



CITIZEN PHOTOS/JEFF KENNEY

## In Brief

**Maxinkuckee Players seek director**  
**CULVER** — The Maxinkuckee Players are now seeking a director for their upcoming 2013 summer production of *Beauty and the Beast*. Those interested in this opportunity must submit a resume by Feb. 1, either mailed to Dan Adams, P.O. Box 45, Culver, IN 46511 and/or emailed to: [dadams@culcom.net](mailto:dadams@culcom.net).

**Max. Singers/Players board meeting Feb. 10**  
**CULVER** — The next board meeting of the Maxinkuckee Singers/Players will be held at Grace Church, 307 N. Plymouth St., Culver on Sunday, Feb. 10 at 1:30 p.m., followed by a general meeting at 2:30 p.m., where the director of *Beauty and the Beast* will be voted upon.

**New technologies Jan. 17 at CUTPL**  
**Thursday Tech Time** at the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library will focus on new technology for 2013. The public is welcome on January 17 at 6 p.m. to learn about new devices, software and everything in between. For more information, call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941, visit our website at [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.

**Gospel singer Crain at St. Mary's Jan. 19**  
 Southern Gospel singer Chuck Crain will perform live at St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church at 124 College Avenue in Culver, Sat., Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. Admission is a freewill love offering. Chuck Crain is in his twelfth season as a featured vocalist at the Presley's Country Jubilee Show in Branson, Missouri. For more information on the concert at St. Mary's, contact Chris Sayer, 574-276-1611.

**Free 'October Baby' screening Jan. 20**  
 In honor of Sanctity of Life Sunday, Sunday, January 20, Culver Bible Church will be showing the movie "October Baby." Hannah, a college freshman, finds out that she was adopted after a failed abortion attempt. Bewildered, angered, and confused, she turns for support to Jason, her oldest friend. Hannah goes on a quest with some friends on Spring Break to discover her hidden past, and find

## Through Culver town for the D.C. countdown

Members of the Culver Academies Black Horse Troop (TOP LEFT), Equestriennes (LOWER LEFT), and Band (LOWER RIGHT) braved wind, sleet, and rain Sunday afternoon through part of the town of Culver, as part of the preparation for Monday's Inaugural parade in Washington, D.C. The parade -- which wound from Academy Road west down Lake Shore Drive and north up State Street back to Academy -- is designed to help horses and riders acclimate to parade street conditions and weather. Participation in this year's Inaugural is particularly significant, as it marks the 100th year the school has been part of Presidential Inaugurals in the nation's capital.

## Academies students gear up for 100th year Inaugural with hard work, practice parade

By Jeff Kenney  
 Citizen editor

When members of Culver Academies' Black Horse Troop and Equestriennes line up this coming Monday to participate in the Presidential Inaugural parade in Washington, D.C., they'll be that much more prepared following a practice parade through part of the town of Culver Sunday afternoon. The weather Sunday may have helped prepare them for the worst, too: a mix of sleety freezing rain and snow, particularly chilling after the near-60 degree temperatures just one day earlier.

Crowds of spectators and well-wishers lined Lake Shore Drive Sunday as the Academies' band (which will not participate in the actual Inaugural event) led the Troopers and Equestriennes (the latter being the mounted unit of Culver Girls Academy, a more recent addition as of 1985 to Inaugural participation for the school), turning north on State Street back to Academy Road.

Equestrienne Celeta Dodge, of Walkerton, Indiana, said Sunday's weather "wasn't so bad," and she's ready and excited for the D.C. trip.

The four-year senior, who wanted to join the famous horsemanship program at the school since age 8, mostly because she loves riding rather than with an eye on Inaugural glory, says nonetheless being part of the events in the nation's capital "makes it pretty special."

This is the 100th year the school has participated in Inaugural parades, so Dodge feels especially fortunate: she participated during her sophomore year in the World Equestrian Games in Kentucky, which also put Culver before the eyes of the world, and was part of the observation of CGA's 40th anniversary in 2011.

Sophomore Paul Foersch, of Culver, says preparation for the big day has involved "a lot of hard work and training. You can't just grab a horse and go do it."

Work began in mid-October, he says, and included smoke machines (to help prepare the horses for steam-emitting sewer grates in D.C.), police cars with sirens wailing in the riding hall, and loud music, all aimed at helping both horse and rider stay ready for what they'll experience on Jan. 21.

Josh Kuric, a first-year junior from Knox, Ind., agrees. "It's difficult to ride and carry the flag at the same time," he notes. "You have to be aware of what you're doing. You have no backup; you have one hand on the reins, and you're multi-tasking."

"You have to stay aware of the distance between the horses, and how lined up we are. A horse sees a manhole and start swerving, or its hearing a baby crying or engine roaring -- so it takes quite a lot to stay in control. But like (Horsemanship director at Culver Ed Little) has said, 'Stay calm and your horse will stay calm.'"

Kuric notes horsemanship students have spent three or four days per week practicing for the Inaugural in recent months, in addition to regular riding classes, which are part of members' GPA.

Dodge, who notes the whole campus is excited for the upcoming event, explains the students will head east by bus starting this Friday around 4 a.m. (horses will arrive closer to Inauguration Day itself). They'll lodge in Maryland and take some sightseeing tours and attend some dinners in Washington, D.C. Once their mounts arrive, Troopers and Equestriennes will have a preparation period.

There will be a day of cleaning and preparing the horses, which for the girls means "lots of braiding," says Dodge.

"For the girls, we have to look extra good. This is only our seventh time (participating in an Inaugural). Because of that it's a little more special to me, because people are paying special attention to the Equestriennes. It's kind of a big deal when you're one of the 28 girls on the parade line."

Equestriennes co-captain Natalie Hogan, of Plymouth, Ind., echoes that sentiment.

"I am so proud of how far all the girls have come...they've done an exceptional job; I'm just really proud of them."

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## Culver Beer Fest given tentative O.K. by council

By Jeff Kenney  
 Citizen editor

Culver's town council last week greenlighted a new beer festival in Culver, pending approval from the park board, after lengthy discussion from council members and the audience.

The council, which was technically reorganized but retained Sally Ricciardi as president and Ginny Munroe as vice president,

Tammy Pesek, of the Evil Czech Brewery in Culver, who was accompanied by husband George and brewery general manager Shawn Erikson, said the notion for the festival began last September, when Culver's wine festival took place.

She said she spoke to Culver park superintendent Kelly Young and was reminded town ordinance prevents consumption of alcohol in the town park, where organizers hope the event will take place. She said the festival is tentatively slated for early May, between Culver Academies' parents' weekend and Mother's Day weekend, on Saturday from noon to 4 p.m.

Pesek noted festival goers would be issued five ounce, plastic cups for a three ounce taste per pour from each participating brewery, all of which would be from Indiana. George Pesek noticed 25 breweries have committed to participate.

Tammy Pesek pointed out the event would likely be called the Culver Beer Festival, as opposed to Lake Maxinkuckee, since many local businesses felt including "Culver" would increase name recognition for their locations. She added tents and tables would be available to showcase area businesses and organizations. She also said it was hoped local non-profits and service organizations could make money from the event through cleanup and other work associated with the festival; the Culver fire department may provide security.

The festival will raise funds specifically to fight breast cancer and for the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver, said Pesek.

Council member Ginny Munroe said she felt the scheduling of the festival was appropriate.

"And I'm always big on bringing traffic into town; it's good for the retail shops, too."

Council member Bill Githens suggested Pesek speak to the park board before the council vote on the matter. Munroe, however, noted the choice to grant an exemption for the festival to allow alcohol in the park fell on the council, not the park board.

Audience member Margaret Dehne suggested allowing drinking in the park for the event could "open a kettle of worms." Audience member Kathy Clark noted parks in other communities make exemptions for events; also, she

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## Community invited to help prepare 20,000 meals for the hungry

This Saturday, several students from Culver Academies will be packaging no less than 20,000 meals for the hungry around the world, and they hope members of the community at large will join them.

They call themselves the Culver Hunger Fighters, and Saturday's "packaging party," if you will, is the culmination of a host of events at the school and beyond, all of which is the

culmination of some remarkable experiences for the students.

Caitlynn Fortner (Dalton, Ga.), Joy Shen (Oviedo, Fla.), Alex Ding (Edina, Minn.), and Jacqueline McCloskey (DeMotte, Ind.) are the nucleus of The Hunger Fighters Project. It is a program they developed while Fortner and Shen were attending the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute in Des

Moines, Iowa, during their junior year. The family of John Ruan III of Culver Military Academy's class of 1962 established the World Food Prize Foundation in 1994 to assist Nobel Peace Prize winner Norman E. Borlaug in recognizing others for their significant contributions to ending hunger around the world.

Ding, who attended the state conference held at

Purdue University, joined when they came back. McCloskey, who went to the World Food Prize meeting with her family, joined Hunger Fighters shortly thereafter.

"That night in Iowa, we decided we had to do this," Fortner said.

At the conference, Fortner and Shen participated in projects designed to help them understand the issues and develop com-

munity action checklists. They also learned about the Kids Care International Outreach program, which handles the food packaging program.

The girls' determination was bolstered when Fortner, Shen, and Ding each spent part of their summer witnessing the impact that food insecurity has on populations around the world.

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## 'A' is for victory

LEFT: The week before Christmas break, Culver Elementary students took a little time out of their day to party in the gymnasium. They've earned it: the special event took place to celebrate the school's status as a grade "A" school, according to the State of Indiana's Department of Education, which evaluates each public school based on standardized test scores, among other factors.

CES principal Chuck Kitchell kicked off the two events (one for the lower grade levels and another for the upper) lauding students for their hard work in bringing test scores to the "A" level. Pictured here, enjoying some of the musical offerings of the event, are (from left to right) 4th graders Donald Plantz, Owen Clingler, and Wyatt Ringer.

## Culver Received an "A" (a poem)

But Mr. Kitchell was having a conference  
while working on the results of a test

So I turned to the others  
working right there in that space  
Mrs. Conley had a parent on the phone  
Mrs. Hermanson, a sick kid in her face

Mrs. Snyder had a pile of money  
Spilling out and onto the floor  
Mrs. Shepherd was contacting a teacher  
Mrs. Havron helped a visitor through the door

Mrs. Anderson was having a private meeting  
talking to a student with a need  
Mrs. Proskey was discussing the school rules  
With a student, wait no-- 2, wait no—there were 3

I walked out of the office  
I needed an answer; I needed it today!  
I needed the answer to my question,  
“How did this school get an A?”

Ms. Overmyer was in her (kindergarten) room teaching  
about the sounds that letters do make  
Mrs. Bonine was helping the students  
see the difference between things real and fake

Mrs. VanDePutte was showing the students  
how to write neatly upon the classroom board  
Mrs. Urbin had all of her students  
measuring the distance from their desk to the door

Mrs. Smith was sitting with a group of her students See Poem page B2

*Editor's note: In honor of last month's celebration of Culver Elementary School's state Dept. of Education rating as an "A" school, CES 6th grade teacher Todd Shafer -- known for helping his students learn English and other subjects through poetry -- composed a poem, excerpts of which follow. In the opening lines, the author seeks the key to understanding the school's success, and in the following lines, discovers it's the dedication of individual administrators, teachers, and staff, whom he describes below. (Note: several mentioned staff members had to be omitted due to space considerations).*

...I journeyed to the office  
to find the answer to my quest

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said, vendors are disallowed in the park by ordinance, but an exception made for the annual Lake Fest there.

Culver town marshal Wayne Bean said he was uncomfortable with Culver officers providing security for the festival -- as had been briefly discussed -- given the department's emphasis on fighting public alcohol consumption. He said, pending park approval, he would work with festival organizers to reach agreements satisfactory to everyone involved.

Council member Ed Pinder expressed some concern about alcohol in the park, particularly in light of the proximity of the event to children's play areas. However, he emphasized his support of small businesses and the fund-raising aspect of the event, adding he would not vote against the festival.

Pesek emphasized the hope that the event would bring heavy traffic to town over the weekend; George Pesek affirmed the location -- the east end of the park -- aids in policing the event due to its high fence, and lends atmosphere due to the beauty of the Maxinkuckee beach at hand.

Tammy Pesek addressed some potential concern by distinguishing between a "craft beer" festival such as the one proposed here, versus the "drunken bash" some might think of when they hear of a beer festival.

"We're actually involved in a lot of beer fests," she said. "They're sophisticated; these are sort of what we call 'beer snobs.'"

