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In Brief

Thursday Tech Time is Feb. 25

Thursday Tech Time is an open discussion group for anyone interested in computers and technology. Sessions will be held monthly from 6 to 7:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday of each month at the Culver-Union Township Public Library. Each session may have a speaker and topic or it may simply be open discussion. Sessions are free and open to the public. The next Tech Time will be Thursday, Feb. 25 and will focus on "Computer Security and Identity Theft." Various forms of security software will be discussed along with techniques for staying safe when using the Internet.

End-of-month meal at St. Mary's Feb. 28

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church's end-of-month community meal will take place Sunday, February 28. Typically, on the 30th day of each month, a community meal will be provided for anyone interested in attending, with food and drinks supplied by parishioners (the format is similar to Grace United Church of Christ's mid-month meal). St. Mary of the Lake is located at 124 College Avenue in Culver. Questions may be directed to 574-842-2522.

Book-film club at Culver Library

Culver Union-Township Public Library will host its book/film club at Wednesday, March 3 at noon in the library's large meeting room. Attendees may bring a bag lunch to the program. The library will provide coffee and tea. Barb Maves will host the program. Call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941 for more information or e-mail staff@culver.lib.in.us. The book and film to be discussed is "The Painted Veil."

VFW fish fry March 20

Culver's VFW Post #6919 is sponsoring an all-you-can-eat fish fry in conjunction with the Culver-Union Township Volunteer Fire Department Saturday, March 20, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Post, 108 E. Washington Street in Culver.

Prices are \$4 for children 12 and under and \$8 for adults, and carry out orders will be available. The doors are open to the public and
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'Culver has just embraced me'

LEFT: Mick Henley, of Culver an early resident of the Kings Lake resort area (see stories below), greets fellow Lions Club 'tail twister' Don Freese at a recent Lions meeting. In the background is Henley's late brother, Bernard Ponder, a member of the famous WWII fighter pilots the Tuskegee Airmen.

From Haiti with love

RIGHT: Brothers Patrick (left) and Pascal Brun, students at Culver Academies, hold a Haitian flag. The Brun brothers reflected on their childhood in Haiti and the work of their family to improve the country before and after the recent earthquake there.

State report cites personal, credit card spending

Board corrects with changes

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

The Culver-Union Township Public Library board, at its February 16 meeting, took formal steps to adopt policies reflecting the Indiana State Board of Accounts' guidelines regarding use of credit cards and spending by the library Director and staff.

The move came partly as a result of the SBOA audit report made available to the public January 27 (see accompanying article this issue), which cited the library for "a lack of control" over credit card use by staff and management and accruing of delinquent payment fees for credit card transactions in 2007 and 2008. In the same report, then-library Director Carol Jackson was also requested by the SBOA to reimburse the library for \$985.85 in "personal expenses" charged the library during the same period.

Present director Colleen McCarty, who took the library's reins following Jackson's July, 2008 resignation, presented to the board a report from the library's policy committee, which has been working for months to update and shore up its policy handbook. Among policy changes was a purchase limit of \$500 for the library Director, though it was noted if an emergency situation – such as a hot water heater leaking water – existed, the Director could
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CUTPL audit covers 2007-08 period

Staff report

As alluded to during the February 16 meeting of its board of Directors, the Culver-Union Township Public Library's latest audit report has been released to the public, and includes a request that former library Director Carol Jackson, who resigned in 2008, reimburse the library for "\$985.85 of personal expenses."

The report also cites the library, which was audited for the period of January 1, 2007 to December 1, 2008, for "a lack of controls over credit card transactions" and "financial charges for delinquent payment of credit card invoices during
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Kings Lake was resort for prominent African-Americans

Black History Month 2010

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen Editor

Though the town of Culver itself can boast a rather illustrious African-American history (the first integrated high school basketball team in the state, an African Methodist Episcopal church, and a community of prominent African-American residents dating back nearly to the turn of the 20th century), arguably the peak of that community was over by the 1960s. A few miles south of Culver, however, a sizeable African-American community was growing up even as Culver's was shrinking. The consolidation of area schools furthered the role of that community in the life of Culver, as students from schools in the Leiters Ford and Monterey areas became part of Culver Community High School when it opened in 1968.

The Kings Lake resort is actually located in Fulton County, about ten miles south of Culver just east of State Road 17 and a short walk southwest of Delong, in Aubbeenaubee Township (it's located south of 550N and approximately 950W, to be specific). Originally Shadle's Lake, the name of the 25-acre lake there was changed to King's Lake around 1907 due to new owners, John and Thomas King. As an historical aside, a "Kings Lake monster" was said to prowl the waters there many years after Fulton County's most famous beast, the Manitou Monster had remained unseen. The Kings Lake creature – similar to Manitou's -- was sighted in Kings Lake in 1894 by members of the Shadle family and a handful of others.

Specifics about the development of Kings Lake have proven to be somewhat elusive. The July 22, 1953 Culver Citizen featured a front cover headline noting that "more than 300 of the 1,937 lots at Kings Lake resort near Delong have been sold to Negroes from the Calumet and Chicago area."

It was added that a handful of white residents had purchased lots there as well, with "plans to construct cottages and improve their property. One cottage is already constructed and another being constructed at the northeast side of the resort."

According to the Citizen, lots originally sold at \$150 each for a 25 by 125-foot lot, with the small lake itself located in the south-
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Haitian brothers, Culver students, grateful for outpouring of US support

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

When news of the devastation in Haiti resulting from the January 12 earthquake there reached Culver – and the rest of the world – two students at Culver Academies were particularly affected.

Brothers Patrick (a senior) and Pascal (a sophomore) Brun were born and grew up in Haiti, the sons of a Haitian father and Guyanan mother. The two attended school there as well, from kindergarten through 9th grade, though they have family and friends in the US and traveled outside Haiti annually before coming to Culver.

The Brun brothers are also friends with 1983 Culver Academies grad and 2006 baccalaureate speaker Patrick Moynihan, president of the Haitian Project and instrumental in the opening of Louverture Cleary, a school for 344 underprivileged, academically gifted students in Haiti (in fact, it was at Moynihan's suggestion that the Patrick first applied to be a student at Culver).

Moynihan returned to Haiti from a trip away February 15 to find his school slightly damaged and only eight students who suffered minor injuries. The school will remain in partial operation as Moynihan helps to organize relief efforts for the greater community. Information about his work can be found online at www.haitianproject.org.

It was through an email from Moynihan's daughter that Patrick first heard of the earthquake, shortly after returning from the gym on the Academies campus.

"I looked it up online and it blew me away," he recalls. "When I heard it (the quake) was 7.0 (on the Richter scale), I started getting worried. My mom was at Guyana with my little sister for vacation, and she called me and said, 'There was a huge earthquake and I can't reach dad.'"

The Brun brothers finally heard through a friend that had spoken to their father, also named Patrick, that he was alright. As the story developed, Patrick says he spoke with friends from Haiti and began to receive photos, videos, and updates on
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Early Kings Lake resident Henley beloved by Culver community

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Charles 'Mick' Henley has become so much a part of the fabric of life in Culver, and involved in so much here, it's hard to imagine he wasn't born and raised a Culverite. Instead, Henley – whose journey to the area began at nearby Kings Lake, as described in the accompanying article this issue – was born and raised in the Chicago area, though his family's roots lie in Mississippi, the place his white grandfather married in his African-American grandmother in what can only have been an unusual and surprising marriage in that part of the US near the turn of the century. Mississippi is also the place Henley's second cousin, Emmett Till, was murdered in 1955 at age 14 in one of the more horrific examples of pre-Civil Rights movement racism to lend itself to future changes in policy and attitude.

Henley himself, however, says he's "never had a problem with race. I never had anybody spit in my face or call me names, or say I couldn't drink out of that fountain, so I can't speak about that...I've just been embraced by everybody."

