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In Brief

Breakfast with Santa Saturday

"Breakfast with Santa" will take place Saturday, Dec. 1, from 9 to 11 a.m., at the Monterey Fire Department in Monterey, Ind. A pancake and sausage or biscuits and gravy breakfast will be served along with a bake sale. The cost is \$5; children under 12 are \$3; under 5 are free.

Santa at Elizabeth's

Opportunities to take pictures with Santa Claus will be available between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 at Elizabeth's Garden, 104 N. Plymouth Street in Culver. Call 574-842-4766 for more information.

Chamber awards night Tuesday

The Culver Chamber of Commerce's annual awards night will take place Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 6:30 p.m. Presented will be awards for Lifetime Achievement, Business Person of the Year, and Volunteer of the year. The event will take place at the Lakehouse Grille on Lake Shore Drive, where cost of dinner is \$24 including tax and gratuity. Please RSVP to make your choice of main course known, at 574-842-5253 or eruhnow@mediacombb.net.

Community tree lighting, caroling event Dec. 7

The annual community tree lighting and caroling event will be held Friday, December 7, under the auspices of the Culver Youth Community Organization and Knights of Columbus. The event will begin with the lighting of the community tree at 6:30 p.m. at the train station - depot, followed by a visit from Santa Claus. The night will culminate with volunteers caroling at several local businesses in town.

In conjunction with the event, several donation jars will be set out at various local businesses to help raise money to support local families in need over the holiday season. Any individuals or organizations interested in donating to or taking part may contact Cory Monnier at 574-250-0103 for details.

Holiday open houses, carriage rides

Culver Coffee Company, 634 Lake Shore Drive, will hold its annual customer appreciation event Friday, Dec. 7 in conjunction with

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Four new 'faces' in town...

ABOVE: As the ongoing downtown revitalization project continues to transform Culver, an especially noticeable addition has drawn particular interest. Workers lowered the new town clock into place the afternoon before Thanksgiving, last Wednesday, Nov. 21, as watched (LOWER LEFT, from left to right) by Culver utilities manager Bob Porter, town manager Dave Schoeff, town clerk Karen Heim, and councilman Bill Githens. The four-faced clock, at the southwest corner of Main and Jefferson Streets adjacent to Heritage Park, was chosen by longtime (former) Culver barber and clock-man Verl Shaffer and includes night-time lighting for round-the-clock functionality. Verl notes fund-raising to pay for the clock is now within about \$1500 of the goal, and he encourages residents to continue to give. He also notes many checks have come in from single-income households and/or retirees, who he says "gave from their hearts because they want to be counted as part of our great community. Donations may be sent to Shaffer at 1140 South St., Culver, IN, 46511.

Culver prepares for (hoped-for)centennial voyage to Presidential Inaugural

A behind-the-scenes look

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Of course it's a matter of enormous significance each time Culver Academies' Black Horse Troop and Equestriennes prepare to march in the U.S. Presidential inaugural -- but this coming inaugural parade is especially meaningful, as it marks 100 years of Culver's participation in the event. And preparations are already underway.

Even though Culver hasn't yet been formally invited to the January event in Washington, D.C., preparations be-



PHOTO/LISA CRAWFORD

Culver Girls Academy students and members of the Equestriennes riding team (from left) Jackie Pentecost (a sophomore) and junior Alena Nicholson select their photos to be included in letters written to their Senators and Congressmen encouraging support for Culver's participation in January's Presidential Inaugural in Washington, D.C., part of the preparation for the event.

Assisting, between the students, is Associate Equestrienne Coach Grace McKay (also an Academies librarian) and, seated, coach and choreographer of the Equestriennes -- and Assistant Dean of Girls -- Lynn Rasch, who has traveled to D.C. with the group many times. Nicholson's mother, Lara Smith (class of 1986) made history as part of the first Equestriennes team to participate with the Black Horse Troop in an inaugural, the 1985 event whose parade unfortunately had to be cancelled due to -30 wind chill temperatures.

gan last summer, according to Rick Tompos, co-chairman of the Culver Inaugural Parade Committee, which he helms with Tony Guarldi with major assistance from inaugural coordinator Emily Ryman. The invitation is expected in mid to late December (Culver has only not been invited once since 1957, and that was in 1993 for President Clinton's first inaugural parade).

Tompos says the preparation process is "pretty lock-step," and the committee ben-

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How Culver came to D.C.: a look back

The Culver Citizen will detail more of the history of Culver Academies' participation in presidential inaugurations past, as part of the observation of its 100th year of so doing, but suffice it to say the tradition began, really, during the dedication of the school's Mess Hall in 1911, where then-governor of Indiana Thomas Marshall -- in attendance at the event -- was asked by Culver superintendent Col. L.R. Gignilliat if the Black Horse Troop could escort him when he was elected president of the United States. Marshall was instead chosen by Woodrow Wilson as Wilson's running mate, and Gignilliat called on Marshall as the 1913 inaugural approached.

That time around, Culver was actually the formal escort to the vice president (which fell by the wayside in later inaugurations), and the event -- held in those days in March -- catapulted Culver Military Academy before the eyes of the world. The process was repeated for the 1917 inaugural,

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Adams' new novel closes out Maxinkuckee trilogy

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Alexia Thompson the (fictional) Lake Maxinkuckee girl is back, and this time there's a mystery a-foot.

Culver author Marcia Adams has completed the third and final book in her trilogy of "Alexia" stories which launched in 2009 with "Adventures of Alexia: A Lake Maxinkuckee Girl 1885," which chronicled highlights from the childhood years of a mostly summertime resident of the lake, complete with meticulously researched historical details of life in the Culver area at the time.

Late in 2011, Alexia was back, this time at age 14 and interacting with a young Potawatomi boy named Luke Swift Foot Lakestone, in the second book in the series, "Glowing Fire - Adventures of A Lake Maxinkuckee Girl & A Potawatomi Indian Boy."

Now Adams is preparing to release what she says is her final contribution to the telling of Alexia's story, this time entitled, "Valley of the Springs."

By now, Alexia is in her early 30s and starts out on what Adams describes as "a train adventure" which she says will end in French Lick, Indiana, and which includes a major element of mystery along the way.

The book is set in the early 1900s, in the thick of what many consider the "golden age" of Indiana literature. The Hoosier state, in fact, became known as a literary hub, and boasted a number of nationally acclaimed and even Pulitzer prize winning authors including Booth Tarkington, James Whitcomb Riley, Meredith Nicholson, and others. All of the above made something of a "second home" on Lake Maxinkuckee (Riley, in fact, penned a poetic tribute to the lake entitled, "Life at the Lake").

Alexia, says Adams, will interact with these figures and also finds herself crossing paths with a then fairly new Culver Military Academy.

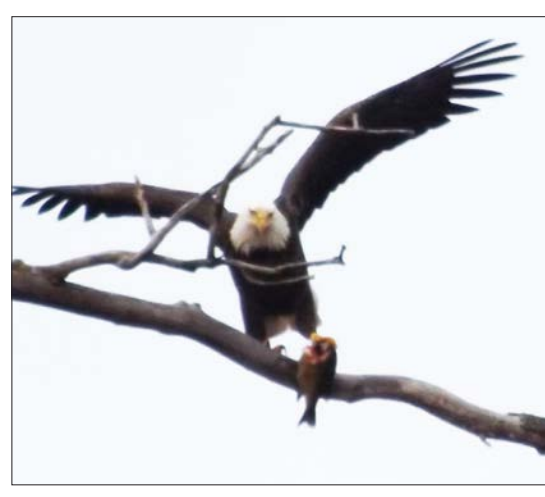
"I enjoyed working with this," says Adams of her research and writing of the book, and most particularly its historical literary themes, "and giving our community this pride. It's a place to be proud of. What started this whole series was, 'Hey guys, we've got a great community here.'"

