



## In Brief

### Little League sign-ups

Culver Little League will hold sign-ups at the Culver Union Twp. Library Saturday, March 23, noon to 3 p.m.

### Computer upgrading at library

The Culver-Union Twp. Public Library's Thursday Tech Time on March 21 at 6 p.m. will focus on upgrading your computer. 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.

### Easter egg hunt March 23

Culver's annual Easter Egg hunt will take place Saturday, March 23, starting at 10 a.m. at the Culver town park, for ages 2 through 4th grade. The Easter Bunny will be here so bring your camera! The event is sponsored by the Culver park and recreation department.

### Siren tests March 27

Indiana's 2013 Severe Weather Preparedness Week will take place March 24 through 30, according to Clyde Avery, Marshall County Emergency Management Agency director. A state-wide siren test will be conducted Wednesday, March 27 (weather permitting), with one test between 10 and 10:30 a.m. and the second test between 7:30 and 8 p.m. The backup drill day will be Thursday, March 28.

### Sidewalk sharing apps April 1

Applications for the 2013 Sidewalk Program will be available beginning at 8 a.m., Monday, April 1 at Town Hall.

Completed applications for the program will be reviewed in the order they are received. You will need the measurements for sidewalk, curb or combination you are replacing in order to complete the application. If approved, sidewalks will be reimbursed at \$2.75 per square foot, curbing at \$14 per lineal foot, and curb/sidewalk combination at \$26 per lineal foot.

### Seasonal workers sought

The Town of Culver is accepting applications for seasonal street department workers. Applicants must

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PHOTO/CULVER COMM HS YEARBOOK STAFF  
 TOP LEFT: Culver Comm. High School student Nick Pritz (center) and other students visited Culver Elementary 3rd grade teacher Carrie' Tharp's (right) class to read Dr. Seuss stories as part of "Read Across America" recently. At left is CES student Cameron Skiles. SEE STORY, PAGE 8.

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 BOTTOM LEFT: Hon. Patricia Riley, Hon. Margret Robb and Hon. Melissa May at last year's ISBA Women's Bench Bar Retreat, which is kicked off with a traveling oral argument of the Indiana Court of Appeals. SEE STORY BELOW.

### CES 'Cool' characters at Kiwanis

ABOVE, RIGHT: Some Culver Elementary 2nd graders and teacher Jean Ahlenius paid a visit to Culver's Kiwanis Club recently to discuss the "Cool Character Club," a character development program which is a regular part of the curriculum in the 2nd grade, where students start each day with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Character pledge, according to Ahlenius. Students are directed back to the six pillar of character (trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship) if a discipline issue arises, she added. A "Cool Character" parade will take place May 24 (starting at 1:30 p.m.) from the school through downtown Culver as part of the program. Pictured here is Culver town marshal and Kiwanis member Wayne Bean (right) presenting a check from the club to Ahlenius (left of Bean) towards purchase of parade shirts. Students pictured are, from left: Trenton Fritter, Cabot Ellert, Kevin Bailey, Joey Rehnka, Abby Nufer, and Addison Pohl.

## Culver home to annual gathering of Hoosier women judges, attorneys

By Jeff Kenney  
 Citizen editor

Unbeknownst to many in Culver, some 60 women attorneys and judges from the Indiana State Bar Association (ISBA) gather annually in Culver to take part in the annual Women's Bench Bar Retreat. Each year (this was the 12th), on the last weekend of February of first weekend of March, the women gather to earn Continuing Legal Education credits (required of each attorney), take part in "Appeals on Wheels" (during which the Indiana Court of Appeals presents an oral argument on-site), and relax. There are opportunities for shopping at Culver businesses, dining at Culver restaurants, and spa-type services such as manicures, pedicures, and massages along the way.

This year's "Appeal on Wheels," instead hosting a Court of Appeals oral argument to kick off the program, included an oral argument of the Indiana Tax Court. Following the oral argument the judges answer a few questions (not about the case just argued), after which the judges leave and an attorney leads the audience in a discussion of the argument that they just saw. The proceedings are open to the public, notes Hammond-based attorney Kris Sakelaris, in her 12th year as chair of the retreat.

Other presenters this year included a professor from the Indiana University McKinney School of Law, a federal prosecutor and public defender from Northwest Indiana, an attorney from Lafayette whose clients include college students all across Indiana, an Intellectual Property attorney from Ft. Wayne, a real estate and business attorney from Fishers, and a former Commissioner of Securities who spoke on avoiding Securities Fraud, says Harris.

Several participants come year after year and this year there were also a lot of first time attendees this year.

Plus, in an effort to include younger women, the ISBA offers four full scholarships to law students (each Indiana law school is encouraged to choose a student to attend), according to Cheri Harris, Director of Continuing Legal Education with the Indiana State Bar Association in Indianapolis. Additionally, the Young Lawyers Section of the ISBA offers two full scholarships to its members.

"It is a more casual atmosphere than most other bar programs," Harris adds. "We wanted to get an environment where we could have a retreat," Sakelaris says of the choice of the Culver Cove as retreat site. "We bring female judges and female practitioners together in a stress-free environment...the Cove provides condos so people could room together, not like in a hotel. Plus there are outside classrooms as opposed to a stark hotel with conference rooms."

Sakelaris says this time of year was chosen intentionally for its "off-season" time frame. "We kind of take over the place. We do (the restaurants) and other things in town. We have one or two appellate court judges who love to shop there. Sometimes some of us stay at the Main Street Bed and Breakfast if we go over our numbers...but we like to keep it small. It's a good way just to get to know people. We've had at least five people come every year; it's a lot of fun; lots of laughs."

