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In Brief

Festival of Christmas concert at St. Mary's

The public is invited to a Festival of Christmas concert Sunday, January 10 at 2 p.m., at St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church in Culver. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is the last day of the Church's Christmas season, so let's celebrate! The concert will be presented by various members of St. Mary's music ministry, including St. Mary's own "South of 30", featuring members of the Chris Sayer family. There is no charge to attend this event.

Community meal at Grace Jan. 15

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

Commissions accepting letters of interest

The Town of Culver is accepting letters of interest for various commissions. Those interest should send letters of intent to the Town of Culver, 200 E. Washington St., Culver, IN, 46511 no later than 4 p.m. Jan. 12. The Culver Plan Commission is in need of one appointment who resides within the corporate limits who is registered as a Republican. This appointment will be made by the town council president.

The Culver Redevelopment Commission is in need of five appointments who reside within the corporate limits. Three of these appointments will be made by the town council president and two of these appointments will be made by the town council. Appointments will be made at the town council meeting scheduled for Jan. 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Museum offers Culver winter display

The Center for Culver History museum, located in the lower level of the Carnegie portion of the Culver Public Library, will feature a display relating to winters of Culver's past, including artifacts, images, and information pertaining to Culver's renowned ice in-

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Women of distinction

ABOVE: Culver's Epsilon Nu chapter of the Tri Kappa philanthropic sorority recently celebrated 50 years of serving the Culver community through education, charity, and culture (SEE STORY BELOW). Pictured at the celebration are (left to right) Epsilon Nu president Colleen Denham, Anne Nelson, the only founding member of the original group still in the area, and Associate member Sherrill Fujimurra, the only of Culver's many members to have served on the state level of Tri Kappa. In the upper left corner is a photo from December, 1959 of original founding officers listed as (left to right) Mrs. Kenneth Kraning, Mrs. John Edgell, Mrs. Lester Snyder, Mrs. J. Dick Newman, Mrs. Glen C. Coolman, Mrs. Walter J. Muelhausen, Mrs. J.W. Henderson, and Mrs. Chester Cleveland. Below the photo is a 1990s era advertisement for one of the local chapter's very popular Culver area home tours.

Culver's Tri Kappa : five decades of giving, teaching

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Fifty years ago December 14, a Culver-based service organization took shape which would serve the community quietly but significantly over the next five decades. The Epsilon Nu chapter of Kappa Kappa Kappa – better known as Tri Kappa – celebrated its half-century of accomplishments December 7 with a gala evening of memories and rededication to its mission, at the City Tavern in Culver.

Tri Kappa is a state-wide organization for women founded in Indianapolis in 1901 by seven young ladies attending the Girls' Classical School in Indianapolis, according to the state organization's website, trikappa.org. The December 16, 1959 Culver Citizen reported Culver's was the 120th chapter of the sorority, and was installed here "with impressive rites," having been sponsored by successful nearby chapters in Plymouth, Rochester, and Logansport. Epsilon Nu's founding officers included Mrs. C. Glenn Coolman, president; Mrs. Lester Snyder, vice-president; Mrs. John W. Henderson, recording secretary; Mrs. Chester Cleveland, treasurer; Mrs. Charles Kaufmann, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Walter J. Muelhausen, co-chair of the ways and means committee; Mrs. Kenneth K. Kraning, publicity chairman; and Mrs. J. Dick Newman. The installation luncheon, reported the *Citizen*, was held at the Culver Inn and included a table set for 34 (which included state officers and sponsoring members from surrounding towns), and was a "delightful affair." An "impressive ritualistic candlelight ceremony" to install the new chapter and its officers followed at the East Shore Drive residence of Mrs. Edgell, the *Citizen* noted.

The only remaining member of the original organization still involved in Culver's Tri Kappa today, Ann Nelson, was present at the December 7 celebration last month, notes Colleen Denham, now in her second year as Epsilon Nu president, and her seventh on the board. "All the others are gone or have passed away," she adds.

At the celebration dinner, says Denham, state officers joined active, inactive, and associate members of the local chapter. Sherrill Fujimurra spoke to the group of her time as the only local member to serve as the state level (as Province Officer in 1990 for two years). Ann Nelson discussed with the group being the youngest member of the group who started Epsilon Nu in 1959, and Terri Baker recalled being the only member to serve two non-consecutive terms as president (in 1996 to 1998, and then 2002 to 2003). The chapter also recognized, at the dinner, Susan Thews, active since 1977 and the longest-running active member of the group. Thews' mother, Lyla Campbell, was a very active member for years in Culver, notes Denham. Susan's daughter Emily Thews has been initiated and is a collegiate member.

"It was a great time to have our 50th," says Denham. "It was one of our strongest years. Last year, since the 2008-2009 fiscal year ended in July, we took in over \$19,000. With Chairs for Charity, we grossed well over \$10,000, our biggest fund raiser to date. The longest-running annual fundraiser is Tour de Max. In 2010, it will be 12 years.

"When (the state organization) was founded in 1901, there were all these men's clubs," Denham explains. "Tri Kappa is unique in that it is still by invitation only. We look for women who embody the See Anniversary page 2

Culver's Tri Kappa - Epsilon Nu: A look back

Compiled by Colleen Denham,
Culver Tri Kappa Epsilon Nu president

The first year: 1960-61

February: Donated \$60 to support the library's summer reading program prizes

March: District Music Contest: Eppley Theater, three local winners

April: Mary Curry's oil painting selected one of top paintings in state

May: Pledges honored, Spring Flowers Luncheon, 25 guests and members

June: District Convention at the Van Orman Hotel, Fort Wayne

July: Initiated 16 new members and hosted a Bridge Benefit

August: \$30 donation to Tommye Lou Glaze's "Miss America" expense fund (Glaze was Miss Plymouth, then Miss Indiana 1960, and went on to place as fourth runner up in the Miss America competition).

September: Silver Coffees – mental health program

October: Halloween party and Silver Coffees – Mental Health

November: Entertained husbands – Culver Inn and movie

December: "Go on Sale" Luscious shelled pecans arrive from the south

50 Years of Serving Culver (A partial listing)

1962: Bazaar, Christmas in August, Culver Inn.
Top Bonanza, \$1,600 collected
Nurses scholarship, Benefit
Bridge Party See Epsilon page 9

PHOTO/PAUL PARÉ



A wild ride

Left: Winter in Culver just wouldn't be winter without taking to the hills with sled in tow. Paul Paré captured a blissful moment for daughters Elise (left) and Arielle on one of the snow-covered hills of the Culver Academies Woodcraft Camp. Snow arriving last weekend added to the merriment at popular local sledding spots such as Devil's Backbone as well.

