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## In Brief

### Kick-off Saturday for Our Heroes Tree

A special kick-off event will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Culver-Union Township Public Library, to launch the annual Our Heroes' Tree remembrance tradition to honor the service and sacrifice of military-connected families. From Oct. 8 through Nov. 11, the library will decorate a tree with American flags, yellow ribbons, photo ornaments, and more in honor of service members past and present. Those with family serving in the military are asked to bring a 3 x 5 inch or smaller photo. Details will follow. Contact Jon Gaskill or Cindy Good for more information, 574-842-2941.

### Culver clean-up day Saturday

The town of Culver is sponsoring its town wide clean-up day scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 8, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. A dumpster will be placed at the water tower on Lake Shore Drive. Please know that hazardous materials and tires will not be accepted. The Youth Community Organization will upon request come to your residence and bring your items to the dump site. Citizens may call Bob Porter at 574-292-3943 to schedule a pick up.

### Pet blessing Sunday

The traditional "blessing of pets" for St. Francis day will take place Sunday, Oct. 9 at 1:30 p.m. outside St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church in Culver. All are invited to bring their pets for a blessing from Fr. Tad Balinda, pastor at St. Mary's.

### Hydrant flush next week

The Town of Culver will be flushing fire hydrants during the week of October 17 to 21. 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 distribution system.

### Community meal at Grace Oct. 15

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Saturday, Oct. 15 at 6 p.m. All are invited to this free, ecumenical event whose purpose is to share a friendly

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## From moonwalking to Fall Ball...Culver's parents' weekend

The 'king of pop' -- or rather, Michael Jackson impersonator Joby Rogers -- made Culver Academies' Epply Auditorium the happening place to be last Thursday, as Rogers took a packed audience through the years and Jackson's repertoire. Here his interaction delights several Culver Girls Academy students. The event helped launch Culver Academies' fall parents' weekend. Saturday evening's annual Fall Ball was highlighted, as is tradition, by the Officer's Figure (INSET\*), with a full audience observing from the deck of the school's Recreation Building.

## Gun incident is teaching moment for parents, students, says CCMS principal

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

If there's a real lesson in the confusion following an incident a week ago Monday at the Culver Community Middle School, it's not so much in how to deal with students bringing a gun to school -- which didn't, in fact, happen -- as it is an opportunity for parents and students alike to become better and more informed "digital citizens."

As was explained to parents in an email sent by the school last Thursday, CCMS principal Julie Berndt says the incident had its origins in two students' arguments on the social networking website Facebook, which eventually led to the implication that one might bring a gun to school on Monday.

A student involved in the incident brought it to Berndt's attention Monday morning before school, and action was taken immediately, she says.

"Nothing was found," says Berndt. "The two who were involved -- we didn't know at the time that there was a third -- were down at the school office until I contacted their parents during the day."

The police were called (they did a follow-up visit the next day as well), as was Culver Community High School principal Albert Hanselman, who heads up safety for the schools.

Berndt points out the students were in the office and safety ensured before school had even started Monday morning.

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## Plan commission hears from county plan director on wind farm, jurisdiction

Staff Report

Ralph Booker, Marshall County Plan Director, joined the September meeting of the Culver Plan Commission to discuss Culver's two-mile jurisdictional area. Looking toward the future plans of providing building permits to be obtained on line, there are some parcels in Culver's jurisdictional area that are split between Culver and the County authority. The largest number of these parcels lie to the West of Culver and there are some who don't have addresses assigned. As Booker pointed out, this causes some confusion to anyone wishing to obtain a permit in these areas as to whose authority can issue the permit.

In August, the Culver Plan Commission agreed that the best way to determine authority was to use a percentage system. In whose jurisdictional area the greater percentage of the parcel lies, should determine the authority to issue the permit. Booker provided a map outlining Culver's jurisdictional area for review. Discussion had been held by the Culver Plan Commission to extend the two-mile jurisdictional area to SR 110 to the south after recent annexation of additional acreage on South Main to Tamarack Road was approved. Extension to the North to 16th Road was also discussed, but Booker noted that any further extension of Culver's two-mile jurisdictional authority would have to be approved by the Marshall County Commissioners. Booker will square off the parcels to the West based on area percentages and bring a map which would show the changes. Any alteration would have to be approved by the County Commissioners and the Culver town council.

Booker also spoke briefly about the proposed wind turbine farm. He said the County Plan Commission would have to approve the site plan and the County Board of Zoning Appeals would have to grant the

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## Council pressed on town manager hiring

Discusses outdoor food vendor regs, wind farms

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Culver's town council last Tuesday was urged by several in the audience to push harder to fill its vacant town manager position, even as council members explained some of the frustrations and intricacies of their search up to now.

At the council's regular meeting September 27, audience member Jim Hahn -- prefacing his comments with a reminder of his past compliments on all the council has been doing for the community -- cited several projects in recent months which he felt would have been less problematic had a town manager been in place. Specifically, he discussed replacement of curbs and gutters on South Ohio Street, sewer meter problems with Culver

Academies, and a "pretty darn embarrassing issue" of an underestimate by \$13,000 in costs of sludge removal in preparation for renovations at Culver's sewer plant.

"I think we need full-time project management," said Hahn. "I would encourage the board to find somebody as soon as possible."

He added he was disappointed in the council for not having its own town meeting regarding the controversial proposed wind farm in Marshall County.

Town clerk Casey Howard countered that she feels project management is going "wonderfully" in the absence of a town manager, noting she felt the problems Hahn cited would have occurred with or without that position being filled.

Culver's last town man-

ager, Michael Doss, left the position in April of this year. Since then, explained council president Ginny Munroe, the town has been interfacing with town employees more, in order to monitor the several projects put into motion before Doss' departure, as well as working diligently to find a new manager.

"In the meantime," said Hahn, "the townspeople are paying taxes, and they expect a full-time town manager, and they aren't getting one."

Audience member Russ Mason asked if rumors were true that the council is waiting until after elections are over this November, to which council member Ralph Winters replied he thought the council should do so, adding he didn't feel

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## Culver entrepreneur hopes success of idea she helped patent is meant to be

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor



Jamye Baker with the portable high chair she helped develop.

It's been several years of waiting, but a Culver Community High School graduate (and familiar face at the school today) seems poised to see a business dream come to fruition.

Jamye Baker, who has worked the past four years in the CCHS bookstore, and is the wife of former school board member turned business teacher at the school -- and himself a CCHS grad -- Eugene Baker, developed the idea for Ciao Baby, a portable high chair, along with business partner Kim Strong. The story of their meeting and the growth of the venture has several Culver-related turns, and to Jamye Baker it also feels meant to be.

