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## Culver: Veteran's Day 2013

ABOVE: Culver's observances of Veteran's Day took place on Monday, including a visit to the Culver Comm. High School by Pearl Harbor survivor Jim DeWitt (UPPER LEFT), who answered student questions as moderated by senior Dylan Bennett (left). FAR RIGHT: Representatives of Culver's VFW Post, including Post Commander Brian Linhart (left), Quartermaster Rich Kelso, and Stephen Lehman, a National Guardsman and senior at CCHS) retire the Colors at the close of the ceremony. LOWER LEFT: 1st Lt. Joseph Beezie (U.S. Army Reserve), a 2006 Culver Military Academy grad, spoke at Culver Academies' ceremony outside the Legion Memorial Building. CENTER: Caitlin Schwartz, a senior from Knox attending Culver Academies, second from right, looks on as fellow student Natalia Lopez-Yanez lays the wreath during the Academies' annual Veterans' Day ceremony Monday. Also pictured are, from left, Academies cadet Nicholas Cefalu, Culver Girls Academy Dean Darlene Greene, and Rev. Johanna Wagner, director of Spiritual Life Schwartz read the poem "In Flanders Fields" as part of the ceremony.

## In Brief

### Mobile food pantry returns Friday

The mobile food pantry will return to Culver Friday, Nov. 15 at the train station/depot at 615 E. Lake Shore Drive in Culver, from 10 a.m. to noon. First come, first served, while supplies last for those in need of food assistance. Please bring bags or boxes to carry items. For questions call: 574-232-9986 ext. 137 or email: dsingh@feedingamerica.org. Please bring a valid photo ID (drivers license, State ID, etc.) for service. Please dress warmly as the event will be mostly outside.

### CBGC open house Nov. 13

The Culver Boys & Girls Club will host its first-ever community open house Wed., Nov. 13, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Culver Elementary School. Unit supervisor Jessye Gilley says parents of current members will have a chance to take a closer look at how members spend their afternoons, and parents of children who are not yet members an insight into what the club may be able to offer their children or family as a whole.

### Free technology classes at CUTPL

Culver-Union Township Public Library is offering free technology classes Mondays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m., in November. Classes include Windows 8 Help (Nov. 15), Mobile Devices for Beginners (Nov. 18 and 22). These sessions are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Andrew Baker at abaker@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842-2941.

### Reservations due for REAL Meals

### Thanksgiving feast

Culver's REAL Meals will host a pre-Thanksgiving "feast" Tuesday, November 26, starting at noon. Served will be turkey and all the trimmings, including pumpkin pie. Reservations must be made by Nov. 15.

REAL Meals' pre-holiday meal is Friday, Decem-

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## Only mobile cone beam imaging lab in Indiana is Culver-based business

By Jeff Kenney  
 Citizen editor

Ruth Birk, a familiar name in the Culver area, is hoping to take a somewhat unfamiliar technology beyond Culver and across Indiana, and improve lives in the process.

Parked unassumingly in Birk's Culver driveway is the only mobile dental cone beam imaging "office on wheels" in Indiana, and one of a relatively small number in the entire U.S.

Birk is well aware that the best way to convey what cone beam imaging -- not exactly a household name -- can do is visually, and she's hoping for more opportunities to do so. If a picture is worth a thousand words, the sight of what the technology, which debuted in 1996, can do would likely result in more and more people seeking its use, and consequently more and more improvements in diagnosis and treatment of a host of dental-related problems.

Inside the In Motion Imaging LLC (the name of the company Birk started last year) van is a state of the art piece of equipment. One scan, she explains, contains a fraction of the radiation present in traditional x-ray methodology, but rather than the single, two-dimensional image produced by x-rays, cone beam creates a complete, three-dimensional image, capable of "zooming" in on portions of the picture smaller than a millimeter.

One of the most helpful aspects of the technology is the ability for dentists to view areas of the mouth for any angle: above, below, or any side. As a result, says Birk, dentists are likely to be able to diagnose those persistent, otherwise inexplicable problems...the pain or discomfort for which no other explanation exists, for example, but whose origin is visible only through the full visual range afforded by cone beam technology.

"It measures airway space to see changes in airway space for TMJ and sleep-related appliances. You can see fractures or broken

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## 5k 'Turkey Trot' Nov. 29

Culver will be home to a five-kilometer "Turkey Trot" to help run off those Thanksgiving calories on Friday, November 29 -- while raising funds for Confiance Dance towards a hoped-for dance studio in Culver.

