

Friends book sales this wkcd.

The Friends of the Culver Library will hold a book sale Thursday, June 13 from 4 until 7 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, June 14 and 15, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Book donations can be left at the Culver Library circulation desk during library hours.

Taste of Culver Saturday

The 2013 Taste of Culver will be held Saturday, June 15 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. in downtown Culver. A diversity of food offerings will include, pizza, polish sausage, mini burgers, chicken wings, sushi, cajun specialties, shaved ice, cookies, fresh fruit cups and hot dogs, from Culver's unique restaurants, accompanied by live music. Those with questions may call Patty Stallings at 574-842-2118 (cell 219-765-0702) or email patty.k.stallings@gmail.com.

Community meal at Grace June 15

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Saturday, June 15 at 6 p.m. All are invited to this free, ecumenical event whose purpose is to share a friendly meal in a welcoming, community atmosphere. The meals are held on the 15th day of each month in the basement of the church.

Fly fishing 101 Saturday

Learn when and why fly fishing is the right tool for the task Saturday June 15, from 9 a.m. to noon. Class is limited to five participants, minimum 11 years of age. Total cost for each participant is \$10. Equipment will be supplied. Please contact Kelly Young, park supt., at 574-842-3510 to register.

Jr. Football sign-ups

Sign-ups for the 2013 Junior Football season are June 15 and 22 from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Culver Community High School library. All enrollment will be online this year with only an email address required. If you do not have one, volunteers can help you create one when you enroll. If you choose to enroll online on your own, please still plan to attend one of these dates to be fitted for equipment and uniforms. All are encouraged to "like" Culver Junior Football on Facebook.

Craft time, movie in the park next week

A craft time for ages 7 to 10 will take place Wednesday, June 19 at 10 a.m. in the town park's west pavilion (weather permitting; beach lodge meeting room if raining). Registration is required by June 18 with a \$2 charge per child.

A movie in the park, "The Lorax" will take place Saturday, June 22, starting about 9:30 p.m. Bring a chair or blanket. There will be popcorn and refreshments.

Pick-up beach volleyball continues through the summer on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 p.m.

*Theology of the Body for Teens* at St. Marys

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church in Culver will present the acclaimed series, *Theology of the Body for Teens*, which presents the two hottest

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## Carmichael charms Culver

ABOVE, LEFT: Randy Carmichael, son of famed Hoosier composer and musician Hoagy Carmichael, played to a sold out house Saturday night at the Culver Academies' Legion Memorial Building for the Antiquarian and Historical Society-sponsored "Carmichael Sings Carmichael." The singer and pianist took the audience through a host of his father's most beloved compositions, peppering the music with personal anecdotes and recollections, and of course climaxing the show with Hoagy's signature hit, "Star Dust." The junior Carmichael's Culver roots go back several decades by way of his friendship with longtime east shore resident Richard Ford, at whose cottage Carmichael stayed while in Culver. The musician also entertained guests at an after-party later that evening on the east shore, following the concert and wine and cheese "meet and greet" reception at the Legion building.

## Park board passes debated proposals, moves to rectify pier issue

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Culver's park board passed several items of recent or longstanding contention last week during a meeting which also saw follow-up on the matter of a much-discussed public pier, and a round of spontaneous audience applause for the writer of a letter to the editor of *The Culver Citizen* concerning park board controversies. Among other decisions, the board voted to purchase a cash register and computer-based Point of Sale software to handle transactions at the beach lodge -- a move which had been proposed at various times over the past few years but previously never garnered enough board votes to pass -- and opted to staff the town beach until 9 p.m. each night this summer, as soon as park superintendent Kelly Young can make staff arrangements.

From the outset of the meeting, board members appeared conscious of various controversies having reached a peak in recent weeks, spurred in part by the condition of a public pier installed in the park in April which many felt was unstable, but for which no contract was created or signed, as well as the board's decision not to staff a haunted house proposed by a merchants group as part of a community-wide fall festival in October.

Board president Tammy Shaffer began the meeting by noting that copies of Roberts Rules of Order -- which govern proper running of public meetings -- had been made available to each board member; she also encouraged the public to take a look at the Rules as well, on the internet.

Next up, town attorney Jim Clevenger told the board he'd spoken to the installer of the aforementioned pier, Dave Van Huis, by telephone, and proposed Van Huis remove the hybrid stationary and floating pier completely and refund the funds already paid him, which totaled 80 percent of the \$45,000 cost of parts and installation. Van Huis, said Clevenger, answered in the negative and instead suggested the park board had asked for a pier whose rocking motions would "feel like a boat," adding Van Huis has lost money on the project.

Van Huis also said he would speak to pier manufacturer Jeff Spence of Modudock towards a proposed cost of converting the pier to a stationary-only design, though Clevenger felt it likely the cost of that conversion could be several thousand dollars over the cost of the original pier.

Clevenger suggested the park board wait to see a number from Van Huis, though he encouraged the board to seek estimates from local installers to determine a reasonable price range for the job.

During the discussion which followed, audience and board

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## Eight retire from CCHS

Culver Community High School's faculty and staff saw retirees with nearly 200 years of combined service honored prior to the close of school, including (from left) Donna Schwartz (a teacher for 35 years), Cheryl Geik (25.5 year teacher), Ron Stevens (35 year teacher), Peggy Keller (19 years an aide), and Regina Anderson (39 years the High School's secretary).

Not pictured were Julie Kitchell (25 year teacher), Lane Shedrow (18 year custodian), and 8-year bus driver Joe Hendricks.

All retired last this month, at the close of the 2012-2013 school year.

## All a-board for Lake Max SUP

ABOVE, RIGHT: These Stand Up Paddleboarders were photographed on Lake Maxinkuckee recently and exemplify the growing population of the sport on the lake, where the second annual Lake Max Challenge will take place next weekend (SEE STORY BELOW).

## Second annual Lake Max Challenge hits Culver's beach June 28 weekend

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

As its organizers planned, the Lake Max Challenge Stand Up Paddleboarding (SUP) event, which debuted last summer, has become an annual event and will take place this June 28 through 30, though with expanded offerings and opportunities to experience what is becoming an increasingly popular water-based activity.

Stand Up Paddleboarding utilizes a board similar to a surf board, and paddle, as one more non-motorized, fitness-friendly means of enjoying the outdoors and area bodies of water. In spite of having to operate without electricity last year due to a severe thunderstorm knocking out Culver's power, last

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## Lake Max Challenge 2013 schedule

**Friday, June 28:** 4:30 - 6:30p.m. - SUP Paddle Stroke Clinic by Westy (limited to the first 10 people; email for details)

5 - 7 p.m. - SUP board demos

7 p.m. - Short Course Racing off the Culver beach. Boards provided. No experience necessary! Participants will race in heats with five to six racers per heat.

Awards and gathering with drink specials to follow racing at The Lakehouse Grille, Lake Shore Drive.

**Saturday, June 29:** 8:30 - 10 a.m. - Registration and packet pick up

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## Anderson reflects on 39 years of service to CCHS

By Sam Mellott-Shoffstall, Culver Comm. High School

As the news of the retirement of Regina Anderson sinks in, Culver Comm. High School faculty and students alike are reflecting on the importance of secretaries in our school.

The school personnel relies on secretaries to keep the school running. Along with Anderson, the front office also depends on Kim Hurst as well as guidance secretary Sandy Master and bookstore treasurer Suzanne Pugh. The middle school secretaries, Tammy Shedrow and Joyce Hanselman, are also valuable to the corporation.

The job of the front office secretaries includes answering and directing phone calls, taking attendance count, preparing teaching materials, and creating documents, such as the athletic programs.

The job of the other secretaries are just as important with Pugh and Hanselman keeping track of students' lunch accounts, school money, and the financial status for clubs and organizations. The guidance secretary helps with college applications, financial aide, and transcripts. She also works with scheduling, making appointments for the counselor, and part-time nursing.

Regina Anderson has been employed at Culver for 39 years, some while serving as an aide. She likes to read, quilt, solve puzzles, ride her bike and go fishing, but that is after she is done with her job in the office. Anderson's job does not just stay at the office, though. She has helped after school by taking tickets at the basketball, football, softball, and baseball games. She has also worked the clock for volleyball, while making sure the record books are up to date for volleyball and basketball.

"The best part of the job is the people you work with. You get to know them because you work with them so long. We all get to know one another and become closer. The only thing I can say bad about the job is getting out in bad weather," said Anderson.

Even though Anderson will not be back in the fall, her best memories will be the friendships she has made while working here and winning sectional, regional,

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members discussed whether the original bid specifications for the pier would have served as a guideline for the installation and thus a recourse for the board, though Cleverger noted the purchase order as signed didn't include those specifications.

It was also discussed that board members never saw the purchase order, and assumed a formal contract -- including bid specifications -- had been drawn up and verified by Cleverger.

Several board members contested the claim that they had bid out a pier which would feel like a boat to those standing on it, and instead insisted a stable pier, aimed at handicapped and children's usage, was requested.

Board member Patty Stallings said it was strange that no contract was drawn up for a \$45,000 project, but a six-page contract was generated for the \$4,200 job of fabricating benches for the pier, which was bid out to local installer Tim Yuhas.

Superintendent Young said, when questioned as to why no contract existed for the pier, that it was her impression that a bid packet, once approved by the board, becomes a contract. Stallings noted she had moved to create the contract for Yuhas' work, as a matter of protocol, but assumed a similar contract was in the works for Van Huis.

Shaffer affirmed the board will be certain of the existence of contracts going forward.

The board voted to allow board member Rhonda Reinhold to seek cost estimates from local installers for converting the pier to stationary only, with board member Kathy Hart voting against it.