Baker notes late CCHS business teacher Mike Schwartz -- in whose stead her husband began working this fall, following Schwartz's untimely death from cancer -- had a big impact on her, and she pursued a business degree at Manchester College, entering into fashion retail. She was working with D.W. Wallcovering, located for several years on West Mill Street in Culver, when the company moved to Louisville, Kentucky. Baker decided to move with the company, and it was there, at D.W. Louisville, that she met Strong, and the two developed a business relationship which continues today.

The Bakers had moved back to Culver when Strong called about six years ago with the idea for Ciao Baby, which grew from a Thanksgiving visit Strong had at her mother's house with her three young children.

"They drug out this klunky, big high chair from

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“We knew within minutes (everyone was safe). Then it was a matter of, how did it all come about and why? How it happened and who did what.”

The incident, she says, has the characteristics of a one-time situation in which tempers flared and words were exchanged without immediate thought to their consequences, which she feels is an important teaching moment for students and parents alike.

“It’s really easy in writing to say things that normally you wouldn’t say,” she notes. “I think it’s an important thing with texting and social networks to know those aren’t places for accurate information.”

That may go for adults as well as students. The school, Berndt says, received four phone calls and two emails asking about the incident, but rumors were already spreading -- some via social networks -- and information was sometimes inaccurate. That’s part of what prompted Berndt to send all middle school parents an email Thursday morning to clarify the matter, though inaccuracies have still persisted in the “virtual” world.

Berndt encourages parents to call, email, or stop by the school with any questions, “to get the facts.” She also assures parents the school has a thorough safety policy anticipating incidents of genuine concern.

“Had there been an obvious danger, we would have followed safety measures. We have “Emergency Procedures” safety manuals that we follow with regards to who to contact and what to do.”

Berndt and teachers at the school used the matter as fodder for conversation and guidance last Friday, as teachers discussed it with students and emphasized the importance of thinking through what’s posted online or texted. She also hopes parents will take an active interest in monitoring their children’s use of technology, communicate with them, and be aware of who they’re speaking to and how.

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a delay would be problematic.

“Don’t give the community the impression you’re not committed to doing this,” said Mason. “I don’t feel that’s the case, but a lot of people in town do...you can advertise (for a new manager).”

Munroe said council members were shocked that their top three picks for a new manager didn’t work out, noting there were “very legitimate reasons” they couldn’t hire the candidate they had expected to.

Audience member Patty Stallings suggested the council hire a “headhunter,” or professional in charge of filling the position with the best candidate, but council member Ed Pinder said the last time such an approach was taken, “it didn’t work out at all. We did a better job ourselves.”

He said the council poured through 54 resumes, but none of the top choices worked out.

“I hear you out there thinking we don’t want a town manager,” he said, “but we do. We can’t just hire any... person. Most people on this board would know more than some of the people who applied.”

Munroe explained the council met and opted to make street supervisor Bob Porter utility manager, over the water, sewer, and street departments -- an action they voted into formal existence later in the meeting -- in order to get a better handle on the structural affairs of the town. She agreed to the notion of re-advertising for the position.

The council voted to advertise for the position, later in the meeting.

### West shore culvert delays

Porter updated the council on delays in replacing a culvert at the Lake Maxinkuckee outlet on West Shore Drive, where multiple days’ delays have caused traffic to be rerouted, to the consternation of some residents.

He explained a gas line placed across the old pipe was in a different location than expected, likely due to the sagging of the culvert itself over time, which has forced delays in the work.

### Wind farm controversy

Munroe raised the issue of the wind farm proposed to be placed near Culver and surrounding areas by a Florida-based energy company, a matter about which some audience members had asked the council to take an official stand at a previous meeting, echoing Culver’s park board’s formal opposition to the proposal.

Munroe said she felt “pretty strongly” that municipalities and organizations should take a stand on the issue in order to send a message to members of Marshall County’s Board of Zoning Appeals, which will vote on the project when and if it’s formally proposed. Some had suggested the council shouldn’t address the proposal since placement of the wind turbines would fall outside the town limits, and thus out of the council’s official jurisdiction.

“It’s a really important issue to Culver and at the county level,” said Munroe, “and I personally am not thrilled about the fact these (wind turbines) could happen. Our number one asset in terms of the environment is the lake. If these can be viewed on the lake, I have a problem with that, besides the other issues that are related, one being they don’t benefit Culver in any way. Though this is a county decision, we represent a segment of this county. In many ways, I feel we should speak for the citizens of Culver.”

“I would encourage as many citizens as possible to speak to the county about it,” she added.

Hahn noted an online Pilot News poll shows over 60 percent of respondents are against the wind farm proposal.

Pinder reasserted his opposition to the turbines as well. “I hate to see them take farm land away from the farmers and stick a monstrosity in place of farming with corn or soybeans.”

He added government subsidies funding similar projects in other states appear to be drying up.

It was decided at the previous council meeting that there was not enough agreement on the issue among members for the entire council to take a formal position.

### Outdoor food vendors discussed

Audience member Jean Rakich asked the council to consider an ordinance governing outdoor food vendors in Culver, most specifically two barbecue businesses which appeared here over the summer. She cited the presence of smoke “billowing through town” from the vendors, and the effect it must have on neighbors.

Munroe said one restaurant owner approached her from a business perspective about the vendors.

“They (indoor restaurant owners) have to fill out all these restaurant rules and permits...you can get health permits and so on to do this (sell barbecue outdoors, more easily). We have no ordinance not to do it, but we have to decide what we want to do about it.”

Police chief Wayne Bean asked the council to consider the regularity of use in town of a company which rents out its port-a-pit equipment to local schools and charities for fund raising, before constructing the ordinance.

Howard noted the vendor regularly selling barbecue at the corner of Lake Shore Drive and Lakeview Street brought in his legal permits to show the town.

Also discussed was whether the town would follow up on properties in Culver -- specifically on South Ohio Street -- with multiple vehicles in the yard, something Culver police chief Wayne Bean said is being worked on.

### Metering agreement and other matters

Howard updated council members on a proposed agreement between the town and Culver Academies regarding metering of its sewage outflow to the town plant. Changes requested at the last meeting regarding billing procedures were made, she said, and council members approved the document pending agreement from Academies Facilities director Jeff Kutch.

The council suspended second and third readings to pass on final reading an ordinance to change street supervisor Bob Porter’s title to Utility Manager and increase his pay, reflecting his ongoing increased duties in the absence of a town manager.

Winters noted the position’s pay will be split between the motor vehicle, water, and wastewater funds.

Approved was Porter’s request for \$7,000 for purchase of 50 more new water meters to replace older, more difficult to use meters gradually being phased out around town.

Also approved was \$900 for recertification of a study of Culver’s income conducted two years ago, in order to keep the town in the running for a water utility planning grant applied for via the town’s grant writer Shannon McLeod. Munroe was also approved to sign a recently-changed form, also towards the hoped-for grant.

### Tree reimbursement

In other actions, the council voted not to reimburse Culver resident Anne Duff for the cost of removing a town-owned tree which fell onto her house last June. This followed an explanation from Mike Stallings of Culver’s tree commission, who detailed what Culver’s existing ordinances say about the matter.

