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## In Brief

### Culver youth soccer registration

Soccer registration will take place Saturdays, January 16 and 23, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Culver Public Library. Forms will be passed out at the local schools. Registration deadline is January 31. Fees have not changed from last year. Any questions, contact Bruce Snyder, 574-842-2576, bksnyder@wildblue.net.

### Community meal at Grace tomorrow

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.

### Christmas tree pick-up Jan. 18

The town of Culver will be picking up Christmas trees the week of January 18. The town requests the trees contain no lights or ornaments, and should not be placed in any type of bag. Please place the discarded tree along the curbside of the street during the week of the 18th for pick up by the town. The town appreciates any cooperation and understanding by the citizens regarding this service.

### VFW dinner Jan. 22

Culver VFW #6919 Men's Auxiliary will offer a Friday Dinner January 22, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Post, 108 E. Washington in Culver. Included will be Italian Beef Sandwiches for \$8, half-slab ribs for \$9, whole-slab \$17, pulled pork sandwiches for \$1, steak dinner for \$12. Doors are open to the public. Come on down and have a great meal with great friends without having to spend a lot of money.

### VFW "Soup"erbowls returns

The Culver VFW # 6919 Men's Auxiliary will host its annual "SOUP"erbowl cook off Sunday, February 7, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Post, 108 E. Washington in Culver. \$5 gets you all the soup you can eat. Bring down your best soup or chili to see if you can win. Winner of the soup cook-off will choose the local charity to receive the proceeds from

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## Three decades of inspiration

ABOVE LEFT: Culver Community High School business teacher Mike Schwartz, a 34 year veteran of the school, overlooks the work of Culver Community Middle School student Jessica Riley. Schwartz's career and now his faith-filled battle with cancer -- has inspired students past and present as well as many adults (SEE STORY BELOW)

# Culver teacher's battle inspires others

## Schwartz's faith, perseverance undergirds fight against cancer

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

When Culver Community High School teacher Mike Schwartz learned recently doctors had found melanoma spots on his lungs and he'd soon be starting chemo therapy, he understandably began to focus on his worries.

"I was worrying about what I would miss being gone," he says, "and how would my family deal with things. One of my big inspirations is to be around for my one-year-old grandson."

But, he says, he heard a saying then that stuck with him: "You can't change the past, but you can ruin a perfectly good present by worrying about the future."

Schwartz, in his 34th year teaching at the school and 19th leading the school's highly successful Business Professionals of America program, adopted the attitude suggested in that saying and began to focus on the moment, particularly

within the context of his Christian faith.

"Through this whole experience my faith has given me such a peace that, other than two days I felt sorry for myself, I can't say I feel 100 percent great all the time, but I don't feel bad as I could."

Schwartz's faith shines through, too, in the emails he began sending friends and family this past fall as updates on his condition. As people have shared his emails, he says, he's learned a vast network of people are not only praying for him and supporting him -- he figures this includes people in at least 20 different states and of various religious backgrounds including the Jewish faith -- but in many cases seem inspired and supported by the words in his missives and attitude they convey.

"The things I write in my emails I've been told are inspirational -- I really am just writing down things that I've read in books and

magazines! But I've even had people with depression say it's helped them."

It should come as no surprise that Mike Schwartz's attitude inspires others. In his years of teaching, he's inspired scores of students, not least the members of BPA who have gone on to compete and take top ranking at the national level while representing CCHS.

Schwartz grew up in the small town of Uniondale, Indiana, near Fort Wayne thinking he wanted to be a band director, though he says "taking music theory class in high school was enough to convince me otherwise!"

As is the case today, jobs were scarce in the early 1970s, so Schwartz decided a background in business might open a few more doors than music. Schwartz eventually took a job at the recently-built Culver Community High School, meeting future wife Donna who, along with Schwartz himself, was part of a group

of nine teachers newly hired into the school (within about five years, says Schwartz, the other seven were gone). It's a "unique feeling," he notes, to "be the old guard as compared to a new, young teacher."

In his three decades at CCHS, Schwartz has had successful experiences as a class sponsor, coaching volleyball, directing plays and musicals, and more recently with BPA. He says there are a number of past students from those groups who even today keep in contact with him, and especially in the past three or four months, often via email and Facebook.

"What I've found over those years, even now, is I guess you know you've earned a kid's respect when 30 years later they still have a difficult time calling you by your first name!" smiles Schwartz.

Early in his CCHS career, then-22 year old Schwartz was asked by the late John Nelson to begin what would

be his 34 years as announcer for the boy's basketball games, at which many have grown accustomed to hearing his deep bass voice. He also announced Culver football games for the first ten years of his career, with wife Donna assisting with running the scoreboard.

All of his teaching at Culver has been in the area of business, though he's had to transition, of course, from teaching on typewriters to spending most of his day working with computers.

"My philosophy has been to try to teach kids skills that can be useful in their future, and in business it's more of a hands-on thing. What I see about my subject, unlike all the other subjects, is that through technology I'm forced to keep up to date. With (some subjects) there's new (information) added on, but you don't have to learn new skills."

Seeing students' success, See Schwartz, page 2

# Trash ramifications debated

## Council moves forward with town-wide service

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Differences in interpretation of a vote taken at last month's "town hall" style meeting on the topic of town-contracted trash service led to reexamination of some of the specifics of the issue at a January 5 Culver Town Council public work session.

A number of residents attended the meeting, which opened with some disagreement between Council president Sally Ricciardi and Council member Ed Pinder, who said he understood discussion at the

previous meeting had not reached a definitive conclusion as to whether or not the Council approved the notion of requiring all Culver residents to have -- and be billed for -- trash service as contracted by the town. Under such an arrangement, all private households would be billed for trash and recycling service, likely through their water bill, unless they could provide certification of ongoing rental of a waste dumpster, as is the case with many businesses in the area.

Ricciardi noted the ma-

majority of Council members last month voted to move forward with town-wide pickup, and that the present meeting was intended to work out some specifics of a contract the town would propose to prospective waste haulers.

Audience member Mary Kowatch objected to the move, noting she and husband Ed are trying to sell their former residence, which now stands empty.

"I pay water, sewer, gas, and electric, and that takes a lot," she said, adding she believes many in the area dumping their trash in oth-

ers' receptacles are out of town visitors rather than local residents. She also raised concerns the trash totes likely to be used by contracted haulers would be too large for some elderly residents to manage, though Council member Lynn Overmyer said the availability of various sizes of trash totes had already been agreed by the Council as a priority in any contract.

Audience members Ron and Christine Peters requested of the Council an exemption from town-wide service for the Riggings housing complex on State

Road 10, where they live. Ron Peters noted the Riggings currently contracts with one area waste hauler to accommodate the specific trash needs of individual residents and their various summer and winter schedules. Town-wide service, said Peters, would cost the Riggings more money than their present arrangement; he offered to pay an exemption fee to keep the housing complex from town-wide service.