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A heartfelt gift

Residents of Culver Miller's Merry Manor were warmly greeted with lap quilts for Christmas by the members of Susanna Circle Quilters of Wesley United Methodist Church. The quilters sewed thirty-two Christmas themed flannel lap quilts to be given at Miller's annual Christmas party. Due to the economy, fewer donations were made this year, said Christine Baker, Activities Director, who added she was especially thankful for the generous and heartfelt gift.

Pictured in the photo above, from left to right: Susanna member Judy Patton, Christine Baker, Susanna members Alisha Konrad and Elaine Averill.

Michiana's Military Mail Call project makes Culver connection

SOUTH BEND — The recently concluded Military Mail Call project, which resulted in more than 25,000 holiday greetings cards sent to U.S. troops stationed overseas, has made a surprising local connection.

Military Mail call was an initiative encouraging local area citizens of all ages to write supportive notes or letters to United States Armed Forces troops stationed overseas. Martin's Super Markets donated thousands of cards to the effort, and its 20 area stores acted as public collection points. In addition, many local schools, churches and social organizations contributed to the card-writing effort.

Plymouth resident Wendy Jennings, whose son, SPC Adam Van Meter, 2007 graduate of Culver Community High School, is stationed in Afghanistan, received a call from him Dec. 8 to tell her his unit had just received a package with Christmas cards from Martin's Super Markets, as did others in his unit. Van Meter immediately assumed his mother was behind the effort, as she is a pharmacy technician at Martin's.

"I told him I hadn't given anyone his address," said a surprised Jennings. "Adam said the other men in his unit also received packages of letters."

It was purely a coincidence that the cards from Michiana residents made it to Van Meter's unit, the 1613th Engineering Battalion from LaPorte. The unit was deployed in March of 2009, and anticipates a return home in March of 2010.

"Adam was proud to be able to say that his mom worked for the company that thought to do this for the soldiers," Jennings said. "The unit wanted me to thank everyone who took the time to write a card of support. As a mom, I want to thank the company and the community for giving the spirit of Christmas to them."

SPC Van Meter was working at Rochester Metals when he was deployed. His wife, Kayla, resides in Rochester.

Martin's Super Markets, headquartered in South Bend, acted as coordinating partner of the Military Mail Call project, an initiative of two area organizations: Camouflage Kids and Blue Star Mothers.

Camouflage Kids, founded by Jeff Nix, is dedicated to supporting the children of our service men and women. Blue Star Mothers is an organization whose membership has a son or daughter serving in one of the armed forces branches.

Martin's Super Markets was founded in 1947 and currently has 20 stores in South Bend, Mishawaka, Granger, Elkhart, Goshen, Plymouth, Nappanee and Logansport in Indiana, and Niles, Stevensville and St. Joseph, in Michigan.

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ideals of the promotion of charity, culture, and education in the community."

There are currently 35 active members in Culver's chapter and two collegiate members attending university out of town.

Each Tri Kappa community includes an active chapter and an associate chapter comprised of past members supporting the group and its goals. Indiana currently has 146 active Tri Kappa chapters, says Denham, and 119 associate chapters. Culver's associate chapter, whose president is Sherrill Fujimurra, has 29 members — many of whom served the active chapter ten and twenty years ago -- and meets twice per year. "Their goal," says Denham, "isn't to raise money; ours is."

And raising money has been a successful endeavor for the group over the years. Denham, who researched the history of the Epsilon Nu chapter's past 50 years in preparation for last month's celebration, says the organization's first local fund raising effort involved selling pecans and yielded \$966.50 for local and regional philanthropy. Last year's philanthropic growth income was over \$19,900. Between 1960 (the first year of any real activity for the chapter, since it was founded so late in 1959) and 1980, the highest income reported in a given year was \$7,500. The total raised for the Culver community over the past 50 years, adds Denham, is "well over \$400,000...when you think that the first 20 years (the highest amount raised in a year) was \$7,500, that (\$400,000 is) a big number! When you think about it, it's just women in this community selling pecans and butter braids...I was thrilled to announce that at our dinner!"

Tri Kappa, of course, has been busy doing a great deal more than selling edibles all these decades. In earlier years, the Culver chapter had special outings "to entertain husbands," bridge clubs, coffees and parties, fashion shows, "Art on the Stairs" at the library, tours of notable homes in the Culver area, and much more in the way of community and sorority events. In more recent years, Culverites will recall Tri Kappa's name associated with ongoing annual student art shows, the Tour de Max local bicycle ride each spring, and its most financially successful event to date, the Chairs for Charity "chair parade" and auction last June.

But less publicly visible and more subtly impactful has been Epsilon Nu's steady stream of financial support of local needs consistent with its aims of charity, culture, and community. The organization's first-ever donation, in February, 1961, was \$60 to the Culver Public Library's summer reading program, says Denham. She adds that of the array of organizations receiving Tri Kappa funds through the years, the Culver Public Library and Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis were near-constant recipients. In fact, Indiana's Tri Kappa as a whole has been the biggest supporter of Riley hospital and the Hoosier Art Salon on a statewide level, she says.

Through the years, as evidenced by the timeline accompanying this article, Epsilon Nu funds have gone towards everything from Hoosier Art Salon exhibits at the Culver Academy, to nursing and other collegiate scholarships for local women; from sending local young ladies regularly to the Indiana University music camp to Thanksgiving baskets or eyeglasses for needy local folks.

Recent charitable endeavors include Christmas caroling for Meals on Wheels recipients in Culver and supporting the Culver food pantry, besides ongoing scholarship and other charitable contributions. Denham notes a collection of scrapbooks documenting the chapter's many accomplishments may be viewed by the public at the Center for Culver History museum at the Culver Public Library.

And last month, just in time for its golden anniversary, Culver's Tri Kappa was recognized December 8 by Culver's Chamber of Commerce at its annual awards banquet with a Lifetime Achievement Award for its many local contributions.

"It's very important, a lot of those little things we do that a lot of people don't know about," says Denham. "Obviously we couldn't do what we do without the support of the community and local businesses."

Denham says she would like to think Epsilon Nu has met the expectation of the founding women of the chapter. "And we're definitely going to be doing it for the next 50 years, that's the wonderful thing."

She says she tried to compile a list of everyone to whom the chapter has given money, but gave up the task as impossible. "If someone needed money," she adds, "we did it."

Denham, who notes Culver's Lions Club is likely the only local organization comparable in longevity and scope, says "it was neat to see all of that for 50 years; it makes you proud. Fifty years ago these women were making cheese balls in their basement and going door to door selling nuts.

That's where those numbers come in. So I am proud of that. We didn't always have Chairs for Charity where we could make a lot of money, but even in years where they couldn't make a lot of money, they (members) still did it and gave back (to the community)."

Another wonderful thing about Epsilon Nu, explains Denham, is the diversity of the town, Academy, and lake communities.

"Ann Nelson pointed that out: 50 years ago, (members) wanted people from different areas and didn't want it all to be town people or Academy people. They wanted it to be an equal setting, and we still have that. That really makes it stronger, because we have the differences...Culver's unique in that aspect, but it's a wonderful thing. We get together and meet people we wouldn't have met otherwise."