### Activities director introduced

Young then introduced park activities director Donna McKee, who started in the recently-established position in February and said she came to report on her work to the board. Noting she works at least 20 hours a week out of the beach lodge, McKee listed her early endeavors in the position, including game days (which she said have since been taken off the calendar due to low attendance); she also said there's consideration of the park buying equipment of its own to show movies in the park, if the endeavor proves successful, since it's costly to rent the equipment. She noted the first movie in the park will be "The Lorax" on June 22 around 9:30 p.m.

She also said the concert in the park series has launched, and includes musicians from Iowa, Ohio, Chicago, and a number of Indiana locales, and the music spans multiple genres.

McKee said a survey of middle and high school students in Culver, as well as a mailed survey to all Culver residents from last year, led to several new ideas including a babysitting club (which she said six girls attended), volleyball, a walking club, fishing class, and a scrapbooking club (the latter, she said, was not attended at all). A talk by TV meteorologist Cindy Clawson in April drew around 30 people, though many were from outside Culver. A paddleboarding class took place Memorial Day weekend, and poor attendance may have been due to the weather, she added. A craft time for preschool aged children has so far been attended by just two children, but McKee said she hopes the program will catch on.

She also explained the 5K run -- which had been criticized by some after the park board voted last month not to take part in this October's fall festival, but the park superintendent proposed a park-sponsored 5K run -- was the result of "huge interest" in both the town-wide and

school surveys. McKee said she believed the run, which she plans to incorporate with a fun walk and children's fun run, will draw people from outside Culver and promote fitness.

McKee said she promotes park events via the newspaper, Lions Club sign, Facebook, brochures and flyers, the beach lodge sign, take-home sheets to local students, and area radio stations.

Reinhold suggested McKee not give up if the first movie in the park isn't a success, noting its likely audience of young children will be in bed by the time it's dark enough for the movie to start. Reinhold suggested trying more teen-oriented fare.

"I think it will take off," said Reinhold, who added, "I think this is a hard job; it's trial and error. You're doing the right thing."

Reinhold also emphasized the "negative talk" surrounding the park board "is not directed at you."

### Storage building tabled

Some debate ensued after Young distributed handouts with drawings for a proposed storage building to be erected near the old water tower on Lake Shore Drive. She thanked a committee comprised of citizens Bill Furry, Dave Beggs, and Mike Stallings, and board members Patty Stallings and Leroy Bean for assisting in planning the building.

Patty Stallings suggested the matter be tabled while the board sorted out solutions to the matter of the pier, though Shaffer emphasized funds budgeted for the building could not be used towards the pier. Reinhold suggested the building could wait, however, possibly even until next year under the proper circumstances.

Furry asked if the board could reject the bids it gets for the building.

"I'm not sure we need a \$55,000 building," he said. "I think we need a \$15,000 building. Can we go back to square one (if bids come in too high)?"

The board approved tabling the matter until after a public responsibilities related training session at the Culver library June 18, with Bean voting against the proposal.

The board also voted to walk, with Young, through the park and take a look at its buildings and grounds, towards making informed decisions in the future.

### Waiving beach fees, extending hours

Another board vote approved Young's request to waive beach and parking fees for the day of the Lake Max Challenge Stand Up Paddleboarding event June 29, and the Lake Fest in July.

Noting many people continue to use the beach area after the current 7 p.m. hour the lodge closes and lifeguards go off duty, Stallings requested, and the board approved, staffing the beach until 9 p.m. all summer. She suggested the police of not charging to use the beach after 5 p.m. continue, but emphasized the heavy use the area gets -- due in part to later light via Daylight Savings -- and that fighting and roughhousing take place there when visitors are unsupervised.

Young said prior to Daylight Savings, the beach lodge was open until 9 p.m., but the lone staff member there felt a bit afraid under the circumstances; she said now it would be easier to keep the building open, and two employees -- including a lifeguard -- could be put into place. Audience member Mark Damore Jr. noted the staffing would be especially useful given the addition of concerts in the park.

Audience member Tom Kearns suggested the police could be contacted to be more visible in the area during evening time.

### Shifting positions on the haunted house, Point of Sale

Stallings also moved the board formally support the

haunted house proposed in the beach lodge, for which Damore had offered to donate his family's extensive decorations. Stallings offered to work with McKee and also solicit aid from various community groups. Susie Mahler, one of the merchants planning the event, said when the park board turned down involvement in the haunted house, another organization agreed to take it on, though Stallings and Shaffer offered to work with that group, with board approval.

Another proposal by Stallings was for purchase of the Point of Sale software and equipment.

"It's time for us and the staff to be accountable," she said, explaining when the board approved purchase this past winter of a computer and printer for the park staff, she had assumed eventually it would be utilized with Point of Sale equipment. The park, she said, now handles \$225,000.

"We're not a teeny little park anymore. We need to be accountable for that money."

Reinhold said she hadn't realized computerized accounting wasn't taking place already.

"This is a taxpayer-accountable entity, not a private business," she said. "This isn't a witch hunt. I didn't get onto (this) board to make anybody's life harder. But I've never heard of a government agency being ran like this before. We're taking the word of our employees at the park, and (Point of Sale accounting) is for their protection, too. This isn't our money; it's (the public's). I don't think it's a choice; it's an obligation."

Mahler also described the ease of use and flexibility of the Point of Sale she established at her restaurant.

The board unanimously approved the purchase.

### Public weighs in on controversy

During the public input portion of the meeting, audience member Ed Pinder said he wished to express something positive "after reading the negative article in the paper last week" (presumably referring to Munroe's letter to the editor). He complimented Young's work in "making the park look beautiful" and expressed appreciation to board members for a "thankless job" from which his son resigned a few years ago.

"I'm with the park board and Kelly 100 percent," he added.

Shaffer, thanking Pinder, said she feels conflict can create cohesion and "will only make us better. I appreciate all angles it comes from; everybody has their reasons. We all want what's best for Culver."

Audience member Sue McInturff affirmed boards are difficult, but said she appreciates hearing criticism as well as praise from customers, towards making her business better.

Munroe, acknowledging herself as the letter-writer and noting she and Pinder "work together very well on the town council," said the letter was intended to "give voice to some taxpayers."

She commended the board for its response to some of the issues her letter raised, some of which she said are three years old. Munroe also said she's only written one other letter to the editor in five years, "But when council members are ignored and taxpayers are ignored, I will speak up. But I commend you for your votes."

A round of audience applause followed.

Munroe also said people called, emailed, and approached her in person to express appreciation and support for her for the contents of her letter, including a number of businesspeople.

Audience member John Helphrey said he's attended park board meetings for four years and was never given consideration to serve on the board after three requests. He praised Munroe's letter for being factual and backed up by data, and criticized the lack of attendance at park board meetings by the public and some board members alike, something Shaffer said also frustrated some members of the board.

"We're with you 100 percent," he said, "but now we're watching you."

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## Property owner lauds 'hero' in Culver accident

A May 25 accident left a Main Street building and vehicle damaged but no one seriously injured, and the building owner calling her renter a "hero" for his quick response to the situation.

Culver police officers John Duhnovsky and Bill Strong were dispatched to a building owned by Diane Hansen, at 313 N. Main Street in Culver. Elisabeth Davis of Culver, according to the police report, had just completed the automatic car wash at Lake Shore Drive and Ohio Street and later reported her gas pedal stuck as she began to exit the car wash to the east. Her vehicle accelerated across the alley and into the carport of Hansen's building, snapping one of the carport's supporting posts. The vehicle then struck an approximately



PHOTO/CULVER POLICE DEPT. Damage was done to this building at 313 N. Main Street when it was struck by a vehicle leaving the car wash in Culver.

30-inch high concrete block wall with enough force to strike and damage the wall of Hansen's building, four feet beyond.

Hansen contacted the Culver Citizen to express her appreciation for the efforts of Troy Elliott, who is currently renting the an apartment in the building. According to Hansen, Elliott entered through the back of Davis' car, since the front driv-

er's door wouldn't open, and went to her aid, shutting off the vehicle, which was still smoking and accelerating. He then stayed with Davis until Culver EMS arrived.

"His quick actions helped Elisabeth and perhaps saved my building from more destruction," says Hansen, adding, "When Troy felt the car hit the building and hear the car slam into the carport and building, he said it reminded him of a bomb going off in Iraq, where he served. From Troy's training and experience he reacted without thinking of his own safety and welfare."

Elliott also credits two passing Culver Academies students who stopped to help.

Davis was transported to St. Joseph Medical Center in Plymouth for examination.

Hansen, who also thanked members of the Culver fire department, EMS, and Duhnovsky, adds, "Culver is a caring community and we have homegrown heroes to protect us and help us all."



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## A soldier says 'thanks'

PFC Jeffrey Clifton (center) visited Culver Elementary School recently to express his thanks to members of the Union Township 4H and Ober Arber Gleaners who packed boxes last month to send to 18 local military members serving overseas. Four classes from the school's 5th through 7th grades also wrote letters to be packed into the boxes. Clifton also brought in a model of the helicopter he works on as an MCAS Marine mechanic (he graduated from the program May 23). Pictured, from left, are students John Sieber, Hanna Barth, Emma Krueger (in back), Anna Blocker, William Baldwin, Hunter Manns, Clifton, Kagnie Hoffman, Alex Temme, Trista Fritter, and Jake Fisher.

## Death notice

McKinnis

Esther L. McKinnis  
June 5, 2013

CULVER — Esther L. McKinnis, 80, of Culver died June 5, 2013 in Culver. She is survived by sons, Scot (Nancy) McKinnis of Culver, P.T. (Pam Baker) McKinnis of Culver; sister, Doris Hurley of Rensselaer; brother, Tom Sell of Bourbon; and three grandchildren.

Services will be held at a later date.

Memorials contributions may be made to The Humane Society or The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care.