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## Easterday Construction - 'solo' for 60 years

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By Jeff Kenney  
 Citizen editor

*Editor's note: In last week's edition of The Culver Citizen, we noted Culver's longest-lived construction company (originally a subsidiary of the Barnes Construction Company dating back to the 19th century), became its own, independent company 60 years ago this month. The company, which built some of the most prominent buildings in the town of Culver, the Culver Academies, and beyond, is today headed by Kevin Berger, the great-grandson of founder Russell Easterday and son of longtime head Larry Berger. If you missed it, look for Part I online at [www.culvercitizen.com](http://www.culvercitizen.com).*

### Technology at the fore

One major transition launched under Larry Berger's oversight began when he first noticed the State Exchange Bank in Culver (for whom the company had also handled a number of major projects) had an electronic calculator with an LED readout. Soon after, he purchased the company's first calculator, an IBM model the bank was using, for \$400.

When the time came for Larry to begin handling the books ("I had one hour's instruction on them!" he says), the first move he made was to computerize the company's accounting.

"The accountant at the time said, 'Do you understand it?' I said, 'Heck no!'"

Larry attended seminars and workshops and adopted a computerized bookkeeping system tailored to the construction industry, back in the early 1980s, surely making Easterday one of the earlier companies in the region to do so. The company has continued to utilize technology: Kevin Berger today maintains a regular blog at the company's website at [easterdayconstruction.com](http://easterdayconstruction.com).

"I spend a lot of time keeping up a website and blog and Twitter," says Kevin, and there's a methodology as work.

"Ninety percent of the time when people look on the Internet (for Culver construction), our name pops up."

### Kevin Berger, from then 'til now

Kevin Berger began his Easterday Construction journey outside Easterday Construction.

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## Culver eyes new well, water plant, \$1.5 million project

By Jeff Kenney  
 Citizen editor

Culver's town council heard recommendations for a new well and water treatment plant at its March 12 meeting, though the changes won't come cheap: they're expected to cost in the neighborhood of \$1.5 million.

This according to Mark Sullivan and Steve Bender of Commonwealth Engineers, the firm hired to study the condition of Culver's two current wells and water treatment plant, located on South Ohio Street.

Proposed is an addition to the existing plant building, which Bender noted uses equipment 45 to 50 years old, to enclose the present wells, which lie to the north of the old building. The new space would incorporate a horizontal pressure filter, electrical and mechanical and storage rooms for chemical feed, and an office. Some components of the old system can be incorporated into the new, said Bender, such as an aerator and concrete retention tank. A separate storage and maintenance building would be added later.

"You can take some satisfaction knowing (the old plant) served the town well, but it's at the end of its useful life," Bender added.

He said state law requires at least two wells be functional, and that the old wells could stay in service. They've slowly lost production, however, and Commonwealth is suggesting a new well 100 feet off the corner of Davis and Main Streets, on property currently owned by Wade McGee. Test drilling would have to take place at the site to determine if the proposed well would be usable for the 350 gallons per minute utilized by the other wells.

Bender noted tests showed no problems with the groundwater supply at the existing pumps, though he said prior tests of groundwater in the swamp behind the plant were unsuccessful and produced a green slime.

The new building and equipment, said Bender, would cost around \$1.23 million, with the new well and well house around \$234,000, not counting the cost of purchasing the land at the proposed new well site.

Council members discussed concerns that the property owner at the proposed new well site might not wish to sell, to which Bender replied another location would have to be sought. There would likely be an added cost in that event, since infrastructure would have to be added to carry the water further to the plant for treatment.

It was noted grant dollars may be available to help offset the cost to the town.

Audience member Tom Kearns complimented the council on taking action on the question of Culver's wells, an issue he first raised late last summer at a council meeting.

### Storm water grant issues

In other discussion, Sullivan explained to the council that some landowners west of a Culver drainage ditch have expressed concerns if this spring's Culver storm water project takes place, that their ditches would be overloaded in a major rain event.

The project, funded by an \$800,000 grant and matching town funds, would resolve decades-old flooding problems on the west end of Lake Shore Drive, near the south section of the Culver Elementary School. The storm drain there is piped to West Jefferson Street and under State Road 17, where it dumps into an open ditch running west. According to Sullivan, the current pipe at Lake Shore Drive is 15 inches in diameter, and connects to a 24 inch pipe at Jefferson. The county-owned pipe carrying water from there is on the verge of collapse, he said, adding that the project would replace the 15 inch pipe with a 36 inch, and the 24 inch with a 48 inch.

At a recent meeting of the joint Starke and Marshall County drainage board, eight to ten area farmers, most five to eight miles west of Culver along the drainage ditch, expressed their flooding concerns. Some concern

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Sakelaris investigated an alternative location six or seven years ago, she says, but "we really couldn't find someplace isolated enough that still had some amenities in town, where we could get some condos and not just hotel rooms."

A number of other State Bar activities are further south in Indiana, says Sakelaris, and a number of attendees at the Culver event come from as far south as Bloomington and beyond.

Next year's event is already scheduled for the weekend

of Feb. 28.

"It's fun and we have a good time," she adds. "We love Culver. And everybody says we should come in the summer!"

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was based, he said, on the incorrect assumption that water previously routed to Lake Maxinkuckee would be routed to the ditch if the project moves ahead, said Sullivan. Instead, the project would only allow already-routed water to move more efficiently.

One way of expediting the process -- important due to tight deadline requirements attached to the grant monies for the project -- would be for the town council to agree to Culver's taking ownership of the county pipe, thus avoiding public hearings and other delays required at the county level.

The council voted to take ownership of the pipe.

Some discussion followed between Sullivan, council members, and an audience member who owns property along the ditch, five miles from Culver.

Sullivan emphasized controlling the flow of the water as it moves west through use of already existing orifices.

"They're in the ditch to control that," he said. "Our goal is to not impact you any more than you're already impacted."

He said two such structures exist 400 and 800 feet out from highway 17, which would be used to control water flow.

### Council actions

In other discussion, council member Ginny Munroe, noting no town employee has yet stepped forward to sit on Culver's plan commission asked if a stipend could be paid to attend meetings as an incentive. Other council members, however, noted stipends would have to be offered for other boards and commissions in town, something Munroe said she would be open to considering.

Culver town marshal Wayne Bean volunteered, and was approved by council vote, to fill the plan commission post.