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industry and historic images and artifacts from winter scenes past in Culver. The museum is open Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Community chili supper Jan. 29

The Culver Community Council of Churches, together with the Culver Lions club, is sponsoring a "Chili Supper" in which all proceeds will go to the Culver Food Pantry. The CYCO group, Culver Youth Community Organization, will supply youth volunteers to assist with the supper. The supper will again feature the famous "Pinder Chili and the desserts" provided by the ladies of the various churches that comprise the Council of Churches. The event will be held Friday, January 29 from 4:30 to 8 p.m. at the Vandalia Railroad Station in Culver. Freewill donations will be accepted at the door.

Free computer classes at the library

Culver-Union Township Public Library will begin its free computer classes in January. Classes will be held Monday evenings at 6 p.m. and Friday mornings at 10 a.m. Sessions for the month of January will cover essential computer skills, Internet, and E-Mail, with classes covering Microsoft Office in months to follow. These are hands-on classes and the library will provide computers. If you have your own laptop computer, feel free to bring it to the classes. Classes for January include: Computers for Beginners Part I, Jan. 4 (6 p.m.), 8 (10 a.m.); Computers for Beginners Part II, Jan. 11 (6 p.m.), 15 (10 a.m.); Internet, Jan. 18 (6 p.m.), 22 (10: a.m.); E-Mail, Jan. 25 (6 p.m.), 29 (10 a.m.). For more information, call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941, visit www.culver.lib.in.us or e-mail abaker@culver.lib.in.us. The library's street address is 107 N. Main St.

Adult winter gym at Culver Middle School

Sunday afternoon basketball at the Culver Middle School, for adults 18 and over only, takes place Sundays from 1 to 3 p.m. and will continue until March 7. Cost will be \$2 per Sunday, or \$15 for the entire season, and must be "paid before you play" to cover insurance. Please call Ken VanDePutte at 574 274 9942 with questions.

Culver pantry in need

Culver's food pantry, located in the basement of Grace United Church of Christ, 397 N. Plymouth Street in Culver, is in desperate need of donations to fill its rapidly-emptying shelves. Needed are non-

CUTPL hosts 'digital gadget' class

CULVER - Culver Union Township Public Library, located at 107 N. Main St. in Culver, offers a free introductory course for managing digital gadgets received over the holidays. The class meets from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9. The class is a tutorial on how to use those gadgets and is not limited to email players, digital cameras, digital readers, smartphones, new laptops and/or accessories. Participants can bring their new gadget to the class in the box with all the software and cables, just like it was received. Drop-off boxes for community news are located at the Culver Union Township Public Library, 107 N. Main St. in Culver. For more information, contact the library at 574-842-2941. The library calendar events page at www.culver.lib.in.us can be found online at www.culver.lib.in.us.

Community Calendar

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| Thurs., Jan. 7 Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library Knights of Columbus St. Mary of the Lake Council #13720 social mtg., 7 p.m., church rectory basement | DivorceCare, 7 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ Culver Community School board mtg., 7 p.m., administration building |
| Sat., Jan. 9 Quilting group, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library Census job testing, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Culver Public Library | Master gardening, 5:30 p.m., Culver Public Library Town Council mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall |
| Sun., Jan. 10 Open gym for adults, 1 to 3 p.m. (Sundays through March 7), Culver Middle School gymnasium Culver Academies winter vacation ends | Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library Hooked on Books discussion group, 3:30 p.m., Culver Public Library Lions Club mtg., 6:30 p.m., depot-train station Knights of Columbus St. John Vianney Assembly business mtg., 7 p.m., St. Mary's church rectory basement |
| Mon., Jan. 11 Culver Redevelopment Commission mtg., 4 p.m., town hall Free computer class, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library | Thurs., Jan. 14 Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library |

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.

Correction

In identification of the photo of Culver's Community Garden on the cover of last week's (Dec. 31) edition of the *Citizen*, Edna Mae Craft was incorrectly identified as Wilma, and the Connie Richie was misidentified as Marilyn Bickel. The *Citizen* regrets the errors.

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Obituary Lucile Overmyer Aug. 25, 1919 — Dec. 28, 2009



CULVER - Lucile Marie Overmyer died at her home in Culver, at 10:45 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28, 2009, surrounded by her loving family. Lucile was 90 years old.

She was born 100 miles from Marshall County in Raub, Ind. Aug. 25, 1919, the daughter of Orville H. and Anna Matkin Perkins.

Lucile graduated from Raub High School with the class of 1938 and from the Memorial Hospital Nurses' Training program shortly thereafter. She won her nurses' cap and the heart of Glenn Overmyer after meeting him through his sister Mildred, a classmate at Memorial.

On March 28, 1942, she and Glenn were married in Plymouth. Glenn died June 2, 2004.

During World War II, Lucile worked at the Kingsbury Ammunition Plant as a nurse, she later worked as a nurse at Parkview Hospital in Plymouth. She also did private duty care as a nurse all over Marshall County; her door was always open to anyone and everyone, students, family, and friends.

Her helping hand was always available to anyone that needed it. Lucile last practiced nursing at the Culver Academy for 30 years, retiring in 1995.

She was a very active person all of her life. She helped in the garden, worked in the Hospital Auxiliary and loved to play any kind of cards—especially Pinochle. She enjoyed working puzzles and working in the thrift shop of the Wesley United Methodist Church, Culver.

She is survived by a large and loving family. She leaves two sons, both in Culver: Michael and Connie Overmyer and Kevin and Melodie Overmyer. Two daughters also survive; they are Patricia and James Watson, Decatur, Ill. and Nancy Overmyer, Indianapolis.

Seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren also survive. They are: Sean and Sherry Overmyer with their children Hannah and Olivia; JB and Jean E. Overmyer and their children Ali, Brianna, and Luci; Heather Overmyer; Garth Overmyer; Matthew and Liz Watson and their daughter Erica; Adam Watson and Suzanne and Dan Barth and their children Hannah and Grace. Extended family member Carolyn Saft survives as well.

Lucile was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Glenn and by a son, Gary Overmyer. Three brothers: Kenneth, Marvin and Donald Perkins and a sister, Winifred Perkins, also preceded her in death.

Visitation with the family will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010, at the Wesley United Methodist Church, 511 School St., Culver.

A memorial service will be held in the church following visitation at 1 p.m. Pastor Larry Saunders will officiate.

The Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements. Interment will be held at a later date in the Burr Oak Cemetery, Culver.

In lieu of flowers memorial gifts in Lucile's memory may be made to the Glenn and Lucile Overmyer Scholarship Fund c/o The Marshall County Community Foundation, The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care or The Wesley United Methodist Church Music Fund.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via: www.johnson-danielson.com.

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. A donation is suggested for each meal.