"This is not intended to be a weighty historical novel," she adds. "It's fiction, with history recalled as action in the piece."

Adams says it will be fun for readers to learn the significance of the title, and she clearly enjoyed adding the elements of a mystery novel to Alexia's canon. She also credits having a "wonderful editor" to the book's coming together as it did.

"She (Alexia) becomes a sleuth. She has no degree but she loves psychology and has an opportunity to solve some mysteries, and this


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Dinner by the lake

Gale Craft of Culver captured this series of photos last week of one of the bald eagles spotted back on the lake of late (at least two couples were regularly seen on Maxinkuckee's shores last winter). This bird, photographed on the south shore, captured what may have been a bass, and made a meal of it on a tree branch near the water.



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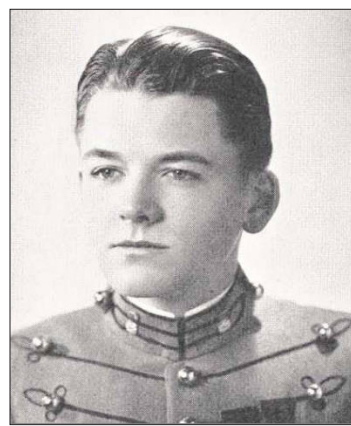
Winding up for the Cookie Walk

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Jean Kindred prepares a tray of delicious cookies for the annual Wesley United Methodist Women's Cookie Walk. The popular sale will be held this Saturday, Dec. 1, from 9 a.m. to noon, in the church basement at 511 School Street, between the elementary and high schools. Please enter through the front doors of the church and come downstairs.

Homemade cookies will be sold for \$6 a pound. Shoppers may choose your cookies from the thousands available. Sweet treats of candy and such will also be sold.

Culver grad Holbrook featured in new Lincoln movie



Hal Holbrook during his years as a Culver Military Academy cadet.

As moviegoers flock to the recently-released Steven Spielberg epic, "Lincoln," Culver-associated audiences can look for a familiar face in that of Hal Holbrook, a 1942 graduate of Culver Military Academy.

It happens Holbrook played Abraham Lincoln himself, in a 1976 television series, though in the new film he portrays Southern politician Preston Blair alongside Daniel Day-Lewis' Lincoln, which is already widely

considered as a likely contender for Best Actor at the Academy Awards.

Holbrook, whose 2011 autobiography, "Harold: The Boy Who Became Mark Twain," details his Culver years and love of the school, was himself nominated a few years ago for an Academy Award for his role in the film, "Into the Wild," though he may be best known for his one-man show, "Mark Twain Tonight!" which he performed in nearby Elkhart earlier this year.

87 year old Holbrook has said he is working on a second volume of his book, copies of which (with Culver-specific signature bookplates from the author included) are for sale at the Culver Academies Museum & Gift Shop at 102 S. Main Street in downtown Culver.

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again of Wilson. Two world wars and a Great Depression ensued before Culver was once again seen in official capacity on Pennsylvania Avenue, but the Troop returned in 1957 as part of President Eisenhower's parade. Culver has been represented at every inaugural since, with the exception of the 1993 President Clinton parade.

The Culver Academies Museum & Gift Shop at 102 S. Main Street in downtown Culver will celebrate the centennial of the school's inaugural presence with an exhibit including original photos and artifacts, interactive multimedia, and some fun surprises, from now into early spring. The museum may be reached at 574-842-8842 or museum@culver.org.

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efits from plenty of notes, minutes, and information from prior trips, as well as a great deal of continuity in staff involved in the process (Tompos himself has been to two previous inaugurations, for example). There's probably more change within the inaugural committee lineup in D.C., in fact, than Culver's, though Tompos says he doesn't think there's a "huge break" in what that committee does, and which president takes office likely makes little difference.

In D.C., the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies initiates the overall process by sending a letter to Culver. The Joint Task Force-National Capital Region governs matters such as how each group is invited, their number in the parade, and so forth. The Presidential Inaugural Committee is also involved.

On Culver's end, head of schools John Buxton send out a letter in early October to parents outlining what's expected to happen, with the Culver inaugural committee of some 20 persons sending out its own letter as well.

Culver Academies has a formal budget set up for inaugurations, explains Tompos, though about half of the costs of the trip are covered by participating students.

"From past experience," Tompos continues, "we know we have to secure the hotel and transportation, and we have a Capital City Culver Club event so there's a dinner we need to secure a venue for. We have to secure the horse trailers to transport the horses, which is a completely separate process from the students. You have to start (in the fall) and if we don't get an invite, we could lose some deposits, so there's some risk."

The D.C. committee's application "goes live" in early October and is filled out by Culver and submitted along with a five minute video and photographs of past inaugural participation by the school. Of course the clip of the Troopers and Equestriennes (the latter group is comprised of Culver Girls Academy riders, while the Black Horse Troop is cadets from Culver Military Academy) passing by President and Mrs. Obama in 2009 was utilized for the video; in it, Michelle Obama appears to make a positive

remark as she views the Culver students and horses.

Then, says Tompos, "the waiting begins." While that's going on, all the potentially participating students write letters to senators and congressmen in their home states, while international students send letters to the state of Indiana, in hopes of legislators' assistance in garnering Culver an invitation to the inaugural. This is the first time, Tompos notes, the students have written the letters themselves rather than adult representatives of the Academies.

Of course, "splattered everywhere" are indications that this is Culver's 100th anniversary as an inaugural participant, with a special centennial logo in the works, an exhibit at the Culver Academies Museum & Gift Shop, and information detailing the history of the school's participation, on the agenda.

Following this year's presidential election, the Academies began mobilizing its constituent base of alumnae, parents, and board members, soliciting aid in any influence towards Culver receiving an invite.

"Our goal is to bombard them," Tompos says. "There's a lot of talking and connections we'll be making in the next couple of weeks."

If some on the inaugural committee are then forced to quietly wait, things aren't so quiet in the school's Horsemanship department. Over a year ago, the process of securing more black horses to add to Culver's stock of some 90 animals began. Special shoes are in the works for the horses since they'll be walking on a different type of surface than they're accustomed to, and of course intensive training is underway, both for horses and students.

Not all students in the horsemanship program will be able to participate in the parade itself, unfortunately, says Tompos.

"We ask for as many as we can, but (the inaugural committees in) D.C. will dictate the number."

Female students in Culver Academies' horsemanship program constitute about half the numbers as cadets, so

that differentiation will be reflected proportionately in whatever the final number of student participants ends up being, Tompos notes.

All members of the Black Horse Troop and Equestriennes may attend and watch, regardless of whether they are actually able to ride, he adds. Those students' parents are also securing a venue from which to watch the parade. Many will watch on large-screen televisions from a comfortable (read: warm!) venue up to the point that Culver students are ready to join the procession. Once Culver is "up," parents, staff, and supporters will hit the parade route and cheer when Culver passes.

As anyone who's watched a presidential inaugural parade knows, the entire parade can take a long time (Culver, for example, appeared in the dark during the 2009 parade, so lengthy was the whole affair). But it's far, far longer for participants, who will arrive at the famous Willard Hotel in D.C. by 7 a.m. to prepare. Between the time they "mount up" to be ready for the call to actually enter the parade, and the conclusion of the parade itself, it's not unusual for Culver students to spend 10 hours on horseback in total on inaugural day, and many of those hours may be quite chilly.

As in years past, Culver residents can look for a "dress rehearsal" closer to the date of the great event right here in Culver, which takes place largely as a training exercise to help both students and horses become accustomed to street travel, crowds, and noises. And, as in the most recent inaugural, interested readers may get some sense of following along the students' journey to the inaugural via a blog accessible through the Academies' website at culver.org.