Town manager Dave Schoeff noted the downtown revitalization project will resume with repaving in April; the new fishing pier should be installed at the town park in April as well, he said.

The council approved \$25,000 for its annual sidewalk

sharing program, in which the town helps underwrite part of the cost of residents' sidewalk replacements. Applications will be accepted starting April 1, it was noted.

Also discussed was the best use of the Culver fire department's 1973 grass truck, recently replaced with a new model. It was suggested by Tom Kearns of the Culver tree commission that existence of the water tank on the truck would make it a helpful asset for the commission. The council agreed to discuss the matter at its next work session.

Assistant fire chief Ken VanDePutte's request for \$1,412 for concrete work on the south side of the fire station was approved by council; the work was part of removal of a planter and bell there, with the bell being incorporated into a new firemen's memorial at the northeast corner of State Street and Lake Shore Drive. VanDePutte recognized Porter and his crew for their work south of the station.

Other council actions included approval of Umbaugh and Associates to conduct a water rate study for the town; \$4,900 to conduct a water audit to discern internal billing errors for Culver's water customers; \$4,300 for new sludge bags at the sewer treatment plant; permission for utilities manager Bob Porter to advertise to hire two summer employees; \$2,127 for conditioning of the EMS' Life pack monitors; \$3,742.65 for a billing and charting program with mobile applications for the EMS.

Approved was a request for the Union Twp. 4H to hold a car wash at the Culver fire station to aid the local food pantry and generate care packages for military troops, on May 4. Council voted in an emergency services agreement with Pulaski County, conflict of interest statements for employees and council members, and final approval of a contract with Houseal Lavigne of Chicago for the firm to handle Culver's comprehensive plan this year, at a cost not to exceed \$75,000.

Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council director Kathy Clark said a major project will commence April 26 in which the US Geological Survey, based in Kansas, will take samples from five different places in Lake Max-

inkuckee, an endeavor undertaken in 1984 by the LMEC which gave the organization its direction over the next 30 years and led to creation of three wetlands. The studies, then and now, evaluate the lifespan of the lake, but more modern equipment allows researchers to ascertain information about the lake going back 200 to 300 years, she said.

The project will coordinate with high schools around the county and facilitate students observing some of the process, said Clark. It will take two years to get full data back, and she hopes to also utilize video to allow students to learn about the testing process during that period as well.

Clark noted the Culver Educational Foundation is providing \$10,000 towards the project, but the major portion of the \$180,000 cost of it will be underwritten by the LMEC.

Among items proposed for discussion at a March 26 council work session (slated for 5 p.m.) was the possibility of a joint visitor's center and museum in Culver, as discussed at a meeting earlier that day attended by Munroe and fellow council member Lynn Overmyer. Munroe noted the town has been discussing the future location of the town hall, and hoped for discussion as to whether the two projects could converge. She also suggested council could play a more active role in supporting local merchants, and thanked council members and employees for well wishes, cards, and emails while she was out sick recently.

Council member Bill Githens emphasized work session discussion of open meeting laws and standardizing procedures for board and commission members.

Githens complimented the Culver Redevelopment Commission for a productive recent meeting at which ideas were discussed concerning using CRC funds to help facilitate "distressed properties" being turned into usable space for local businesses.

## Culver's Evil Czech Brewery makes Midwest Living's 2013 "It List"

The Evil Czech Brewery at Main and Davis Streets in Culver had the distinction of being named to Midwest Living Magazine's "It List" for 2013.

An article and photo on the brewery -- located in what is believed to be the smallest town in America to house its own microbrewery -- is one of 32 locales described by the magazine as "can't-wait-to-check-it-out quality (among the) best new places to play."

The print version of the article appears in the January/February 2013 edition of Midwest Living Magazine (page 71) and may be viewed online at [midwestliving.com/travel/around-the-region/best-new-midwest-attractions-hotels-and-restaurants/page/28/0](http://midwestliving.com/travel/around-the-region/best-new-midwest-attractions-hotels-and-restaurants/page/28/0).

## Monterey man wins lottery

Merrill Jeffrey of Monterey won \$162,000 as the Hoosier Lottery's latest Cash 5 winner. Retiree Jeffrey purchased the winning ticket at the JK Deli on U.S. Hwy 35, which matched all five numbers in the Feb. 20 Cash 5 drawing.

Jeffrey said he plans to use his winnings to buy a car, help his foster son and "improve my life situation just a bit."

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"One of the things dad always said was he didn't want me to start in the (family) business," he recalls, though that business was always open to him as a final destination.

Culver Comm. High School grad Kevin began his collegiate career at Ball State but soon transferred to Purdue to study landscape architecture, eventually working in Atlanta in civil engineering before returning to the Culver area in 1990.

During Kevin's tenure at Easterday, the company has handled more (though mostly smaller) Academy projects such as cabins and additions to existing buildings. An addition to St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church in 2007 earned the company an industry award. Larger projects have included the Kent Soccerplex, Boys & Girls Club, and Young Amphitheater in Plymouth, the first phase of the Marshall County Historical Museum, renovation of the Dr. Richard Ford home in Wabash (as well as some innovative work on Richard Ford's home



PHOTO PROVIDED  
Son Kevin (left) and father Larry Berger at Easterday Construction circa 2000.

there, including an "endless pool" and conservatory there. Work for the Remnant Trust in Winona Lake required highly specialized details, and the company has added elevators to a large number of buildings.

Easterday has handled seven of the Garden Court senior living complexes in multiple counties, starting in Argos (the most recent being in Culver).

After Larry Berger retired at the end of 2002, Kevin became sole shareholder, as he remains today, working still out of the Slate Street headquarters, though he and his wife Becky relocated to Pretty Lake to help her in her commute to South Bend as a teacher.

### Changes in the industry

Both Larry and Kevin Berger acknowledge the economy of construction nationwide has had the most impact on what Easterday does as a company.

When Larry first came into the business, says Kevin, "we had masons, plumbers, electricians, and painters. It was one stop does it all. More and more today, a person who has all those skills can't compete with somebody who concentrates on one of those for eight hours a day. We can't compete with a sub (contractor) that does all those things."

