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## In Brief

### "Christmas in Culver" this wknd.

"Christmas in Culver" will once again take place the weekend of Nov. 2 through 4, with Culver merchants open with special sales and offerings 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. The "By the Lake" holiday bazaar will also take place Sat. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the depot - train station on Lak Shore Drive. The Mystic Hills holiday bazaar will take place at Mystic Hills golf course the same day and time.

Free carriage rides will be available during "Christmas in Culver," which encourages shoppers from Culver and beyond to shop locally and support Culver area entities.

### BPA bake sale Saturday

The Culver Community High School BPA (Business Professionals of America) chapter will hold a bake sale at Mystic Hills Golf Course, State Rd. 117 in Culver, Saturday, Nov. 3, during Mystic's Holiday Bazaar as part of "Christmas in Culver." Funds raised will help offset travel and other expenses for the highly successful student program.

### Lincoln exhibit, events ongoing

As part of the national traveling exhibit "Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War," available through Nov. 16 at the Culver Academies' Huffington Library, programs include: "Lincoln's Constitution & Civil War: A pivotal point in becoming a world power." with Samuel Graber, Ph.D. in American Studies from the University of Iowa, Nov. 6, 7 p.m.; The Academies' championship Quiz Bowl team will take on a team of Academies' faculty/staff in a friendly competition focused on Lincoln, his presidency and the Civil War. Nov. 11, 2 to 3 p.m.

### Chem-o-ween Saturday

Chem-o-ween, an informative, fun, and spooky-themed journey through some of chemistry's most fascinating facets, is scheduled for Saturday, November 3 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., at Roberts Hall of Science on the campus of Culver Academies. The lively, all-ages event is led by Phil Cook of Culver and other members of the science department faculty.

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## Halloween week comes in like a Lion

ABOVE: Culver's Lions Club continued a decades-old tradition Monday night in the form of its annual children's Halloween party, held in the Culver Elementary gymnasium. Pictured are top three winners in the various age categories at the event. TOP LEFT: Infant to age 3 (from left), trash truck (1st place - Blayke Nelson), egg (2nd place - Vinnie Butler), and spider (3rd place - Zelda Coble). LOWER LEFT: ages 4 and 5: Spook queen (3rd place - Vallorie Nelson), Dorothy (2nd place - Page Sawyer), choo choo (1st place - Owen Johnston). LOWER CENTER: ages 6 and 7, Peanut butter (third place - Benjamin Lee), owl (2nd place - Nora Johnston), matador (1st place - Jimmy Johnson). LOWER RIGHT: ages 8 and 9: rag doll mime (3rd place - Ashley Burkett), headless horseman (2nd place - Ches Schrimsher), Sasquatch (1st place - Codell Phillips). UPPER RIGHT: Ages 10 and up, Queen of Hearts (3rd place - Makayla Wilson), Alice in Wonderland (2nd place - Autumn Wilson), jack in the box (1st place - Taylor Noah). In addition to Lions members, a number of students from Culver Comm. High School and Culver Academies assisted with games and snacks at the popular event, which saw over 200 costumed youngsters participating.

## Hansen, staple of Culver service, business for 5 decades, passes away



CITIZEN FILE PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY  
Clara Hansen in front of the restaurant that bore her name, on Lake Shore Drive.

When Clara Hansen died last Tuesday, Culver lost one of its most beloved and dedicated citizens in a variety of areas.

Born and raised in Plymouth, the former Clara White and her husband Winfred came to town to stay in April, 1957, though she was a stranger neither to Culver nor its people by then, Clara having worked in several Plymouth businesses, including JC Penny's, and become familiar with a number of Culverites there. The late Winfred was an avid fisherman, so Culver visits were nothing new to the couple.

Thus, when the couple opened Hansen's bait and sportsman's shop at 614 Lake Shore Drive in 1957, "it was just like coming home," Clara told the Citizen in 2009. "I don't think there was anybody in Culver I didn't know. We spent about every weekend in the summer on the lake anyway."

Clara's regular cooking at the shop for her family led to customers suggesting she make enough they all could have some, so, she said, "we expanded" to include serving food.

Over the years the sporting goods and hardware side of the store's business was slowly phased out, the restaurant end of things taking over after the death of her husband in 1998.

Hansen's, or "Clara's," as it was known to many Culverites in recent years, was open for breakfast and lunch here for five decades until 2008, its familiar west wall lined with coffee mugs, images of various facets of Culver's past, and awards and articles about the business and Clara herself. Among them: a watercolor painting of the place by well-known local artist Barbara Meeker, which was given to Hansen for Christmas in 1992.

A framed photo on the wall showed Clara among those

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## Council details downtown progress, billing issues

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Most Culver residents are aware that work resumed two weeks ago on Culver's downtown revitalization project. At the Oct. 23 meeting of Culver's town council, some insight was given as to how that action came about, following the ceasing of work from Oct. 9 to 16.

Replying to a query from resident Tom Kearns about the decisions made during meetings with representatives of the town, engineering firm DLZ, and contracting company Reith Reilly, council president Sally Ricciardi said elevation was adjusted from two percent to a half percent in front of business' doorways in the affected two blocks on downtown, which consequently raised the height of curbs. Work had halted Oct. 9 due to a wide variation in curb heights in the original engineering plans for the grant-funded project, which will replace sidewalks and curbs, and make various enhancements to the appearance of the Main Street business district.

"They've done core samples," Ricciardi added, "and they will be milling down, in the spring, the amount of old asphalt in the gutter area to drop it as much as possible. Curbs will be between four and six inches, depending on their actual location, without having to tear up bricks and going to the extreme cost of redoing the actual street."

She added a complete re-do of the street would force the closing of businesses downtown, "and we definitely don't want to do that."

It is planned, however, to repave Main Street in the affected area in the spring. She noted there will be no additional cost to the corrections in the initial engineering plan.

"The engineer that was coming to Culver is no longer coming to Culver or in charge of this project," Ricciardi explained, referring back to various concerns with the handling of the project's engineering. "The vice president of the (engineering) company is in charge of it now."

Also relating to work on the revitalization project was discussion of one business owner's concerns over placement of a lamp post near the business. Town manager

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## East coast bound

This ambulance is carrying three members of the Culver-Union Twp. EMS on their way to New Jersey

in preparation for Hurricane Sandy. EMS director Bob Cooper Jr., Kimberly Irsa, and Bob Cooper Sr. left Monday morning with Culver's second ambulance for four days. According to Cooper Jr., the group expected to arrive in Atlantic City and begin evacuating hospitals and nursing homes along the eastern seaboard. After the hurricane hit, the three were part of the initial response to affected areas, part of a national emergency preparedness and response framework which includes local task forces put together by the Indiana Department of Homeland Security. Culver EMS, Cooper notes, is part of the IDHS District 2 Emergency Medical Task Force, and will be joined in the effort by EMS crews from Plymouth, Walkerton, South Bend, and Pulaski County. Culver was still covered by 24/7 ambulance coverage in coordination with the Culver fire department for First Responders in the event of a second EMS call; in that case an ambulance would respond from Argos or Plymouth.