"These people look for these festivals and come and stay in town," added Erikson. "They typically go to restaurants...it's going to bring a lot of business to Culver in general. Valparaiso has a brewery. Their festival was

packed, and the surrounding restaurants had lines out the door."

George Pesek noted the average age of attendees at such festivals is 35. "And they're high income," he said. "These are not some 18 to 21 year old hooligans trying to get drunk."

The council approved the event going forward, pending approval by the park board, with Githens voting against it due, he said, to his wish that the park board approve it before the council.

### Culver board appointments

Handling the usual beginning-of-the-year board appointments, the council reappointed Tammy Shaffer to the park board. Ricciardi noted the town would hold onto letters from four other interested persons, in case present park board member Leroy Bean resigns this year, as he indicated is possible.

The council approved Jerry Ney and Brandon Cooper to stay on the Culver Redevelopment Commission, with Ricciardi as council president appointing Kathy Clark, Rick Tompos, and Steve Heim to the CRC as well.

Approved for the Culver tree commission were Dick Brantingham and Larry Brockey (both reappointments) and new appointment Kathy Clark. Council also approved the reappointment of Kevin Berger to the Marshall County Economic Development Corporation.

### Farm animal ordinance

Approved on all three readings and thus passed was an ordinance prohibiting farm animals within town limits and amending the nuisance ordinance to include such animals -- which includes chickens -- as a public nuisance. Horses being used for transportation or to pull buggies or carts were exempted.

### Storm sewer project moves forward

The council also approved moving forward towards a storm drainage improvement project in Culver, as explained by grant writer Shannon McLeod.

She explained grant monies totaling \$792,835, previously left unapproved by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, came up available again unexpectedly last fall, according to a call from OCRA to the town hall.

Mark Sullivan, of Commonwealth Engineers, explained the funds would overhaul storm water drainage on the west end of Lake Shore Drive outside Culver Elementary School, where as much as four feet of water sometimes accumulates. Work would move from that area across properties to the west, eventually paralleling Jefferson Street on the south side and discharging to a culvert on State Road 17. A county drain follows the same path, and the proposed work this year would also fulfill an agreement between the town and county calling for replacement of a section of storm sewer there. Total cost is \$892,000, so Culver's financial commitment would be around \$100,000, said

Sullivan.

He also noted timing on the project is "fairly tight," as bids must be received by June 30. Construction can begin within 30 days of those bids, and with a four month projection of work time, the project should be done by November. If deadlines are unmet, the grant is null and void, Sullivan added.

"We can meet that deadline from an engineering standpoint, but we need to get rolling on it."

The council approved allocation of those funds, also authorizing Ricciardi to approve needed alterations as work proceeds.

### Public transport for seniors, EMS, other matters

In other discussion, town manager Dave Schoeff said Culver may be one step closer to in-town, public transportation for seniors following an unexpectedly robust response from residents to a survey on the matter. Applauding the community for its participation in the survey, Schoeff noted 93 people responded positively to the idea, which would hopefully utilize Marshall County Council on Aging vehicles to transport seniors within the Culver area around town as needed. Such transportation is currently provided one day per week, something some have requested increase.

Schoeff suggested a work session with Jackie Wright of the Council on Aging. He affirmed the biggest hurdle in facilitating increased coverage is financial, though the Council may seek a vehicle to house permanently in Culver.

The council also approved up to \$600 to pay an interested party, as reported by Schoeff, to digitize past town records in hopes of eventually backing them all up, not only within the town hall, but on offsite servers and possibly on the town website.

The majority of town documents are in the town hall with no other copies available in the event of a damaging occurrence there.

The council also approved \$11,820 for the town's portion of purchase of a new grass truck for the Culver fire department, at the request of new chief Terry Wakefield. The township trustee will provide the remaining funds for the truck, Wakefield added.

Culver EMS director Bob Cooper III detailed the previous year's activities in his department, noting he was retained as director at the EMS' November meeting. EMS member Kathy Hart has resigned as a training officer (though not as a member of the service); John Grolich will remain as training officer.

Barb Penrod and Robert K. Cooper were retained as trustees, with Sally Ricciardi added; Brandon Cooper is vice director of the service, which presently has 17 members total. Six of those are advanced EMTs; seven are basic EMTs, and four are drivers. Ten employees are paid, two full-time advanced EMTs and eight part-time advanced EMTs, said Cooper.

Among accomplishments in 2012, the EMS implemented its new charting program, eMedicReports, through Accumed; started off the year with a major push for new volunteers, which netted seven new members. Five out of seven participants in a Culver-hosted EMT class became certified, and the department updated members' uniforms at the end of the year as well.

The Culver EMS handled 457 total calls last year, including 305 medical, 95 trauma, and 57 various others such as fire standbys, lift assists, and the like, according to Cooper. Of those calls, 180 were in the town of Culver, 127 in Union Township, and 21 in Monterey. Of 59 requested paramedical assists, 44 times paramedics were available, he added.

In all, 1051.5 shifts were covered by volunteers, said Cooper.

During her clerk's report, town clerk Karen Heim was approved for three requested encumbrances totaling \$43,098.67, for paving on Main Street and a laptop. Also approved was \$968 from the clerk's budget for one laptop and part of the cost of another.

Heim described the remaining balances on various town budgets at the end of last year: \$36,088.27 (clerk's); \$0 (police); \$3,515.70 (fire); \$37,187.28 (EMS); \$799.80 (park); \$105,432.51 (MVH). Total remaining unspent is \$183,023.56.

## Obituaries

### Robert Bracken

April 6, 1921-Jan. 6, 2013



FRANKFORT — Robert Bracken, 91, of Frankfort and summer resident of Culver, grandfather to Megan Porter, died on Sunday, Jan. 6, 2013, at Clinton House Health and Rehab Center in Frankfort at 5:03 a.m.

He was born April 6, 1921, in Frankfort, the son of Robert and Margaret McComb Bracken.

On Oct. 23, 1949, he married the former Margaret Emslie in Montpelier, Vt.; she survives.

Robert attended Shortridge High School and graduated from Culver Summer School Naval Academy; he later graduated from Wabash College in 1943 where he was a member of Phi Gamma Delta, and completed his education at Harvard Law School in 1949. He served in the United States Army from 1943 to 1946 as a Second Lieutenant in the Medical Administrative Corp. Robert was an attorney in Frankfort from 1952 until his retirement in 1990; he was also prosecuting attorney for one term. Robert served as attorney for the Frankfort School Board for 22 years and president for one year. He was a member, deacon, elder and trustee of First Presbyterian Church where he also taught adult Sunday school for 22 years. Robert was also an Eagle Boy Scout, a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Friends of the Library, a charter member of Frankfort Optimist, and volunteered for Meals on Wheels. Robert was instrumental in obtaining and maintaining the history of many organizations in writing.

Surviving Robert are two children, Robert E. Bracken of Santa Monica, Calif., and Sarah (Brett) Porter of Frankfort; and one granddaughter, Megan Porter of Culver.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation for Robert was held on Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2013, at Genda Funeral Home in Frankfort from 4-7 p.m. Funeral service was held on Thursday, Jan. 10, 2013, at the funeral home at 1 p.m. with Rev. Paul Copeland officiating. Burial followed in Green Lawn Cemetery in Frankfort.

Memorials in Robert's name may be made to First Evangelical Presbyterian Church or Frankfort Public Library.

Online condolences may be directed to [www.gendafuneralhome.com](http://www.gendafuneralhome.com).

### Albertine Jenkin Raub

Oct. 19, 1912-Jan. 9, 2013

LOGANSPORT — Albertine Jenkin Raub, age 100, Logansport, passed away at 10:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2013, in Miller's Merry Manor.

Born Oct. 19, 1912, in Logansport, she was the daughter of Walter Bertrum and Elizabeth Lottridge Jenkin.

Albertine attended the Church of Christ, Scientist, as a child in Logansport. Upon her marriage, she became a member of Calvary Presbyterian Church.

She attended Daniel Webster grade school, Lincoln Jr. High School, and Logansport High School. She completed high school at Fairfax Hall Boarding School for Girls in Waynesboro, Va. She attended Vogue School of Art in Chicago.

Albertine was a member of Kappa Kappa Kappa sorority and was a director of the F & M State Bank.

Until she lost her eyesight, she studied the teachings of Mary Baker Eddy and the Holy Bible one hour every day.

Albertine married Malcolm Jacob Raub on Dec. 28, 1933. He preceded her in death in 1981. Her second marriage was to her high school sweetheart, Dr. William Henry (Bud) Kammerer, in 1991. He passed away in 1993.

She and Dr. Kammerer lived on three Indian reservations in Montana, South Dakota, and Iowa, where he was a volunteer physician after retiring.

Albertine was a world traveler, but Lake Maxinkuckee in Culver was her love (though she lived in many places, such as Naples, Fla., New York City, Logansport, Chicago, and Virginia).

She had many friends in various parts of the world, with her Logansport and Culver friends being her dearest. The ones who have gone before are many, and were much loved by her and her children.

Surviving are children, Ann Raub (husband, Don) Snyder, Logansport and Malcolm Jenkin "Pat" Raub, South Bend; sister, Barbara Jenkin, Logansport; five grandchildren, Kathleen Snyder (husband, Duke) Tanguy, Logansport, Dr. David Raub (wife, Heather) Snyder, Clarksville, Tenn., Raubyn Snyder (husband, Reed) Barich, Fishers, Elizabeth Raub (fiance Dan Stenberg), South Bend and Brian Raub, Atlanta, Ga.; 13 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding in death were a daughter, Kathleen Raub, loving cousins, Margaret Ann Frushour Wilson Becker, and Robert Frushour, Sr., niece, Carroll Young and nephews, David Young and Thomas Young.

The funeral was at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, 2013, at Kroeger Funeral Home, with Rev. Doug Mankell officiating.

### Mildred Virginia Curtis

April 28, 1920 - Jan. 5, 2013



PENSACOLA, Fla. — Mildred Virginia Curtis passed away Jan. 5, 2013 at her daughter's home in Pensacola, Fla. where she had received loving care for several years from her daughter, Colleen G. (Curtis) Grozdanovski, and son-in-law, Petar Grozdanovski.

Born April 28, 1920 in Culver, she was the daughter of the late Henry L. and Rubie (Lasch) Henning of Culver.

Mildred was a 1938 graduate of Culver High School and married her high school sweetheart, Forrest E. Curtis, who preceded her in death. Her son, Stanley E. Curtis, Ph.D., a University of Illinois Urbana Champaign professor emeritus, also preceded her in death.

Mildred was a very sweet, loving, and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and friend who loved music, singing, the Lawrence Welk show, playing bridge, coffee, deserts, and people. She was also a wonderful seamstress, hairdresser, and expert baker, and managed an apartment complex while she lived in Michigan City.

She was a member of the Poplar Grove Methodist Church during the many years that she lived in Culver.

Mildred is survived by three sons: Thomas L. Curtis of Culver; David A. Curtis of Pawleys Island, S.C.; and Lindon J. Curtis of Cumming, Ga.; as well as by her daughter: Colleen G. (Curtis) Grozdanovski of Pensacola, Fla. and one sister: Dorothy (Henning) Thews of Culver.

She is also survived by five grandsons: Iain Curtis of Urbana, Ill.; Jason Curtis of Munich, Germany; Andrew Curtis of Chicago, Ill.; Stephen Curtis of Attleboro, Mass.; and Michael Curtis of Attleboro, Mass.; two granddaughters: Margaret (Curtis) Brown of Savoy, Ill. and Frances (Curtis) Belton of Marquette, Mich.; and four stepgranddaughters: Cornelia (Gumulauskis) Scammel of Hereford, Ariz.; Iris (Gumulauskis) Linder of Owings Mills, Md.; Samantha (Penney) Woodmansee of New Glarus, Wis.; and Sarah (Penney) DeCremer of Antioch, Ill.; one nephew: Roger Thews Jr. of Culver; and five nieces: Jean (Curtis) Sisk of Fruitland Park, Fla.; Judith (Thews) Tipton of Fort Wayne; Susan (Thews) Eller of Rochester; Virginia (Thews) Cole of Culver; and Barbara (Thews) Rans of Culver.

In accordance with Mildred's requests, her funeral at the Poplar Grove Methodist Church east of Culver on State Road 10, interment in the Poplar Grove Cemetery, and a gathering following the services at a restaurant in Culver will take place on a date to be announced in the spring of 2013.

Condolences may be sent to the Odom Funeral Home, 104 E. Lake Shore Drive, Culver, IN 46511 or via the obituary page at [www.odomfuneralhome.com](http://www.odomfuneralhome.com).