Council member ex-

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he says, especially in extra-curricular activities, “is a reward in itself.

Schwartz, who with Donna has seen a second generation of their students and is approaching a third, says he chose to stay at CCHS in spite of opportunities to teach elsewhere, including his old high school.

“What I’ve found here (at Culver) is the entire community is so supportive and warm and friendly and our staff is so close, and talking to other people I realize that what Culver has to offer sometimes is much better than what you’d find in some bigger schools.”

Certainly community support has aided in the success of Culver’s BPA program, he says, in which he became involved because of the death – ironically, he notes, due to cancer -- of former CCHS teacher Shirley Slyh.

When Schwartz first began taking students to BPA contests “and spending long, tiring days (in which) we weren’t having kids place (at competitions), about the fourth year I was beginning to wonder if it was worth my while!”

But in Schwartz’s fifth year Jessica Moore Ringer became CCHS’ first stu-

dent to make it to the state level BPA competition. The very next year, 1997, the school suddenly had two people qualify to go to the BPA Nationals. This was followed in 1999 with one more student at nationals. After another five dry years, Culver’s BPA group started a regular pattern of making it to nationals, something repeated for the past six consecutive years, four of which included students placing at the national contest, quite a feat for a school Culver’s size up against the best and brightest in the entire United States.

“You’d be surprised,” says Schwartz. “Some larger schools’ BPA chapters just don’t have the success we do. The fact that we’ve been in close to around 30 numbers in BPA for the last three years in a row, I think that’s a testament to the success we’ve had.”

Besides his nearly two decades with Culver’s BPA, Schwartz is in his seventh year on the Staet Executive Board of the organization. He says that involvement has led to a number of offers from an extensive network of business teachers all over the state offering to help with

CCHS’ BPA chapter in any way they can, since his illness has become known.

“It’s so nice to know they think that highly of us they would be willing to do that,” he adds.

“People look at the success of BPA and I get lot of credit for that, but if I didn’t have the students who were motivated to do their best, we wouldn’t have been successful,” Schwartz notes, adding thanks to the people and businesses in the Culver community who have been generous in helping the group’s trips possible, especially to out-of-state national competitions.

Many may also remember him, adds Schwartz, from his 12 years off and on working with the Maxinkuckee Players theater group. He says the time commitment necessary for summer theater became difficult, and in the years since, he’s gained a passion for spending a few weeks each summer with Group Publishing work camps, in which 12 to 15 youth groups from around the nation travel for a week to work on the homes of people whose health or finances are a hindrance.

The work camps have taken him to other states

such as Kentucky, Oklahoma, and New York, and it’s on one of those trips recently that Schwartz discovered a lump on his back which turned out to be a malignant melanoma, commonly known as skin cancer.

Initially, doctors had diagnosed him with the disease in 2006, which led to two surgeries and a year of treatment with Interferon, consisting primarily of three shots per week aimed at building back white blood cells in the body. The treatment causes many patients to feel flu-like symptoms of achiness and the like, but Schwartz managed to teach the entire year save for three sick days. “I had a lot of doctors and nurses, when they find out I was on (Interferon), are shocked I made it through the whole program.”

In September, the golf-ball sized tumor Schwartz had discovered at a work camp in New York was removed via an operation, but it was found the cancer had gone into his lymph system, which led to the subsequent removal of 20 lymph nodes from his neck.

After his second surgery, doctors at the University of Michigan found Schwartz

still wasn’t totally clean of cancer, and a CT scan and MRI led to the discovery of spots on his lungs. Schwartz says he doesn’t know how many cycles of chemo therapy he’ll have; currently he undergoes three weekly treatments per month. He was able to be placed in a clinical study operated by the Mayo Clinic, Johns Hopkins University, and others, so the chemo is provided and his results will benefit others (though he says the downside is a monthly removal of 13 vials of his blood for testing!).

Schwartz seems almost surprised to note he officially has stage four cancer now, though he’s saying so from his classroom at CCHS, to which he’s been able to return for half-days now. He misses being there to work daily with BPA students, though he “can’t say enough good things” about Culver Elementary teacher Alicia Toll, who has helped out with BPA and attended fundraisers the group sponsors. And he’s tended to see the positive side of things, such as being able to catch all the baseball playoff games he would have missed at home thanks to the cable television pack-

age available at the St. Joseph hospital’s Intensive Care Unit.

And those emails of his continue to garner a flood of responses from a vast network of people.

“Those that have been through something (like a serious illness) really all are very supportive of each other,” says Schwartz. He draws inspiration from Culver’s Karen Easterday, a cancer survivor herself who Schwartz says “has been through her own (health) battles recently.

“She says to stay strong and stay focused on the positive. The other thing I’ve found is that people who are deep rooted in God are taking things a whole lot better than those that don’t have that.”

One of those people undoubtedly is Lynne Obrien, the wife of Schwartz’s pastor at Trinity Methodist Church in Plymouth. “My minister’s wife is a prayer warrior who decided since everyone else is praying for my healing -- she is, too -- but she’s also praying my taste buds aren’t affected by the chemo therapy!” So far, smiles Schwartz, her prayers have been answered.

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pressed concern about setting a precedent in allowing one housing facility an exemption, which could lead to many others requesting the same.

“We can’t base our policy on the least common factor,” said Council member Ginny Munroe. “That’s unfair to (others). We can’t go case by case; we have so many different cases, including people who are here four months, six months, and eight months (out of the year).”

Town Manager Michael Doss said he’s been examining how town-wide service might impact multi-housing facilities such as condominiums in the Culver area, noting the Riggings is likely the only such facility in Culver not making use of a dumpster to handle residents’ trash needs. “Would it be advantageous to allow them (multi-housing facilities like the Riggings) to pull their (trash) into a dumpster and focus on single homes in our town (for town-wide service)? That would be the challenge. Once we get this contract with a hauler, we’re going to get a constant bill, so we need a fairly accurate count (of customers) so we’re not in the red.”

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Culver Building Inspector Russ Mason agreed condominiums using dumpsters rather than the proposed town-wide service should not be a problem, but suggested apartments should be required to certify they have a dumpster on a yearly basis in order not to be charged for individual trash pickup.

Audience members Bob and Winnie Cooper disagreed with the notion of having to pay for trash service for houses they own which are presently empty. Council members agreed it’s likely all residents will have to pay trash hauling fees for any home with a water meter, regardless of its occupancy at any given time.

“I don’t feel we should be forced to pay for a service we aren’t going to use if we’re not living there,” said Winnie Cooper. “I know several people who feel that way.”

Overmyer said the trash fee would be similar to current charges for water in unoccupied homes. Bob Cooper countered that, unlike the town water system whose facilities cost to be maintained, trash service has no upkeep costs and could be charged on a case-by-case basis.

Audience member Barry McManaway asked if lowered trash bills for Culver residents via town-wide service come at the cost of forcing people with empty houses, and those who can’t afford it, to pay part of the waste costs of others.