And hopefully, Culverites regardless of affiliation will have a chance, in a matter of weeks, to enjoy something few in America do: see their hometown represented before the entire world.

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gives her a chance to take a marvelous trip on a train."

Alexia is a "grown lady now," adds Adams, "but is still Alexia, that girl who's 10 in the first book and 17 (by the end of) the second book. Culver is still part of

the story. In one sequence she goes to the Academy as a guest with other visitors, and has a little altercation with a horse, so yes, the Academy is there. I mention some dignitaries of the surrounding area, farmers and bankers, the ice company. I had fun with it! History keeps you grounded in the fact that it happened in that age."

Adams says she researched and took copious historical notes to be as accurate as possible, something she did for the prior books as well.

"I wish I had time to do three more novels about Alexia," she says, "and the people that have been interesting in her life!"

However, Alexia Thompson's life after this novel, she says, "will be the adventure in the reader's life," rather than anything Adams will chronicle.

That doesn't mean she's done with writing, however. She's been working on two other books in the meantime and hopes to have one out in a year or so, she says.

Adams, who wrote several fictional books set elsewhere, prior to the first Alexia novel, says writing is a hobby she

enjoys and wants to share. She notes she employed her personal computer ("A shockingly easy machine" as an aid to research and writing, she says) more than before in constructing "Valley of the Springs." In fact, this is the first novel she's written completely on the computer, rather than by hand and then transcribed into a digital format, as before.

Marcia Adams is scheduled to return to Culver for several events relating to her new book: an interview on WTCA radio in Plymouth at 9:45 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, an appearance at the Bookworm in downtown Plymouth Saturday, Dec. 15 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and a similar appearance at the Culver Coffee Company on Lake Shore Drive on Wednesday, Dec. 12 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"Valley of the Springs," as was the case with Adams' previous Alexia novel, will debut as an electronic "e-book," likely by Christmas, with print copies available soon after. The book will be available online at amazon.com.

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Death notice

Anderson

Harry E. Anderson
Nov. 17, 2012

CULVER — Harry E. Anderson, 80, of Culver, died at 9:12 p.m. Nov. 17, 2012 at Miller's Merry Manor in Culver. He is survived by his wife, Virginia; daughters Carolyn (Dan) Davidge of Culver and Christine (Jeff) Lutzenberger of Bozeman, Mont.; brother, Wibert Anderson of Seattle, Wash.; and six grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

The Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements.

Kissell joins Polyvinyl Sales

Polyvinyl Sales, Inc., of Bremen, Indiana welcomes Herb Kissell of Culver as the newest member of their sales staff, according to David Yoquelet, General Manager.

Polyvinyl Sales, Inc. serves as the retail division of Digger Specialties, who specialize in providing vinyl and aluminum fence, railing and deck materials.

Herb and his wife, Dorothy (Dot), reside in Culver and are well known to Culver and Plymouth residents. Kissell has several years' sales experience within the home improvement business; however, he may be best recognized as the former maitre'd at the Edgewater Grille in Culver.

Kissell will work with residents and contractors alike in providing vinyl and aluminum fencing and patio/deck railing. He may be contacted at 574-993-7873 or at the Bremen office 866-446-7659.

The KISS Christmas

You know what that acronym stands for, right? Keep It Simple, Stupid. It's my mantra during the holiday season, which begins around, oh, mid-September!

I'm not a Christmas curmudgeon, by the way. I love the crisp cold air, the decorated shop windows, the cheesy holiday movies, the cookie exchanges, and the Christmas cards (even the self-congratulatory holiday letters from long-lost relatives). I love singing "Silent Night" with my faith family on Christmas Eve. I love making new memories that blend seamlessly into the old ones.

Even with the best intentions, though, December can be a pressure cooker. So much to do! So many places to go and people to please! To make sure I don't end up exhausted and crabby by year's end, I have to plan ahead to KISS.

Priority: having fun decorating without being haunted by the spirit of Martha Stewart. Priority: spending less time hunting for holiday supplies and gifts and more time sipping cocoa by the tree. Priority: having a holiday rich with family and fellowship and not ending up with an empty wallet, a wider waistline, and an overflowing trash can.

Are you one of those people for whom the holidays are more of a burden than a celebration? One tool I've found to help me plan this year is from the Center for a New American Dream (www.newdream.org). They offer a pledge to "Simplify the Holidays" that's worth examining if you'd like to make the holidays more meaningful. "The holiday season is arguably our greatest cultural paradox," reads the introduction to the pledge. "Tradition, family, and faith are obscured by the pressures to spend. We all want to show our loved ones that we care about them, but we don't want to go broke in the process. And isn't it possible to celebrate without leaving a trail of trash that will stay in the landfills long after the season has passed?"

Simplifying the holiday means finding ways to celebrate that are good for people and good for the planet. On the pledge page, there are 15 suggestions, everything from making up coupons for a free service (making dinner, shoveling snow, baby-sitting) to decorating with natural materials such as pine and holly branches — or even spending time preparing meals for the homeless population in your town instead of another shopping trip. To take the pledge, you pick five out of the 15 suggestions that you could apply to your life.

All the suggestions are ways to make the holidays more meaningful and less wasteful, but bear in mind that "simplifying" the holidays — especially if it's new to you — could be complicated. Your idea for a simple family Christmas — playing board games, sipping hot cider — might be boycotted for Penguin Point Big Wallys and "Home Alone 3." Grandma might not appreciate a gift wrapped in an outdated road map or the comics. The teenagers might balk at caroling through the neighborhood on a cold winter's night.

By simplifying, you might run the risk of disappointing people, especially if you, like me, are the Chief Household Elf. Tip: disappointment is not fatal, but it could be educational. Your simpler choices might even influence others to do the same. So if you want to change things up at Christmas, talk about why you want to simplify. Get your family on board and let them make suggestions. Ask them what means the most to them at holiday time—you might be surprised.

You might find that you're not the only one who wants a KISS Christmas.

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HOOSIER HABITAT:
EASY WAYS TO
LIVE GREEN
BY MARIANNE PETERS

Chamber raises funds for ALS, updates on upcoming Culver events

Bobbie Washburn Ruhnow

The second annual Pajama Day for ALS was a successful fund raiser according to Reilly Reinhold, originator of the event. Reilly started Pajama Day in 2011 at the Culver Elementary School to raise funds for ALS research in honor of her father, Rob Reinhold, a victim of the disease. The fund raiser expanded this year when the Chamber of Commerce in Culver asked local merchants to participate in Pajama Day.

At the November joint meeting of the Chamber and Second Century Committee, Dawn Minas Brockey, president of the Chamber, presented a check to Reilly for \$330, money raised through donations on Pajama Day. According to Rhonda Reinhold, Reilly's mother, the Culver Schools fund raiser resulted in approximately \$1,200 being raised for ALS research.

In other Chamber business, Brockey said local merchants would be profiled in commercials on WSBT TV and SBT2 in the months of November and December. These short commercials will feature local businesses and customers profiling the advantages of shopping in Culver.

With thanks to Sue McInturff and Susie Mahler, November 24 was designated as Charity Day with five percent of all sales at participating businesses going to a charitable organization, Brockey announced.

Providing Lake Maxinkuckee cooperates, Brockey said, there will be a National Ice Fishing Contest held in Culver February 8. This contest brings several hundred ice fishing enthusiasts into the area and will be a televised event. Although it was originally scheduled for 2011, as everyone knows, Lake Maxinkuckee did not provide enough ice for the contest.

