Garden Inn Sunday, April 26 from 2 to 6:30 p.m. with fashion show and entertainment at 4 p.m. This will be the third annual show in Michiana, featuring local students modeling styles that meet high standards for both attractiveness and modesty. Models have been preparing for the show for months with an entire development program which includes training in etiquette, public speaking, make-up application and of course, modeling. Most importantly, these young women have been given a new appreciation for the virtues and values too often forgotten in recent fashion design. One such virtue is modesty.

Local coordinator Cindy Casper says funds are greatly needed to facilitate local students' participation in this year's show. She may be contacted at 574-892-5074 or bdcasper@hotmail.com. For more information, or to purchase tickets, log on to www.purefashion.com.

Training for Tour de Max

Tour de Max '09 - Part 4 of a four-part series

By Karen Heim
Culver Tri Kappa/Tour de Max
Okay. You have your bike and it is ready for Tour de Max. But are you?

Having your bike all set to ride is one thing, but you have to power it on the road, so you need to be ready, too. If you are going to ride around the lake, you probably don't need to do a lot of training, perhaps just a couple miles per day three or four days per week.

However, if you are going to head out on the longer 30- or 63-mile routes, you need to prepare your body for the distance.

Just to be safe, here's the disclaimer. If you haven't been doing a lot of physical activity lately, check with your doctor before starting a new exercise program.

With the green light from your physician, it is now time to put in some miles.

The following schedule is a suggestion. If you would like more information on training, go to Bicycling magazine's website www.bicycling.com or www.hell-week.com/training.html.

To prepare for the 30-mile ride, plan on riding five to seven miles per day three times per week, with a longer ride of 10 to 12 miles on the weekend. Each week, gradually increase the distance of the rides by a mile or two. Gradually increase the length of the long weekend ride until you can ride 20 to 25 miles comfortably. Follow this schedule for six weeks and you should be able to complete the 30-mile ride without difficulty.

A similar training schedule will prepare you for the 63-mile ride. Four times per week, ride seven to 10 miles per day with a long weekend ride of at least 12 to 15

miles. Each week, increase the mileage until your daily rides are 10 to 15 miles long and your weekend ride is at least 40 miles.

Whether you plan to ride the 30- or 63-mile route, it is not necessary to ride that distance during your training program. Steadily building strength and endurance over a six-week period will get you to the finish line.

Now that you have a plan, it's time to ride. As you start your training rides, don't speed into them. Start slowly, allowing your body to warm up for the first 10 minutes or so of your ride.

Once you are warmed up and on your way, don't worry so much about speed as you do your cadence, the speed at which you turn your pedals. Many people get on their bike, put it in a high gear and try to power their way through a ride at a slower cadence and higher effort.

Rather than wear your legs out after the first hill, try putting your bike in a lower gear and pedal at a faster cadence, ideally 60 to 80 revolutions per minute. New bicyclists will be closer to 60, while experienced cyclists will have a cadence of 80 or higher.

After your training rides, two parts of your body probably will be speaking to you: your legs and your posterior region.

Taking some time to stretch your legs, especially your quadriceps and hamstrings will help you feel better on future rides. Bending your leg at the knee and holding your foot will stretch your quads while bending at the waist, leaving the knees soft, will help stretch your hamstrings. Be gentle when you stretch

and don't go to the point of pain.

For your posterior, time on the bike will help. You can also try different seats, like a larger one or a gel seat that will give you a little more comfort. If you are planning to put in a good amount of miles, you might want to invest in a pair of biking shorts that have extra padding where it is needed.

Another thing to remember is hydration. Your bike probably has a water bottle holder. Use it. If you are going at a leisurely pace you may not need as much water or sports drink as you might if you are trying to set a land speed record, but it is good to sip a little bit as needed, especially on a warmer day. Just remember, if you are thirsty, you are already starting to dehydrate.

Remember the rules of the road. Ride with traffic, off to the right as much as possible. Use arm signals to alert motorists of the direction you are heading. Using your left arm stick it out straight to indicate you are turning left. If you are turning right, still using your left arm, bend it at the elbow so that your arm forms a right angle, with your hand pointing up.

Finally, always remember your helmet.