Munroe suggested most trash problems in Culver come from those “who can afford a second home,” rather than those unable to

afford trash service.

“But you can’t get to those (causing the problem) without hurting the others,” countered McManaway.

Munroe noted Mason and others told the Council they have no objection to paying slightly more per month in a town-wide trash situation to subsidize those unable to afford it.

“We’ve talked about this at several town council meetings,” Munroe added. “It’s not like we’re sitting here saying we’re out to screw people. We’re trying to do what’s best for the general majority.”

Town hall employee Kay Davis, noting “times are tough,” said she’s had to send out 20 notices threatening to turn off basic services to Culver residents at their primary homes. “They come in and beg me to let them go a little longer,” Davis said. “They’re struggling right now. That’s something you need to keep in mind. Another \$15 to \$20 on their water bill (for trash pickup) will mean a lot to these people.”

Munroe noted the proposed contracted service would likely cut most residents’ trash bills in half if not more. Overmyer suggested much of the discussion up to that point in the meeting was moot.

“It’s already been voted on and passed to do town-wide trash pickup; we’re here tonight to decide the parameters. We’re spending lot of time going over things we’ve already gone over.”

Council member Ralph Winters said the previous month’s vote was “to continue the investigation of town-wide service, not that we have town wide trash service.”

“Why would we move forward with something we aren’t going to have?” asked Munroe. “We had this meeting in December. We could have 20 more meetings with 20 more (discussions).”

Winters acknowledged moving forward with the effort is inevitable. “We recognize the majority of our community wants it, so it’s going to happen. We just want it to happen right.”

A number of specific items in the proposed contract were discussed and agreed upon by Council members at Doss’ suggestion. These included aiming for a Monday trash pickup each week in order to prevent weekend trash from summer visitors from sitting out all week; the inclusion of recycling pickup as part of the contract, with a recycling tote provided by the hauler and unlimited amounts of recycling allowed; the likelihood of an administrative fee added to the hauler’s base rate in order to offset costs of added staff hours and resources; various size trash totes being available for citizens to choose from.

It was agreed, also, that the town will rent trash totes from the chosen hauler rather than buying its own, and that a three-year contract with the chosen hauler was preferred by the Council. It was agreed trash pickup should take place between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. on the designated day, and that in some cases trash pickup in alleys should be allowed, since steep hills and retaining walls prevent reasonable moving of trash to the curb for some residents.

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## Letter to the editor

### Student role model on tobacco use

One of the most popular New Year's resolutions is the pledge to stop smoking or chewing tobacco. As Culver Community High School's representative in the IHSAA role model program sponsored by Tobacco Free Marshall County, I have promised never to start using tobacco. I would like to encourage all those who use tobacco to stop.

The dangers of smoking are well documented. Cancer, heart disease, emphysema, and other serious health issues are tied to smoking. Anyone who has watched a loved one suffer as a result of a tobacco related illness clearly understands the dangers of this habit. Still many continue to use tobacco, even though they know the dangers. In addition, tobacco stains the teeth and causes bad breath. It also ages and damages the skin and hair.

Smokers should also consider the safety and comfort of others. Second hand smoke damages the lungs. Anyone who lives in a smoker's company experiences the same health issues as the smoker. Those having asthma or other respiratory problems also suffer. Furthermore, young children imitate adult behaviors. The example adult smokers set influences children's decisions. Also, using tobacco is expensive. Money spent to buy tobacco could be used for necessities for the family. The average smoker spends over \$3000 per year for tobacco. For many families, that money could be used to make life easier. Of course the cost of tobacco related illnesses is enormous, and medical expenses connected to tobacco use can create a tremendous financial burden on families.

The choice not to smoke or chew tobacco should be easy considering the many negative aspects of the habit. If you have made a resolution to eliminate tobacco and are sticking to it, congratulations! In the long run, being a quitter is the right thing to do.

Sincerely,

**Cindy Miller**  
Culver

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this event. The doors are open to the public.

### 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 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. 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 II, Jan. 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](http://www.culver.lib.in.us) or e-mail [abaker@culver.lib.in.us](mailto:abaker@culver.lib.in.us).

### 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.

### Genealogical Society meets

Marshall County Genealogical Society will meet from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19 at the Marshall County Museum, at 123 N. Michigan, Plymouth. The activity for this month is sorting and organizing duplicate copies of Roots and Branches as well as Marshall County school's yearbooks. The meeting is open to any who might want to join the Genealogy Society. Contact Karin Rettinger at 574-936-2306 for questions.

### Citizen contact info

Drop-off boxes for community news are located at the Culver-Union Township Public Library and the Culver Coffee Company on Lake Shore Dr. These boxes will be accessible during the locations' normal business hours. Citizen editor Jeff Kenney may be reached at 574-216-0075. News can be sent by e-mail to: [citizen@culcom.net](mailto:citizen@culcom.net).

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## Obituary

### Shirley Rager

May 13, 1946 — Jan. 2, 2010

CULVER — Shirley Rager, 63, of Culver, passed away at 5:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010 at home, surrounded by her daughter and family.

Shirley was born May 13, 1946 in Ross, Calif., one of two children born to Mario and Clorinda (Pasquinucci) Schenone.

She is survived by daughter Nicole (Joseph) Dilts of Culver; sister, Marjorie Schenone of Calif.; and grandchildren Candice, Stephen and Mark.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents and three grand-angels.

Private funeral services will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the the donor's local March of Dimes or to the Easter Seals.

The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, 104 E. Lakeshore Drive, Culver, was entrusted with arragemets.

## Obituary

### Marylou Anderson

April 4, 1931 — Dec. 29, 2009



SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — Marylou Anderson, of Indianapolis, beloved wife and mother, passed away Sunday, Dec. 29, 2009.

Marylou was born in Plymouth and spent her young life growing up in Culver. She married Hugo B. Anderson (Andy) in April of 1952. Over the years of their marriage they also resided in Culver and Fort Wayne.

In addition to her loving husband, she is survived by her daughter, Toni (Bob) Gannon of Park City, Utah; three grandsons: John, Tim, and Thomas Gannon; and her son, Bruce (Viki) Anderson of Indianapolis.

Marylou proudly gave her time and service to her community through many leadership and volunteer positions including: Juniors Women's Club (Culver); the Fort Wayne Ballet Company; the American Red Cross (Fort Wayne Chapter); the Arthritis Foundation (Indiana Chapter); Sunnyside Guild – Indianapolis; Connor Prairie; and The Herb Society of Central Indiana.

She loved spending time with her family, including her extended Dumm family, and many friends in the Indianapolis area. Marylou also loved her many gardens and her home and friends in Culver.

She had a sharp wit and was always able to make you laugh and smile. Her family and friends will miss her dearly; and will cherish our wonderful memories.

A celebration of life event will occur in the spring.

Memorial gifts have been suggested to Conner Prairie, located in Fishers, Ind., in Marylou's name.

Holbrook Mortuary, Salt Lake City, Utah was entrusted with arrangements.

