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## Leigh Allyn Baker stops by CES

ABOVE: Before leaving town last week, "Little Savages" star Leigh Allyn Baker (of TV's "Good Luck Charlie") took time from her busy schedule to Culver Elementary, where kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade students gathered in the gym to hear her read, "Howard B. Wigglebottom Learns About Bullies" by Howard Binkow and Susan F. Cornelison. Then she surprised 4th, 5th and 6th grade students in class, according to assistant principal Erin Proskey.

## Farewell, 'Little Savages'

ABOVE, LEFT: Several cast members of the movie shooting in Culver during the month of August, "Little Savages," took part in a farewell autograph and thank you session Saturday at the Culver park depot, where they displayed their interest in the latest local news in the pages of The Culver Citizen. Pictured are (front row, from left) Leah Bateman, Aubrey Miller, Katherine McNamara, and Aiden Mincks. Back row, Adam Hicks, Austin Mincks, and Kenton Duty.

## In Brief

L'Max Film Fest, Monterey Days coverage next week

Due to space shortages and information needed at press time, coverage of the Lake Maxinkuckee Film Festival and Monterey Days Festival, which took place over Labor Day weekend, will appear in next week's edition of *The Culver Citizen*.

## JC Company bluegrass Sunday

Bluegrass and old timey musicians JC Company and Band, featuring Culver's own Jack Caudill, will return to Culver's 'Concert in the Park' series for a free performance on this Sunday, Sept. 8 at 3 p.m. in Culver's town park. The public is encouraged to come enjoy the show.

## Free computer classes in Sept.

Culver-Union Township Public Library's free technology classes in September take place Mondays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. They include Windows 8 Help (Sept. 9 and 13); Mobile Devices for Beginners (Sept. 16 and 20), and eBook & Audio-book Workshop (Sept. 23 and 27). Sessions are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Andrew Baker at abaker@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842-2941.

## Orff music classes

Looking for an activity for your children that enhances their musical and athletic ability and provides lots of opportunity for play? Orff-Schulwerk music classes for children 3 and up take place at St. Mary of the Lake in the church basement. For more information email Beth Pare at parefamily@att.net or call 574-274-7097.

## 'Curious about Catholicism' tonight

'Curious about Catholicism,' a relaxed, informal open house for those with initial questions about the

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# 'Little Savages' stars in faith and film 2nd annual Culver Wine Fair Sept. 14

By Jeff Kenney, Citizen editor

As the cast and crew of "Little Savages," the feature movie filmed in Culver throughout the month of August, prepared to bid the community farewell Saturday, producer James Simmons and two of the stars of the film -- Katherine McNamara and Kenton Duty -- took time to sit with local church and community members to discuss the topics of "Faith, Film, and Contemporary Life" at the depot in the town park.

Simmons, who launched Bearfruit Films with "Savages" writer-director Paul Tomborello, expressed some hesitation in labeling Bearfruit a "faith-based" company, though he acknowledges the company's first film, "Rumors of Wars," is much more overt in its Christian themes than "Savages." In fact, he told participants in the panel that he and Tomborello didn't even set out to start a company at all, but doing so was more or less a by-product of putting together "Rumors," which Tomborello also wrote.

"A lot of faith-based movies are not great," Simmons admitted. "(They're known for) cheesy or corny filmmaking. If you don't have all the elements -- good writing, acting, and cinematography -- you don't have a good movie."

He said the two set out, with "Little Savages," to create a film "my kids could watch... (It's) not really a faith-based movie, but a lot of movies are almost antagonistic against faith. We're not afraid to make maybe the mayor of town be the pastor, or have prayer around the table, or someone talking about prayer, or angels, or God, or church."

He also explained he and others involved in "Savages" "were very fortunate...we didn't know personally a lot of our actors before this production. Then God brought us Kat (McNamara) and Kenton (Duty), and a lot of our actors are (Christian) believers. I think they were drawn partly to this movie because of the script, but also the chance to work with a faith-based company."

McNamara, who has major roles on several Disney TV shows and feature movies, said she thought the "Savages" script "was one of the most fun family films I've ever read," and would be "a great movie to make and a great month to spend."

"But also what drew me was Bearfruit is faith-based. I saw a trailer for 'Rumors' and thought, 'Wow, I would like to be a part of it.'"

Duty agreed. "It was very relatable. What caught my eye was we (the characters in the movie) prayed around a table. I wondered if that would be cut from the final draft -- every movie does that. But we filmed it!"

Duty, a star of the Disney TV show "Shake it Up" and a number of Hollywood films, said he tries to encourage those around him in the entertainment industry to develop a spiritual life, noting the youngest member of the cast on the show reads scripture verses on set daily and joins Duty in prayer at lunch.

Pastor Jacob Junker, of Culver's Wesley United Methodist Church, concurred with Simmons' concerns that too often Christian movies and music are "really corny, which gives us a bad reputation. And that's a shame because the Church has been on the cutting edge and used whatever means necessary to communicate the faith (historically)."

He added it's "very refreshing (to) sit down at a table like this, that we can be working with a company like Bearfruit that's not behind the curve, but is setting the curve in a way that's relatable."

Beth Parè, the Director of Religious Education at St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church in Culver, quoted John 12:32, that Christ "will draw all men to myself," relating the Bible verse to the notion that, "If a film is a quality film, it tells the truth about the human condition and it's possible it will move us towards God by being a good quality, truthful film."

She listed several popular "secular" movies whose lead characters embody "the total gift of self" which defines love, such as "Beauty and the Beast," "Thor," "Captain America," and "The Avengers." She also pointed to many non-religious films which present a "Christ figure" willing to sacrifice himself for many.

Simmons said Bearfruit has struggled with how to market itself while avoiding the negative images associated with a "faith based" label, noting, "Our target audience is really not the Church, but the Church's friends: people who have walked away from God, who are angry or hurting. We don't want to make movies that just church-goers see, and if they bring one of their friends they're tempted to walk out."

He said the company promotes that it seeks to "bring redemptive stories to life."

McNamara said she felt one of the reasons "Savages" drew 11 recognizable actors to its cast (others include Adam Hicks, Aubrey Miller, Jamie Kennedy, Noah Lomax, Aedin and Austin Mincks, Leah Bateman, Leigh Allyn Baker, and Buddy Handelman) was "the quality of the work, and the new and different position you take on redemptive filmmaking."

Simmons pointed out Bearfruit by no means only hires "like-minded" people. "We hire good filmmakers. If we have a good wardrobe person or makeup artist, it's not, 'Where do you go to church,' or, 'Do you love Jesus?'...but I think there's ministry happening on our sets, because we do have a lot of believers, whether they're actors or crew."

He also said veteran crew members of many projects have said this was "the best production I've been a part of," adding part of that has been the support of the Culver community, which has provided four dinners per week on average. Because of local churches, restaurants, and individuals, far more meals than are expected by the crew have been provided, in addition to all-day outings on the lake for cast and crew on weekends, among other amenities.

"That was kind of our vision, too," he explained. "To make a movie and enjoy making it."

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The second annual Culver Wine Fair, sponsored by the Culver Chamber of Commerce, hits town Saturday, September 14, from 1 to 5 p.m., at the Culver Cove Resort and Conference Center, 319 E Jefferson Street.

As was the case at last year's successful event, several Indiana wineries, including People's Winery, Whyte Horse Winery, Easley Winery and Harmony Winery, will be on hand to share their wares.

Cheese and fruit plates will be available for purchase, as will bottles of wine. No outside food or beverages will be allowed. Proceeds will go to the Culver Chamber of Commerce and Hello Gorgeous! (hello-gorgeous-of-indiana.org), which offers makeovers and pampering to women battling cancer.

Musicians Chad Van Herk and Deuces Wild will provide live entertainment throughout the event.

Make sure to have a picture ID which proves that you're at least 21 years of age. No one under 21 may enter the festival premises. Also, some guests will choose to bring folding chairs and umbrellas. Pets are not allowed on The Culver Cove property. Guests are asked to please drive responsibly and bring a sober driver if necessary.

Pre-sale tickets are \$15, and may be purchased at [culverwinefairii.eventbrite.com](http://culverwinefairii.eventbrite.com), and \$20 on the day of the event. The Wine Fair Facebook page may be found at [www.facebook.com/events/172665956252497](http://www.facebook.com/events/172665956252497). Special Wine Fair accommodations packages are available via the Culver Cove at [culvercove.com/EventsSpecialOffers.htm](http://culvercove.com/EventsSpecialOffers.htm).

## Life in prison for Bell in Leiters Ford murder

By M.J. Bendt  
 Correspondent

ROCHESTER — Roy Bell will spend the rest of his life behind bars for the 2011 slaying of Leiters Ford resident Wilma Upsall.