Academies band, choir concert at Ancilla Sunday

Culver Academies' choir, directed by Stacey Warren, and band and orchestra, directed by Major William Browne and Chad A. Gard will perform their annual Christmas concert Sunday, December 2, at 3 p.m. at Ancilla Domini Chapel, PHJC Ministry Center, in Donaldson, Indiana. The event is free to the public and a reception will follow in Cana Hall.

For more information, please visit www.poorhandmaids.org.

Each year the choir supports various events, ceremonies, and performances on campus, as well as within the greater Culver community and surrounding areas, including performances of the Vivaldi Gloria and Mozart Requiem with the Ancilla College Community Chorus and South Bend Chamber Symphony, of South Bend, Indiana.

Culver Choir students are consistently selected for the Indiana All State Choir, the Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall, and were thrilled by the selection of a student for the Sound of America Honor Chorus European Tour in 2010.

In June, 2011, the Choir was invited and traveled to Salzburg, Austria, to sing in the Mozart International Choral Festival, under the direction of Professor Janos Czifra and Dr. Eph Ehly. The Choir will sing in St. Peter's Basilica as part of the Rome International Choral Festival in Rome, Italy, during a week in June, 2013, under the direction of Dr. Z. Randall Stroope.

In addition to individual instruments and ensembles,

Brockey introduced Greg Fasset, chairman of Culver's Second Century Committee, for his annual report. The Second Century Committee is a sub-committee of the Chamber of Commerce in Culver dedicated to long range planning for the community.

Fasset reported a successful application by the SCC had been made for 501-C3, not-for-profit status. This will allow the SCC to participate in Indiana's Main Street program. They will also be working with Culver's Plan Commission to formulate a new Comprehensive Plan for the community.

Fasset introduced the slate of officers for 2013 for approval. Heading the committee will be Sue McInturff as chair, Trent Bennett vice-chair, Patty Stalling as secretary and treasurer will be Bill Githens. Ex-officio members will be Dick Brantingham and Fasset, with members at large Albert Hanselman, Ginny Munroe and Dana Neer. Committees of the SCC are Community Communications, Recreational and Fitness Path, Government Growth Initiative and Infrastructure, and Town Revitalization as an Indiana Main Street affiliate. The slate was approved unanimously.

Brockey announced the next meeting of the Chamber will be December 4, showcasing the Chamber's choice of Lifetime Achievement Award, Business Person of the Year and Volunteer of the Year. The Chamber instituted honoring past and present contributors to the community in 2000 with the Lifetime Achievement Award and Business Person of the Year. In 2004, they added the honorarium for Volunteer of the Year.

The CMA Band is a military marching band that is the "Heartbeat of the Corps" and serves the school in its military and ceremonial mission. Their Lancer Band, the Honor Organization of the Band Company provides special music for special events and other military and riding exhibitions. Their music faculty of five full-time teachers also teach music theory, history, and music topics courses, and collaborate with other academic departments in the enhancement of their curricula. As well, six specialized adjunct instructors teach lessons in their respective areas of expertise. This program, combined with the choral and vocal program offers a rich school music environment for the development of the whole person.

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By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

resided along the north side of Jefferson, not too far from the lake shore.

For the uninitiated, our friends at Wikipedia refer to a grain elevator as "a tower containing a bucket elevator or a pneumatic conveyor, which scoops up grain from a lower level and deposits it in a silo or other storage facility," though they also point out the term generally applies to the entire complex, rather than just the elevator proper, and that grain elevators made their debut in the 1840s.

Technically Culver's had various names through the years, apparently including the Thayer Elevator. The Culver newspaper in July, 1903, noted, "Farmers can now bring their grain to Culver and receive the highest market price for it. Dillon & Castleman have opened the Thayer elevator and are paying seventy cents per bushel for... wheat, thirty-three cents for oats and forty-five cents for rye. They have just received a car load of corn and will always keep a big supply on hand."

By 1906, the business was referred to as the Dillon & Medbourn Grain Elevator, and of course the elevator complex abutted Sam Medbourn's bustling ice house to the south (we'll explore that property more properly later).

In October, 1909, Medbourn erected a corn crib 12 feet wide and "upwards of 90 feet long at the elevator," noted the Citizen.

By April, 1912, the business was referred to as The Culver City Grain and Coal Company, and it was erecting two storehouses, one 20 by 50 feet for flour, and one 20 by 40 feet for feed.

In June of that same year, the Citizen noted that "one of the most extensive changes which have taken place here in late years is the sale of the grain, coal, flour and cement business of S. E. Medbourn and Son to Ezra Hawkins.... Mr. Hawkins is in possession with his son, Fred, as office assistant."

Ray Marshall, it was noted, was partnering with his father-in-law Ezra Hawkins in the business and dividing his time between that and his duties as right hand man to Major Greiner in the Commandant's office at Culver Academy until his successor could be appointed.

In June, 1921, it was reported that "Hawkins and Osborn are installing a coal conveyor at their yard" at the grain elevator, and in August, 1934, the office of the Culver Grain & Coal Company was more than doubled in size by the erection of an addition.

In October, 1939, the Citizen reported "another old landmark is passing into the scrap heap with the tearing down of the elevator of the Culver City Grain and Coal." This was obviously not the end of the elevator business

itself, but the razing of the original elevator for replacement.

In late September, 1953, a two-alarm fire broke out at the grain elevator, though the business was saved from the flames, at least for another few decades.

It did pass into new hands, however, in February, 1957, when The Marshall County Farm Bureau Co-Op Association, Inc., purchased the Culver City Grain and Coal Company from Samuel Medbourn and George Phillips, who by then were co-owners. Maurice Curtis was named the new manager of the Culver Branch of the Bureau, which would retain ownership of the business until its demise. Curtis remained manager into the 1960s, when he left to take a lead sales position at the Gates & Calhoun Chevrolet's Culver branch.

By the 1950s, regular passenger train service to and from Culver had stopped with the exception of occasional special trains and the single-engine Doodlebug train, though these, too, faded away as well. The rails were left intact, however, for transport of grain to and from the elevator.

Down at the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver's Center for Culver History museum (lower level of the Culver Public Library), there's a pretty amazing, approximately three-minute (silent) video of the grain elevator finally meeting its maker, which gives an idea of just how spectacular was the blaze.

Culverites on Oct., 27, 1978 must have wondered what would burn down next. Just five days earlier, on the Sunday of Oct. 22, the popular bowling alley and coffee shop on Lake Shore Drive had burned to the ground, and on Friday the 27th, the grain elevator was completely destroyed in a four-alarm blaze which Culver, Monterey, Aubbeenaubee Township, and Plymouth fire departments fought for hours.

Then fire chief Don Overmyer said arson wasn't suspected (likely dry grain combusted in the grain tower) in the 4:30 p.m. fire. Police tried to keep residents away from the area for fear that nitrate-containing tanks at the rear of the seven-to-eight-story building might explode (which they didn't), though the intense heat of the huge conflagration kept most at a distance.

And so another era effectively ended with the demise of the co-op, emblematic perhaps of the changing times in many small, rural communities like Culver as the 20th century waned. Grain elevators and the transport of their commodities by rail were once the norm in most such communities, but its telling that no effort was made to rebuild and re-launch Culver's operation after the fire. Instead, that portion of the land stayed mostly vacant, awaiting development -- that of the Culver Cove resort -- which would take around a decade to begin, and which could also said to be symbolic of the coming shift in Culver's identity, which in many ways was a throwback to a century prior.

We'll take a look at that development, and what once sat on the rest of the land the Cove occupies today, in our next column.



ABOVE: Culver's grain elevator and staff, circa 1940s. The buildings visible at left are the lumber yard and others along the north side of East Jefferson Street. BELOW: A circa 1960s shot facing southwest, showing the grain elevator in the background, as well as the Washington St. viaduct, just under the train.