Letters of condolence for the family may be sent via the obituary page at [www.odom-funeralhome.com](http://www.odom-funeralhome.com)

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

## Culver's Willis on Dean's List

SOUTH BEND, IND. — Ivy Tech Community College North Central has named Kimberly Willis of Culver to the Dean's List for the spring 2013 semester.

Ivy Tech Community College is the state's largest public postsecondary institution and the nation's largest singly accredited statewide community college system serving nearly 200,000 students annually. Ivy Tech has campuses throughout Indiana. It serves as the state's engine of workforce development, offering affordable degree programs and training.

## 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, June 13:** Chicken and gravy, brown rice, zucchini and tomatoes, bread, oranges, and cookie.

**Friday, June 14:** Pulled pork on bun, mixed veggies, cottage cheese, peaches.

**Monday, June 17:** Chopped steak, mashers and gravy, veggie blend, bread and margarine, applesauce.

**Tuesday, June 18:** Mushroom and barley soup with crackers, chicken salad, carrot coin salad, oranges and cookie.

**Wednesday, June 19:** Sloppy Joes, au gratin potatoes, peas, tropical fruit.

**Thursday, June 20:** BBQ chicken thigh, baked beans, coleslaw, corn bread, fruited Jello.

**Friday, June 21:** Mexican lasagna, creamed corn, salad and dressing, cobbler.

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and state championships.

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## Community asked to be part of Vision workshop for Culver's future

Culver area residents are asked to be part of a Community Vision Workshop where residents, business owners, elected and appointed officials, members of the consultant team and other stakeholders will work together to create a vision for the Town of Culver.

Attendees at the June 24, 6:30 p.m. event — to take place at the Culver Comm. High School cafeteria -- will participate in an interactive workshop format to map out their concerns, the things they like best about the community, and the changes they would like to see made in both the near and long-term. The vision workshop will be a fun and engaging way to provide your thoughts about the future of Culver.

Why is the Vision Workshop important?

The purpose of the workshop will be to establish an overall "vision" for the future of the Town of Culver that can provide focus and direction for subsequent planning activities, serve as the "cornerstone" of the consensus building process, and identify a path for growth. Based on the Vision Workshop and previous steps in the planning process, preliminary planning goals and objectives will be prepared.

All community members are encouraged to attend. Those with any questions or comments related to the Town of Culver Comprehensive Plan may contact David Schoeff, Town Manager at 574-842-3140 or [townmanager@townofculver.org](mailto:townmanager@townofculver.org).

## CBGC news on field trip caps this summer

Due to the overwhelming response this year for the Culver Boys & Girls Club's summer Kidstop program, which interim unit supervisor Jessye Gilley says is topping 50 children or more per day in attendance, the club will be placing a cap on its Wednesday field trips.

The cap, which went into effect this week, is in place to keep a low child to staff ratio, and is necessary for safety purposes, explains Gilley. Parents will now need to sign their children up in advance for Wednesday attendance only, and are asked to do so no later than Monday evening, or Tuesday morning at the absolute latest. Children will also need to be present at accounted for no later than half an hour prior to departure. This year, children are asked not to bring energy drinks or caffeinated beverages the morning of field trips.

Those with questions may call Gilley at 574-250-0103 or email [jjgilley@bgcpoco.org](mailto:jjgilley@bgcpoco.org).

## Library news

### 'The Bucket List' movie night at CUTPL

As part of the 2013 Adult Summer Reading Program of "Groundbreaking Reads," Culver-Union Township Public Library will hold a movie night featuring "The Bucket List" starring Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman, Monday, June 17, at 6 p.m. in the large meeting room. The film is rated PG-13 and the running time is 1 hour 37 minutes. This program is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Reference/Adult Services Librarian, Laura Jones, at 574-842-2941 or [ljones@culver.lib.in.us](mailto:ljones@culver.lib.in.us).

### Rock Collection on Display at CUTPL

Currently on display at the Culver-Union Township Public Library is the rock and crystal collection of Culver resident Barbara Quivey, whose collection includes specimens from multiple states including Arizona, Utah, Nevada, Minnesota, and Kentucky. The collection also features an Indiana geode. The display will continue throughout the month of June in the library lobby.

If you are interested in exhibiting your collection, artwork, or crafts at the Culver-Union Township Public Library please contact Reference/Adult Services Librarian Laura Jones at 574-842-2941 or [ljones@culver.lib.in.us](mailto:ljones@culver.lib.in.us)

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## History of park board illustrates changing identity of park and community

Before getting to the gist of this column, a moment to acknowledge, with sadness, the passing of 'Essie' McKinnis, whose absence seems to me like losing a part of Culver itself. She played alternately active and behind-the-scenes roles in many facets of Culver, as have many of her family members. Condolences to her family and loved ones.

The hot topic around Culver in recent weeks has been the park board, of course, and I don't really have much to add to the sometimes-heated discussion surrounding it, at least in terms of my "take" on any particular debated topic.

In all of the discussion, however, I would echo what some went out of their way to point out, which is that none of the controversy pertains to the work of recently-appointed park activities director Donna McKee. I think most everyone in Culver applauds her efforts to bring interesting and engaging activities to the park, and I know the concert series, in particular, this summer has been very well-received (and will hopefully be equally well attended).

Many readers may know Donna and her husband Dave, but I gather many don't. I can only say, as editor, that I've observed their regular volunteerism of time and talent to local endeavors ranging from Cub Scouts to the fire department, VFW Auxiliaries and more. So, whatever controversies may come and go regarding the park, hopefully Culver residents will appreciate what both McKees have contributed to the community.

Secondly, I've attended park board meetings off and on over the past five years as editor, and I must say, the past two meetings (one a regular, monthly meeting and the other a special work session) have been two of the least contentious with regards to controversial topics. As reported in this week's Culver Citizen, there are issues hotly debated by the board for some years which now have seemingly reached a peaceable consensus, and that's always a positive sign.

Hopefully, regardless of one's position regarding various controversies facing the board over the years, an increased spirit of cooperation among park board members, and a growing measure of good will and charity on the part of the public can converge, to the benefit of all.

During the height of some of the debate -- and admittedly sparked by Ginny Munroe's much-discussed letter to the editor regarding the park board a few weeks ago -- the local historian in me became curious. I knew Culver didn't always have a park board proper, and I was intrigued to learn a bit of the backstory there.

What we think of today as the town park, of course, wasn't always the town's, though it was a park of sorts as far back as the 1880s, when the Vandalia Railroad (which put its line through the area in 1883) owned the land, and its grounds extended much further east than we think of today (essentially well into the "Indian Trails" between today's park and Culver Academies).

It was in 1935, well after the "golden age" of the railroad into Culver had dried up, that what we think of today as the town park was sold to Culver. Over the next few years, WPA projects added the beach lodge, the fieldstone retaining walls, and other amenities. All the while, the town continued overseeing the park from more of a distance, with upkeep left to the beach lodge management, which varied through the years but included Mrs. Hugh Harper, Alice McClane, and perhaps the most-remembered Bill and Margaret Washburn (they well into the 1950s).

Culver owes a lot to its Lions Club for a slew of projects, but it's often overlooked that they built a playground court in the park in 1947 (just four years after the club's inception), besides erecting a high dive and repairing the swimming pier (many readers will recall that high dive, as well as the "raft" in the "deep" water of the swimming area -- and many have wistfully longed for their return!).

The impetus for a park board seems to have largely been the deteriorating condition of the park, with few if any volunteers handling the chores with sufficient regularity by then.

The first mention of the park board in the Culver Citizen was in June, 1967, when it was noted Miss Mildred Brickey had been appointed "Water Front Director," which shouldn't be confused with the present position of park superintendent, which came later. At that point, the main concern was appointment of properly trained and certified lifeguards for



**View from Main Street**  
 By Jeff Kenney  
 Editor

the summer swimming season.

It's obvious from various writings in the paper at the time that many considered conditions in the park to have reached almost emergency levels.

The June 27, 1968 edition of the Citizen included a statement from the park board which reads, in part: "In attempting to rehabilitate the Town Park and Beach and to

extend the program for all of our citizens, particularly our young people, the Board has divided the various responsibilities among its members. Grounds and Equipment are looked after by Mrs. James McCombs and Mrs. Robert Curtis. Mrs. Ronald Mackey and Latham Lawson are in charge of the operation of the Beach Lodge. Walter Johnson and Carl Baker of the operation of the Waterfront Program and the Beach. Mr. Baker also works with the Park League Baseball Program."

In other words, board members divided a fair measure of the work amongst themselves (so being a park board member has gotten considerably easier since then!).

Interestingly, the statement continues, "The Board is aware of the many deficiencies found in the Park. For many years the supervision of the Park has been, of necessity, a responsibility of a single member of the Town Board. Sufficient funds were not available for Park operation. There was no long range plan for the Park. By having the Board of six persons now concerned with the Park, more ideas and effort are being expended on the Park. By the end of this summer a long range plan will be presented to the Town Board which will outline the plans for several years ahead. The major problem the Board faces is lack of funds. In many areas there are obvious improvements that need to be made, but money is not available at the present to do the necessary work. The Board is looking for ways in which the Park can provide more of its own revenue."

The statement goes on to note the beach lodge was the primary source of income (up to then, this had included renting out its upper level as a hotel space). However, in 1967 the lodge netted the town \$400, while the park's light bill was \$465!

Another ongoing problem noted was vandalism, break-ins, and destruction of property, "most of which is performed by teen-agers." In fact, two members of Culver's Auxiliary Police Patrol monitored the park each Sunday to lessen the above problems.

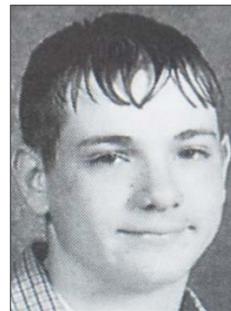
It was also noted residents of Culver and Union Township would be required to purchase season beach passes at the staggering amount of 25 cents per family, with families outside the township but in the school district paying \$10. Funds would go towards "much needed" repairs and upkeep.