Bell was found guilty of murder, burglary resulting in bodily injury, robbery and criminal confinement by Fulton Superior Court Judge Wayne Steele Tuesday, Aug. 27.

The life imprisonment sentence is part of a plea agreement Bell made with Fulton County Prosecutors in lieu of receiving a possible death sentence if he was found guilty.

Sentencing on the other three convictions were not part of the plea agreement.

"The State and the Defendant entered into an agreement that provided that the parties would waive trial by jury; the State would withdraw the request for the death penalty and file a request for life imprisonment without possibility of parole, and should the defendant be convicted of murder (which he was), he shall receive a sentence of life imprisonment without possibility of parole. There is no agreement as to the sentences to be imposed upon the convictions of burglary, robbery, and criminal confinement and on those charges sentencing is left up to the judge," said Dave Lawson investigator for Fulton County Prosecutor.

Sentencing for Bell is scheduled at 1:15 p.m. Sept. 16 in Fulton Superior Court.

Bell, of Rochester, William Scroggs, of Delong, and Jason Miller, of Plymouth, were charged following a robbery that resulted in the shooting death of Upsall on Nov. 22, 2011. A massive manhunt for the three, in the Culver area Thanksgiving eve, left many residents shaken.

Scroggs and Miller opted for trials by jury instead of a bench trial. Miller's trial has been scheduled for May 13, 2014, while Scroggs' trial date has yet to be set. Scroggs is however scheduled to appear for a pretrial conference Oct. 22.

Judge Steele opened the trial by questioning Bell about the waiver to a trial by jury, and Bell indicated that he understood. After reading the

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## Culver service dog was companion to owner, many in community

There won't be an obituary to mark the news, but Culver lost a beloved resident last month, in the form of Hi DLanka (Lulu) Burdick, the "beloved, loyal and dedicated" service dog of Kimberly Burdick of Culver.

Lulu, who was a constant companion to Burdick for the past 11 years-plus, passed away after the recent discovery of a cancerous tumor.

"Lulu wasn't only a service (dog), but also a wonderful companion and a great part of her family," wrote Burdick. "Lulu loved walking down by the lake and was a treasured citizen of Culver for the past years. She enjoyed visiting with her neighbors at the Forest Place Senior Apartments."

Lulu was 11 months old when Burdick got her, having been taken from the Husky Society at four months old. She learned



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vice dog basics prior to coming to live with Burdick, but learned advanced skills from Burdick herself. Lulu's training was through Midwest Assistance Dogs, a company no longer placing dogs.

Lulu was also a therapy dog at Miller's Merry Manor in Culver and "would get so excited seeing the sign for Millers that her whole body would quiver with anticipation of all the love she knew she would receive from the residents and staff," says Burdick.

She describes the amazing effect Lulu would have on residents there.

Lulu also loved demonstrating her skills for young and old, educating others about service dogs.

Some of her skills included opening and closing doors, pulling a manual wheelchair, getting clothes

out of the washer and dryer, taking bags off the back of a wheelchair, paying at stores, removing a jacket by tugging on the sleeve, running to get the portable phone when it rang. She was even taught to put her own toys away (something many parents of human children can only long for!).

"Lulu saved me from many falls out of my wheelchair by picking things as little as a dime up off the floor," Burdick explains.

She says she will acquire a new service dog, "not to replace her, because she was irreplaceable, but I do still need the help she provided."

Lulu, adds Burdick, will be "greatly missed, but not forgotten."

"Her command to let her know she was off duty was 'you're free.' My sweet girl, now you are truly free."

## 266 new students welcomed at Culver Academies

Culver Academies welcomed 266 new students, including 19 local students, to campus at its annual matriculation ceremony on Monday, Aug. 26, marking the official start of the school's 119th year.

Classes started on Tuesday, Aug. 27, with 810 students, which is the highest total enrollment since the 1982-83 school year. There are 475 boys enrolled in Culver Military Academy, which the highest number of cadets since 1984-85, and 335 girls enrolled in Culver Girls Academy. Culver's student body hails from 40 states and the District of Columbia, and 25 countries. A total of 92 students come from the local area.

At the matriculation ceremony each new student walked through the Logansport Gate and was welcomed by the Head of Schools John Buxton and his wife, Pam Buxton, CGA Dean Darlene Greene, CMA Commandant Capt. Mark Neller, CGA Senior Prefect Emily Hernandez (Pueblo, Colo.) and CMA Regimental Commander Alec Abaunza (Culver).

After the ceremony the 810 students, faculty, and staff gathered for the opening convocation in Eppley Auditorium. During his opening remarks, Head of School John



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Betse Ellert, left, and Jack Rich (right) are welcomed by Culver Academies Head of Schools John Buxton at the school's matricula-

Buxton talked about the 2013-2014 school year being one of transition with changes in the school's leadership, the Class of 2014 assuming leadership roles, and new students arriving on cam-

pus. "Transition is a process: and so is Culver. That's the magic of this school," he said. "Culver is the vehicle for your transitions, whether they are into Culver, through Culver, into adulthood, or even to a more professional or comfortable version of yourself. The opportunity in transition is usually clear and obvious, and the challenge is made all the more manageable by the community that surrounds you tonight.

"You are all now a part of a Culver community that can and will support you. It will help you meet the challenges

of transition as well as help you take full advantage of the opportunities you have as your transition here begins and/or continues."

Passing through the Logansport Gate represents the beginning of each boy and girl's Culver experience. They will end their Culver experience by graduating through The Iron Gate (CMA) or Graduation Arch (CGA), respectively.

Monday morning the new students were bused to Logansport to see firsthand the site where nearly a century ago cadets helped to save residents from the flood of 1913. New CMA cadets also experienced first-hand the difficult task of rowing boats similar to those used by the cadets in March 1913.

Logansport city officials called upon Culver to help rescue residents trapped by the flooded Eel and Wabash rivers. Culver sent some 40 cadets who were experienced in handling the summer Naval School's four cutters, each boat about 25 feet long and weighing more than a ton. Over a 48-hour span the Culver cadets carried hundreds of people to safety whom were stranded on rooftops and on second stories.

A campus landmark, Logansport Gate was a gift in 1914 from the city of Logansport in gratitude for the rescue efforts provided by Culver cadets. The gate was refurbished as a gift from the Class of 2001.

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charges, Bell's defense attorneys, Edward R. Ruiz, of Plymouth, and Eric K. Koselke, of Indianapolis, requested that witnesses be separated from the courtroom during testimony.

After the witnesses were removed, Fulton County Prosecutor Richard A. Brown started presenting the case against Bell by calling several Indiana State Police (ISP) officers to the stand, who provided the background on the case from the initial report and investigation of the crime scene through the apprehension of all three suspects.

ISP Det. Josh Rozzi recalled the initial report and arrival at the scene, as well as an overview of the interviews and details that led to the arrest of Bell, Scroggs and Miller. Brown asked Rozzi if he determined who was the triggerman, to which he replied, "Yes." Bell is believed to be the triggerman, although Scroggs and Miller also are charged with murder.

Lamar Helmuth, an ISP crime scene investigator then took the stand to explain the photos taken at the scene, which were identified as exhibits and displayed on a large screen in the courtroom. Although most of the photos were evidence of the multiple shots fired and ransacking throughout the house, a few included the victim. Members of Upsall's family and their supporters who were present at the trial wept quietly as some of the photos were displayed.

Helmuth also testified about the three guns believed to be used by the suspects, a Ruger .22 caliber pistol,

a .40 caliber Glock and a Smith & Wesson 38 Special, which were found in the suspects' vehicle. Three spent casings and three unfired cartridges were recovered from the scene, and testing indicated that all were from the .38 Special.

During cross examination, Defense Attorney Koselke questioned Helmuth about trace evidence and DNA testing. The bullet that actually killed Upsall could not be tested for DNA as it was found in a massive pool of blood, and no trace evidence was found on the other two spent casings. Koselke pointed out that who the triggerman was could not be determined at the scene. DNA found on the gun could not specifically identify the shooter, but indicated that Bell and Scroggs could not be excluded.

ISP Det. Aaron Campbell and Trooper Luke Bowyer testified regarding the pursuit of the vehicle and items found along the roadway and by the vehicle after it crashed into a ditch on Ind. 117 at the end of C.R. 20B. Tim Carpenter presented detailed photographs of the items.

Timothy Richardson, the son-in-law of the victim, testified about what happened when he and his wife returned home after the shooting and robbery. He also confirmed that the items found near and in the suspects' vehicle were from his residence.

