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In Brief

Community meal at Grace April 15

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Thursday, April 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.

Community garden meeting April 22

There will be a planning meeting for this year's community garden in Culver April 22 at 7 p.m. in the small meeting room downstairs at the Culver-Union Township Public Library. Those interested in helping in any way are welcome – the time to begin working is near!

OA, AA meetings

Overeaters and Alcoholics Anonymous (open) meditation meetings for any interested person have begun at the Culver-Union Township Public Library, 107 N. Main Street in Culver. The meetings take place Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Whatever problems you may have with the compulsive habits of overeating or drinking, you are welcome at this 12-step (open) meeting. We read from OA "For Today" and AA "Daily Reflections/24 Hours a Day" meditation and 12-step books, for example. These are free meetings open to any in need.

Baseball, softball signups

Culver youth baseball and softball (starting from age 4) sign-ups will be held Saturday, April 17, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Culver-Union Township Public Library. All interested families are encouraged to sign up youngsters.

Chicken noodle dinner April 17

The Leiters Ford/Culver United Methodist Church Youth Cluster Group will be hold a homemade chicken noodle dinner to raise money for their next mission trip. The dinner will take place Saturday, April 17, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Leiters Ford Community Center. The cost is a free will donation, and all are invited to come and enjoy.

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Culver for Carter

Culver Community High School broke new ground last week in surpassing its Student Council's \$500 goal and raising over \$3,000 for Carter Rudd, a Bremen boy with cancer whose dream of meeting Mickey Mouse is on its way to fulfillment by the Make-A-Wish Foundation. In the photo ABOVE, RIGHT, Make-A-Wish volunteer Josh Uebelhor visited CCHS Friday night to accept a check from Council members (left to right) Mark Maes, Angelique Tobey, and Ashley Zehner. TOP LEFT: Part of the fundraising effort included last Friday's taping of CCHS Principal Albert Hanselman to the school cafeteria wall. LOWER LEFT: Throughout the week, Disney-themed dress-up days at the school kept Carter's wish in the hearts of students. Pictured are (left to right) Ashley Zehner (Jane from Tarzan), Mark Maes (Turtle from Robin Hood), Olivia Knapp (Alice), Emma Lorenz (Daisy), and Josh Walters (Donald Duck). SEE STORY BELOW.

CITIZEN PHOTOS/JEFF KENNEY

'This is the passion of the kids'

CCHS students go to 'unprecedented' lengths for cancer-stricken Marshall County boy

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Five-year-old Carter Rudd of New Carlisle couldn't attend last Friday night's Sports Spectacular at the Culver Community High School, by order of his doctor. It was better to play it safe, to be sure, but while the threat of germs, fatigue, and other dangers to the young man fighting neuroblastoma – a form of brain and spinal cord cancer – was something to be avoided, the energy at CCHS behind young Carter's cause could only have strengthened and warmed his soul.

The events of Friday night certainly warmed the souls of those filling the packed John Nelson gymnasium that evening, which capped a week of hard work and fund-raising for CCHS students, and gave them a chance to hear from one of the Make-A-Wish Foundation volunteers working with Carter.

Josh Uebelhor, a volunteer for the past year with the Foundation, has seen the highs and lows of many youngsters making requests of Make-A-Wish, but he said he's never seen anything quite like what happened at Culver Community High School last week, and neither had the Make-A-Wish Foundation's Indianapolis office. Uebelhor received a call from that office asking if he could drive from South Bend to Friday night's Sports Spectacular and accept a check from CCHS' Student Council, whose original fund-raising goal was \$500, but who raised over \$3,000 in just one week.

Culver's efforts so impressed Uebelhor and the Foundation that a student Make-A-Wish Club just forming on the campus of St. Mary's College in South Bend was notified and sent two members to Culver to observe the proceedings.

Uebelhor, when he learned of the efforts to raise funds for Carter here, immediately called Carter's mother. "I said, 'You won't believe what's going on!'" he recalls.

"This is unprecedented," Uebelhor – speaking after the Sports Spectacular volleyball game -- told a sea of CCHS student, parent and teacher faces Friday night, many watching from the corners of hand-made signs cheering young Carter on. "Carter and his mom asked me to pass along their sincere gratitude. I'm blown away -- to do something like this for someone you've never met...I can't put into words what you guys have done here."

Cheers and chants of, "We love Carter!" filled the gymnasium following the presentation, during which Student Council representatives handed Uebelhor a check. The money, he told the Citizen, will go towards Foundation's \$6,000 goal aimed at making Carter Rudd's wish to go to Disney World and meet Mickey Mouse – along with his parents and three siblings – come true.

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Colts star Vinatieri will hit Culver for Friday's Relay

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

The news has already hit the streets that, once again, a player from the 2010 Super Bowl-participating Indianapolis Colts football team will help kick off Culver's third annual Relay for Life event this weekend. The player in question this year is Colts placekicker Adam Vinatieri, who will speak to cancer survivors at the Survivors Dinner preceding the Relay itself, which will begin at 6 p.m. Friday night and conclude 12 hours later.

Vinatieri will be part of the Relay's opening ceremony at the Culver Academies football field, speaking to the expected crowd of hundreds (last year over 1,000 attended) about how cancer has affected him personally. He'll also take part in a special football themed lap at the American Cancer Society fundraising event, one of several themed laps slated for the evening.

Also, Culver Community High School teacher and Business Professionals of America sponsor Mike Schwartz (currently battling cancer and recently profiled in the *Citizen*) will be the featured speaker for the evening's Fight Back Ceremony at 9 p.m.

All this according to Academies senior and Relay committee co-chair Ian Greenberg, who shared Relay details with members of Culver's Kiwanis Club last Thursday.

"We bring in a celebrity," said Greenberg of Vinatieri, "to show that everybody's affected by cancer."

Even more significant than the football star's appearance, said Greenberg, is the confirmed presence of renowned physician Dr. Stephen Rosen, the Genevieve E. Teuton Professor of Medicine and Director of the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University, which Greenberg explained is one of the top cancer research universities in the nation.

"He'll talk about where those research dollars (raised at Relay) go," said Greenberg.

Greenberg also pointed out that Culver's Main Street hardware store is carrying Relay supplies, from signs to luminaria. See Relay page 9

CCHS teachers honored by top ten students

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

If there was a predominant trend in last week's 18th annual Top Ten dinner to honor Culver Community High School's graduating seniors and their chosen influential teachers, it was humor. The April 6 event, held at the Pretty Lake United Methodist Church reception hall north of Culver, was co-sponsored by Culver's Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club, Ancilla College, and other entities, saw a number of both teachers and students

peppering their comments with good-natured jokes of a variety of sorts, whereas some years the event has been characterized by bitersweet tears.