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## Death notices

### Martin

**Phillip E. Martin**  
Jan. 1, 2010

PLYMOUTH — Phillip E. Martin, 72, of Culver, died at 7:26 p.m. Friday, Jan. 1, 2010 at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

He is survived by a daughter, Kimberley (Javier) Mendez of Plymouth; a granddaughter; ex-wife Shirley DeBow; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Services will be held at a later date.

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth, is was entrusted with arrangements.

### Byers

**Teddy Allen Byers**  
Jan. 5, 2010

MISHAWAKA — Teddy Allen Byers, 70, of Mishawaka, formerly of Plymouth and Culver, died at 6:19 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2010 at Memorial Hospital of South Bend following a brief illness.

He is survived by a daughter, Kimberly Sue Byers of South Bend; a granddaughter; and brothers, Jim Byers of Union Mills, and Charlie Byers of Plymouth.

Visitation took place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8 at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos.

Funeral services took place Friday at 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial followed at Tippecanoe Cemetery, Tippecanoe.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ronald McDonald House Charities: Attn: Charitable Accounting, One Kroc Drive, Oak Brook, IL, 60523.

Electronic condolences my be sent to the family at: [memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com](mailto:memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com).

### Landry

**Steven E. Landry**  
Jan. 7, 2010

JIMTOWN — Steven E. Landry, 45, of Jimtown, died Thursday, Jan. 7, 2010 at Elkhart General Hospital.

He is survived by daughters Mellissa (Jesse) Keb of Nappanee, Amber (Kenny) Samuels of Plymouth, Erica (Rick) Cartwright of Plymouth and Stephanie Landry of Kimmel; sons: Brandon Landry of Florida, Steven Landry II of Jimtown, Dustin Petre of Middlebury and Devin Petre of Kimmel; companion Donna Ducolo of Jimtown.; five grandchildren; sisters: Lorrie (Todd) Golden of Cromwell, June (Jeffery) MacDonald of Culver and Susan Lamb of Omaha, Neb.; brothers, Todd (Laurie) Landry of Silver Lake and Wayne (Sandy) Landry Jr. of Knox; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation took place from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10 at Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, 950 N. Main St., Nappanee.

Funeral services took place at 3 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Cremation will take place.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Steven Landry Memorial Fund.







# Culver, area schools braced for cuts

By Carol Anders  
Correspondent

Superintendents of area schools will be crunching numbers over the next several days — or even weeks — to make cuts in the budgets in response to notification by the state that funding will be cut.

Local schools were expecting a 3 to 3.5 percent decrease, but now may be facing cuts of nearer 4.5 percent.

Culver Superintendent Brad Schuldts was anticipating a loss of \$348,000, but learned by e-mail on New Year's Eve that the figure would be approximately \$360,000. He said he planned to meet with his corporation's principals Jan. 5 and ask them to analyze all costs in each building including supplies, teaching staff, hours, overtime and other considerations.

"This is going to be an ongoing process," Schuldts said. "There are no magic bullets. We will be looking at the numbers until we get to where we need to be."

Schuldts said he was also sending a letter to all em-

ployees of the corporation inviting them to offer suggestions.

"We need to find something that will work for all of us," he said.

Schuldts indicated that the process will have to be very transparent when it comes to getting the various options down on paper.

Dan Tyree, superintendent of the Plymouth Schools, said the budget cuts for Plymouth will be near \$1 million for the year 2010. The reduced funding from the state will begin with the first payment in mid-January since they are made on a calendar year basis.

"The reimbursements for professional development will end as well," Tyree said. "I am working with principals and directors to make a recommendation to the school board members."

He also intends to meet with the professional staff and classified staff for suggestions and schedule a public meeting on the topic before formulating a final recommendation.

"One of the suggestions

by the Indiana Department of Education is to go back into negotiations," Tyree said. "We will have to show things that we will have to cut out completely and those that we must leave alone. I would like to see the board act on the recommendations as early as the first February meeting. Our goal is not to eliminate any more staff than we have to."

Tyree added that the corporation's maintenance director has them on the road to significant savings in utilities already.

"We could possibly have to contact other Marshall County schools to talk about consolidation of programs," Tyree said.

Bremen Superintendent Russ Mikel and Argos Superintendent Jennifer Lucht said they had to make internal cuts in their budget last year.

Lucht said, "We already have finance committee consisting of two board members, superintendent, elementary principal, and the president of the teacher's union. Our first guess at the amount we need to

cut for 2010 is \$25,000."

Lucht added the main thing Argos must do is keep the doors open for the students.

"We also have to look at what is best for students and what will have the least effect on students," she said.

"We have been trimming over the last few years," Mikel said of Bremen Public Schools.

According to Mikel, the Bremen corporation will need to cut the budget by some \$385,000 over the next 18 months.

"We are already six months in the current budget now," he said, indicating that they will be looking at about 9 percent of the current budget that is outside of the General Fund first.

Mikel said Bremen currently belongs to a number of different consortiums for purchasing such things as fuel to keep costs down.

"We will look into the idea of sharing services with other corporations," he said.

## Sports week

### Cavs falter in 4th quarter

Culver Community High School's boys basketball team carried a three-point lead into the fourth quarter, but New Prairie clawed back to down the Cavs 43-40 in a Northern State Conference boys basketball game Saturday at John R. Nelson Gymnasium.

Junior AJ Neace scored 13 points for the Cavs, followed closely by classmate Zoe Bauer with 12 points.

Caleb Johnson rattled off a game-high 21 points to lead the Cougars.

NEW PRAIRIE 43, CULVER COMMUNITY 40  
At Culver

Score by quarters  
New Prairie: 8 21 27 43  
Culver: 11 17 30 40  
NEW PRAIRIE (43): Josh Ruiz 0 2-4 2, Zach Rehlander 0 0-0 0, Michael Wagner 2 0-1 6, George Stainko 3 1-5 7, Caleb Johnson 6 8-10 21, Steven Jacobs 0 0-0 0, Jared Swain 1 0-0 2, Josh Klein 0 0-0 0, Kyle Albertson 1 1-2 3, Kyle Brammer 1 0-2 2. TOTALS: 14 12-24 43.  
CULVER (40): AJ Neace 3 7-10 13, Nick Peterson 0 0-0 0, Collin Stevens 1 1-3 3, Zoe Bauer 3 4-4 12, Patrick Mulvihill 0 0-0 0, Kyle Pugh 1 2-2 4, Micah Budzinski 0 2-3 2, Larry Clingler 2 2-2 6. TOTALS: 10 18-24 40.  
3-point goals: New Prairie 3 (Wagner 2, Johnson), Culver 2 (Bauer); Turnovers: New Prairie 22, Culver 23; Rebounds: New Prairie 21, Culver 22; Assists: New Prairie 7, Culver 8; Steals: New Prairie 13, Culver 11; Fouls (fouled out): New Prairie 18 (Johnson), Culver 14 (none); Records: New Prairie 4-5 (1-1 NSC), Culver 3-6 (0-3 NSC).  
JV score: New Prairie 55, Culver 28.