Larry agrees.

"For most of the time, we did general mechanical and electrical work ourselves and used finish subs for certain things. Then it got to the point when I was still there that guys like masons only wanted to do masonry work. We wouldn't have enough of that to keep them busy all the time. First we started subbing the mechanical work or portions of it, but we ended up without that, so we started subbing that almost entirely. We still do part of the electrical but also sub part of it."

"The industry is becoming more and more specialized," Kevin notes. "We are becoming more and more the general contractor; we organize and go out and get bids; we process and pull things together, so you the client only have to deal with us and we take care of all the little things behind the scenes."

Another factor in the changing world of construction for Easterday is related to the Internet.

"(Today) you can go online and see a lot of times the same prices I see," says Kevin, "which can make it more difficult to add the value to sell it."

And, he says, "It's more challenging to keep up on things. I used to show you three things I knew and was familiar with. Now you can turn around and say, 'But I saw this on the Internet.' It's changed that dynamic."

### The family within the family

One ongoing aspect of Easterday's business approach which both Larry and son Kevin Berger point towards is its ability to keep longtime employees in an almost family-like atmosphere.

Larry points to now-retired, decade-plus employees such as company mill man for years "Cubby" Bair, Leroy Bean (who retired after 40 years with the company!), David Osborn, Norm Coby (who worked nearly 40 years), Bud Cripe, Gene Thomas, Bud Thews, and others.

Current longtime employees (of the 11 total today) include Kathy Pearson, who Kevin Berger notes started 37 years ago. Larry jokes that he hired her husband Willie to keep Kathy on.

"She was and is good," he adds.

Current employee Bobby Cooper, says Kevin, has worked with Easterday nearly 30 years and John Singleton close to 25.

"Even though we don't have any other family than me in it today, it's still been kind of a family business," Kevin says. "We try to treat people that way, and we seem to foster that kind of loyalty. It's funny sometimes to hear how many people have ties to Easterday back and forth."

## Culver churches' Easter services

Several Culver area churches have released their Holy Week and Easter worship schedules. As of press time, the following information had been received.

**Culver Bible Church:** Good Friday service, 7 p.m. Easter sunrise, 7:30 a.m. by the gazebo. Breakfast, 8 a.m. in the church basement (please R.S.V.P. 574-842-3056). Bible study, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.

**Emmanuel United Methodist Church:** Sunrise service, 7 a.m. (breakfast to follow). Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service, 10 a.m.

**Grace United Church of Christ:** Maundy Thursday

(March 28), 7 p.m., beginning with a light meal. Easter Sunrise service, 7 a.m. Regular service follows, 9 a.m.

**St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church:** Palm Sunday Mass (March 23, 5 p.m., 24 7:30 a.m. Palm braiding workshop, 10 a.m., Mass 11 a.m.). Chrism Mass (March 25, St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend, 7:30 p.m.). The Triduum: Holy Thursday (March 28) Mass 7 p.m. Good Friday, 4 p.m. Holy Saturday (March 30): No 5 p.m. Mass -- Easter Vigil, 9 p.m. Easter Sunday, Mass at 7:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

**Trinity Lutheran Church:** Palm Sunday (March 24), Sunday of the Passion with procession with palms, 8:30 a.m. Maundy (Holy

Thursday (March 28), Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion and stripping of the altar, 4:30 p.m. Good Friday, 4:30 p.m. Easter Sunday, Celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord with Holy Communion, 8 a.m. (followed by Easter breakfast).

**Wesley United Methodist Church:** Palm Sunday (March 24), processional with children, 10 a.m. Maundy Thursday Experience (March 28), starting in the sanctuary then transitioning to the Fellowship Hall for a light, candlelit dinner, 7 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae, 7 p.m. Easter Celebration, 10 a.m. Holy Humor Sunday (April 7), continuing to celebrate Jesus' resurrection: the great joke God played on sin and death. 10 a.m.

## Birth - Howard



Scott and Dianna Howard of Culver announce the birth of a son born Jan. 30, 2013 at 12:30 p.m. at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center.

Tolsen Lee Howard weighed 6 pounds and 5 ounces and was 1 1/4 inches long.

He was welcomed home by siblings Samantha, 17, and Marisa, 15.

Maternal grandparents are Terry and Carin Clifton of Culver. Paternal grandmother is Connie Bailey of Hamlet.

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## The "Root Cause" of the Middle East Turmoil

### Would peace descend if the Arab-Israeli conflict were resolved?

Many are convinced that the conflict between Israel and its neighbors in the predominantly Muslim Middle East is the "root cause" of the ongoing violence in the region and of worldwide acts of terror. Some leading politicians and many pundits have attempted to establish a linkage between the Arab-Israeli conflict and the turmoil prevalent throughout the Middle East. But does this linkage really exist?

#### What are the facts?

Israel is a tiny country, with fewer than eight million inhabitants (1.6 million of whom are Arabs). It is surrounded by 12 Arab countries with 400 million people. Nonetheless, Arab propaganda has convinced the world that Israel is an aggressive invader in the Middle East—a mighty Colatin compared to helpless Arab states. It is a supreme irony that tiny Israel, the size of New Jersey, outnumbered 50 to 1 and encircled by implacable enemies obsessed with its destruction, is considered a mortal danger to Muslims and to peace on earth. The linkage theory is that if Israel would make peace with the Palestinians, peace would descend upon the world and terrorist terrorism would cease.

But Israel and the Arab-Israeli conflict are clearly not the root cause of the strife and turmoil in the Middle East. Israel was not involved in the deaths of the millions who perished in the Iraq-Iran war, nor in the current Somali Shiite civil war in Iraq. Peace between Israel and the Palestinians would do nothing to stem Iran's headlong development of nuclear weapons and its goal to achieve Middle East hegemony. Israel has no part in the Syrian civil war, which has so far killed more than 60,000 people, nor has it played any role in the chaotic "Arab Spring" that is still making Egypt, Yemen, Libya, and Tunisia. Neither does Israel have any influence over the intractable conflict between warring Palestinian factions—Fatah in the West Bank and the terrorist group Hamas in Gaza.