The prosecution then presented a voice recording of the interrogation of Michelle Rzepcynski, a former girlfriend of Bell's father, who had multiple contacts with Bell before and after the shooting. She first said, "Roy (Bell) came here Tuesday (the day of the shooting) and said, 'I've been here all

day.'" She said he came for an hour or two on Wednesday, and was there on Thursday when she said, "Roy had taken Xanax and shot a bunch of heroine. They shot him up and tried to kill him."

Although her statement rambled somewhat, she stated Bell said, "Miller didn't do what he was supposed to," and "The lady said, 'Roy is that you?'"

According to Rzepcynski, she repeatedly made comments to Bell about not killing people, including saying, "You're 24 years old, I'm 33, don't play these games. Don't kill people." At the end of the interview she added, "I can't believe he ... done it."

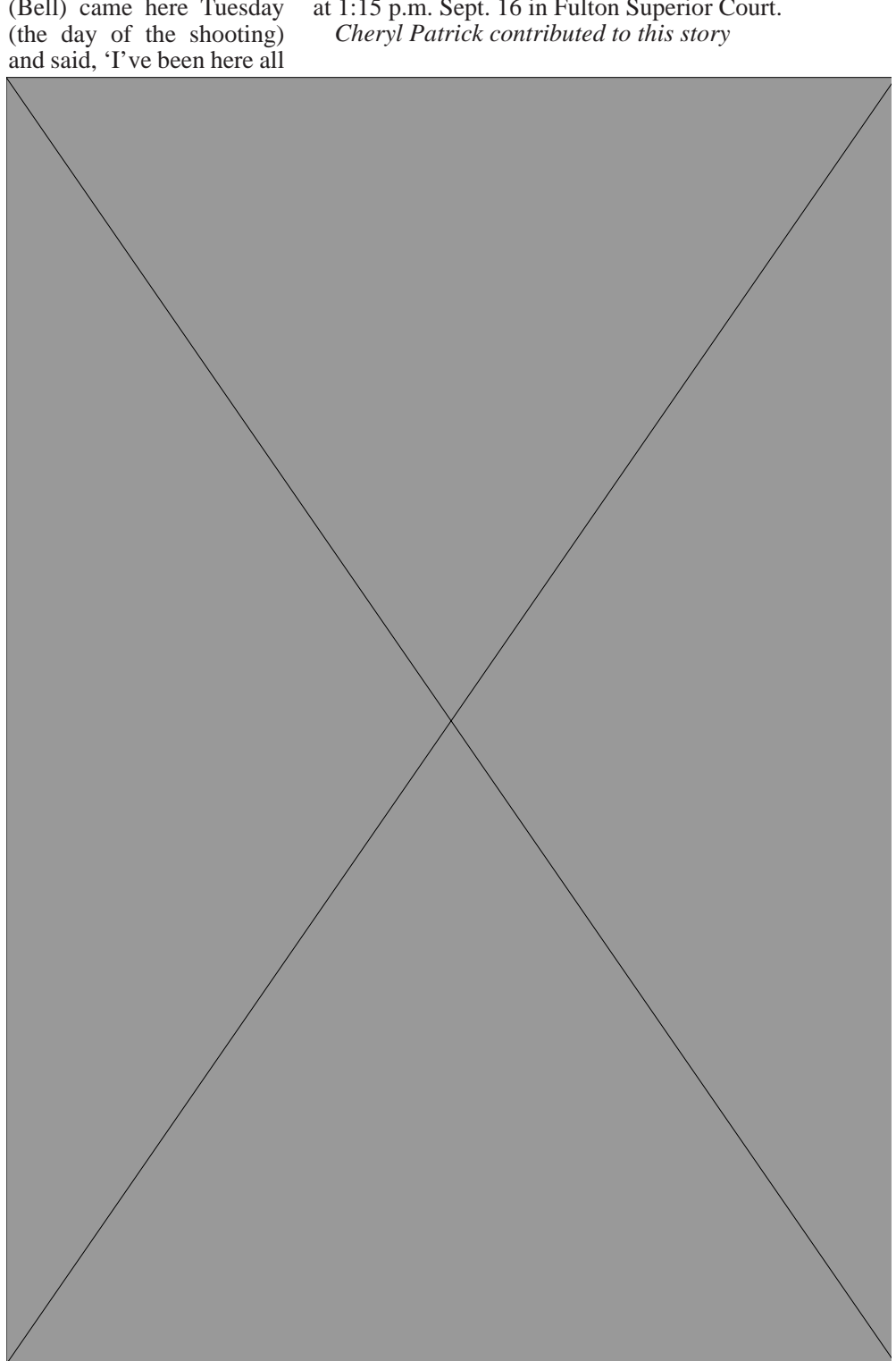
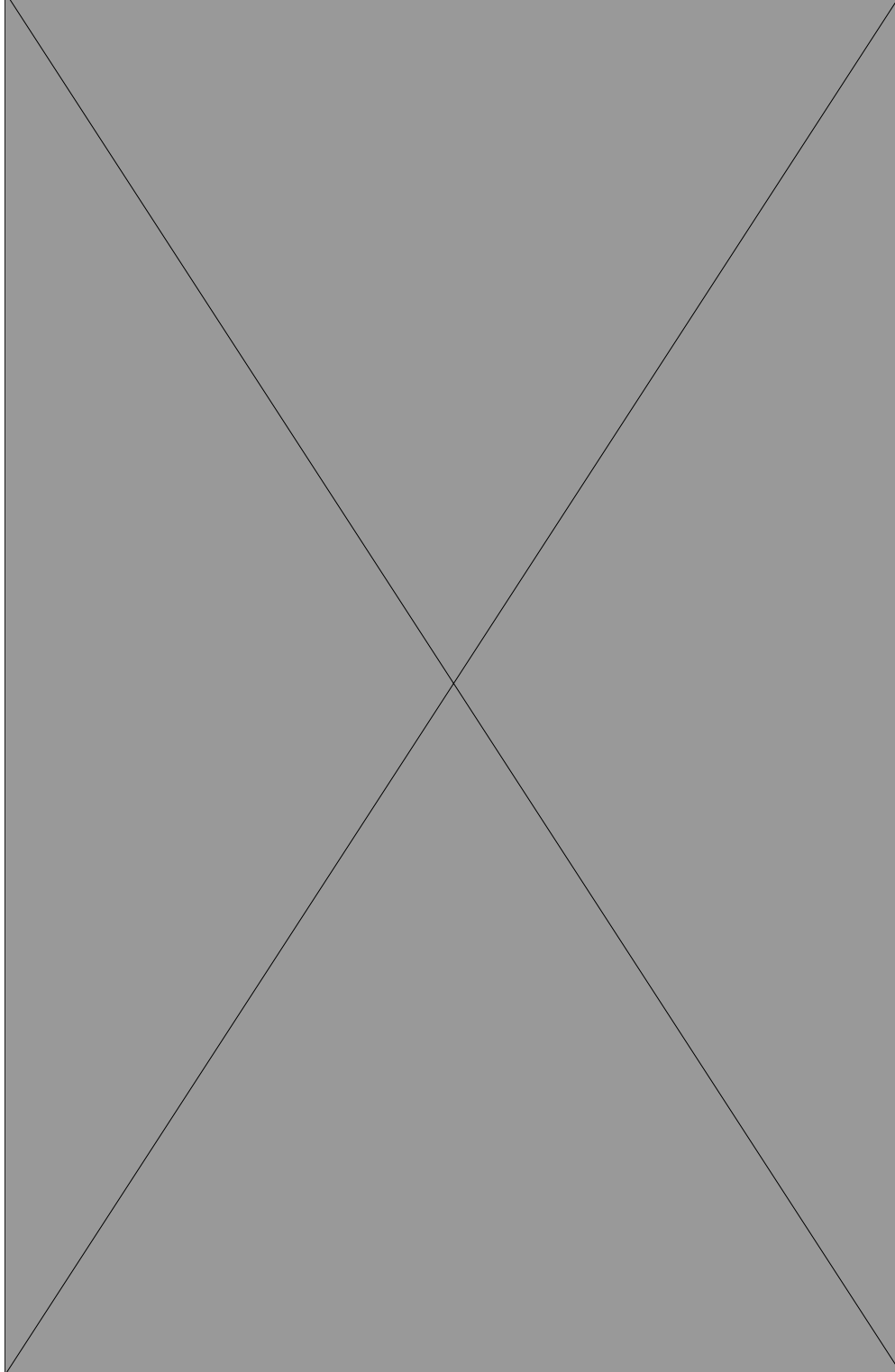
The final step in the prosecution's case was a taped interview with Bell after he was taken into custody. He was read his rights, and although he made a few comments, he didn't admit anything and eventually asked for a lawyer, which ended the interview.