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## History unearthed

As work continued last week on Culver's downtown revitalization on Main Street, a sight rarely seen came to light, just outside one of the JMC Engineers buildings at 108 N. Main Street, much earlier the Easterday Funeral Home. Exposed was the open space under the sidewalk, running the length of the building immediately west of it, as well as the door (visible on the RIGHT) into the building's basement. A stone and mortar retaining wall borders the area on the street side. From 1921 to 1966, the funeral business (which was taken over in 1963 by Jim and Rosalie Bonine) operated out of the building, having operated from 1893 in the building to the north. A new front was installed in 1924, though its not certain whether the "vault" visible here was added then, or had been part of the original building. Conflicting suggestions as to the use of the space have been circulated around town, but the most likely is that it was simply used for storage, possibly in conjunction with deliveries brought to the front of the business. Since last week, plywood sheets have covered the space, warning pedestrians of the dangers of the long fall to the concrete below.

## Quality Comfort moves to Main & Lake Shore



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Quality Comfort Heating and Air Conditioning on Lake Shore Drive.

The former Bike Barn building at 103 Lake Shore Drive, empty since last year, is now home to Quality Comfort Heating and Air Conditioning, owned by Jamey Arthurhultz. And though the location of the business may be new (occupancy began last month), Quality Comfort has been around for 10 years, according to Jamey's wife Nicky, who manages the company's office. Jamey himself has 20 years' experience in heating and air conditioning.

For much of its existence, Quality Comfort operated out of the Arthurhultz home, but for the past year it occupied a storefront at State Roads 10 and 17 (next to Jamieson's Town & Country Package Liquors), which Nicky says "went so well" for the operation. The move near to downtown allows for stocking some items, convenience of delivery to the business, and especially easier access to customers.

Quality Comfort specializes in Luxaire equipment, which Nicky says provides a good warranty program for customers and, as an added bonus, is a supporter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation, important to the Arthurhultz's. Quality Comfort, besides heating and air conditioning, does light plumbing and electrical work, water heaters, and also handles up and coming approaches such as geothermal heating and solar-based power.

Quality Comfort may be reached toll-free at 866-553-2836, or by email at jahvac@embarqmail.com.

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signing the part of the lands making up today's town park over to the town of Culver in the early 1980s, the result of hard-fought community efforts to purchase the tract of land still owned by the railroad to add to the surrounding park lands. Hansen, very active for years with Culver's Lions Club, was especially helpful in fund raising. In fact, for many years, requests to rent the Lions-owned Culver depot across the street were directed to Hansen's.

Other photos and awards on the wall reflected Hansen's life of service: honored in 1991 as Culver Lake Fest parade marshal (she helped found the festival, in fact, in 1983), a 1977 award from the Lions Club, awards from the Maxinkuckee International Order of Odd Fellows (the "Good Citizenship" award) and the now-defunct Culver Eagle's lodge, and one of the highest awards Lions Club International bestows, the WP Woods Fellow, in September, 2005.

She also catered everything from east shore cottage parties to Lions Club meetings for years, to the VFW senior citizens' and wild game dinners. She was active in the Culver Lions for over four decades, spearheading its regular flea markets and 'jail-athons,' among other efforts.

"I guess I don't know the word 'no,'" she said.

Clara Hansen said she enjoyed the restaurant not for the money, but the people, from Culver to South Bend, Chicago, and "all over," she said.

Hansen had been in the restaurant business since the 6th grade; she recalled being let out of school early in the afternoons in high school to work in a Plymouth restaurant.

"I always said I wouldn't get in the restaurant business, but I did. I thought I had all of it that I wanted. But I loved it (at Hansen's). I outlasted a lot of the businesses around here.

"We've got some great people in Culver," she added reflectively. "One thing that draws people to Culver is the small town atmosphere here. People are friendlier. In big cities they don't even know their neighbor. You get in trouble (in Culver), they're there to help you."

For many Culverites, Clara Hansen embodied that spirit of service and community. If Culver was "there to help" Hansen, its apparent she was there to help it as well.

**On Nov. 6th**  
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## Library, town manager celebrate Friends



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Friends of the Culver Public Library president Charlotte Hahn, left, with Culver town manager Dave Schoeff.

Culver Public Library staff celebrated the Friends of the Culver-Union Township Public Library at its annual Friends luncheon October 23. Friends were treated to a meal prepared by CUTPL staff and board members to let the Friends know how much library co-workers value the Friends' presence at the library and appreciate their efforts on the library's behalf.

Town manager Dave Schoeff was on hand to read and sign an official proclamation honoring the CUTPL Friends by naming the week "Friends of the Library Week" in Culver.

The central sentiment of the proclamation was expressed when he read: "Our libraries are the cornerstones of our communities and [the Friends] gift of time and commitment to the Library sets an example in how volunteerism leads to positive civic engagement and the betterment of our community."

The proclamation closes with a call which "urges everyone to join the Friends of the Library and to thank them for all they do to make our library and community so much better." Schoeff then presented the proclamation to Friends' president Charlotte Hahn.

Other recently-elected Officers of the CUTPL Friends are Marcia Egan, vice-president and Cathy Emmons, treasurer. Friends in attendance at the luncheon included Terry Brantingham, Ginger Budzius, Mary Ann Dutt, Marcia Egan, Charlotte Hahn, Jim Hahn, Dianne Johnson, Marge Kearns, Marge Keltner, Janet Kline, Rita Mason, Angie Nelligan, Melanie Robertson, Patty Stallings, Ruth Tamminga and Jo Ann Walsh.

The Culver-Union Township Public Library Friends group was founded in 2005 to enhance the library service provided to the community, ac-

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Dave Schoeff said he had spoken to the building owner, but the town is beholden to its plan regarding placement of the post.

"Once you start moving light posts," he noted, "there will be a spot not lit. You either have to move all of them so you have the same radius, or you'll have spots not lit (at night)."

It was also noted tree plantings to replace removed trees downtown would take place in the spring, rather than this fall.

The council also passed its 2013 budget on final reading during the meeting.

The future of distributing residents' water bills came to the fore after Jeff Mansfield, part-time of Lakeview Street and full-time of suburbs of Chicago, said an issue had arisen of late regarding timeliness of receiving his water bill.

Mansfield said bills have been arriving to his Illinois address increasingly later in the month, something he said was also happening to a friend of his, which creates a challenge this fall and winter, when he will be less frequently in Culver to pay his bill in person. He noted while online payments are possible, they do require an extra fee.