Property owners aren’t allowed to remove trees or prune limbs larger than three inches in diameter, when the trees are growing on town-owned property, such as the street-side right-of-ways throughout town, said Stallings. Owners bear financial responsibility for major trimmings or removal of such trees, he added. He noted that while Porter is given authorization for emergency tree removal, such as following last June’s heavily damaging storms, neither this budget nor the tree commission’s could begin to cover the cost of maintenance and removal of trees throughout town as needed.

Some 10 to 12 trees have been removed so far this year via the commission following a professional arborist flagging them as rotten or hazardous, Stallings noted. Winters added the vote to deny reimbursement was “with reluctance.”

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Special Use as required by the Marshall County Zoning Ordinance. He did advise that one member of the County BZA has already signed a contract with developers so would not be able to vote on the issue. A new law, that went into effect July 1, allows an alternate member to be appointed to the BZA or Plan Commission if conflicts of interest would prevent enough members for a quorum to vote on the issue. The law also allows appointment to the boards of a person who owns a business in the jurisdic-

tional area even though the person does not vote in that district.

In other business, a site plan was approved unanimously for the Culver Educational Fdn. to convert the former Officers’ Club at 121 N. Terrace into a walk-in medical facility for CEF’s faculty and staff. Jeff Kutch presented the plan and said there are no plans for major additions to the residence, just making it handicap accessible. The facility will be open through the day and staffed for walk-in patients from the Academies.

Rich West, executive director for the Culver Cove Owners’ Assoc., was present to discuss a letter of violation received from Russ Mason, building commissioner. Mason, at the direction of the Culver Plan Commission, wrote the Cove’s Owner Assoc. to request barriers blocking ingress and egress from Plymouth Street be removed. In the original Planned Unit Development agreement with the town, Plymouth Street was to remain accessible for emergency and safety issues. The barriers are planters made of con-

crete but can be moved West explained. He told the commission that for the safety of their residents, the barriers were installed. Since the onset of the Golf Cart ordinance, underage drivers, as well as other vehicular traffic were using the Plymouth Street entrance as a short cut and there had been many “near misses of serious injuries”. West spoke to Marshal Wayne Bean and Fire Chief Mike Grover who both agreed the barriers could be removed or driven over in an emergency.

Commission members remained firm in the necessity of abiding by the original PUD agreement particularly in the event of an emergency pointing out that time was of the essence and an ambulance crew should not have to remove barriers to access the property. The commission asked that the barriers be removed by October 15th and agreed to meet with a committee of Cove owners to discuss alternatives in the spring of 2012.

Mason reported that project costs to date for building in Culver had reached \$18,974,663.64 and permit fees collected were \$21,082.80. The review of Culver’s Comprehensive Plan was again discussed. Grant possibilities exist for funding the review and possible revising, but there is a strict time line. William Cleavenger, chairman, agreed to put it on the October agenda to form a sub committee to explore the issue.

## Letters to the editor

### Wind farm risks too high

As a sailor, I support the idea of generating energy from the wind rather than fossil fuels. However, the potential damage of the proposed wind turbines in Marshall and Fulton County far outweigh any benefits.

There is significant documentation that wind turbines cause destruction of birds and bats, as well as caused negative effects upon livestock. More importantly, medical research has produced statistics showing alarming negative effects upon people. The noise from rotating blades, reportedly heard over long distances, plus the shadow flicker of moving blades have both caused problems for people, which has come to be known as "Wind Turbine Syndrome".

While the impact on people and animals concerns me the most, the economic impact is worth noting as well. While a few property owners will benefit from the income, all property owners will suffer a loss in property value. In addition, this project would not be economically viable for NextEra if not for the huge tax subsidies. What happens to the project when those tax subsidies end?

Wind energy is a good thing, but not in Marshall County. I strongly urge the Marshall County Board of Zoning Appeals to deny the permit for these turbines.

**Dave Franckowiak**  
Culver

### Another 'no' vote

Dear Editor,

We are extremely upset with the possibility of "Wind Farm Turbines" being placed in Marshall County. We have thoroughly read the pros and cons of these turbines and cannot see what possible good they would do for Marshall County.

We have a summer home in Culver and can't imagine sitting at the beach...in our beautiful park or go for a boat ride having to look at these ugly wind turbines.

Please don't allow this to happen.

**Doris and Fritz Nehnevay**  
Culver

## Anniversary - Babcock



This weekend, former Culver residents Dr. and Mrs. F. L. Babcock (Mary) will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with their children and grandchildren at their daughter's home in New Orleans.

The couple met in Mary's hometown of Havre de Grace, Md., while her future husband was stationed at Bainbridge Naval Training Station.

After Dr. Babcock's 1957 graduation from Indiana University, the couple moved to Culver to open Dr. Babcock's optometric practice in their home at 203 S. Main.

Mary's work career took her from Culver Academies to State Exchange Bank to real estate and then back to the Academies.

The Babcocks retired to Green Valley, Ariz., in 1998.

## Library news

### Social networking class

Culver Union Township Public Library, in conjunction with People's University hosts a class on social networking and media.

Social networking has become a buzzword within the past few years. Come to this program for an introduction on what it is and how to get started. The class covers a survey of Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube, and others. The class is hands-on, and seeks to answer your burning questions about this new form of communication. This class is free and open to all, Sign up ahead of time at the Marshall County Council on Aging to reserve your spot. Class takes place Wednesday, October 5 at 6 p.m.

For more information on this event, please contact CUTPL Director Colleen McCarty or Jonathan Gaskill via e-mail at [jgaskill@culver.lib.in.us](mailto:jgaskill@culver.lib.in.us) or by dialing 574-842-2941. You also can view a full calendar of events for Culver Union Township Public Library by going to [www.culver.lib.in.us](http://www.culver.lib.in.us).

### Experience yoga

Yoga is alive and well at the Culver-Union Township Public Library! Yoga has been meeting twice weekly with a varied mix of participants, and an additional session is being added beginning Wednesday, October 5, at 10 a.m. Sessions run about an hour to an hour and fifteen minutes. You may attend any of our sessions, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Come keep fit and stay flexible at the CUTPL, 107 North Main Street, Culver.

### Blogging workshop

Culver Union Township Public Library, hosts a two-session workshop about writing and blogging in cooperation with People's University. "Blogging for Beginners" meets Wednesdays, October 13 and 20 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the library.

Blogging has become a popular means to journal and speak your mind. Come and learn what a weblog, or "blog" is all about, and learn some techniques in this writers workshop. Sign up in advance at the Marshall County Council on Aging office to reserve your spot. The program is free and open to all.