In May, 1969, the park board held its first public monthly meeting, in the then-new Culver Community High School, where it heard a report from [See History page B2](#)

## Name that Culver 'citizen'

Last week's Mystery Citizen will avoid parking congestion in downtown Culver, as there were no correct guesses as to his identity (leaving the coveted free parking in downtown Culver unclaimed for the week!).

He was John Bartlett, who not only graduated from Culver Military Academy not so many years ago, but also taught there



for several years as well. Nowadays he may be most visible for his role in Culver's Kiwanis Club, among other local efforts.

This week's Mystery Citizen is a local grad who serves Culver in several volunteer capacities as well as a more visible role outside the community. Guesses may be emailed to [culvercitizen@gmail.com](mailto:culvercitizen@gmail.com) or call the editor at 574-216-0075.

BELOW: Last week's Mystery Citizen, John Bartlett, then and now. RIGHT: This week's Mystery Citizen.

## Briefs from page A1

topics on the planet--God and sex--and “marries” them through the late Pope John Paul II’s compelling vision for love and life. Using a mix of stories, real-life examples, activities, and prayers, the series answers questions teens have about their own bodies, sexual morality, and how they were uniquely created for greatness. The six-week series will begin the week of June 23 – exact date and time to be announced – at the church. Contact Beth Paré t 574-274-7097 or parefamily@att.net.

### Card class at CUTPL June 25

Marge Keltner will teach a pinafore card class at the Culver Public Library Tuesday, June 25 at 10 a.m. Call the Culver library to register at 574-842-2941. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Culver Library.

### Culver to host “Michiana’s Rising Star” event

Culver Academies Eppley auditorium will host one of the five regional competitions of the WNIT TV “Michiana’s Rising Star” talent search Saturday, June 15. Top five performers will compete at the WNIT studio each evening from July 28 through Aug. 2, to determine the grand prize winner and “Michiana’s Rising Star.” Visit the contest website at wnit.org or call the station at 574.675.9648 x 309.

### Vonnegut exhibit at museum starting June 18

The Center for Culver History will host the Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library’s traveling exhibit as well as local history and memorabilia of the Vonnegut family on the shores of Lake Maxinkuckee. The exhibit will run from June 18 through July 20th, and is free. The Center for Culver History is located in the lower level of the original Carnegie library in downtown Culver. Visit [www.culver-ahs.com](http://www.culver-ahs.com) for more information.

### Tri Kappa Chairs for Charity returns June 29

Culver Tri-Kappa’s bi-annual Chairs for Charity returns Saturday, June 29 at the Culver Cove resort on Jefferson Street. The evening begins with a reception, hors d’oeuvres, and silent auction. At 8 p.m. the live auction begins. Chairs, donated by Tri-Kappa members and artists in the Culver community, are artistically altered to create artistic content in a variety of themes. Tri-Kappa is encouraging members of the community to find a chair and give it a new life for the event. The chairs will be displayed in various businesses around town for two weeks leading up to the event. Proceeds from the event go to area children’s education and other community needs. Please contact Kathy Rich [bkrich@culcom.net](mailto:bkrich@culcom.net) or Dorothea Ragsdale, [dnoyesragsdale@hotmail.com](mailto:dnoyesragsdale@hotmail.com).

### Culver High School reunion June 29

The Culver High School (CHS) reunion will take place Saturday, June 29, at the cafeteria for the Culver Community Schools Middle School/High School. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and close at 9 p.m. Please forward requests for tickets (and .jpg files of photographs such as those mentioned above via CD) to: Thomas L. Curtis, 464 Lake St., Culver, IN 46511-1315, or e-mail [tlcurtis@mediacombb.net](mailto:tlcurtis@mediacombb.net) or call 508-369-1506.

### Swimming lesson registration

The Culver park department will offer three sessions of swimming lessons this summer. Registration for children aged 3 and up will take place June 3 through 12 and the cost is \$25 per child. Session dates are as follows: session 1: June 17 through 26; session 2: July 1 through July 11; session 3: July 22 through July 31. Times will be determined at a later date.

### Apps available for BIRD service help

The student-run community service organization BIRD (Building, Inspiring, Recreating and Discovering) is planning a one-day community service event August 3, which will spread volunteers throughout homes of elderly, disabled and financially unstable to provide at-home services to those who cannot do, or afford it, themselves. Applications for those wishing service may be found at Culver’s town hall and public library or they may call 216-280-5065. Residents are asked to request help by July 27 so volunteers can acquire necessary supplies. Volunteers

may sign up as far as the day of the event at the same number.

### Lakeside service, new schedule at Wesley

Wesley United Methodist Church has transitioned to a new summer schedule. The lakeside worship service will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the depot/train station at the town park. This service will be less formal and will last approximately 37 minutes.

The Sanctuary service will start at 10 a.m. It will be a more traditional service that lasts approximately an hour and three minutes.

During this summer schedule, there will be no Sunday School or childcare provided during worship. If you would like to offer your musical talents at one of these services, please contact our Director of Music, Dave Kitchell ([ddkthll@memphis.edu](mailto:ddkthll@memphis.edu)).

### Town hall Saturday hours

During June, July and August, Culver’s town hall will be open Saturday mornings from 9 to 10 a.m. in addition to the regular weekday hours. Call 574-842-3140 with questions.

### Great Purse Extravaganza returns

The “Great Purse Extravaganza” to raise funds for “Hello Gorgeous” in Culver returns this summer, with the purse sale event to take place at the Culver depot during this year’s Lake Fest, July 20, 2 to 5 p.m.

“Hello Gorgeous,” sponsored by Michelle’s Headquarters in Culver, creates a special day of hair and spa treatments and a welcome party for women battling cancer. Used purses may be dropped off at Michelle’s, Culver Coffee Co., or Fisher & Co., in Culver before June 31. Call 574-842-2662 with questions.

### Summer Reading activities

Summer Reading activities at the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library in the next few weeks include a Pirate Party (Wed., June 19, 3 p.m.), coffee ground fossils (Fri., June 21, 10:30 a.m.), Fairy dust making (Mon., June 24, 3 p.m.), live animals with Indiana Wild! (Tues., July 2, 1 p.m.), Dirt Day (Wed., July 10, 3 p.m.), moon sand making (Fri., July 19, 10:30 a.m.), terrariums to make and take (Mon., July 22, 3 p.m.), wire mummy making (Wed., July 31, 4 p.m.). Summer reading ends Fri., Aug. 2. Ongoing in the library’s children’s area will be story times -- including stories, songs, and crafts -- on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Free lunches will be served at the library Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:15 a.m. for any child under 18. Lunches are provided by the Culver Community School Corporation. Check [www.culver.lib.in.us](http://www.culver.lib.in.us) for more activities.

### CBGC summer program moves to middle school

The Culver Boys & Girls Club summer program will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. This year’s program includes field trips to Amish Acres and the Water Park as well as weekly visits to the local beach and library. This summer, the program will be held at Culver Community Middle School. For more information on the program and fees, please visit [www.bgcculver.org](http://www.bgcculver.org) or call Jessye Gilley at 574-250-0103.

### Culver A Capella group launching this month

For those who love to sing...just not in front of anyone, the Aubbeenaubee A Cappella singing group is open to people 16 and over who want to sing, just for fun. Those interested are encouraged to have fun, improve their health (really!) and meet new friends while making beautiful music together. Beginning June 11, the group will meet in the St. Mary of the Lake Church basement Tuesdays from 5 to 6 p.m. For more information, contact Beth Paré at 574-274-7097 or [parefamily@att.net](mailto:parefamily@att.net).

### Culver Farmer’s Market open

The Culver Farmer’s Market has opened for the season each Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon at the corner of Jefferson and Ohio Streets (across from CVS Pharmacy). Interested produce and flower vendors are encouraged to call Barb at 574-842-2648.

CUTPL Adult Summer Reading program  
Culver-Union Township Public Library’s Adult Sum-

## Grant awarded for historic walking tour of Culver project

The Center for Culver History, with the Antiquarian and Historical Society as its non-profit sponsoring organization, has received \$2000 from the Historic Preservation Education Grant (HPEG) program in support of developing an “Historic Walking Tour of Culver.” The HPEG program is a joint initiative of Indiana Humanities and Indiana Landmarks, with support from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Thanks go to the Culver Chamber of Commerce, Culver Town Council, Culver Academies Museum, historic preservationist Kurt Garner, and the Marshall County Tourism Board for the letters they submitted in support of this exciting project. If you are interested in working on the Historic Walking Tour project or learning more about it, please contact project director Julie Holwell (812-320-1887) or AHS administrator Carol Saft (574-842-2941 and ask for the museum).

mer Reading is open to adults of all ages, with programs, prizes, book discussions, and special events. Programs include “Making Your Garden Grow” with Master Gardener, Bob Yoder (June 13, 1 to 3 p.m.); a book discussion of “The Great Gatsby” by F. Scott Fitzgerald (June 22, 1:30 p.m.); screening of “Everglades of the North,” a documentary about the Grand Kankakee Marsh (July 8, 6 p.m.); a Q and A with one of the film producers (July 15, 6 p.m.); “Digging for Your Roots: A Beginner’s Genealogy Workshop” with genealogist Monty Peden (July 23, 1 to 3 p.m.). The program begins June 3 and will run through August 2.