## 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. 14:** Beef cutlet with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread and margarine, peaches, cookie, and milk.

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

**Monday, Jan. 18:**

Smoked sausage, sauerkraut, peas and carrots, fruit, bun, and milk.

**Tuesday, Jan. 19:** Country fried steak, white gravy, mashed potatoes, spinach, bread and margarine, strawberries, and milk.

**Wednesday, Jan. 20:** Meatloaf, baby bakers, sour cream, green beans, bread and margarine, peaches, and milk.

**Thursday, Jan. 21:** Chicken patty, bun and mayo, red potatoes, broccoli, applecrisp, and milk.

**Friday, Jan. 22:** Meatballs and noodles, mixed vegetables, roll and margarine, pears, and milk.

## Community Calendar

**Thurs., Jan. 14**  
Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library

**Fri., Jan. 15**  
Community Meal, 6 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ

**Sat., Jan. 16**  
Quilting group, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library

Culver youth soccer sign-ups, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Culver Public Library

Census job testing, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Culver Public Library

"Holes" stage production by the All-State Thespian Co., 7:30 p.m., Culver Academies Eppley Auditorium

**Sun., Jan. 17**  
Open gym for adults, 1 to 3 p.m. (Sundays through March 7), Culver Middle School gymnasium

Culver Girls Academy Crest Ceremony, Lay Dining Center

**Mon., Jan. 18** - Martin Luther King Jr. holiday

Culver Community Schools closed

Martin Luther King Jr. holiday event, Culver Academies Memorial Chapel

Christmas tree pickup, town of Culver (see Briefing this issue)

Free computer class, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library

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

**Tues., Jan. 19**  
Master gardening, 5:30 p.m., Culver Public Library

Plan Commission mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall

Culver Public Library board mtg., 7 p.m., Culver Public Library

**Weds., Jan. 20**  
Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library

**Thurs., Jan. 21**  
Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library

Board of Zoning Appeals mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall

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

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## Local puppeteers continue Christmas cheer

LEFT: Christmas may be over, but it is never too late to tell the story of the Birth of Christ.

And that is just what the puppet team of Argos First Baptist Church did last Sunday.

The puppet team, led by Dean and Bev Haschel of Monterey, told the residents of Miller's Senior Living Community about the birth of Christ using puppets and props in their lively show titled "Christmas Around the World." Following the puppet show Pastor Rob Mace led the group in singing Christmas carols and prayer.

In the photo above, Debra Haschel introduces her puppet to Miller's residents Wayne Ross and Mary Roelke.

Members of the puppet team included Greg Haschel, Debra Haschel, Chip Porter, Jennifer Porter, Jordan Stevens, Chris Willis, Neomiah Haschel, and Hattie Porter.



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## 50 years of serving Culver

The Culver Lions Club and Lions International recently recognized the 50 years of service Culver resident Andrew Venum has given to the Lions Club. Pictured above is Venum (center) with Kathryn Breyfogle, Lions Club secretary (at left), and Dan Adams, Culver Lions Club President.



## Hoosier from page 4

(Midland)? "Kitty-corner" (Northern) or "catty-corner" (Midland and Southern)? Do we play Euchre, a game found mostly in the Northern area? Do we call green bell peppers "mangoes," a Midland usage? Linguists use hundreds of such items: versions of their questionnaires can be found here and there on-line, and there's even a Facebook quiz devoted to the subject.

I think I tend to have one foot in each camp, partly Northern and partly Midland: but my usage developed fifty years ago, and these things change over time. My paternal grandmother, born in Delong, certainly said "mango" when she went to buy vegetable plants, though the dish she eventually made from them was "stuffed peppers": but for me, "mango" is the tropical fruit. Right now, the linguists are observing something called the Northern Cities

Vowel Shift, in which (among other things) "Ann" sounds like "Ian." And then, too, as Eggleston implied, schools make a difference. Most of my English teacher colleagues would correct Northern and Northern Midlands "dove" to the historically standard "dived." In Eggleston's Hoosier dialect, "a" at the end of a word was pronounced "y" (in fact, he has a character named "Mirandy," that is, "Miranda"): but I believe that trait was widespread across the state. Indeed, I was in high school before I realized that my great-aunt's first name was "Iva," rather than "Ivy" (though, to be fair, her sister, my maternal grandmother, was named "Myrtle"). It was schoolteachers who insisted on "algebra" rather than "algebr'y"—and, of course, "Indiana," rather than "Indianny."

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



# Reorganized park board talks funds, goals

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

A reorganized Culver Parks and Recreation board met January 6 to discuss 2010 goals for the park, finance handling, and audience questions and concerns.

Though board member Tammy Shaffer ready a letter explaining her credentials as new board president, in the end Shaffer was voted vice president while Leroy Bean replaced Ed Behnke as president of the board. Peg Schuldt continued in her role as secretary.

Shaffer suggested more detail should be included in the minutes of board meetings, responding in part to audience complaint at previous meetings that discussions held at meetings aren't part of the final minutes, which legally are only required to include board votes. Culver Town Clerk Casey Howard, in the audience, noted the Town Council records its meetings with a digital audio recorder, whose files are then downloaded to a town computer with CD copies available upon request. Howard suggested the Park board purchase its own recorder for simplicity's sake, since Howard herself won't always be available to attend Park board meetings and provide the recorder.

Also discussed were Park financing procedures, a topic brought up repeatedly at recent meetings by audience members, partially in connection with handling of funds donated to the 2008-built community playground project Vandalia Village.

Howard told the board and audience she's created an Excel spreadsheet detailing Park funds, expenses, income, and outflow of monies. She noted the Park board "will always be a month or two behind" because that board meets the first week of each month and town finances usually aren't balanced until late in each month.

Howard shared a January through November, 2009 report and balance sheet with board members, noting from now on she will email those members with a report prior to each meeting.

Park Superintendent Kelly Young explained her own accounting structure, noting receipts are given to park patrons when anything is paid for and boat slip renters and those purchasing beach passes are written in detail with the amount they've paid. She said she keeps written tabs on specific monies taken in for everything from beach passes to swimming lessons to concessions, with that sheet presented to Howard along with deposit slips when collected monies are taken to the bank.

Howard said this data is then entered into the town com-

puter. The Park's gift fund is similar, though it's not itemized, she added, noting all financial procedures are audited by the state.

Board member Ed Pinder Jr. suggested board members should be signing claims at each meeting once they're approved, and the board voted to approve the January 6 claims.

Pinder also suggested, as had been requested by some members of the public, that the citizen input portion of the meeting be moved to earlier in the meeting rather than remaining the last item on the agenda, as it was at this month's meeting. Bean said that portion of the meeting was changed to allow the board to complete its business before discussion with the public began, but agreed to try the move.