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### Our Heroes Tree kickoff

Plan on attending the Culver-Union Township Public Library's Our Heroes' Tree kick-off celebration Saturday, October 8 at 10 a.m. Bring a 3 x 5 inch photo of your service member to make a patriotic photo ornament to be displayed on our tree. Marge Keltner will be on hand to assist with the photo ornament cards, and Jon Schmidt, a member of The Military Vehicle Preservation Club, will be displaying his historic Jeep along with other vehicles. Memorabilia from other conflicts will be on display inside with the photo ornament tree. The Heroes' Tree dedication ceremony will be at noon, with speakers planned.

The Heroes' Tree will be on display through November 11. Photo ornaments can be added at any time throughout the display. The Culver-Union Township Public Library is located at 107 North Main Street in Culver. 574-842-2941

## REAL Services menu

*To share a meal at REAL Meals, call Ruth Walker at the nutrition site (the Culver beach lodge before 11 a.m. the day before for reservations, at 574-842-8878. A donation is suggested for each meal.*

**Thurs., Oct. 6:** Chicken and noodles with gravy, lima beans, carrots, snowflake roll and margarine, pears, and milk.

**Fri., Oct. 7:** Stuffed cabbage, mashed potatoes, peas, wheat dinner roll and margarine, dessert, and milk.

**Mon., Oct. 10:** Swedish meatballs, stewed tomatoes, scalloped potatoes, potato roll and margarine, fruit cocktail, and milk.

**Tues., Oct. 11:** Ham and beans, spinach, cornbread and margarine, cherry cobbler, and milk.

**Weds., Oct. 12:** Chopped steak and gravy, vegetable blend, mashed potatoes, deli rye bread and margarine, fruit cup, and milk.

**Thurs., Oct. 13:** BBQ chicken breast, broccoli, corn, honey wheat bread and margarine, pudding, and milk.

**Fri., Oct. 14:** Chili with beans, crackers, cauliflower, baby bakers, applesauce, and milk.





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## Culver Kiwanis officers for 2011-12

Culver's Kiwanis Club swore in its officers for the 2011-2012 year. Pictured, from left, are new club president Russ Mason, Kiwanis' District Lieutenant Governor Orville Perry, from DeMotte -- who actually swore in the officers -- second vice president Larry Brockey, secretary Mary Weirick, treasurer Jim Weirick, and vice president Trent Bennett.

Departing president Julie Bess thanked the Kiwanis board for its support over the past year, and specifically cites Col. David Baker, Jim Weirick, and Mary Weirick for their assistance.

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## Massive mushroom

It's that time of year again, when the woods and grasslands around Culver sprout giant "puffball" mushrooms. Even by oversized puffball standards, this super-sized 'shroom found by Bill Furry in the back yard of his and wife Krista's home on the east shore of Lake Maxinkuckee, is huge. At press time, the Furrys were planning to cook up the delicacy and eat it -- no doubt they'll have leftovers to last a few days!



The late granddaughter of a longtime Culverite is at the heart of a new, Indianapolis-based initiative to battle HPV and cervical cancer.

Twenty-three-year-old Kristen Forbes -- granddaughter of Phyllis Lindvall of Culver and daughter of Brenda Lindvall Forbes of Noblesville, Indiana -- lost her life to HPV-caused cervical cancer, spurring her father, Kirk Forbes to write the regionally lauded book, "Love, Kristen: One young woman's courageous battle against cancer" about his daughter's struggles. That book, and Forbes' story, were profiled in the Culver Citizen last year.

Last month, the Kristen Forbes EVE Foundation, Marion County Public Health Department, and the Indiana Fever WNBA basketball team joined forces to fight HPV and cervical cancer, an effort punctuated by Forbes' story. At a recent Indiana Fever basketball game, the Marion County Public Health Department (MCPHD) which sponsored the evening made the announcement it has chosen



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## Culver at the 'Trail'

They might not be dressed as Culverites are accustomed to seeing them, but Susan and Dave Beggs -- of Culver's hardware and Main Street Manor Bed and Breakfast -- were on hand last month for the annual Trail of Courage festival in Fulton County, in period costume and surrounding by period items.

This year's event was particularly relevant to the Culver-Lake Maxinkuckee area, as the annually honored Potawatomi family was that of the 1830s chief Nas-waw-kay, who lived on the east shore of Lake Maxinkuckee. Culver Pipes and Drums also participated in the event, which no doubt saw other Culverites in both participatory and observing roles.

## Memory of Culverite's granddaughter helps inspire collaboration against cervical cancer



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the HPV vaccine to focus on this year to fight cervical cancer.

At the arena entrance fans were welcomed by a life size poster with Kristen's photo along with Indiana Fever Guard Jeanette Pohlen. Kirk and Brenda Forbes and Virginia A. Caine, M.D., director of the MCPHD, delivered the game ball to the referee. During the halftime break, several thousand Indiana Fever fans viewed the 30 second PSA video "Every Shot Counts". It will be shown at every telecast and webcast game this season and can be viewed at [www.vimeo.com/26225922](http://www.vimeo.com/26225922).

For more information go to [www.kristeneve.org](http://www.kristeneve.org) or contact the Kristen Forbes EVE Foundation at [info@kristeneve.org](mailto:info@kristeneve.org) or 317-695-2045.

## Academies' Schultz wins named Chinese Teacher of the Year

Ning W. Schultz, a Chinese instructor in Department of Modern and Classical Languages of the Culver Academies, has been elected as the Chinese Teacher of the Year of 2011. Schultz receive the award at the annual Indiana Foreign Language Teachers (IFLTA) conference on Oct. 29 at Sheraton at Keystone at the Crossing in Indianapolis, according to Grace Chang Heebner, Vice President of ICLASS (Indiana Chinese Teachers Association).

In 2004, Schultz came to Culver from Washington, D.C., where she taught five levels of Chinese at Sidwell Friends High School and initiated the Chinese program for the middle school there. Prior to that, she taught Chinese at Bemidji State



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Ning Schultz

University in Minnesota, Iowa State University in Iowa, and Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania.

She came to the United States in 1999 after earning a Master's degree in English and American Literature from Liaoning University, Shenyang, China, and teaching English and literature at the same school for 11 years.

At Culver, Schultz teaches Chinese I, II, III and IV and Honors in Chinese. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, she is also the director of Confucius Classroom at Culver and the sponsor of the Chinese Culture Club on campus, besides her duties as a supervisor for sports games and senior projects. She is also an international coordinator, mainly for Asian students, and becomes a translator and ambassador whenever Chinese language is officially needed.

## Culver Elementary students of the month

Culver Elementary School has announced its students of the month for August.

**Kindergarten:** Willow Harrington (teacher: Amy Boline), Ryann Lagneau (Heather Overmyer), Xander Wilson (Stephanie Smith), Ethan Thompson (Jean Urbin), Gwen Gilley (Janna VanDePutte)

**First grade:** Ashton Macedonio (Andrea Berndt), Kaylee Hamilton (Kelly Dickerhoff), Cassidy Heise (April Jefferies), Ashton McCarthy (Becky Risner).