### Summer food program

The Culver Community Schools summer food program offers free meals for children 18 years of age and younger and people with disabilities (regardless of age) who participate in special education programs. Adults may eat, but breakfast is \$1.50 and lunch \$3. All meals must be eaten on site. Locations include: Culver High School (enter through middle school doors), June 3 through August 9. Breakfast: 7:45 to 9 a.m. Lunch: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Former Monterey Elementary, June 3 to July 12. Lunch noon to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Culver Public Library, June 10 to Aug. 1, 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. (Tues. and Thurs. storytelling and craft). Aubbeenaubee Twp. Community Bldg., June 3 to July 26. Lunch: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Ora Gospel Chapel Church basement, June 3 to June 28. Lunch: 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. EST. All sites will be closed on July 4 and 5. Those with questions may contact Carin Clifton, food service director, at 574-842-3391 ext. 3113.

### 4H board fund-raiser July 13

Marshall County 4-H Fair Board is having a Nelson’s Port-A-Pit Chicken fund raiser Saturday July 13 at the Marshall County 4-H Fair Grounds in Argos, from 4 to 7 p.m. Chicken is \$6/half; potatoes are \$3.50.

### 4-H fair board seeking flower barrel sponsors

The Marshall County 4-H fair board is seeking sponsorship for flower barrels to be displayed at the 4-H fair. The cost to sponsor a barrel is \$100 and can be renewed annually. If you or your business is interested in sponsoring a barrel please contact Marta Bagley at 574-606-8252 or the Marshall County Purdue Extension Office at 574-935-8545.

### Duff exhibit at Crisp Gallery

The Culver Academies’ Crisp Art Center is hosting two exhibitions in its Wolf and Deer-Zink Galleries. Now on view is The Charles T. Duff Faculty Memorial Exhibition, which recognizes the career and artwork of one of Culver Academies’ beloved master instructors of fine arts, as well as a selection of paintings from the Culver Collection addressing the broad subject categories of People, Places, and a Few Things. Exhibits are open Wednesdays and Sundays, 1 to 4 p.m.

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## Downtown revitalization is a wrap

RIGHT: As most residents and visitors have noticed by now, the new look at Culver's downtown intersections has expanded from where it began at Main and Jefferson, to include duplicate work at the other two Main Street intersections in the downtown business district: Madison and Washington Streets. As was the case at Main and Jefferson, stamped concrete (not technically brick) crosswalks enhanced the nostalgic flair of the grant-funded project, which included new sidewalks, curbs, and gutters, repaved streets, vintage-style street signs and light posts, new plantings, "bump outs" at each intersection, and (though technically not part of the grant, but instead a volunteer-funded endeavor) a town clock, also keeping with the vintage feel of the other work. The bulk of the project was funded jointly by the town and an Indiana Dept. of Transportation grant, with work starting last year and now totally complete. As is visible here, benches and like-themed waste receptacles were also added at each intersection.



## CCHS students attend Mexico mission trip

By Angel Okray, Culver Comm. High School

Each year, students from Culver Community High School and the Culver Academies go on a mission trip to Mexico. This year, the high school students that attended were Mitch Maes, Kayla Shaffer, Grace Lorenz, and Justin Croy.

The students left on March 20 and returned on March 30. They were given the opportunity to build two homes for less fortunate families while also enjoying their time away from home. Students were able to go snorkeling, shop at souvenir stores, go swimming, walk along the beach, play soccer, and visit the local market.

Mitch Maes, a senior that attended this year, stated, "This trip was incredible. The Academy students that went were fun to work with and talk to. The staff from the Academy encouraged all of us to try different foods and come out of our comfort zones." He added, "The families we helped were amazing. When we had to mix cement and lay down bricks, they were all there to help us. The kids were so much fun to play with and goof around with."

All the students that attended the trip agree that it was a chance of a life-time, and they would encourage more people to try and get involved in future years.

*Editor's note: This article originally appeared in The Caval Crier, Culver Comm. High School's monthly newspaper, and is reprinted here by permission of Crier editor Dana Wireman and faculty sponsor Vickie Benner.*



Celebrating July 4th the Jones family (Sally, Sarah, Janie, Bob, Tom, Jill, Tonya & Mark)

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If you are open on July 4th send us your photos too!

## Schedule from page A1

- 10 a.m. – Welcome and racer instruction meeting
- 11 a.m. – First race start with subsequent races to follow and SUP demos start
- Approximate time of races: Lake Max Challenge (11 a.m.), Rec Race (11:05 a.m.), Kids Race (noon), Elite Race (1 p.m.)
- 11 a.m.- 5 p.m. – Food festival in the Culver Town Park
- Awards and live music immediately following racing
- \* SUP demos available all day. All activities are open to the public.

### Sunday, June 30

WPA Instructor certification course for Class I Certification: certified to give lessons and instruct paddlers. five hours of class instruction. Must pass certification exam with an 80 percent or greater.

## Culver students on Ancilla Dean's List

Ancilla College has released the Academic Honors List for spring semester, 2013. To earn this honor a student must carry 6 to 11 graduation credits and achieve at least a 3.5 GPA. Students from Culver on the list include Matthew Busart, Ramona Gavlick, Brandi Hall, and Stefanie Hundt.

Ancilla College (www.ancilla.edu) is a Catholic, liberal arts, Associate's Degree college in Donaldson, Indiana, sponsored by the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ.

## CGA edges Carmel for state lacrosse title



Culver Girls Academy won the girls lacrosse state championship on June 1.

PHOTO/JAN GARRISON, CULVER ACADEMIES

By Jan Garrison  
**INDIANAPOLIS** – The Culver Girls Academy lacrosse team captured its seventh state title in 12 years with a 9-8 win over Carmel June 1.

Erin Thomas scored a goal off a pass from Kelsi Carr with 3:34 left to break an 8-8 tie. The Eagles led at half-time, 5-3, and led 7-4 after a Morgan Osborn goal. But Carmel slowly climbed back and tied the game with under five minutes remaining.

Goalie Clair Fay celebrates after running out the clock.

The Eagles were able to win the draw and run the clock down to 39 seconds before turning the ball over, but goal-

ie Clair Fay gathered up the Carmel attempt and ran out the clock to preserve the win.

Olivia Rabbitt led CGA with three goals. Annie Morsches and Thomas each added two goals. Morsches also had two assists. Fay made 10 saves. Rabbitt and Morsches were two of the five Indiana high school girls recognized as All-Americans by US Lacrosse.

This is the third straight time the two teams have met in the state championship game, with Carmel winning in 2011 and 2012. Culver had previously won the championship in 2002, 2003, 2004, 2007, 2008, and 2009.

Culver Girls Academy advanced with a 14-5 semi-final win over host Brebeuf on May 31. Carmel posted a 13-9 win over Park Tudor to advance to the championship.

CGA 9, CARMEL 8  
 CGA goals: Olivia Rabbitt 3, Annie Morsches 2, Erin Thomas 2, Saralena Barry 1, Morgan Osborn 1. Assists: Morsches 2, Barry 1, Kelsi Carr 1. Saves: Clair Fay 10. Records: CGA 21-1, Carmel 18-3.

## CGA lacrosse players singled out for multitude of postseason honors

**CULVER** — Several Culver Girls Academy lacrosse team members were honored when the Indiana High School Women's Lacrosse Association handed out its awards following the state championship game, won by CGA, on June 1.

Recognized as Academic All-Americans were Morgan Osborn, Clair Fay and Rory Byrne. To be named an Academic All-American, a player must maintain a 3.6 grade point average or higher, have played two years of varsity lacrosse, and be an active community service volunteer.

Recognized as US Lacrosse All-Americans representing Indiana were Olivia Rabbitt and Annie Morsches.

Named to the All-Tournament Team were Saralena Barry, Kelsi Carr, Morgan Osborn, Annie Morsches and Clair Fay.

Named to All-State first team were Morsches, Rabbitt and Byrne, and Kelsi Carr was named second team All-State.

North All-Region Team nominations were Rabbitt, Barry, Carr, Byrne, Morsches and Faye.

CGA finished the season 21-1 after winning the state championship against Carmel, 9-8.

## CMA varsity rowing places third at Scholastic Nationals



PHOTO/JAN GARRISON, CULVER ACADEMIES

Tanner Grant, Daniel Gaynor, Sarah Stackhouse, Nicholas Payne, and Bryan DeVries display their hardware.

The Culver Military Academy varsity 4+ rowing team of Bryan DeVries '13, Nicholas Payne '14, Tanner Grant '14, Daniel Gaynor '13, and coxswain Sarah Stackhouse '14 finished third in the Grand Final of the Scholastic National Regatta over Memorial Day weekend.

The team was previously undefeated heading into the Grand Final. Culver won the Midwest Scholastic in Cincinnati to advance. The team, with the exception of Grant, reached the semifinals of the Men's Junior Four in 2012.

Culver Girls Academy's varsity quad team of Lauren Robinson '13, Danielle Rassi '13, Brittany Courteau '13, and Kristen Trefren '15 reached the Scholastic Nationals semifinals. The team was undefeated up to that point and the Midwest Scholastic champion. The Scholastic Nationals were conducted in Pennsauken, N.J.

PHOTOS PROVIDED

## CMA captures North American Lacrosse Invitational title

By Jan Garrison  
 The CMA Prep lacrosse team repeated as champions of the North American Lacrosse Invitational.

Culver Military Academy captured its second consecutive North American Lacrosse Invitational title with a 19-10 victory over The Hill Academy May 19. The victory also avenged one of Culver's two losses this season when The Hill beat the Eagles, 15-10, on the same field at Brother Rice in Detroit.

The team advanced to the championship with a 17-5 victory over Upper Arlington (Ohio) on May 18.

CMA first classman Zach Currier (Petersborough, Ontario) led the Eagles with nine goals and five assists on the weekend. He was named the tournament's most valuable player and led the all-invitational team.

Zach Currier '13 (15) was named tournament MVP.