Students and teachers took center stage following CCHS principal Albert Hanselman's introductory remarks, during which he recognized the parents and grandparents of this year's top ten academically ranked students for their contribution to the students' success. The students, he added, "challenge us every day. We have to be

at our best."

• Shae Harris honored her fifth grade teacher, Gayle Kinzie. Kinzie, said Harris, was "Miss Pletz" at the time, and used to joke she "didn't see the use for a man except maybe to mow her lawn! She was getting married two years later."

Kinzie, noted Harris, taught her "how to always have a positive attitude and live life to the fullest...she made history more fun and allowed us to calm down after recess by reading books to us."

For her part, Kinzie joked

her lawn is indeed mowed nowadays, but also said being remembered by a high school student some years following her elementary school tenure "is like the Academy Awards or at least the Golden Globes!"

"Shea would always go above and beyond," Kinzie added, noting Harris was one student who motivated her to come to school daily, "even on those cold, dark, winter mornings...I haven't forgotten about you."

• Senior Josie Hansen plans to attend the International Business Col-

lege in Fort Wayne this fall and chose to honor Donna Keller, a teacher at her previous school in North Judson. Hansen gave "most of the credit to my parents" but lauded Keller for "her smile, her laughter, and her caring and understanding ways...she didn't allow a lazy word."

"If you didn't understand, she made sure she was available for tutoring in the afternoon or even at 7 in the morning...thank you from the bottom of my

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heart.”

Keller said Hansen was one student Judson teachers hated to see leave, adding she was never afraid to ask for help, and “you don’t reach the top ten by not asking for help.”

- Gavin Norton plans to study pre-med at the University of Southern Indiana. Norton honored CCHS Spanish teacher Chris Stevens, whom he said he “won’t forget forever...it seems he’s in a good mood every day. The environment is laid back (in his class, yet work always gets done).”

Norton recalled fondly a fall Stevens took from his chair, followed by a hasty call to fellow CCHS teacher Mike Buschman “so he’d hear before we could gossip about him.”

“If they laugh (when you fall),” joked Stevens during his remarks, “it’s better than if they’re concerned about you. If they’re concerned, it means they think you’re old!”

Stevens praised Norton’s work ethic, calling him “a great role model for the males in our school in academics and athletics,” adding Norton has been a friend to Stevens’ nephew “through some pretty rough times” and helped Stevens son learn to ride his bicycle.

- Thomas James plans to attend Indiana University South Bend or Ancilla College, possibly to study criminal justice, paid tribute to his CCHS Biology 2 teacher Theresa Hammond. He said Hammond’s teaching technique “works very well – I’ve never been good at biology, but her skills really helped.”

“I’ve only known Tommy for three quarters of a semester,” quipped Hammond, “which either says a lot about me or a lot about the rest of (the teachers)! Or it says he travels his own path.”

She also cited James’ inquisitiveness and refusal to accept short answers.”

- Though Jerry Smith, who plans to attend the University of Indiana to major in biology, joked about his honored teacher, Bill King’s regular references to “weasels and their lack of common sense,” Smith emphasized his 8th grade science teacher’s principles of ethics and ability to make topics interesting and the materials exciting. “His words inspired me to move forward in my own academic direction...he helped students open up and deal with not

only educational complications but real life situations. He’s left a lasting impression on every life he’s come into contact with.”

“I pretty much only get to know young people at age 14 when they’re at their most energetic, loudest, and weirdest,” smiled King, adding it’s often a “wonderful surprise” to become reacquainted four years later. “It’s always refreshing to know someone like Jerry, someone rock solid who keeps the wheels of education turning.”

- Student Angelique Tobey chose to honor CCHS English teacher Tina Stacey.

“She’s always been my key motivator in academics and always supported me,” said Tobey of Stacey, “She never let me accept anything but my best...it’s been an honor to be her student.”

Stacey reciprocated Tobey’s appreciation. “I feel I’m giving away part of myself with her graduating...hiding inside is enough talent to move mountains.”

- Senior Cindy Miller described her Advanced English teacher Vickie Benner as a “tough teacher who pushes us to do our best.”

Miller said she saw a different side of Benner when the two teamed up to help orient incoming freshmen to adapt to high school life. “She’s a rare and special teacher (who) likes to have fun, but when it’s time to get down to business, is one of the best teachers I’ve had.”

Benner recognized her co-workers and described CCHS as “a great place to teach.” She also described Miller as “the ideal student,” as well as a “celebrity,” displaying one of many posters visible around the area with Miller’s photo as IHSA role model.

“I can’t think of a better role model,” said Benner.

- Future Purdue Biology major Olivia Knapp was preceded by a warning from Hanselman that Knapp and her honored teacher, Brett Berndt, are known for regular “pranks” against one another.

“I gave him a run for his money (in pranks and practical jokes),” smiled Knapp. “I’m winning this war!”

Knapp also credited Berndt with coaching her through major decisions and being a teacher she can “count on to be there with me.”

Berndt also praised CCHS’ “excellent staff...our teachers are better than anybody in the state.”

He described Knapp as “self motivated, self disciplined, and an excellent leader (with a) great attitude...you have qualities I hope my daughters have.”

- Honoring physics teacher Mike Buschman was Jacob Sheridan, who plans to study physics at Wabash College. He said he played football and wrestled under Buschman, besides spending the first three hours of his school day in Buschman’s classroom for calculus class, for an independent study in physics, and as his teacher’s assistant for Algebra 2.



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

The top ten CCHS academic students chose a teacher who most impacted Students are pictured, standing behind their honored teacher.

TOP: From left to right, Josie Hansen honored Donna Keller, Sarah Bailey honored Diane Derrow, Angelique Tobey honored Tina Stacey, Cynthia Miller honored Vickie Benner, and Jerry Smith honored Bill King.

BOTTOM: Shae Harris honored Gayle Kinzie, Thomas James honored Theresa Hammond, Olivia Knapp honored Brett Berndt, Jacob Sheridan honored Mike Buschman, Gavin Norton honored Chris Stevens.

“I have had many memorable moments with him,” explained Sheridan. “He always influenced me in a positive manner.”

“Thanks for the memo,” joked Buschman. “I didn’t know we were going with ‘funny’ tonight!”

On a more serious note, he thanked Sheridan’s parents for their “super supportive” efforts, noting he’d coached Sheridan through seven sports seasons and lauding the student’s hard work, dependability, involvement, individuality, and maturity.

Hanselman added his own observation, describing a faculty member’s conversation attempting to motivate a student. “You don’t have to be Superman,” Hanselman quoted the instructor saying. “Jacob Sheridan is Superman!”

- Sarah Bailey, who honored CCHS music teacher and choir director Diane Derrow, plans to attend Ball State in the fall to study elementary special education.

Before honoring Derrow, Bailey also thanked retired Culver Elementary School teacher Rita Lawson, in the audience, as “the reason I’m going to be a teacher...you taught me to love education.”