A 1937 photo of Henley and his brother Bernard Ponder, sister Elaine (now Powell, the last of his immediate family still alive
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Reister helps out

Cindy Reister helped support the Marshall County Humane Society by attending the Society's baked potato and salad bar luncheon at the Webster Center in Plymouth last Thursday. If you missed the lunch and want to help the shelter, call 574-936-8300 for more information.

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contact the board President for authorization to exceed that amount. Of charge accounts established, ordering staff must have purchases of \$50 or more approved by the Director, the policy established.

McCarty noted policies on credit card and charge accounts were also rewritten "to reflect the responses that the State Board of Accounts gave to us in our audit," and that each recommendation from the SBOA was addressed in the new policy. Included in that policy is language that "public funds may not be used to pay for personal expenses," in addition to language spelling out proper documentation and submission of payments in a timely manner. No interest, carrying charges, or penalties are to be incurred for credit cards, the policy

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2007 and 2008."

The audit was conducted last fall by Indiana's State Board of Accounts and concluded October 13. It was filed online January 27 and is available at www.in.gov/sboa (search for "Culver").

Jackson, who took over the library as Director in 2006, resigned in July of 2008. The position was later filled by present librarian Colleen McCarty.

Included in the audit report is notation that Jackson, at the time of the report, had already repaid \$332.38 of the \$985.85 in claims for personal expenses, and a signed agreement from Jackson to repay the rest.

Though the report does not detail personal expenses incurred, it notes, "Public funds may not be used to pay for personal items or for expenses which do not relate to the functions and purposes of the govern-

mental unit. Any personal expenses paid by the governmental entity may be the personal obligation of the responsible official or employee."

The contents of the report, adds the audit, were discussed with Jackson – as well as McCarty, library board treasurer Rita Lawson, and library financial manager Jim Faulkner – on October 13, 2009.

Regarding credit card use, the audit report says that "some library employees used credit cards to purchase items that did not comply with approved credit card policies. In several instances, payment was made on the basis of a credit card statement or slip only." Included as well are guidelines for proper use of library credit cards, which the board took steps to incorporate into its policies at its February 16 meeting.

The report again does

not spell out the amount of delinquent credit card payment fees the library paid in 2007 and 2008, but notes, "Officials and employees have the duty to pay claims and remit taxes in a timely fashion (and) have a responsibility to perform duties in a manner which would not result in any unreasonable fees being assessed against the governmental unit."

Also included in the report is an October 2, 2009 statement from library board president Jim Hahn that the board and management of the library "are taking steps to identify, correct, and implement policies and procedures that will address these deficiencies."

The audit report also includes a breakdown of library funds and finances for the 2007 and 2008 fiscal years.

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also mandates, and library credit cards will be kept in the Director's office until needed. Further, all library staff will be advised of the credit card policy and acknowledge that they know the policy's consequences.

Board member Carol Saft said the effort was a joint one between the finance and policy committees.

"We just thoroughly agreed," she said. "We wanted to make sure these items are clear and we met what the State Board asked us to. We didn't want anything to happen (like the situation addressed in the audit) again in this library. We felt very strongly about this language."

Vice-president of the board Alfred Nyby – filling in for absent President Jim Hahn – noted the new policy actually goes beyond the SBOA's language "and (you) tailored it to our needs and past situations."

Besides the policy changes, which the board voted into effect, a resolution on credit card and other spending was voted into action as well.

The board also shored up its policies on use of its meeting rooms for non-library sponsored activities, particularly the question of whether to charge a deposit or other fee to outside groups who wish to use the rooms. The policy com-

mittee, said McCarty, recommended not to require a deposit for non-profit organizations using the room. Social events – and events serving alcohol – are strongly discouraged by the policy, she added; those wishing to use the rooms for a social event will be charged \$100 per day. A for-profit group offering "cultural instruction" to the community may waive the \$100 fee typically assessed to such groups in lieu of a donation to the library. The board passed the changes.

The library's long-range planning committee hopes to involve members of the community in its three to five year plan during focus meetings July 12 and July 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. Those interested in attending and providing input at those meetings are encouraged to contact the library.

McCarty discussed some statistics of library use, including the fact that 3,676 people currently hold library cards at CUTPL. Patrons are also making good use of the Evergreen system acquired last fall at the library, she said, which allows patrons to request books and audio books from participating libraries across the state. Ninety-eight items were used from such libraries by local patrons in January, and 212 Culver library items

were shared with patrons at other libraries, McCarty reported.

Saft praised updates to the library website's "New books" and "Teen Zone" sections.

Discussed were attendance statistics for library programs, including the fact that 341 people attended non-library sponsored programs in January, according to McCarty. She noted the library isn't currently conducting a great deal of in-house adult programming, though 47 adults attended library-sponsored programs last month. She added praise of some "creative programming from (Children's assistant Alison Gaskill in) the Children's department," and discussed whether a portion of the library's budget could go towards funding library programs, as many other libraries do.

The board also voted to split funds in the library's checking account at First Farmer's Bank and Trust, partly as a safety measure to preclude having all of its funds in one account. Resolutions were also voted on to establish policies as to who may access the library's safety deposit box and under what circumstances, and to reduce mileage reimbursement for library staff to 40 cents per mile.

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who was still missing and who had passed away, online via Twitter.

"That's how I was getting news for a good week and a half," he notes. "Finally, after a week, I reached my dad and spoke to him for a minute. We hadn't heard about our house up to then, but we found out it was one of the few houses still standing in our neighborhood. There was no electricity so he couldn't charge his phone, so it was very brief. He told us our family is safe and all staying together."

Both Patrick and Pascal Brun say most of their friends were safe, though many lost siblings, aunts and uncles, or their own friends in the quake. Patrick, who intends to study pre-med, says the medical hospital at which he worked while still in Haiti lost a lot of staff but is one of the few in the country still running. The brothers hope to make it to their homeland over spring break next month, but aren't sure if they'll yet be able to fly to the country.

In the meantime, their father is still Haiti working at relief efforts with the Red Cross and Patrick Moynihan. Though he owns a hardware and home appliance store there – a family business started by the younger Bruns' grandfather – he's long been "heavily into social entrepreneur-

ship," says Patrick, and has worked with Moynihan in addition to similar projects with various universities in America as well as in developing water purification systems in Haiti.

"My dad is really someone that believes in (Haiti) and has been trying for so long to get a positive view of the country. He's been trying to promote its art and music, teach agriculture, and embrace the good parts of the country. He's staying positive."

The Brun brothers have, they say, been happy to see the outpouring of support for Haiti from America and the world following the disaster there.

"I'm a wrestler," says Pascal, "and I went over to Mishawaka Marian (High School to compete) and I heard them praying for Haiti. It's amazing to hear a random school in Indiana praying for Haiti."

"It's so overwhelming seeing these big stars rallying and fund raising (for Haiti)," agrees Patrick. "And even in the Culver community, I've never seen the world try to help out a country so much. There's no way to show how grateful we really are."

The Bruns hope, too, that greater appreciation of Haiti and understanding of its people can come from all the attention focused on their home country.

"One of the things people I'm guessing people don't realize is the people of Haiti are such hardworking people," explains Patrick. "They have gone through lot of political turmoil and economic crises, and people are working their hardest. A lot of people wouldn't realize that since we're suffering right now."

"Also," he adds, "how beautiful the country is: it's got beaches and mountains, and a huge art and artisan community."

Further, the Bruns are positive about the potential for Haiti to grow strong coming from the relief efforts there. "I really hope with all this funding we've gotten (in Haiti)," says Patrick, "we can give people a good standard of living. It's been really rough, but this (earthquake and subsequent relief effort) gives us a chance to do everything right."

The media, he continues, may be quick to move on to other subjects, but he and Pascal hope people don't forget.