"If it doesn't work, then that's that," cautioned Bean, adding citizens are free to call board members and request to be put on the agenda for any given meeting.

The board voted to investigate documentation (and pass along the information to the town attorney) sent by Young to boat slip renters at the park in response to repeated requests from audience member Teresa Yuhas for a refund for guest passes her family purchased between 2006 and 2008 for use of the beach.

Yuhas said Young never informed her family that guest passes were included as a free courtesy for all boat slip renters, and consequently the family purchased guest passes annually over three years' time amounting to a total of \$120. Board member Ed Behnke stressed careful examination of the matter, as refunding the Yuhas' money could set a precedent for any other boat slip renters with similar claims. Young said a cover letter sent to boat slip renters explains the guest pass system.

"Maybe the Yuhases misread the contract," added Behnke, "or maybe Kelly misinformed them. I don't know. But it (allowing free beach passes to pier slip renters) was meant to be a courtesy."

Responding to queries from audience members, Howard and Young explained citizens who donated money for personalized fence pickets to support the Vandalia Village project will not receive word or refunds until after January 26. That date was given as a deadline in letters sent to donors informing them they could request a refund for picket monies given, since the playground will not erect pickets as originally planned.

In other discussion, Young said repeated attempts to contact Portside Marina to remove metal used in pier setup

in the park west of the beach have produced no results. Concerns had been raised at a previous meeting that the metal – stacked alongside piers removed for the winter and set along one of the park's walking paths -- could cause injury should pedestrians or others fall over it, a concern compounded, said Young, by the snow covering it. Howard and others raised concerns about the town's liability should an injury occur; Howard said she will attempt to contact the marina. It was suggested the town street crew could be asked to remove the metal.

Young also updated the board that the pathway in question is wide enough to accommodate emergency vehicles according to Assistant Fire Chief Ken VanDePutte, in spite of the presence of the stacked piers, another concern raised in previous months.

Young also shared 14 goals for the park in the coming year, including conduct good public relations; hiring quality, competent staff members; working cooperatively with various civic groups for community projects; continued planning for a project to replace the park's fishing pier; investigation and launching of fence replacement for the east end of the park; expansion of the Vandalia Village play area with swings and benches; continued park programming; continuing to plan and work with the town and other groups interested in improving the water tower parking area and an adjacent trail; continuance of maintenance projects throughout the park; a complete self evaluation for handicapped accessibility; planting of new trees in the east; and continued investigation of converting the west pavilion storage area into a public restroom.

The board voted to approve the goals and also hold a work session to rewrite and update job descriptions for the Superintendent and other staff.

In answer to a question from audience member Jim Hahn, Young explained there's hope of enhancing the city-owned parking area around the town's former water tower north of the park on Lake Shore Drive, with a safe pathway provided for travel between that area and the park proper.

Young also agreed, along with some audience discussion, that she and her staff will begin daily cleaning of Park-owned piers, in particular to clear them of seagull and other waterfowl droppings.

Young mentioned an ice fishing tournament will be held February 6 using the beach lodge as a base.

# Maxinkuckee E. coli questions keep groups working

By Rusty Nixon  
Correspondent

CULVER – One local group is doing all it can to keep Lake Maxinkuckee clean and now they need a little help from the Marshall County Health Department.

Reporting to the Board of Health at their last meeting Cathy Clark, Executive Director of the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council and member Alan Chesser presented the 2009 E. coli Sampling Report which contained some reasons for concern. The results of sampling showed concentrations of E. coli at all six sample sites exceeded Indiana's Code.

"We test periodically for several things around the lake," said Clark. "Now

we need to work with the Health Department to find out where it's coming from."

The samples were taken during one storm flow and one base flow event at six sampling sites within the Lake Maxinkuckee watershed. The highest concentrations were at the 18 B Road public access location and the stream feeding into the 18 B Road ditch. E. coli is a concern since high concentrations in

water that is being used for recreation can cause a swimmer to become sick.



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Lake Maxinkuckee, with Long Point at right, photographed in December.

Currently the problem is more in the streams and water's feeding into the lake than in the lake itself.

"Dispersion changes a lot of things," said Clark.

"We did testing of the Park Beach area clear out in the water itself. The same with the waters around the Academy and they were in great shape. We want to find out where the E. coli is coming from so we can avoid any problems down the road.

"Our lake is so clear it's on the edge of being pristine. Our readings are much better than they were even in 2004. Keeping it that way is why we keep doing the testing."

The Lake Maxinkuckee

Environmental Council also tests for phosphates and chlorophyl levels in the lake and Clark says that phosphates could be an even bigger concern.

"Phosphates are only in commercial dishwashing detergents now," said Clark. "We have, what, 18 restaurants around the lake, all washing dishes? That's a real concern to us."

The next step to clearing up the E. coli question will be further testing, concentrated in the areas where the samples indicated the

highest concentration. Dye testing will be conducted in some septic systems to determine if they are failing.

Obviously current weather conditions limit the exposure of lake users and the ability to do any accurate testing of the areas around 18 B Road.

"It's really up to the Health Department on their plan of action," said Clark. "We hope they will be able to do some testing in the spring and isolate the area if we have a problem."

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## Kline part of world-wide program in D.C.

Culver Middle School seventh grader Frank Kline recently shared the story of his journey to Washington, D.C., as part of People to People, a world leadership forum founded in 1959 by president Dwight Eisenhower and interested in promoting world peace and education. Kline, one of just two Indiana students selected by former sixth grade teachers for the honor, made the trip this past fall and there met some 200 other students from around the world. Kline's father, Chris Kline, drove him to the nation's capitol in order to include a father-son visit to Gettysburg, which preceded People to People visits to a number of area landmarks, including the capitol building, the Library of Congress, the Supreme Court building, the National Archives, the Lincoln, Korean War, and Vietnam War memorials, Jamestown, colonial Williamsburg, Arlington Cemetery, the White House, the World War II memorial, the Holocaust museum, and a number of other sites. Kline made particular note of a visit to the Franklin Roosevelt memorial, as FDR "is my favorite president."

Kline also described tasting goat and lamb at a dinner for the students at the United Arab Emirates and a meal at a Brazilian steakhouse. The week-long program concluded with all 200 students cruising on the Potomac River.