Bailey described Derrow as “just a breath of fresh air every day at school...she pushed me to perform to her standards and outside my comfort zone. I’m not shy anymore because of her.”

Derrow said she “had the honor of teaching (Bailey) in Advanced Choir and Jazz Group and directing her in her first stage production...it has been an honor and pleasure to be part of your education. She is destined to make us very proud.”

Hanselman praised the students for their commitment to others, explaining the class decided to put funds from their service project this year towards a five year old Bremen boy whose fight with cancer caught the attention of the Make a Wish Foundation (see story this edition).

Hanselman also thanked the ladies of the Pretty Lake church, whose catering of the event drew its usual rave reviews, and CCHS teacher Donna Schwartz, the Academic Recognition Committee chair, without whom the Top Ten event “would not happen.”

Said Culver Chamber president Greg Fassett, “These ten students have demonstrated an extreme level of hard work, dedication, commitment, discipline, and great use of their individual talents. The same can be said for the outstanding educators that most influenced them as they progressed through the educational process.”

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Hot off the presses

Fifth graders in Raeanne Stevens' Voyagers reading program at Culver Elementary School got their first look March 31 at a hardbound book collecting their fictional writings around an undersea theme. The book release party, to which parents were invited, is an annual event during which the professionally bound books are unveiled to students. In the photo at left, students (from left to right) Aviana Ahlenius, Allie Harris, and Betse Ellert take turns signing books. At right, Erin Bendy, Ashton Keller (signing), Cheyanne Powers, and Alan Dilts do the same.

Death notice

Starr

**Mary Ellen Starr
March 29, 2010**

YUMA, Ariz. — Mary Ellen Starr, 84, of Yuma, Ariz., formerly of Bremen, died Monday, March 29, 2010 in Yuma, Ariz.

She is survived by her husband, Ernest Starr of Yuma, Ariz.; sons: Ken (Nancy) Starr of Yuma, Ariz., Bruce Starr of Philadelphia, Penn. and Edwin (Kimberly) Starr of Conway, Ark.; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation took place from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 6 at the Mishler Funeral Home in Bremen.

Funeral service took place at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 7, at the funeral home.

Burial followed at the Bremen Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to First United Church of Christ, 323 S. Center St., Bremen, IN, 46506.

Condolences may be sent to the family at the funeral home's Web site at www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com.

Obituary - Bennett

**Paul G. "Captain" Bennett
April 6, 2010**

ROCHESTER — Paul G. "Captain" Bennett, 55, of Rochester, died Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at his residence.

He is survived by his wife, Cindy; sons, Robert Bennett of California, and Donavon and Aaron Klein of Illinois; a brother, William "Bill" (Cathy) Bennett of Lancaster, Calif.; a sister, Elaine Shea of North Carolina; and a granddaughter.

Visitation took place from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 14 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 430 Academy Rd., Culver.

Memorial services took place at 11 a.m. Wednesday, at the church.

Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, Kewanna Chapel, was entrusted with arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be made to the family via the funeral home's Web site at www.harrisonmetzger.com.

Organ recital slated for April 18, Culver carillon schedule announced

John Gouwens, Organist and Carillonneur of the Culver Academies will present his annual organ recital at the Memorial Chapel on the Culver campus Sunday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m. The program will feature some mainstays of the organ repertoire, including the superb "Passacaglia and Fugue in c-minor" by J.S. Bach, a transcription of "Nimrod," from "The Enigma Variations," by Edward Elgar, and a relatively recent composition, "Carillon" by Welsh composer William Mathias.

The second half of the recital will feature music by organist-composers associated with the church of Sainte-Clothilde in Paris.

Though the Culver organ is very much an American instrument, it is beautifully equipped with the necessary sounds (and situated in the right acoustics) to do full justice to this beautiful music.

As always, Gouwens will include a hymn and improvisation as well. The recital is open to the general public free of charge. A reception will follow the performance (with treats prepared by the recitalist).

The schedule is set for carillon recitals for 2010 as well. Carillon recitals will be presented at 4 p.m. Saturday afternoons on the following dates: April 24, June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31, and September 4. The July 3 recital will feature a fine young French carillonneur, Charles Dairay. Gouwens will play the remaining recitals. These recitals also are open to the general public.

VFW Friday dinner this weekend

Culver's VFW Post 6919 Men's Auxiliary will host its Friday dinner on April 16 from 5:30 to 8 p.m., at the Post at 108 E. Washington St. in Culver. Half-slab ribs are \$9, whole-slab \$17; filet mignon is \$15 or t-bone for \$13. 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.

"With Haiti relief and the food pantry involvement, maybe it's the recession kicking in and they see pain and feel it as more real for them -- the tragedy seems more local. I think this has turned them so they see what they can do, and they will be looking to do more. This is making a move towards bigger things for them."

"This was the passion of the kids," she adds. "and the community responded."

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as well.

"I think it will be neat to show (Carter and his family) the DVD the students put together," says Uebelhor. "It's just mind-blowing what they've done."

Uebelhor says some 30 to 40 children in northern Indiana are added to the Make-A-Wish wish list per week, so there's a great need for volunteers like himself, besides the need for money. Those interested in volunteering or learning more, he adds, may do so online at www.makeawishindiana.org.

While there are corporations which will sponsor a child (and interestingly, Indianapolis Colts football player Dallas Clark, who visited Culver's Relay for Life last year, holds a major fundraising night each year in that city), Uebelhor says it's "tough to get specific funds, fund raising, and volunteers, so this (what Culver has done) is unique. It's really special to get the word out, specifically for local kids and fund raising."

Culver's effort has come at what seems to be an opportune time, Uebelhor notes. Carter Rudd has only spent two and a half weeks at his own home since the start of January. The rest of the time he's been in hospital in Indianapolis getting treatments following a downtown in his health. His family has been at his side regularly, so small feat with three other children to care for.

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Carter's case, he noted, reached Make-A-Wish six months ago, and since then the trip has been in the planning stages, delayed by some weeks due to some treatment complications in Carter's case.

"Our goal was to help people locally," explains CCHS English teacher and Student Council coordinator Tina Stacey, speaking of both the CCHS and Culver Community Middle School Student Councils. "We see a lot of local need, with the recession. We told Make-A-Wish we wanted to work with a child in one of our four (school district encompassing) counties."

Once they learned of Carter's case, Stacey says, students got behind the fund raising effort in a variety of ways, including selling inexpensive bracelets. At a convocation the previous week, CCHS principal Albert Hanselman emphasized to students, "If all of you just buy a bracelet, we won't make it to Disney World."

Besides those sales, Stacey and the students sought duct tape and began spreading the word students could buy tape for \$1 a yard to tape Hanselman to the cafeteria wall Friday afternoon. That activity alone raised \$200, Stacey says.