"I know it's hard to keep your mind focused on something so heart-breaking, and the media is so brief, but please keep Haiti in your thoughts and prayers," says Patrick. "Haiti really wants to do something good and make progress out of all this."

Obituaries

Judy A. Roby

Jan. 10, 1950 — Feb. 15, 2010

PLYMOUTH — Judy A. Roby, 60, of Culver, died at 5:58 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15, 2010 at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, following a sudden illness.

She was born Jan. 10, 1950 in Anderson to Carl and Betty (Wilson) Livingston. She graduated from Highland High School in Anderson in 1968 and married Stephen G. Roby Aug. 17, 1968 in Anderson.

Judy lived in Fulton County and the Culver community since 1987 coming from Alexandria, Ind. She worked for the Pulaski County Journal for several years and she and her husband were actively involved at the Culver Farmer's Market; and the following associations: Midwest Drivers, Sweet Sorghum Growers, and Michiana Bee Keepers.

She is survived by her husband Stephen; daughter, Rene Burton of Kewanna; granddaughter, Felicia of Kewanna; mother, Betty King of Anderson; sisters, Diana Scott of Fortville and Carol Gerard of Anderson; and a brother, Dan Livingston of Mount Summit.

She was preceded in death by her father, and daughter, Amanda Roby.

Graveside services took place at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18 at the Leiters Ford Cemetery, Leiters Ford with the Pastor Bill Guerin of Living Water in Winamac.

Burial followed at Leiters Ford Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Best Friends Animal Society, 5001 Angel Canyon Road, Kanab, Utah, 84741-5000.

Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos, was entrusted with arrangements.

Electronic condolences may be sent to the family at memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com.

Market Basket offers weekly crafts

The Market Basket and Company, 13775 S R 17, will be holding Tuesday Tea and Crafts each Tuesday in March from 1 to 3 p.m. Participants can either bring an unfinished project to work on or purchase supplies to work on each week; a different craft project will be offered. All crafts will be in the \$5 range, give or take a bit. Crafts include a paper craft (March 2), bead and wire spoons (March 9), glass painting (March 16), fairy craft for mom and kids (March 23), and lavender sachet (March 30). So, crafters, come enjoy a cup of tea while crafting together!

Patti McCombs Polich

Nov. 15, 1948 — Jan. 19, 2010

CHICAGO, Ill. — Patti McCombs Polich, 61, of Chicago, formerly of Culver, passed away Jan. 19, 2010 in Chicago, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Patti was born Nov. 15, 1948 to James "Mick" and Sue McCombs. She was married in August 1972 to Allen Polich. He survives.

Patti was a 1967 graduate of Culver Community High School and later graduated from Valparaiso University in 1971 with a teaching degree. Her family now resides in Western Springs, Ill.

In addition to her husband Allen, she is survived by her son, Brett; daughter, Amandah; grandson, Luke; father, Mick (Pauline) McCombs of Mishawaks and Sebring, Fla.; brothers, Steve and Martin McCombs; and sister, Julie Humbles.

Services and burial were held in Chicago.

Pokrajac on Dean's list

Culver Academies graduate Chrisitne A. Pokrajac earned a spot on the Ball State University Dean's list for the fall, 2009 semester. A 2007 graduate of Culver Girls Academy, she is a junior studying health sciences at Ball State.

Academies alumni in the 2010 Winter Olympics:

Culver Academies Students Molly Engstrom '01, Ryan Suter 2003, and Jack Johnson W'01 will be playing for the United States in the 2010 Winter Olympics. Engstrom is making her second appearance in the winter games. She skated for the U.S. Women's Hockey team that took bronze at the 2006 Winter Olympics.

Engstrom scored one goal in the U.S. team's victory over China last Sunday. Suter and Johnson are making their first appearance in the Winter Olympics playing for the 2010 U.S. men's hockey team. Engstrom scored one goal in the US team's victory over China last Sunday. Suter and Johnson are making their first appearance in the Winter Olympics playing for the 2010 US Men's hockey team.

Death notice

Todd

**Maxine M. Todd
Feb. 17, 2010**

CULVER — Maxine M. Todd, 66, of Culver, died at 4:15 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2010 at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

She is survived by her husband Dennis; a son, Mark (Lisa) Todd; daughters, Michelle (Mark) Smashey and Lisa Rene (Norman) Oberle; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation took place from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Culver. Funeral services took place at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Memorial donations may be made to the Woodlawn Hospital Oncology Dept. or Hope Hospice.

Odom Funeral Home, Culver, was entrusted with arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family via the funeral home's Web site at www.odomfuneralhome.com.

Community calendar

Thurs., Feb. 25 Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library Thursday Tech Time, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library	mtg., 1 p.m., Culver Public Library Free computer class, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library DivorceCare, 7 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ
Fri., Feb. 26 Computer class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library	Tues., March 2 Culver Chamber of Commerce mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Academies Museum & Gift Shop
Sat., Feb. 27 Quilting group, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library Census job testing, 1 to 4 p.m., Culver Public Library	Weds., March 3 Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library Garden Club, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library Culver Parks and Recreation Board mtg., 7 p.m., town hall
Sun., Feb. 28 Open gym for adults, 1 to 3 p.m. (Sundays through March 7), Culver Middle School gymnasium Lenten Service, 4 p.m., Wesley United Methodist Church Community meal, 6 p.m., St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church	Thurs., March 4 Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library Knights of Columbus St. Mary of the Lake Council #13720 social mtg., 7 p.m., rectory basement
Mon., March 1 Friends of the Library	

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All meal fundraiser proceeds will be donated to the Culver Fire Department. The fish will be prepared by the Tyner IOOF Lodge. Those with questions may call 574-842-3886.

Relay 'Drink of the Month'

The February drink of the month at the Culver Coffee Company is Mexican Hot Chocolate, and all proceeds from sales of that drink this month go the Relay For Life of Culver. Culver Coffee Co. is located at 634 Lake Shore Drive in Culver.

Weekly Lenten services begin

The Culver Community Council Of Churches will once again hold weekly Lenten service, held at 4 p.m. each Sunday. The dates and Churches are as follows: Wesley United Methodist Church (February 28), Pretty Lake United Methodist Church (March 7), Emmanuel United Methodist Church (March 14), Leiters Ford United Methodist Church (March 21). All are welcome and encouraged to attend these inspirational services.

Friends meeting, book sale

The first meeting of the Friends of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library for 2010 will be Monday, March 1 at 1 p.m. at the Culver-Union Township Public Library. New members are always welcome. The Friends' next book sale

is slated for Friday, April 23 and Saturday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to noon both days. The group welcomes book donations any time; please bring to the main desk at the library. Those with questions may contact Charlotte Hahn at 574-842-3267.

Park boat slips now available

The Culver Park and Recreation Department is now leasing boat slips for the 2010 summer season. The fees for the boat slips are as follows: Culver-Union Twp. Residents: \$700; outside of the area: \$1000; waverunner spaces: \$400; and Hobie spaces: \$400. All boats and waverunners must be placed on lifts. Interested individuals should contact Kelly Young, Park Supt. at 574-842-3510 during the evening hours.

Free computer classes at Culver Library

Culver-Union Township Public Library will continue its free computer classes Monday evenings at 6 p.m. and Friday mornings at 10 a.m. Upcoming sessions include Microsoft Word (Feb. 26, 10 a.m). For more information, call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941, visit the Web site at www.culver.lib.in.us or e-mail abaker@culver.lib.in.us.

Hearts and Hands dinner/dance Feb. 27

PLYMOUTH — Heart and Hands will be host-

ing a Dinner/Dance fundraiser Saturday, Feb. 27 at the Plymouth Park's Dept. Conservation Clubhouse. The meal will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. followed by the dance from 8 to 10 p.m.