Thursday, Jan. 7: Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, peas, bread and margarine, fruit cocktail, and milk.

Friday, Jan. 8: Pork cutlet, macaroni and cheese,

mixed vegetables, bun, grape juice, dessert, and milk.

Monday, Jan. 11: Ham and beans, pickled beets, corn bread and margarine, apple crisp, and milk.

Tuesday, Jan. 12: Pork loin, peas, tossed salad and dressing, bread and mar-

garine, fruit cocktail, and milk.

Wednesday, Jan. 13: Cheeseburger with pickle, corn, green beans, bun, apricots, and milk.

Thursday, Jan. 14: Beef cutlet with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread and mar-

garine, peaches, cookie, and milk.

Friday, Jan. 15: Stuffed baked potato with shredded cheese and sour cream, taco meat, broccoli, fruit parfait, muffin, and milk.

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Salvation Army's efforts in Culver

Over the past several weeks of the Christmas season, those who frequented Culver on the weekends may have heard bells ringing. Volunteers from churches of the Culver Community Council of Churches rang the Salvation Army Kettle bell, seeking donations for the Union Township needy. I thank all those brave individuals



Pastor's Corner

By Pastor Robin Keating
Grace United Church of Christ

who braved the winter elements to help in this worthwhile endeavor. And I especially thank Culver's CVS, Park and Shop and Osborn's Mini-mart for allowing this activity to take place. Many do not know, but all the funds collected will stay in the Union Township area to help our own. Yes, that's 100 percent of all the contributions to help our needy families in these difficult times. So thank you, also, to everyone who contributed their spare change and dollars. Christmas is a time for giving to those less fortunate.

You may wonder about the Salvation Army's presence in this area. There are no religious services or programs that take place. Only under the supervision of Marshall County's Extension on Route 17 are the funds monitored and distributed. The Salvation Army was founded in 1865 in London, England by William Booth with a vision to extend the universal Christian Church throughout the world to educate and relieve poverty wherever possible.

As I rang the bell (and I'm sure it was no different for the other ringers) I encountered young and old who graciously contributed what little they had. Often giving before entering the store to purchase the assigned items they sought. Others who had not anticipate the Salvation Army's presence even returned specifically to contribute to this meaningful cause. More than one individual shared with me the help the Salvation Army had provided to other loved ones in times bygone, from the time of the Great Depression to other recessionary times we Americans have experienced.

Was it the time of year that generated a spirit of generosity from the kettle's contributors? For some I'm sure it was. But for others it was simply just another opportunity to share their bounty with others that were less fortunate. If you didn't realize it, we live in a wonderfully generous and magnanimous community. God bless you and thank you again on behalf of all those that the Salvation Army will help in the months to come.

Name that Culver "citizen"



Left: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Kyle Elliott, then and now.



Right: this week's mystery citizen.

At press time, Connie Van Horn, Patty Stallings, and Luke Dunfee were the only readers to guess last week's Mystery Citizen, Kyle Elliott. The editor is certain a great many readers knew but kept quiet: going through issues of the Citizen from Kyle's high school days provide a steady stream of stories and photos of his exploits on and off the basketball court, so it's a sure bet his face was familiar to many in Culver.

This week's Mystery Citizen is well known around Culver and beyond, and is another welcome sight to those in need of his services in a hurry. Correct guessers may receive free parking in another community besides Culver!

Guesses may be emailed to citizen@culcom.net, dropped off in one of our drop boxes (located at the Culver Public Library and Culver Coffee Company), or call the editor at 574-216-0075.



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Culver in the 21st century...so far

Before diving into some of the highlights of the past decade in Culver, I want to mention two more of the sad points of the year 2009 and offer condolences to the Dilts family and Overmyer family, both of whom lost matriarchs (Betty Montgomery was the mother of Chuck and Joe Dilts of Culver, and Lucile Overmyer (see obituary this issue) was the mother of Mike and Kevin Overmyer and a relative of many in the Culver area. Both of these families have contributed much to the Culver community and surrounding area, and the influence of their mothers surely contributed to the formation of their characters. We remember them alongside the many lost to the community over the past year.



View from Main Street

By Jeff Kenney
Editor

In the midst of working the other week on the Citizen's annual year review edition, it occurred to me we've reached a milestone in that the first decade of the twenty-first century has come to a close. So how can the Culver area sum up the past decade? Let's take a look at a few of the highlights. The first year of the new century, 2000, brought some events with lasting impact, including the creation of an after-school program operating two days a week at the Culver Elementary School (the Culver Community Youth Center would transform into the highly successful Culver Boys & Girls Club in later years -- see article this issue). Probably the least welcome news of that year was the departure of the Walker-Tennaco manufacturing company on Mill Street, though news of the arrival of Medallion Cabinetry in the building in 2005 brightened things considerably. Similar bad news in 2000, however, was the vacancy of the DW Wallcovering building just across the street from Walker.

Major building projects announced in 2000 included major renovations to the Monterey Elementary School, Culver Elementary, and Culver Community Jr-Sr High School. It was also announced the Culver Public Library would retain its downtown location and renovate its historic Carnegie building after some five years of debate and discussion over the matter. Other building expansions and renovations included the old Menser Building, Corndance Cafe and Cafe Max on Main Street and the Edgewater Grille on Lake Shore Drive. Bob and Mary Tanguy were building a new structure on the corner of Main and Jefferson Streets to house Mary's Shoppe (the Culver Academies Museum and Gift Shop occupies the space today).

The then-fledgling Culver Farmer's Market had a successful year, as did the scarecrow contest, in its second year. 2001 also saw its share of triumphs and tragedies. Though work moved forward on the public library expansion, the community was shocked at the deaths of two men working on the project in separate incidents. The Culver Community School corporation was forced to make staff cutbacks, though the high school football team brought home a sectional victory that year. The town council was hard at work planning to hire a town manager, and a group of residents worked with the Army Corps of Engineers towards restoring Hawk Lake (or Lost Lake, depending upon who one asks!). It was announced in August, 2001, that the longtime 219 area code Culverites had been accustomed to would become 574.

Twenty one charges of forgery and theft were leveled against suspended Culver-Union Township EMS Director Dustin Ewing in February, 2003, after he was charged with forging EMS checks to the tune of \$3,000. Plans for the Beachview condominium/PUD project were approved by Culver's Plan Commission that June, and Houba, Inc., just north of Culver, cut 25 jobs (the pharmaceutical plant would later close its doors completely) in November, 2003. The same month, Culver Community School teachers, after more than two years sans contract, signed contracts lasting to the end of the 2004-05 school year.

An addition to the growing number of fine dining establishments in Culver came to light in 2004 in the form of the City Tavern, the latest venture of Larry and Jo Surrisi, who had launched the popular Edgewater Grille in the late 1990s before selling the latter restaurant. That year, the town of Monterey secured more than a millions dollars towards replacement of the Tippecanoe River bridge which serves as the main entrance into the town; other grant funding possibilities were examined by the town as well.