Each day last week, students were encouraged to come to school dressed for the Disney theme of the day (Monday was Mickey Mouse, Tuesday prince or princess, Wednesday a favorite Disney villain, and Thursday a favorite Disney character), "just to keep students' minds focused on what they were doing. It's not just about Sports Spectacular this week."

As the week progressed and students hit the streets to seek donations from -- and set up donation cans in -- businesses in Monterey, Culver, and beyond, Stacey notes, the effort took in over \$300 per day every day but one.

"There was a lot of buy-in from the students across the board," she recalls. "Everybody gave at least a dollar or two. It was just what everybody was doing."

Part of Friday was spent making a "video diary" of the day by Student Council members and Stacey, who filmed students expressing love, support, and get-well wishes for Carter. Hanselman, from his tightly-taped position on the wall, filmed a greeting for the youngster

Decorating the cross

1 Corinthians 15:19-26
John 20:1-18

When I was growing up, we lived in Northeast Harbor, Maine. My father was the rector of St. Mary's by the Sea. St. Mary's had an interesting tradition on Easter Sunday. They had this four foot cross on a Christmas tree stand that was covered in chicken wire. To say this was hideous was an understatement. It was a pretty stark reminder that we came to Easter by way of Good Friday.

This cross was out in front of the church, and children would bring flowers. In my backyard now I have a couple of lonely daffodils that have bloomed. In Maine this time of year, we might have had a crocus or two poking up through patches in the snow, so all these flowers in Northeast Harbor were bought.

There would be a big bucket with assorted flowers for people who had not brought any. We had more fun decorating that cross than you would believe. By the time the service started, the cross would be full of flowers and just as beautiful as it had been ugly just an hour before.

This is the story of redemption in some ways. Something ugly is transformed into a beautiful thing through grace and Christ's resurrection. This is a key concept in understanding Easter, and it is part of understanding the Christian faith. But there is more to it than flowers on a cross. I will explain.

T.S. Eliot said that April is the cruelest month. This statement has been examined by lots of people, and I hesitate to think of all the things said on this topic over the years. So here we are in April, and I am thinking what makes it so cruel? It could be that taxes are due in less than two weeks. It could be the April Fool's Day pranks.

At the risk of adding to the dubious commentary on Eliot, I am going to suggest just why April is so cruel. We see chicks in the farmyard and lambs in the fields. After the cold and the long nights, the days are getting longer. Things are warming up. Leaves are coming out on trees. We see the world around us springing to life, and we don't feel so lively.

Easter is the reminder to us that we also will live again. Christ has risen from the dead, and He has redeemed us. That is the message for us. That is the Good News. It is not just about this life and being a good neighbor. It is not just about flowers on the cross. It is about the next life as well. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 15 that "If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied."

There are some hard questions that come to mind. Are we living as Christians "for this life only"? Are we just looking for fellowship and an identity? It may be that we are comfortable identifying ourselves as Christians and letting the trappings of our faith decorate our lives. The problem with the flowers on the cross as an image of our Christian lives is that those flowers fade. If we live as faithful Christians "for this life only," we have missed the point. We need to understand that our hope is eternal.

Blessings to each of you from St. Elizabeth's!

Tom Haynes is the Pastoral Leader at St. Elizabeth's as he prepares for ordination in the Episcopal Church. He also teaches math at The Culver Academies and is the Assistant Director of Religious Programs.

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Pastor's Corner

By Tom Haynes
St. Elizabeth's
Episcopal Church

Paving the way to graduation day

The odds were stacked against Liberty Franklin. No one in her family had ever graduated from high school, and she was not expected to do so either. Given a lack of encouragement and support, she was destined to continue the cycle of poverty that had plagued her family for generations.

Liberty would not have been alone. The U.S. has one the highest high school dropout rates of any industrialized nation. Nearly 30 percent of public high school students do not graduate on time; in poor or distressed communities, that number can skyrocket to 50 percent.

Dropping out of high school perpetuates the cycle of poverty, as dropouts are more likely than graduates to be unemployed, in poor health, on public assistance or incarcerated. There are also financial and social costs to consider, such as lost wages, taxes and productivity, as well as health care expenses.

Despite her circumstances, Liberty knew there was one place she could count on for support: her Boys & Girls Club. At the Club, Liberty found caring staff who reinforced the importance of obtaining an education. In our own community, the Culver Boys & Girls Club creates a culture in which education is a priority, and graduating from high school is critical to future success. We work with parents, schools and other community institutions to

create a network of support for children. Such partnerships have made it possible for us to establish and provide academic goal-setting, homework help and career preparation programs.

For Liberty, the Club became a place that represented a world of opportunities. She took on leadership responsibilities and became a role model for younger Club members. In recognition of her ability to overcome obstacles, outstanding academic achievements and service to her community, she was named Boys & Girls Clubs of America's National Youth of the Year. Not only did Liberty graduate from high school and then college, she finished dental school at the University of Washington. As a practicing dentist, she now provides dental care to low-income families at a community clinic.

If all young people had access to the kinds of guidance and programs available to Liberty, imagine the potential difference. Community organizations, such as ours, are facing cutbacks in revenue from all sources – while at the same time responding to increased demands for service. These organizations are now struggling to keep their lights on and doors open so they can continue to serve as safe havens and vital support centers for children and families.

Let's not forget that it is up to all of us to ensure that America's children have opportunities to better themselves. We must promote the importance of obtaining an education by volunteering at local youth organizations and schools, donating to worthy causes and, most of all, leading by example.

We urge you to join in this effort today. Our nation's future depends on it.



BY JENNIFER WRIGHT, M.S.



Name that Culver "citizen"

This week's Mystery Citizen is another Culverite who hasn't changed much in the few years since high school days. She was Rhonda Carswell and is now better known as Rhonda Anderson, or simply "Rhonda the Post Office lady," as several readers who'd forgotten her last name suggested. Among correct "guessers": Lora Pinder, Patty Stallings, Kay Tusing, Jean Kindred, Rick Tompos, Jean Overmyer, Charlotte Hahn, Mick Henley, Carin Clifton, Megan Yeager, and Melinda Newton. Downtown Culver will be jam-packed with the many winners taking advantage of their free parking prize!



Left: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Rhonda (Carswell) Anderson, then and now. Right: this week's mystery citizen.



Guesses may be emailed to



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Where in the world is the Culver Citizen?

Last week's "Where in the World is the Culver Citizen" photo was, as a few readers noted, taken at the famous cherry blossoms (in fact, at the Cherry Blossom Festival March 20) in Washington, DC, with the Washington Monument in the background. Patty Stallings and Charlotte Hahn identified the photo, which features retired Culver High School teacher Barbara Winters and current Culver Middle School teacher Cheryl Geik during a DC visit to see the Terra Cotta Warriors at the National Geographic Society Museum. The photo was taken, says Barbara, by Plymouth second grade teacher Alice Huff, who went with them on their trip.