All proceeds go to benefit Heart and Hands Ticket prices are: \$25 per couple, \$15 per individual; and children 13 and younger are \$5. For tickets call 574-935-3846 or purchase them at the office in the upstairs of the old firehouse located at 220 N. Center St., Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9

a.m. to 7 p.m. or at the door. Donations can be made by mail to: PO box 51, Plymouth, IN, 46563.

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.

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.

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"Rend your heart and not your garments." Joel 2:13

Lent is the period of forty days in the Church calendar when Christian traditions prepare for Easter. The number forty is connected with many biblical events, but for Christians this season, we identify it with the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing for his ministry. We believe Christ faced temptations that could have led him to abandon his mission and calling. Christians today use Lent as a time for introspection, self examination, and repentance.



Pastor's Corner

By Tom Haynes
St. Elizabeth's
Episcopal Church

For the Western church, Lent started on Ash Wednesday (February 17), and Easter Sunday is April 4th this year. If you are good with numbers in your head, you will notice that Lent is 4 days + 6 weeks = 46 days. The Western church does not count Sundays in Lent since they consider every Sunday to be a celebration of the Resurrection, so subtract 6 for the Sundays between February 17 and April 4, and you have the 40.

When I talk about the Western church, I am talking about Protestants, Roman Catholics, and Anglicans. The Eastern Orthodox churches do not skip Sundays, and the Great Lent begins on a Monday. This first day of Great Lent is called "Clean Monday" because Orthodox Christians are called upon to begin the holy season with "clean hearts and good intentions." It is also because the season of Lent is regarded as a time when Christians should clean their spiritual houses, coming to terms with their lives and rededicating themselves to a more holy and righteous way of living. Clean Monday was February 15 this year.

Historically people have done a variety of things to observe Lent. People have fasted by giving up meat or sweets or alcohol. Some cultures and churches have different traditions here, but Carnival, Mardi Gras and Shrove Tuesday are ways that people have historically "gotten rid of" the things they were giving up before the start of Lent. I don't think there are too many religious roots in the observance of Mardi Gras these days, but many churches have a pancake supper the day before Lent starts to "use up" all the meat, butter, syrup and sugar.

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Nostalgia

80 years ago February 19, 1930

The annual report of the Culver Cow Testing Association has been released and placed the Kline and Shilling herd at the top.

The Academy recently approved the purchase of five polo ponies from Fort Reno, Oklahoma. They will be shipped here about March 1.

Workmen have been busy on the new Community Building stage that will make it the best in the county. The stage curtain is a beautiful maroon material that is fireproof (*editor's note: the Community Building in question is today the Culver Elementary School gym, where the stage still resides*).

60 years ago February 21, 1950

Thieves broke into the Culver Sports Centre on Lake Shore Drive sometime late Saturday night and stole two revolvers and about 450 rounds of ammunition.

The first birthday anniversary of the Rainbow Girls was observed in their Monday evening meeting.

40 years ago February 26, 1970

The Three Sisters Restaurant owned and operated by Stanley J. Pierce has won its appeal for a permit to sell wine, liquor, and beer.

A small collection of framed prints of famous paintings is now available on the first floor of the Culver Library after a year of planning by Mrs. Jane Scruggs, librarian, and the library board. The art-minded community of Culver is fortunate to have this collection in a small library. As this is National Model Railroad week, the library also has a model railroad of John Houghton's on display.

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, Feb. 25: Beef cutlet with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread and margarine, peaches, cookie, and milk.

Friday, Feb. 26: Stuffed baked potato, shredded cheese and sour cream, salad with French dressing, tomato and onion, lemon birthday cake, muffin, and milk.

Monday, March 1: Smoked sausage, sauer-

kraut, peas and carrots, spudsters, fruit, bun, and milk.

Tuesday, March 2: Country fried steak, white gravy, mashed potatoes, spinach, bread and margarine, strawberries, and milk.

Wednesday, March 3: Meatloaf, baby bakers and sour cream, green beans, bread and margarine, peaches, and milk.

Thursday, March 4: Chicken patty, bun and mayo, red potatoes, broccoli, apple crisp, and milk.

Friday, March 5: Vegetarian lasagna, tossed salad and dressing, mixed vegetables, roll and margarine, pears, and milk.

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Name that Culver "citizen"

Last week's Mystery Citizen, as mentioned in this column last issue, is visible in two public capacities (at least) in the Culver area: for his role on the board of the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council, in which he's been a driving force for years, and his longstanding position with the First National Bank of Monterey. He was recognized by sharp-eyed readers Lucille Clifton, Gary Shaffer, Mandy Siebenhaar, Christy Scarborough, Stu Manchester, and likely several others who didn't write or call! Those folks, however, will miss out on our traditional prize of free parking in downtown Culver, this week extended to



Left: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Allen Chesser, then and now. Right: this week's mystery citizen.



Monterey in honor of Mr. Chesser. This week's Mystery Citizen

is a familiar face to many in Culver as well for her role in another local business.

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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Sports



Eagles rally past Pilgrims

By James Costello
Sports Editor

PLYMOUTH — Culver Military has been on a hot streak lately.

With seven straight wins, including a three-point victory on the road at Class 4A Pike in January and another close win over previously undefeated Class A, No. 1-ranked Bowman Academy at home Thursday, the Eagles seem to have turned a corner.

But while those wins were big, head coach Alan Huss was even more impressed by his team's victory at Plymouth Tuesday, as the Eagles rallied back from a 27-18 halftime deficit to beat the Sectional 19 host Pilgrims on their home turf at The Rock, 53-49.

"I tell you what, there are some other ones people are looking at, at Pike and beating Bowman at home, but we match up pretty well against those types of teams. We struggle a little bit more against this," said Huss. "This, to me, is the biggest win in that streak for us. We've had this game circled. Maybe it didn't look like it with our energy in that first half, but we knew we needed to win this. We thought we had to send a message to the sectional that we were a contender despite our poor record. I'm just pleased that we came out and fought the second half after digging ourselves into a little bit of a hole. As far as the streak goes, this is as big as it gets for us. We know there's some other games people

are looking at around the state but as far as our area and me understanding how hard it is to beat Plymouth at Plymouth, it's a huge win for us."

After going an efficient 11 for 23 from the field in the first half, the Pilgrims struggled offensively after the break, converting just 4 of 14 field attempts. Following a technical call against Huss for arguing on a personal foul and the resulting 5 of 6 free throws from Bo Davidson and Houston Hodges with 2:13 to go in the third frame, CMA went on a 12-4 tear to knot the game at 41-all at the 4:35 mark of the fourth.

Jermaine Myers hit a 3 from the top of the key at the 2:33 stop to give the Eagles their first lead of the game since the 2:56 mark of the first, then calmly converted a pair of free throws in the bonus to stretch that lead to 50-46 with only 16.5 seconds to go, and the Pilgrims were unable to climb back in the game's waning moments.

"We had way too many chances to keep that lead at about 10 points, to have purpose with our offense and work the ball for a great shot, but we just consistently felt like we had to settle for an average shot," said Plymouth head coach Kevin Stuckmeyer. "And it wasn't just one guy tonight, it was four or five guys that wanted to settle for average shots rather than getting reversals and making them play defense."

"I thought we had plen-

ty of chances in that third quarter, second quarter when we had that lead to keep it at least where it was at or at least make them earn stops. But they didn't earn any stops and then they get a couple dunks because of it and they start feeling pretty good about things and we got caught up in their game."

Ramsey Bradke helped give CMA a spark defensively, and sophomore starting guard Myers gave the Eagles a lift on both ends of the court as the visitors outscored Plymouth 24-12 in the fourth quarter.

Myers, who sat out long stretches of Tuesday's game in foul trouble, put up 12 of his total 14 points and a steal and a deflection in the final quarter.

"He just makes us go with his poise and energy. We're obviously a much better team with him in the game," said Huss of Myers.