Other Eagles scoring during the invitational were Joel Tinney '14 (eight goals/four assists), Pierre Byrne '14 (seven/four), Riley Thompson '14 (four/five), Dawson McKenzie '15 (four/three), P.J. Bogle '14 (two/two), and

Dean Ferris '13, Austin Spencer '13, and Ryan Coulter '14 with one goal each. Goalie Michael Calvello '14 had 10 saves and Nic Peterson '14 had four over the two games.

Currier has also been named an Under Armour All-American. He will play for the south team in the Under Armour All-America Classic on July 6.

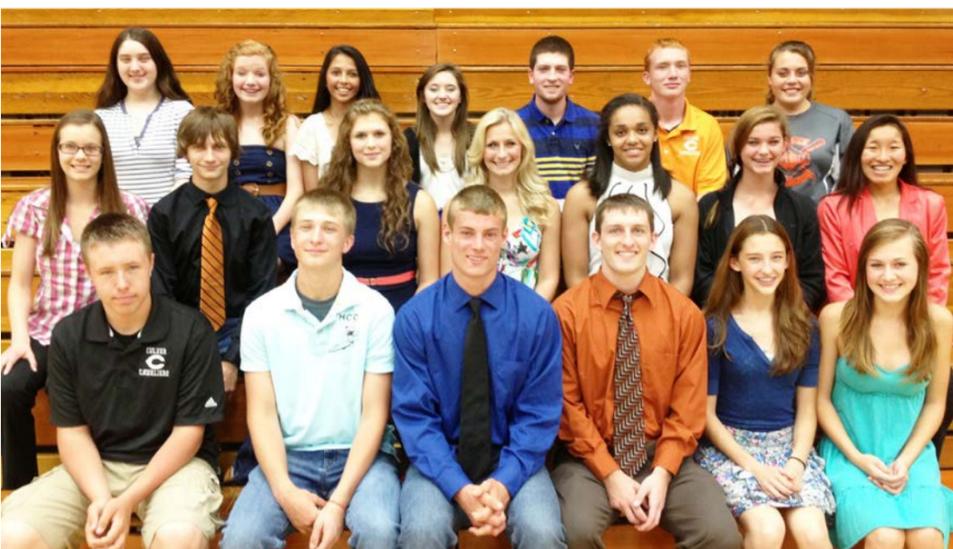
The game will be broadcast live on ESPN2 beginning at 8 p.m. Currier will continue his playing and educational career at Princeton next year.

CMA was the No. 2 seed in the tournament behind The Hill. Upper Arlington was the third seed and Brother Rice was No. 4.

This is the third year for the tournament, which features some of the top talent in the Midwest, upstate New York, and Canada. Teams included CMA; The Hill Academy (Ontario); Brother Rice and Detroit Country Day from Michigan; Western Reserve, Dublin Jerome, Upper Arlington, and Archbishop Moeller from Ohio; New Trier and Loyola Academy from Illinois; and Bishop Timon-St. Jude from New York.



ABOVE: Middle School Scholar Athletes (front row, from left): Roman Vantwoud, Brennin Betts, Jake Rodgers, Ben Myers, Lindsey Proskey, Jordan Schrimsher. Back row, Ethan Shuman, Josh Krsek, Katie Garland, Hailey Jones, Macee Strycker.



ABOVE: High School Scholar Athletes (front row): Tyler Binkley, Cody Valiquet, Bradley Beaver, Collin Stevens, Jennah McCarthy, Tori Shank. Middle row, Kelsey Shaffer, Aaron Becker, Donna Zehner, Tatum Schultz, Mickella Hardy, Brianna Overmyer, Angela Lewellen. Back row, Elizabeth McElroy, Megan Brady, Maria Lindvall, Haley Klimaszewski, Brendon Pinder, Tevin Jones, Madelyn Strycker.



ABOVE: Track Regional Qualifiers (front row): John Brown, Wayne Young, Micah Budzinski, Denisha Brown, Bradley Beaver, Trista Littleton, Justine Dexter, Preston Hansel. Back row, Lodge Burgess, Allen Betts, Matt Hurford, Donna Zehner, Mickella Hardy, Alicia Large, Mark Lehman.

## CCHS spring sports award honorees

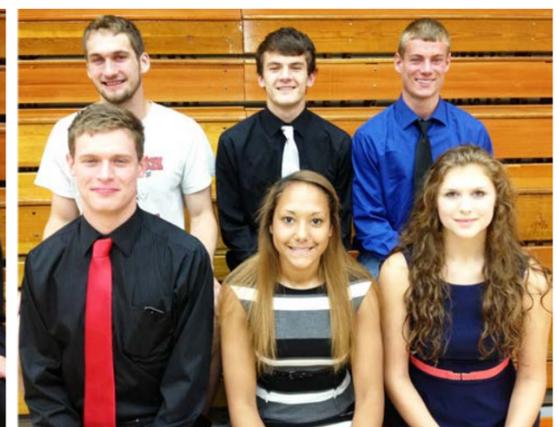
Culver Community Middle and High Schools held their annual spring sports awards banquet recently. Pictured are recognized student athletes.



ABOVE: Track State Qualifier Denisha Brown (left) and Golf All-Conference Trent Elliott.



ABOVE: Track Sectional Champions: Micah Budzinski, Denisha Brown, Bradley Beaver.



ABOVE: Track Conference Champions (front row, from left): Micah Budzinski, Denisha Brown, Donna Zehner. Back row, Matt Hurford, Preston Hansel, Bradley Beaver.

## Culver: a summer calendar 2013

Summer, of course, is the most vibrant time of year in Culver and on Lake Maxinkuckee, so here's our best effort at a "one-stop-shop" look at the highlights of the hot months in Culver (and we've tried our best to catch all the "major" events; please email [culvercitizen@gmail.com](mailto:culvercitizen@gmail.com) or call 574-216-0075 to share your organization's event with us in The Culver Citizen).

**Friday, June 14:** Annual Culver Boys & Girls Club auction, Culver Academies Lay Dining Center.

**Friday, June 14 - Saturday, June 15:** Friends of the Culver Public Library book-sale, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Culver Public Library

**Saturday, June 15:** The Taste of Culver festival, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., downtown Culver.

-Michiana's Rising Star competition, 6 p.m., Eppley Auditorium, Culver Academies

**Tuesday, June 18:** Kurt Vonnegut traveling exhibit and exhibit on the Vonneguts of Lake Maxinkuckee (through July 20), Center for Culver History at the Culver Public Library (check [www.culverahs.com](http://www.culverahs.com) for hours).

**Friday, June 21:** Culver Academies Summer Schools opening

**Saturday, June 22:** Movie in the park, "The Lorax," 9:30 p.m., town park.

**Friday, June 28:** Lake Max Challenge SUP race event kickoff (board demos, short course races), town park

**Saturday, June 29:** Lake Max Challenge SUP event, 9 a.m. first race, town park

-Culver Tri Kappa "Chairs for Charity" live auction and event, Culver Cove

-Concert in the park with Jerry Armstrong (Elvis, Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra impersonator), 7 p.m.

-Culver High School reunion, 6 p.m., Culver Comm. High School cafeteria

**Thursday, July 4:** Fireworks with patriotic ceremonies, sundown, Culver Academies parade field

**Sunday, July 7:** Concert in the park with J.C. Company and Band (bluegrass, country), 3 p.m.

**Friday, July 12:** Moonlight Serenade, sunset, Lake Maxinkuckee west shore

**Saturday, July 13:** "Launches of Lake Maxinkuckee" historical program (Jeff Kenney), Antiquarian and Historical Society annual meeting, 10 a.m., Culver Cove.

-Concert in the park with SL4 Band (60's, Chicago, Eagles), 7 p.m.

**Sunday, July 14:** Concert in the park with Beth Pare' (harp), 3 p.m.



Fireworks over Lake Maxinkuckee are a staple of Saturday nights at the Lake Fest in July.

**Sunday, July 14:** Moonlight Serenade, sunset, Lake Maxinkuckee east shore

**Monday, July 15:** Community meal, 6 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ, Culver (15th of each month)

**Friday, July 19:** Kiwanis Golf Outing, noon, Mystic Hills Golf Course

-Culver Lake Fest kickoff with Canoe, Kayak & SUP Poker Run (5 p.m.) Miss Maxinkuckee pageant (6 p.m.) and "Gong Show" talent contest (7 p.m.)

**Saturday, July 20:** Culver Lake Fest

continues with bass fishing tournament (5:30 a.m.), pancake and sausage breakfast (6 a.m.), fun runs (7:15, 7:30 a.m.), parade (10 a.m.), golf cart decorating contest (11:30 a.m.), fireman's waterball contest, games, and more. Complete schedule at [www.culverlakefest.com](http://www.culverlakefest.com).

-Fireworks over Lake Maxinkuckee (Culver Lake Fest), 10 p.m.

**Sunday, July 21:** Culver Lake Fest concludes with L'Max bike ride (7 a.m.), Sunfish regatta (9 a.m.), car show (9 a.m.), burn out contest (2 p.m.). Complete schedule at [www.culverlakefest.com](http://www.culverlakefest.com).

**Friday, July 26 through Sunday, July 28:** Culver Academies Summer Schools Homecoming Weekend

-Special Council Fire performance, 9 p.m., Culver Academies Bird Sanctuary council ring

**Saturday, July 27:** Fireman's festival and Lions Club corn roast (Culver town park area)

**Weekend of July 26, 28 and 31:** Maxinkuckee Players' "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." Culver Community High School auditorium (Friday, July 26: 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, July 28: 4 p.m., Wednesday, July 31: 7:30 p.m., Friday, August 2: 7:30 p.m., Saturday, August 3: 7:30 p.m., Sunday, August 4: 4 p.m.)

Friday, July 26 through Saturday, July 27: Sidewalk days, downtown Culver merchants.