Meantime, other photos have been coming in, and keep 'em coming! This week's, at left, The editor encourages those traveling outside Culver to shoot similar photos of themselves or family or friends with the paper in hand at some well-known, iconic, or unusual location around the state, country, or world.

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



PHOTOS SUBMITTED BELOW: Last week's "Where in the World" photo, in Washington, DC. LEFT: This week's photo. Can you identify where the globe-trotting Citizen was this time?

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, April 15: Stuffed green peppers, cubed potatoes, wheat bread and margarine, fruit in season, 100 percent juice and milk.

Friday, April 16: Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread and margarine, tropical fruit, brownie and whipped topping, and milk.

Monday, April 19: Pork roast, peas, vegetable

blend, wheat roll and margarine, fruit cocktail, and milk.

Tuesday, April 20: Ham and beans, chef's choice vegetable, corn bread and margarine, apple crisp, and milk.

Wednesday, April 21: Cheeseburger, bun, corn, green beans, apricot, and milk.

Thursday, April 22: Sliced turkey, lettuce, tomato slice, mayo, rye bread, potato salad, fruit salad, orange juice, and milk.

Friday, April 23: Pepper steak with onions and peppers, macaroni and cheese, cauliflower, roll, peaches, and milk.

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Sports



A Spectacular evening

PHOTOS/PAUL PARÉ

Students and faculty at Culver Community Middle and High Schools continued a beloved annual tradition last Friday night for the Sports Spectacular, during which students battled faculty and staff in volleyball and basketball games (both of which the teachers won) and classes battled each other in "relay" competitions such as tricycle, sack, and egg races, with the junior class winning overall.

TOP LEFT: CCHS juniors (left to right) Jeremiah Ray, Jacob Cavazos, Michael Stout, Samuel Hendrickson, Dennis Davis, Zoe Bauer, and Michael Salary pull against the seniors as faculty coach Ron Stevens (at right, with hat) looks on. MIDDLE LEFT: During the volleyball game, students Mikaela Dulin and Olivia Knapp (far right) vie for the ball, surrounded by (from left) Susanna Baker, Ashley Zehner, and Hilari Weldon. MIDDLE RIGHT: Matthew Manns hard at work in the straw race. LOWER LEFT: Juniors Lindsey Van Horn and Michael Salary in the wheelbarrow race. CENTER RIGHT: Student Christopher Willis prepares to shoot during the student-faculty basketball game while teacher Ashli Faulkner jumps to block (student Nate Niswander and faculty member Louis Posa are in the background). LOWER RIGHT: Student Joe Paolini speeds across the floor during the tricycle race.



Culver teams struggle at Academies Relays

By James Costello Sports Editor

CULVER — Plymouth's boys won their seventh straight Culver Academies Relays with a narrow 100-107 victory over Hobart, while Plymouth's girls won a fourth straight year with a convincing 129 ahead of second-place LaPorte's 105 Saturday.

Fresh off an 18-day spring break meanwhile, Culver Military's young squad finished seventh with a 30.5, while Culver Girls Academy relied on strong performances in the distance events for third place with an 82.

Field events won the day for the Pilgrims, while the Lady Pilgrims were led once more by a strong sprint corps.

Except for a winning 4:10.4 in the 1500 run by Alejandro Arroyo — who also ran strong legs on his team's distance medley and 3200 relay squads — the Eagles were unable to seize first in any events.

"The boys, we knew we would be pretty weak," said CMA head coach Michael Chastain. "We had some that weren't here, and then quite a few of the boys didn't put in the work over the break, so it was very noticeable. But we'll struggle some with the boys

PHOTO/ JAMES COSTELLO

RIGHT: Culver Military's Alejandro Arroyo takes the baton during a relay at the Culver Academies Track and Field Relays at the Academies Saturday.

throughout the season, I think."

The Lady Eagles were led by Waverly Neer, who scored an individual win in the 1500 race and as the anchor for CGA's winning distance medley and 3200 relay teams.



"Waverly ran some nice

relays," said Chastain. "It was tough to meet the times that we wanted today with the wind, but she looked good and strong on the races. We're pretty pleased with where she is, and once we get the other girls healthy and back in shape and all of them here for a meet, hopefully we can do OK."

Plymouth hopes to use Saturday's success as a springboard into its Northern Lakes Conference season starting this week, as Plymouth's boys travel to Elkhart Memorial Tuesday to take on the Chargers and Concord, while the girls host Wawasee at home

Thursday.

• CMA RELAYS
At Culver
Boys meet

Team scores: 1. PLYMOUTH 107, 2. HOBART 100, 3. MARION 82, 4. LAPORTE 80, 5. CONCORD 50, 6. LOGANSPOUT 36.5, 7. CULVER MILITARY ACADEMY 30.5.
3200relay: 1. LaPorte (Austin Alcorn, Sam Hojnacki, Mitch Hubner, Stuart West) 8:31.5, 2. Concord 8:38.3, 3. Plymouth 8:47.00; 1100 hurdle relay: 1. Marion (Garrett Treadwell, Kevin Davis, Chevis Weaver, Dionte Morrell) 1:08.00, 2. Plymouth 1:09.6, 3. Logansport 1:11.10; 100: 1. Ray Humphrey (M) 10.7, 2. Jarvis McMillian (H) 10.8, 3. Payton McCoy (LA) 11.3; 1500: 1. Alejandro Arroyo (CMA) 4:10.4, 2. Kyle Overway (LO) 4:24.00, 3. Hubner 4:29.3; 400 relay: 1. Hobart (De'Andre Hudson, Kendall Gunn, Joe Curtis, Jarvis McMillian) 44.10, 2. Marion 44.3, 3. LaPorte 44.9; 800 sprint medley: 1. LaPorte (McCoy, See Eagles page 7

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Sports briefs

Baseball

Cavaliers rout LaCrosse in DH

Culver Community racked up a total of 25 hits, beating visiting LaCrosse 14-6, 6-6 in a foreshortened doubleheader at home Saturday. Both wins were by mercy rule.

Sam Hendrickson went 2 for 3 at the plate with a triple and a home run for four RBIs as the Cavaliers beat visiting LaCrosse 14-6 in the five-inning, doubleheader opener.

Collin Stevens, Dennis Davis and Allen Betts all recorded doubles in an 11-hit parade for the Cavs, while Sam Hissong earned his first pitching win of the season starting on the mound for Culver.

In game two, Stevens, A.J. Neace and Bryce Lindvall each had three hits, in-

cluding a double apiece. Hissong, Sam Hendrickson and Davis all swatted out doubles as Culver piled on seven runs in the sixth in the 16-6, six inning win.

Culver stands at 3-0 on the young season.