In May of '04, the sign outside the Bonine Funeral Home in Culver changed for the first time in 41 years when the name Odom was added (Greg and Karen Odom have since taken over the business in full). The same month, the termination of Culver's first town manager, Jeff Sheridan, was the oft-debated talk of the town, and Culver's Lake Fest committee announced this year's event would be shortened to just two days, Friday and Saturday, eliminating official events on Sunday. A cut fiber optic cable near Culver in late June left residents back in time, with no Internet or telephone contact with the world outside Culver for the better part of a day. September saw the retirement of iconic local barber Verl Shaffer, who opened his shop on North Main Street in 1968 after six years of work for local barber Hershall Strang.

Debated in Culver in 2004 was the possibility of establishing a skate park on town park property, a proposal eventually vetoed after months of effort from some local teens and parents.

Among sad stories leading Culver headlines in 2005 was the August plane crash which took the lives of a Culver Academies flight instructor and student (and would lead in autumn, 2006, to the demise of the Academies airfield and local aviation activities), and the February death of beloved icon Eunice Schrimsher, who warmed hearts as the crossing guard at Culver Elementary School for over 40 years. She was memorialized in June with a stone and plaque honoring her at "Eunice's corner."

In brighter news, April saw a ground breaking collaboration between Culver Academies and Culver Community students for National Youth Service Day in the town park. A new water tower and distribution system became a reality thanks to a half-million-dollar grant for Culver, and the St. Mary of the Lake daycare ministry, the only of its kind in the county south of Plymouth, opened its doors. An educational career of more than 40 years concluded when Culver's Barb Linhart stepped down as principal of Monterey Elementary School. She was replaced by Julie Berndt of Knox (who last year was named Principal of the Year). In August, Craig Hopple was named Culver Elementary School's first Assistant Principal. Casey Howard was sworn in as Culver's Town Clerk in December, and Carol Joyner ended 29 years as owner-operator of Hair Care in Culver in June.

Among the highlights of 2006 was the damage done by vandals early in the year to a lighthouse placed in the park by the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver. The community rallied around replacement of the structure with a new, sturdier one memorializing an 1895 lighthouse in the same location and placed in the park in August.

The same year, announcement was made of a community-wide effort to raise funds towards a community-built playground in Culver's town park. Among other "debut" in Culver in '06 was the opening of the Family Dollar store in December and the July debut of the Taste of Culver festival in downtown Culver (which is slated to return in 2010 after a hiatus of two years). State Representative Steve Heim (R) of Culver lost his seat in November elections to Knox's Nancy Dembowski (D).

2007 saw the creation of CYCO (Culver Youth Community Organization), which united students from the Culver Academies and Culver Community High School towards local service projects, and the departure of popular Town Manager Jon Guinin, who moved to Lafayette. The Culver Community School board joined its Superintendent and administration staff in the new Administration building located on Main Street. See Decade page 7

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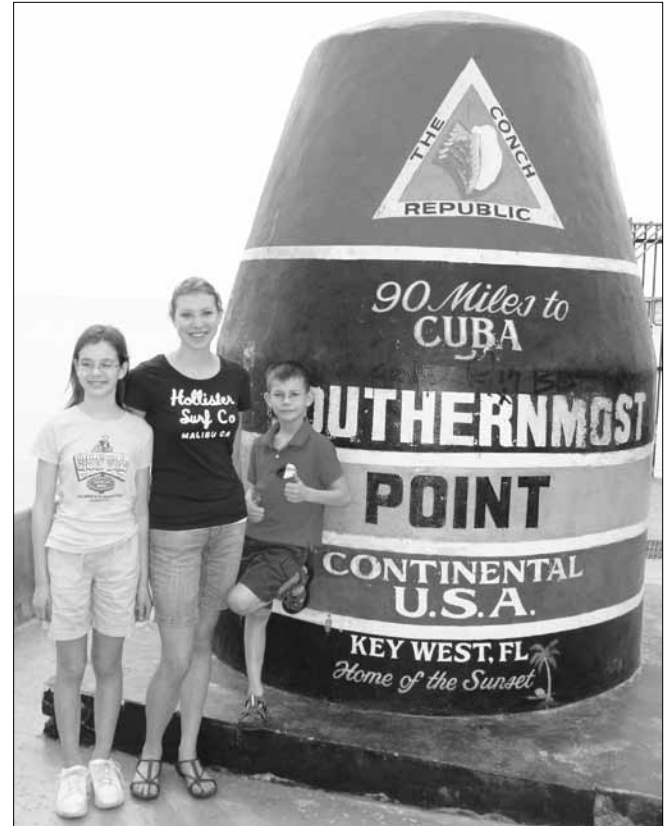


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There in the world is the Culver Citizen!

Following up on last week's "Where in the World is the Culver Citizen?" photo quiz, two readers correctly identified the spot to which a copy of the Culver Citizen had traveled for the photo on this page, which was sent by Gary Shaffer of Culver. This week's photo tells the story, and even reveals the identities of the readers "behind the paper" in last week's photo (from left to right, Gary and Barbara Shaffer's children: Kelsey, Lauren and Nolan Shaffer).

As was correctly noted by sharp-eyed readers Jordan Chastain and Pete Trone, the Citizen was vacationing at the corner of South and Whitehead streets in Key West, Florida, the southernmost point in the United States. Actually, points out Pete Trone, "it should be the 'Continental' U.S., since Hawaii is further south. Also, there are points in the U.S. Naval Station Key West, Truman Annex, that are further south, but not accessible to the public. Anyhow, it is a great spot for tourist photos." We hope the Citizen (and the Shaffers) enjoyed its trip south and has attained a nice tan. Thanks to Gary for sending the photo.

The editor encourages those traveling outside Culver to shoot similar photos of themselves or family or friends with the paper in hand at some well-known, iconic, or unusual location around the state, country, or world.

Guesses as to the location of the photo at left (hint: that water in the background is not Lake Maxinkuckee!) or submissions of similar photos may be emailed to citizen@culcom.net, dropped off in one of our drop boxes (located at the Culver Public Library and Culver Coffee Company), or call the editor at 574-216-0075.

Culverites' New Years' resolutions

Several Culverites were asked for their New Years' resolutions for 2010 this past week. Below are some of their replies.



My New Year's resolution is to appreciate all that I have and spend more time with my family!

– Bobbi Schrimsher
(pictured with grandson Charlie)



My New Year's resolution is to keep my priorities straight!

– Beth Paré



I resolve to keep my checkbook in order, recording every debit and check, no arrows or scribbles, printing neatly. That will last, oh, maybe a week or two!

– Cheryl Adams



To protect 600 families with affordable legal help and identity theft restoration.

– Tammy Shaffer



My resolution is to give more to people in need.