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in memory of Mildred to Covenant Hospice, 5041 N. 12th Avenue, Pensacola, Fla. 32504 - a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing excellence in compassionate care.

## Death notice

McDaniel

**Thelma I. McDaniel**  
Jan. 12, 2013

CULVER — Thelma I. McDaniel, 86, of Culver died Jan. 12, 2013.

She is survived by a son, Stephen (Cynthia) McDaniel of Plymouth; two grandchildren; and a sister, Wilma Sorg. Visitation was Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2013 from 9:30 to

11 a.m. at The Odom Funeral Home of Culver where services immediately followed at 11 a.m. Wednesday. Burial is at Culver Masonic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wesley United Methodist Church, Culver. 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 arrangements.

## Library news

### Library welcomes Artist of the Month

Culver-Union Township Public Library welcomes Barb Peden as its artist of the month for January. Peden, an Argos native, is a retired nurse. A student of Dorothy Blodgett of South Bend, Peden has enjoyed decorative painting with acrylics for the past 14 years. She is a member of The Society of Decorative Painters. She paints on various surfaces, including wood, slate, and metal. Her future interests include decorative painting on furniture.

For more information, contact Laura Jones at 574-842-2941 or [ljones@culver.lib.in.us](mailto:ljones@culver.lib.in.us).

### OverDrive eBook, Audiobook workshop

Culver-Union Township Public Library will offer new technology classes in January. If you have received a

new device for Christmas, come and learn about it at the library!

The library will offer two sessions in January covering OverDrive, its downloadable eBook and audiobook service. The class will demonstrate how to setup your library account and device to download books from the service.

OverDrive services are provided to card-holding patrons of who are residents of Union township. If you do not live within Union township, see if your local library offers the service.

Classes are scheduled for Monday, Jan. 21, and Thursday, Jan. 24, at 6 p.m.

OverDrive is compatible with the following devices: Android Smartphones, Android Tablets, iPad, iPod, iPhone, Kindle, Kindle Fire, Nook HD/HD+.

Even if your device is not listed above, the library can help! These classes are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Andrew Baker at [abaker@culver.lib.in.us](mailto:abaker@culver.lib.in.us) or 574-842.2941.

## Birth - Rogers



Jake and Emily Rogers of Culver announce the birth of a daughter born Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2012 at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Ellie Kay Rogers weighed 7 pounds and 6 ounces and was 20 inches long.

She was welcomed home by a sibling Abigail

Rogers, 2. Maternal grandparents are Steve and Annette Osborn of Culver.

Paternal grandparents are John and Lori Rogers of Plymouth.

Paternal great-grandparents are Dwight and Elsie Wade of Plymouth, and Sandy Rogers of Topeka, Kan.

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## If these walls could talk: The East Jefferson ice house

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

It's been several weeks since the last entry in our series of "virtual" visits to various buildings in Culver, though we're still in the general downtown area. We've traveled east on Jefferson Street to its end at the shore of Lake Maxinkuckee (not bothering, though, to cross the railroad tracks just west of the shoreline) and now we're just about done with the street entirely.

If you headed to today's location nowadays, you'd be standing on Culver Cove property; but for several decades in the early 20th century, its most notable use was as part of the Medbourn ice house. The story of the ice industry in Culver has been told a number of times in a variety of venues, but it remains one of the more fascinating aspects of our history here. That's partly because we're so far removed from the lack of electricity -- and hence convenient refrigeration -- which had made ice harvesting necessary for hundreds of years prior. It's also because Culver made a name for itself around the state and even the Midwest for its production of "pure Maxinkuckee ice," to the tune of literally millions of tons of ice per season, an endeavor which also provided an important source of income to local farmers and laborers during what would otherwise have been a pretty stagnant time of year in terms of money making.

The ice industry had its start in the 19th century and hit Culver by 1882, when Indianapolis businessman Sterling Holt opened an ice house on the west shore of the lake, just north of the outlet, with Sam Medbourn as manager.

A cover story headline in the Marmont Herald (the precursor to the Culver Citizen, in the days when Culver was still Marmont) declared, "Ice for Millions...Over Four Hundred Car Loads Cut Thus Far this



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Season (and not half of the ice houses filled yet...an industry that is a God-send to the laboring men in the winter)." The article noted some \$15,000 per year was left in Culver due to the ice industry, a might hefty sum in 1895.

There were two major ice harvesting operations on the south end of town prior to the opening of Samuel Medbourn's ice business, the Lake Maxinkuckee Ice Company, on Jefferson Street. As our own frequent contributor, Rev. Dr. John Houghton unearthed in his 1976 Citizen article on the ice industry, Medbourn's great innovation to the ice business lay in the channel available to him underneath the railroad tracks around what would today be the southern end of the Culver Cove building.

That's because movement of ice blocks from the ice "field" on the lake, to the storage buildings on the other side of the tracks had to be halted each time a train came through. Utilizing the under-track channel at the Jefferson Street site meant work could continue unabated, regardless of rail traffic.

Medbourn, who had started his career in frozen water in the Holt operation, opened his house circa 1903 on Jefferson Street. It would soon become Culver's sole commercial ice operation, and it's certainly the one most present-day Culverites who remember the ice industry remember at all.

Elizabeth Davis, in last week's Citizen, recalled what surely was a not-unfamiliar story to many in the area: that of her father feeding the livestock before sunrise on their farm near Burr Oak and trudging, in the dark, to the ice house to spend the day working. Payment -- which on a few occasions was rendered in gold, according to Citizen accounts and the recollections of late Culver fire chief David Burns -- facilitated

Mr. Zechiel's purchasing a few groceries before walking back to Burr Oak that evening, sharing his purchases with his family, and tending the stock before bed.

The Medbourn ice house typically employed around



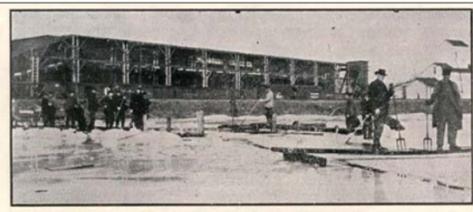
Workers at the Medbourn Ice Company on East Jefferson Street manning the conveyor which sent ice into storage or onto waiting train cars.

300 men each winter, and according to Burns, work often continued through the night.

Those with a penchant for history often find themselves impressed with the ingenuity of our ancestors, faced with challenging tasks minus the technological advances of the present age. Workers at the Medbourn house, said Burns, utilized calcium carbide, or acetylene lights combined with reflective sheets of steel, to facilitate ongoing work through the dark hours of night, on the large ice field offshore from Jefferson Street.

The Maxinkuckee Ice Co., in fact, had stores bearing its name in both Logansport and Mishawaka, at least, out of which were sold "pure Maxinkuckee ice." Davis Burns' wife Judi's website at [www.maxinkuckee.history.past-tracker.com](http://www.maxinkuckee.history.past-tracker.com), in fact, includes a photo of the Logansport store, as well as mention that a movie was shot in 1927 of ice harvesting at the Medbourn house, which was shown in Culver, Logansport, and elsewhere. Uncovering that film would be a momentous find for students of Culver history!

Horses were employed to See Walls page B6



MEDBOURN ICE COMPANY  
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS IN  
PURE LAKE MAXINKUCKEE ICE

ABOVE: A 1922 advertisement for the Medbourn Ice Company on East Jefferson Street, pictured from the lake looking west towards the main ice house.

## The cat-hunt and other news

First and foremost in order for Culver to the Presidential D.C., which will after this paper hits one's politics, I be watching to see And regardless of in the Culver area, makes this community unique, and it certainly benefits all of us in terms of raising Culver's profile to potential visitors and the like.



### View from Main Street

By Jeff Kenney  
Editor

Kudos, also, to the Culver students who braved what was undeniably nasty weather Sunday afternoon for their practice parade through part of the town of Culver. I, for one, was glad to get back into a warm, dry vehicle, even while the students marched and rode on through rain and hail!

In case you missed the pink and blue balloons outside the Culver Coffee Company, its owner, Dawn Minas Brockey, and husband Larry, of Brockey Insurance, are the proud parents of twins Zachary and Mia, who I understand both weighed in around the three pound mark.

Dawn and Larry have been gracious and generous businesspeople in Culver who have spearheaded or assisted with many charitable and/or community endeavors, and I know the entire community joins the Citizen in congratulating them. Before long, there'll be some new little baristas behind the counter at the CCC.

Sitting in my "to use sometime" folder is a photo of the (relatively) recently installed Redbox kiosk, over at the Family Dollar store on State Road 10. For the uninitiated, Redbox offers inexpensively priced DVD and video game rentals, vending machine style. For those who haven't hopped onto the Netflix bandwagon (or some other online movie delivery system), this is likely a convenience. It's interesting to contemplate the twists and turns of the home entertainment industry, and how far we've come from the days when almost everyone in Culver utilized the offerings of Bick's Flicks video, late of Academy Road...and how many years it held court there as the only movie option. Have we really come so far that a story on renting VHS tapes there would be a historical peek into a bygone era?

For those with an interest in Culver's past, who are not following the Citizen on Facebook, the Antiquarian and Histori-

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most, congratulations are Academies' latest invite Inaugural in Washington, take place a few short days the streets. Regardless of know many in the area will Culver hit the world stage. one's affiliation with what, this is the sort of thing that

dered in gold, according to Citizen accounts and the recollections of late Culver fire chief David Burns -- facilitated

## Where in the world is The Culver Citizen

Another reader has sent in a photo of your local, hometown paper on one of its many travels to unusual, notable, exotic, or faraway locales. Can any sharp-eyed readers spot identify where the Citizen visited most recently? A free weekend beach pass to Culver's public beach anytime in February awaits the lucky readers who correctly identify it. Answers -- or readers' own photos of the Citizen on its travels with their own family -- may be directed to the editor at [culvercitizen@gmail.com](mailto:culvercitizen@gmail.com), or 574-216-0075.



## Name that Culver 'citizen'



LEFT: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Don Mackey, then and now. ABOVE: This week's Mystery Citizen.

School grad, but has remained a presence in Culver over the years in assisting his parents in their antiques business, for decades known as The Collectors, on Main Street (the business is officially closed now, though Don occasionally continues to sell antiques from the building). He's had his own antiques endeavors outside of town as well, and one reader noted he played "wicked drums" while in school here. Some readers identified him with his brother, Dennis, and I'm counting that as "close enough."

If that seems unfair, I guess we can limit their prize to free parking in only one block of downtown Main Street!

Recognizing Don were readers Wayne Bean, Jim Jones, Carin Clifton, Susan Danielson, Anna Neher, Ed Pinder Jr., Bob Bean, Phyllis Cox, Dick Zimmerman.

This week's Mystery Citizen, also a grad of Culver's high school, has been employed at one local entity for a great many years, and her family has long been well known in the area.

Guesses may be emailed to [culvercitizen@gmail.com](mailto:culvercitizen@gmail.com) or call the editor at 574-216-0075.



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## Hunger from page A1

Fortner received an internship from the World Food Prize and spent her summer doing research in rural India. Ding, a Batten Scholar, spent part of her summer internship with a family in rural Morocco. Also a Batten Scholar, Shen studied the food market systems in Bolivia during her internship.

Back at Culver, the girls launched The Hunger Fighters Project ([thehungerfightersproject.org](http://thehungerfightersproject.org)) with a simple goal: "to educate and empower youth about global food issues to take action in their community."

"Food insecurity," said Ding, "is the world's direst, solvable problem. What's worse (is that) we have enough food in the world to feed everyone—but, we just haven't. It's injustice at its most unacceptable. Luckily, we have the means to do something about it—and we are."

Specifically, the non-profit group Taking Action: Kids Against Hunger ([kidsagainsthunger.org](http://kidsagainsthunger.org)) challenged Culver students to package 20,000 soy-fortified meals to send to locations local and abroad, which meant raising \$5,000.

Towards that end, the students came up with a number of events, such as October's belly flop competition at the school's pool; a 24-hour fast on Oct. 16 for World

Food Day; and the Culver Hunger Banquet: Feed Your Mind, which took place at the school November 2. Hosted by the Global Studies Institute and the Hunger Fighters Project, the banquet, "an effort to expose local and global hunger issues" meant to be a call to action as much as a fund-raiser.

The World Food Day fast and the Culver Hunger Banquet were used to illustrate how difficult it is for most people in the world to receive an adequate amount of food on a regular basis.