•CULVER 14, LACROSSE 6
At Culver
LaCrosse: 310 00 — 4 6 3
Culver: 437 0X — 14 11 2
Austin Butcher (L) and Chris Kowaliski; Sam Hissong (W, 1-0), Sam Hendrickson and A.J. Neace.
2B: Collin Stevens (C), Dennis Davis (C), Allen Betts (C).
3B: Hendrickson.
HR: Hendrickson.
•CULVER 16, LACROSSE 6
LaCrosse: 310 200 — 6 11 8
Culver: 210 427 — 16 14 0
Rippe (L), Mack and Shoupe; Bryce Lindvall (W, 1-0), Stevens and Neace.
2B: Stevens, Neace, Lindvall, Hendrickson, Hissong, Davis.
Record: Culver 3-0.

Stevens leads Cavaliers

Freshman Collin Stevens was hot both on the mound and at the plate,

leading Culver to a 7-3 win over visiting Caston in the Cavaliers' baseball opener Thursday.

Stevens allowed just two hits and went 3 for 3 at the plate with three runs scored for Culver, while Brian Nelson also went 3 for 3 batting for the home team. A.J. Neace and Bryce Lindvall collected two hits apiece, including a double from Lindvall.

Caston falls to 0-2 while the Cavs start the season at 1-0.

•CULVER 7, CASTON 3
at Culver
Caston: 102 000 0 — 3 2 6
Culver: 310 210 X — 7 13 2
Collin Stevens (W, 1-0), Bryce Lindvall (4) and Dennis Davis; Gates (L, 0-1), Huff and Austin Ault.
2B: Lindvall
HR: Holloway (Ca)

Youth Soccer

Coach Marlo Anderson's third and fourth grade

boy's soccer employed their "Brickwall Defense" in shutting out LaVille 7-0 Saturday morning at LaVille. Cody Russell led the attack with three goals. Jack Schmiedlin added two and Pat Schmiedlin added two and Pat Schmiedlin and Fisher Shea (Picture) tallied one each. Culer improved to 2-0 on the season and host to LaVille Saturday at noon.

Boys lacrosse

Benn leads Eagles

Brandon Benn scored five goals and Bud Graham added three more to lead Culver Military over Cranbrook Schools, 13-6, in boys lacrosse action Sunday afternoon in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

Cameron Dabir had three assists, all of them to Benn, and Coltan Armitage had seven saves in goal. The win raises the Eagles back to .500 at 4-4 after a close loss to Detroit Catholic Center.

•CULVER MILITARY 13, CRANBROOK 6
At Bloomfield Hills, Mich.
CMA statistics
Goals: Brandon Benn 5, Bud Graham 3, Kyle Trolley 2, Jesse Rabishaw, Connor Eustace, Troy Grogan. Assists: Cameron Dabir 3, Rabishaw 2, Josh Berger, Grogan. Saves: Coltan Armitage 7. Shots: 37.
Record: 4-4.

CMA falls
Culver Military Academy lost a disappointing 8-7 decision after Detroit Central Catholic scored with



PHOTO SUBMITTED

Culver youth soccer player Marshall Anderson traps the ball away from a Walkerton player during Culver's 2-1 victory Saturday afternoon. Michael Davidge and Nick Pritz scored for Culver who improved to 2-0 on the season. Culver hosts Argos Saturday

just four-tenths of a second remaining in Novi, Mich.

CMA had an opportunity to take the lead but turned the ball over with approximately 16 seconds left, setting up DCC's final possession.

CMA's Brandon Benn led the scoring with two goals, while Cameron Dabir had two assists and goalie Coltan Armitage had nine saves.

DCC took a total of 27 shots while CMA had 24.

The loss dropped the Eagles to 3-4 on the season.

•DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL 8, CULVER MILITARY 7
At Novi, Mich.
CMA statistics
Goals: Brandon Benn 2, Jesse Rabishaw, Josh Berger, Troy Grogan, Dean Ferris, Bud Graham. Assists: Cameron Dabir 2, Graham, Rabishaw, Benn. Saves: Coltan Armitage 9.
Record: CMA 3-4.

Eagles from page 6

Casey Pattengale, James O'Neal, Syleer Coburn) 1:34.3, 2. Concord 1:34.4, 3. Hobart 1:34.8; Distance medley relay: Hobart (Jay Martinez, Zach Spain, Alex Cordova, Paul Goodman) 20:08.5, 2. LaPorte 20:13.9, 3. CMA 20:39.6; 1600 relay: 1. Concord (Dominique Holt, Daniel Zelaya, Steve Mulroy, Will Mulroy) 3:31.10, 2. Marion 3:37.00, 3. Plymouth 3:37.60; Long jump: 1. Morrell 19-06, 2. Smith 19-05, 3. Terry Riley (M) 19-02.25; High jump: 1. Alcorn 5-10, 2. Matt Stewart (H) 5-10, 3. Sean Smith (P) 5-08; Shot put: 1. Leneil Himes (P) 52-08, 2. Ian Samuelson (P) 46-08, 3. Derrick McQuiston (LO) 44-10.5; Discus: 1. Himes 156-02, 2. Andrew Storey (C) 147-04, 3. Brandon Kleckner (P) 147-04; Pole vault: 1. Derek Lee (P) 14-00, 2. Ryan McGuire (H) 13-00, 3. Chase Christensen (LA) 11-06; Triple jump: 1. Kendall Gunn (H) 39-07.5, 2. Dionte Morrell (M) 38-04, 3. Terry Riley (M) 37-03.25.
Girls meet

Team scores: 1. PLYMOUTH 129, 2. LAPORTE 105, 3. CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 82, 4. MARION 67, 5. LOGANSPORT 52, 6. HOBART 47.
3200 relay: 1. CGA (Katie Gawor, Emma Pettinga, Moira Kelley, Waverly Neer) 10:43.0, 2. Marion 11:00.6, 3. Plymouth 11:03.3; 100 hurdle relay: 1. Plymouth (Meagan Barron, Allison Bayley, Jamie Jagnecki, Tabitha Sherwood) 1:11.8, 2. Logansport 1:13.4, 3. LaPorte 1:17.6; 100: 1. Denisha Mitchell (LP) 12.7, 2. Brandi Witmer (P) 12.8, 3. Darrian Randle (M) 13.1; 1500: 1. Neer 4:52.6, 2. Paeton Wantuch (LP) 5:33, 3. Sarah Weirich (M) 5:43; 400 relay: 1. LaPorte (Carlie Erne, MaRiaha Flowers, Kelsie Zawada, Mitchell) 52.2, 2. Plymouth 52.8, 3. CGA 53.9; 800 sprint medley: 1. Plymouth (Witmer, Ariel Rensberger, Barron, Haley Smart) 1:55.1, 2. CGA 1:59.4, 3. Logansport 2:03.3; Distance medley relay: 1. CGA (Gawor, Hanna Klondaris, Jasmine Soo,