– Tony Alexander
(Tony is actually a Plymouth resident, but a graduate of Culver Community High School and honorary Culverite!)



My resolution is to smile more.

– Sara Schooler Keyser

Loehr updates on Culver Boys & Girls Club



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Alan Loehr, right, president of the board of the Culver Boys & Girls Club, accepts a check for \$2,500 from Culver Kiwanis Club treasurer Jim Weirick at a recent Kiwanis meeting held at City Tavern in Culver.

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Alan Loehr, president of the board of the Culver Boys & Girls Club, told an audience of Culver Kiwanians at a December meeting at the City Tavern, that all of Culver's citizens "can be extremely proud" of the CBGC, which he called "a testament to the true meaning of community."

Loehr said the club transitioned in 2007 into an official Porter County Boys & Girls Club, increasing membership from around 90 area children, to 247 last year, and now 257 in 2009 (constituting more than half the student population of the elementary school), with an average daily attendance of 104 students this year. The CBGC is open from 3 to 6:50 p.m. each weekday and all day weekdays during the summer as well. Summer activities include regular beach days locally and field trips to Indiana Dunes, the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo, Fair Oaks dairy farm, water parks, and other destinations.

"For some of those kids," noted Loehr, "that's the trip of their lifetime to date." The CBGC is housed at the Culver Elementary School and its offerings include a games room, computer lab, homework help, play time in the gym, arts and crafts, "Power Hour," the "Mitch's Kids" program (which gives scholarships to kids receiving free and reduced lunches to improve homework, and requires showing improvement on scores and tests.

Loehr said the Culver Community School Corporation "cooperates in every way with us so our money can be used all for staffing and programs; it's a wonderful use of taxpayer money to keep that building running all the time."

He added the school corporation allows CBGC use of its shuttle bus to the DeLong and Monterey areas.

Loehr also asked his audience to consider offering time for homework help, a demanding task for five staff members assisting more than 100 students.

The club's 2009 budget, Loehr explained, was \$188,500 much of which goes to salaries and benefits for CBGC staff. Sixty-six percent of that money is gained through fundraising, 20 percent through grants, nine percent through memberships, and five percent from the Marshall County United Way. Staff is required to go to training to learn the latest in emotional and physical safety for youngsters involved, something Loehr said gives local staff access to "the cutting edge" of after school programs.

He thanked the Culver Town Council for making the program a line item in its budget, thanking Kiwanians Ralph Winters and Ginny Munroe for their support of that move, which will add \$5,000 annually to the CBGC budget, on the part of the Council. Loehr said those wishing to contribute to the CBGC may do so in the name of the Culver Boys & Girls Club through United Way.

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Sports week

Culver takes consolation in win over Comets



PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO

Caston's Jessica Showley (21) grabs a rebound around Culver's Gwen Zehner, right, during the consolation round at the Winning Edge Girls Basketball Holiday Tournament at LaVille Wednesday.

By James Costello
Sports Editor

CULVER — It wasn't the championship that they'd hoped for, but the Lady Cavaliers took a little consolation Wednesday.

Culver ran amok over the Caston Comets for a 69-33 victory in the consolation game at the LaVille Holiday Winning Edge Girls Basketball Tournament at LaVille.

Post player Gwen Zehner recorded game-highs of 25 points and 17 rebounds, while Cavaliers guard Whitney Sanders put up 23 points with a contest-leading six steals.

It was Culver's first win in six games and brought

the team to an even 6-6 on the season.

"We did need this," said Culver JV coach Stephanie Alva, filling in for head coach Ashli Faulkner, on maternity leave over the break. "We told them from the start that we wanted them to push the ball and we were looking to not back down. We wanted to dominate this team. We knew that we were good with our size and our skills. We just wanted to take it to them, and I think they did a very good job of that tonight."

• LAVILLE WINNING EDGE GIRLS BASKETBALL HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT At Lakeville Consolation round CULVER 69, CASTON 33

Score by quarters
Culver: 21 42 56 69
Caston: 7 13 21 33
CULVER (69): Nicole Carnegie 3 2-3 8, Susannah Baker 2 1-3 5, Whitney Sanders 6 9-12 23, Alison Zehner 2 2-2 6, Gwen Zehner 10 5-6 25, Cindy Miller 0 0-0 0, Ali Overmyer 1 0-0 2; Totals: 24 19-26 69.
CASTON (33): Haley Markley 2 0-0 5, Brittney Offenberger 3 0-0 6, Cathryn Frank 0 0-0 0, Jessica Showley 1 0-2 2, Chelsea Sivits 1 1-2 3, Emily See 4 1-2 10, Jada Powlen 1 4-4 6, Hali Berry 0 1-2 1; Totals: 12 7-12 33.

3-point goals: Culver 2 (Sanders 2), Caston 2 (Markley 1, See 1); Rebounds: Culver 27 (G. Zehner 17), Caston 21; Assists: Culver 10 (Baker 4); Steals: Culver 15 (Sanders 6); Turnovers: Culver 9, Caston 6; Fouls (fouled out): Culver 16 (none), Caston 20 (Offenberger). Records: Culver 6-6, Caston 3-10.



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Christmas Eve with Bishop Little

Judi Dodge of Culver pauses with Bishop Edward Little of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Indiana, who presided over Christmas Eve services at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church, 515 North State Street in Culver, alongside St. Elizabeth's Pastoral Leader Tom Haynes. The bishop also led Sunday morning services December 27. St. Elizabeth's is one of 36 Episcopal parishes and missions in the Diocese.

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located on the north end of School Street. The CCYC's annual auction gala was a hit that June due in part to its location at the Indianapolis Colts owners Jim and Meg Irsay's barn near Culver.

The word "hydrilla" entered the vocabulary of many Culverites in 2007 as the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council (which saw Kathy Clark take over as Director that autumn) warned area residents to be on the lookout for the aquatic plant, whose proliferation recently shut down nearby Lake Manitou, on the waters of the local lake. In more positive plant news, in April Culver was named "Tree City USA" by the Indiana Dept. of Natural Resources for the first time. Sean McDermott was hired as Culver's third town manager in October (he would lose the position in 2008). Gladie's Deli opened its doors in downtown Culver under the leadership of Lee Wilhite.

Around the corner, the Culver Cabana debuted in 2008, which opened with a splash due to extensive flooding in the area, including Culver. In March, the Culver Cavaliers scored a sectional basketball victory, their first since 1985. Quite possibly the story of the year, April saw the premiere of Culver's now-annual Relay for Life, which became "the little Relay that could" when over \$100,000 was raised in the overnight event to fight cancer. Perhaps most remarkable of all was the community-wide participation afforded the event, held at Culver Academies.