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## Culver Elementary honor roll

Culver Elementary School "A/B" honor roll students for the second grading period include

**First grade:** Braxton Rolland Atkins, Matthew Bailey, Brenden Brown, Damian Byers, Austin Cooper, Ethan Coyle, Kaydence Crane, Anthony Czerniak, Damian Dunn, Francis Ellert, Jacob Graham, Makenzie Handley, Joshua Havron, Kelsey Heise, Aubrey Highberger, Katie Hoffman, Devin Hylton, Morgan Keller, Kaleigh Kephart, Taylor Lewandowski, Ethan Lima, Sarah Lowry, Tristin Minix, Ethan Moore, Abigail Neff, Jessica Pietsch, Lillian Proskey, Abigail Richard, Wyatt Ringer, Trayden Schrimsher, Madison Shedrow, Gracey Sherman, Darren Shock, Shane Stevens, Chyna Thomas, Harlyn White

**Second grade:** Isabelle Ahlenius, Kailyn Ahlenius, William Baldwin, Emily Bendi, Alexis Berdine, Kenzie Binkley, Anna Blocker, Amanda Bradley, Dakota Clark, Aysia Conley, Savana Cook, Zachary Ditmire, Trista Fritter, Drake Gross, Lily Hayes, Gabriel Hissong, Kagnie Hoffman, Haley Howard, Austin Jones, Zane Kisela, Emma Krueger, Kamrinn Lowry, Hunter Manns, Fiona McLellan, Erin Renneker, Dana Rodgers, Lilly Sayavongsing, Brooklyn Sellers, Gabriel Sherman, Kamden Smith, Carter Stevens, Danny Stout, Alexandra Temme, Ryan Tompos, Owen Valiquet, Mariah Wilkinson, Donovan Ziaja

**Third grade:** Jazmyn Beitler, Dakota Bennett, Justin Bennett, Jermiah Brady, Mackenzie Buckman, Mackinna Burleson, Rebecca Christlieb, Wyatt Coiner, Marcella

Cooper, Austin Danielson, Lillian Gregorash, Katherine Heim, Corey Jefferies, Allison Jones, Trenton Jones, Gabrielle Kegley, Nora Kline, Sarah Luttrell, Jenna Moise, Sarah Morrison, Taylor Noah, Maranda Otteman, Allison Pearl, Haley Pennington, Kaitlyn Renneker, Alynna Richard, Hunter Ringer, Sara Ringer, Samuel Schaller, Hailey Shipley, Tihana Stefanic, Alex Wagner, Christian Zakhi

**Fourth grade:** Joseph Baumgartner, Emily Bradley, Danny Cook, Pierce Ellert, Jasmynne Fowler, Malachi Griffith, Dylan Lewandowski, Charles McCarty, Benjamin Myers, Cara Oquendo, Sydney Pritz, Reilly Reinhold, RT Roberts, Jake Rodgers, Raymie Shoop, Macee Strycker

**Fifth grade:** Erin Bendi, Brennin Betts, Jennifer Dady, Brandon Havron, Tanner Hoffman, Shania Homan, Patrick Kline, Joshua Krsek, Matthew Markovitz, Cameron Marrs, Jessie Maurer, Gomer Minix, Jackson Rich, Vedrana Stefanic, Trista Vela

**Sixth grade:** Machayla Allen, Addyson Allyn, Aaron Becker, Daniel Bettinelli, Tyler Binkley, Courtney Black, Hannah Boland, Carlie Bradley, Megan Brady, Caitlyn Cowell, Justine Dexter, Cheyenne Durbin, Renae Johnson, Mariah Jones, Madeline Justis, Cecilia Kenney, Hunter Kephart, Everett Krueger, Maria Lindvall, Jennah McCarthy, Margaret McKinnis, Clare Nowalk, Jade Overmyer, Kelsey Shaffer, Anna Tompos, Cody Valiquet, Kenneth VanDePutte, Joshua Vela

## Monterey honor roll

Monterey Elementary School announces its honor roll students.

**First grading period:**

**First grade, all "A"s:** Aubrey J. Gearhart, Olivia A Gilley, Noah R Risner, Reagan D Sheets, Hunter Blake Watwood

**First grade, "A/B":** Aubrey J. Gearhart, Olivia A Gilley, Noah R Risner, Reagan D Sheets, Hunter Blake Watwood, Chloe E Baker, Ashley L Burkett, Joseph Collins, Kolton P Hartle, Triston E Moore, Dakota L Smith, Laine W Widner.

**Second grade, "A/B":** Colin J. Barkley, Jasmine E Felda, Sarah E Keller, Alysa A Penicaro, Amber L

Watts, Nikki M Watts, Nathan L Wood

**Third grade, "A/B":** Charles E Binion, Alyssa S Kinyanjui, Brooke L May, Jebediah R. Smith

**Fourth grade, all "A"s:** Melissa M. Bradley, Bryce A. Reynolds

**Fourth grade, "A/B":** Rachel M. Kunce, Dillon R. Salyer, Landon I Tibbett, Cole M. Weldon

**Fifth grade, all "A"s:** Hailey A Jones

**Fifth grade, "A/B":** Kendra L Binion, Makayla A Felda, Katie E Garland, Brianna S Kinyanjui, Faith Amber Rowe, Jill E Zehner

**Sixth grade, all "A"s:** Rebecca E Rainey

**Sixth grade, "A/B":** Kyle A Kunce, Zaria E

Salary, Victoria M Shank, Taylor E Smith, Megan R Thompson

**Second grading period:**

**First grade, all "A"s:** Chloe E Baker, Ashley L Burkett, Aubrey J. Gearhart, Olivia A Gilley, Noah R Risner, Reagan D Sheets, Hunter Blake Watwood.

**First grade, "A/B":** Joseph Collins, Kolton P Hartle, Triston E Moore, Dakota L Smith, Laine W Widner

**Second grade, "A/B":** Colin J. Barkley, Jasmine E Felda, Sarah E Keller, Alysa A Penicaro, Amber L Watts, Nikki M Watts, Nathan L Wood

**Third grade, all "A"s:**

Alyssa S Kinyanjui

**Third grade, "A/B":** Alyssa M. Bailey, Charles E Binion, Elizabeth M Johnson, Savanna M Johnson, Jebediah R. Smith

**Fourth grade, all "A"s:** Melissa M. Bradley, Bryce A. Reynolds

**Fourth grade, "A/B":** Rachel M. Kunce, Dillon R. Salyer, Taylor N. Thomas, Landon I Tibbett, Cole M. Weldon.

**Fifth grade, all "A"s:** Hailey A Jones

**Fifth grade, "A/B":** Katie E Garland, Brianna S Kinyanjui, Jill E Zehner.

**Sixth grade, all "A"s:** Rebecca E Rainey

**Sixth grade, "A/B":** Zaria E Salary, Taylor E Smith, Megan R Thompson

## Monterey Elementary BUGS

Monterey Elementary School has released its BUGS students.

**First grade:** Chloe Baker, Ashley Burkett, Joey Collins, Aubrey Gearhart, Olivia Gilley, Triston Moore, Noah Risner, Reagan Sheets, Dakota Smith, Hunter Watwood, Laine Widner

**Second grade:** Colin Barkely, Jasmine Felda, Sarah Keller, Alysa Penicaro, Autumn Smith, Amber Watts, Nikki Watts, Nathan Wood.