**Friday, August 2:** Woodcraft Camp graduation

-End of Culver Public Library Children's and Adult Summer Reading programs

**Saturday, August 3:** Culver Upper Camp graduation, parade field

-Ice Cream Social featuring live music with Brett Wiscons (adult contemporary), 7 p.m., town park

**Friday, August 9:** Concert in the park with Goldmine Pickers (Americana, bluegrass, folk, Irish), 8 p.m.

**Saturday, August 10:** Lake Max Triathlon 2013, various locations

**Tuesday, August 13:** First day of classes, Culver Community Schools

**Thursday, August 15:** Community meal, 6 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ, Culver (15th of each month)

**Saturday, August 17:** "Cemeteries of Culver" historical program (John Benedict), Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver meeting

-Concert in the park with Playne Jayne (country, pop), 7 p.m.

**Sunday, August 18:** Concert in the park with Brett Wiscons (adult contemporary), 3 p.m.

**Saturday, August 24:** Sock Hop in the park featuring American Pie (50's and 60's, country), 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, August 27:** First day of classes, Culver Academies

**Sunday, September 8:** Concert in the park with J.C. Company and Band (bluegrass, country), 3 p.m.

**Friday, August 30:** Lake Maxinkuckee "Gift of Warmth" film festival sponsors' event, Eppley Auditorium, Culver Academies

**Saturday, August 31:** Lake Maxinkuckee "Gift of Warmth" film festival, Culver Town Park

**Saturday, September 14:** Culver Wine Fair, Culver Cove

*And don't forget Culver's first annual fall fest the weekend of Oct. 19.*

**Ongoing all summer:** Culver Farmer's Market, corner of Jefferson and Ohio Streets, Saturdays at 8 a.m.

-Carillon recital, 4 p.m., Culver Academies Memorial Chapel (each Saturday through August 1)

-Council Fire performance, 9 p.m., Culver Academies Bird Sanctuary council ring (each Saturday through July, except July 26 weekend)

-Garrison Parade, Culver Academies Parade Field, every Sunday evening through early August

-Live music at the Lakehouse Grille Saturday nights at 9 p.m. (see [www.facebook.com/TheLakehouseGrill](http://www.facebook.com/TheLakehouseGrill) for updates or visit the Culver Citizen online for a complete schedule here: [www.thepilotnews.com/content/concerts-musical-night-life-light-culver%E2%80%99s-summer](http://www.thepilotnews.com/content/concerts-musical-night-life-light-culver%E2%80%99s-summer)).

-Events, classes, Summer Reading program, movies and more at the Culver Public Library. See: [www.culver.lib.in.us/programs.htm](http://www.culver.lib.in.us/programs.htm) for the latest.

-Pickup beach volleyball, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m. at the Culver beach. Visit [www.facebook.com/pages/Town-of-Culver](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Town-of-Culver) for updates on beach and park events.

### History from page A4

park baseball league commissioner Ken Grether, and hired lifeguards and clerks for the summer season.

An article in the same issue of the Citizen pointed out the swimming lesson program at the beach saw a first session enrollment of 130 people.

That paper's coverage of the town board meeting wrote that several "out of town people" had signed a letter criticizing the upkeep of the town park. Board member Don Osborn said the park board was doing an excellent job and criticized those not paying taxes complaining, adding it takes time to make needed changes.

In her "Culver Comments" column, Alienor Osborn quipped, "Complaints about the Park have leveled off and the entire Park Board is recovering from the shock they received when some people commented on how beautiful the Park looks."

The themes of lack of funding and the dilapidated appearance of the park resurfaced repeatedly over the next decade, during which the position of park superintendent was established to help alleviate the latter problem, though with mixed results, and the former problem continued.

In 1975, a massive federal grant was secured by the town for an array of improvements to the park, including the beach lodge itself, addition of the basketball courts, paving of what had been a dirt access road (to create the double walkways along the water front west of the beach), new playground equipment, and wooden steps from the upper area to the lower, among others. At various intervals over the years, park activities were planned, such as those overseen by then superintendent Rick C. Ashmore in 1977, which included craft classes and various other programs.

A cover story in the Culver Citizen in 1979, complete with photos, blasted the town and park administration for the deplorable appearance of the park, which included broken pic-

nic tables and benches and an abundance of trash and litter, among other problems -- such criticism continued, on and off, for several years following.

The park continued into the 1980s to struggle to be economically self-sustaining, with income derived almost solely from beach entrance fees and concessions. In the 1990s, fees to park in the town park's lot on weekends and holidays were established to alleviate the problem. The establishment in the mid-2000s of pier slip rentals at the park revolutionized its income, finally not only making it self-sustaining, but facilitating a broader level of maintenance and improvement, and amenities such as the current activities director.

It's interesting to consider present discussions regarding the role of the park in light of the broader question of the identity of Culver, past, present, and future.

Within the context of the park board debate in recent weeks and months, it's been said -- both publicly in meetings and private conversations -- repeatedly that the park is something of the "jewel" of Culver; that is, possibly the most attractive and desirable location to showcase an increasingly visitor-driven community.

As the above historical information -- and the personal experience of anyone with much longevity here -- makes clear, this is a fairly recent way of viewing the town park, and it of course grows from a fairly recent way of viewing Culver.

It's obvious the main set of challenges facing those responsible for the park for the past four or five decades were related to simply keeping the place from falling apart, and paying the bills to keep the lights on. As such, it's somewhat understandable why residents who well remember those days might be puzzled at more recent efforts to take the park from simply maintaining a standard of beauty and safety, to becoming an increasingly dynamic host for events and activities to draw new people to Culver and cultivate a sense of regular activity and attraction for locals as well.

So to some extent, we're back to that oft-discussed (at least in this column!) matter of the "old Culver" verses the "new Culver," with all its complexities. As I've often writ-

ten and discussed here, unfortunately the "old Culver" many locals remember is a victim not so much of Culver itself, but of a shift in American culture towards a more corporatized, urbanized means of commerce (in other words, "big box stores") and the internet, combined with increased outsourcing of industrial and other labor. The days of the "old Culver" are gone as surely as can be seen by looking at some of our neighboring small towns who don't have the benefit of a beautiful, clean, natural lake and a world-renowned prep school: they're all but dying, like it or not.

So, many local businesses and organizations are understandably seeking to capitalize on the few strengths Culver has which set it apart from many small towns, and have sought to benefit from the tourism (and seasonal second home ownership) which is already here.

In that atmosphere, it's easier to see why the town park would be seen more and more as an asset which could help propel Culver's economy and identity as a "destination" forward. The park has, to an extent, come to be the center (and perhaps a symbol) of a sort of tug-of-war for Culver's present and future identity, an identity which continues to be worked out and puzzled over by concerned locals of all stripes.

I'd add, for what it's worth, that I think most all parties involved genuinely care for and love the community, and feel a sense of both indebtedness to it and ownership of it (though not exclusive ownership), which is important to bear in mind: there are no moustache-twisting evil villains in this story, though good people on all sides can, in the heat of disagreement, resort to tactics beneath them, and frankly I've seen that happen on all sides of the equation here.

Culver's park -- and its management -- has obviously come a long way since the town first took it over in 1935, and it will be interesting to see it continue to evolve...hopefully in a spirit of cooperation and focus on what's best for the whole community. Recent park board meetings make that goal seem more plausible than it appeared for some time.

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## CES 3rd graders lead way in turning bags to bench

Culver Elementary School recently held its recycling celebration, according to 4th grade teacher Alicia Cotner. The 3rd grade won the competition for collecting 209 of the 940.1 pounds of bags collected school-wide this year.

Students pictured are seated on a bench made entirely of plastic bags, the latest in a series of annual items facilitated for the school by way of the year-long recycling program.

## CCMS Voyagers continue project

By Raymie Shoop, Culver Comm. Middle School

The Culver Comm. Middle School Voyagers Language Arts and Pre-algebra classes planted flowers May 3 on the south end of the school.

The project was started last year by generous donations. In 2012 CCMS applied for a grant at Lowe's called the "Lowe's Toolbox Grant." The project was carried over to this year and probably next year. Covered was the cost, in 2013, of flowers, mulch, soil, and any other things they might have needed. Only half of the grant has been used.

This years Voyager classes planted small pine trees, rose bushes, and a few other plants. They also raked up leaves, trimmed up the last years rose bushes, and added fresh mulch to the trees. They got their hands dirty and hauled off the old and brought in the new and beautiful.

Reilly Reinhold, one of the this years planting voyagers, said "I was honored to help beautify the middle school."

Planting started with raking up leaves and moved on to digging holes and planting the flowers. Last was lunch with pizza and pop.



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The CCMS Voyagers landscape the school. (Front row, left to right) Lance Beaver, Ethan Shuman, Lindsey Proskoy, Macee Strycker, Emily Bradley, Raymie Stoop, Reilly Reinhold, Jasmyne Fowler, Payton Lowry, (top row left to right) Dylan Pitera, Collin Knowlton, Cody Rieckhoff, Jake Rodgers, Alex Cole, Nathan Clingler, Dylan Lewandowski, Ben Myers, and Pierce Ellert.

## Culver Elementary honor roll

Culver Elementary School has announced its honor roll students for thr fourth grading period.

**Grade 1:** Hope Kathryn Balchunas, Mackenzie Bandel, Vincent Robert Bellecomo, Abigail Marie Caudill, Carter Lewis Clingler, Zane Arthur Coble, Megan Taylor England, Chloe Gabrielle Felda, Avery Michelle Garland, Gwendylan Maree Gilley, Willow Ann Harrington, Reese J Herrell, EmmaLee Rae Hillman, Karsen David Hoffman, Tiara LeeAnn Howard, Nora Anne Johnston, Avery M Keller, Lily-Ann Marie Knapp, Arwen Blair Kornblith, Carson Ernest Krueger, Ryann Elizabeth Lagneau, Derek Anthony McKee, Tristan Nickole Nix, Hayden Douglas Parker, Rylie Nicole Prosser, Aiden Miguel Rivera, Jack A Rodgers, Ocean Alantis-Moore Salary, Genna K Sherman, Miah Jordan Shock, Grace Marie Sieber, Aleksander Poe Stacy, Kendra Jean Stamper, Landon Franklin Stevens, MaKenna Marlene Strycker, Cailleigh Anne Tharpe, Ethan Charles Thompson, Eriahna Nikole Vela, Marcel Devon White, Dean K Whitmer, Anessa RYanne Wireman, Bryan Aiden Wyrick.