No witnesses were called by the defense. Closing comments by the Prosecutor focused on the evidence that Bell was involved in the crime, including the comments he made to Rzepcynski.

Ruiz gave the closing comments for the defense, citing "inconsistencies" in the physical evidence and questioning the identification of the triggerman. He also said, "Michelle (Rzepcynski) was under the influence ... and she also had inconsistencies."

Judge Steele called a 30-minute recess, then announced his verdict of guilty on all counts. Sentencing is scheduled at 1:15 p.m. Sept. 16 in Fulton Superior Court.

*Cheryl Patrick contributed to this story*



## Death notice

### Wright

**Penny S. Wright**  
**Aug. 27, 2013**

ARGOS — Penny S. Wright, 41, of Argos died Aug. 27, 2013 at the Life Care Center in Rochester.

She is survived by her parents: Lonnie (Janet) Wagers of Argos and Wanda Lloyd of Plymouth; paternal grandmother, Goldie Wagers of Knox; brothers, Frederick Lloyd of Plymouth and Joel (Amanda) Lloyd of Culver; sisters Amanda J. Wagers (Brandon Roberts) of Plymouth, Laurie (William) Belcher of Plymouth, Angel (Eric) Guyse of Rochester, and Shelly (Brad) Foote of North Judson.

Visitation was held at the Odom Funeral Home on Friday, Aug. 30, 2013 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Funeral services were at 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial followed at the Maple Grove Cemetery in Argos. Memorials may be given in Penny's memory to the American Cancer Society.

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

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

## Culver students on Purdue dean's list

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind -- Culver residents Marc Brown, Courtney Carstens, Aspen Kitchell, and Justin Master were among about 9,600 Purdue University students were named to the dean's list for the spring 2013 semester. To be named to the dean's list, a student must have completed at least 12 credit hours, be enrolled at least half-time, have a semester grade point average of at least 3.0 and have at least a 3.5 cumulative GPA.

## 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.

**Thur., Sept. 5:** Chicken and gravy, brown rice, zucchini and tomatoes, bread, mandarin oranges, cookie.

**Friday, Sept. 6:** BBQ pork on bun, mixed vegetables, cottage cheese, peaches.

**Mon., Sept. 9:** Chicken ala king, biscuit and margarine, peas carrots, creamed corn, Jello.

**Tues., Sept. 10:** Polish sausage, cabbage and apples, mashed potatoes, bread and margarine, Mandarin oranges.

**Wed., Sept. 11:** Ham and beans, cornbread, salad and dressing, cobbler.

**Thur., Sept. 12:** BBQ chicken thigh, broccoli, sweet potatoes, bread, chocolate pudding.

**Friday, Sept. 13:** Beef stroganoff over egg noodles, Brussels sprouts, roll, tropical fruit cup.

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## Obituary

### Welsh

**Larry R. Welsh**  
**April 17, 1928 - Aug. 25, 2013**

CULVER — Larry R. Welsh, 85, of Culver, passed away Sunday, Aug. 25, 2013 at home with family by his side. Larry was born April 17, 1928 in Baltimore, Md. to John Louis and Leonore Bentley Smith Welsh. He grew up in Pennsylvania and moved to Culver with his family in the spring of his senior year in high school, graduating from Culver High in 1946. In that short time Larry met Frances B Flora and they were married Nov. 3, 1946. He was preceded in death by Frances on June 30, 2010.

Survivors include four daughters: Sharyl Welsh of Ellettsville; Cathy LaBombard of Richardson, Texas; Pamela Johnson (fiance' Jarrel Hartle) of Culver; and Jacqueline Sandlian (Dwayne) of Torrington, Wyo. He is also survived by his sister Betty (Maurice) Whittemore, New Palestine, and brother Alan (Marilyn) Welsh, Jasper; 15 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren, with two more on the way; two cousins and numerous nieces and nephews and their families. Larry was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and two great-grandchildren.

Larry was self-employed in construction and remodeling. He was a farmer in earlier years. He was a hard-working member of Culver Lions Club since 1947; a volunteer with Christmas in April/Rebuilding America since 1999; and served as an American Red Cross First Aid instructor in the 1960s and in disaster services in the 1970s.

He loved Jesus first and foremost, his family, his community and his country.

Larry willed his body to Indiana University Medical Center Anatomical Education Program. Two memorial services were offered to family and friends: Sunday, Sept. 1, 10:30 a.m., at Shalom Fellowship, 5699 10th Road, Bourbon (5 miles east of U.S. 31/Plymouth and 1 mile north of U.S. 30); and Tuesday, Sept. 3, 10:30 a.m. at Culver Lions' Depot, Lakeshore Drive.

Memorial contributions may be given to Shalom Fellowship, % 200 Pope Ave., Winona Lake, IN 46590; to Culver Lions Club, P.O. Box 330, Culver, IN 46511; or to the charity of your choice.

## United Way initiates local texting savings on prescripts

Now, you can just text the word "family" to 700700 to save up to 75 percent on the cost of your prescription medicine, according to Linda Yoder, Director of the United Way of Marshall County.

When you get a free FamilyWize Prescription Discount Card sent to your cell phone by text, just show the text to your pharmacist. They will automatically apply the discount to the cost of your medicine. And you can help everyone you know by forwarding on the information. You can also get a free FamilyWize card with a click of a mouse at [www.marshallcountyuw.org](http://www.marshallcountyuw.org) or the United Way of Marshall County Facebook page.

United Way of Marshall County and FamilyWize have already saved people living and working in our community over \$410,758.40 on the cost of their medicine. For more information or to print a card with a click of the mouse, go to [FamilyWize.org](http://FamilyWize.org) or [marshallcountyuw.org](http://marshallcountyuw.org).

## Letter to the editor

### Thanks to movie meal volunteers

I'd like to thank everyone who helped to provide meals for the cast and crew of "Little Savages" this summer. I don't want to list all the names, lest I unintentionally omit someone, but you know who you are. It was a real pleasure to work with you, and to see the generosity you had when the need arose, and they were so appreciative of your efforts. Thanks again!

Sincerely,  
**Kathie Huhn**  
**Evening meal coordinator**

### Respect the flag and its meaning

As we begin to wind down the year of 2013 there are several days in the last few months that we should fly our United States flag, or display one in some way at their home or business.

Having past - September 1, Labor Day and September 2 - VJ Day (Victory over Japan, WWII). September 11 is Patriot Day, commissioned by Congress to remember the horrific terrorist attack on our country. To complete this year, in October we celebrate Columbus Day - always the second Monday of the month, and this year it falls on the 14th. We have several in November - always on Election Days - the first Tuesday after the first Monday - but we have no election this year. November 11 is an VERY important day for our entire country as we remember all of our military veterans who have fought in all wars and those who served anywhere, anytime. Thanksgiving Day is on November 28 and another day to observe with the presence of our Flag. In December, we celebrate December 7th - Pearl Harbor Day - and we, in Culver, have a Pearl Harbor survivor - Jim Dewitt. Christmas Day is listed as a day to fly our Flag, so we may do so.

Always remember that your Flag can be flown 24 hours a day if it is a lighted position. One may want to fly their flag every day and take it down at dusk, whichever each household decides what they want to do.

Just remember also that due respect must be given to our Flag as it is a symbol of our freedom - and our Freedom is not, and was not free. Respect those who have served our country and the families of those who now serve, as the families also serve.

Loyally,  
**Mary Lou Wise, Americanism Chairman**  
**Ladies Auxiliary VFW 6919, Culver.**

## Hogan completes 'Plebe' summer at Naval Academy

Navy Midshipman Edward T. Hogan, a 2013 graduate of Culver Academies, recently completed 'Plebe' Summer at the U.S. Navy Academy. Plebe Summer began on Induction Day, June 27 and concluded after seven challenging weeks of basic midshipman training. Approximately 1,200 candidates are selected each year for the Academy's plebe or freshman class, and each student is required to participate in Plebe Summer. This year the Naval Academy received over 17,500 applications for the Class of 2017.

# Council ponders future of town hall building

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Culver's town council last week took a step forward in its ongoing efforts to determine the future of the town hall building. As in the past, council members discussed three basic future possibilities: renovate the ageing existing building, relocate to an already-existing structure elsewhere in Culver, or build a brand new town hall.

Complicating the matter are questions of space and funding, as hopes that grant funding might be more readily available since the town hall would house two of Culver's three emergency services (police and EMS) were uncertain, according to town manager Dave Schoeff. He said in speaking with the town's grant writer, it became clear that any grant funds available would require the building in question be an existing one, rather than funding building a new structure. There are also complications since grant funding for emergency services structures would not easily facilitate pairing the building with municipal functions.