Tour de Max, sponsored by Tri Kappa, begins at 7 a.m., Saturday, May 16 at the Culver Beach Lodge. Three routes are available, 10, 30, and 63 miles. SAG stops with water and food will be provided along the route. Registration forms can be found at local businesses as well as at www.geocities.com/tour_de_max.



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As I walked the worn trail to Alfred's home I heard a peculiar noise in the undergrowth. I leaned in closer to investigate, precisely at the moment that Alfred should decide to jump out like a madman. I do admit that he gave me quite a fright, alas, far worse events would occur that day.

Alfred and I pondered the tasks we could accomplish on that lovely afternoon and established that it was too late in the day to explore the deep confines of the woods. We were not equipped for an underwater excursion of the pond, egro, we settled on climbing the massive tree on the edge of Alfred's property. This is where my adventure began.

Alfred and I climbed to one of the highest boughs of the huge sycamore tree and gazed over all of Alfred's land. I, attempting to position myself better in the mess of limbs, stepped on a skinnier branch than the one I had previously stood on. Upon applying my complete weight on the branch I heard a loud splintering noise and shrieked out in alarm. I heard Alfred issue an equally loud shout before I descended into the clutter of twigs and branches below. I recoiled off several boughs while grouping, with my eyes shut tight against the sharp twigs, for a large enough branch to catch hold of.

I grasped a bough that bore many painfully spiky knots and held on, fearing for my existence. As I hung there my heart hammered painfully in my chest, threatening to make me lose my grip and plummet to my death. I peered out from behind my eyelids to behold

Alfred agilely making his way to the bough where I hung on for dear life. He held out his hand, which I took appreciatively, and with much strife, he managed to pull me up so that I was seated in an upright position on the branch.

Mackinna Burleson (CES grade 2)

If I were alive when Abraham Lincoln was alive I would live in a cabin. I would have to cut down trees to make a path for the horses.

To learn I would have to walk or ride a horse a mile to get to the schoolhouse. I would sleep on a cot or a bunk bed. I would have to wear a dress almost every day. The people couldn't watch TV all day because there was no technology in those days. There was not much food to eat. All the food would have to be killed or found. Black people were slaves when Abraham was a little boy. Black people couldn't do what they wanted to do. White people weren't allowed to play with black people. Black and white people went to separate schools.

At state level, Culver BPA is 'little school that could'

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

In Indiana's Business Professionals of America, Culver Community High School could be called "the little school that could."

Once again, the CCHS BPA program sent a raft of students to the BPA state competition in Indianapolis, and once again a surprising number of students from the small school will fly to the national BPA competition, this year in Dallas, to compete against nearly 20 states and close to



Culver BPA members qualifying to compete in the state championships in Indianapolis, pictured here, include (front row, left to right) Alex Hnatusko, Kalie Thompson, Kaitlyn Comiskey, Gavin Norton, Shannon Dunfee, Cameron Turney, Mark Maes. Back row: Jackie Bauer, Kaceigh Ahlenius, Paige Norwich, Shae Harris, Colton Measels, Nick Arzola, Chelsey Jones, Ben Haut, Clarissa Baker, Myles Pinder (in back).

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2,000 other winning students.

Eight students in all (five seniors, a junior, and one each freshman and sophomore) this year will head to Dallas, says BPA sponsor and CCHS business instructor Mike Schwartz, not a bad number considering how many long-time BPA members at Culver graduated last year, giving way to a 2009 club populated by a number of freshmen or first-time BPA competitors. Even then, Schwartz says he was struck by how many CCHS BPA members barely missed the coveted nationals placement (which requires at least fifth place ranking in one's competition at state) by minuscule percentages, in one case a tenth of a point. Otherwise, even more Culverites would be Dallas-bound.

One veteran of BPA competitions is senior Myles Pinder, whose third place ranking in interview skills at Indianapolis sent him to state. Pinder – along with fellow senior Shannon Dunfee, also earned the prestigious Ambassador Torch Award, which is non-competitive but required a number of hours of community service efforts in seven categories including patriotism, citizenship, knowledge, cooperation, and others.

"It was exciting this year because even though we had a lot of young kids (in BPA), we had a lot of individuals and groups make it to finals," notes Pinder, who adds he's "excited about going to Dallas."