For the Hunger Banquet, the audience was divided up into three classes: 50 percent were declared lower class and given a small cup of rice they had to eat with their fingers; 35 percent made up the middle class and received a mixture of rice and curry they ate with a spoon; and the remaining 15 percent, with a minimum annual income of \$9,000, were in the upper class and received a three-course meal while seated at a table.

The tricky part was that the upper class could also take food from the lower and middle classes to eat if they were

still hungry and the other two classes could barter for more food or try and steal it from the kitchen, which was guarded.

Ding said by the time the evening was done, her arms were covered with watches and the group had also collected cell phones and class rings in exchange for more food. And some students admitted to finding ways to steal food. They have also partnered with other campus organizations that touch on global health because those issues are so tied to food security problems.

Everything they have done to date can be found on their website: [thehungerfightersproject.org](http://thehungerfightersproject.org).

Those who would like to donate should put "Culver Food Packaging" in the purpose section so Hunger Fighters receives the credit. The funds are being funneled through the Kids Against Hunger program in Fort Wayne, Ind., and are tax deductible. Kids Against Hunger will be supplying the food for the packaging event.

The package will include rice, vitamin-fortified soy protein, dehydrated vegetables, and chicken flavored, vegetarian vitamin and mineral powder. The girls said each food package costs just 25 cents and will feed up to six children. The goal is to complete 20,000 food packages during the January 19 event.

The packaging event is slated for 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Academies dining hall. The effort will be overseen by Kids Against Hunger, a not-for-profit based in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Those unable to attend but interested in donating directly to the cause may do so online via [www.kah-fortwayne.org/content/donate](http://www.kah-fortwayne.org/content/donate).

-Jan Garrison, *Culver Academies Communications*, with additions by Jeff Kenney, *Citizen editor*.

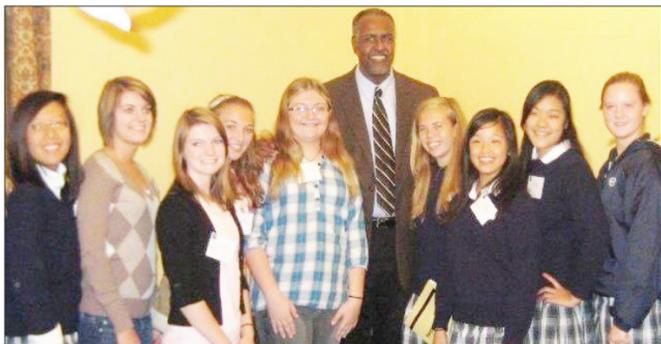


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Pictured at the World Food Prize Global Institute are, among other attendees pictured (in Culver uniforms, from left), Alex Ding, Mary McKinnis, Lori Bin, Joy Shen, and Caitlynn Fortner. In the background is Gebisa Ejeta, World Food Prize 2008 winner.

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hope for her unknown future. Starring John Schmidt, this movie reminds us that in God's eyes, every life is beautiful. The move starts at 6 p.m. EST, and the church is located at 718 S. Main St. For more information, contact Pastor Dan Huhn at 574-842-3056.

### Soil & Water Conservation mtg. Jan. 22

PLYMOUTH — Marshall County Soil & Water Conservation District will hold its annual meeting Tuesday, Jan. 22 at 6:30 p.m. at Pretty Lake Trinity United Methodist Church.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Chris A. Hurt, a professor in the Purdue University Department of Agricultural Economics. Meal will be catered by Mary & Martha Circle.

Tickets cost \$10 apiece. Please RSVP by Monday, Jan. 15 to 574-936-2024 Ext. 3. Door prizes will be distributed.

### Community meal at St. Mary's Jan. 30

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church's monthly community meal will take place Wednesday, Jan. 30. On the 30th day of each month, a community meal will be provided for anyone interested in attending. St. Mary of the Lake is located at 124 College Avenue in Culver. Questions may be directed to 574-842-2522.

### Chili supper for the food pantry Feb. 1

The Culver Lions Club and Culver's Council of Churches are teaming up to support the Culver food pantry by way of a chili supper Friday, Feb. 1, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the train station-depot on Lake Shore Drive. Both organizations assume all cost, so all proceeds from the event will be donated to the pantry. The supper will include "Pinder chili," veggies, drink, and homemade desserts. A freewill offering of money or food goods, paper products, and/or personal products will be the price of admission.

### Notice to Antiquarian member-subscribers

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### Extensive Tyler art exhibit at Crisp Gallery

The recently-launched Herbert F. Tyler Bequest — the most generous gift of visual art in the history of Culver Academies — is exhibit in the Crisp Visual Art Center on the campus of Culver Academies through March 2013. The exhibit features more than 190 pieces of artwork in 10 media disciplines. Galleries are open to the public Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the school year and the second Sunday of each month from 1 to 4 p.m. Groups desiring a tour should call 574-842-8278. The Crisp Visual Arts Center is located on the south side of Academy Road between Logansport Gate and Eppley Auditorium.

### Soup-er Bowl at PLTUMC Feb. 3

PLYMOUTH — Pretty Lake Trinity United Methodist Church, 8985 S.R. 17, Plymouth is hosting Soup-er Bowl Sunday luncheon Feb. 3, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Menu includes five kinds of soup, sandwiches, veggies, desserts, and drinks.

Cost is \$8 for adults; children 6 to 12, \$4; and children younger than 6 free.

### Lilly scholarship application

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship program is available for 2013 graduates, who may apply online at [www.pulaskionline.org](http://www.pulaskionline.org). Deadline is Jan. 7, 2013 at 3 p.m. eastern time. The program is fully funded by the Lilly Endowment Inc. and administered locally by the Pulaski County Community Foundation. Recipients will receive full tuition and required fees as well as up to \$900 per year for required books and equipment for four years of undergraduate study at an accredited Indiana public or private college or university. Applicants must be a resident of Pulaski County, be a high school senior graduating by the end of June 2013 with a diploma from a regionally accredited Indiana high school, and be accepted to pursue full-time baccalaureate study at an accredited public or private college or university in Indiana.

### MCCF grant apps due Feb. 1

The Marshall County Community Foundation is accepting applications for the first General Endowment and

Ralph C. Vonnegut, Jr. Fund grant cycle of 2013. Grants from this endowment fund address needs throughout Marshall County typically focusing on the arts, education, health and human services, recreation and the environment. Applications are due by 4:30 p.m., Friday, February 1. Final decisions will be made by the Board of Directors during their March meeting. Applicants must be organizations with 501(c)(3) IRS status. Call 574-935-5159 or visit the MCCF website at [marshallcountycf.org](http://marshallcountycf.org).

### Good News Club at CES

Culver Elementary School will host Good News Clubs Tuesdays after school until 4:30 p.m. The club will meet in the library (in the Pit). Good News Clubs are sponsored by Child Evangelism Fellowship, and consist of Bible lessons, missionary stories, songs, Scripture memorization and creative learning activities. All children attending must have a permission slip supplied by the school.

### Adult basketball at CCMS gym

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

### Downtown clock donations sought

Funds are still being sought for Culver's new Main Street clock. 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.

Keep up with the latest Culver news online at [culvercitizen.com](http://culvercitizen.com) and [facebook.com/culvercitizen](https://www.facebook.com/culvercitizen)

## Culver splits with Triton in doubleheader at the Trojan Trench

By Kyle Hilliard  
Correspondent

**BOURBON** — The Lady Trojans started off Homecoming night with a big 52-37 win over Northern State Conference foe Culver Community, but the Cavaliers earned the split with a nip-tuck 46-42 boys win over the host Trojans in an NSC doubleheader at the Trojan Trench Friday night.

**CAVALIERS 46, TRITON 42**

The Culver Community Cavaliers got a big win over conference foe Triton, 46-42 at the Trojan Trench behind 57 percent shooting from the field.

The Cavaliers were led by senior Collin Stevens and junior Trent Elliott, who combined for 6-of-9 shooting from behind the arc and 12-of-19 total from the field, scoring 15 and 17 points respectively. Even with a good shooting night like that, Culver coach Kyle Elliott said that it was his team's defense that won this game.

"We talked coming over here that no one individual was going to beat that team," he said. "They are well-balanced and obviously well-coached. It took a team effort to get the job done. Defensively executing what we wanted to do, where we wanted to send double teams from, and when we were going to send them.

"I think our defense inspired our offense. They took some pride in it tonight."

It was a tight match all night with neither team really getting an edge. Culver held a one-point lead after one at 14-13, with Stevens hitting two of his four 3s in the quarter.

The second quarter was much of the same as Culver was able to get out to a five-point lead with about four minutes remaining, but Triton came right back and took a three-point lead into halftime behind junior Darren Harrell's buzzer-beating triple.

Triton played a much more balanced first half with six different players scoring, but the second half was another story. Trojans Coach Jason Groves was frustrated with the lack of execution in the second half.

"They played really well," he said of Culver. "They executed and did what they needed to do to win. It frustrates me because we didn't execute our sets. There were times where we didn't know what we were doing out there.

While Triton was unable to convert from downtown, Culver started the second half with two big 3s from Elliott to keep the momentum going on offense. The Cavs never trailed from that point on leading 35-34 at the end of the third quarter.

Yeo tried to will the Trojans to a win, scoring 15 of his



PHOTO/ALAN HALL

Culver Community's Collin Stevens looks for an open man between Triton defenders Tanner Shepherd, left, and Clay Yeo, right, during a game in Bourbon Friday.

23 in the second half, but he didn't have enough as senior Kyle Vlach hit two big free throws with 1:05 remaining to put the Cavaliers up 45-42 and seal the eventual victory.

"Clay Yeo is one of the best players in northern Indiana for sure. We knew we were going to have our hands full," said Coach Elliott. "We saw them three times last year, and he even hit a buzzer-beater to beat us on our home floor. Our seniors remembered that. This was a chance to come back here and maybe get a little pay back for that. I was really pleased with our effort."

With the win, Culver is now 8-3 overall and 2-2 in the NSC while Triton is now 7-4 overall and 2-1 in the NSC. Both teams' next games will be the opening round games of the Bi-County Tournament Tuesday.

**• CULVER 46, TRITON 42**  
At Bourbon

**LADY TROJANS 52,**  
**LADY CAVS 37**

The Triton Lady Trojans were able to defeat the Culver Community Lady Cavaliers 52-37 on homecoming night at the Trojan Trench.

Triton's defense was the primary reason for the win, shutting Culver out and only allowing two shots the entire second quarter. The game was tied early, and Culver junior Kayla Shaffer got into early foul trouble, picking up her second foul with 4:25 still remaining in the first quarter.

With Shaffer on the bench for most of the second quarter, Triton knew it was time to attack.

"Shaffer is a big key for what they do, and she got into foul trouble in the first half and that helped us out," said Triton coach Adam Heckaman. "Obviously the second quarter I thought was the difference in the game. We came out and got after it defensively. We knew with Shaffer out we had to get after it more. We knew we could get after them if it wasn't Shaffer and (Tatum) Schultz up there. As soon as Shaffer was out and Schultz was out for a short period in the second



PHOTO/ALAN HALL

Culver Community's Angela Lewellen brings the ball up the floor against Triton's Allie Kann during a game at the Trojan Trench Friday.

quarter, Shana Anderson knew she could turn it on there and get some tips and some steals."

Anderson turned it on for nine steals on the night, most of them coming in the second quarter. Triton shot well in that quarter also, scoring 17 points and pushing the lead out to 26-7 at the half.

From there on it was too little, too late for the Cavaliers.

They were able to match Triton for the rest of the game — even outscoring the hosts by seven in the final quarter — but they weren't able to get out of the hole they dug early.

According to Culver coach Gina Hierlmeier, starting off slow and turning over the ball really cost her team.

"We have to come out here and play better from the start," she said. "I thought we started out well and got a couple of baskets inside that we weren't able to finish but were unable to continue to get the ball down in the post area. We turned the ball over 23 times in the first half, and we just can't have that. We have a lot of improving to do. We didn't want to get into corners or pass through Anderson, and we kept doing the things we didn't want to do. I give credit to Triton. They played a good game tonight."

Donna Zehner finished with a double-double of 10 points and 11 rebounds, and Mickella Hardy scored nine with eight rebounds. Tatum Schultz put up eight points with three assists and five steals as Triton held Shaffer to four points.

Anderson scored 16 with nine steals and five rebounds for Triton, and Taylor Hatfield finished with 11 points and three assists.

Senior Breanna Lemler had a special night both on and off the court for Triton, scoring 10 points with four steals while also being crowned Homecoming Queen.