Town clerk Karen Heim said printing and mailing of bills has not changed, but once they leave Culver, bills are "out of our hands." She said her office has spoken to postal representatives in the Chicago area and been told the postcard size of the bills is part of the delay, though "we can't change that overnight."

Heim also said the staff would be happy to tell any resident the amount of his or her water bill if they call the town hall.

Also, said Heim, companies have been contacted for pricing on optional email billing.

"It's been frustrating for us, too," she added, noting closing of some post offices between Culver and Chicago may also be affecting the speed of delivery.

Council member Ginny Munroe suggested the town could be lenient with late fees for those with Chicago addresses.

The council also passed, on second and third readings,

an ordinance to establish a gift fund for the town of Culver, specifically for the collection of donated monies towards the already-purchased town clock planned for placement at Jefferson and Main Streets next spring. However, Heim noted the fund can be used in the future for other projects to which residents may wish to donate. Munroe added she is investigating the possibility of a fund to accept such donations through the Marshall County Community Foundation, which would allow donors tax deductible donations not possible if donating directly to the town.

In response to an audience question, Heim noted \$5,295 out of the total \$8,000 cost of the clock had already been donated.

During his department head report, Culver EMS director Bob Cooper Jr. told the council an electrical fire took place recently in the ambulance garage, after a cord which plugs into the ambulance malfunctioned. Lindvall electric, he said, determined there was a loose wire in the plug.

"Luckily there were people in the (ambulance) bay when it happened," he said, "but what concerned us was that no breakers ever blew, even though it got hot enough. We have no fire detection or protection in this building."

Cooper added he purchased both fire and carbon monoxide detectors himself and placed them in the ambulance bay and department sleeping area.

Cooper also noted the town's computer server is in its fourth week of being down, and asked what can be done in terms of support for the computer.

He said the department was unable to access some bills as a result of the situation.

Heim said parts have been ordered for the server, and contracted IT serviceman Mike Stallings Jr. is expected to make the repairs at the weekend.

A work session with members of the council and EMS representatives was also scheduled for Nov. 6 at 6 p.m., to discuss the future of the EMS and various options.

During her clerk's report, Heim said she had investigated the possibility of state-based health insurance for town employees, at council's direction, and found the existing, private carrier more economical, in some cases by half.

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## Obituaries

### Clara Elizabeth Hansen

Dec. 16, 1922 – Oct. 23, 2012



CULVER — Clara Elizabeth Hansen, 89, of Culver, died Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2012 at Hospice House, South Bend.

Clara was born Dec. 16, 1922 in Warsaw to Walter W. and Bessie (Smith) White. Clara married Winferd Carl Hansen Feb. 1, 1942. Clara has been a longstanding member of Culver Lions Club and VFW Ladies Auxiliary. Clara and her husband started Hansen's Restaurant & Sport Shop in 1957.

She is survived by her four children: Patricia (John) McFarlin of Elkhart, Michael (Sherry) Hansen of Mansfield, Ohio, John Hansen of LaPaz, and Peggy (Rich) Personette of Culver; nine grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, sister, Katherine Anders of Plymouth; and sister-in-law, Elaine Hansen of Plymouth. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, five brothers Charles, Wilbur, Edward, Raymond, and Emmett and one great-grandchild, Jennifer Breeden.

A time of visitation was held Thursday, Oct. 25, 2012 from 5 to 8 p.m. with the Culver Lions Club doing a memorial service at 8 p.m. at the Odom Funeral Home in Culver. Rev. James Harper officiated funeral services Friday, Oct. 26, 2012 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial followed at OakHill Cemetery in Plymouth.

Memorials may be directed to Hospice.

Condolences may be sent via the obituary page at [www.odomfuneralhome.com](http://www.odomfuneralhome.com).

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

### Norman R. Baker

July 24, 1923-Oct. 24, 2012



SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Norman R. Baker, 89, Scottsdale, Ariz., passed peacefully Oct. 17, 2012, in Chandler, Ariz. He was born July 24, 1923, to Edward and Grace (Hare) Baker, in Marshall County, and entered into rest Oct. 17, 2012, Chandler, Arizona. Services with military rites were arranged by Green Acres Mortuary, Scottsdale, Ariz. A scattering of cremains will be done at a later date on the 18th hole of a favorite golf course.

Norman is survived by his wife, Phyllis (Rubbi), one son, James (Deborah) Baker, Lawrenceville, Ga., and one daughter, Susan (Michael) Jay, Dallas, Texas; one sister, Marjorie Baker, Culver, five grandchildren — Peter Lanno, Candace (Mike) White, Ashley, Erin, and Travis Jay; numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by six brothers, one sister, and one stepsister — Harrison, Lyle, Katherine (Sheets), Richard, Charles, Eugene, Russell Baker Reinoehl, Dorothy Mitchell; and two sons — John (J.B.) and Richard Retzliff.

While living in Culver he owned and operated the Standard Oil Bulk Plant. He relocated to Scottsdale, Ariz., and retired from AiResearch in Phoenix. He was as much respected and trusted in his business life as he was in his personal life due to his extensive lifelong participation in public service organizations, role sponsoring and coaching youth sports. Always the sportsman, his golfing was legend.

### Jessie G. Bradley

Nov. 30, 1925-Oct. 28, 2012



CULVER — Jessie G. Bradley of Culver at the age of 86 has passed away at his home Oct. 28, 2012. Jessie was born in Rowan County, Ky. Nov. 30, 1925. He is the son of the late Tom and Ethel Bradley. He is survived by his seven children Kenny Bradley (wife Kathy Bradley), Sherry Arbuckle, Lisa Strykul, Connie Sibbel (husband Jerry Sibbel), Micheal Bradley, Lora Fishburn (husband Jeff Fishburn), Mary Bradley (domestic partner Keely Small), 21 grandkids, and 13 great-grandchildren. Also survive by one sister Katherin Decker of Granger, Lodis Bradley of Hammersville, Ohio Samford, Gail Bradley of Rowan County, Ky., Elmo Bradley of Vanceburg, Ky., and many other family and very close friends. Proceeded in death by two sons-in-law, Jimmy Arbuckle and John Strykul; five brothers and three sisters.

Visitation with the family was held Tuesday, Oct. 30 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Odom Funeral Home in Culver. Funeral services followed Thursday, Nov. 1 at 1 p.m. with visitation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lane - Stucky - Gray Funeral Home in Morehead, Ky. Burial followed at the Whisman cemetery. Memorials may be given to the Humane Society or the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care.

Condolences may be sent via the obituary page at [www.odomfuneralhome.com](http://www.odomfuneralhome.com). The Odom Funeral Home of Culver is in charge of local arrangements.