Council president Sally Ricciardi noted a few architects have examined the existing town hall over the past few years and drawn up plans to address electrical problems ("especially in the clerk's office and police department," she said, adding that electrical in the EMS area is somewhat more up-to-date, having been new with the EMS addition in 1979 and 1980).

Ricciardi also said there are mold problems between the old and new roofs of the structure, among other issues.

Also discussed was whether land on State Road 17 or on Lake Shore Drive north of the Culver Dental Clinic could be viable options. In discussing staying at the present locale, town marshal Wayne Bean noted the town hall, at Plymouth and Washington Streets, is "land locked," meaning there's virtually no room to expand it for future growth.

Council member Ginny Munroe suggested forming a committee to examine funding and options, with plans to report back to the council in six to eight weeks.

It was eventually agreed to the committee would consist of Ricciardi, council member Bill Githens, town clerk

Karen Heim, Schoeff, and Bean.

Audience member Kevin Berger pointed out the matter of the town hall building "was never brought up in (discussions this summer pertaining to Culver's) comprehensive plan, and it should be -- especially for funding."

In other discussion, town attorney Jim Clevenger said the Lake Maxinkuckee Southwest Conservancy District, with whom the town entered into an agreement allowing residents of the south and west shores of the lake to hook onto Culver's municipal sewer system a few years ago, has asked to expand its boundary from the existing 158 connections to 162. He explained the town's agreement with the District allows for up to 175 properties to hook on, and he added the peak flow from the District has been nowhere near that allotted.

He also said that, while 175 homes are allowed by agreement, the new homes are actually outside the existing boundary, and hence the District's request for town approval.

It was noted at least one property owner in the area in question is anxious to build, but council approval would likely have little impact on the matter, since it would also have to be approved in court. Further, the District board will not add vacant lots to its boundary until building plans have been shown.

The council opted to table the matter until its next meeting.

Approved by council was \$2,224.04 for maintenance of four generators for the sewer department, putting out a street paving packet for bid to contractors, an updated and re-stated version of a fair housing ordinance (to comply with federal rules), \$2,662.37 for five air bottles for Culver's fire department, \$1,300 towards the town's sidewalk

replacement cost-sharing program (on behalf of a resident), and \$1,420 for Stallings Services computer work.

Also approved was moving forward with shoring up the town's compliance with public access to information, after what Clevenger described as "a little hiccup" in getting information requested to someone.

Schoeff opened sealed bids for the town's 1994 F150 pickup truck -- becoming retired in the wake of purchase of a new bucket truck -- with the vehicle going to Ron Lee with the high bid of \$3,333.33.

At Heim's request, council approved an ordinance to prepay a diesel gas bill to the local BP station, following a late charge of over \$250, which was incurred due to the necessary time lag in council approval of claims. Heim said BP is compensating with 20 cents off per gallon of fuel for the next two months.

Council also approved an offender's request for an extension until the Sept. 10 council meeting to pay a traffic violation, and authorizing Ricciardi as council president to enter into a contract with Phend & Brown, Inc., who will be handling Culver's storm water project in the near future.

Council also scheduled a work session for Sept. 14 at 5 p.m. to discuss water and sewer rate studies conducted by Umbaugh and Associates, and an engineering study conducted by V.S. Engineers.

## So long Little Savages, summer of '13

It will be difficult to adjust to the change not only from summer here in Culver (which in many ways more or less ended, as it always does, with the start of the school year, which happened, when? July 1 this year?), but of course of the departure of the cast and crew of "Little Savages," which filmed here throughout August.



### View from Main Street

By Jeff Kenney  
Editor

I have joked with friends and family that covering and observing the process of movie-making here has been fascinating and certainly positive, but also tiring, as it's meant at times dropping whatever work I may have had planned in order to stop by another location at which the movie was shooting. The rest of my work, of course, has to continue, so there have been some long hours compensating. But that's far from a complaint!

As someone with a toe (or perhaps both feet) in local history, I'm keenly aware of the value of documenting this process for posterity, so to speak. Researching material concerning the Hollywood films shot at Culver Academy many decades ago, I found myself wishing someone had made a point of collecting and preserving the many "artifacts" which surely accompanied the movie-making process then. While a bit of that was done and has survived (treasures that they are), more would be better. With that in mind, I've been shooting pictures, gratefully preserving the photos taken by official "Little Savages" photographer Christine Worden, to whom I'm extremely grateful (you may know her parents, the Giudices, on North Main Street), and -- among other efforts -- have spoken to the producer about the company, Bearfruit Films, leaving any artifacts it deems acceptable to us here in Culver, which they have done, also to my eternal gratitude (I'm sure many here share that gratitude as well).

I know for the cast and especially the crew, the conclusion of shooting here in Culver means a radical shift in lifestyle from 12 hour workdays here, to the next town, the next project -- wherever and whatever is next for each. The repeated mantra from all involved was that this has been the most tight-knit project they've worked on, and some contrasted it with the usual situation for filmmakers and cast: hotel rooms between work hours, a much less

relational interaction between cast and crew, and certainly a more distant relationship between the movie studio and the community.

Having been privy to some of the process weeks before the stars arrived, I can concur with producer James Simmons' point that Culver helped make this movie. I joked with one of the young stars I interviewed that the town almost adopted them as its own. And Culver did step up to the plate, whether it was supporting the project while vying politely for an autograph or two (falling well short of harassing any of the stars!), making meals, helping with lodging, providing entertainment, or simply a welcoming attitude and open door for shooting the movie itself -- Culver, I think, showed what I have seen as editor repeatedly: its tendency to be caring, accommodating, helpful, and with that unusual mix of small-town sincerity but world-class accommodations (be it our lake, businesses, Culver Academies, etc.).

I also had a chance to get to know some of the families of the young stars of "Little Savages," and if Culver is not what one might expect of a small, Midwestern town -- the actors and their families defy whatever negative expectations anyone could have had. Instead, all struck me as caring, generous, and certainly down to earth folk who wished to facilitate something positive for their children, while protecting them at the same time. Their generosity to the Culver community -- and especially its youth -- was visible in the pages of the Culver Citizen, and extended beyond anything written about here as well.

It may be telling that several have spoken of coming back to visit, or how much they would enjoy filming the sequel to "Little Savages" here in Culver.

Whether or not that happens, and whether the movie itself becomes a blockbuster hit or at the very least a quiet but high quality, all-ages film, I think many would agree something special happened when the movie-makers, cast, and crew came to Culver and became part of the community here for a month. I'd argue that part of that, of course, is because Culver is a special place, and I believe we may see some of that conveyed on the screen when we all sit down to watch "Little Savages" next year.

I'll bring the popcorn.

### Faith from page 1



PHOTO/CHRISTINE WORDEN

Taking part in a faith and film panel discussion in Culver last Saturday were, among others, "Little Savages" stars Katherine McNamara and Kenton Duty (at left). Also on the panel were producer James Simmons (at end of table) and St. Mary's DRE Beth Parè (far right), as well as Wesley UM Church pastor Jacob Juncker (with back to camera, second from left).

McNamara noted "Savages" filming included "a lot more cast and crew bonding time than normal."

"There was a huge sense of community on this cast and crew," echoed Duty. "The niceness (on the part of the crew) was very refreshing...we've been a giant family. I've shared my contact info with half of the crew; we want to keep in contact."

Asked about a sequel to "Savages," Simmons expressed hope there would be.

"(Will it be filmed) in Culver? A lot of our cast thinks it should be!"

Audience member Craighton Hippenhammer raised the concern that in America, "an increasing number of people grow up with no contact with religious thought."

Duty said introducing religious themes into films may have to be a "process," pointing out people become defensive if they feel threatened by moral or religious themes in a movie.

"If they think they're being told they're doing something wrong -- if you shove it down their throats, they will regurgitate it back up...the human race is extremely defensive of people who don't need defending, and of ourselves," he said.

"People are people," said McNamara. "We're all fun-

damentally the same; we want and need the same things. If you introduce faith-based ideas back into film in little pieces, it will be more acceptable overall. Even if I can help one person or have one realization that this is what needs to happen in society...."

Asked by Parè about a hypothetical script with potentially "redemptive" qualities but "a little bit of violence or profanity showing the fallen human condition," McNamara said, while she has limits of what she would accept in a role, "It's absolutely worth it to me to go to those dark places to get to the light at the end of the tunnel."