Culver Girls Academy runner Alex Banfich, of Plymouth, became virtually a household name as she broke record after record throughout the year, and Culver's Lake Fest celebrated 25 years in July. Mastodon skeletons were unearthed on the Union Township farm of John Benedict, and an emergency siren installed on the north end of Culver proved an ongoing source of controversy amid complaints of its volume by some residents. Also debated were Culver Public Library's finances; Library Director Carol Jackson resigned in July.

Culver's first-ever Lake Maxinkuckee Film Festival drew crowds in September, and an outpouring of grief followed the untimely October death of Jeff Wilhite. Volunteerism and community spirit fueled the October completion of the Vandalia Village community built playground and November launch of the first local "Soup for the Soul" event.

The above, of course, is a scant run-through, and some major highlights had to be omitted, but it's a snapshot, at least, of the first ten years of the 2000s here in Culver.

It's difficult to sum up an entire decade, of course, and in many ways the events of 2000-2009 mirrored the events of any decade in Culver (or any other small American town): new ventures, deaths, surprises here and there and lots of what we've come to expect and even depend upon in our little slice of Midwestern paradise.

I'd like to think, however, that the past decade saw some milestones for Culver. In some sense, as I've commented before in this column, Culver has seen something of a renaissance of the days a century earlier of a booming tourist industry and as a sort of cultural center. Certainly, Culver Academies has grown in stature and esteem rather than dwindling, and Culver has taken on an increasing identity as at least partially a "resort" town. That follows national trends, really, and carries with it a great deal of good news for the community as well as a great deal many challenges, especially in terms of keeping Culver's flavor local and "small-town friendly."

Perhaps some of the best news in the area is in increasing unity among historically divided facets of our community: Culver "town" and Academy students working together to serve...residents of the town, lake, and Academy communities uniting around charity, community improvements, and other areas.

All in all, if the first ten years of the 21st century are a harbinger of things to come...well, we could be a lot worse off than we've been up to now!

Culver student among Lugar guests at Symposium



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Pictured with Senator Lugar are: Thomas Manges and Hope Jordan, Bremen HS; Lindsay Gangshorn and Sara Stichter, Triton HS; Alexandra Zeehiel and Kala Williams, Argos HS; Ryan Kolden and Mariah Schroeder, Culver Academies; Mitchell Holloway, Plymouth HS.

Indianapolis — More than 400 high school juniors attended the 33rd annual Richard G. Lugar Symposium for Tomorrow's Leaders held Dec. 12, 2009 on the campus of the University of Indianapolis.

Held each year since he has been in the Senate, Lugar opened the Symposium speaking and answering students' questions. He labeled his remarks as "the most important speech I will deliver in my home state of Indiana this year," because "this is potentially the most important audience that I will have an opportunity to think with about how we can make a substantial difference in the history, the life, and the good will of our state in the years to come."

Lugar encouraged students to seriously consider public service and discussed the current economic situation and U.S. foreign policy. Lugar then fielded a variety of questions from the student participants. Listen to Lugar's speech at <http://lugar.senate.gov/press/audio/2009/Symposium.mp3>.

"We gather at the University of Indianapolis each year to discuss serious themes because the responsibility for how it all comes out is most likely to lie in generations down the trail rather than in the specific times in which we live," Lugar said. "That is why we bring together two outstanding students from most of the high schools and preparatory schools in our state. They will be leading our communities and businesses, and even our state and country, in the near future and will face many of today's issues."

In smaller discussion groups, students exchanged ideas and debated opposing views on seven different topics including U.S. leadership in the world, media responsibility, health care reform, food and energy security, immigration, climate change, and truthfulness.

Just before his speech, Lugar presented the Richard G. Lugar Distinguished Student Leadership Award to Andrew Miller, a 2008 Symposium participant and senior at Carroll Junior-Senior High School in Flora, Ind. The award is given by the University of Indianapolis' Lugar Center for Tomorrow's Leaders, the permanent home for Lugar's annual symposium. The center provides extended experiences for high school and college students that expose them to leadership opportunities, the value of leadership in service to others, issues of ethics and integrity in leadership and the qualities of strong leaders. Building on the university's core values, the center will reinforce the value of a liberal arts education in preparing young people to be tomorrow's leaders.

Lugar Announces Academy Nominations

INDIANAPOLIS — Alexander Grant Canacci, Culver Military Academy, United States Naval Academy and United States Merchant Marine Academy was one of those nominated by U.S. Sen. Dick Lugar as a candidate for the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York.

The nominees were selected by Lugar's Academy Merit Selection Committees, which he has used for the nominating process each year that he has been a senator. The nonpartisan boards meet each November and December in Indianapolis to review applicants. Again this year, Lugar hosted three Dick Lugar Academy Days, in Fort Wayne, New Albany and Indianapolis, for high school students interested in learning more about military service. The nominees now await admission to their respective academies for the class of 2014, entering in July 2010.

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A musical holiday

Junior class students at Culver's Wesley United Methodist Preschool ushered in the Christmas season last month along with senior class members at the preschool's annual Christmas program, organized by teachers Jill Gavlick, Jennifer Luttrell, and Shelly Schrimsher. Members of the junior class are three to four years old. Pictured in the front row, left to right: Caitlyn Otteman, Ryan Gormaly, Tristan Nix, Ben Blessman, Makenna Strycker, Sophie Blessman, Eliza Loehr, Matti Marshall, and Preston Jessen. Back row: Nora Johnston, Alexis Roberts, Gavin Young, Kirstin Minix, Jack Rodgers, Karsen Hoffman, and Jack Christiansen.



County budget order and final tax rates approved

By Rusty Nixon
Correspondent

INDIANAPOLIS — The good news is that The Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) certified Marshall County's 2010 budget order and tax rates paving the way for on time property tax bills for the first time in at least three years.

The budget certification came 126 days sooner than last year, putting the county in a position to have taxes due on May 10, 2010.

"The entire property tax system relies on many different parts to run smoothly," Commissioner Timothy J. Rushen-berg said. "Teamwork and communication among all involved in the assessment to tax billing process at the state and local level has brought us to a point not seen in years where property tax bills should actually be mailed and due on time."

The first step in the assessment to tax billing process is the completion of the property assessments, which culminates with the submission of a ratio study. A ratio study is a comparison between property sales prices and assessed values in the county to ensure that market values are being used to determine assessed values.

Marshall County Assessor Deb Dunning submitted the 2010 ratio study Aug. 5, 2009 – 87 days sooner than last year. Once the DLGF approves the ratio study, the assessor sends the gross assessed values to the county auditor, who applies exemptions, deductions or abatements to determine the net assessed values — the values upon which tax rates are based. Marshall County Auditor Penny Lukenbill submitted certified net assessed values September 29, 2009 — 178 days sooner than the previous year.

Now that the 2010 budget has been certified by the DLGF, the next steps are handled at the county level. The county auditor is to calculate tax bills, which should then be mailed by the county treasurer no later than April 23, 2010.

A copy of the Marshall County budget is available at www.in.gov/dlgf/2573.htm.