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### Culver dons jammies to fight ALS

Culver area students and businesses donned their pajamas last Friday, both to battle ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis), long known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, but to support a Culver girl's tribute to her late father. Reilly Reinhold, who lost her dad, Rob, to ALS earlier this year, expanded a fund-raiser she executed at Culver Elementary last year, to include local businesses by way of the Culver Chamber of Commerce. Employees at participating Culver entities could choose to wear pajamas to work in exchange for a donation to the ALS Association of Indiana, and a number of businessespeople joined the endeavor, besides allowing Reinhold to place donation jars at their locations.

Students at Culver Elementary joined the crusade as well, and if the number of pajama-clad youngsters (nearly all of them!) pictured in 1st grade teacher Andrea Berndt's class, ABOVE LEFT, are any indication, the effort was a

success. Pictured in the front row, from left, are Grace Sieber, Dylan Williams, Talia Valdez, Ryann Lagneau, Journey Heater; middle row, Zane Coble, Eriahna Vela, Arwen Kornblith, Abigail Caudill, Genna Sherman, Aleksander Stacy; in the back row, Willow Harrington, Tiara Howard, Reese Herrell, Carter Clingler, Dakota Lindsley, Austin Hagelgans, and Mario Silva. Pictured at RIGHT is Sandi Michalski, one of many members of the Culver business community who donned sleepwear for the cause. Sandi is a regular barista at the Culver Coffee Company on Lake Shore Drive.

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### Special stars and stripes

BELOW: Kay Riester of Culver stands with an American flag and certificate signifying the flag was flown in honor of Riester herself and her late husband Gene (who served during World War II, including at Pearl Harbor). The flag was flown May 18, 2011, over Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 26 in Kandahar, Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom.

The flag and certificate were presented to Kay by her grandson Cortney, who served 13 years in the U.S. Navy, completing his time and returning to Culver this past January. Cortney also had the two framed, and today they're proudly displayed in Kay's Lake Shore Drive home.



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## If these walls could talk: 304 and 316 E. Jefferson

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

As part of our ongoing "virtual" walk through Culver -- most recently the downtown area -- we've been wandering through a business-rich offshoot of downtown, the eastern end of Jefferson Street. We're still on the north side of the street, where we'll stop by the now-defunct property at 304 E. Jefferson (that's lot 15 of the F. B. Harris Addition, in case you were wondering, which you likely weren't).

By 1914, Sanborn Fire Maps show the space as a dwelling. A note in the Jan. 28, 1942 Culver Citizen tells us Russell McFarland just completed a new ice house next to his home, "where he has headquarters for the Culver City Ice Company."

Many Culverites will remember the McFarland ice business, which of course continued a very vibrant -- though in the background still stand on E. Washington Street. The tower of the Methodist Church by the McFarland at Main and Washington can be seen upper left era, very different

-- tradition of ice sales in Culver. Starting in the 1880s -- as we'll detail in future installments of this feature -- ice was harvested by the millions of tons each winter off of Lake Maxinkuckee. 1937 marked the final year of actual harvesting of ice, though sales continued.

Even after the ice harvest ceased, sales of manufactured ice (whose existence obviously circumvented the need for harvesting "natural" ice from the lake) continued. By that time, some households -- particularly those in the rural areas surrounding Culver -- would still have a need for block ice for refrigeration purposes, though rural electrification had done away with most "ice boxes." McFarland -- with his wife Esther -- however, provided ice for a variety of other purposes.

According to the Culver Citizen of Oct. 12, 1967, "Mr. and Mrs. McFarland moved to the former McClane property in May,

1934, and began the retail sale of ice for the late Harry Medbourn. In 1940 the McFarlands built a refrigerated ice house across the street, next to their home. There they managed a little store and raised and sold fishing bait along with the ice business.

"In 1963," continued the Citizen, "Mr. McFarland died, but his wife continued with the business until 1966,

at which time health conditions forced her to retire. Another hobby of Mrs. McFarland's was making noodles, which she sold to the public."

It was noted Mrs. McFarland had moved to Plymouth by 1967.

The Bill and Nita Wieringa family moved to the house shortly thereafter, their home until the 1990s. The house was razed to make way for today's Bayside condominiums.

Moving east, we stop on at Jefferson Street, the long-time home of the Ferrier Lumber Company, one of



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TOP PHOTO: The J.O. Ferrier Lumber building at 316 E. Jefferson circa 1910. Note the rise at right where the Vandalia railroad ran along the lake shore. LOWER PHOTO: 316 E. Jefferson Street, the long-time home of the Ferrier Lumber Company, one of the longest-running businesses in Culver during the 20th century.

the longest-running businesses in Culver during the 20th century.

J. O. (James Oliver) Ferrier, originally of Carroll County, Indiana, launched his lumber business in November, 1898, having moved here with Rosa, his wife of 15 years at the time. A few years after opening, Ferrier's son Clark I came on board, and in the early 1900s the family opened a branch, with large storage yard, in Lakeville.

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### Where in the world was the Culver Citizen?



Last week's "Where in the World" photo was taken in Valparaiso -- but not Indiana! Bill and Sue Roth sent this photo of their daughter Melissa in Valparaiso, Chile this past June, working on a project with her classmates from her Notre Dame MBA program. Note that, while it was summer here, in South America it was winter and she was wearing a warm coat. Got a photo of your favorite local newspaper (or, if not, then maybe *The Culver Citizen*?) traveling around the state, country, or world with you? Send it to culvercitizen@gmail.com or by phone to 574-216-0075.

### Name that Culver 'citizen'



LEFT: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Tom Kearns, then and now. RIGHT: This week's Mystery Citizen.

downtown parking is a little spotty during revitalization construction.

This week's Mystery Citizen has been part of a local institution for more than 40 years, and has branched out into another sort of endeavor in more recent years.

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



Mystery Citizen, Tom Kearns, who has been a Culverite for some years now, and has served a variety of efforts and entities, often behind the scenes, though he may be best known for his role with Culver's tree commission. Louise can trade in her free parking in downtown Culver for free parking in the Lake Shore Drive business district, since

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## Elect these qualified candidates for County Council At-Large.



**Rex A. Gilliland**

- Current member of County Council
- Masters degree in Administration from Notre Dame
- Grad. from IU Law Enforcement Academy
- Lifetime resident of Marshall County



**Steven A. Harper**

- Graduate of Indiana University
- Owner of Harper Real Estate Appraisal Company for 21 yrs.
- Chairman MC Election Board for 17 yrs.
- Licensed Real Estate Agent and Appraiser



**Jon E. VanVactor**

- 32 year in Sheriff's office retired 2010 as Sheriff
- Involved in construction and moving into the new jail
- Member of the County Personnel Committee
- As Sheriff administered a multi-million dollar budget

On Nov. 6th Vote Republican

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LEFT: Members of Culver Academies' Ithaca (CGA) dorm and Battery C (CMA) units celebrate their victory at October's Spirit Games. RIGHT: Internationally known Nashville musician Abigail Washburn at an outdoor performance during the games.