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LEFT: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Ron "Harry" Van Horn, then and now. RIGHT: This week's Mystery Citizen, Harry Van Horn, who with

wife (the late) Connie ran Van Horn Ford for several years in the 1970s and served with Culver's police force around the same time, among his other roles. Recognizing him were Patty King, Carin Clifton, Kay Tusing, Anna Lemar Neher, Vicki Lutz Wagner, and Cynthia Bonine Goss, who may enjoy free swimming at the Culver beach throughout

the month of December, as a prize!

This week's Mystery Citizen has served Culver in various ways (including at a local institution at which she's currently employed), though she's also been involved in service on a state and national level, including in recent months.

Guesses may be emailed to culvercitizen@gmail.com or call the editor at 574-216-0075.



Lady Cavs down No. 10 Dragons, 31-29

By Dee Grenert
Staff Writer
CULVER — Culver Community's girls basketball team found a winning formula Nov. 20 — defense and timely free throws.

The Cavs limited Class A No. 10 Argos to 26 percent from the field, created 21 turnovers and sank 7-of-8 fourth-quarter attempts from the foul line highlighted by the game-winning pair from sophomore guard Tatum Schultz with 33 seconds left in a 31-29 win at John R. Nelson Gymnasium.

"We've struggled from the free-throw line all year," Culver head coach Gina Hierlmeier said. "We've focused on free throws, and I'm confident that we can make them. Donna Zehner hit some major ones, and Tatum hit them when we needed them."

"I've always been a defensive coach; the girls are figuring that out," she added. "Great defense wins ballgames. I set a defensive goal before the game of holding (Argos) to 35 points and we held them to 29. Defense won us the basketball game."

Culver dodged a couple of bullets in the waning seconds of the game.

Argos missed a potential go-ahead triple with 18 seconds left but gained new life when the ball caromed out of bounds off a Culver set of fingers at the 15-second mark. The Dragons' final attempt — a well-contested 10-footer from the right side — resulted in a held-ball scramble and Culver possession with 3 seconds to play.

For the Cavs, sophomore forward Donna Zehner scored all 10 of her game-high total in the second half. After Argos built a four-point edge — its largest of the game — with 4:44 left, Zehner scored on a baseline drive and tied the game at 25-all with a pair of charity tosses at the 3:49 mark.

"I called a timeout when we fell behind," Hierlmeier said. "We had the same thing in our game against Wina-



PHOTO/PAUL PARÉ

Culver Comm. High School players Angela Lewellen (#21, left of center) and Tatum Schultz (#30) have their eyes on the ball as Argos' Karlee VanDerWeele (#22, far left) prepares to receive a pass from teammate Jami Patterson (#10, far right) during a Nov. 20 game at Culver.

Culver junior forward Kayla Shaffer chipped in six points. Schultz provided seven rebounds, three assists and three steals, including a hustle steal and shovel pass from a seated position at the timeline to Angela Lewellen for a breakaway layup and 27-25 edge with 2:29 to go in the final stanza.

Defensively, Culver's 2-2-1 full-court pressure and half-court man badgered the Dragons' guards and sealed off the interior. That defense also helped the Cavs overcome a 29-percent showing from the field.

"Our 2-2-1 slowed them down," Hierlmeier said. "We wanted to force them to the corners, keep them out of the middle, trap, and control the tempo. We wanted to make them play our game rather than us playing theirs."

Culver's defense caught the Dragons' attention. Senior center Kayla Prochno notched a team-high eight points for Argos — all from the foul line — and pulled down a game-best nine rebounds. Shelby Sanders added six points, including a game-tying trey from the left wing with 40 seconds left in the fourth frame for the Dragons. Senior point guard Jami Patterson chipped in six points and dished out three assists.

Meanwhile, after drilling all six of its first-half free-throw tries, Argos went just 3 of 7 in the fourth quarter. • CULVER COMMUNITY 31, ARGOS 29

At Culver

Boys basketball

Elliott powers Culver again



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CCHS' Trent Elliott hits the air as West Collin Stevens Central players (from left) Michael Hamilton (#12), Keegan Dillman (#30), West Central and Spencer Holiday (#32) look on during Saturday's night's home game in Culver.

Michael Hamilton's 12.

The Cavs move to 2-0 and will host Lacrosse Friday at 8 p.m. • CULVER 59, WEST CENTRAL 41

At Culver

Elliott powers Cavs at Rochester

Trent Elliott poured in 26 points for Culver, and the Cavaliers opened the year with a 49-37 win on the road at Rochester Wednesday.

Micah Budzinski finished with 10 points for Culver, which knocked down 12 of 19 free throws compared to a 3-for-6 effort from the stripe for the home team.

Jonathon O'Dell paced the Zebras with 16. Culver will open its home slate with West Central Saturday at 6:30 p.m. • CULVER 49, ROCHESTER 37

At Rochester



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Culver Military Academy's Bradley Fisher (#40), of Chorley, England, puts up a short jumper against the Indianapolis Homeschool Wildcats in a 45-39 season-opening loss on November 19. Fisher, a new cadet, scored a game-high 21 points.

At left is Indianapolis' Kyle Knauth (#34) and his teammate Tommy Mangan (#22).

CMA's Austin Proeh (#30) is at right..

CMA drops opener

An 18-7 second quarter run by visiting Indianapolis Homeschool left Culver Military trailing by 10 at the half, and the Eagles never quite recovered in a 45-39 season-opening loss at home at Fleet Gymnasium Monday night.

Homeschool — which already had six games under its belt heading into Culver Military — knocked down six triples in the win, while CMA scuffled to a 4-for-10 finish from the foul line in the six-point loss.

Newcomer and 6-11 center Bradley Fisher led all scorers with 21 points for the Eagles, while Hayes Barnes finished with eight and Nick Zalduendo scored six. Eljay Murray was CMA's only other scorer with two points for the night.

Homeschool moves to 6-1, and the Eagles slip to an 0-1 start. • INDIANAPOLIS HOMESCHOOL 45, CULVER MILITARY 39

At Culver

Sports briefs

Girls basketball

Lady Cavs win 3rd straight

The Lady Cavaliers held visiting North White to only three points in the first half and kept the visitors off the scoresheet in the fourth quarter for a 53-20 win Saturday.

North White stumbled to 0-for-13 from the field against Culver's defense in the first half, scoring its only points at the free throw line as the Lady Vikings remained winless.

Kayla Shaffer finished with 19 points to go with four steals, while Donna Zehner tallied 11 points and a pair of assists, and Tatum Schultz scored 10 points with three assists, three blocks and three steals in an all-around strong performance for the Cavs.

Culver moved to 5-1 with the team's third straight win and will travel to Rochester Tuesday night. Tip-off is slated

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County BZA rules on Holzwart talks Marshall County and Culver tourism Culver man's variance

By Jeff Kenney
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By Rusty Nixon
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PLYMOUTH - The Marshall County Board of Zoning Appeals decided not to become involved in a deed dispute over land usage among neighbors during their regular meeting on Nov. 13.

C.W. Epley of 14B Road in Culver came before the BZA to request a variance of development standards to reduce the minimum width of a lot to 200 feet. Epley was trying to maintain a 50-foot-wide frontage to allow him access to the road from an adjacent parcel of land. Both parcels owned by Epley are on a private pond off of 14B Road. Zoning rules allow a property the size of Epley's to divide out one parcel of land.

Several of Epley's neighbors came forward to attempt to stop the granting of the variance and brought up the issue of deed restrictions for all the parcels of property on the pond. When the land was divided up and sold each deed was recorded with several restrictions, one of which was that no parcel could be divided further and offered for sale. Epley's neighbors wished him to adhere to those restrictions not wanting to see further residences constructed on the property.