Is Israel an intruder in the Middle East? The state of Israel resulted from the same process that created a dozen or more nations in Europe and the Middle East from the remnants of the Austro-Hungarian and Ottoman Empires by Western democracies and the United Nations. For three thousand years Jews have continuously inhabited what is today Israel and Judea and Samaria, the so-called "West Bank." In short, few countries born in the 20th century have a stronger claim to national self-determination than does Israel—and certainly not the Arabs, who have never had a state in Palestine nor a capital in Jerusalem. Yet it has been Arab nations, unable to

maintain a Jewish state, that have waged numerous unprovoked wars against Israel.

And how about terror? Many believe that Israel is the root cause of the terror that Islamists have visited—and visit to this day—upon the world. But consider the attack on the United States on September 11, 2001, murderous attacks on the London subway system and in Mumbai, India, as well as the assassination of a U.S. diplomat in Sudan and, most recently, the U.S. Ambassador and three other consular officials in Benghazi, Libya. These and dozens of other acts of cowardly terror would have taken place even if there were no Israel. Rather, they are a reflection of the hatred that radical Islamists harbor against the West and its institutions. That hatred has nothing to do with Israel. Yet many believe that if only the United States would withhold its support of Israel—or "force" Israel to make peace with the Palestinians—Middle East terror would cease and we would no longer have to fear the scourge of suicide bombings, a uniquely Arab invention. Israel's role and responsibility in Arab terrorism is an illusion. Arab and Islamist hatred toward the West and their deadly internal struggles would continue even if Israel ceased to exist.

Many claim that Arab and Islamist terror is the result of despair, hopelessness and poverty. But the facts prove otherwise. While Middle East Arabs are some of the richest people in the world, instead of using their enormous wealth to benefit their people, they squander it in luxurious excesses for a privileged few. The nineteen 9/11 hijackers were not poor or desperate. They were, without exception, well-educated people, members of upper-middle class families. The leaders of such Arab-Islamic terror organizations as Hamas, Hezbollah, al Qaeda and Islamic Jihad are educated people, from the upper reaches of their societies. So, terror is not a response of Arab-Muslims to alleged injustice by Israel, but is rather a customary strategy used by Arabs and Islamists to express their grievances against the enemy, even their own brethren. This pattern would not be any different if Israel had never existed or would cease to exist.

The cause of violent revolution and attacks on the U.S., Israel and other Western states is dysfunctional Arab-Muslim governments and the exploding influence of radical Islamism. This last for war and terror will not end with an Israeli-Palestinian peace, but rather will cease when Arab-Muslims come to terms with the Jewish state's right to exist and the West's leadership role in the fight for human and democratic rights.

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## Good Friday and Easter

### Pastor's corner

By Rev. K.C. Dehning  
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Law and Gospel; Sin and Grace; Sinner & Saint; these words have been paired together throughout the history of the Church along with two days in the Church year:

Good Friday and Easter. On Good Friday the Church reaches its lowest point as we consider the suffering Jesus experienced at the hands of the Roman soldiers: the scourging, the crown of thorns, the forced walk to Calvary carrying His cross, the crucifixion. Yet, this physical suffering pales in comparison to the punishment Jesus received from the heavenly Father.

While Jesus was without sin, He carried in His body the sin of the world and on the cross He was punished for those sins. He suffered the eternal punishment of sin when He was forsaken by the Father. "He was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5) Then Jesus died, fulfilling the first Gospel message in all of Scripture. Following the Fall into sin, God declared to Satan, "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." (Genesis 3:15). The battle for the world was won, when by His death, Jesus defeated the devil.

Here in Indiana, and in many states across the country, basketball teams are "battling" for championships in tournament action. When a team wins the tournament there is a celebration for them, their coaches, and the fans. The thrill of victory

is remembered for a long time.

Jesus' death on the cross defeated the devil and the hold he had on the world. The celebration of that victory took place on Easter morning when Jesus rose from the dead and burst forth from the grave! C.F.W. Walther, the first LCMS President wrote a hymn of celebration for Easter, "He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus the Lord; He opened death's prison, the incarnate, true Word. Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song And earth, sea, and mountain, their praises prolong." (Lutheran Service Book, 480, 1)

Every basketball coach will tell his/her team that they need to play the game and win before they start thinking about the victory celebration.

In the same way, we cannot truly celebrate Easter without commemorating Good Friday. Remember, it is because of Jesus' death that your sins are forgiven. He has rescued you from Satan's grip. "[Christ] was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification." (Romans 4:25)

Now we celebrate Jesus' victory and the day of His Resurrection on Easter Sunday as we break forth, with the hosts of heaven, in jubilant praise, no longer subdued by the Season of Lent. "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 15:55-57) Jesus' victory over death is your victory! The Church celebrates Jesus' resurrection victory over death, not only on Easter Sunday, but every Sunday as forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you in His name.

Remember Good Friday and celebrate Easter every Lord's Day by worshiping in God's House!

## Letters to the editor

### Thanks for the thanks

To the Chamber of Commerce in Culver and other friends:

I was so sorry to miss my surprise party held March 5th at Cafe Max hosted by the Chamber of Commerce in Culver. After many jobs through my working career, I enjoyed my 15 years with the Chamber the most. The directors and members have worked diligently to promote Culver as an ideal place to live, shop, work and visit and have been a pleasure to work with through the years. The gift basket was overwhelming and I can't express

my gratitude enough for the honor you've shown me. I love Culver having been born and raised here and I can't imagine any community more thoughtful, friendly, and willing to express appreciation. I thank every day that Culver is my hometown and we have such great leaders willing to support and promote projects for the good of the citizens.

My very best wishes to you all,

**Bobbie Washburn Ruhnow, Culver**

## 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, March 20:** Salisbury steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, bread and margarine, mixed fruit, milk.