## CRC discusses Main Street project

By Rhonda Reinhold  
Correspondent

The Culver Redevelopment Committee met Oct. 17 to discuss updates on the Main Street revitalization project and to consider new projects.

The CRC had received a request for \$29,230 in additional funds for the Main Street project at last month's meeting, which they shelved and sent back to the town council for further discussion.

CRC members Ralph Winters, Grant Munroe, and Brandon Cooper attended a special session with Culver's town council the day before, where they voted to give the funds to the project. The vote was two in favor and one against, with Brandon Cooper being the dissenting vote. He asked, "How much more? We have already given more than we were told, and how about change orders? We can't just keep giving and giving."

Ralph Winters concurred. "The CRC doesn't have a problem paying for this, but again I don't want the CRC treated like a piggy bank and people coming to us for piddly things. However, I do feel the paving is important."

At the special session Grant Munroe requested figures on getting Main Street paved from Lakeshore Drive to south of Madison Street, which is the southern border of the Main Street project. He wanted the figures to include the sidewalks and curbs.

Brandon Cooper wanted to know why the CRC would pay for the paving if the town still has money left in its budget.

"We would be willing to make up the difference if they fall short," stated Cooper. Town Manager David Schoeff agreed.

TIF bonds were then discussed and an option to pay them off early. TIF 1 pertains to the water tower and an update to the pipes leading in and out of it. TIF 2 is the Medallion Cabinetry project. If both bonds were paid off early, it would save the CRC \$90,000 in interest. The money spent could be regained in a matter of 18 months, according to the figures handed out to the committee.

Cooper said it may be better to pay in increments, and maybe not save as much in interest but not deplete the funds by such a large amount.

Members asked Schoeff for an update on the Culver's comprehensive plan, and he explained requests for proposals have all been sent and that he expects a good response. All agreed they should get some idea of future projects for the comprehensive plan.

## Academies' Spirit Games emphasize 'making it count,' collaboration

Culver Academies' campus was awash with color and abuzz with energy for its third annual Spirit Games Oct. 17.

Every student, along with every member of the school's faculty and staff were involved -- to the tune of 1,300 people total -- as students participated in six events, including a construction event made up of tower blocks, tug of war, an accuracy event (this year's was three dunk tanks), scavenger hunt, boat race and a three-fourths mile relay race called the "warrior run" (agility, jumping, pushing, carrying, balance, lake run portion and climbing).

The overall winners were CGA's Ithaca dorm and CMA's Battery C.

The theme of this year's Spirit Games was "Make it Count."

"Every day matters," said Academies Wellness director Dana Neer, "proven when we give our best effort, exhibit kindness to others, topped off with a hopeful attitude. The Culver Spirit is much bigger than a yearly event, because making it count every day is up to us."

Student leaders organized their units or dorms into formidable teams, explains Neer, learning hands-on leadership skills, motivation, communication and cooperation.

A blind draw occurs at an All School Meeting a few weeks before the event, placing one girls dorm and one boys barracks into a team, competing together for the Spirit Games title. Many opportunities for bonding and greater appreciation cross-campus.

Generous donors, he adds, provide funding for Spirit Games t shirts for every adult and student. A picnic along the lake provided by the dining hall staff precedes the games.

Performing in conjunction with the picnic was internationally known Nashville musician Abigail Washburn, who also performed indoors at the Legion Memorial Building later that day.

Neer emphasized the collaboration necessary to make the event a success.

"It is very important that every member of our community understands that they are valuable and that they contribute to the daily success of Culver Academies' mission and purpose," he said.

## Ancilla soccer holds clinics for Culver Boys & Girls Club



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Ancilla men's soccer players look on as Culver Boys and Girls Club members play in a scrimmage during halftime of a recent Ancilla-Jackson match.

CULVER — The Ancilla College men's soccer team held its second soccer clinic at the Boys and Girls Club in Culver this last Friday. Along with three clinics the boys and girls also participated in halftime scrimmages at the Ancilla- Jackson NJCAA match last Wednesday.

"Ancilla College is a class institution," said Cory Monnier, of the Boys and Girls Club of Culver. "The emphasis the faculty places on student philanthropy is just so commendable. Our members have had such a blast learning from Coach Gallagher and his team."

"Ancilla College men's soccer is proud to be involved

with the Boys and Girls Club of Culver," Chargers head coach Darren Gallagher commented. "I have been involved in three different cities with them spanning over five years now with their after-school programming, and I know my players were excited to give back to the community."

"I remember what it was like to have young, enthusiastic coaches come to my club and put on camps," said Carlos Ramirez, a second year player from El Paso, Tex. "I know it motivated me to achieve more, and I feel like Ancilla soccer is more than just what we do on the field."

Brandon Query, a first year player from Greencastle, mentioned, "Coach Gallagher was my club coach for Cutters Soccer Club before I arrived at Ancilla so I thought I knew the impact it would have on the local kids and community. It was not until I went to the first clinic and saw the pure excitement of the kids and then to play during a game with 25 kids cheering for you – it was quite a connection!"

The Ancilla men's soccer team will hold the last of the three clinics in Culver on Friday, Nov. 2.

"I would like to thank Cory and the Boys and Girls club for the chance to share our soccer knowledge and at the same time walk away with a superb outreach experience," said Gallagher.

Ancilla College (www. ancilla.edu) is a Catholic, two-year, co-educational, liberal arts college in Donaldson, Indiana, sponsored by the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ.

## DNR announces hunting changes

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources has changed some regulations for this year's hunting season, which will be the first for a late firearms antlerless deer season.

The archery season, which started Oct. 1, continues through to Jan. 6.

This season, starting Dec. 26 and into Jan. 6., there is a late firearms season for bonus of antlerless deer. This is available in Marshall and other counties with bonus quotas of four or more bonus deer.

Archery hunters who have not taken a deer may also, with a legal firearm, shoot antlerless deer, though not antlered deer. For more information, visit [www.in.gov/dnr](http://www.in.gov/dnr).

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## Ellert talks United Way with Culver Kiwanians

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Culver's Francis Ellert stopped by the Culver Kiwanis Club to promote this year's United Way of Marshall County campaign, which aims to raise \$475,000 to support a variety of area charities and community organizations.

Ellert, a Culver resident for nearly 20 years, is the current UW board president and a six-year board member. He's also been president of the Marshall-Starke Development Center, a member of the Ancilla College board of trustees, St. Joseph Regional Medical Center hospital board, and president of the Plymouth Rotary Club, among other past positions, according to wife Susan, introducing him.



Francis Ellert

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During his tenure as head of United Way's fund drive in 2009, the campaign surpassed its goal of \$375,000 by more than \$50,000.

Francis Ellert called United Way "a good steward of your donation dollars" and said supporting the organization is a passion of mine."

He noted about 2,000 people in the Culver community received some form of benefit from United Way last year, adding that 24,000 out of the 40,000 people in Marshall County did as well.