Sophomore Mark Maes, in his second year of BPA, is the second CCHS student to rank as BPA vice president on a state-wide level. "Mark was the highlight of the night (at the state competition)," quips Schwarz, "and he slept through all of it."

Maes was the "victim" of a hypnotist at the event, and says he remembers none of the absurd antics in which he engaged onstage. But Maes will have plenty to remember in his new position, which this year absorbs the work of two other state-level BPA positions in the wake of cutbacks from the Department of Education and streamlining within the state organization. Maes' position kicks off in June.

Cameron Turney, the only freshman from Culver headed to nationals, is particularly excited about her journey, since Dallas is her birthplace and continues to be home to several family members. Sending her to nationals was a paper written last year on then-rising gas prices and their effect on the national economy. "I was hoping to make at least fifth place," says Turney, who instead placed second in state. "That was a lot higher than my expectations, especially being a freshman."

Turney plans to work with the school's speech coach to prepare for the national competition.

Senior Kalie Thompson returned this year to BPA competition for the first time since her freshman year, heading to nationals in Fundamental Word Processing. "I'm so ex-

cited (to go to nationals), I can't wait. I've never been on a plane, so I'm a little nervous. I'm going to...try really hard," she says.

Senior Ben Haut will compete at nationals for the second year in a row, placing fourth in the nation last year in the highly technical CISCO systems competition. Senior Nick Arzola will be competing in PC servicing and troubleshooting, for which he'll have to haul his own printer and laptop to Dallas with him.

Junior Gavin Norton was one of several Culver competitors who initially missed nationals qualification by a tiny percentage -- in this case just a tenth of a point -- but news of the winner from another school dropping out of Dallas means Norton will be on the plane, competing in Medical Office Procedures.

Senior Shannon Dunfee won't compete at nationals but will serve as a state officer and thus voting delegate in Dallas. Besides being excited to join other delegates at Six Flags Dallas, Dunfee says she's especially proud of all CCHS' state competitors. "We had a new group this year, but everyone surprised themselves and me. I was very impressed."

"These people are going to nationals because they were willing to come in and put in a lot of extra time," notes Schwartz, "and they're being rewarded for doing it."

"The fact that we are going to nationals for the sixth consecutive year just confirms we're doing something right. Without students willing to study and be committed to BPA, we wouldn't have this success."

There's no question the Culver BPA program is disproportionately successful for its size, making waves across the state for its remarkable success. "The nice thing is," adds Schwartz, "we have kids that are involved and want to carry on the tradition. We have already

had some top-notch students...say they want to go on. That's a key, when you continue to get quality people to want to join and sustain the tradition."

Schwartz also thanked local chaperones to the state competition Glenn and Sandy Dunfee, besides his assistant Alicia Toll.

Another key to the group's success, he explains, is community support, especially when it comes to the cost of flying several students – as well as Schwartz and his wife as chaperones – to nationals each year, besides the cost of a hotel, meals, and a rental vehicle. This year's trip, he says, will be shorter and more streamlined to save money, with "fun" stops likely confined to the John F. Kennedy assassination site and Fort Worth's historic stockyards. There's a great need, though, for funding support to make the trip happen, with the effort costing nearly \$7,000 total, a portion of which was offset by BPA bake sales and percentages of a CCHS basketball history book, plus each student kicking in \$200.

"Without community support, these trips wouldn't be possible," Schwartz says, adding any contribution will be greatly appreciated.

Those wishing to contribute may do so at the Culver Community High School; checks may be made out "CCHS," with a notation of "BPA NLC trip."

CCHS BPA National Leadership Qualifiers: Nick Arzola (PC Servicing & Troubleshooting, Computer Security – sixth place), Shannon Dunfee (Ambassador Torch Award, State Officer), Ben Haut (PC Servicing and Troubleshooting – third place), Mark Maes (State Officer), Gavin Norton (Medical Office Procedures – sixth place), Myles Pinder (Interview Skills – third place, Ambassador Torch Award), Kalie Thompson (Basic Office Systems and Procedures – fifth place), Cameron Turney (Economic Research Project – Individual – second place).