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Culver's Collins wins at riding contest

The 2009 Starke County High Point 3D Barrel Horse and Rider buckle winners, sponsored by Saylor's End of the Trail Riding Stable, have been determined. Winners and their categories are pictured above (from left): Katie Collins, of Culver, in the PeeWee division; Shanena Saylor of Koontz Lake in the Youth division; Kimberly Wenrick, of Edwardsburg, Mich., in the open division and Cheryl Norris, of Koontz Lake in the Masters division.

Points were accumulated by competing in the 3D barrel races in the participating shows of Starke County hosted by the Golden Horseshoe Saddle Club of Knox, the Starke County 4-H Horse and Pony in Hamlet and Saylor's Arena in Grovertown. Competing at the 2009 Starke County shows were more than 230 Barrel racers from the greater tri-state area, making over 375 horse and rider combinations and more than 1,550 barrel runs in three division — plus a PeeWee event.

Culver students recognized at Ancilla

DONALDSON – Ancilla College has announced its fall 2009 Dean's List and Honor's List recipients. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must earn a 3.5 GPA or above and carry at least 12 credit hours during the semester. Those eligible for the Academic Honors List must have a 3.0 GPA for the semester and have completed between six to 11 credits towards graduation during the semester.

Kyle Mitch Page from Culver received Dean's List honors. Those named to the Honor's List from the Culver area included Zachary Cole, Kristina Gray, Christi Smith, Hope Thomas, and Sheryl Tompos.

Ancilla College is a Catholic, two-year, co-educational, liberal arts college in Donaldson, Indiana sponsored by the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ.

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Council wraps up praiseworthy fiscal year

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Culver's Town Council wrapped up the year during its final meeting of 2009 with a brief series of actions December 22.

Among the items discussed and voted on was a contract proposal for survey work and preliminary design of a new culvert for Lake Maxinkuckee's outlet towards Hawk Lake. The Bonar Group will handle the work. Also approved was forward movement on a grant through Indiana's Department of Transportation to revitalize Culver's downtown area. The grant totals \$422,000, with a 20 percent match required of the town. Council member Ralph Winters suggested it could take two to three years to see the project begin, but Town Manager Michael Doss, who helped engineer the grant, said an INDOT representative told the town the previous week start time for the project depends upon when a consultant is hired and plans drawn up. "There's a pretty good chance we can do it in 2010," he added.

In response to concern raised by Winters that funds for the downtown project were not part of plans discussed at a meeting a few months back, Town Clerk Casey Howard said the project was on the earlier list but a specific dollar amount was lacking at the time.

Howard also praised town department heads for staying within their budgets over the past year, adding they "deserve a round of applause; they did great job this year."

She said not many departments are asking to encumber funds from their 2009 budgets to use for 2010 projects. The council approved additional appropriations for local roads and streets as well as funds to purchase two new computers and a printer for the Culver-Union Township EMS department, which she said had budgeted to purchase the machines in 2009 but would like instead to purchase them in the new year.

Council approved purchase of a generator and portable pump for Culver's volunteer fire department at \$6,047, with Fire Chief Mike Grover reporting his department held its annual election of officers recently with all officers remaining the same for 2010 as 2009.

Doss reported an insurance claim filed against a company whose work left a Culver area water main broken around Thanksgiving will reimburse the town \$2,181 for its work in repairing the main. The Council also voted to renew for one year the contract for town attorney Jim Clevenger.

Culver's Town Manager has been offered a two-year contract by the Council, as reported by Council member Ginny Munroe, who said the new contract would become effective January 4 if Michael Doss agrees to it.

Also discussed was the state of the town Christmas tree, located near the train station in the town park. Some residents complained the tree appeared "half decorated" for the holiday season this year; Council member Lynn Overmyer said Culver's Knights of Columbus maintain the tree and should be contacted about its upkeep. Doss added no one attended meetings held over the autumn months of Culver's decorating committee, intended to handle holiday decorations throughout the town. He said he will research companies renting lights and decorations (and installation of both) to towns as a possibility for future holiday seasons in Culver.



Award
1994: Gave \$500 to the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Fund
1996: Hosted "Seasonal Sampler"
1997: Golf outing
1999: First Tour de Max, raised over \$4,000
2000: Hosted Children's Festival at the Town Park and Parent's Day off at the elementary school
2001: Hosted Antiques Road Show
2002: First "Shot in the Dark" Night Golf Outing
2003: Art Show started
2008: Halloween party for members
 Sponsored a family for Christmas and went Christmas caroling to Meals on Wheels recipients
 Celebrated 10 years of Tour de Max
2009, June: Hosted first Chairs for Charity Auction
 December 8: Epsilon Nu receives Lifetime Achievement award from the Culver Chamber of Commerce

PHOTOS/ANTIQUARIAN AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CULVER COLLECTION

TOP PHOTO: Virginia Kraning, right, delivers nuts for Tri Kappa sales to Ruth Cleveland, wife of the then-owner of the Culver Citizen Chet Cleveland, at the Citizen offices (today's town hall) in the early 1960s.
SECOND ROW PHOTO: A typically festive Tri Kappa gathering at the Culver Inn in the mid-1960s.
THIRD ROW PHOTO: Donna Reininga hands a donation from Tri Kappa to then-fire chief Dave Burns in the late 1960s.
BOTTOM PHOTO: The programme book from Epsilon Nu's first active year, 1960.



drive for community ambulance
 EMT training fund donation
 Community pantry - township trustees
1981: Gave money to Culver Public Library for new projector
 Tour of Homes
 Awesome mental Health project - Jeffrey family: fumigate, clean, paint-replace everything.
 Christmas Tree raffles
 Style Shows, Culver Inn
1990: Hosted Province XII Convention, Sherrill Fujimura, province officer
1991: September 29: Associate Chapter founded, chartered at Sally Manuel's home.
 Lion's honor Tri Kappa with Community Service

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 Marizetta Robinson (Kenney), state scholarship winner
 Bridge-a-Rama
1968: Charity gave \$75 for Don Battjes Puppet Show
1963: Hoosier Salon Art exhibited at CMA
 Bake Sale
 Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets
1971: Gave a \$600 nursing scholarship to Memorial Hospital, South Bend
1973: Sent two girls to IU Music Camp
1974: "A Magic Show" Rev Campbell, Plymouth, gift to children for Christmas
 Gave \$1,000 to Culver Town Park for rebuilding program
1975: Eye glasses for three needy children
1976: \$1,000 local scholarships
 IU choral and instrumental clinics
 Campership Camp Riley for handicapped children
 Reproduction of Union Township history, "Our Township's Yesterdays" bi-centennial project
 After prom donation
 75th State Anniversary Diamond Tri Kappa pin won by Kay Muehlhausen
1978: Bowen Center Donation, Jean Woollet
 Doll house raffles
1979: Donation to fund

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