"Breanna Lemler had a heck of a game and caps it off with homecoming queen," said Heckaman. "Her best game by far all year. She knocked shots down, hit free throws, and got some rebounds in there."

With the win, Triton is now 11-4 and 5-0 in the NSC and in sole possession of first place in the Northern State Conference with only two games remaining.

Culver is now 9-5 and 4-1 in the NSC with the loss. Both teams' next games were opening round match-ups for the Tuesday. Triton hosted Argos

and Culver hosted Bremen.

**• TRITON 52, CULVER 37**  
At Bourbon

### Sports briefs

#### Boys basketball

##### CMA falls short

Culver Military Academy fell behind by nine at the half following a solid first quarter, and the Eagles stayed winless with a competitive 48-45 loss to Buchanan on the road in Michigan Saturday.

Bardley Fisher, Eljay Murray and Nick Zalduendo all finished in double digits for Culver with 14, 11 and 11 points, respectively.

Buchanan was led by 18 from Tyler Flynn and 12 from Kevin Dey.

**• BUCHANAN 48,**  
**CULVER MILITARY ACADEMY 45**  
At Buchanan

#### Cavs win at Washington Township

Trent Elliott put up a game-high 23 points with eight rebounds, and Culver Community hung on for a 45-40 win on the road at Washington Township Tuesday.

Kyle Vlach scored 10 points with a pair of steals, while Collin Stevens handed out four assists with eight points in the win, which pushes Culver to 7-3 on the season.

Washington Township was led by Brandon Adkins' 13 and falls to 6-4.

**• CULVER 45, WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP 40**  
At Valparaiso  
Score by quarters

#### Girls basketball

##### CGA resumes play with win

The Lady Eagles hit the court running after nearly month-long holiday layover, and Culver Girls Academy claimed a 71-13 rout of visiting Lakeland Christian Saturday.

Andrijana Cvitkovic and Victoria Christlieb scored 23 and 22 points, respectively, for CGA, and Cvitkovic finished with 15 rebounds and five assists. Alle Baker also



PHOTO/PAUL PARÉ

CGA's Victoria Christlieb, right, shoots as Lakeland Christian's Megan Lang (under the basket) looks on. In the background are (from left) Lakeland Christian's Frani Gerst and CGA player Andrijana Cvitkovic.

finished in double figures with 10 points in the win, which pushes the team to 8-5 on the season.

Lakeland was led by six points from Jessica Goss as the visitors fell behind 39-5 at the half after a scoreless second quarter.

**• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 71,**  
**LAKELAND CHRISTIAN 13**  
At Culver

#### Wrestling

##### Culver competes at Bremen Super Dual

New Prairie won the Bremen Super Dual with a perfect 5-0 record, while the host Lions finished third at 3-2, Triton was fourth at 2-3, and Culver Community rounded out the team standings in sixth place.

The Cougars had eight different weight class champions in the team win.

John Ahlenius topped the 145-pound standings for Culver, while Caleb Coffel was the heavyweight champion for Bremen.

Triton wins were over Culver and Concord, while Bremen beat Culver. Concord and Triton and fell six points shy of a win in the loss to Jimtown.

**• BREMEN SUPER DUAL**  
At Bremen

#### Eagles win vs Indians

Culver Academies wrestlers won eight bouts, all by pinfall, and the Eagles handed visiting South Bend St. Joseph a 54-24 defeat at home Wednesday.

Varun DeVatha won in just 45 seconds at 106 pounds, while Kayla Miracle was a pinfall winner at 126, David Zajac and Anthony McHugh finished back-to-back falls at 138 and 145, respectively, Edmond Hogan won at 160, and Collin Parker, Simon Griffith and Collin Pepper all earned pinfalls in the three highest weight classes, including falls in 42 and 12 seconds by Parker and Griffith.

**• CULVER MILITARY 54, ST. JOSEPH 24**

### REAL Meals 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.

**Thursday, Jan. 17:** Ham, au gratin potatoes, mixed vegetables, rye bread, fruit, milk.

**Friday, Jan. 18:** Spa-

ghetti, cauliflower, green beans, Italian bread, sugar free bundt cake, milk.

**Monday, Jan. 21:** Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, tropical fruit, milk.

**Tuesday, Jan. 22:** Swedish meatballs, rotini pasta, stewed tomatoes, peas, bread, fruit cocktail, milk.

**Wednesday, Jan. 23:** Ham loaf, sweet potatoes,

spiced apples, sourdough bread, brownie delight, milk.

**Thursday, Jan. 24:** Liver and onions, mashed potatoes, carrots, bran muffin, fruit cup, milk.

**Friday, Jan. 25:** Salmon burger, bun and tartar sauce, mixed vegetables, salad and dressing, dessert, milk.

### Blood donors needed at CCMS today

January is National Blood Donor Month, and all blood types are needed to ensure an adequate blood supply. Donors with type O negative, O positive, A negative or B negative blood are especially encouraged to give.

Thursday, Jan. 17, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Culver Middle School in the gymnasium, located at 701

School St. in Culver. This Pint Size Heroes blood drive is sponsored by Culver High School.

Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment or for more information.

A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. In-

dividuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in Indiana and Ohio), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

## Inaugural from page A1

Hogan is a four-year senior who's been in the horsemanship program all along.

"From our freshman year," she adds, "the other co-captain and I talked about and dreamed about the Inaugural!"

Hogan notes there will be 87 horses from Culver taken to the Inaugural event, to be ridden by 28 girls and 61 -- that's seven squads -- of boys.

Savannah Kranich, assistant Equestriennes coach and polo coach, has a somewhat unusual perspective. She attended the 2005 Inaugural as a CGA senior, and now will attend as a staff member.

"Having the privilege of being a co-captain of the Equestriennes for Inaugural was a huge honor and a goal I had set long before I even became a Culver student," she recalls.

Kranich also recalls the hard work leading up to the big day, though she says nothing can prepare students for the actual experience itself.

She describes the final time waiting for the parade as "chaos! Students, horses, tack, equipment, everywhere! Somehow we get ready in the limited time we have. After all this hurry up, stressful time, you're back to waiting...again.

"Once on the parade route you are overwhelmed with an emotion you can

barely contain. You're past nervous, the day has been so long, you stop noticing that you're cold, you are smiling ear to ear, and can no longer feel your cheeks. Adrenaline is keeping you going. It's really happening! You're really doing this! Nothing can prepare you for this feeling...(you are) part of a distinguished legacy of Culver.

"Having been through an Inaugural as a student you can understand how the kids are feeling, where their thoughts are, and what emotions they are dealing with," she says, acknowledging being on the adult side of preparations is "extremely different."

"Students don't realize just how much behind the scenes work goes into pulling off an invite to the Presidential Inaugural Parade, organizing a dinner for 400 people, and countless other tasks the Inaugural Committee comes across. I have a new appreciation for the hard work adults have selflessly contributed to make any Inaugural happen."

After confirmation of Culver's participation in the Inaugural arrived last month, Culver head of schools John Buxton affirmed this year's Culver presence is especially thrilling, being the anniversary occasion it is.

"I believe the current iteration of the Culver Inaugural Committee lobbied

as vigorously and worked as tirelessly as then-Col. Gignilliat did to ensure that Culver would be selected, but I am certain the competition for selection was far stiffer this year than in 1913. Special thanks to our committee for helping the Obama Administration see the value of tradition and perseverance—both important Culver values."

How do the student riders feel as the countdown to the Inaugural itself begins, particularly given the anniversary year status?

"This is really incredible," says Josh Kuric. "It's a very unique opportunity, to really represent and show the nation what Culver's all about. It's a huge way to open doors to more opportunities, but it's also really representing what we stand for."

"It's something that not a lot of people get to do," concurs Paul Foersch. "So many more high schools in Indiana could have been admitted, but we were chosen for a reason. It's nothing I can compare to anything else -- there's nothing like that, that you can do."

"They are one of few who have been able to have this opportunity," echoes Kranich. "I hope they all feel a sense of pride in themselves and for Culver. They will never forget the friends they shared this with, the feelings, and the experience itself."

## View from page A4

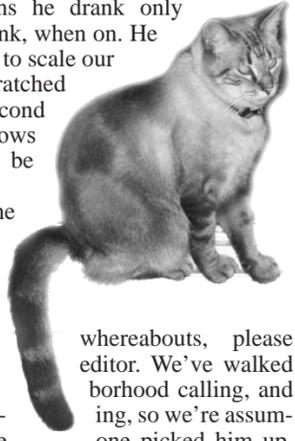
cal Society of Culver's website (culverahs.com) is now home to most all of the 1890s editions of the Culver newspaper (in those days *The Culver City Herald*) available to us. The bulk of the 1896-1899 papers are there, fully searchable. The paper started in 1894 as *The Marmont Herald*, but there are just a tiny handful of loose editions of the paper available prior to '96. The papers certainly provide a wealth of information -- not just the sort one might expect, but also more subtle insights into attitudes, community life, and even the (much changed, today!) style of local journalism of the day.

•So the editor has some egg on his face after last week's cover photo announced, "Ice!" as if its time had finally come and we were all one step away from skating across Lake Maxinkuckee. What, on Monday morning, looked like the signal that the lake freeze of '13 was imminent turned out, of course, to be practically short-sleeve weather (around 60 degrees!) through Saturday. Of course, winter wasn't about to be pushed too far aside, and Sunday gave us that nice freezing rain-snow mix, and by Monday morning the 13 degree temps must have been a bit much for the confused Culver Comm. Middle and High School boiler, whose malfunction led to a two-hour delay (it was back on the job by around 8 a.m., so the students are sufficiently warm).

• The editor spent part of the past weekend walking in alleys near our house calling for the family cat, which probably looked more than a little odd. Whether you're a "cat person" or not, if you have children you know how serious it is that our male cat Francis disappeared sometime Friday evening, somewhere in the vicinity of State Street and Liberty Street. And I have to give him credit, he's a pretty memorable cat, as cats go: when he wanted in, he leaped up onto the steel grate screen of the back door and hung there until someone accommodated him, and he refused to drink non-running water,

which means he drank only out of the sink, when on. He also learned to scale our roof, and scratched at our second floor windows at night to be let in.

Well, the family misses all that, so if you know of his whereabouts, please contact the editor. We've walked the neighborhood calling, and heard nothing, so we're assuming one picked him up, whether assuming he was a stray, or knowing he wasn't but not caring. If that's the case, there are some sad young children who really hope to see their pet returned... maybe someone out there can help.



ABOVE: The editor's family's lost cat. BELOW: The Red Box kiosk installed at Family Dollar in Culver this past fall. Think of it as a very small Bick's Flicks with less staff.



## Poem from page A2

reading a book to that enthusiastic class  
I finally had to keep on walking by  
I couldn't disturb them, so I kept going past

I could feel creativity flowing  
as I walked to the end of that hall  
There were kids singing and dancing with  
Mrs. Morrison  
Oh man, they were having a ball!

I peeked next door and felt energy  
coming from Mrs. Lyman's amazing art class  
And as I walked by the stairs I heard something else  
It was a sound that I just couldn't pass

I heard some awesome instruments playing  
so I snuck up that stairway at the end  
And there was Mrs. Hollis implementing  
A wonderful approach to the 5th and 6th grade band

I saw Mrs. Zechiel reading  
with a student, gaining success of his own  
And Mrs. Scutchfield was also working  
with a group of students—she wasn't alone

I got to that first grade hallway  
and oh, the awesome things that I saw!  
Mrs. Risner was working with students  
researching winter, spring, summer, and fall

Mrs. Berndt was helping some students  
to reach their reading potential and then more  
Mrs. Jefferies was working with numbers  
as the students grouped things together on the floor



Mrs. Dickerhoff was also teaching  
about the community the students lived in

They all were doing so many things  
I couldn't ask questions—I wouldn't know where to begin!

"You can find answers in (the library)," I told myself  
So I began looking around  
But Ms. Jackson was reading with students  
about all of the books and information that could be found

When I reached Mrs. Moise's second grade classroom  
They were all so intently creating things in their class  
I then walked over to Mrs. Ahlenius's room,  
and using their creative brains, they were studying math

So I took a jaunt over to Mrs. Bailey's room,  
and they were busily working on reading in there  
And then in Mrs. Master's class they were performing  
some interesting story with flair

I saw Mr. Elliott working with students  
increasing their physical energy levels in the gym  
Mr. Overmyer rushed by, helping keep the school working  
So I couldn't stop to get answers from him

I stopped and looked into Mrs. Cultice's room  
but they were all reading with enthusiasm that would last  
So I tiptoed over to Ms. Rife's room  
They were all striving to learn their verbs—future, present, and past

In Mrs. DeSalle's room they were working on fractions  
and how the equivalent ones came to be

So I then stepped over to Mrs. Tharp's room  
They were eagerly writing letters and in the correct style  
"I think I'm going to be in this school all day," I thought  
"Finding this answer just may take a while."