Most employers, Ellert explained, allow payroll deductions for those wishing to donate to United Way, something which has aided its success throughout the county. More than 50 volunteers annually, he noted, contribute their time to the organization in Marshall County.

The Marshall County Community Foundation has recently partnered with United Way to set up ongoing funds for those wishing to set one up in the name of a relative or for other purposes, allowing the MCCF to manage the monies.

The Cornerstone Fund was established last year, said Ellert, for those who might wish to contribute towards the United Way's operating expenses. The brainchild of Culver's own John Zeglis (also immediate past president of the MCCF), the fund raised \$62,000 last year.

Ellert also said the United Way of Indiana has established a matching grant program which Marshall County's UW is taking advantage of.

Last year, he said, the Union Twp. Emergency Fund received \$500 from United Way, and the Culver Boys & Girls Club received nearly \$22,000 of a \$25,000 request.

"United Way does a really good job trying to meet all the allocations they can," he added.

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#### New computer classes at CUTPL

Culver-Union Township Public Library will start a new session of computer classes for November, Monday evenings at 6 p.m. and Friday mornings at 10 a.m., two hours per class. Computer classes are free and open to the public.

Sessions include: Computers for Beginners Part I (Nov. 5 and 9); Computers for Beginners Part II (Nov. 12 and 16); Internet/Email for Beginners (Nov. 26 and 30). For more information, call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941, visit [www.culver.lib.in.us](http://www.culver.lib.in.us) or e-mail [abaker@culver.lib.in.us](mailto:abaker@culver.lib.in.us). The library's street address is 107 N. Main St.

#### Local polling place changed; absentee voting underway

The Culver-Union Twp. polling location has moved from the Culver Public Library to the train station-depot on Lake Shore Drive. Absentee voting for Marshall County in the coming election is underway in the county clerk's office from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Clerk's office will also be open for voting Saturday November 3 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The absentee voting travel board is underway if you expect to be confined by illness, are caring for a confined person at a private residence or are a voter with disabilities who believes your polling place is not accessible. If you meet those qualifications and would like to vote by travel board call the Clerk's office at 574-935-8713. Voter information is available at [www.co.marshall.in.us](http://www.co.marshall.in.us).

#### Blood drive Nov. 11

The Red Cross will hold a blood drive Sunday, Nov. 11, from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Culver Academies in the Fleet Gymnasium. To schedule an appointment to donate please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) for more information. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission in Indiana and Ohio), meet weight and height requirements (110 pounds or more, depending on their height) and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. Please bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive ID when you come to donate. Platelet donors should also be aspirin-free for 48 hours.

#### Bell ringers needed

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

#### VFW rib dinner Nov. 10

Culver VFW Post 6919 Men's Auxiliary will host a half-rack baby back rib dinner Saturday, Nov. 10, from noon until dinners are sold out. The cost is \$10 per dinner and baked potatoes and green beans are included with the dinner, which takes place at the Post at 108 E. Washington Street in Culver.

#### Community meal at Grace Nov. 15

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly

community meal on Thursday, Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. All are invited to this free, ecumenical event whose purpose is to share a friendly meal in a welcoming, community atmosphere. The meals are held on the 15th day of each month in the basement of the church.

#### Free screenings, other events at REAL Meals

Staff members of Miller's Merry Manor will offer blood pressure and sugar tests at 11:30 a.m. Wed., Nov. 7, at REAL Meals at the Culver beach lodge on Lake Shore Drive. Cindy Cole, Marshall County Extension Office, will speak at 12:30 p.m. the same day. A Culver history program by Jeff Kenney of the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver will take place November 14, and Miller's Assisted Living will offer bingo on Monday, November 19.

REAL Meals annual Thanksgiving meal is Tuesday, November 20, and reservations should be made by Friday, November 9 at 574-842-8878. The nutrition site will be closed on November 22 and 23.

#### IOOF breakfast Nov. 17

The Maxinkuckee Odd Fellows Lodge #373 will hold a pancake and sausage, biscuits and gravy breakfast Sat., Nov. 17 from 6 a.m. to noon, at the corner of 18B and Pine Roads. Cost for the all you can eat breakfast is \$6 (adults) and \$4 (children). Also, bake sale items will be available.

#### Music production class Nov. 19

Culver-based musician Don Baker will give a presentation on recording and producing music aimed at performers of all ages, all styles, and all skill levels Monday, Nov. 19 at 6 p.m. in the large meeting room at the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library in downtown Culver. Baker will demonstrate how musicians can record and produce great sounds at home using modest equipment, ordinary home computers and inexpensive (and sometimes free) software. The program is free and open to the public. Questions may be directed to 574-842-2941.

#### Maxinkuckee Singers seek director

CULVER — 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](mailto:movremyer@jmceainc.com).

#### Tri Kappa wreaths available

Just in time for Christmas, Culver's Tri Kappa is selling fresh wreaths and garlands this year. 24-inch wreaths are \$20 and 36-inch wreaths are \$35 apiece. Garland is \$1 per foot (to go around a standard 38 inch door, you'll probably need about 17 feet). Wreaths will be available for pick up December 1. Members of Tri Kappa will be taking orders at Diva, Culver Coffee Company and Park-n-Shop during the retailers' Christmas event the first weekend in November. For more information or to place an order, contact Chris Sheppard at 574-276-7438 or [Chris.sheppard@culver.org](mailto:Chris.sheppard@culver.org).

#### Lions fruit sale underway

The Culver Lions Club's annual fruit sale is underway with a greatly expanded inventory. To view the gift boxes or to order online, go to [www.FreshFruitOrder.org/culver-lionsclubfruitsale](http://www.FreshFruitOrder.org/culver-lionsclubfruitsale). or call any Culver Lions member, or Susan Elizondo at 260-571-0452.

Order deadline is Nov. 14. Delivery is Dec. 7 at the Culver Lions train station. Packaged gift items will be mailed directly to the recipient. View the Culver Lions Club online at [www.culverlions.net](http://www.culverlions.net).

#### Boy Scout wreaths available

Boy Scout Troop 229 is now holding its fall Christmas wreath fundraiser. The last wreath order will be placed Nov. 2, and wreaths may be ordered online via [bsa229.net](http://bsa229.net), or via Ruth Dilts in Culver. Several Culver youth are part of Troop 229, which proceeds go to support.

#### Right to Life cheeseball sale under way

PLYMOUTH — Marshall County Right to Life's annual cheeseball sale is under way. Six flavors — mild, mild without onion, mild low fat, bacon & onion, sharp, and blue cheese — are available. Each 12 oz ball costs \$7. Please call Marilyn at 574-936-9582 to order now. Cheeseballs will be available in November.