"It was probably good experience for us tonight to play without him even though we didn't do a real good job. It's one of

the only times we've had to play without him this year, so I think it was good experience for us."

Plymouth got strong play

nearly 28 total minutes on the floor.

"I thought Sean played well throughout the game; I was proud of Sean," said Stuckmeyer.

"Stepping in there, he played big minutes for us, did a lot of really nice things for us. The first half he was a little bit more noticeable just because he scored a few points. The second half he did a lot of nice things defensively. He was just good for us all around both halves."

Davidson and Hodges led Plymouth's scorers with 13 and 14 points, respectively, and the duo combined for nine of the Pilgrims' 12 points in the final stanza. Hodges was fouled while knocking down a reeling 3-pointer from off the wing to give his team one last chance trailing 51-49 with 1.9 seconds remaining.

The junior point man deliberately missed the free throw, but it was CMA's Brescacin

who grabbed the rebound and knocked down both his free throws in the double bonus to bring the score to its final.

"Guys were trying to make a play, but the problem was we waited until we let them back in the game, and then we had to press a little bit and we had to play their game," Stuckmeyer said. "If we take care of the highlight play as we talk about it as coaches of ripping that ball



PHOTO BY ALAN HALL
Culver Military's Juwan Brescacin (25) goes up for a shot against Plymouth's Sean Smith during a boys basketball game at Plymouth last week.

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from usual reserve Sean Smith, who got the start against CMA and whose long, 6-8 frame helped him match up well with CMA's tall lineup.

Smith finished the game with a team co-leading three assists and scored nine of his 11 points in the first half to help the Pilgrims secure their eight-point cushion at the break. He grabbed another team co-leading four rebounds and a steal while logging

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through or pass-faking, not letting them get a deflection or getting a hip in it — if we take care of those plays and we're competing at that point when no one else thinks it matters then it might be a different outcome. Because we didn't do that, then we had to scrap and fight at the end there. If it's a game like that where it's up and down and we have to force things then CMA will win every time."

In addition to Myers' 14, Travis Britt and Brescacin each put up 14 for CMA, and 7-1 Sudanese transfer Chier Ajou scored 10 points, including eight points off 4-of-5 conversions down low in the third. The Eagles improve to 12-7 and will host Sectional 19 opponent New Prairie Friday at 8 p.m.

Plymouth, meanwhile, slips to 11-7 on the year and will follow up CMA with another sectional foe in Knox at 8 p.m. Friday as well.

"The positive I see is we might get another chance at them," said Stuckmeyer. "Besides that, CMA is probably looking at it as there's definite positives on their side, that things could've gone even more lopsided on their part. We've got a lot of work to get ready for Knox and John Glenn and worry about the rest of the regular season. We've got to fix some things and fix that mentality first before we get another chance at CMA."

At Plymouth
Score by quarters
CMA: 10 18 29 53
Plymouth: 13 27 37 49
CMA (53): Jermaine Myers 5 3-4 14, Ramsey Bradke 0 1-2 1, Travis Britt 6 0-0 14, Jawan Brescacin 5 4-6 14, Braxton Troyer 0 0-0 0, Trace Thevs 0 0-0 0, Chier Ajou 5 0-2 10, Trevor Weaser 0 0-0 0; Totals: 21 8-14 53.
PLYMOUTH (49): George Mendoza 0 0-0 0, Todd Vervynck 0 2-3 2, Brock Smith 0 1-2 1, Houston Hodges 4 4-6 14, Bo Davidson 3 6-6 13, Sean Smith 5 0-0 11, Leneil Himes 3 2-2 8; Totals: 15 15-19 49.
3-point goals: CMA 3 (Britt 2, Myers), Plymouth 4 (Hodges 2, Davidson, S. Smith); Rebounds: CMA 27 (Brescacin 7), Plymouth 22 (Vervynck 4, S. Smith 4); Assists: CMA 7 (Myers 4), Plymouth 12 (Hodges 3, S. Smith 3); Steals: CMA 9 (Britt 4), Plymouth 8 (B. Smith 3, Hodges 3); Turnovers: CMA 17, Plymouth 15; Blocked shots: CMA 5 (Britt 2, Brescacin 2), Plymouth 1 (B. Smith); Fouls (fouled out): CMA 20 (Britt), Plymouth 15 (Himes); Records: CMA 12-7, Plymouth 11-7.

Sports briefs

Boys basketball

Cavs fall short

Culver Community's boys basketball team lost 55-46 at West Central Tuesday.

Zoe Bauer led the Cavs with 22 points, followed by AJ Neace with 10 points.

Lance Kruger dropped in a game-high 23 points to lead the Trojans.

WEST CENTRAL 55, CULVER COMMUNITY 46
At Francesville

Score by quarters
Culver: 11 20 27 46
West Central: 14 20 37 55

CULVER (46): AJ Neace 4 2-2 10, Nick Peterson 0 0-0 0, Brock Elliott 0 0-0 0, Collin Stevens 1 0-0 3, Zoe Bauer 7 5-6 22, Patrick Mulvihill 0 0-0 0, Kyle Pugh 1 0-0 2, Micah Budzinski 0 1-2 1, Larry Clinger 4 0-0 8. TOTALS: 17 8-10 46.

WEST CENTRAL (55): Alex Chrzan 2 2-3 7, Spencer Dobson 3 1-2 7, Taylor Fairchild 2 2-2 6, Aaron Heims 0 4-4 4, Chase Holliday 0 0-0 0, Joel Kruger 0 0-0 0, Lance Kruger 7 9-10 23, Zach Miller 0 0-0 0, Trevor Nelson 3 0-0 8, Dalton Powell 0 0-0 0, Jake Smidler 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 17 18-21 55.

3-point goals: Culver 4 (Bauer 3, Stevens), West Central 3 (Nelson 2, Chrzan); Turnovers: Culver 13, West Central 11; Rebounds: Culver 17, West Central 13; Assists: Culver 8, West Central 12; Steals: Culver 6, West Central 9; Fouls (fouled out): Culver 18 (Neace), West Central 8

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Culver Military Track and Field/Cross Country head coach Michael Chastain coaches on a runner during a cross country meet. Chastain was named Class 2A Girls Track Coach of the Year for the 2009 season.

Culver Academies coach Chastain receives dual honors from IATCCC

CULVER — The Indiana Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches has announced its 2009 Cross Country and Track Coaches of the Year, and Culver Academies' head coach Michael Chastain was honored with both the Class 2A Girls Track and Field Coach of the Year and the Class 2A Boys Cross Country Coach of the Year.

Chastain was awarded coach of the year status in his class in boys cross country after guiding the Eagles to just their second-ever team berth to the state finals last fall. It was his third straight IATCCC head coach distinction in girls track, although he was also nominated in 2006.

Also among the 2009 winners were Rick Wein-

heimer, who coached Columbus North to IHSAA titles in both girls and boys cross country and was accordingly given dual honors as Class 3A cross country coach of the year for both the boys and girls categories, Mike Davidson, who coached the Ben Davis boys to the IHSAA Track championship, and Northeast Dubois' Vic Betz, who was named both the Class A Girls Cross Country Coach of the Year and the Class A Boys Track and Field Coach of the Year.

- 2009 IATCCC Coaches of the Year
- Girls Cross Country
- A Vic Betz, Northeast Dubois
- AA Chuck Schlemmer, West Noble

AAA Rick Weinheimer, Columbus North Boys Cross Country

A Jason Barnett, Perry Central

AA Mike Chastain, Culver Military Academy

AAA Rick Weinheimer, Columbus North Girls Track and Field

A Ryan Ritz, Park Tudor

AA Mike Chastain, Culver Academy

AAA Julie Alano, Hamilton Southeastern Boys Track and Field

A Vic Betz, Northeast Dubois

AA Marty Hill, Brebeuf Jesuit

AA Bill Neiderhaus, Princeton

AAA Mike Davidson, Ben Davis

Plymouth, CMA battle at Warsaw swim sectional

By James Costello
Sports Editor

WARSAW — Host Warsaw showed depth to put itself in position to win its home sectional, while Huntington North and Logansport also had some good swims, and Plymouth and Culver Military Academy battled it out to maneuver into the remaining top four team spots at the Warsaw Boys Swim Sectional preliminaries Thursday.