Others Placing at State or Making Final Round: Kaceigh Ahlenius (Keyboarding Production – sixth place), Alex Hnatusko (Entrepreneurship – sixth place), Ben Haut (CISCO Systems Administration – sixth place, Information Technology Concepts – sixth place, Management/Marketing/HR Concepts – sixth place), Myles Pinder (Banking and Finance – tenth place), Paige Norwich, Jackie Bauer, Colton Measels, Kaceigh Ahlenius (Economic Research Project – Team – sixth place), Shannon Dunfee, Alex Hnatusko, Mark Maes, Gavin Norton (Presentation Management Team – sixth place).

Other Close Finishes: Clarissa Baker (Keyboarding Production -- twelfth place), Cameron Turney (Legal Office Procedures – eleventh place).

CES students of the month

CULVER — Culver Elementary School has named its students of the month for February.

- **Kindergarten:** Codell Neace-Phillips, Emily Jefferies, Abbi Richard, Tyler Rogers
- **Grade 1:** Anna Blocker, Lucas Cobern, Jacob Fisher, Fiona McLellan
- **Grade 2:** Alex Wagner, Shawn Bell, Austin Danielson, Sebastian Danley
- **Grade 3:** Jake Rodgers, Raymie Shoop, Cara Oquendo, Danny Cook, Sierra Craig, Ethan Shuman
- **Grade 4:** Brooke Dekoker, Zackary Kisela, Alan Dilts
- **Grade 5:** Maddie Justis, Justine Dexter, Jillyn Kline, Jamie Smith, Megan Brady, Gary Braasch
- **Grade 6:** Emmalee Shepherd, Jerrod Betts, Dustie Pier, Melissa Jewell, Seth Gonzalez

CES 'Culver's Best'

CULVER — Culver Elementary School has announced its "Culver's Best" for February. Students named to the list include: Erin Renneker, Matthew Cole, Teeno Hite, Caitlyn Cowell, Micayla Rose, Kenny Van De Putte, Lindsay Emery, Gavan Compton, Cecilia Kenny, Baylee Elizalde, Jaime Smith, Jade Overmyer, Debbie Combs, Shea Elliott, Mackenna Evans, Cheyenne Durbin, Kayleen VanNstrand, Justine Dexter, Nathan Jolly, Kelsey Shaffer, Margaret McKinnis, Jennah McCarthy, Blake Minix, Madison Marks-Porter, Angela Lewellen, Kamden Smith, Alexandra Temme, Hunter Lutt, Madison Shedrow, Brendan Palya, Shianne Moss, Krisonica Hesters, Nolan Shaffer, Leah Minix, Michael Moore, Dennis Klausing, Kena Dulin, Missy Jewell, Gracey Sherman, Monica Lloyd, Brenden Brown, Russell Temme, Cheyanne Powers, Erin Bendy, Luke Schaller, Dominick Basham