#### Duff, student art at CCC

Paintings by Culver's Anne Duff -- former Fine Arts instructor and chair at the Culver Academies -- will be on exhibit at the Culver Coffee Company at 634 Lake Shore Drive, through mid-November. The exhibition will be joined by works by Academies seniors Jordan Berger and Cord Martin, winners of the Marty and Julie Clapper summer grant, which underwrote the two studying photography last summer.

#### Einstein at "A Novel Approach"

"A Novel Approach," the book/film club at the Culver Union-Township Public Library, will feature "IQ Think Love" Wednesday, November 7, at noon in the library's large meeting room located downstairs at the library. The book is "Who Was Albert Einstein?" by Jeff Brallier (juvenile). The film is "IQ Think Love," starring Meg Ryan. Patrons are encouraged to bring their lunch to eat while they enjoy the movie and the discussion afterwards.

#### 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.

#### Downtown work underway

Construction has begun on Main Street in downtown Culver, which will consist of removal and installation of sidewalks, lighting, signage and landscaping, and is expected to last until approximately December 23. Residents are asked to be attentive while traveling in the area as construction equipment and crews may be maneuvering in and out of traffic at times. Access to all the businesses and buildings in the area will be maintained with minimal interruption. Those with questions or concerns may call town hall at 574-842-3140.

## Culver-connected author featured on Dr. Oz episode

Kirk Forbes, brother-in-law of Culver fireman and electrician Bryce Lindvall, was a guest on the nationally syndicated Dr. Oz show last month to discuss the illness which claimed the life of his 23-year-old daughter, Kristen.

Forbes, husband of Culver native Brenda (Lindvall) Forbes (the two live today in Noblesville, Ind.), penned the 2009 book, "Love, Kristen," drawn partly from his own experiences coming to grips with her death of cervical cancer caused by HPV, and partly from Kristen's own journal of the year before her death. The book won the prestigious Next Generation Indie Book Award for Women's Issues that year.

Since the book's release, Kristen has become a symbol of the importance of education regarding HPV and cervical cancer, both in Indiana and beyond.

The Dr. Oz episode, which focuses specifically on the matter of HPV vaccinations, may be viewed online at <http://www.doctoroz.com/videos/hpv-vaccine-right-your-child-pt-1>.

## Walls from page 4

Daniel McDonald, in his history of Marshall County, notes J.O. Ferrier "is also the proprietor of a town addition consisting of eighty-nine lots, which is known by his name and is being quite rapidly settled (as of 1909). It has been accepted by the town board, is nicely laid out, and lots are readily selling at from \$100 to \$300."

Those living in Culver South of Davis Street may recognize Ferrier's addition on their property abstracts, and in fact it was Ferrier, following a visit to Florida (then a far more rare occurrence than it is today) who gave the rather unusually Spanish-sounding names to a number of streets in that area (think Batabano, Obispo, Prado, and so on).

J.O., according to McDonald, was "a strong anti-saloon man, believing that in local affairs the temperance question should be paramount. He was at one time a member of the town board, but after serving one term refused firmly thereafter to accept a renomination. Rather he prefers to devote himself to the upbuilding of his church interests, and the advocacy of temperance."

The lumber company dealt in lumber, lath, shingles, sash, doors and blinds, cement blocks, cement, builders' hardware, drain tile and sewer pipe.

As of Jan. 1, 1915, Clark Ferrier took over management of the business, his father retiring with plans to look after his farm.

1906 fire maps show three buildings, with four to five total in 1914, including two lumber sheds. Between 1924 and 1937, a cement block factory joined the lumber office and lumber shed, roofing and sash storage, and cement storage.



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The "new" Ferrier Lumber building following the 1923 fire. Many in Culver will remember the structure, which stood for more than 70 years following.

the blaze, and Culver's inadequate water supply forced firemen to pump water from nearby Lake Maxinkuckee. Efforts were concentrated on saving the surrounding homes (one, that of Oliver Morris, was burned, though not entirely). Clark Ferrier burned his hand moving his car to safety, and two firemen were injured fighting the blaze.

The fire had been spotted around 4:30 a.m., and rain began to fall "in torrents for about 15 minutes" at around 10 a.m., enabling firefighters to gain the upper hand in the

The April 21, 1923 Fort Wayne News Sentinel's headline proclaimed, "Rain Saves Culver From Flames -- SOS is Sent Out," the implication being that the town itself may have been in danger from the massive fire which swept through the Ferrier lumber yard.

Fire departments from Knox, Plymouth, and Logansport assisted in battling



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## Creating a cleaner Culver

A sampling of the many Culver Comm. High School and Culver Academies students who spent Saturday, Oct. 13 hard at work loading multiple dumpsters with refuse brought in by the community as part of the town of Culver's twice-a-year town-wide cleanup. Pictured from left to right: Academies students Bruno Gracian, Lizzie Strak, Caitlynn Fortner, Macgregor Collins, Hallie Rauch, and CCHS students Tatum Schultz, Kayla Shaffer, and Emily Shidler. Culver utilities manager Bob Porter and members of the street department assisted with the extensive loading duties as well.



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## Friends supply library bench

A new, hand-crafted bench was donated to the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library by the Friends of the Library for the library's upstairs circulation area entrance. The bench -- pictured with library staff members (from left) Esme Rodgers, Shirley Gut, and Andrew Baker -- has a seating capacity of three and helps brighten the foyer. For more information, contact cgood@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842-2941.

fire, which they finally pronounced likely not to spread by 11:30 a.m. The damage was estimated at around \$100,000 to the lumber company, which rebuilt its central building in brick, a structure many Culverites will recall still standing in the 1990s.

Former assistant Culver Elementary principal Craig Hopple kindly provided the newspaper clipping and photos (being related to the Ferriers by way of Clista Easterday's marriage to Clark Ferrier), which can be seen on the Antiquarian and Historical Society's webpage at culver-ahs.com.

J.O. Ferrier died in December, 1934, at age 76, leaving Clark in charge, with his own son Charles Ferrier stating work at age 12 for the lumber yard (Charles worked at the Ferrier Lumber Company until it was sold to settle the J. O. Ferrier Estate).

In June, 1943, the J. O. Ferrier Lumber Co. was sold to William Hass of South Bend, who renamed it the Marshall County Lumber Company. In March, 1945, Charles Ferrier was appointed manager of the company, succeeding R. Harry Jones. In December, 1947, the Citizen noted Culver's lumber companies were consolidating, with George Babcock as manager, which continued until 1968. In September of that year, the company became Culver Lumber, Inc. under the management of Wally Dinsmore. Interestingly, in the early 1970s, George Babcock opened his own lumber company at 115 E. Jefferson, across the street (site of today's Culver Wings), which was closed in 1977 due to his deteriorating health.