As discussed in a previous article in The Culver Citizen, Culver Academies senior Meagan Rioux, who has been teaching dance classes for community children at the beach lodge twice each week, has organized the event on the north side of Culver.

Says Rioux, the run will be "fun...people can dress up and wear costumes (such as) Pilgrims, turkey, food," and adds area kids will make "hand turkeys" to display at school during and after the race. There will be prizes awarded in such categories as the largest team, most funds raised, and top team spirit.

The race route will be marked with chalk and signs, and a golf cart will direct racers, she adds. Volunteers will handle security, with local emergency services posted.

Water stations will be set up, streets closed, and runners will gather in a heated area at the end.

The route starts in front of Culver Coffee Company on Lake Shore Drive and travel northeast, turning right onto Academy Road.

Registration starts at 7 a.m. with the race beginning at 8:30 a.m. At 9 a.m., a costume contest is scheduled, and a one-mile kids' "gobble wobble" will start at 9:30 a.m. Awards will be announced at 10 a.m.

Registration can be done both online and before the race. Registration is \$10 along with any donation one would like to contribute. Participants can register at <http://confiancedance.com> or [http://www.racesonline.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=public.race\\_detail&race\\_id=17668](http://www.racesonline.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=public.race_detail&race_id=17668).

All Proceeds will go towards the opening of a dance studio/Performing Arts Center. This event will be annual and all profits from the event will be decided by the town of Culver, says Rioux.

Anyone interested in volunteering for the event may contact Rioux at [meaganrioux@confiancedance.com](mailto:meaganrioux@confiancedance.com).

## Culver community, educational institutions observe Veteran's Day

Staff report

The Culver community celebrated Veteran's Day this year with its usual solemn observances, including an opportunity for students at Culver Community High and Middle Schools to meet the community's only survivor of the Pearl Harbor attack of Dec. 7, 1941, and one of the few World War II veterans in the community.

Jim DeWitt was introduced by Culver Citizen editor Jeff Kenney, who described DeWitt's journey from an Indiana orphanage to eventually enlisting in the Navy, where as a crew member (and youngest Chief Petty Officer in the Pacific fleet) on the USS Antares, he witnessed the first shots fired in America's involvement in World War II, at Pearl Harbor. DeWitt, who served six years in the Navy, would eventually go on -- with his late wife Mary -- to spend 25 years operating the popular Lake Shore Lanes bowling alley and restaurant in Culver, until 1978.

The students, gathered in the high school auditorium, viewed a short documentary film about DeWitt's return, along with 23 other Pearl Harbor survivors, to the site of the attack in Hawaii for the 70th anniversary of that fateful day, in December, 2011.

After a medley of Armed See Veterans page 5

## Culver park lights, rink may facilitate a 'winter wonderland'

By Jeff Kenney  
 Citizen editor

Culver's park is one step closer to becoming a "winter wonderland" for both locals and visitors, after extensive discussion and decision-making on the part of the parks and recreation board at last Wednesday's monthly meeting.

Discussion began as follow-up to two matters suggested at prior meetings: that of including Christmas lights in the park alongside those installed in the town proper, and of installing a temporary ice skating rink at the site of the basketball courts alongside Lake Shore Drive this winter.

Park superintendent Kelly Young reported she had contacted the out-of-town company hired a few years ago by the town of Culver to install Christmas decorations on the streets, to inquire as to prices on lighting in the park. She said lights and garland could be installed around the gazebo, picnic pavilions, and east end fence at an annual cost of \$1,587 per year, with the requirement of a two-year contract.

Audience member Mark Damore Jr. suggested the park work towards creating a "winter wonderland in the park," partly in hopes of creating increasing "buzz" and drawing more visitors to Culver from other communities.

"Everyone knows I want to bring people into town," said Damore, "but what about the kids and couples in town? To me it's stress relief; it makes you smile."

Board member Rhonda Reinhold suggested solar-powered lights could be employed towards lighting the park.

Audience member Tony Sellers, of Sellers Landscaping, distributed a page with photos sampling lighting he said he could install in the park. Noting he walked through the park recently to assess where lights could best be hung, Sellers said trees could also be utilized for lights, which could be placed on a timer.

"People will drive through town (and see the lights)," he suggested. "It will get bigger each year."