**Friday, March 21:** Potato corn chowder, cheese, sandwich, applesauce, crackers, sugar free Jello, milk.

**Monday, March 25:** Chopped steak mashers and gravy,

vegetable blend, bread and margarine, apple juice.

**Tuesday, March 26:** Mushroom and barley soup with crackers, chicken salad, carrot coins, oranges and cookie.

**Wednesday, March 27:** Sloppy Joes, bun, au gratin potatoes, peas, tropical fruit.

**Thursday, March 28:** BBQ chicken leg, baked beans, coleslaw, cornbread, Jello.

**Friday, March 29:** Mexican lasagna, creamed corn, salad and dressing, cobbler.

## Name that Culver 'citizen'

Our Mystery Citizen last week turned out, unbeknownst to the forgetful editor, to be a repeat of a "mystery" from



2009 (so almost four years, right?). ABOVE: This week's Mystery Citizen. I discovered that

on my own and no readers pointed it out, it seems safe to assume most readers forgot as well!

They didn't, however, forget the name Scot McKinnis. Our hint last week alluded to his father, Rob McKinnis' also being involved in a downtown business, the pharmacy bearing his name, just a few doors south of Scot's place of employ, the Miller-Norcen Insurance office. Recognizing him were Paul Parè, Anna Lemar Neher, Carin Clifton, Marizetta Kenney, Teri Baker, Jim Taber, Cynthia Bonine Goss, Kay Tusing, Larry Miller, Pat Measles, Lora Pinder, Jim and Barb Jones, Lynn Overmyer.



This week's Mystery Citizen has been a well-known resident here virtually all his life, partly via association with a well-known family, but also because of positions he's held through the years.

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

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## 2 state titles special, even for storied CMA

By James Costello  
Sports Editor

CULVER — “It’s always great when your school gets to bring home a state championship, but it’s really something special when your guys can bring home two state championships.”

That simple, understated sentence from Culver Military Academy varsity B hockey coach Alex Mies pretty much perfectly summed up the school’s accomplishment at the Indiana State High School Hockey Association’s Invitational Tournament last Saturday.

In a program where state championships are the norm, the Eagles found a way to redefine success as the CMA varsity B team started out the day with a 4-1 state championship victory over Fort Wayne Carroll in the 3A finals, and the varsity A team capped off the evening with a 5-2 win over area rival South Bend St. Joseph for its third straight state title in the 5A division at the Compton Family Ice Arena at Notre Dame.

Both games were closer than the final margins suggested as the A team entered the second period trailing 1-0, and the B team found itself locked in a 1-1 stalemate with Carroll after two periods.

Nerves were evident early, even for the Eagles A team, which may have entered Saturday’s 5A finals as the two-time defending state champ but boasted few carryovers from those two championship campaigns.

St. Joe outshot CMA 12-1 in the first period, and the Indians drew first blood on a Dillon Bond goal at the 10:34 mark of the frame. The damage could have been even worse but for goalie Jack Slifer’s save of a penalty shot in the opening stanza, and the Eagles found themselves trailing by a manageable 1-0 deficit going into the break.

CMA regrouped, and the defending champs took over in the second period.

Jimmy Callan scored the game-tie on a dual assist from Matt Moody and Nick Curtin on a power play 1:24 into the period, Phil Kreuser notched the go-ahead on a Corey Taylor assist on another power play at the 4:12 stop, and Moody added an insurance goal on a dual helper by Curtin and Charley Salk at the 14:23 mark of the frame to put the Eagles up 3-1 with one period left to play.

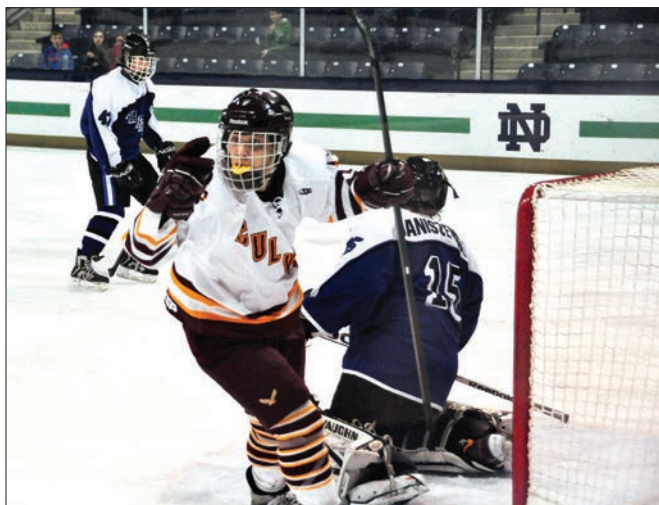


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Ben Bustria signals to the crowd after scoring a goal in the third period of the 3A state championship last weekend in South Bend.

Pete Faulkner pushed the margin to 4-1 on a Matt Neufeldt pass early in the third, and, following a Will Beach goal that cut St. Joe’s deficit to 4-2 at the 13:45 stop, Callan put the exclamation point on the three-peat championship with an empty netter off a Caleb Jadrich assist to bring the score to its final margin.

“We were down 0-1, we were getting outshot 12-1 going into the second period, and we had four penalties in a row called on us, including a penalty shot. Our goalie played extremely well and kept us in the game, and that was great,” said CMA varsity A coach Jeff Badalic.

“Our players have never played in front of a crowd that size before, and our kids were nervous. The puck wasn’t rolling our way, and little simple plays that we’ve done hundreds of times, we couldn’t execute. They were a little bit tight, so we just did what we could to calm them down in between periods there and just kind of get back to the basics of what we usually play.”

While the CMA A team’s 5A title was the school’s third in a row, the Eagles B team’s 3A championship came as a bit of a surprise.

The team got off to a rocky start to the season, and although the squad was able to qualify for the ISHSHA’s 3A state tournament — which is divided up into class based on team records rather than the Indiana High School Athletic Association’s state series, which are based on school enrollment — the B team Eagles entered the tourney as sizable underdogs with seven players sidelined by injury during the homestretch of the year.