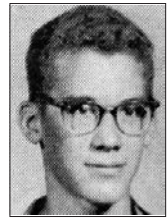
Duty discussed entering into a character's psychology as an actor, which can be "a very scary place," but described a movie he shot last year with McNamara in which his character's dialog was profanity-laced. "But the way the script was built, it needed to be done. I played this bully character who nearly drove a kid to suicide. The only reason I'm okay with this, is it's how it happens in real life. Bullying can be so sugar-coated in movies."

The film, said McNamara, is called "The Contest," and will be released this fall.

Simmons noted "Little Savages" is expected for release in spring, 2014, and "Rumors of Wars" will be released this October.

### Name that Culver 'citizen'

Several readers recognized last week's Mystery Citizen, John Benedict, a well-known local Culver High School grad and resident, and longtime (retired) teacher in Plymouth. Among those earning coveted free parking spaces in downtown Culver for their efforts are Skip Kiel, Linda

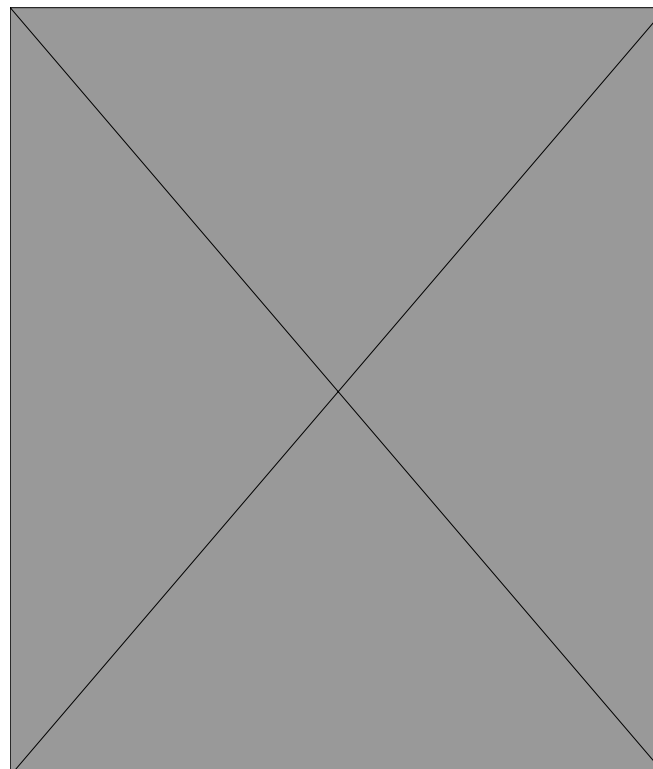


LEFT: Last week's Mystery Citizen, John Benedict, Triplet, then and now. PERRY, RIGHT: This White week's Mystery Citizen. VICKI LUTZ WAGNER,

Jenny Hurford, and Marizetta Kenney.

This week's Mystery Citizen is another longtime local resident who's been involved in a various organizations and endeavors, and who is connected to a great deal of Culver's early history.

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



## Panthers Top Culver Academies Hansel, Elliott power Cavs to win 28-20 in "Two-Day Game"



PHOTO/DALE TOBIAS

NorthWood's Connor Bunch and CMA's Donald Reed vie for a pass during a game in Nappanee over the weekend.

By Steve Sittler

NAPPANEE – It took more than 18 hours, thanks to a lightning storm that halted the game in the third quarter and forced an overnight postponement, but the NorthWood Panthers did not mind as they promptly blew open a one-point game, then held on to defeat the Culver Academies Eagles 28-20 at Andrews Field Saturday.

After a scoreless first quarter in which NorthWood was stopped on downs on their opening drive at the Eagle 4-yard line, the teams exchanged punts and the Eagles then burst deep into Panther territory on a 48-yard pass completion from senior quarterback Hayes Barnes to classmate Donald Reed. Hayes took the pigskin the final 7 yards on a quarterback draw and Culver Academies led 7-0 after the PAT by Ryan Graf.

NorthWood promptly answered with a 13-play, 78-yard drive that featured a 22-yard run by Tanner Cleveland and a 23-yard catch-and-run from Will Kirkwood to Dominic Miranda. Finally, on third and goal from the Eagle 8-yard line, Kirkwood found tight end Travis Bear on a fade to the left corner of the end zone

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Quarterback Preston Hansel finished with four touchdowns — two in the air and two on the ground — while Trent Elliott made touchdown receptions of 87 and 45 yards, he rushed for another score from 11 yards, and out as Culver Community rallied past South Central 32-21 last Friday night on the road in Union Mills.

Elliott put Culver on the board on an 87-yard TD reception at the 4:59 mark of the first that knotted the score at 7-all with Brandon Sellers' PAT.

Hansel's 4-yard touchdown dive at the 5:50 stop of the second frame to give Culver a slight 14-7 halftime advantage, but the host Satellites evened it up just over a minute and a half into the third on an 8-yard Dan Silverman run and Ben Morrow's second

kick of the night.

Hansel completed a 65-yard scoring ramble just 13 seconds later to put Culver back out in front, and his second TD pass to Elliott, this time from 45 yards out, gave the Cavs a 28-14 cushion headed into the final frame.

Elliott's 11-yard touchdown scamper nine seconds into the fourth preceded a 76-yard TD pass from Kane Klimczak to Robert Miller with 10:46 left to play, but the visitors held on for their first win of the season.

Culver Community's defense held South Central to just 59 rushing yards at the game and Klimczak to 4-for-17 through the air with two interceptions.

Elliott finished with 129 receiving yards on three catches, while Hansel finished with a game-high 129

rushing yards.

Culver improves to 1-1 on the season and plays host to Triton in a Northern State Conference-opener Friday.

• CULVER COMMUNITY 32, SOUTH CENTRAL 21

At Union Mills

Score by quarter

Culver: 7 7 12 6 — 32

Central: 7 0 7 7 — 21

First quarter

SC — Kane Klimczak 4-yd run (Ben Morrow kick), 6:37

C — Preston Hansel 87-yd pass to Trent Elliott (Brandon Sellers kick), 4:59

Second quarter

C — Hansel 4-yd run (Sellers kick), 5:50

Third quarter

SC — Dan Silverman 8-yd run (Morrow kick), 10:21

C — Hansel 65-yd run, 10:08

C — Hansel 45-yd pass to Elliott, 4:41

Fourth quarter

C — Elliott 11-yd run, 11:51

SC — Klimczak 76-yd pass to Robert Miller (Morrow kick), 10:46.

### Sports briefs

#### Boys soccer

##### Reynoso and Lions down Culver

Danny Reynoso scored four goals, including three straight in an outburst in the 57th, 60th and 65th minutes, and Bremen shut out Northern State Conference foe Culver Community 8-0 at home Thursday.

Sam Lacher scored with two assists, and Roberto Gonzalez put Bremen on the board in the 25th minute and assisted Alex Adams on the opening goal of the second half, which put Bremen up 3-0 in the 51st minute.

Austin Adams recorded seven saves in goal for the Lions, who stayed perfect at 4-0, and Marshall Anderson had five for Culver, which slipped to 1-2 after earning its first win of the season at Glenn Tuesday.



PHOTO • BREMEN 8, CULVER COMMUNITY 0 PROVIDED

##### Cavs rally past LaVille for first win

LEFT: Culver Community junior Marshall Anderson claimed a 2-1 victory over host LaVille in a Northern State Conference soccer game at 26 game night.

The Lancers held a narrow 1-0 halftime advantage after Tristan Weaver's goal on a Zack Hostetler assist in the first half, but Nick Pritz nulli-

fied the goal on a Hendrick Bill assist in the second frame, and Bill followed up with the game-winner as Culver won the game despite a 15-2 shot advantage by LaVille.

The Cavs moved to 1-1 with the win, while the Lancers slide to 1-2.