Epley's contention was that he had earlier purchased a second parcel of land to allow him to have access to the Yellow River on his property and he felt he could legally his two properties into one parcel and re-divide and record the acre near the road as his second parcel. In order to keep access to the road Epley needed the variance to allow him to have the width of his second parcel below zoning standards.

The board was in general agreement that they had no jurisdiction over deed restrictions or those type of disputes and did decide to deny Epley the variance based on statute that granting the variance would negatively effect the neighborhood's property values and that there was no inordinate economic burden placed on Epley to justify the variance.

Many Culver residents may not be aware Marshall County tourism is helping push traffic to the Culver area as well as partnering with the Culver Chamber of Commerce, all information shared by the group's administrative assistant at a recent meeting of Culver's Kiwanis Club.

Cori Holzwart noted that Americans spend \$1.9 trillion (yes, trillion!) annually on travel, and one in eight businesses is affected by travel-related spending.

Over one million visitors come to Marshall County specifically each year, she explained, though about half of those are attending the Blueberry Festival over Labor Day weekend.

In terms of Culver, Holzwart said the Bob Kline farm is on the county's Barn Quilt Trail, and she added motor tours of the county tend to want to see Culver Academies, when they do come to Culver. She also emphasized the positive tourism impact of visitors for Academies-related events.

Holzwart also said the Tourism board is partnering once again with the Culver Chamber of Commerce for what is hoped to be an annual ice fishing tournament, slated for February, 2013. Last year's tournament, though its date was moved in hopes of making it happen, never materialized due to the lack of ice on the lake.

Marshall County Tourism, explained Holzwart, is a not for profit organization funded by way of the Indiana innkeepers or "bed" tax, which adds three to 3.5 percent to hotel bills and funnels the resultant funds into tourism. The county treasurer, she said, allocates the money, which is under the domain of the county commissioners or coun-



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Cori Holzwart of Marshall County Tourism speaks recently to members of Culver's Kiwanis Club.

ty council. The tourism board's annual budget is a little over \$200,000 this year.

A large amount of that money was spent on the visitmarshall-county.org website, which helps the board track where visitors are coming from, said Holzwart, who added Chicago is probably the largest city from which visitors hail, "so we do a lot of marketing there." The Northern Indiana Getaways website also promotes the top 15 places in each county and features Culver and Marshall County.

Marshall County's amenities are promoted in Midwest Living and Chicago Magazines.

Marshall County is fortunate to have both US 30 and US 31 converging here, she said, and travelers off the toll road do make it here, even though the county is some 30 minutes off the nearest toll road exit.

Discussing challenges to Marshall County tourism, Holzwart pointed out there are 44,000 residents here, but less than 1,000 hotel beds. She also noted the city of Plymouth lacks adequate signage to promote its existence and offerings. A tournament-ready sports complex would also be a boon to tourism, she said.

Some discussion centered on improving communication to area entities when county tourism-based bus tours do visit Culver, something Holzwart said she would work to do through the Culver Chamber.

"I think Culver's doing a fantastic job at promoting and being very open to visitors," she said.

Maxinkuckee Singers announce Christmas concert schedule



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The Maxinkuckee Singers. Front row, from left: Kathy Overmyer, Brian Liechty, Julie Scott, Jason Basemore, Laura Snipes. Second row: Becky Liechty, Andrea Mallory, Betty Martens (keyboardist), Sharon Coffey. Third row: Gregg Underwood, Beth Webster (director), Matt Sutton. Back row: Joy Ritenour, Dan Adams, Charlie Weaver, Judy Patton, Brandt Ayoub.

The Maxinkuckee Singers, under the direction of Beth Webster, cordially invite all of you to enjoy their annual Christmas concert, presented publicly in six performances. The group looks forward to sharing with you standards, contemporary, sacred numbers, comedy routines and featured soloists, sure to please an audience of all ages. All shows will begin at 7:30 p.m. EST (6:30 CST in Knox) and there is no admission charge. This year there will be a five minute intermission prior to the show's surprise conclusion. Join them at one of these locations and ring in the holidays with the Singers!

The Maxinkuckee Singers in concert:

- Dec. 3** at Trinity United Methodist Church in Rochester;
- Dec. 6** at Argos United Methodist Church in Argos;
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The Most Practical Solution to the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Can the two current proposed solutions bring peace to the region?

A prevalent mantra maintains that only two possible solutions exist to the seemingly intractable, centuries-old conflict between Arabs and Jews in the Holy Land. But is that really true . . . or is there a more sensible alternative?

What are the facts?

The "One-State Solution." Some commentators advocate a one-state solution, in which Jews and Arabs would be joined in one state, with all inhabitants having the same citizenship—call it Israeli or Palestinian. But such a "solution," as most observers know, is totally unacceptable to the Jewish population. Given the horrendous hate expressed daily in state-controlled Palestinian media toward Jews, this would be a recipe for a second Holocaust. Within one generation, Arabs, with their high birth rate and inevitable immigration from abroad, would be a majority.

They would unleash a civil war that would make the Lebanese and the Syrian wars seem like child's play. With more than half the world's Jews now living in Israel, Adolf Hitler's most fervent genocidal wish would finally be fulfilled.

The "Two-State Solution." This second solution is favored by much of the world, including the U.S. government. But this solution is not much better than one state and almost as unacceptable to those who support the welfare and future of the Jewish state. The example of Gaza is instructive. In order to advance peace and appease world opinion, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon abandoned Gaza with no reciprocal agreement from the Palestinians. All Jewish residents, most living there for generations, were expelled from their homes by Israel and resettled in "Israel proper." What reward, what thanks did Israel get for its generous gesture? Today, almost daily bombardments by deadly Hamas rockets force up to one million Israel civilians into bomb shelters. Israel's forbearance to these citizens is almost unbelievable. One can imagine how our country would respond if Mexico were to launch hundreds of rockets on San Diego. Thus it's easy to foresee what would happen if, under a "two-state solution," Israel were to abandon Judea/Samaria (the "West Bank"). Israel would surely suffer daily rocket assaults on its population centers. Tel Aviv, its international airport, its industrial heartland and its military installations. Life would become impossible.

The surrounding Arab states and Muslim countries beyond

(such as Iraq) would certainly join the fray and assist in the total destruction of the beleaguered and helpless Jewish state.

Which Solution Should Israel Choose? To clear the matter, the one-state solution nor the varnished two-state solution would resolve the region's issues. How then should Israelis respond to the demand that they choose either of these "solutions"? In fact they need choose neither. Those who insist that they choose between these two "solutions" either don't fully understand the problem . . . or they oppose Israel's continued existence.

The reality is that, according to virtually every Palestinian leader, including President Mahmoud Abbas, the Palestinians are not interested in a resolution of the conflict or even in the creation of a weary-third-Arab state. Their unrelenting, stated mission is destruction of the Jewish state and extermination of its inhabitants. Neither does the conflict have to do with territory. The Arab states occupy territory larger than the United States including Alaska. Israel is the size of New Jersey. Would the scorching Arab-Muslim world finally leave us in peace and contentment if they were to acquire this tiny piece of land?

A Practical Solution to Resolve the Conflict. Clearly Israel cannot agree to a "solution" that would eventually lead to the end of the Jewish state and the slaughter of its citizens. Because the Palestinian leadership refuses to negotiate peace and continues to advocate conquest of the entire Holy Land, "The land of our Israel must for security reasons remain in control of the West Bank." However, there is no reason that, even under today's current impasse that the Palestinians should not have full autonomy—which they almost have today—as an "unincorporated territory." While the situation is not ideal, until the Palestinians agree to full peace with Israel, providing they do not resume terrorism, they could be welcomed as partners in the Israeli economic system and should be able to fully participate in Israel's commercial and creative life. Even without statehood, in less than a generation the Palestinians could become the most advanced and prosperous people in the entire Arab world.