Locked in a 1-1 tie with Carroll with one period remaining, CMA finally settled in as Payton Frantti netted the go-ahead on an Alec Posner assist 2:27 into the final frame, Ben Bustria scored a pair of goals on assists by Posner and Frantti at the 4:37 and 10:14 marks, and the Eagles held on for the win and the B team’s first-ever state

title at any level.

“I’ll be honest, we’re a motley crew,” said Mies with a laugh. “We have a bunch of strange guys who just love to have fun, and it was very apparent to us that they were nervous and they weren’t playing how they like to play, which is relaxed and having a good time. We essentially went in there and just settled them down. We said ‘Guys, listen, you’re not playing well because you’re afraid. It’s just another game; it’s a big game, but it’s just another game. We’ve won plenty of games before, we’ve seen this team before, we’ve played on this ice before. Let’s just go out there and have fun. It’s a state championship, what more can you ask for?’ The guys received it really well. You could kind of see them relax a little bit, and we walked out to give them a little bit of their own time. And Ben, he got up and he made a speech at that point. I’m not entirely sure what he said, but whatever he said, it definitely worked so I’m going to give the credit to him.”

It was a coup even for a storied hockey program like CMA’s, which had already racked up 22 state championships in the program’s 36-year history while seeing a total of 25 former players drafted into the NHL via the school’s top level prep team.

“For our varsity B team to win at the 3A level — which by the way my son plays on that team — was really a neat thing to see because they lost seven players down the stretch and yet they found some ways to win and qualify for the 3A level,” said Badalic.

In my mind that’s really the bigger story. My hat’s off to those guys because they really pulled it together at the end.”

“It was incredible, there’s not much more you can say,” said Mies. “It was just awesome to see how happy those kids were. We’re a bunch of freshmen and sophomores, and we’re playing against a bunch of juniors and seniors. To come out with a state championship, the guys were so happy, and I couldn’t have been more proud of them than I was when we hoisted that trophy up.”

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CMA Varsity A team member Phil Kreuser hoists the 5A state hockey championship trophy following the Eagles’ 5-2 win over South Bend St. Joseph at Compton Family Ice Arena at Notre Dame last Saturday.

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## After-school food program starts in Culver

By Lydia Beers  
Staff Writer

CULVER — Every day, between 10 and 40 students arrive at the Culver Public Library after school. Sometimes, they are waiting for a parent to pick them up. Sometimes, they are bidding time before a practice or game. Sometimes they are just studying or hanging out. But they have one thing in common — hunger.

"When the kids come here after school they are always really hungry, especially the teenagers," said Ali Gaskill, youth services manager at the library.

"What I saw happening was that they would scrounge up whatever change they could find, go to the gas station, and buy cheap candy to fill their bellies."

Gaskill started offering the students leftover food she had from programs at the library.

"They loved it," said Gaskill.

Culver citizens Sam Bramfeld and Jerry Kisela are undertaking a fundraiser to provide Gaskill with all the money she needs to keep feeding kids at the

library for the rest of the school year. Both are participating in Leadership Marshall County, a nine-month program run by the Marshall County Community Foundation.

"We were asked to create a community service type of project," said Kisela. "The library tries to supply snacks with their own resources. We decided that our project would be a youth food program for the library so they can (continue to) provide that after-school snack."

The goal for the fundraising is \$1,000. About half of that has already been raised through help from six Culver businesses or individuals. More is still needed, and Kisela said he's determined to fund the program.

"A lot of kids come to the library as kind of a safe place," said Kisela. "The last time they eat something is maybe 11 a.m., when they eat lunch at school."

Kisela added that the project is offering free advertising to businesses that donate — their name will be placed on a banner at the library.

"We will do this again

next year, with maybe an auction or a raffle to reach out more to the public," said Kisela. "The library is setting aside these funds for a youth food program."

"I would like to keep this going every school year," said Gaskill. "It won't be a full meal. I would like to have fruit, veggies, pretzels...stuff that's semi-healthy so they are not just eating junk food. It's important for kids to have an after-school snack. Even myself, being a parent that works it's sometimes 6:30 or 7 p.m. before I get dinner done and my kids eat — and that's a long time to go from an 11 a.m. lunch."

To donate, send checks made out to Culver Public Library (with "youth food program" in the memo line) to Culver Public Library, 107 N Main St., 46511, with attention to Ali Gaskill.

Bramfeld and Kisela are also available to answer questions about the program. Contact them at 217-493-5695 (Sam Bramfeld) or 574-216-6227 (Jerry Kisela).

## CCHS students 'Read Across America' ...starting with Culver



PHOTO/CULVER COMM HS YEARBOOK STAFF  
CCHS senior Mark Hurford (right) with CES kindergarten teacher Janna Vandeputte and students Ashley Pugh (left) and Peyton Weist.

By Dana Wireman

For the second year in a row, Culver High School students read Dr. Seuss books to every class at the Culver Elementary School in celebration of the famed children author's 109th birthday and in participation of the Read Across America project. Read Across America is a nationwide event originated by the National Education Service, promotes reading and literature in elementary schools across the United States.

Making Read Across America a tradition within the school system is a way for the elementary students and high school students to bond every year, giving the children someone to look up to.

Senior Erin Bau said, "The experience of reading to the elementary school students was one I really enjoyed. I read Dr. Seuss's book 'One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish' to Mrs. Bonine's kindergarten class. Afterwards we painted fish with our hands. I really enjoyed being with the children. I hope this is continued every year."

CES second grade teacher Jean Ahlenius organized this educational activity.

"It allows the high school students an opportunity to show the elementary students that reading is fun," she said, "and that you are never too old or too cool to read."

## CCHS' Dehning brings home silver

By Dana Wireman

Culver Community High School junior Caleb Dehning competed in the state ISSMA contest February 23 at Indianapolis' North Central High School.



PHOTO/REV. K.C. DEHNING  
Caleb Dehning.