Plymouth earned seven top-six cuts into the finals Saturday and five top-12 berths into the consolation races, while CMA earned nine finals berths and five cuts into the consols this weekend.

"Culver Academy swam very well," said Plymouth head coach Bob Garrity. "I'm looking at fighting for a fourth-place finish as a team."

CMA saw a first-place finish from David DeVries in the 200 freestyle as well as a third-place finish in the 200 free relay and a second-place result in the 400 free relay at the preliminary meet.

Plymouth, meanwhile, was led by Poalo Palmi-

tessa in second in the 200 individual medley race and fifth in the 100 back. Riley Senter also finished fifth in the 50 free and fourth in the 100 butterfly, and both competed on Plymouth's fifth-place 200 medley relay squad as well as the Pilgrims' fourth-place 400 free relay team.

Plymouth also had several season-bests at the sectional meet, including Joe Portteus' 1:08.12 in the breast stroke, where he earned a consolation cut in eighth place.

The swim finals will take place Saturday at 9:30 a.m., as will the sectional diving competition. Champions in each of the events will earn a cut out to the state meet next weekend, and the top four divers will move on to the regional round of the tourney Tuesday.

• WARSAW BOYS SWIM SECTIONAL PRELIMS
At Warsaw
200 medley relay: 1. Huntington North 1:41.88 (Shaun Marion, Skyler Ruschhaupt, Chris Royer, Dan Scher) 1:41.88; 2. Warsaw 1:42.79, 4. Culver Military 1:48.62 (David DeVries, Charles Adams, Rene Del Castillo, Zachary Grant), 5. Plymouth 1:51.13 (Poalo Palmitessa, Joe Portteus, Riley Senter, Kevin Garrity); 200 free:

1. DeVries (CMA) 1:48.41, 2. Ryan Bice (Pioneer) 1:50.82, 6. Garrity (Plymouth) 1:55.99, 8. Jorge De la Vega (CMA) 1:59.45, 9. Jared Hill (Plymouth) 2:06.37; 200 IM: 1. Andrew Cutshall (Warsaw) 2:07.71, 2. Palmitessa (Plymouth) 2:12.23, 6. Charles Adams (CMA) 2:19.12; 50 free: 1. Dan Scher (Huntington) 21.98, 2. Bryce Fawcett (Logansport) 22.8, 4. Grant (CMA) 23.86, 5. Senter (Plymouth) 23.94; 100 fly: 1. Ruschhaupt (Huntington) 52.37, 2. Martin Medo (Logan) 55.36, 4. Senter (Plymouth) 56.95; 100 free: 1. Scher (Huntington) 48.74, 2. Mitchell Gauger (Warsaw) 48.9, 5. Adam Grant (CMA) 53.18; 500 free: 1. Bice (Pioneer) 5:10.42, 2. Del Castillo (CMA) 5:15.31, 6. Nikolas Kasper (CMA) 5:23.74, 7. Garrity (Plymouth) 5:27.73, 8. Hill (Plymouth) 5:42.77; 200 free relay: 1. Huntington North 1:30.69 (Marion, Casey Dubuc, Ruschhaupt, Scher), 2. Warsaw 1:36.27, 3. CMA 1:39.62 (Jose De Jesus Herrera, Adams, Kasper, De la Vega) 1:39.62, 9. Plymouth 1:45.92 (Travis Lee, Jake Martin, Joe Portteus, Hill) 1:45.92, 11. Oregon-Davis 2:04.17 (Anthony David, James Strejc, Karel Kotalik, John Strejc); 100 back: 1. Medo (Logan) 56.81, 2. Marion (Huntington) 58.84, 4. Del Castillo (CMA) 1:01.18, 5. Palmitessa (Plymouth) 1:01.39; 100 breast: 1. Ruschhaupt (Huntington) 1:01.94, 2. Cutshall (Warsaw) 1:03.51, 7. Adams (CMA) 1:07.99, 8. Portteus (Plymouth) 1:08.12; 400 free relay: 1. Warsaw 3:25.04 (Reid Swanson, Wesley Craig, Cutshall, Gaiger), 2. CMA 3:27.23 (Z. Grant, De la Vega, Del Castillo, DeVries), 4. Plymouth 3:35.12 (Hill, Palmitessa, Senter, Garrity).

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(Fairchild); Records: Culver 7-10, West Central 11-6.

Eagles lose

CMA's basketball team lost 65-49 at South Bend Riley Saturday.

Jermaine Myers knocked down a game-high 18 points to lead the Eagles. Juwan Brescacin and Chier Ajou added 12 and 10 points respectively for CMA.

• SB RILEY 65, CMA 49
At South Bend
Score by quarters
CMA: 13 23 34 49
Riley: 15 34 44 65
CMA (49): Nick Ahlers 3, Chier Ajou 10, Ramsey Bradke 2, Juwan Brescacin 12, Travis Britt 4, Alex Dodane 0, Jermaine Myers 18, Trent Sanders 0, Trace Thews 0, Braxton Troyer 0, Trevor Weaser 0, RILEY (65): Dominique Brazier 17, Delvon Brown 2, Karl Columbus 2,

Taylor Conner 0, Brock Cosey 13, TJ Grant 5, DeAngelo Jackson 5, Carlton Moody 0, Carlton Presley 1, DeAngelo Smith 11, Raphael Smith 7, Angelo Williams 2.
Records: CMA 13-8, Riley 16-3.

Eagles soar

CMA flew out to a 26-7 lead at the end of the first quarter and never looked back in a 67-42 basketball win over New Prairie at Fleet Gymnasium Friday.

Juwan Brescacin scored a game-high 24 points to lead the Eagles, followed closely by Jermaine Myers, who nailed five 3-pointers, with 22 points.
• CMA 67, NEW PRAIRIE 42
At Culver
Score by quarters
NP: 7 18 35 42
CMA: 26 41 53 67

CMA (67): Jermaine Myers 8 1-4 22, Ramsey Bradke 0 0-0 0, Nick Ahlers 0 3-4 3, Travis Britt 4 4-6 12, Trent Sanders 0 0-0 0, Juwan Brescacin 8 7-8 24, Braxton Troyer 2 0-0 4, Alex Dodane 0 0-0 0, Trace Thews 0 0-0 0, Chier Ajou 1 0-0 2, Will Strong 0 0-0 0, Trevor Weaser 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 23 15-22 67.
NEW PRAIRIE (42): Josh Ruiz 3 1-1 7, Cody Carlisle 1 0-0 2, Zach Rehlander 0 0-0 0, Michale Wagner 3 11-13 16, George Stanko 0 1-8 1, Caleb Johnson 1 1-2 4, Jared Swain 0 0-0 0, Josh Klein 0 0-0 0, Kyle Albertson 1 0-0 3, Kyle Brammer 1 2-4 4, Nick Arndt 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 7-4 16-28 42.
3-point goals: New Prairie 3 (Wagner, Johnson, Albertson), CMA 6 (Myers 5, Brescacin); Personal fouls (fouled out): New Prairie 16 (none), CMA 19 (none); Technicals: New Prairie bench; Records: New Prairie 8-10, CMA 13-7. Officials: Greg Ramos, Doug Wilcox, Russell Slape. JV score: New Prairie 47 (Austin Ginter 14), CMA 45 (Willie Strong 14).

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besides Henley), and parents shows the family dressed in the finery of the day. "People think black people didn't live well back in those days," he comments. "We lived well!"