**Third grade:** Alyssa Bailey, Charles Binion, Sydney Clinger, Shelby Fritch, Elizabeth Johnson, Savanna Johnson, Alyssa Kinyanjui, Brooke May, Naomi Mires, Jesse Plunkett, Jeb Smith, Nic Watwood, Olivia Weaver

**Fourth grade:** Melissa Bradley, Rachel Kunce, Bryce Reynolds, Dillon Salyers, Taylor Thomas, Landon Tibbets, Cole Weldon, Lance Beaver, Jordon Hopkins, Richi Juardo, Deanna Lewis, Wyatt Loehmer, Kia Riale, Michael Wieringa.

**Fifth grade:** Dawson Bettinelli, Kendra Binion, Nate Carnegie, Taiwan Jackson, Hailey Jones, Brianna Kinyanjui, Dakota Kistler, Jesse Lamberson, Ostin Robles, Christopher Zehner.

**Sixth grade:** Henry Back, John Brown, Justin Brown, Sam Castaneda, Carrie Cook, Cody Fisher, Kyle Kunce, Rebecca Rainey, Zaria Salary, Taylor Smith, Megan Thompson

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## Determination

Shelly Schrimsher's photo, "Determination" (at left) won first place in the "Our Town" category of the Culver Public Library's "The Big Read" photo contest, which concluded in November.

The *Citizen* hopes to run each of the winning photos per week along with recollections from the photographer of the circumstances and methods surrounding their photo.

Says Schrimsher, "During this summer's Culver Lake Fest, I was captivated by my son Ches' strong determination to go as far as he could during the tractor pull race. You would estimate by looking at the picture that he was competing for Olympic gold and a hundred candy bars! The photo catches the fun times that we have all been a part of at the Culver Lake Fest, and I love that this shot takes you back there. I could not help but submit this capture of expression in the category "Our Town." It just sums it up!"

*Shelly Schrimsher is married to Craig and they have two sons, Ches and Charlie. Shelly is a freelance graphic designer under her business Unlocked Creativity (www.facebook.com/unlockedcreativity)*

# Culver students among Coca-Cola semifinalists

ATLANTA — Culver students and students at Marshall County area high schools have been selected as semifinalists in the 22nd class of the Coca-Cola Scholars Program. Students named include Madeleine Balchan (Culver Academy), Ryan Benzick (Culver Academy), Megan Good (Plymouth), Deborah Ohiani-Jegede (Culver Academy), and Kelsey Shrahla (Argos), students

The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, a joint effort of Coca-Cola Bottlers across America and The Coca-Cola Company, is one of the largest corporate-sponsored, achievement-based scholarship programs of its kind in the United States.

With the 2010 class, more than 4,500 young scholars nationwide will have benefited from just more than \$41 million that the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation has provided. The program recognizes a diverse group of extraordinary high school seniors who have demonstrated academic and civic excellence in their schools and communities.

These students rank with approximately 2,000 high school seniors who are in the running for \$3 million in college scholarships that the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation will award in spring 2010. Students are selected to advance to this next phase based on the level of academic excellence, leadership and achievement demonstrated in school and community activities.

"The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation received more than 69,000 applications this year, and the Semifinalists are truly some of the brightest students in the country," said Mark Davis, president of the foundation. "We're delighted to have such a bright and talented pool of students to consider for our 22nd class."

As semifinalists, students must submit additional information that will be reviewed this month by a committee comprised of 30 educators from high schools and universities throughout the United States. If these students advance, they will be among a total of 250 Finalists who will travel to Atlanta March 25 through March 28, to attend the Coca-Cola Scholars Weekend.

During their visit they will attend a final interview process that will determine whether they are designated as either a National or Regional Scholar. The 50 National Scholars will each receive a \$20,000 scholarship award, while the 200 Regional Scholars will receive a \$10,000 scholarship.

The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation was created in 1986 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Coca-Cola and to establish a legacy for the education of tomorrow's leaders through college scholarships.

# Weeklong Culver Junior Woodcraft Camp debuts in June

Specialty Camp going on leave

Provided by Doug Haberland, Culver Academies

Something new, something on hold, and the time-tested standbys best describe the revised Culver Summer School & Camps lineup for the summer of 2010.

New in June will be a five-day Junior Woodcraft Camp for boys and girls 7 to 9 that will precede the traditional six-week Woodcraft and Upper camps. Family Camp, now entering its third summer since being reborn, rounds out the summer offerings in August. Missing from the summer lineup will be Specialty Camp, which is on sabbatical while that program and its effectiveness are being re-evaluated.

Specialty Camp attendance has been on a steady decline because of conflicts with the starting date of many public schools and fall athletic practices, said Summer Schools & Camps Director Tony Mayfield '65. Enrollment dropped from 354 in 2006 to just 141 in the summer of 2009, with those attending being mostly the younger ages (11 to 14).

But at the same time, Mayfield said he and his staff were hearing from parents who were interested in Woodcraft except that their children were too young and/or the six-week duration too long.

With that in mind, Junior Woodcraft Camp will provide "a dose of the (Woodcraft) experience" with a program designed for a younger age group. "We still want to instill a sense of accomplishment and fun with a purpose," Mayfield said.

Junior Woodcraft will be limited to 150 campers and will also be supervised by twice as many camp counselors, making the staff-to-camper ratio of 5-1.

The idea for a Junior Woodcraft Camp is bolstered by the recent successes of Mini-Woodcraft Camps during parents and reunion weekends (culver.org/minicamp) and the recent Halloween Camp that attracted 56 youngsters 7 to 12.

Elimination of Specialty Camp in August also created the opportunity to add a second week of Family Camp, Mayfield said. Family Camp for 2010 has already filled more than 50 cabins for the first (Aug. 8-14) of two one-week sessions. Since it resumed, Family Camp has attracted 60 families and 218 people in 2008 and another 57 families and 210 campers in 2009.

Mayfield said this summer will be a good indicator "of how effective this is all going to be" and where the interest level is.

The summer 2010 camp offerings in chronological order are:

Junior Woodcraft Camp (June 19-23, 2010) for boys and girls 7 to 9. Junior campers will follow a structure similar to Woodcraft Camp, complete with activity rotations, cabin/unit games, evening activities, and leadership opportunities. The Junior Woodcrafters – Chipmunks (boys) and Hummingbirds (girls) – will

live in the Woodcraft cabins. A 5-to-1 staff-to-camper ratio provides the safety, leadership, and supervision these younger campers deserve.

Woodcraft Camp and Upper Camp (June 25 – Aug. 7, 2010) are six-week, all-activity camps.

Bearing down on its centennial year in 2012, Woodcraft Camp is for boys and girls 9 to 13. Its counterpart, Upper Camp, is for boys and girls 13 to 17. These camps offer youngsters from around the world a place to have fun and learn valuable life skills.

Established in 1968 and re-introduced in summer 2008, Family Camp (Aug. 8-14 and 15-21, 2010) is designed for the whole family. It is a chance for alumni to relive their days as a camper and introduce their children and/or grandchildren to sailing, canoeing, or the ropes courses. Families stay in Woodcraft cabins, which can accommodate up to 11 people.

For more information on the Culver summer experience, visit [culver.org/summer](http://culver.org/summer).

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