Neer) 13:36.2, 2. Plymouth 14:10.7, 3. Marion 14:16; 1600 relay: 1. Plymouth (Danica Cureton, Jagnecki, Megan Fisher, Witmer) 4:26.1, 2. Marion 4:30.9, 3. CGA 4:33.4; Long jump: 1. Alycia Corral (H) 16-08, 2. Mitchell (LP) 16-06, 3. Dani McPherron (P) 15-01.25; High jump: 1. Mitchell (LP) 5-0, 2. Kenzie Ungar (CGA) 4-10, 3. Dana Karnavas (LP) 4-10; Shot put: 1. Rachele Ellis (H) 32-05.25, 2. Katelyn Brown (P) 30-05.5, 3. Shayna Wood (M) 29-0.5; Discus: 1. Wood 100-04, 2. Katie Champion (L) 88-08, 3. Renata Wiltfong (LP) 88-03; Pole vault: 1. Courtni Fryer (LP) 9-00, 2. Megan Nibert (LP) 9-00, 2. 3. McPherron (P) 8-06; Triple jump: 1. Jasmine Solola (CGA) 31-10.5, 2. Corral 31-09.25, 3. McPherron (P) 30-01.75.

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Cool characters

LEFT: Culver Elementary School second graders – from left to right – Belle Ahlenius, Alexandra Temme, and Trista Fritter showcase the six pillars of character (citizenship, caring, respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, and fairness) during a recent visit by the students and CES second grade teacher Lisa Moise to Culver's Kiwanis Club to discuss the Cool Character Club, a character development program which replaced the "Just Say No" program a few years ago.

The program is a regular part of the daily curriculum for CES' 71 second graders, explained Moise, who added the students start each day with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Character pledge. If a disciplinary problem arises, she noted, students are asked to consider and discuss which pillar of character was broken.

A "Cool Character" parade will take place Friday, May 14 at 2 p.m. from the school through downtown Culver as part of the program, during which students will wear t-shirts tie-dyed with the colors associated with each character pillar. The Kiwanis Club donated \$300 towards purchase of the shirts. The students also acted out a character-based skit for the audience.

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April 18

A Singspiration will be held at Culver Bible Church Sunday, April 18 at 6 p.m. Some outside groups as well as their own talent will be bringing special music. Please join us as we worship the Lord through song, Scripture, and fellowship. Refreshments will be served following the service. And be sure to check out CBC's website at CulverBible.org for current events and more information about the church.

Donkey basketball

April 20

Culver Community High School will host a student and (local) celebrity donkey basketball game Tuesday, April 20 starting at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.) at the CCHS gymnasium. The game will include community participants Pete Peterson and Ken VanDePutte (fire dept.), Wayne Bean and Chad Becker (police dept.), Citizen editor Jeff Kenney, town clerk Casey Howard and manager Michael Doss, among others. Tickets to the event, sponsored by the Culver Community High School

Athletic Boosters, are \$6 in advance or \$8 at the door (those aged five and under are free), and tickets are available at the CCHS bookstore, First National Bank of Monterey-Culver branch, and from booster members. Concessions will be available at the game, and proceeds will be spent to provide Culver athletes with equipment and uniforms.

Soup for Soul April 22

Culver Elementary School sixth graders' "Soup for the Soul" community meal will take place Thursday, April 22 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the CES cafeteria. The event, which raises funds for area charities, including the Culver food pantry, Marshall and Starke County Humane Societies, South Bend Center for the Homeless, and a Marshall County boy battling cancer. The \$5 donation at the door includes a hand-made soup cup or bowl (other student-made items will be available), soup with free refills, a roll, and drink (food has been donated by many local eateries). Students will handle much of the setup

and cleanup. The public is invited to attend and support this worthy effort.

Tri Kappa student art show

Culver Tri Kappa is pleased to announce its eighth annual Student Art Show April 23, 24, and 25 at the Culver Cove ballroom. The show is open to any student from the Culver Community High School, Middle School and Culver Academies.

Judged categories include drawing, painting, photography, print, three-dimensional and middle school. Visitors may vote for their favorite entry in the People's Choice category.

The event is free and the public invited to visit during the following hours: Friday, April 23, 3 to 7 p.m. Saturday, April 24, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, April 25, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tea and Crafts at Market Basket & Co.

Tea and craft events offered at The Market Basket and Company, 13775 State Road 17 (just south of the State Road 8 intersection)

continue with glass paper-weight making, April 13; cutting quilt squares for Operation Quiet Comfort, with Jan Houin, April 20; jewelry made by girls rescued from prostitution by the non-profit group Destiny Rescue (plus) supplies available to bead your own bracelet, April 27. Held each Tuesday from 1 to 3 p.m., Tuesday Tea and Crafts encourages crafters to participate, bring their own unfinished project to work on, or purchase supplies to create a craft. For more information, contact Kathy Meek at 574-842-2145.

Hydrant flushing

The Town of Culver will be flushing fire hydrants during the week of April 12-16. During this process your water may have a "rusty" color however it is still safe to drink. The hydrant flushing is done twice a year and is necessary to remove rust from the town's water.

Meals on Wheels

There are currently openings of availability to local community senior citizens if they would like to take advantage of the Meals on Wheels program. Meals are delivered five days per week. Cost is \$2.25 per day. Financial aid is also available for those who need it. Meals are provided by Miller's Merry Manor and special dietary needs can be accommodated. Contact Pat Birk 574-842-3690 for more information.

Library computer classes for April

The Culver-Union Township Public Library will start a new session of free computer classes in April. Classes will be held Monday evenings at 6 p.m. and Friday mornings at 10 a.m., and will last two hours. 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 April include: **Computers for Beginners Part II:** Friday, April 16, 10 a.m. **Internet:** Monday, April 19, 6 p.m., Friday, April 23, 10 a.m. **E-Mail:** Monday, April 26, 6 p.m., Friday, April 30, 10 a.m. For more information, call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941, visit our website at www.culver.lib.in.us or e-mail abaker@culver.lib.in.us.

Tour De Max

Registration is available for Tri Kappa's Tour De Max. Event is scheduled Saturday, May 15 at 7 a.m., local time. Participants can depart for a 10-, 30-, or 63 mile route starting and ending at Culver's Beach Lodge, 819 E Lake Shore Drive. Cost is \$20 before May 1 and \$25 after May 1 through the morning of the ride. Online registration this year accepts credit card payments. The registration fee include a t-shirt, rider number, SAG support and stops, as well as refreshments upon returning to the

and under ride free with an adult, but a t-shirt is not included. For more information, visit www.tourdemax.blogspot.com.

Town wide yard sale

The Town of Culver is sponsoring a spring town-wide yard sale Friday and Saturday, April 23 and April 24 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Anyone interested in participating should contact the town hall between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. at 842-3140 beginning Monday, April 15 through Tuesday, April 20. Residents should provide their address and the date(s) of their sale. There is no cost for the event. A map of the locations hosting a yard sale will be disbursed by noon Thursday, April 22 at the town hall, Culver Express, and Osborn's Mini-Mart.