It won't surprise many in Culver to learn Henley comes from a family of educators who instilled in him a sense of civic responsibility. "We were always taught to 'pass it on,'" he explains.

And "pass it on" he did, as did his brother. Henley spent his life working for Cook County, the State of Illinois, and for a time, the Railroad Retirement board. He spent the last seven years before retirement working as a radiologic film librarian at the Cook County Hospital, where in 1973 he was presented an award plaque for "outstanding and dedicated service" to the hospital, where he supervised 40 employees. At his 1976 retirement, Henley joined his already-retired brother as a full-time resident of their Kings Lake home south of Culver, on property the two bought together in 1959 as a weekend resort getaway.

Henley's brother Bernard Ponder, too, worked most of his life in the public sector, though perhaps his most remembered sacrifice was when he joined the armed forces in 1942, having already studied flying in Chicago at a regional airport. Ponder flew missions in Europe as a First Lieutenant in the famed Tuskegee Airmen, a squadron of African-American fighter pilots who lost none of the US bomber planes they escorted. Then-First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt lauded the Airmen, who have since been the subject of numerous articles, books, movies, and documentaries.

Ponder, however, didn't like to talk about his experiences, says his brother. "It was exciting and different," says Henley, "but kind of traumatic for him. And basically, the (racial) prejudice was here in the States, not in Europe. When he joined the service, he was shipped to Detroit to an airfield there, and he couldn't go to movie theaters or eat with the commissioned officers. That just shows you prejudice is a taught thing, not something you're born with."

Whatever racism existed around Mick Henley, he didn't let it slow him down. He became the first African-American to show dogs on a professional level in Chicago around 1959 when a female cocker spaniel he raised took runner-up in her breed and gender at the Chicago International Dog Show.

His skill with dogs came in handy in this area as well. Unable to find hospital work in this area in his field, Henley spent 25 years grooming dogs for Leslie Parrot in Plymouth and several years for Culver veterinarian Georgetown Samuelson.

When his brother passed away in 1998, Henley opted to leave Kings Lake and move to Culver. There, visiting the United Methodist Women's thrift store, he says "the ladies there were so kind and inviting, and they invited me to church, so I went. I joined the church in 1998 and have been active in it ever since."

And when Mick Henley says he's "active" in a church, he doesn't mean he fills a pew for two hours every Sun-

day. He's a member of Wesley United Methodist Church's men's group, an usher, and on the administrative council there. Often as not, you may see him running errands or



PHOTO PROVIDED

Mick Henley's family circa 1937. "People think black people didn't live well back in those days," says Henley. "We lived well!" Mick is in the center, holding the doll; brother Bernard is at left, and sister Elaine in their mother's lap at right.

handling some chore or duty at the church building. "I'm almost at that church every day of my life," he notes.

But then religion, he says, "has always been in my background. My nephew is a pastor in the biggest United Methodist church in San Francisco."

Nor do his contributions go unnoticed. "Mick is a real treasure in this community," says Wesley pastor Larry Saunders, "and that's certainly true in the church as well. Most of the people at Wesley church know him as the one who offers them a friendly hug on Sunday mornings as they come in, but he works just as much behind the scenes through the week, when few other people are even in the building. He's a tremendous blessing and a joy to have in the life of the church."

Henley is also very active in Culver's Lions Club, which

means he's active indeed, since the Lions have long been one of the community's busiest and most service-oriented organizations. Besides showing up to assist at virtually every opportunity, Henley has long helped raise funds for the Club as its "Tail Twister."

It's a position well-suited to the outgoing, humorous Henley.

"Mick is just a hugger," says Lions President Dan Adams. "He's always there to help...he's always trimming the bushes out in the front flower area of the (Lions Club) depot (and is) good about making stuff for our bake sales. When he walks in, he always brings a warm feeling to everybody that's there."

"I don't meet strangers," Henley acknowledges, "and anywhere I go, I feel comfortable. That's just the way I am...I've just been embraced by everybody here. I try to smile every day of my life, regardless of pain or whatever. Laughter is a healer."

And healing has been important to Mick Henley for some time now. He was first diagnosed with cancer in 1998. He's presently in remission from prostate cancer, but taking monthly treatments for bone cancer, which he says seem to be helping. He's been a participant in Culver's first two Relay for Life events in 2008 and 2009 as well, and plans to continue.

"I think (Relay) was uplifting and meaningful, and serves a purpose. I think people need to know you can beat cancer and live with cancer. I'm living proof of that."

In fact, if there are service-oriented happenings in Culver, chances are Henley will be there, assuming he's well enough. He says he intends to participate in Lions and other activities, even if he can't do "all the heavy lifting I used to."

"I've had a lot of things happen that have been all positive," Henley muses. "I don't dwell on negativity; I don't like anything negative in my life."

Mick Henley says he feels God has placed him both in the Forest Place apartments where he lives ("I love it," he says) and in Culver itself. And many in Culver feel the same way.

"We just love him," explains Lora Pinder, who with husband Ed is a member of both the Lions and Wesley church, and who says her family has adopted Henley as a brother.

"And what a blessing to our community he has been," she continues. "I don't know what we'd do without him; he's by far the most beloved person in our church...we've shared so many laughs and tears."

Son Ed Jr. agrees. "He's just part of the family...our great uncle we didn't have before."

When a dinner guest observing family photos at the Pinder's house asked Ed Sr. how Henley is related to the family, he replied, "He's just related by love."

"Culver has embraced me," Henley says, "and I've embraced (it). That's the way I feel about it."

Culver Community qualifies for State Contest

Culver Community High School choir members, directed by Diane Derrow, qualified for the ISSMA State Contest by earning Division I Gold medals at the recent District Contest. With numbers from Dennis Davis, "Shenandoah"; Aspen Kitchell, "Into the Night"; and Barbershop quartet of Mark Maes, Josh Walters, R.J. Greer and Dennis Davis singing "Coney Island Baby."

Ralph E. Winters Scholarship applications available

Applications for the Ralph E. Winters Scholarship are now available online through the Pulaski County Community Foundation's Web site at www.pulaskionline.org. The scholarship is for qualified Culver Community High School graduates who will successfully complete their freshman year of college and will be enrolling in their sophomore year this fall. Nontraditional students are also eligible and encouraged to apply.

Recipients must be full-time students at an accredited Indiana institution of higher learning in a technical program such as: Engineering, Pharmacy, Mathematics, Science, Nursing, Agriculture or a technical certificate program. Annual awards will be approximately \$1,500 per year. The scholarship may be renewed for a maximum of four years.

Deadline to submit applications is April 14. For more information contact the Community Foundation at 574-946-0906.

Young leaders stepping up to the challenge



PJ.Thompson of Culver and Trevor Kinney of Plymouth attend to a lecture on Marshall County History given by Marshall County Museum Director Linda Rippy on Thursday.

By Rusty Nixon
Correspondent

PLYMOUTH – For some there is always the question of where the future's leaders are coming from. One organization is doing what it can to answer that question for Marshall County.

Youth Leadership of Marshall County is the result of the cooperation of several organizations such as the Purdue Extension Office and the Marshall County Community Foundation, the area's schools and the Marshall County Boys and Girls Clubs. Eighth graders from around Marshall County that have been shown to have exceptional leadership potential that has been undeveloped were singled out by counselors at their schools and recommended for the program which aims at teaching the youngsters skills that will serve them well as leaders in the next generation.

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"There were programs that existed with people working with high school aged kids," said Randy Dickson of the Purdue Extension office, who along with Kelly Powell of Marshall County 4H oversees the program. "We chose eighth graders in particular to try to get to kids a little early and make them better prepared to assume those leadership positions as they get older."

"I can buy a house now," said Richie Sutch of Plymouth. "We went through the whole process, buying the land to financing and building."