**Second grade:** Alyson Martin (Jean Ahlenius), Elan Johnson (Tina Bailey), Dylan McKee (Cindy Master), Brendin Richard (Lisa Moise), Ethan McCarthy (Kim Morrison), Blake Thompson (Kelly Young).

**Third grade:** Donald Plantz (Valerie Cultice), Shan Stevens (Jill DeSalle), Allison Cook (Rachel Rife), Ayden Burns (Carrie Tharp), A.J. Cooper (Mike Elliott), Josh Havron (Carol Jackson).

**Fourth grade:** Alisha Kasian (Stephanie Alva), Alexandra Temme (Lesie Shepard), Jasmine Felda (Alicia Cotner), Isabelle Ahlenius (Chris Renneker), Michael Moore (Julie Cowen).

**Fifth grade:** Elizabeth Johnson (Pam Craft), Dakota Bennett (Gayle Kinzie), Hailey Shipley (Raeanne Stevens), Lily Gregorash (Steve Young).

**Sixth grade:** Jasmynne Fowler (Bryan Albright), Tracey Lindvall (Adam Huber), Caleb Sheridan (Todd Shafer), Raymie Shoop (Missy Trent), Logan Kephart (Suzanne Hollis), Austin Wood (Joyce Lyman).

## Marshall County reading council sets agenda

ARGOS — The Marshall County Reading Council has set its agenda for the 2011-12 school year.

The first meeting will be Oct. 8, at 10 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore on Grape Road in Mishawaka. New and trendy books for preschool through high school will be featured and a percentage of all purchases made at the meeting will help benefit the Reading Council's Books for Babies project. Parents and other interested persons are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

The second event will be the Young Authors' Conference Week during the weeks of April 9 to 20. Featured author will be Buck Wilder (Tim Smith) who writes about adventures in the "great outdoors." Some of his books include Buck Wilder's Small Fry Fishing guide: A Complete Introduction to the World of Fishing for Small Fry of all Ages and Buck Wilder's Animal Wisdom. This year the author will personally visit every school in the Reading

Council.

The final meeting of the year will be the annual spring banquet April 12 at 6 p.m. at the Pretty Lake Methodist Church. The speaker will be Brooke Busse who will talk on "Project Based Learning." The Reading Council will also award its annual Celebrate Literacy to a group or individual who makes a significant contribution to literacy in Marshall County. The Plymouth High School Speech and Drama team will also make a presentation.

The Reading Council's membership drive is going on now. Annual dues are \$10 and membership brochures may be obtained from the individuals below or at the area public libraries. Parents and other interested individuals are invited to join. The Culver representative is Culver Elementary School librarian Carol Jackson; Mary Jackson is the Argos representative.

## Friends of the Culver library annual meeting

The Friends of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library held their annual meeting last month, at the library.

Included was a Power Point presentation from youth library assistant Ali Gaskill on her success with the Teen Book Club at the Culver high school, which she plans to continue using four books. Daniel Medesi, Culver Community Schools IT coordinator, followed with a presentation of the I-Pad 2 devices provided for each middle and high school student and how easily books can be downloaded. Later in the meeting, \$400 was approved as a budgeted item for the Teen Book Club.

Cindy Good informed the group about the October 8 Hero Tree in honor of military and veterans.

Library director Colleen McCarty and her staff invited the Friends to a "thank you dinner" Oct. 14 at the library. National Friends of the Library week is October 17

through 22; the group's annual \$1 per bag book sale will be Oct. 22.

Connie VanHorn read the treasurer's report, which included 2011 income totaling \$2,924.32 and disbursements totaling \$2,655.19.

On display in the Library for August has been the art work of Sandy Wakefield and a hammered aluminum collection from Mary Ann Dutt.

A "Books for the Beach" container will be brought to the Culver beach at the beginning of the 2012 season.

The income from the sale of 311 raffle tickets for the Friends doll house totaled \$652. Cindy Clousing from Culver and Wheaton won the raffle.

The slate of officers for 2011-2012 includes Charlotte Hahn (president); Angie Nelligan (vice-president); Charlotte Rakich (secretary); Cathy Emmons (treasurer).

## Culver Comm. Middle School students of the month

Culver Community Middle School has announced its Students of the Month for August.

**7th grade:** Cheyenne Powers (teacher: Eugene Baker); Staci Jefferies (John Browder), Jesse Lamberson (Cristyne Cottone), Brandon Havron (Jason Crittendon), Trista Vela (Diane Derrow), Erin Bendy (Cheryl Geik), Makayla Felda (Julie Kitchell), Courtney Salyer (Shane Lowry), Tanner Hoffman (Donna Schwartz), Garrett Reinhold (Ms. Thomas), Sam Vories (Nicole Treber), Jakob Skiles (Ashleigh Trumble).

**8th grade:** Tyler Binkley (Saundra Bailey), Ellen Bowman (Eugene Baker), Malik Guerra (Cristyn Cottone), Zach Coburn (Diane Derrow), Machayla Allen (Scott Eckert), Clare Nowalk (Ashli Faulkner), Tom Faulkner (Amy Gearhart), Cayla Arthurhultz (Chad Hollenbaugh), Sam Castenenda (Shane Lowry), Renae Johnson (Julie Perkins), Jennah McCarthy (Donna Schwartz), Tom Faulkner (Chris Stevens), Danny Flenner (Andy Thomas).

The Friends will decorate the library's Christmas tree at the Nov. 29 meeting, and will meet again Jan. 9, 2012.

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meal in a welcoming, community atmosphere. The meals are held on the 15th day of each month in the basement of the church. **Leaf pick-up**

The Town of Culver will begin leaf pick-up the week of October 17. All leaves must be placed in the terrace not in the street. Please separate your leaves from the sticks and brush. Pumpkins, rocks, etc. are not acceptable debris for pick-up. Leaf pick-up will continue through December. The leaf crew will move from the north end of town to the south end of town and then repeat. All questions should be directed to the Town Hall at 574-842-3140 between 8a.m. to 4 p.m.

### \$1 per bag book sale

The Friends of the Culver-Union Township Public Library will hold a special, \$1 per bag book sale Saturday, Oct. 22 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Shopper may bring their own bag if they wish and fill it with great books.

### Free computer classes at CUTPL

Culver-Union Township Public Library offers free computer classes Monday evenings at 6 p.m. and Friday mornings at 10 a.m. (each class lasts two hours). These include Microfost Office overview Part II (Oct. 7), Microsoft Word (Oct. 10 and 14), Microsoft Excel (Oct. 17 and 21). For more information, call 574-842-2941, visit www.culver.lib.in.us, r e-mail abaker@culver.lib.in.us.