Obviously the prospect of the Arabs having to wait longer for the launch of a Palestinian state will be painful for them. But this is a price that must be paid if Palestinian leaders refuse to negotiate peace and cling to the false dream of conquering Israel. Israel has given its land in Gaza to the Palestinians in the name of peace and received rockets in return. Israel has offered 37% of the West Bank and a Palestinian capital in East Jerusalem in the name of peace and received rejection. It's time the Arabs accustom to a status quo of their own making and take advantage of living next to one of the most successful countries in the world. In any case they must accept that their dream of Israel's annihilation will never be fulfilled.

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Culver basketball preview 2012

Returning talent makes future bright at Culver

By Rusty Nixon
Staff Writer



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Culver Community's Jacoda Anderson tries to maintain possession of the ball driving the lane in a game with Triton last year.

CULVER — The future could be now for Culver's Cavaliers. "It's really an exciting time of year," said Culver coach Kyle Elliott. "It was really great to be able to get basketballs out (on Nov. 1)."

With a wealth of returning starters — including four year lettermen at the point and in the paint — Culver coach Kyle Elliott has a reason to be excited. Add that the IHSAA sectional

sites have been announced — Culver being a host for this season — and you couldn't blame him for feeling positive about the coming year.

"I think that (being a sectional host) is a big thing in a number of ways," said Elliott. "It's good for your school corporation, it's good for the community. Naturally your students and your local fan base will be more involved than if you were on the road. You have the advantage of having your own locker room and your own routine, but you still have to produce. When we were the host in 2008 we won the sectional, but we have a lot of work to do, but I hope we can contend."

Senior Collin Stevens is a big reason for Elliott's positive thinking. The four-year point guard returns for his senior season and has a solid backup in junior Jordan Sanders.

"Your point guard is an extension of the coach and your floor general and Collin's experience is a definite plus for us," said Elliott. "Jordan is a good back up and may even let us move Collin over to that number two slot every once in awhile."

Elliott is pleased with his other two captains contributions as well.

"I've been really happy with Trent (Elliott) and the leadership he's shown and I hope he continues to progress and improve his game," said Elliott. "Micah Budzinski has become a vocal leader and the eyes of our defense in many ways. He's really solidified the defensive end of the floor. We have a really nice nucleus of kids returning and it starts with our captains."

The Cavs have an early season loss already as Jacoda Anderson will miss at least the first half of the season after having knee surgery.

"As the year progressed

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Culver Comm. High School Cavaliers

Coach: Kyle Elliott, 40-46 in 5th year at school
Nov. 30 LaCrosse {1A} 8 p.m.
Dec. 1 at Morgan Twp. {1A} 7 p.m.
Dec. 8 Knox {3A} 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 11 at Winamac {2A} 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 14 Jimtown {3A} 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 21 at North Judson {2A} 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 5 at New Prairie {3A} 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 8 at Washington Twp. {1A} 8 p.m.
Jan. 11 at Triton {1A} 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 15 Bi-County Tournament through Jan. 19
Jan. 23 Oregon-Davis {1A} 8 p.m.
Jan. 25 at LaVille {2A} 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 1 John Glenn {3A} 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 7 Argos {1A} 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 9 Westville {1A} 12:30 p.m.
Feb. 14 South Central (Union Mills) {1A} 8 p.m.
Feb. 22 at Bremen {2A} 7:30 p.m.

New lineup looks to help CMA reset in 2012-13

By James Costello
Sports editor



PHOTO/CULVER ACADEMIES

Culver Military guard Hayes Barnes brings the ball up the floor during a home game last season.

CULVER — While several area teams struggled last season, none struggled quite like Culver Military.

An inexperienced Eagles squad took a big step backwards with a winless finish against a relentless schedule a year after closing the 2010-11 season with a runner-up result in the Class 3A state tournament in head coach Mark Galloway's first season at the helm. This year's CMA lineup looks to be in reset mode.

"Going through a tough season hopefully makes you a little tougher mentally and physically, so that's what we have to focus on right now:

Will we be tough enough; when things don't go our way how do we handle adversity? That's a big part of growing up and maturing as a team and also maturing as a player," said Galloway. "I think we might have that where guys have experienced playing at least and now hopefully they can play better basketball this year because they've gotten better because they were thrown into the fire last year as sophomores."

The 2012-13 roster features just four holdovers from last season in 5-9 junior guard Hayes Barnes, 6-foot junior guard Eljay Murray, 6-1 junior guard Nick Zalduendo and 6-5 sophomore center Lorenzo Ricks. But most of the faces are new.

Among those joining the cast are 6-1 senior twins Austin and Alec Proeh — who just finished up a strong tennis season in the state doubles finals — 6-11 junior center Bradley Fisher, 6-5 junior guard Devonte Campbell, 6-6 sophomore forward Chase Hortin, and 6-foot sophomore guard Demetreus Rush-Bailey. Between Fisher, Hortin, Ricks and Campbell, the Eagles should have a size advantage over most of their opponents. With three guards back in Barnes, Murray and Zalduendo, they're hoping to put that formidable front line in position to score some points this year after averaging a little better than 37 points an outing last season.

"Being able to score was a big issue last year. Sometimes we had more turnovers than shots, and that's never good," Galloway said. "So we have to cut down on those turnovers and make sure we take care of the ball. I think it helps, number one, when you've worked on your

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Culver Military Academy Eagles

Coach: Mark Galloway, 19-30 in 3rd year at school, 154-80 in 11th year overall
Nov. 30 LaVille {2A} 7:30 pm
Dec. 7 at Elk. Memorial {4A} 7:30 pm
Dec. 8 at West Lafayette {3A} 7:30 pm
Dec. 14 at Pioneer {1A} 7:30 pm
Jan. 12 at Buchanan (Mich.) 7:00 pm
Jan. 15 Elkhart Christian {1A} 7:30 pm
Jan. 19 at Lake Forest (Ill.) 3:30 pm
Jan. 22 SB St. Joseph {3A} 7:30 pm
Jan. 25 Gary Wallace {3A} 7:30 pm
Jan. 26 at Hammond Clark {3A} 7:30 pm
Jan. 29 Mishawaka Marian {3A} 7:30 pm
Feb. 1 Traders Point {1A} 8:00 pm
Feb. 2 at Brebeuf Jesuit {3A} 5:30 pm
Feb. 8 Lakeland Christian {1A} 7:30 pm
Feb. 9 at Fall Creek {1A} 6:00 pm
Feb. 12 Plymouth {3A} 7:30 pm
Feb. 15 FW Canterbury {1A} 7:30 pm
Feb. 16 at Traders Point {1A} 6:30 pm
Feb. 22 at Mishawaka {4A} 7:30 pm

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for 7:30 p.m.
• CULVER 53, NORTH WHITE 20
At Culver

Cvitkovic powers CGA past LaVille in OT

Dayton recruit Andrijana Cvitkovic surpassed the 1,000-point mark, and Culver Girls Academy kept LaVille winless with a thrilling 57-55 overtime victory Saturday night at Fleet Gymnasium.

Cvitkovic tallied a game-high 25 points to power CGA's offense, which finished 49 percent from the field for the night.

McKenzie Leed and Katie Berger each scored 14, and Hannah Herbster put up 12 points for the balanced Lady Lancers' offense, which hung tough with the hosts despite an 18-of-65, 28 percent field conversion rate.

The Lancers slip to an 0-4 start with the heartbreaking loss, while CGA moves to 4-1 with its second straight win.

The Eagles now face a long holiday layover before traveling to Western Reserve of Ohio Nov. 30.