Along with those kind of concrete skills, the program teaches some genteel skills as well.

"I know a lot more about etiquette now," said Trevor Kinney also of Plymouth. "Shaking hands, how to converse with each other and behave at a table. If your boss would invite you to dinner you need to know how to behave at the table and have proper etiquette."

The program exposes the young leaders to information and skills that will help them to realize their skills. It has taken some time but Dickson feels that the program has begun to take hold with the group that includes members from every school in Marshall County except Bremen – who will join with the program next year.

"We really didn't know exactly how this was going to work and how to get them involved and interested in what's going on," said Dickson. "Sometimes you wonder how much they're getting but then we were told by a counselor that a couple of our kids had the best grades that they had had in their school careers since they got involved so we were obviously pleased with that."

"I really feel like I've bettered by leadership skills," said Kaylyn Fannon of John Glenn. "I've learned how to do things like compromise for the good of everybody."

A fellow Glenn student, Brooklyn Kelley added, "We want to help make the county just a little bit better."



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Making music and more

Culver Elementary School students (from left to right) Isabelle Ahlenius, Morgan Keller, and Emily Jefferies join professional musician Arthur Lee Land onstage as part of the "Musical Life Skills" program presented to CES students in the gymnasium earlier this month. Land emphasized listening and creating harmony as "essential life skills" and allowed students to help create sounds used in digital "live looping" to make music onstage. *Thanks to Kim Morrison for assistance with this photo.*

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Quizbowl team Culver

LEFT: Culver Academies finished as runner-up in the large private school category of the Rotary Quizbowl Championships held last month in Donaldson. The Culver Academies' team was, from left: Aidan Hussey (sophomore), Kirsten Paff (senior, team captain), Stephen Wilson (senior) and Andrew Van Duyn (sophomore). St. Joseph and North White High Schools won large private school and small public school in the Championships, winning best of three in the finals 2-1 over Culver Academies and North Miami. The first place winning teams each were awarded \$500 and a 2010 set of the Encyclopaedia Britannica. The runners-up both received checks for \$300, with third-place teams Clay and Argos taking home \$100 checks. Andrew VanDuyn and Kirsten Paff of Culver Academies were among the top eight scorers and members of the tournament all-star team.

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east corner of the 210-acre resort.

Plans for development of the resort were originally announced in January, 1952, according to one Citizen article. Platting of the site began in March of 1952 and was completed in Jun, 1953, having been approved July 6, 1953 by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners. A March 25 report showed 21,500 cement blocks used to build 170 manholes, and 204 miles of tile used in construction of the sewage system there.

Twelve streets were laid out and "named after prominent downtown Chicago thoroughfares," explained the paper, so "in a way, the new residents will find themselves right at home in familiar surroundings although they will be living 100 miles or so from their winter homes."

Seymour Goodman, a Chicago attorney and president of Kings Lake Resort, Inc., and others, purchased the site in the spring of 1952, and assured Aubbeenaubee Township Trustee Guy Shadle that the area was being subdivided "for resort purposes only and no permanent dwellings would be erected."

The notion that Kings Lake was originally intended as a summer-only resort is backed up by well-known Culver resident Charles "Mick" Henley, a former Kings Lake resident starting in 1959, when his and his brother, Bernard Ponder's home was strictly for summer use, though Mick became a permanent resident there in 1976. "Most owners only came on weekends," confirms Henley. "It was a summer getaway."

Kings Lake, concluded the 1953 Citizen article, "got a bit of publicity July 11 when a Chicago minister, the Most Reverend Samuel McCall, paid a fine of \$18.25 following his arrest for fishing without a license."

As a resort, says Henley, Kings Lake was home to African-American doctors – such as Dr. Richard Dickenson, a Chicago family practitioner – attorneys like Goodman, Pensacola supervisor Oscar Tate, and others. In an August 8, 1968 article in Jet Magazine, internationally renowned jazz pianist Ahmad Jamal was reported as losing part of a divorce settlement battle with wife Maryam, including "a resort at Kings Lake, Ind.," one of three properties the couple owned.

Mick Henley's aforementioned brother, Bernard Ponder, was another prominent Kings Lake resident as a member of the famed Tuskegee Airmen, a decorated fighter pilot who flew missions over Germany and was depicted in at least one movie. Ponder had also been a purchasing agent for the City of Chicago and served as a time as President of the Kings Lake Improvement Association. He died January 12, 1998 at Kings Lake at the age of 76.

Henley's and Ponder's discovery of Kings Lake was purely accidental. Living in Chicago, the two had a friend with a home in Ripley, Indiana, near Winamac, who invited them to visit for the weekend. The two noticed signs advertising lots for sale on highway 17 and began to in-

some 12 African-American families.

Central to the resort was a clubhouse or community center, built in 1970 and now owned by the Gardener family, which housed "an active social life," Henley recalls. He says Kings Lake's men went out hunting and fishing, bringing back food which the women would help prepare and serve dinners virtually every Saturday night. Dances – which included at times a band made up of members of the Harris family there – were also regular features at the club house.

The Charles and Anna B. Rice, according to Anna's June 15, 1973 obituary, also owned Rice's grocery store on the north side of the lake, whose building Henley says is still standing on "old 17 going towards Leiters Ford."

Also still standing is the Baptist Church at Kings Lake. An obituary for retired Western Union employee Cleveland Raines of Kings Lake notes he attended the First Baptist church there, though Annie McCoy's obituary mentions she was a member of the Missionary Baptist church at Kings Lake. It's likely both names were attached to the same church at different times. Henley notes local funeral home director Greg Odom was involved in a funeral at the church just last year, although Henley says almost all of the original residents of Kings Lake have either died or moved away.

He recalls some names: the Duffins, Greens, and Tates, in addition to his own family, as early settlers in the resort. Another, according to former Fulton County Historical Museum director Shirley Willard, was Birt Vincent, who told her as many as 50 or 60 families came down from Chicago to the area. Willard wrote a series of fascinating articles for the Rochester Sentinel on Fulton County's black history dating back to the 1830s, in 2000 and 2001, including some mention of Kings Lake.

Her February 21, 2000 piece notes Vincent's nephew "founded a half-way house (at Kings Lake) which made the front page of the Sentinel because the Health Department shut it down due to the septic system." Willard also

mentions two murders among residents of Kings Lake – something Henley recalls as well – and notes property values lowered in the 1980s with the arrival of the For County Landfill just across SR 17 to the west of the Kings Lake community. That landfill was eventually shut down due to extensive claims it polluted local groundwater from area activists.

Mick Henley recalls Kings Lake's streets remaining unpaved – strictly dirt or gravel – and the primary activities on the lake itself included boating and fishing, but no swimming. The water, he says, "was always kind of dirty." A pier built on the lake lasted for several years before eventually rotting away.

Interestingly, the concept of Kings Lake apparently was the inspiration for a similar community in the Monterey area in Pulaski County, situated around Lake Langenbaum. And, while African American residents from that area have also fed into Culver's school system, Henley says plans for a Kings Lake-like resort community just north of Monterey "never came through."

Most of the residents of today's Kings Lake, Henley believes, are not African-American, though the homes built by many of the past residents of the resort continue to stand and now house new owners.

For his part, Henley recalls African-American residents of Kings Lake running into few race-related problems at area establishments. "As far as the stores and post office, all those people were wonderful," he recalls. "There wasn't any prejudice per se. There's always going to be prejudice and there still is. But I would come up here and do my shopping and laundry – that sort of thing."

Henley moved to the resort area permanently in 1976 after retiring as a radiologic film librarian at Cook County hospital in Chicago. He moved to Culver in 1998 after his brother passed away. "There was no reason for me to stay out there (at Kings Lake); the place was too big and I didn't have income coming in.

"I didn't want to leave this area," he adds. "It's been good to me all my life."

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