### Marshall County Museum open house Oct. 8

PLYMOUTH -- The Marshall County Museum will be holding an open house Saturday, Oct. 8 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m to unveil the Historic Crossroads Center. This room will focus on the Lincoln Highway, Michigan Road, Dixie Highway, Yellowstone Trail, and Grand Army of the Republic Highway and their historical importance to Marshall County. The main feature is an interactive map with LED lighting and audio stories with various other exhibit areas. The public is wel-

come to attend and refreshments will be served. In addition, the 8 x 40 model train set will be running. The museum is located at 123 N. Michigan St, Plymouth. For questions please call 574-936-2306.

### Purses sought for cancer-related fund-raiser

The first fund raising event for Hello Gorgeous! which treats cancer-fighting women to a spa event with new attire and more, will take place Dec. 9 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Michelle's Headquarters, 114 N. Main Street, in Culver. The Great Purse Extravaganza encourages the community to donate lovingly used purses to be re-sold the night of the event. The items may be dropped off at Michelle's, the Culver Coffee Company, and Elizabeth's Garden between now and Dec. 2. The Dec. 9 event will include wine, cheese, and sweet treats "with some pampering surprises planned." Questions may directed to 574-842-2662.

### Deputy clerk sought

The Town of Culver is seeking a full-time position of Deputy Clerk-Treasurer. This position is responsible for assisting the Clerk-Treasurer in the efficient completion of he or she's duties as the Town's chief fiscal officer and is the primary clerical employee in support of the Town's utilities. This position serves under the direction of the elected Clerk-Treasurer. Please submit a letter of interest and/or resume to the Town of Culver, 200 E Washington St, Culver, IN, 46511 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. The deadline to receive these letters is Friday, October 7.

### Seasonal workers needed

The Town of Culver is accepting applications for two seasonal workers to assist the street department with leaf and brush pick-up. Applicants must be willing to work in all weather conditions and must be 18 years of age with a valid driver's license. If interested, please submit an application no later than Friday, October 7 at the Culver Town Hall, 200 E Washington St, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

### Library board meetings rescheduled

The Culver-Union Twp. Public Library's board meetings have been rescheduled for the remainder of 2011. The next three will take place Tuesdays, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, and Dec. 13. The normal board meeting schedule will resume in January, 2012, at which time the meetings will take place on the third Tuesday of every month. All board meetings will take place at 7 p.m..

### Leaf raking reminder

Citizens are reminded not to place raked leaves for pickup in the streets, but instead to place leaf piles in their yards at street side. Leaf piles should not be mixed with piles of sticks and other debris.



# Sports



## Cavs fall to Jimtown

Jimtown scored three touchdowns in the second quarter for an eventual 35-14 Northern State Conference win over Culver at Jimtown Friday.

The Jimmies snapped a 7-7 tie with a touchdown off an 84-yard kickoff at the 10:18 mark of the second frame and never looked back in the win.

Micah Budzinski scored Culver's first touchdown on a 6-yard fumble return at the 10:32 stop of the second quarter to knot the game at 7-all with Collin Stevens' PAT.

Stevens ran in a one-yarder for Culver's final score of the night at the 1:50 mark of the fourth to bring the score to its final.

Stevens led Culver in rushing with 66 yards on 14 rushes while passing at a 4-for-10 clip. Kevin Hogan recorded 58 yards on 20 carries in the loss, which drops Culver to 4-3 on the year and 3-2 in the NSC.

• JIMTOWN 35,  
• CULVER 14  
At Elkhart

## CMA falls at Churubusco

Churubusco struck first and held off Culver Military for an 18-14 win over the visiting Eagles at Churubusco Friday.

Connor Frantti scored on a 52-yard pass from Hayes Barnes in the second quarter to give CMA its only lead of the game, 7-6. Aramanti Phillips scored CMA's second and final touchdown on a six-yard run in the third quarter to bring the score to its final margin.

Pierre Byrne had 66 yards rushing and Phillips had 57 in the loss, which drops the Eagles to 2-5 on the season. CMA hosts Sheridan next week at 7:30 p.m.

• CHURUBUSCO 18, CMA 14

## CGA grad Banfich back home for Notre Dame Invite

By Tim Creason  
Correspondent

earnest until August.

"I'm all caught up, as far as the injury goes," she said. "Now it's a matter of doing harder workouts and getting ready for the big meets at the end of the season."



NOTRE DAME — Alex Banfich says she has recovered from the illness and hamstring problems that disrupted her training much of the summer.

Now, if she could just get her stamina back, she'd be all set.

"Yeah, I didn't quite have it today," said Banfich, a Princeton University senior, following her 13th-place finish at Friday's Notre Dame Cross Country Invitational.

The Plymouth native, who captured three high school state cross country titles and five track championships while running for Culver Girls Academy, had been considered one of the favorites to win the prestigious women's blue division.

And midway through the soggy 5,000-meter race on the University of Notre Dame's golf course, Banfich was running among the top five, looking for an opening to move up.

With about a half-mile to go, however, somebody handed her a piano. She slipped backwards and finished in 17:19.

Winner Silje Fjortoft of Southern Methodist University clocked 16:54.

"I felt like I was in position but I couldn't hang on at the end," she said. "I feel like I'm on the verge of running well, but I'm so far behind in my training, it's taking a while."

Banfich missed part of last spring's track season with a hamstring injury, which was complicated by an illness making it difficult to breathe. She didn't begin training in

Alex Banfich

mies star, Alejandro Arroyo, ran in the men's blue division 5-mile race and finished 128th overall, clocking 25:47.

Brigham Young won the men's title, while Princeton was third. Notre Dame placed 11th.

## Sports briefs

### Boys tennis

#### CMA wins home sectional

Culver Military Academy beat Rochester and Knox for its eighth straight championship at its home tennis sectional Saturday.

CMA now moves on to face Wabash, which beat Maconaquah 3-2 in the championship at the Peru Sectional, at the CMA Regional at the 15-court Gable Tennis Complex Tuesday at 5 p.m., while Bremen Sectional-winner Plymouth takes on Warsaw Sectional-champion Columbia City, also at 5 p.m. Tuesday's winners will advance to play each other in the CMA Regional championship Wednesday at 5 p.m., where the Eagles will look to repeat their 2010 title.

CMA beat Rochester on all courts but the No. 2 singles court in the semifinal and bested Knox 5-0 in the championship, including a three-set victory at No. 2 doubles for the program's 22nd sectional title after three days of rain-outs at the tourney.

CULVER MILITARY TENNIS SECTIONAL  
At Culver  
Championship  
CMA 5, KNOX 0  
Semifinals  
CULVER MILITARY 4, ROCHESTER 1

#### CMA shuts out Marian

Culver Military Academy handed visiting Mishawaka Marian a 5-0 defeat at home Monday.

The Eagles won in straight sets at all positions. Quinlan Smith and Jorge Segura beat Michael Amor and Clint Lowenhar 6-3, 6-4 in the most competitive match of the day at No. 1 doubles.