I began almost jogging down that long hallway  
Looking and searching to find the fourth grade  
And I came across Ms. Kinney at her room  
Actively helping students with communication on that day

I poked my head into Ms. Arvelo's room  
To teach her class, she had such an interesting way  
And with Miss Smith in there busily interpreting  
They didn't have time to answer my question—no way

Mrs. Stevens's room came up next in the hall  
She was helping counsel some students at that time  
I then saw Mr. Monnier and Ms. Koepkey starting their  
work for CBGC

The after-school work that they do is sublime

I made it finally to the fourth grade classrooms  
Inside each one, I wanted to take a look  
In Mrs. Shepard's classroom the kids were all debating  
the enthralling details right out of a book

Mrs. Cotner's classroom was striving to attain knowledge  
and they did a wonderful job of that task  
In Mrs. Renneker's classroom they were writing  
some engrossing stories in which they could bask

In Mrs. Miller's classroom, the students were actualizing  
all the academic goals they had decided to set  
I had just one more hallway to go down  
I still hadn't found the answer to my question, not yet!

I turned to head down the upper-grade hallway  
and I came across the fifth grade classrooms in turn  
Mrs. Craft had an engaging science activity happening  
It was an activity in which things could burn

Mr. Young's students were working diligently  
and they were all progressing and reaching each goal  
Mrs. Stevens was helping her students strive for the top  
Doing all this and helping with PTO

In Mrs. Kinzie's class, she was being dynamic  
Having students realize their own potential then too  
I was coming to the end of that hallway  
Only a few more classes to search in this school

In Mr. Huber's room the students were eagerly researching  
scientific studies of planets, rats, and force  
In Mrs. Trent's class grammar was being taught  
but also charity, empathy, and compassion, of course

In Mr. Albright's room they were heatedly debating

The gory details of the Medieval times  
In Mr. Shafer's room they were delving into algebra & geometry  
and somehow creating odd rhymes

I thought back to all the others I saw in that building  
There were student teachers, PTO members, and many more

There were parent and community volunteers who helped out

That "A" included every single person who walked through that door

There was one answer, I realized at last

On how Culver earned that grade of an "A"

It was the hard work expended by everyone involved

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## Culver Elementary honor roll

Culver Elementary School has announced its A/B honor roll for the second semester.

**Grade 1:** Gracie Elizabeth Barth, Craig Edward Beadin-Boyd, Vincent Robert Bellecomo, Abigail Marie Caudill, Carter Lewis Clinger, Zane Arthur Coble, Megan Taylor England, Chloe Gabrielle Felda, Avery Michelle Garland, Gwendylan Maree Gilley, Daulton Kayne Gross, Austin Hagelgans Lucas, Ian Hardesty, Willow Ann Harrington, Reese J Herrell, EmmaLee Rae Hillman, Karsen David Hoffman, Tiara LeeAnn Howard, Nora Anne Johnston, Avery M Keller, Lily-Ann Knapp, Arwen Blair Kornblith, Ryann Elizabeth Lagneau, Derek Anthony McKee, Trinity L Miller, Tristan Nickole Nix, Hayden Douglas Parker, Luke Isaac Risner, Aiden Miguel Rivera, Alexis S Roberts, Jack A Rodgers, Ocean Alan-tis-Moore Salary, Genna K Sherman, Miah Jordan Shock, Grace Marie Sieber, Aleksander Poe Stacy, Kendra Jean Stamper, Lane Micheal Scott Stebbins, Landon Franklin Stevens, MaKenna Marlene Strycker, Ethan Charles Thompson, Eriahna Nikole Vela, Giselle Villegas, Marcel Devon White, Dean K Whitmer, Anessa Ryanne Wireman.

**Grade 2:** Kevin Ray Bailey, Elizabeth D Binion, Ba-leigh Grace Binkley, Travis Wayne Blankenship, Jason A Cadle, Tessa Marie Conroy, Dominic Lee Cook, Con-nor Michael Craig, Addison Maybe Crippen, Ava Claire Czerniak, Chloe Lauren Danti, Cabot Severns Ellert, Trenton Wayne Fritter, Kaylee Maxine-Kay Hamilton, Kassidy L Heise, Alisa Jo Hinds, Gabriella Starr Hopkins, Kali Brynne Kidd, Abigail Grace Kisela, Merissa Mae-Rayann Lowry, Ashton E. Macedonio, Ashton Michael Xavier McCarthy, Abigail Mia Nufer, Emiliano Robert Ortiz, Lucile Jean Overmyer, Joseph Thomas Pizur, Addison Elizabeth Pohl, William Richardson, Benton Sayavongsing, Ches Michael Schrimsher, Aydan Skyy Shaffer, Shane Owen Shuman, Alexander Sorg, Kaitlyn Anne Stacy, Tabatha Grace Tapia, Linda Sue Thamm, Rylan Ronald Voter.

**Grade 3:** Marquez Donovan Anderson, Ayden Lee An-

nis, Mackenzie Michelle Banks, Savannah Marie Barnes, Chyanne Rose Beaver, Virgil Eyvind Binion, Lilly Ann Brown, Makaila Elizabeth Caudill, Zoey Louise Coble, Matthew Paul Davis, Sydney Sue Denham, Austin Lee Dilts, Alexis Michelle Duncan, Tucker Ryan Fisher, Alexandria Thor Forest, Kordelia Fulton, Dayne Kennedy Garbacik, William Thomas Gregory, Sophia Luna Heath, Emily Heim, Tydameion M Hesters, Savannah Grace His-song, Alexxa Ann Howard, Shaelyn Alexis Keen, Paige Lilliann Lancaster, Samuel Lawrence Luttrell, Alyson Paige Martin, Dylan James McKee, Alina Emily Pizur, Christopher T Plantz, Jordan Mary Porter, Dalton Riley Powell, Elizabeth Ann Pugh, Cole Austin Rieckhoff, Kay-din Jovee Sayavongsing, Adrian Owen Schouten, Natalie Mechelle Stevens, Hunter J Taylor, Mikyla Storm Wag-ner, Cody Daniel Winkler, McKenzie Melissa Sue Wire-man, Grace Elizabeth Wood, Auston Lee Zehner.

**Grade 4:** Holly Antle, Makenzie Faith Argiris, Joselyn Marie Bennett, Mary F Boland, Tyler James Coday, Mia Patricia Conroy, Ethan Michael Coyle, Anthony J Czerniak, Sarah Grace Drake, Francis K Ellert, Olivia A Gilley, Joshua P Havron, Katie M Hoffman, Morgan J Keller, Ka-leigh M Kephart, Jonah M King, Taylor R Lewandowski, Lillian E Proskoy, Wyatt M Ringer, Madison A Shedrow, Darren C Shock, Shane M Stevens.

**Grade 5:** Isabelle J Ahlenius, Emily L Bendy, Kenzie Lynn Binkley, Anna R Blocker, Jacob C Fisher, Trista Rae Fritter, Kagnie J Hoffman, Allan C James, Oliver Ryan Lampton-Adkins, Hunter A Manns, Noah Riley Parsons, Erin K Renneker, Dana T Rodgers, Carter C Stevens, Al-alexandra R Temme, Owen R Valiquet, Donavan M Ziaja.

**Grade 6:** Kennedy Lynn Ash, Alyssa M. Bailey, Jus-tin L Bennett, Brandon Ray England, Abigail R Gregory, Katherine A Heim, Brandon Tyler Jones, Alyssa S Kin-yanjui, Nora H Kline, Sarah T Luttrell, Zachery James Moore, Austin B Otteman, Maranda J Otteman, Haley Jor-dyn Pennington, Kaitlyn K Renneker, Hunter Mn Ringer.

## CCMS honor roll

Culver Community Middle School has announced its honor roll for the first semester and second quarter, respectively.

**Second quarter:**

**Grade 7**

**A honor roll:** Collin Knowlton, Cody Rieckhoff, Jake Rodgers.

**A/B honor roll:** Daniel Aguilar, Mackenzie Barnhart, Lance Beaver, Emily Bradley, Taylor Branson, Pierce El-lert, James Fagan, Jasmynne Fowler, Tracey Lindvall, Ben Myers, Dylan Pitera, Sydney Pritz, Lindsey Proskoy, RT Roberts, Cody Russell, Dillon Salyer, Jordan Schrimsher, Raymie Shoop, Macee Strycker, Landon Tibbett, Haley Wilkinson.

**Grade 8**

**A honor roll:** Alexandria Harris, Brandon Havron, Hai-ley Jones, Morgan Keen, Josh Krsek, Sierra Salerni.

**A/B honor roll:** Erin Bendy, Brennin Betts, Daniel Blocker, Troy Bolds, Betse Ellert, Makayla Felda, Katie Garland, Brianna Kinyanjui, Amanda Morrison, Garrett Reinhold, Jack Rich, Courtney Salyer, Levi Shedrow, Duncan Trau, Roman Vantwoud.

**First semester honor roll:**

**Grade 7**

**A honor roll:** Cody Rieckhoff, Jake Rodgers, Cody Russell.

**A/B honor roll:** Daniel Aguilar, Mackenzie Barnhart, Lance Beaver, Emily Bradley, Pierce Ellert, Jasmynne Fowler, Logan Kephart, Collin Knowlton, Tracey Lind-vall, Payton Lowry, Angel Moore, Ben Myers, Dylan Pit-era, Sydney Pritz, Reilly Reinhold, RT Roberts, Dillon Sal-lyer, Jordan Schrimsher, Raymie Shoop, Macee Strycker, Haley Wilkinson.

**Grade 8**

**A honor roll:** Brennin Betts, Alexandria Harris, Bran-don Havron, Hailey Jones, Morgan Keen, Brianna Kin-yanjui, Josh Krsek, Sierra Salerni, Duncan Trau.

**A/B honor roll:** Erin Bendy, Drake Garbacik, Katie Garland, Tanner Hoffman, Matt Markovitz, Amanda Mor-ri-son, Garrett Reinhold, Jack Rich, Josie Ross, Courtney Salyer.

## CBGC at the museum

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LEFT: During their winter holiday, the Culver Boys and Girls Club took a trip to the Center for Culver History to learn some local history. On January 4, Boys and Girls Club manager Jessye Gilley brought 30 students to the museum, where they spent the afternoon learning about their town's local history. First the students took a guided tour of the museum, led by museum director Rachel Meade. Several students had previously spent time in the museum, and were eager to share their knowledge of Culver History with the group. After viewing Native American artifacts, the Ice Industry display, and the one-room school house area, the group sat down for a craft inspired by the Native Americans. Using brown paper to resemble animal hides, students drew spirit animals, and wrote a name for their animal using Native American symbols. These illustrations then covered the informational activity books about the local Potawatomie that each student took home.

Later, Office Manager Carol Saft read "Brother Eagle, Sister Sky" a picture book based upon Chief Seattle's moving speech at a treaty negotiation, advising white people to love and care for their land as his people had.

## School board reorganizes

Culver Community Schools' board swore in its new board members at its Jan. 7 meeting, including David Cooper, Ken VanDePutte, James Wentzell, and Mark Maes.

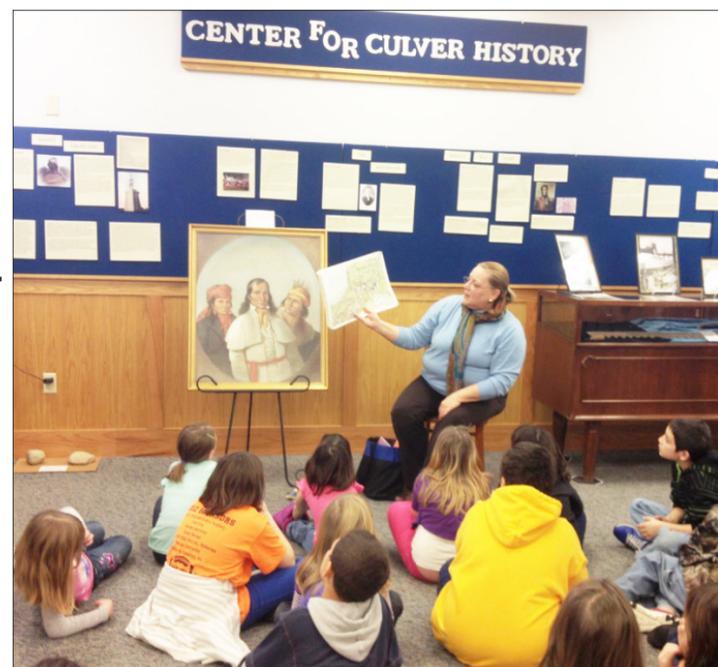
Ryan Sieber was elected board president and Jack Jones as vice president, and VanDePutte secretary.