In 1974, Dealers Wholesale Services Inc. was listed at 316 E. Jefferson (though no longer, by 1975). In 1977 and 1978, Ralph's Auto Service was listed at the site, and by 1979 the Top Shop waterbeds had opened at 316. It held court there, under the management of the Reininga family for a handful of years; in fact in 1982 the Citizen noted the roof on one of the storage buildings on the property caved in due to the weight of the heavy snow that fell that winter.

In the mid-1990s, Gary Shaffer joined his father Verl in giving a business district locale to the latter's longtime business (which Gary took over) in opening the Gazebo Marine there.

The old building sat empty for several years prior to development, in the mid-2000s, of today's Bayside condominiums.

Revisiting the property a few buildings west, at 104 N. Plymouth, which we profiled a while back, Deb Overmyer pointed out to the editor that the building today housing Elizabeth's Garden is, in fact, not a new building, but a renovated version of the longtime existing building, contrary to what was written in the article. Those who recall the interior details of the place will no doubt agree she's right, so we're setting the record straight!

## Ancilla College offers free course for adult learners

DONALDSON – Ancilla College is offering a free college course to first-time students as part of the "We Believe in You" program.

Designed for adult learners 21-years and older who have never attended college, "We Believe in You" allows a student to take a class with up to three credit hours at no cost.

In addition, all students in the program will have an academic advisor to assist them with every aspect of attending college for the first time, including help with the registration process, filing a financial aid application, choosing education opportunities and more.

"Over the past few years over 50 people took part in this program," said Ancilla Admissions Director Eric Wignall. "Many of them have gone on to take more classes, taking advantage of the opportunity to restart their education. Adult students can use the 'We Believe in You' grant on top of other financial aid from federal and state programs to launch a college degree."

Ancilla classes begin January 14, 2013 at the school's campus near Plymouth. "We Believe in You" was originally created in 1988 by the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, the religious order that sponsors Ancilla College.

"Taking a college course in writing, communication, or computer technology can jump-start a college degree at any age. Faced with a tough jobs outlook today I expect to see more students across Northern Indiana to take that first step in college and receive up to three credits of coursework for free," Wignall said.

For more information on 'We Believe in You', please contact the Ancilla College Admissions Office at (574) 936-8898.

## MCCF announces 12-12-12 campaign

The Marshall County Community Foundation announced this week the launch of the 12-12-12 Campaign. Starting at noon on December 12, 2012 or 12-12-12 the Foundation will hold a 12-hour match campaign. Donations of \$120 or more made to new or existing permanent funds by midnight will receive a 12 percent match. The Foundation will host a variety of events throughout the afternoon and evening at the Key Bank Conference Room, 2701 North Michigan Street, Plymouth, featuring non profit organizations across Marshall County. It is a great opportunity to learn more about the Marshall County Community Foundation (MCCF) and the many funds that support so many great causes in Marshall County.

Activities on December 12 begin with a Soup Cook Off and bread donated from Earthworks. Later there will be appetizers, wine and cheese, and desserts. Non-Prof-

it organizations with permanent funds at the Foundation have been invited to answer questions about how their organizations are making a difference in Marshall County communities. Donors wishing to support their favorite cause or charity have many options to choose from with 239 permanent funds already available or they can give to the General Endowment Fund which distributes money into Marshall County communities through grants twice a year. Marshall County Community Foundation just completed the latest grant round and, on October 11, 2012, awarded \$68,000 from the General Endowment Fund to fund Not for Profit projects.

For more information about the 12-12-12 campaign, call the Marshall County Community Foundation at 574-935-5159 and ask for Jennifer Compton.

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## Pizzas for PTO

Culver Elementary School's Parent-Teacher Organization is nearly \$7,000 closer to fulfilling a number of its goals for this school year and beyond, thanks to the efforts of a number of students including its top three sellers, pictured here. The top seller in the entire school was kindergartener Rachel Pietsch, far right, who was awarded \$100 for her efforts. Taking second place (with a \$75 award) was 6th grader Charles Ault (center), and winning the \$50 prize for third place was kindergartener Braiden Molebash (left).



The school-wide fundraiser sold pizzas, so naturally enough, a Little Ceasers pizza party was the reward for any CES youngster who sold at least seven units (110 qualified for the party, held Oct. 19), according to Sany Lewendowski of the PTO, who coordinated the event with assistance from Vickie Bailey and CES 5th grade teacher Raeanne Stevens, as well as other PTO members. Funds raised will help purchase items designated by the school, including bicycle helmets, laminating paper, and -- with remaining funds at the end of the year -- towards the purchase of a substantial new addition to the school's playground in the next few years, as advertised on this poster, featured in the school's main hallway.



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

## Fall flowers from Elizabeth's

Barbara Thompson of Elizabeth's Garden in Culver stopped by Culver's REAL Meals last week to discuss fall flowers and demonstrate flower arrangements for the season. Thompson also gave away her arrangement by raffle drawing to Tracy Sietz, a resident of the Pathfinders home in Culver, to take with her.



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

## Recycle Club trades bags for benches

Some members of the Culver Elementary School Recycling Club display the results of a school-wide campaign to collect plastic bags towards a new bench -- manufactured by the Trex company -- made of recycled bags and planned for placement on the school playground. This is the third year for the program, according to teachers Alicia Cotner and Leslie Shepard, who note the endeavor was originally part of the grade's math classes, but has become substantial enough to evolve into an after-school club which meets twice each month. This year, they explain, 3rd grade teacher Valerie Cultice has joined the effort, which not only gains a new bench, but a newly-planted tree for the playground as well.

Last year, 900 pounds of bags were collected through the school year, and this year's goal is 1,000 pounds. Pictured, from left, are club members Lily Proskey, Ayden Burns, Josh Havron, and Wyatt Ringer.

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According to founder Sandy Wakefield. The list of Friends' activities grows longer each year and highlights from mid-2011 through 2012 include: providing e-books and print books for the Culver Community High School reading club; supporting the children's summer reading program and the adult winter and summer reading programs; supplying "Books for the Beach" for the second successful year; assisting at the Red Cross Blood Drive held at the library; supplying refreshments for the Holiday Open House and the Rita Lawson Sci-fi Collection dedication; conducting several book sales including one just for children; sponsoring card-making classes; purchasing books for our One Book/One County Library reading program; decorating (and un-decorating!) for Christmas; furnishing plantings and maintaining our courtyard and entrance gardens.

The Library has also been able to showcase collections of members Ginger Budzius, Mary Ann Dutt, Charlotte Hahn and Angie Nelligan.

Library Director Colleen McCarty noted, "These tasks are important to the operation of the Library, and underlying these activities, the physical presence of the Friends here at CUTPL demonstrates their support of our mission: this certitude provides encouragement and inspiration to the staff. We love our Friends!"

The Proclamation will be prominently displayed in the library through the end of the month and may be viewed on the Friends section of the web page, at [www.culver.lib.in.us/friends.htm](http://www.culver.lib.in.us/friends.htm), where you will also find more information about the Friends and a membership form.

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