LaVille will continue to try to break into the win column when the Lancers host Elkhart Christian Tuesday.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 57, LaVILLE 55 (OT)
At Culver

Wrestling

CMA wins Early Bird Invite

Culver Academies saw five individual weight class champions, and the Eagles went 5-0 to top the field at the team's Early Bird Invitational Saturday.

Plymouth placed second in the team meet with a 4-1 finish, while Knox recorded a 1-4 finish on the day.

Chayton Durham went 4-1 at 120 for CMA. Kayla Miracle — who opened the season ranked 16th at 120 after finishing last season as the first female to qualify for the state finals in Indiana history — went unbeaten to top the 126-pound standings. Anthony McHugh — who is rated third in the state at 138 pounds — also went unbeaten at 160 pounds for CMA, while teammates Edmund Hogan and Danny Williams both went 5-0 at 160 and 182 pounds.

• CULVER EARLY BIRD INVITATIONAL
at Culver Academies

Girls hockey

CGA tops Young Americans

Gracen Hirschy scored twice in the third period, and Olivia Hirschy notched a score of her own in the frame as Culver Girls Academy rallied to a 6-4 win over the visiting Chicago Young Americans Saturday at the Academies.

CGA took an initial lead on a power play and Becca Gicewicz score, but it was back-and-forth the whole way from there.

Amber Cowell gave the Lady Eagles a 2-1 advantage going into the second period, and Baitlyn Radtovich stretched the lead to 3-1 with a goal in the second frame.

Olivia Fox finished with two assists, Branovan had two partial assists, and the Hirschy's each notched a partial assist for the Eagles. Jessica Hawkinson earned the win in goal.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 6, CHICAGO YOUNG AMERICANS 4
At Culver

Women's college basketball

McBee boosts PUC

Culver Community grade Patrice McBee gave the Black and Gold a big boost off the bench, and the The Purdue University Calumet women's basketball team claimed an 83-73 victory over nationally-recognized Indiana Southeast on Saturday afternoon.

McBee fell two caroms shy of a double-double with 18 points, eight rebounds and three blocks. Plymouth product Alex Starr tallied 15 points in the win as Calumet shot 55.6 percent from the field in the second half to break open a game tied 36-36 at the half.

The Peregrines move to 4-4 on the season with their third straight victory. They'll be back in action Wednesday when they travel to Joliet, Ill. to resume Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference play against St. Francis. Tip-off is scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

Good News Club launches Dec. 4 at CES

Culver Elementary School will be hosting Good News Clubs each Tuesday right after school until 4:30 p.m., starting Dec. 4. The club will meet in the library (in the Pit). Good News Clubs are sponsored by Child Evangelism Fellowship, and consist of Bible lessons, missionary stories, songs, Scripture memorization and creative learning activities. Taught by specially trained teachers,

the workers are screened to ensure your child's safety. All boys and girls ages 5-12, regardless of religious background, are welcome to attend, as well as the parents. All children attending must have a permission slip supplied by the school. In the event that a child doesn't attend Culver schools and still wants to attend club, the slips can be obtained by calling Pastor Daniel Huhn of Culver Bible

Church at 574-842-3056. These permission slips must be returned to the Culver office by November 30 or before the first day the child attends club. Clubs will be held each Tuesday until the end of April (no clubs held on half days or school holidays).

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the town tree lighting and caroling (see Brief this issue). Offered will be wine and appetizers, free carriage rides, and live entertainment. Other participating area businesses are also staying open later in conjunction with the event and serving hot chocolate and champagne.

Computer class at CUTPL

Culver-Union Township Public Library will host an Internet/Email for Beginners class Nov. 26 at 6 p.m. and Nov. 30 at 10 a.m. Classes are free and open to the public. For more information, call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941.

Christmas card making at CUTPL

Culver-Union Township Public Library will have a Christmas card making class Friday, Dec. 14 at 10 a.m. Jennifer Merle-Hamscher, independent Stampin' Up demonstrator will lead the class. There is a \$5 materials fee for three cards and preregistration is required so materials can be provided. This program is open to the public. Contact Cindy Good at 574-842-2941 or cgood@culver.lib.in.us for more information.

Bake sale will benefit Schrimsher family

A benefit bake sale for the David and Bobbi Schrimsher

family will be held Sat., Dec. 15 starting at 8 a.m. at Park N Shop, 1105 N Lake Shore Dr. in Culver. David has been battling serious illness for some years and his condition has worsened of late. More details will follow in upcoming editions of *The Culver Citizen*.

Christmas open house at CUTPL

Culver Union Twp. Public Library will host a Christmas open house from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, December 15. Marlena Whitworth, from Plymouth, will sing and play piano from noon to 1, and Marizetta Kenney will play piano from 1 to 3. Cookies and punch will be served.

This program is free and open to the public. Contact Cindy Good at 574-842-2941 or cgood@culver.lib.in.us for more information.

Adult basketball at CCMS gym

The Culver adult winter basketball takes place from 1 to 3 p.m. EST, at the Culver Middle School gym, and continues Sundays (except Dec. 23) until March 10. The cost is \$2 per Sunday, or \$15 for the entire season. Please pay before you play and bring your good sportsmanship, but not your children. Questions should be directed to Ken VanDePutte at 574-274-9942.

Army bell for donation kettles set up at various sites in Culver. All donations given at these locations will stay in Culver and be used in Culver. The weekend days where help is needed are Saturdays and Sundays Dec. 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, and 23. Please contact Jean Rakich to schedule your time, at 574-842-2725.

Maxinkuckee Singers seek director

The Maxinkuckee Singers are looking for a director to fill the upcoming vacancy. If you are interested in this opportunity please send your resumes to Mike Overmyer by Dec. 1. They can be mailed to P.O. Box 65, Culver, IN 46511 or emailed to: movremyer@jmceainc.com.

Downtown clock donations sought

The fund-raising goal towards Culver's new Main Street clock is at the halfway mark towards total \$8,000 cost of the clock -- which will be installed in conjunction with the downtown revitalization project at the corner of Main and Jefferson Streets. Checks may be made out to The Town of Culver and sent to: Verl Shaffer, 1140 South Street, Culver, IN, 46511.

TOPS meets Wednesdays

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets at the Culver Grace United Church of Christ, 307 Plymouth St., Culver Wednesday at 3 pm. Weigh in is from 3 to 3:30 p.m. meeting is 3:30 to 4 p.m. Use the main door to the east and go downstairs.

Bell ringers needed

The Culver Council of Churches is requesting help in ringing the Salvation

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last year Jacoda really came on and gave us a lot with his great athleticism," said Elliott. "We'll have to adjust some of the things that we wanted to do offensively as we were trying to do things to get him in a position to use that athleticism. Hopefully we'll have him back some time after Christmas."

"We'll be a man to man defensive team. We're not a full court get in your face kind of team but we feel we can play with some intensity in the half court and contain the boards. We have to have some intensity and consistency and contend shots the way we know we can."

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ball-handling in the offseason, and number two, we as coaches have to get them in the right spots. We're really working hard on that — getting guys in the right spots and helping them learn how to take care of the ball and still learn our system."

Along with the team's overwhelmingly new lineup, the CMA bench will feature a new face as well. Plymouth alum Randy Davis, who put up 1517 career points with the Pilgrims before moving on to a successful collegiate career at Ball State where he finished with 929 career points and a program third-best 446 assists, steps in to help guide the Eagles in 2012-13.

Although coaching maybe new to Davis, he brings a passion for and knowledge of the game, as well as a knowledge of area basketball in specific.

"He knows the game, he knows the area, he knows Indiana basketball, and any time you can add that to your bench, it's huge," said Galloway. "I think he's got a passion for the game. He's still learning the game obviously from the coaching side of it, but we're very fortunate to have him."

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