Harlod "Sonny" Wyland of the law offices of Wyland, Humphrey, Wagner and Clevenger was retained as legal counsel for the corporation, with an hourly rate of \$150.

Also approved was maintaining the regular schedule of school board meetings at the School Street administration office on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7 p.m. from January through May and September through December. Meetings are held on the third Monday of June.

## Culver residents on Ivy Tech dean's list

SOUTH BEND — Ivy Tech Community College North Central has named Stephani Price, Shannon Shepherd, Gabriel Thornburg, and Kimberly Willis, all of Culver, to the dean's list for the fall 2012 semester. Students attend South Bend, Elkhart County or Warsaw campuses.



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On January 20, the eyes of the world will once again be on Culver as Culver Academies' Equestriennes and Black Horse Troop participate in the Presidential Inaugural parade in Washington, D.C. This year marks the 100th since the very first Inaugural in which Culver participated. On these pages is a special look back at highlights of those years.

## The Troop goes to Washington: the journey to the 1913 Inaugural

By Robert B.D. Hartman  
Culver Academies Historian

**Editor's note:** following is an abridged version of Culver Academies historian Robert Hartman's account of the genesis of the school's involvement in its first Presidential Inaugural. The entire article, and many more from Mr. Hartman, as well as photos, publications, and multimedia, may be found online at [www.digitalvault.culver.org](http://www.digitalvault.culver.org) (click "Hartman on History" to browse his texts).

Between formation of Culver Military Academy's Black Horse Troop in 1897, and 1911, Culver cadets and Black Horse Troopers marched in the Spanish-American War Victory Parade in Chicago in 1898, provided the escort to Admiral Dewey in St. Louis in 1900, and were featured at the Louisiana Exposition in 1903, among other high-profile appearances.

At the dedication of the Academy Mess Hall on April 11, 1911, Culver Superintendent Gen. Leigh R. Gignilliat introduced Indiana Governor Thomas Marshall and made an offer he could not refuse.

"Someday in the future [he hoped the Academy] would have the honor of escorting [Marshall] along Pennsylvania Avenue," an obvious reference to the presidential election some eighteen months away. Marshall accepted the offer and noted that, aside from Gignilliat, "Only Mrs. Marshall contemplated such high honors for me."

While the governor did not capture the top spot on the Democratic ticket, he was elected as Woodrow Wilson's running mate. The morning after Wilson's victory in November of 1912, Gignilliat wired the vice-president elect that Culver's offer still stood. Marshall responded forthwith and confirmed the invitation.

The War Department, however, was in charge of the parade and Vice Presidents were not entitled to an escort!

Undeterred, Gignilliat initiated an end run by sending his brother-in-law, William Alexander Fleet, a former faculty member at Princeton University, to meet with the president-elect at his New Jersey headquarters. He returned to Washington armed with a handwritten note, to wit: "Mr. Marshall, by all means, must have an escort next March fourth. I would consider it a personal favor."

Army chief-of-staff Major General Leonard Wood, not surprisingly, felt compelled to authorize Culver's participation. The redoubtable Captain Robert Rossow, head of the Black Horse Troop, departed on a special train for Washington early on February 28, 1913, with sixty-six horses, tack, and a supply of hay and grain. The entire corps of cadets left after breakfast. They arrived in Pittsburgh in time for dinner and, ever conscious of public image and always the showman, Gignilliat detrained everyone and marched them to the Fort Pitt Hotel owned by Eugene C. Eppley, a member of the Class of 1901.

After dinner the cadets arrived in Washington, took up residence at the Ebbitt House Hotel, and prepared for five days of tours and military reviews. Rossow stabled his horses at nearby Fort Myer and groomed them for a rigorous schedule of activities. If Gignilliat was identified as the leading light of the Academy, Rossow was surely the focus for the Black Horse Troop. Short in stature but barrel-chested and thick-necked, he was a veteran of American campaigns in the Philippines where he had earned a battlefield commission. He joined the Culver staff in 1906 and quickly won favor with his trooper as an expert horseman. Gignilliat reflected that his "fog-horn" voice was a real attention getter.

By the time the troop arrived in Washington, Rossow had become the face and spokesman for the Horsemanship Department. He seemed to be everywhere and moved through the military hierarchy with ease. Gignilliat, too, was in seventh heaven and appeared with his wife, Mamie, at social events across the capital. Like good commanders, he also attended to the welfare of his men.

Tours of the government buildings were organized and transportation was provided by large hard rubber-tired busses. After cadets turned from side to side to follow the guides' description of the sites, the vehicles were, not surprisingly, nicknamed "rubber neck" busses.

The festivities on March 4 provided a fitting climax the Inaugural trip. Thomas Marshall held true to his invita-

tion to the Black Horse Troop and it provided his escort for the formal ceremonies and enjoyed a most favored position. The Culver Corps of Cadets was positioned behind the midshipmen from the Naval Academy and the cadets from West Point who formed directly in front of the presidential stand.

Rossow, who would prove to be the Academy's greatest raconteur, wrote of that day: "The General Staff of the Army [and] about a hundred mounted officers were formed at the east steps . . . Flush off the flank of the staff marched the resplendent midshipmen of Annapolis and the gray-clad cadets of West Point . . . [to fill] the hollow square . . . The Black Horse Troop, with the Essex Troop [West Orange, N.J.] was placed on the left flank of West Point's corps [and] about ten yards to our front . . ."

Little did Rossow and his cadets know that they were overlooking greatness. West Point cadets Benjamin Hoge and Harold Bull [later a Lt. General] would become Professors of Military Science and Tactics at Culver. Omar Bradley, Dwight Eisenhower, and Carl Spaatz were among the plethora of future army general officers assembled with the Black Horse Troop that gray day in early March.

It was a difficult parade for the Culver cadets and horses alike. The boys were in the saddle for almost twelve hours and their horses found the pavement and steel street car tracks made for difficult footing. Several went down, but "not a man lost his horse," according to Rossow.

Rewards for a job well done followed. After dinner at the Ebbitt House, the cadets attended an inaugural dance given by the new vice president. The next day they enjoyed more "rubber-necking" and departed for Pittsburgh on a special train on the evening of March 5. They returned to Gene Eppley's Hotel Pitt in time for breakfast, then sat for several hours as the engine underwent repair. They finally arrived back at the Academy siding at 11 p.m. on the 6th.

Gignilliat had ordered the Mess Hall to serve a midnight beefsteak supper and, in deference to the greatly fatigued cadets, scheduled reveille for the unheard hour of 8 a.m.

### The 1917 Inaugural

When Wilson won a second term in 1916, his running mate again was Thomas Marshall. For the most part, the former Indiana governor had proven to be a non-entity and may be best remembered for saying "What this country needs is a good five-cent cigar." His presence on the Democratic ballot, however, ensured Culver another inaugural invitation.

The trip to Washington followed much the same as four years earlier, this time Eugene Eppley showed his newest hotel in Pittsburgh, The William

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classroom buildings, an auditorium, and endowment for four academic chairs. For Gene Eppley, the corps of cadets was not just passing through the city; it was an integral part of his life.]

The cadets found the mood in Washington somber and security concerns high. March 4, 1917, was a Sunday and, hence, the inaugural was postponed until the following day. Security was intense. Memories of the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand on the streets of Sarajevo three years earlier were ever-present in the minds of those charged with protecting Wilson and Marshall.

Rossow was ordered to a security briefing at the Army's chief of staff's office. He was told that "a squadron of the 3rd U.S. Cavalry will escort the president. Yours will follow immediately to the rear of the president and vice president. If any person desires to harm either of them, it will be initiated after [the] escort has passed, and from a direction within your observation. This fixes the general responsibility for the president's and vice president's safety on you."

"You, being up on your horse, can see better over the heads of the crowd. Don't be hesitant to act if you see any person act suspiciously. You will be regularly commissioned for the day and any thing you do - even it should afterward prove to be a mistake - will be excused. The safety of the president is paramount."

On Sunday, Rossow assembled the cadets and set their instructions for the following day. In an emergency, and only under command, "the first platoon, in a column of twos, would break from the right and move forward at a trot to cover the entire right flank of the party, which rode in four carriages."

The second platoon would move in a similar manner to cover the left flank. The remaining three platoons would close at a trot, "wheel about in fours and protect the rear."

Rossow saw the duty of the Black Horse Troop to place itself between the chief executive and potential harm. Perhaps it was a melodramatic action, but he and Gignilliat viewed it as a national responsibility. Fortunately there were no incidents and the parade proceeded without a hitch.

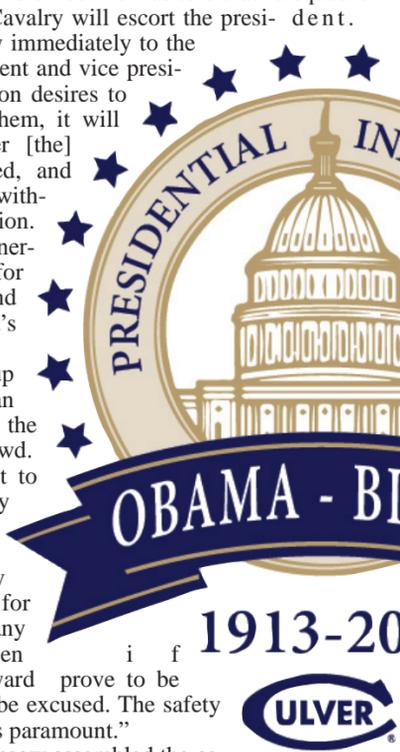
A near-gale created havoc along parts of the parade route. Many of the older buildings on Pennsylvania Avenue were being razed for new construction and debris and blowing sand frightened the horses and made it difficult for the infantry to maintain lines and intervals. Rossow's muted "Steady, steady" had the appropriate effect on the troopers and they emerged from the squall in perfect order. The Vedette noted that the conditions did not faze the marchers, but that "bedraggled feminines," a group of demonstrating suffragettes, created consternation when they elected to march side by side with the cadets near the end of the parade.

The President's Inaugural Ball was cancelled because of the impending war, [it was declared 32 days later], but Vice Presidential Marshall, undeterred, held his soiree on the 10th floor ballroom of the new Willard Hotel. Inadvertently, only troopers and cadet officers were included on the invitation list. The remainder of the corps grumbled, but went off in general good humor to the Keith Theater for a movie.

By happenstance, many more girls assembled at the Willard Ballroom than there were boys and someone rushed to the theatre to recruit volunteers. Between changing reels, an announcement was made and more than 50 "volunteers" rushed to Marshall's party.

When the corps returned to the Academy late on the evening of March 9, no one knew it would be last inaugural for Culver for more than four decades. The Great Depression, two world wars, the Korean War, and five presidential administrations would intervene before the Black Horse Troop would make another trip to Washington. In 1957, it returned, but without the corps of cadets, to participate in President Eisenhower's second inauguration.

Since then the BHT has maintained a presence at every inaugural parade except in 1993 when it was not invited by the Clinton administration. In 1985, a highly select group of riders, the Equestriennes from the Culver Girls Academy, broke the all-male barrier to become an integral part of the parade contingent.



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## Museum exhibit tells story of 100 years of Culver at Inaugurals

For the past century, Culver, Indiana, and Culver Academies have been showcased to the entire world by way of regular appearances in U.S. Presidential Inaugural parades.

Now the Culver Academies Museum & Gift Shop, 102 S. Main Street in downtown Culver, is joining in the celebration of this momentous occasion with a special exhibit detailing the story of how that participation began, what it has entailed, and highlighting significant Inaugural moments through the decades, in word, image, and more.

Included are a host of photographs, artifacts, information, and an interactive station allowing visitors to browse video and multimedia from Culver's participation in Inaugurals past. This is in addition to regular exhibits which take guests through the formation of the famous Black Horse Troop and Equestriennes, among many other facets of the school's unique and storied history. The museum's gift shop also offers mementos -- including rare, vintage items -- pertaining to that history, to suit every taste.