Dehning received a Silver award, though he was close to achieving a Gold.

He said, "I felt it was pretty solid, but I took the piece a little under tempo and pinched some of the notes in the higher register."

Even though Dehning did not accomplish his goal, he walked away with a great experience.

"It was incredible," he said. "Being surrounded by talented musicians at that level, in a school that size, was a great experience for me."

Dehning plans to practice even harder next year to earn a gold at districts and at the state ISSMA competition to finally accomplish his goal.

## Culver Comm. kindergarten round-up

Culver Community Schools' kindergarten round-up will be held Thursday, April 25 at 6 p.m. in the Culver Elementary School cafeteria. To be eligible for kindergarten, a child must be five years old on or before August 1, 2013. Children do not need to attend this informational meeting with parents. This early registration is critical in the planning for next year's kindergarten program.

During the meeting, parents will be informed about required health records, forms needed for registration, kindergarten screening, Indiana curriculum standards, and programs available for kindergartners. Parents should bring a copy of the child's birth certificate to verify the date of birth and the child's immunization record. If a parent cannot come on April 25, they should contact Culver Elementary at 574-842-3389, or 574-542-4017.



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### St. Mary's daycare apps for fall 2013

St. Mary of the Lake Childcare Ministry (daycare) is now accepting applications for fall, 2013. Call 574-842-3488 for more information or to register. New informational brochures are also available on the program.

### Songbird rehab at CUTPL

Pat Knight, bird rehabilitator and president of Songbirds of Northern Indiana Inc., will be at the Culver-Union Township Public Library to explain the value of songbirds and rehabilitation. The program will be held Thursday, March 28 at 1 p.m. in the large meeting room.

### Community meal at St. Mary's April 1

The March community meal at St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church on College Ave. will be held Monday, April 1 at 6 p.m. rather than its usual date of the 30th. March 30th falls on Holy Saturday this year, so the church will observe the holy day that evening. The April community meal will be held Tuesday, April, 30 as usual.

### Walking Club info mtg April 1

Those interested in getting more exercise, losing weight, and feeling better are encouraged to take part in the Culver Park and Recreation Department's 1 Million Steps to Success Walking Club. An informational meeting will take place in the beach lodge April 1 at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

### SAT, ACT prep at Culver Comm. HS

S.A.T. and A.C.T. preparation language portion classes at Culver Community High School will begin April 2 and continue every Tuesday and Thursday at 7:20 a.m. Beginning April 3, the math portion will continue every Wednesday and Friday at 7:20 a.m. The S.A.T. test will be offered May 4 at Culver Academies. Registration deadline is April 5 (late registration is April 19) The A.C.T. test will be offered June 8 at Kokomo, South Bend and Elkhart. Registration deadline is May 3. (Alternate S.A.T. test date is June 1 at Culver Academies).

### Scholarships for current students

Current college students may be eligible for scholarships through the Pulaski County Community Foundation. Applications will be available March 15 for the Gary M. Schnapf Memorial 4-H Scholarship, the K. Stuart Gast Scholarship, and the Ralph E. Winters Scholarship. Students must apply online through the Pulaski County Community Foundation's webpage at [www.pulaskionline.org](http://www.pulaskionline.org). Deadline for applications is April 12, 2013. For more information on these or any other PCCF scholarships, please call 574-946-0906 or email Kim Krause, Scholarship Coordinator at [kskrause@embarqmail.com](mailto:kskrause@embarqmail.com).

### School pics April 4

A reminder to parents that Culver Elementary School pictures will take place Thurs., April 4.

### Rent a sale space at the park

Spaces are available for rent at the Culver town park to sell items during the town wide garage sale, April 26 and 27. The price is \$10 per space, per day. Applications may

be picked up at the Culver town hall between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Questions may be directed to Kelly at 574-842-3510.

### Endangered Heritage exhibit at museum

The Center for Culver History will host "Endangered Heritage," a traveling exhibit of the Indiana Historical Society which seeks to educate local communities and funders about the need for good collections stewardship and gives examples of the dangers to objects in collections and information about the collections care needs of Indiana's organizations. The museum is open Tuesday through Friday, 12 to 6, and Saturday 10 a.m. to noon. For more information, contact the museum at [culverhistory@gmail.com](mailto:culverhistory@gmail.com).

### Warner Williams exhibit at museum

Ongoing at The Center for Culver History is a display of the art of Culver Academies 20-year artist-in-residence and Culver resident Werner Williams. The museum's open hours (Tuesday- Friday: 12 to 6 and Saturday, 10 to 2). The museum is located on the ground floor of the Culver Library (574-842-2941).

### New Culver history notecards available

The Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver is offering a new series of eight historic note cards, available at the Center for Culver History, the AHS museum, and at various establishments around town. At the museum, members always receive a 10 percent discount on merchandise.

### VFW bingo returns

Culver's VFW Post 6919 is happy to announce Saturday bingo has resumed Saturdays at 7 p.m. There is a \$500 jackpot, and cards are \$1 each or six for \$5. Hot Ball costs an additional \$1. The kitchen opens 5:30. Come enjoy our fresh made onion rings which are only available on Saturday nights.

### Culver to host "Michiana's Rising Star" event

WNIT Public Television has announced the Culver Academies Eppley auditorium will host one of the five regional competitions of "Michiana's Rising Star," a search for the brightest and best talent in the entire Michiana region, Saturday, June 15. The five top performers will compete at the WNIT studio each evening from July 28 through, August 2, to determine the grand prize winner and "Michiana's Rising Star." The grand prize winner will receive \$1,000 cash and the opportunity to appear on WNIT programs. Visit the contest web site at [wnit.org](http://wnit.org) or call the station at 574.675.9648 x 309.

## Master earns gold A



Kira Master, the daughter of Chad and Mindy Master of Argos, has earned a gold A at Culver Academy. The award is the highest academic honor for one semester. To be eligible for a gold A a student must attain a two-term cumulative GPA of at least 3.7, no grade lower than a B+, and be citizenship eligible.



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