CES A/B honor roll

Culver Elementary School announces its third grading period A/B honor roll

- **Grade 1:** Isabelle Ahlenius, Kailyn Ahlenius, William Baldwin, Emily Bendy, Alexis Berdine, Ashley Black, Anna Blocker, Adrian Borys, Dakota Clark, Aysia Conley, Nicholas Cornwall, Nicole Dekoker, Grant Dexter, Zachary Ditmire, Jadyn Evans, Jacob Fisher, Trista Fritter, Drake Gross, Alexis Grove, Caden Grove, Lily Hayes, Jack Hedger, Gabriel Hissong, Kagnie Hoffman, Chloe Hough, Haley Howard, Makenzie Hymel, Allan James, Owen Keller, Zane Kisela, Emma Krueger, Hunter Manns, Fiona McLellan, Rachel Nash, Erin Renneker, Dana Rodgers, Lilly Sayavongsing, Izabella Scott, Brooklyn Sellers, Nolan Shaffer, Gabriel Sherman, John Sieber, Kamden Smith, Carter Stevens, Alexandra Temme, Ryan Tompos, Owen Valiquet, Jordan Walker, Mariah Wilkinson, Robert Wynn, Brittany Young, Donovan Ziaja
- **Grade 2:** Jazmyn Beitler, Dakota Bennett, Justin Bennett, Shelby Blair, Jeremiah Brady, Madison Brewer, Mackenzie Buckman, Mackinna Burleson, Rebecca Christlieb, Sunora Clingler, Wyatt Coiner, Marcella Cooper, Adrian Craig, Leland Crull, Michael Crum, Austin Danielson, Skylar Dare, Lillian Gregorash, Abigail Gregory, Katherine Heim, Corey Jefferies, Allison Jones, Trenton Jones, Gabrielle Kegley, Weston Keller, Nora Kline, Devin Kolbold, Sarah Luttrell, Brandon Meeks, Jenna Moise, Sarah Morrison, Taylor Noah, Austin Otteman, Maranda Otteman, Allison Pearl, Haley Pennington, Kaitlyn Renneker, Alynna Richard, Hunter Ringer, Sara Ringer, Samuel Schaller, Hailey Shipley, Samantha Smith, Ethan Stacy, Nicolas Vela, Alex Wagner, Christian Zakhi
- **Grade 3:** Daniel Aguilar, Marcellus Anderson, Mackenzie Barnhart, Joseph Baumgartner, Michael Boland, Cotey Catalano, Pierce Ellert, Jasmyne Fowler, Sean Gormaly, Logan Kephart, Dylan Lewandowski, Tracey Lindvall, Jessie Maurer, Benjamin Myers, Brooklyn Noble, Cara Oquendo, Elise Oquendo, Sydney Pritz, Lindsey Proskoy, Reilly Reinhold, Cody Rieckhoff, Landon Roberts, Jake Rodgers, Shea Ruhly, Cody Russell, Raymie Shoop, Brianna Smith, Hayley Wilkinson
- **Grade 4:** Erin Bendy, Brennin Betts, Elizabeth Ellert, Alexandria Harris, Brandon Havron, Tanner Hoffman, Patrick Kline, Josh Krsek, Matthew Markovitz, Cameron Marrs, Gomer Minix, Jackson Rich, Alyssa Stockberger, Jordan Wynn
- **Grade 5:** Machayla Allen, Daniel Bettinelli, Courtney Black, Hannah Boland, Megan Brady, Caitlyn Cowell, Shannon Deery, Cheyenne Durbin, Danny Flenner, Teeno Hite, Marisa Howard, Madeline Justis, Cecilia Kenney, Everett Krueger, Maria Lindvall, Jennah McCarthy, Margaret McKinnis, Kelsey Shaffer, Abigail Surrisi, Tyler Thomas, Anna Tompos, Cody Valiquet, Kenneth Vandeputte
- **Grade 6:** Jerrod Betts, Katie Blocker, Colin Deon, Mickella Hardy, Haley Klimaszewski, Frank Kline, Angela Lewellen, Dustie Pier, Brendon Pinder, Paxton Schmidt, Summer Turney, Shianne Wagner, Megan Yeager

New community center helps with jobs, recovery, more

The Mor Gregorios Community Center at St. Mary the Protectress Syriac Orthodox Church, 1000 South Michigan Street, Plymouth, will be dedicated Saturday, April 4, by St. Mary's bishop Mar John Cassian Lewis, starting at 10 a.m. Mar Cassian will also bless the computers used by the community center's employment program.

The dedication will start with Morning Prayer at 10 a.m. with special prayers for the current economic crisis, for those served by the center and those who have provided the equipment and assistance to develop the center, followed by a reception in the community center. The public is invited to attend.

The Center includes an

employment program with help with online job searches, preparing resumes, learning and practicing interview skills, and other employment related activities. Indiana Workforce Development trained the volunteers and Workforce Development, Ancilla College, and others within the surrounding communities provided the computers.

Also included at the Center is a 12-step recovery program including classes and small groups for those with problems with addictions, hurts, hang-up, and other problems. All of the community center's programs seek to be supportive, respectful, and are always confidential. Programs are for all people. Participants can be of any

faith or no faith.

The Mor Gregorios Community Center is open Sunday 12 noon to 4 p.m.; Monday, Thursday, and Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

St. Mary's is located at 1000 South Michigan Street, Plymouth, Indiana, in the A-Frame building on the corner of Oak

Hill Avenue and Michigan Street across from Webster Elementary School. For more information call Father Theodosius Walker at 574-540-2048, or email the church at monastery@synesius.com.

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