Damore also suggested that, if the park hired Sellers, the town would own the Christmas lights as opposed to renting them, and a community member would receive the business. He also suggested a fund-raising campaign for future

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# Fox named director of Culver Summer Schools & Camps

by Mike Petrucelli

Don Fox, a 1975 Culver Military Academy graduate, Culver parent, and former summer staff member, has been named as the new director of Culver Summer Schools & Camps. Following a distinguished career in government, he will take the helm this month from retiring director Tony Mayfield '65.

After graduating from Culver, Don attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill earning a degree in Economics in 1979. He went on to law school at Wake Forest University, and was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the Navy Judge Advocate General's Corp in 1982. His active duty assignments included tours as a trial and defense counsel and serving on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations at the Pentagon. In 1987 he earned an LL.M. in International Law from The George Washington Uni-



Don Fox

versity. Don left active duty after six years to become a civilian attorney, but both Don and his wife Tracy remained with the United States Navy Reserve and retired at the rank of Commander.

As a civilian lawyer for the Department of Defense, Don worked in the Navy General Counsel's Office before moving to the Air Force and promotion to the Senior Executive Service and appointment as Air Force Deputy General Counsel. In 2008, Don was appointed as the General Counsel and Principal Deputy Director of the United States Office of Government Ethics. As the senior career ethics official in the Executive Branch, Don was responsible for establishing and maintaining ethics rules

and uniform standards of conduct for nearly 4 million civilian employees and members of the military and working with ethics officials and senior presidential appointees in the White House and more than 130 federal agencies.

Don, his wife Tracy, and children have a long association with Culver. Don served as counselor for Naval company III for two summers in 1979 and 1980. Both of Don and Tracy's children, Wes and Jody, attended several years of Specialty Camp as well as working at Woodcraft and Upper Camp, and Don and Tracy were Specialty Camp staff members. Jody subsequently matriculated to Culver Girls Academy, graduating in 2010, and Don and Tracy served on the Culver Parents Association Board. Don was inducted in the Culver Cum Laude Society in 2010.

Don and Tracy have been part-time residents of Culver since 2008 and are looking forward to their pending move. According to Don, "I can think of nothing more rewarding than the opportunity to return and contribute to the institution that has done so much for my family and me and countless others."

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teeth, or if there's sinus stuff going on.

Images are uploadable and can be sent to board certified radiologists to read them, she notes.

Further, dentists can plan surgical cases, implants the most precise changes to jaw position in corrective work, and more, once again down to the millimeter.

For the layperson, perhaps one of the most startling capabilities is its ability to generate a complete, three-di-

mensional image of the patient's skull, from top to bottom, as sure as if all skin and tissue were removed. It's an arresting sight which conveys the capability of the machinery.

Birk, a Licensed Dental Hygienist (or LDH), operates her business -- which has no ties to any specific dentist -- with assistant Denise Richards. The genesis of In Motion Imaging (www.inmotionimagingllc.com) was Birk's attendance at a mid-winter meeting in Chicago where the company which distributes the equipment was represented. Birk was particularly attracted to the mobile aspect of the technology.



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY Ruth Birk demonstrates the cone beam imaging machine in her mobile lab.

"If you're going to invest in a machine, you might as well invest in one that's mobile so lots of doctors can use it," she says. "It's an expensive piece of equipment for a dentist to purchase and there's a large learning curve in learning how to use it. A dentist would lose at least two days of production time in training his staff to use it. It provides for doctors a quality of service they don't have to invest in."

She likens the application of the technology to a medical doctor "sending you to a hospital for an MRI or CT scan. But being mobile, we go within a two hour radius to service doctors." Cone beam technology was started by New Tom, the same company which manufactured Birk's own machine, in Europe in 1996.

The basic visual information, Birk explains, comes from a cone -- hence the name -- and it's a complete image. Compare that to a CT or "CaT" scan, which uses digital imaging to fill in "blanks" between "slices" of actual visual data. Plus, Birk says, CT

scans bombard the patient with "a huge amount of radiation" (she says studies have shown cone beam scans have at least 75 percent less radiation, in fact, than CT scans).

"From my continuing education and in-office experience," she adds, "I've realized cone beam is beneficial not only for doctors, but patients."

There are stationary cone beam machines in Indiana, but as one might expect, most are located in a small handful of larger Hoosier cities.