CULVER MILITARY 5, MISHAWAKA MARIAN 0  
At Culver

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## Boys cross country

**CMA, Culver run at Marshall County meet**

At the individual Marshall County championship Thursday in Bourbon, Eric Shaffer finished in fifth place for Culver, while Michael Minarik, Brandon Styers and



Culver

Pierce Frick finished in order in 36th through 38th for the Cavaliers.

Landrum Neer paced the Eagles in sixth, Connor Hague was 16th, Josh Silver was 34th, and Leopoldo Burguete and Mauricio Cohen Kalb were 47th and 48th, respectively, for CMA.

Jaymin Siple placed 28th, Dylan Bennett was 30th, Mark Lehman was 32nd, and Stephen Lehman was 35th for Culver, which was a runner shy of recording an official score at the meet.

**MARSHALL COUNTY MEET**

At Bourbon  
Team scores: 1. Bremen 48, 2. John Glenn 53, 3. Plymouth 69, 4. Triton 79, 5. LaVille 97, 6. CMA 161, Culver Community NS

**Bremen beats Knox, Culver**

Bremen beat Knox and Culver in a three-way Northern State Conference cross country meet at Knox.

Dillan Bennett was 14th, Mark Lehman was 15th, and Stephen Lehman was 19th for Culver, which was unable to field a full team at the meet.

BREMEN 24, KNOX 32, CULVER NS

At Knox

## Girls cross country

**CGA, Culver compete at Marshall County Meet**

Bremen placed three runners in the top five on its way to the championship at the Marshall County Cross Country Meet in Bourbon Thursday.



PHOTOS/

The Lady Lions finished with 24 points, while Plymouth placed second with 41, Culver Girls Academy was third with a score of 66, Triton was fourth with a score of 90, and Culver Community and LaVille both competed at the meet.

Culver Girls Academy was led by Katie Gawor's fifth-place finish, while Kennedy Thompson placed 13th, Sarah Stackhouse and Moiria Tripp placed within a second of one another in 21st and 22nd, respectively, and Erin Thomas finished 24th.

Tatum Schultz placed 11th as Culver Community's lone entrant in the girls race.

**MARSHALL COUNTY MEET**

At Bourbon  
Team scores: 1. Bremen 24, 2. Plymouth 41, 3. Culver Girls Academy 66, 4. Triton 90, Culver Community NS, LaVille NS, John Glenn NS

**Culver runs at 3-way**

Bremen grabbed four of the top five spots in a three-way meet with Culver and Knox at Knox.

Tatum Schultz prevented a Bremen sweep of the top five in third place for Culver.

BREMEN 15, KNOX NS, CULVER NS

At Knox

## Boys soccer

**CMA shuts out Portage**

Culver Military shut out visiting Portage 3-0 at home at the Academies Saturday.

Charles Kennedy, Luther Jacobs and Oliver Janzen each scored for the Eagles, while Jacobs and Brock Frazer had assists, and Ryan Sete made one save in goal to preserve the shutout.

CULVER MILITARY 3, PORTAGE 0

At Culver

**Culver downs OD**

Three different Culver players scored two goals each, and the Cavaliers beat visiting Oregon-Davis 8-2 at home Thursday.

Kyle Vlach, Zach Duplay and Ian Randolph each scored twice, while Luke Dunfee and Colin Deon also scored for Culver, which outshot OD by a 37-13 margin in the win.

CULVER 8, OREGON-DAVIS 2

At Culver

**CMA tops Lakeland**

Dustin Cowell scored twice, and four Eagles scored as Culver Military claimed a 5-1 victory over Lakeland Christian at home Tuesday.

Brock Frazer, Charles Kennedy and Austin Spencer all scored for CMA, which outshot the visitors 9-4, while Ryan Sete made three saves in goal and Austin Sheldon had two for the home team.

CULVER MILITARY 5, LAKELAND CHRISTIAN 1

At Culver

## Girls soccer

**CGA drops game**

Culver Girls Academy lost a 2-0 decision to visiting Westview at home at the Academies Saturday.

Maddie Slykas made two saves in goal for the Lady Eagles.

WESTVIEW 2, CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 0

At Culver

**CGA draws with Plymouth**

Sectional rivals Plymouth and Culver Girls Academy played to a 1-1 draw during a soccer game Thursday at The Academies.

Rachel Principe scored in the first half for Plymouth, and Abigail Baker evened the game up on a penalty kick in the second half to force the tie.

Alayna Holmquest made seven saves in goal for the Lady Pilgrims, while Maddie Slykas had three for CGA.

PLYMOUTH 1, CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 1

At Culver

**LaVille tops Culver**

LaVille snapped a 0-0 stalemate with a Grace Ingle goal in the 65th minute, and the Lady Lancers handed visiting Culver a 2-0 loss Thursday.

Ingle scored on a Heather Roeder assist, while Elaina Ruiz scored an unassisted strike in the 71st minute as LaVille outshot Culver 20-13.

The Lancers moved to 13-3 with the win.

LAVILLE 2, CULVER 0

At Lakeville

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### Harris and Culver trump Marquette

Shakkira Harris scored on a Denisha Brown assist in the game's sixth minute, and Culver made the goal stand up in a 1-0 win at Michigan City Marquette Wednesday.

The Lady Cavaliers hit the road for a Northern State Conference game at LaVille tonight.

CULVER 1, M.C. MARQUETTE 0  
At Michigan City

### Volleyball

#### CGA earns 20th win

Culver Academy beat host East Chicago in three quick games Saturday, 25-12, 25-5, 25-9.

Pita Navarro led the Lady Eagles at the net with eight kills and four blocks, while Emily Gilland served nine aces with 23 assists and nine digs, and Andrea Lin had 12 digs in the win, which lifts CGA to 20 wins at 20-3 on the year.

CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 3, EAST CHICAGO 0 (25-12, 25-5, 25-9)  
At East Chicago

#### Culver drops match

Culver fell in three sets to visiting Tippecanoe Valley 25-12, 27-25, 25-20 Thursday.

Sam Howard led the team both in kills and digs with nine and 19, respectively, while Aspen Kitchell tallied six kills and 11 assists, and Ali Overmyer had 15 digs in the loss.

TIPPECANOE VALLEY 3, CULVER 0 (25-12, 27-25, 25-20)  
At Culver

### Freshman volleyball

#### CGA goes 1-2

Culver Girls Academy went 1-2 at Twin Lakes Saturday. The Freshman Lady Eagles' lone victory came over Seeger, 25-9, 25-17.

At Twin Lakes

### Women's college volleyball

#### McBee powers IUSB to third straight win

Culver Community grad Patrice McBee led all players with 11 kills as IU South Bend (9-4) picked up its third

consecutive win with a 25-22, 25-20, 25-9 sweep at Roosevelt on Saturday morning.

McBee attacked with 12-of-14 efficiency on her way to the match-high kill stat and finished with a dig and a block assist on defense for the Lady Titans.