• CULVER 2, LaVILLE 1 At Newton Park

#### Girls golf

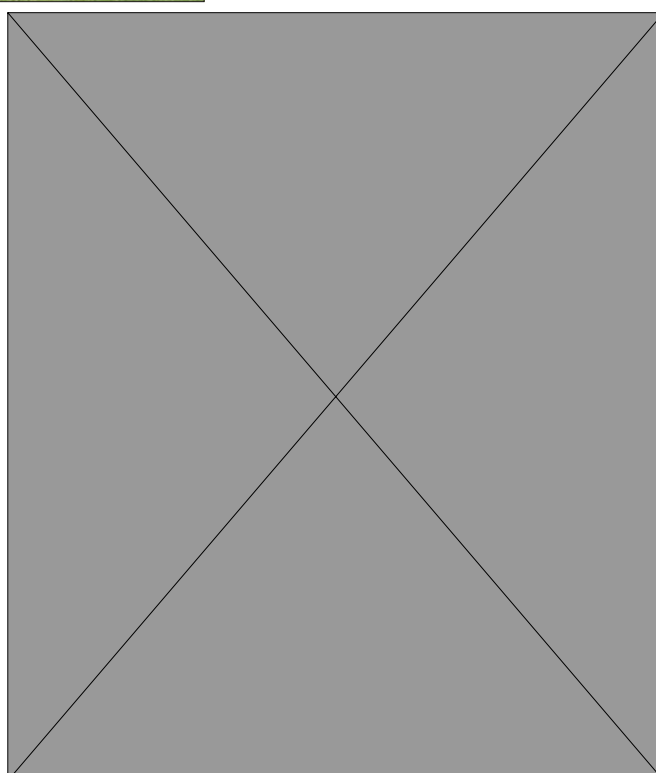
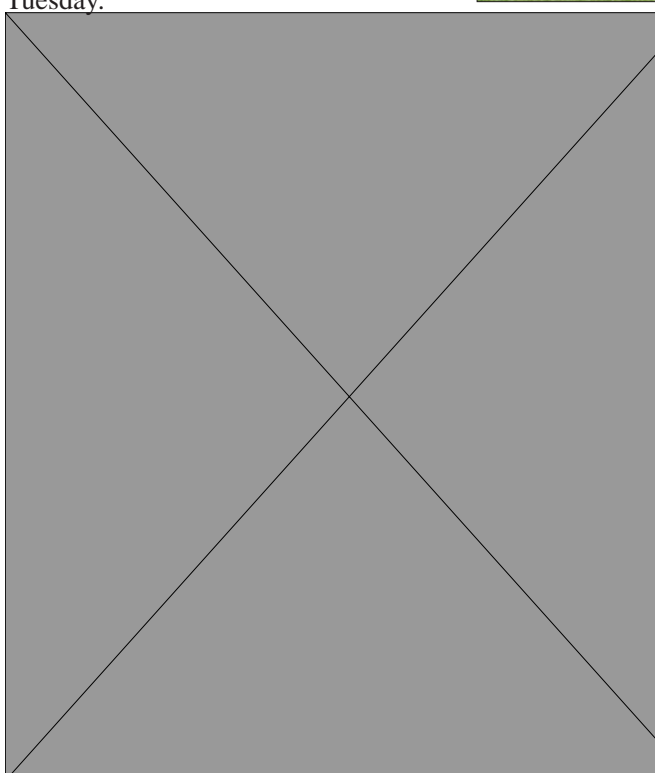
##### CGA moves to 3-0

Lauren Read and Tavia Maurovic shot dual 41s, and Culver Girls Academy beat out visiting Mishawaka Marian 176-196 at Mystic Hills Thursday.

Makenzie Toth and Hannah Brumback both shot 47, and Olivia Hirschy carded 52 for the Eagles, who moved to 3-0.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 176, MISHAWAKA MARIAN 196 At Mystic Hills (Par 35)

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## Culver part of Heads Up Lady Lancers shut out CGA, 2-0 Tackling pilot program

By Kyle Hilliard  
Correspondent



PHOTO/JAN GARRISON

ABOVE: USA Football's Andy Ryland leads Culver Military Academy players through a Heads Up Tackling drill.

By Jan Garrison  
It's the safe way to be an Eagle. The Culver Military Academy football team is the only high school squad in Indiana, and one of just 25 in nine states, participating in a new tackling program designed to help reduce the number of

concussions and neck injuries among players. The Heads Up Tackling program, being offered by USA Football, is a new technique that teaches the importance of using a player's shoulders as the contact point. Andy Ryland, of USA Football, came to Culver on Aug. 9 to run players and coaches through a series of drills on the new form of tackling.

Ryland said the Heads Up program was officially rolled out last season at the youth football level. This is the first year it has been moved up to the high school level. While much of it stays the same, some of the program has been adjusted to meet high level of coaching and players, he said. Tackling is just part of the system, Ryland added. Coaches are also given instruction for equipment fitting – especially the helmet – and concussion awareness.

Heads Up Tackling has been endorsed by the Indiana Football Coaches Association and the National Federation of State High School Associations. USA Football is affiliated with the National Football League and the NFL players union, and serves as the NFL's teaching arm for coaches and players.

While the technique is designed to be safer, it still packs the necessary punch to bring down the ball carrier. Ryland, who played inside linebacker at Penn State, told the players during one of their drills they should "load and explode" on the ball carriers but keep their necks and spines in alignment and have their shoulders making contact.

The keys are the shoulder strike and proper body mechanics, Ryland said. Staying low with a solid base will allow tacklers to hit and lift the ball carrier. The power comes from the tackler's legs and hips, giving the defender his needed momentum to stop the runner.

CMA head coach Andy Dorrel said the school's commitment includes having the coaches trained in the program, then getting the players to learn the proper technique through the Heads Up Tackling drills. The coaches also meet with the players' parents to explain the program. CMA's parent session was conducted after the August 16 scrimmage at South Bend Riley.

CULVER — The LaVille Lady Lancers recorded a strong victory as they were able to shut out the CGA Lady Eagles with a score of 2-0 in Culver Thursday night.

LaVille got up 1-0 with an early goal off the foot of Grace Ingle in the 21st minute. Heather Roeder chipped in with the assist on the goal. The turning point of the game came early in the second half when Roeder got on the scoreboard herself, scoring an unassisted goal in the 63rd minute. According to both coaches, that goal changed the landscape for the rest of the game and took the wind out of the Lady Eagles' sails.

"I have to give credit to Culver. They were well-spaced and well-coached," said LaVille coach Steve Hodge. "I thought once the second goal went in, it was a great time to get it, I thought they dropped, especially in the back."

CGA coach Nathaniel King agreed. "When we conceded the first goal, and then the second goal, our heads dropped," said King. "Mentally we were already out of the game."

CGA was only able to manage two shots on goal and had one close scoring chance squelched with about four minutes remaining, as LaVille goalie Kyleigh Breeden dove on the ball just before one of the CGA attackers was about to knock it in. LaVille was able to get six shots on goal while scoring on 33 percent of those shots.

Eagles Coach King was grateful for the stiff competition that LaVille presented as well as giving his team an early season wake up call.

"This type of game is a good game to have at this point of the season because LaVille is a physical team and direct. Many of the teams we play play that style, and we didn't deal with it well enough in this game," he said. "I am glad we had a game like this early in the season so we can re-group and work on how we can be effective in a game. We have a lot of work to do physically with fitness. We showed a lot of good possessions, but I think we need to sit down, re-group, find out where we are and work on the physical."

With the win, LaVille improves to a record of 3-1 on the year. The Eagles are still searching for their first win of this young season as their record now sits at 0-3-1.

• LaVILLE 2, CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 0  
at Culver

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and Connor Miller's kick tied the score at 7-all. It stayed that way for a grand total of 13 seconds, as Eagle senior Pierre Byrne — all 5'6" and 155 pounds of him — returned the kickoff 85 yards up the left sideline for a TD to put his squad back in front. Unfortunately for the Eagles, a bad snap resulted in a botched PAT attempt, and the Academies led 13-7 with 4:17 to play in the half.

Not dismayed in the slightest by giving up the special teams score, the Panthers promptly exploded from their own 20-yard line as Trent Saucedo caught a short pass over the middle, then dragged the entire Culver secondary an additional 20 yards to near midfield. Miranda ripped off another 11 yards on a first-down run, and Kirkwood then found Saucedo again for 23 yards to the Eagle 13-yard line. After Luke Edwards dragged most of the Culver defensive line down to the one, Kirkwood hit Bear again on a dump pass and the Panthers took a 14-13 lead to the locker room.

After forcing an Eagle punt on the first series of the second half, NorthWood turned the ball over near midfield when Nick Mahalak intercepted a Kirkwood pass. The Eagles picked up a quick first down but were facing a third and 5 at the Panther 41-yard line when the storms came, emptying both the field and the stands and eventually shutting down the game until 1 p.m. on Saturday.

When the game resumed, Culver went for it on fourth down but paid a high price by fumbling and turning the ball over to the Panthers near midfield. NorthWood capitalized on the turnover, marching quickly downfield, and Miranda scored a TD on a jet sweep to put the Panthers up 21-13. After forcing a quick Eagle punt, the Panthers scored again on a short dive by Luke Edwards and seemed to have the game well in hand, leading 28-13 in the fourth quarter.

The Eagles were not quite ready to give up, however, scoring quickly on a long TD pass from Barnes to Mahalak to make it 28-20. After forcing a Panther punt, Culver put a scare into the NorthWood faithful by driving all the way to the Panther 30-yard line, but the Black Crunch defense saved the day when Derek Weldy tipped a Barnes pass and Miranda made a spectacular flopping, thrashing interception at the 15-yard line, sealing the win.