Town-wide spring cleanup

The Culver community clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, May 8 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Town of Culver will provide dumpsters for those wishing to dispose of debris from their home or yard. Hazardous chemicals and tires cannot be accepted. Please contact street department head Bob Porter (culverstreet@townofculver.org) or call 574-292-3943 with questions about what will be accepted.

Friends book sale

The Friends of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library will hold its next book sale 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.

Purdue Alumni Club of Marshall County

PLYMOUTH — Purdue Alumni Club of Marshall County is holding its Annual Banquet Thursday, April 15, at Christos' Banquet Center. Reservation forms were sent through e-mail. Social time begins at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m.

The cost will be \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 3 to 12. All Purdue alumni and interested fans are invited however, reservations are required. Contact Ralph Booker at 574-936-3502 or e-mail him at agbooker@embarqmail.com for more information or to RSVP.

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 will be reached at 574-216-0075. News can be sent by e-mail to: citizen@culcom.net.

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Relay from page 1

candles and bags, which are \$10 each and are intended as tributes to loved ones affected by cancer. Many participants in past Relays have commented on the powerful luminaria lap at each event, during which all lights except the bagged candles are extinguished and a lap is walked in silence in honor of cancer victims.

A host of local eateries will be on hand serving a veritable smorgasbord of food, Greenberg added.

Culver's Relay for Life had its genesis in several students' experience with cancer, Greenberg explained, noting his own grandfather – with whom he was very close – was lost to the disease. One week later, his grandmother was diagnosed with cancer as well.

Greenberg said his grandmother flew to Culver and was able to witness the 2009 Relay event.

In the first two Culver Relays – starting in 2008 – the community raised a combined quarter-million dollars, with \$145,000 coming in last year alone. Those figures, and the sheer community buy-in at the events, impressed the national Relay for Life organization enough to garner Culver's event a national award in 2009. Culver is also the first high school in the state and one of a handful in the nation to organize a Relay event.

The American Cancer Society, Greenberg told his audience, says Relay is intended to “educate, advocate, and research” with regards to cancer, goals Culver's Relay committee had in mind from the outset. But the committee also aimed to bring the various strands of Culver's community together with the event, and by all accounts their efforts were a smashing success.

“Some of our students had seen a totally separate community (in the Culver area prior to the first Relay),” Greenberg recalled.

Of the 1,000 participants in the April, 2009 Culver Relay, he noted only 400 were Academy students; the rest, he said, came from other areas of the community.

Greenberg quoted Academies faculty member and Culver resident Steve Shumerth, who said of the Culver Relay, “I saw new relationships being formed, new friendships, and ‘rivals’ holding hands.”

Relay schedule at a glance

6 p.m. - registration begins

7 p.m. - opening ceremony

7:30 p.m. - opening survivor lap, Relay begins

8 p.m. - first theme lap: “football lap” with Adam Venatieri; opening concert: Best Kept Secret

8:45 p.m. - food eating contest

9 p.m. - Fight Back Ceremony (CCHS teacher Mike Schwartz, featured speaker)

10:05 p.m. - Luminaria ceremony

10:30 p.m. - clean-up lap

10:50 p.m. - Taps

11:15 p.m. - Mr. Relay pageant

12 a.m. - theme lap: model/catwalk lap, flag football, carnival, balloon artist

12:30 a.m. - poker round

1 a.m. - theme lap: beach, dodgeball game

3:30 a.m. - horse races, frozen t-shirt contest

4:30 a.m. - limbo, stomp team

5:45 a.m. - closing ceremony

6 a.m. - clean-up lap

Student volunteers give back to local soldier

Community invited to honor Siems this Saturday



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Culver Academies Jump Team students worked on the home of Sgt. Robin Siems, an Iraqi and Afghanistan veteran. From the left, Jacqueline Bellaci, AJ Pentecost, Will Snowden, Alex Van Pelt, Lillian Hogan, Beth Puskas, the Varsity Jump Team Coach, Elliott Urban, and kneeling is Lee Beck. Members not pictured: Natalie Hogan and Bobbi Grover, a member of the Horsemanship staff.

Sergeant First Class Robin Siems is a soldier in the Army Reserves, and he has just returned to his home in Plymouth from his second deployment overseas. The 51 year-old Siems has worked for the past 10 years as a horseback riding instructor at the Culver Academies and has been an excellent instructor and a hero to many.

After fighting for one year in Iraq in 2006, Siems went to Afghanistan in February of 2009.

One of his students, Lillian Hogan, decided fixing Robin Siems' house and taking care of his property by mowing his lawn and property would be the perfect way to give back a little for what Robin is giving for us.

Mark Waller from the Academies, along with members of the Culver Jump Team, worked to improve the appearance of Siems' property while he was in Iraq. They were assisted by donations of paint, screen doors, and garage doors from local businesses.

Hogan, the leader in this project and a member of the Varsity Jump Team, also thought it would be great to have some Jump Team members help paint his garage and home and several donated their time to the effort.

The Culver Academies will recognize Siems' sacrifice for his country by having him as the Guest of Honor at its first parade this spring. The entire community is encouraged to attend this parade to express its appreciation to him afterwards. The parade takes place at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18 at the Culver Academies parade field.

Community calendar

Thurs., April 15

Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library
 Story time, 3:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
 Census job testing, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library
 Culver Elementary School spring concert, 6 p.m., CES gymnasium
 Community meal, 6 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ
 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

Fri., April 16

Computer class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
 Third annual Culver Relay for Life, 6 p.m. (all night), Culver Academies football field

Sat., April 17

Quilting group, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library
 Youth baseball, softball sign-ups, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
 Census job testing, 2 p.m., Culver Public Library

Sun., April 18

Singspiration, 6 p.m., Culver Bible Church
 Organ recital, John Gouwens, 7:30 p.m., Culver Academies Memorial Chapel

Mon., April 19

Story time, 11 a.m., Culver Public Library
 Free computer class, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library
 DivorceCare, 7 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ

Tues., April 20

Tuesday Tea and Craft, 3 p.m., Market Basket & Co.
 Donkey basketball (Athletic boosters fund raiser), 7 p.m., Culver Comm. High School gymnasium
 Plan Commission mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall
 OA, AA meeting (open), 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
 Culver Community School board mtg., 7 p.m., administration building

Weds., April 21

Story time, 9:30 a.m., Culver Public Library
 Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
 Garden Club, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library
 Blogging class, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library

Thurs., April 22

Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library
 Story time, 3:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
 Census job testing, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library
 Thursday Tech Time, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library
 Soup for the Soul community meal/charity fundraiser, 6 p.m., Culver Elementary School cafeteria

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