**Grade 2:** Kevin Ray Bailey, Elizabeth D Binion, Baileigh Grace Binkley, Devin Jacob Burkett, Jason A Cadle, Tessa Marie Conroy, Ruth Autumn Counts, Connor Michael Craig, Addison Maybre Crippen, Ava Claire Czerniak, Chloe Lauren Danti, Cabot Severns Ellert, Owen Edward Falk, Trenton Wayne Fritter, Kaylee Maxine-Kay Hamilton, Kassidy L Heise, Mason Thomas Herbert, Ali-

sa Jo Hinds, Gabriella Starr Hopkins, Collin Pierce Hunnicutt, Kali Brynne Kidd, Abigail Grace Kisela, Michael Alexander Knapp, Merissa MaeRayann Lowry, Ashton E. Macedonio, Ashton Michael Xavier McCarthy, Caleb Mark Miller, Abigail Mia Nufer, Emiliano Robert Ortiz, Lucile Jean Overmyer, Maegan Jean Pearl, Joseph Thomas Pizur, Addison Elizabeth Pohl, William Richardson, Haylie Madyson Rizer, Benton Sayavongsing, Ches Michael Schrimsher, Aydan Skyy Shaffer, Shane Owen Shuman, Sidd Matthew Smith, Alexander Sorg, Kaitlyn Anne Stacy, Abigail Nicole Sullivan, Linda Sue Thamm, Rylan Ronald Voter.

**Grade 3:** Marquez Donovan Anderson, Ayden Lee Annis, Matthew J Bailey, Mackenzie Michelle Banks, Nico Mary-Madeline Barton, Chyanne Rose Beaver, Virgil Eyvind Binion, 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, Christian Ezekiel Gearhart, Anna Katherine Gregorash, Sophia Luna Heath, Emily Heim, Tydameion M Hesters, Savannah Grace Hissong, Alexxa Ann Howard, Keynan Patrick Jones, Shaelyn Alexis Keen, Jalen Levan King, Paige Lilliann Lancaster, Samuel Lawrence Luttrell, Alyson Paige Martin, Mario Valentine Martinez, Dylan James McKee, Kierra McKenzie Parker, Jordan Mary Porter, Elizabeth Ann Pugh, Cole Austin Rieckhoff,

Gavin Matthew Salyer, Kaydin Jovee Sayavongsing, Adrian Owen Schouten, Natalie Mechelle Stevens, Hunter J Taylor, Cody Daniel Winkler, McKenzie Melissa Sue Wireman, Grace Elizabeth Wood, Auston Lee Zehner.

**Grade 4:** Shaloon Alvarez, Makenzie Faith Argiris, Joselyn Marie Bennett, Mary F Boland, Ashley L Burkett, Mia Patricia Conroy, Ethan Michael Coyle, Anthony J Czerniak, Francis K Ellert, Olivia A Gilley, Joshua P Havron, Katie M Hoffman, Morgan J Keller, Jonah M King, Taylor R Lewandowski, Sarah Grace Lowry, Lillian E Proskoy, Wyatt M Ringer, Madison A Shedrow, Shane M Stevens.

**Grade 5:** Isabelle J Ahlenius, Emily L Bendy, Kenzie Lynn Binkley, Ashley N Black, Anna R Blocker, Dakota Jack Clark, Aysia R Conley, Jacob C Fisher, Trista Rae Fritter, Gabriel M Hissong, Kagnie J Hoffman, Noah Riley Parsons, Madison Loretta-Lyn Reeder, Erin K Renneker, Dana T Rodgers, Carter C Stevens, Alexandra R Temme, Owen R Valiquet.

**Grade 6:** Christina Antle, Kennedy Lynn Ash, Noah Riley Barnes, Brandon Ray England, Lillian Elizabeth Gregorash, Katherine A Heim, Allison Rene Jones, Brandon Tyler Jones, Alyssa S Kinyanjui, Nora H Kline, Sarah T Luttrell, Jeremiah John Paul McCarthy, Jenna M Moise, Zachery James Moore, Austin B Otteman, Maranda J Otteman, Haley Jordyn Pennington, Kaitlyn K Renneker, Hunter Mn Ringer.

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## Giving back the gift of life

LEFT: The family of the late John Large -- who passed away in February -- presented Culver's EMS volunteers a poignantly appropriate gift at the service's last meeting, in the form of an Automatic External Defibrillator (or AED), the device which Culver's police department used 10 years ago to shock Large back to life, giving him another decade with his family.

Thanking the family for the donation, EMS director Bob Cooper III (second from left) said an AED saved a life a month ago at a local track meet, adding the machine was on the service's "wish list" prior to the donation. Pictured, from left, are EMS member Brandon Cooper Bob Cooper III, and members of the Large family John Large Jr, Riley Drobitsch, Brooke Large, Mary Large, Lauren Large, and Alicia Large.



## Challenge from page A1

year's premiere Lake Max Challenge was a success, says Ed Furry of Culver, one of the event organizers.

Furry and his wife Becky -- who head up Sail22, an international sailing organization -- were told any number over 20 paddlers for their new event last year was a success. Instead, 53 paddlers from multiple states took part in the Culver town park-based event, while many more came down to observe and try out the boards. This year, Ed says the goal is 100 participants, though with 70 or 80 they would still be "in great shape." And while there are repeat racers signed up already, a great many are new

to the event, and home bases range from Minnesota to a former Culverite traveling here from Georgia for the race.

This year's event (details are available at [www.lakemax-challenge.com](http://www.lakemax-challenge.com)) was designed to be more spectator-friendly, says Furry, and a timing system has been added to enhance participants' records of their times. Another major addition is Friday night racing more on the "fun side" for less serious racers on the "high end" of the sport. Included will be short course heat races, with Sail22 providing boards. These brief races will function as elimination rounds, giving racers of all skill levels and exposures to the sport a chance to take part.

Also new is a paddle stroke clinic Friday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., for those hoping to improve their SUP technique.

The Saturday Challenge itself will be similar to last year's event, but organizers have added an open division option which will include surf skis, 20 feet long and of kayak type design (the Lake Max Challenge is part of the Great Lakes Division for the devices), as well as kayaks and any other device using paddles. This will be an around-the-lake race to accommodate the lengthy surf skis.

"We want to promote non-motorized water sports," notes Furry. "Surf skis are another 'clean' group of people into fitness; they want longer courses, so this race is lengthy."

Responding to requests from last year, the Challenge this year includes a food festival component, in which local vendors will

offer a range of options from barbecue to pizza, fruit cups to salads.

As was the case last year, demo boards will be on hand for the newcomer interested in simply hitting the water to try the sport on for size. Also repeating from last year, local musician Chad Van Herk will be on hand in the afternoon, playing live music to accompany the fun.

An important addition to this year's event will take place Sunday, when a World Paddling Association instructor will offer a trainer clinic for people ranging from racers to fitness paddle boarders, who may have a boarding business or offer tours, for whom the clinic will facilitate certification. As a specialty offering in the paddle boarding world, Furry says such courses are rare (one just sold out in Chicago, he explains), so this one will be a major attraction for the dozen or so people attending. Those, he points out, may be couples and families who otherwise wouldn't be in Culver on a Sunday, enjoying the town and its restaurants and other businesses.

The town park has designated Saturday the 29th as a free day for everyone at the park and beach, as well as parking, to encourage people to come and take part in, or simply observe the event.

"We're pretty excited about it," says Furry of the Challenge event overall. "Support-wise it's been really great."

The Furrys will also be featured on Elkhart PBS affiliate WNIT-TV's "Experience Michiana" again this year, prior to the event, and Ed notes they've advertised it heavily on a regional basis.

And what about area residents interested in trying out the sport the rest of the year? Furry says after last year's event, people showed up at the Sail22 offices (which are also the Furrys' home just outside Culver) seeking to buy or rent boards. As a result, the company does have some rental boards available and keeps a few in stock to sell, with an option to order any others a customer might want. Three local high school students have been employed to help out the business as well, he notes.

Those with an interest, or with questions about the Lake Max Challenge, may contact Sail22 at [info@lakemax-challenge.com](mailto:info@lakemax-challenge.com) or 574-889-0022.

"We hope to grow from there," Furry says of the event. "We want to keep promoting a healthy lifestyle and using the water as well as the beach, taking advantage of what a great park and beach we have."

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## 5th graders experience Culver history up-close

The Culver Academies Museum & Gift Shop and the Center for Culver History hosted Culver Elementary 5th graders recently. Classes took guided tours of both museums, learning about the natural history of the lake, the early history of the area and its schools, industries and notable events. As a fun competition among their peers, students filled in historic places and events on blank maps of the area in pairs during the tours. The competition was followed up with a visit to the students by Center for Culver History director Gregory Wakszulski (center), who presented prizes to the first and second-place winners. Prizes included copies of local author Marcia Adams' historical novel for children, "Adventures of Alexia: A Lake Maxinkuckee Girl, 1885," and the Lake



Maxinkuckee coloring book authored and illustrated by Joyce Lyman.  
 TOP PHOTO: From left: runner-ups Michael Moore and Alexis Berliner and 1st place winners Sierra Blaney and Rachel Nash. BOTTOM PHOTO: Students check out the model train layout at the Culver Academies Museum.