NorthWood (2-0) travels to Concord (2-0 after a 38-7 spanking of Elkhart Memorial on Sept. 6, while the Eagles (1-1) host out-of-state foe Buchanan, Michigan.  
• CULVER MILITARY 20, NORTHWOOD 28  
At Nappanee



PHOTO PROVIDED

## Culver students among BEAM cleaners

The BEAM (Bettering Every Aspect of Marshall County) youth service group, along with several other Marshall County students and community members, spent three hours cleaning a one-mile stretch of the Yellow River on Sunday, August 25. They walked in (and sometimes swam in) the river from 4th Road to 5th Road in Bremen pulling out three boats full of debris. Pictured, from left to right, are (front row) Larry and Connie Kipler, Zach DeBaets (Bremen H.S.), Scott Carmichael (Plymouth H.S. and BEAM Treasurer), Bruce Fosler (Argos H.S.), Ryan Calhoun (Argos H.S.), Michael Skiles (Culver Community H.S.), Kayla Shaffer (Culver Community H.S. and BEAM President), Bridget Craft (LaVille H.S.), Madelyn Strycker (Argos H.S.), Macee Strycker (Argos Jr. High School), Lacey Miller (Bremen H.S.), Aldona Martin. In back: Steve Klapp, Rich Martin, Bruce Jennings, Brooklyn Kelley (John Glenn H.S. and BEAM Secretary), Pahola Jimenez (Bremen H.S.), and Jimmy Powers (Bremen H.S.).

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## Sports from page 5

### Volleyball

Lady Cavs rally past La-Crosse  
Culver Community's volleyball team rallied back from a close first-set loss to beat LaCrosse in four games Wednesday night, 23-25, 25-17, 25-16, 25-14. Samantha Howard put in

a standout all-around performance with 16 kills, six aces and 10 assists. Donna Zehner finished with eight kills, Bayli Fearnow served up six aces with a team-high 19 digs, Marisa Howard has nine assists, and Tosha Harris finished with 14 digs. The Lady Cavs improved to 3-2 with the win.  
• CULVER COMMUNITY 3, LaCROSSE 0 (23-25, 25-17, 25-16, 25-14)

### Girls soccer

Culver edges Bremen: Denisha Brown and Kay-Sports from page 6la Shaffer each scored twice, and Culver Community beat Bremen in a Northern State Conference match on the road in Bremen Aug. 20. Brown scored on Shakkira Harris' assist in the 12th minute, and after Jasmine Schafer tied it up with a strike on an Alexis Jennings assist in the 19th minute, Shaffer scored an unassisted goal in the 31st minute to give the Lady Cavaliers a 2-1 halftime edge. Brown scored her second goal — again on a Harris helper — in the 44th minute to widen the gap to 3-1.

Emily Bickel notched a goal for Bremen in the 49th minute to cut the Lions' deficit to one goal, but Shaffer scored her second unassisted goal in the 58th minute to give the visitors some insurance.

Schafer found the net a second time in the game's final minute, but it was too little, too late for Bremen. Mickella Hardy made 10 saves in goal for the Cavs, who moved to 1-1 bouncing back from a tough loss in Warsaw. Jess Bollenbacher made six saves for the home team.  
• CULVER COMMUNITY 4, BREMEN 3  
At Breme

## Briefs from page 1

Catholic faith, will take place Thurs., Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. at the church office at 605 N. Plymouth Street in Culver. All are welcome!

### Benefit event for Neher Saturday

A benefit event will be held Saturday, September 7, starting at 9 p.m. for Culver Comm. High School graduate Justin Neher (son of Don and Anna Neher of Culver), at the Lakehouse Grille on Lake Shore Drive. Neher sustained major injuries in a July 17 motorcycle accident on U.S. 30. There will be a \$5 cover charge for the event, at which Kevin and Jerry will perform live.

### Maxinkuckee Singers at Jacoby Church Sept. 8

The Wythougan Valley Preservation Council will host a free concert with the Maxinkuckee Singers at the historic Jacoby Church on King Rd. in Plymouth, Sunday, September 8 at 2 p.m. The Church was built in 1860 and is on the National Register of Historic Places. A free-will donation will be taken at the door to support the efforts of the Maxinkuckee Singers.

### George Baker benefit Sept. 14

A benefit will be held for George Baker, who has been battling cancer, at the Culver VFW Post Sat., September 14. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. and there will be an auction at 7:30. Anyone wishing to donate something to the auction may drop it off at the VFW or call George's sister, Gloria Banks, at 574-842-2503; any questions, please call Gloria. The family would like to thank everyone for their prayers and kind words.

### Community meal at Grace Sept. 15

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Sunday, Sept 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.

### Library book sale Sept. 26-28

The Friends of the Culver-Union Township Public Library will sponsor a book sale Thursday, September 26 from 4 to 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday, September 27 and 28, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., in the lower level of the library. Book donations are always welcome at the circulation desk during library hours.

### Town-wide sales, cleanup

Culver's fall town wide garage sales will take place Friday and Saturday, Sep-

tember 27 and 28. Town wide clean up day will take place Saturday, October 12. Details will be available in future editions of *The Citizen*.

### Walker farewell at REAL Meals Sept. 30

A farewell party will be held for Ruth Walker, director at Culver's REAL Meals nutrition site since Nov., 1995, who will be leaving the position. The event will take place during REAL Meals Mon., Sept. 30, during the noon meal, when the public is welcome to come by and greet her. Those wishing to make a reservation to share lunch with the group, which meets at the Culver beach lodge, may do so by calling 574-842-8878 by Sept. 25 (lunch will include chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread and fruit, besides a special cake (guests need not make reservations to attend the celebration and enjoy some cake).

### Lions collecting school supplies

The Culver Lions Club is making sure students have needed school supplies and is asking for community help. You may make your checks payable to Culver Lions Club or give pens, paper, rulers, compasses, erasers, back packs, or any other school materials. Contact any Lion, or Jim Harper at 842-2962.

### History, ecology of LMEC, Lake Max at museum

The community is invited to learn about the biology and ecology of Lake Maxinkuckee as well as the people who have worked diligently to protect the lake and its watershed via an collaborative Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council and Center for Culver History exhibit on display now. Exhibits include magnifying boxes for bug identification, an animal tracks game, instruction on fishing pole assembly and an Enviroscape. The exhibit may be viewed during museum hours at the Center for Culver History, in the lower level of the Culver library.

### Kiwanis raffle underway

The Culver Kiwanis Club's annual summer raffle is underway. This year's items include a new golf cart, SUP (Stand Up Paddleboard), his and hers Electra cruiser bikes, and kayak. Raffle tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25, and are available at Osborn's Mini-Mart, Park N Shop, or any Kiwanis Club member. A drawing for winners (to be drawn in order of the monetary value of the item in question) will be held Sat., Sept. 21 at the depot in the town park. Proceeds from the raffle will benefit local children's programs and scholarships.

### Community Cab in Culver each Wednesday

Marshall County Public Transit, a service of the Marshall County Council on Aging, offers transportation throughout Culver via the Culver Community Cab for a Day, each Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$2.50 per boarding, with no pre-scheduling required. Those wishing a ride may call toll-free 866-936-9904. The Council on Aging is represented Online at [www.marshallcountycouncilonaging.org](http://www.marshallcountycouncilonaging.org).

### Start your scarecrow now for Fall Fest

Organizers of the Culver Fall Fest (the weekend of Oct. 19) are encouraging community members to start work on their scarecrows now, while Culver is buzzing with summer fun and creativity. The entry fee for the contest is \$10 (which includes a wood frame for the scarecrow) and there are \$200 in cash prizes and gifts to be awarded to winners. It is open to everyone and every group including business this year. The Culver Chamber's Retail Merchants Committee will keep the scarecrows in storage to be added annually to the 'parade' of scarecrows. Businesses, organizations, and individuals may drop off scarecrows now at Cafe Max on Main Street. Entries must be received by Oct. 1 to be on the map. Scarecrows should be delivered with a photo of the assembled scarecrow, and entrants may also set up their scarecrow by 10 a.m. Oct. 16 to their designated location. Call 574-842-LAKE or visit [www.culverchamber.com](http://www.culverchamber.com). Questions should be directed to Susie Mahler at Cafe Max, 574-842-4444 (office).

### Master Gardener class

To sign up for the Master Gardener Intern Class starting Sept. 19, call 574-935-8545 or e-mail Robert Yoder at [ryoder@purdue.edu](mailto:ryoder@purdue.edu).

### 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.