The museum is open Thursday through Saturday and Monday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Questions may be directed to [museum@culver.org](mailto:museum@culver.org), 574-842-8842, or visit [www.culver.org/museum](http://www.culver.org/museum).



## The 1985 Inaugural: history made for the wrong reason

It will be remembered as the Inaugural of The Big Chill and The Parade That Never Was.

For the Black Horse Troop of Culver Military Academy and the Equestriennes of Culver Girls Academy, long hours of practice went unrewarded when the coldest weather in Inaugural history forced cancellation on January 21, 1985 of one of this country's most cherished quadrennial rituals.

Despite valiant efforts from parade participants to press ahead, the wind of -20 degrees and snowy winds forced a parade, nullifying and hard work faculty, staff, and students.

The 1985 Inaugural was a history-making one nonetheless, as it marked the first Culver journey to D.C. to include members of the Equestriennes, the Culver Girls Academy riding group which had formed a few years earlier.

Mahtab Hanjani, a native of Tehran, Iran, and a senior member of CGA's Equestriennes, felt both a personal and historic loss. She and the nine other girls who would have been the first ever to ride with the Black Horse Troop were very aware and proud of making history for Culver Girls Academy and establishing a new Culver tradition.

"Before we went, I remember I said 'I thought it was too good to be true; and it was - it didn't come true,'" she said at the time.

"I felt it was especially important for girls to participate," then-Dean Ralph Manuel emphasized, "because the number of female applicants who meet our current academic standards is proportionately greater than the number of male applicants. We need to show not only them here, but also such things as ship and crew."

Also lost in the disappointment were the many weeks of intense preparation that always precede a Culver Inaugural appearance. The "unsung heroes" of the whole project, according to then-horsemanship director Maj. Jeff Honzik (ING), were Culver's blacksmiths, harnessmakers, and stablehands, who always enable student riders to perform at their best. Riding Hall employees were led by Robert Farris, blacksmith foreman, and Ken Stidham, harnessmaker. Farris, who joined the Academy in 1968, was preparing for his fifth Inaugural. His grandfather, Dorsey Farris, worked with the Troop for more than thirty years, and his uncle, Eugene Farris, had been with the Academy since 1962.

In fact, of the nineteen stable employees, eighteen were related by blood or marriage. Members of the Equestriennes may not have marched down Pennsylvania Ave. in 1985, but in 1989 the historic first actual participation for the girls' riding group was cemented, and they have participated in every Inaugural (excepting, of course, in "uninvited" one of 1993) since.

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Kim Thomas, Sheila Hammin, and Ursula Musser, of the CGA Equestriennes, stretch their horses prior to the 1989 Inaugural, the historic first actual participation for the girls' riding group.



## Trivia and tradition: Highlights of Culver at Inaugurals past

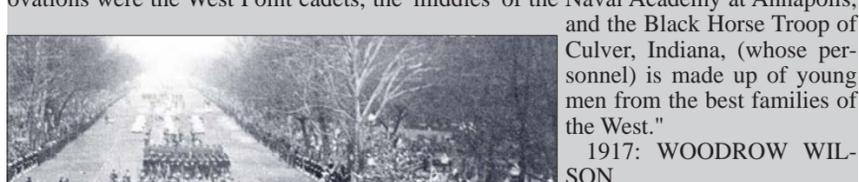
By John A Staples

1913: WOODROW WILSON

• Vice-President Thomas R. Marshall, former governor of Indiana, begins the tradition of Inaugural Parade escorts by inviting the Black Horse Troop to accompany him. The invitation is later extended to include the CMA Infantry and Band.

• The 300-member Culver Battalion parades for more than 700,000 spectators; the crowd includes thousands of suffragettes who are in the capital for their own parade.

• The Washington Post comments: "Among the organizations accorded the greatest ovations were the West Point cadets, the 'middies' of the Naval Academy at Annapolis, and the Black Horse Troop of Culver, Indiana, (whose personnel) is made up of young men from the best families of the West."



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1917: WOODROW WILSON

• Col. Leigh R. Gignilliat, the only Academy superintendent ever to march in an Inaugural Parade, leads the Culver Battalion, which once again includes the Infantry and Band as well as the Troop.

• Troopers are issued new uniform caps for the parade "trimmed with gold braid with a bold 'Culver' on the front - a very striking hat." They also carry sabers and revolvers.

• Congressman Tague of Massachusetts comments: "Culver is the talk of the town. The Black Horse Troop is the best military organization seen in Washington."

1957: DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

• The Troop travels to Washington via railroad on the "Liberty Limited" from Plymouth, Ind.

• Culver and The Citadel are the only non-federal military schools in the line of march.

1961: JOHN F. KENNEDY

• A seven-inch snowstorm belts Washington the night before the Inaugural, and 200 pieces of snow-removal equipment are hurriedly called in from military bases in Maryland and Virginia to clear the parade route.

• Jim Oppenheimer, CMA class of 1961, is forced to direct traffic in downtown Washington when his cab becomes trapped in the middle of a clogged intersection.

• Facing fierce winds and temperatures in the 20s, Troopers saddle up for the parade in a burned-out warehouse on a side street off Pennsylvania Avenue.

• Despite the cold, 36,000 marchers take part in the Inaugural Parade - perhaps the largest number in Inaugural history. Culver is voted runner-up to VMI as best marching unit.

1965: LYNDON B. JOHNSON

• This will be Culver's last trip to an Inaugural via railroad; a special B&O train meets the Troop at Lakeville, Ind.

• Squadron Commander Lander Carter and Cadet Captains John Marvin and Bill Moon, all from the Class of '65, are interviewed by Jack Lescoulie for NBC's "Today Show." Back in Culver, however, South Bend's NBC affiliate pre-empts the interview in favor of "Romper Room."

• At a dinner-dance hosted by Mount Vernon College, Trooper Steve Nichols, class of '66, escorts the granddaughter of ex-President Eisenhower.

1969: RICHARD M. NIXON

• For the first time, the Troop is designated a national unit in the Inaugural, rather than just a state representative.

1973: RICHARD M. NIXON

• Following a parade past spectators that included large numbers of angry anti-war demonstrators, the Vedette quotes Trooper Lang Price '73 as saying, "We got some of the best comments-yet some of the worst. It's amazing all the people who came just to shout obscenities. It was sort of disgusting."

1977: JIMMY CARTER

• The Troop parades with a unique set of sixty-four flags of the American Revolution, authenticated beforehand by the Flag Research Center of Lexington, Mass., and produced exclusively for Culver by the Detra Flag Company of Oaks, Pa.

1981: RONALD REAGAN

• High costs and conflicts with student exam and athletic schedules almost end Culver's Inaugural tradition. Following an initial decision not to participate, then-Superintendent Dean John R. Mars is persuaded after long debate within the administration, discussions among trustees, and pledges of support from the Culver Legion, to reverse ground and announce that the Troop will, indeed, make its ninth Inaugural appearance.

• Pre-Inaugural events include lunch with Congressman (and part-time Culver resident) Elwood H. 'Bud' Hillis '44 at the Supreme Court Building.

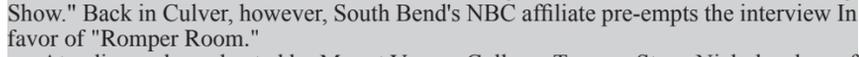
1993: BILL CLINTON

Culver's status of "uninvited" to the 1993 Inaugural Parade made headlines nationwide and even garnered nationally televised CNN coverage as well as critical mention on conservative TV talk show host Rush Limbaugh's program. Culver was back for Clinton's second Inaugural, and has been invited to every one since.

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Culver Troopers and Equestriennes faced brutal cold in the eventually-canceled 1985 Reagan Inaugural, which would have marked the first participating Inaugural parade for the CGA Equestriennes.



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“score” the ice, which had to be at least nine inches thick, into a checkerboard pattern. Large blocks were then harvested and placed in the water-bourne channel under the tracks. Workmen moved these, by conveyer belt, either into train cars or into one of several actual ice “houses,” long, rectangular buildings in which layers of ice were stored, separated by a layer of marsh hay.

Marsh hay, it should be noted, has different qualities than regular hay, and as early as 1898, the Maxinkuckee Ice Company owned mucky land on today’s State Road 10, between the still-existent Houghton Lake (today part of the Nature Conservancy) and the now-drained Manatau Lake nearby, solely for the purpose of harvesting marsh hay for the ice industry.

Ice by the traincar load was shipped out daily from the Medbourn house. As an indication of the sheer volume of

ice production, a 1906 article noted that a standing order existed for 50 train carloads per day of the cold stuff at the Medbourn house! That doesn’t include, of course, the ice stored for local use and sales, which filled multiple houses and remained viable throughout the hot summers, a fact which might surprise modern folk unfamiliar with the physics of the industry. In fact, Culver was reported to have run out of stored ice by August more than once, rather than the ice ever actually melting.

Ice, for the uninitiated, was primarily used for ice boxes, precursors to today’s refrigerators, in which large blocks of ice were stored in the top compartment and meat, milk, and the like in the lower compartment. Runoff from the ice was saved in a pan underneath for various uses.

Ice, like milk itself, was delivered daily by ice wagons -- horse drawn at first and motorized later -- and residents who remember those days recall the ice man as something of an artisan, capable of wielding the ice pick to break off just the size requested of each household (by way of a placard in the window, if not verbal communication).

It should be noted that smaller, private ice houses proliferated on the lake during this period, such as the Miller Dairy house on the south side of Culver, where the dairy and grocery operation conducted its own small harvest and stored it in a private ice house.

Your editor is fond of pointing out that, at least from approximately 1880 until 1937, ice was harvested by the ton on Lake Maxinkuckee, which gives an indication of the consistency of winters here (though admittedly the 1921 harvest was hampered by the mild winter, though not entirely subverted). The 1935 harvest was hampered, in fact, by the harshness of the winter: the ice, according to Burns, was 32 inches thick and virtually impossible to cut through with a saw!

The year 1940 saw the final harvest of natural ice from Lake Maxinkuckee, ending a more than 50-year era. Electricity had hit Culver long before, though it wasn’t until the massive addition of electrical lines to rural areas as part of the Depression-era WPA endeavors, and the gradual spread of electrical refrigeration across the board, that the demise of the ice harvesting industry was no longer avoidable. The Medbourn company, in the 1920s and early 1930s, tried through a series of advertisements in Culver and other newspapers to point out the high cost of electrical refrigeration to the consumer, and the benefits of natural ice as well, but eventually the inevitable occurred.

A March, 1943 signaleed the final death knell for Culver’s “ice age,” when the Medbourn ice house burned to



ABOVE: East Jefferson Street circa 1940s. At lower right is the Ferrier lumber company, while the ice house and grain elevator lands sat at left, or south.

the ground at an estimated \$5,000 loss.

The old ice house property largely sat unused for several decades after, for a time part of the Farm Bureau Co-Op’s holdings. Butting up against the land, at its western border, was the old junkyard owned by Julius Pura -- there may well be generations of junk lying under the nicely manicured grass there -- but the land itself really only saw major alteration around 1989, when work began on the Culver Cove.

Many will remember the swampy quality of the area, and rumor has it some effort went into accommodating the instability of the ground through various means, to make it palpable for building the Cove there.

## Former security officer pleads guilty in Academies theft

Kurt J McMillen plead guilty to a theft charge in Marshall Superior Court I Dec. 19.

The case involves the theft of a 2006 Polaris Ranger TM from a Culver Academies storage facility. Security Officer Sally Ricciardi had reported the vehicle missing on May 27, 2011. She told the officer the last time the vehicle had been seen was October 2010.

Almost a year later, on May 23, 2012 the Marshall County Sheriff’s Department received a call from a part-time employee of the Academy who believed he had seen the missing ATV on a farm on Tulip Road.

Officer Nick Laffoon with the Sheriff’s Department responded and confirmed matching VIN numbers. The family in possession of the stolen Polaris told the officer they had purchased it from Kurt McMillen for \$2,250 in February of 2012.

An investigation began and it was determined that McMillen had worked at the school in 2010 as a security person and had a key to the facility where the Polaris was stored. The investigation continued with Indiana State Police Trooper Ryan Lebo and in September a warrant was issued for McMillen’s arrest.

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Graham Polando did a plea agreement and on Dec. 19, McMillen accepted the plea agreement, which included pleading guilty to a class A misdemeanor for theft, one year incarcerated – suspended, one year of reporting probation, 80 hours of community restitution service, a \$1 fine, and \$166 court costs. *Courtesy WTCA*