#### McBee, IUSB top Kuyper

Indiana University South Bend's volleyball team returned ohm with a convincing three-set win over Kuyper Tuesday night. Culver Communities grad Patrice McBee put away five kills for the Titans in the win.

### Men's golf

#### Pugh and partner tie for 3rd at Indiana PGA event

Mystic Hills pro Dave Pugh and partner Denny Hepler of Raccoon Run finished in a tie for third place at the Indiana PGA Callaway team championship at Kokomo Country Club on Tuesday.

Pugh and Hepler combined for a 5-under-par 65 in a three-way tie for third place.

## Success from page 1

the spare bedroom and she said, 'There has to be a better way.' She was looking at one of those camping chairs and said, 'What if?' So Ciao Baby was born. We also call it the portable high chair."

The reaction, "Why has no one thought of this before?" is a common one, says Baker, who notes the chair isn't just for young families, but grandparents, uncles and aunts -- a wide array of demographics.

Ciao Baby bears a strong resemblance to the camping chairs it's modeled after, but it's a fully functional high chair weighing just eight pounds ("Not much more than a lawn chair," Baker notes). A metal brace on the side allows easy folding up and placement in a very portable bag which easily straps over the wearer's shoulder.

"It's all one piece; all assembled. You pop it open, strap (the baby) in, and you're good to go. We say it's for mom's trunk and grandma's closet. It goes with you everywhere: the park, the soccer game."

Both Baker and Strong had sales and marketing backgrounds and knew how to develop a product. They filed a patent and researched their way into a working knowledge of testing children's products and the many stringent safety standards such products must meet by law.

"It took three years and 21 tries to pass all the safety standards required," she recalls. "The patent procedure took three years also...it was issued in 2007. We licensed it to a large company, but it fell through their cracks. But we had a contract, so we couldn't do anything with it. Finally in 2010, when that ended, we said, 'No one loves our product more than we do,' and decided we'll do it on our own."

The largest children's product show in America, explains Baker, has been held in Las Vegas the past several years, but when it was announced the show would move to Louisville, where Strong still lives and works, this year, Baker saw it as another of those signs too significant to be coincidence. So the two ladies signed up for the show and began building marketing materials.

At the trade show a few weekends ago, a number of retailers picked up the product, and in that one weekend, Baker and Strong took in \$30,000 worth of orders, which they plan to ship when the product is ready in bulk, in January.

Interestingly, Baker says camouflage and NASCAR are the most requested patterns, so she and Strong have already been in discussions with Mossy Oak, who love the product. There's also been interest from companies in

Japan and China, who would buy the product direct from manufacturers in China.

She adds the chairs will eventually be available directly off the Ciao Baby website as well, at [www.theportable-highchair.com](http://www.theportable-highchair.com).

"We're just two people," she points out. "We take it one day at a time. We both have day jobs we both have no intentions of walking away from."

Nonetheless, Baker says they'd love to build some value and perhaps find an investor to take on the product.

"We went from zero to 60 overnight with this show," she adds. "We've been working on it so long -- now that we're 90 days away from product being available, it's kind of amazing."

"So we came back home and said, 'Wow, we need to order some product!'"

Many family and friends, she says, were unaware of this "other life" Baker has had as an entrepreneur.

"I just showed it at (the high) school last week -- they (co-workers) couldn't believe we'd been working on it all this time!"

## Leading organ recitalist Murray to perform at Culver



PHOTO BY ROBERT A. LISAK  
Thomas Murray

Thomas Murray, the renowned University Organist of Yale University, will present a recital on the organ Sunday, October 16, at 4 p.m., in the Memorial Chapel, on the campus of The Culver Academies.

Thomas Murray is, without question, one of America's foremost concert organists. The American Guild of Organists named him "International Performer of the Year" in 1986, and he has performed and lectured

at six national conventions of that organization. He was made an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Organists (United Kingdom) in 2005, and he was presented with the Distinguished Service Award by the Organ Historical Society in 2010. In May 2011, the American Guild of Organists arranged a special gala recital by Murray at Yale, both as a fund-raiser for the AGO Endowment Fund and to honor Murray's lifetime achievements in the organ profession. High Fidelity magazine wrote of his "consummate skill and artistry in treating the organ as a great orchestra."

Murray's program will include "Concert Overture in c-minor," by Alfred Hollins, "Rhapsody on a Breton Theme" by Camille Saint-Saëns, and "Prelude and Fugue in g-minor" by Marcel Dupré. The music of Bach will be represented by the demanding "Toccatina in F," and the major work on the program will be "Symphony No. 1 on Gregorian Themes" by Guy Weitz.

The recital is free of charge and open to the public.

## Culver hosts county leadership groups

By Lydia Beers, Staff writer

CULVER — Leadership Marshall County (LMC), and Youth Leadership Marshall County, programs sponsored by the Marshall County Community Foundation (MCCF), met recently for their first full class sessions. LMC's purpose is to help community members become leaders in Marshall County by making them aware of what the county has to offer, while YLMC focuses on youth in schools throughout the county.

Class members embarked on a day of getting to know each other at Culver Academies. John Yeager, director of Culver's Center for Career Excellence, told the LMC group the elements needed to build a high quality connection: respectful engagement, taskenabling, and trust.

"Your commitment to this is going to make a huge difference...we hope that throughout this course you will be nudged to look at Marshall County in a different way."

Academies staff members Sonny Adkins and Derek Perkins led the adult and youth groups -- respectively -- in several team-building activities including the ropes course.

Both LMC and YLMC will meet once a month until the end of the class in May, discussing topics such as agriculture, education and local government. One of their main goals is to develop several group projects, each of which will either enhance Marshall County or improve the LMC program.

To find out more about LMC or MCCF, visit [www.marshallcountycf.org](http://www.marshallcountycf.org).

**Halloween Story Contest**

The Pilot News is looking for the scariest original ghost stories to publish the week before Halloween

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CITIZEN PHOTOS/ VALERIE HINES AND \* JEFF KENNEY

\*Culver Community Schools student Maricela Hernandez, center, faces Sabrina Bradley of Argos on the 'teeter totter' at Culver Academies' Woodcraft Camp recently. Right of Hernandez is Kala Morris (of Triton) and Cody Anderson (Bremen). Looking on, from the ground, are Culver's Sonny Adkins (left) and Amy Jones of the Marshall County Purdue Extension Office. Members of Leadership Marshall County Class XVII focus intently on lowering a hula hoop to the group in unison. From left: Tony Booker, Deb Shively, Ralph Mason, Sara Hill, and LuAnn Evans. Leadership Marshall County Class XVII recently met at Culver Academy. First row: David Walters, Ken Olson, Deb Shively, Sara Hill, Lydia Beers. Second row: Ann Norton, Liz Adams, Gwen Calvert, Heather Barron. Third row: Josh VanHouten, Shannon Samuelson, Phil Hamand, LuAnn Evans. Back row: Tony Booker, Ralph Mason.