One challenge, however, has been educating dentists to better understand the technology and its benefits, say Birk and Richards, who have sent a stream of mailings and brochures hoping to illustrate those matters.

She cites the example of one dentist -- a periodontist (that is, a gum disease specialist) some miles away who's a more recent dental school grad with "major debt."

"As a recent graduate, he knows about cone beam technology," Birk says. "He's coming right out of dental school with major debt, and he's interested in the technology and has the software to get these (cone beam digital) images."

In Motion Imaging, then, can provide affordable, localized access to cone beam technology.

"The van is a mobile office," notes Birk. "The machine has backup for the battery backup or it can run off an extension cord by regular power. We have redundancy and redundancy."

After a scan is taken of a patient, Birk and Richards create images and can burn a DVD for the dentist which includes a "mini" version of the software used to read images and generate data.

All of this requires a high-powered computer of the sort used in high-end gaming, though a dentist needn't have all that horsepower to view the generated graphics.

"This makes the technology available to everybody," Birk explains. "It evens the playing field. If you're living in Argos or Culver or Rochester, you have access to the same technology that you (otherwise) would have to go to Indianapolis or Chicago or South Bend to get, and the information comes to your dentist in Culver or wherever. That's a huge aspect when you start looking at the population base of Culver."

In a nutshell, she says, "the technology goes to the community. The doctor doesn't have to invest, and the patient doesn't have to drive."

So far, In Motion Imaging has scanned patients from Indianapolis to West Lafayette, Carmel to Auburn, but Birk and Richards are still on the road, taking the van to town after Hoosier town, attempting to help bring the technology to patients by way of sharing information about it with dentists.

"It's a paradigm shift for dentistry," says Birk.

Besides the In Motion Imaging website, the company may be contacted at 574-216-6633 or by email at inmotionimaging@icloud.com.

# Holiday Deadlines

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**NOVEMBER 28TH ISSUE**

**ROP/Legal/Classified Display**

**Wednesday, November 20 @ 3 p.m.**

**Preprint Deadline Thursday, November 14 @ 5 p.m.**

**Classifieds Deadline Thursday, November 21 @ Noon**

**DECEMBER 5TH ISSUE**

**ROP/Legal/Classified Display**

**Wednesday, November 27 @ 4 p.m.**

**Classifieds Deadline Friday, November 29 @ Noon**

**The Shopper & The Review**

**DECEMBER 1ST & 3RD ISSUE**

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## Correction: Culver Comm. School superintendent hearing is Nov, 18

The public hearing regarding the contract for Culver Community School Corporation's new superintendent was incorrectly reported in last week's (Nov. 7) cover story. The date of the meeting and hearing is Monday, Nov. 18, rather than Nov. 8 as was reported in the story and headline. The meeting, which takes place at the school administration building on School Street, begins at 7 p.m. The Citizen regrets the error.

## Park news

### Scrapbooking for Moms Friday

On Friday, November 15, the Culver park will sponsor a "Mom's Night Out - Scrapbooking for Moms" event at the beach lodge meeting room from 6 to 9 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own supplies, snacks, drinks and inspiration.

### Wine and Canvas Nov. 21

Culver Park and Recreation will presents "Painting on the Town" Wine and Canvas, Thursday, November 21 from 6 to 9 p.m. The event will be held at the Lakehouse Grille, 620 E Lake Shore Drive. The cost is \$40 per person, which includes painting on canvas with instruction and an appetizer. There will also be specials running at the Lakehouse Grille during the event.

Participants must register by November 20; there is limited seating and the event is expected to sell out fast. Registration is at the beach lodge or mail it to: Culver Park and Recreation, 810 E Lake Shore Dr Culver, IN 46511. Checks may be made payable to: Culver Park & Recreation; or visit [www.wineandcanvas.com/south-bend-in.html](http://www.wineandcanvas.com/south-bend-in.html), or email [donna\\_mckee@hotmail.com](mailto:donna_mckee@hotmail.com) to register. Any questions please call 574-842-3510. Please leave name and phone number.

### Scrapbooking for kids Nov. 22

"Scrapbooking for Kids" will take place Friday, November 22 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the beach lodge meeting room. Supplies will be provided to create a 4 x 6 inch album. Bring your own pictures. Participants must register; there is limited seating. Please call 574-842-3510 and leave your name and phone number. The event is open to boys and girls ages 8 through 12.

### Turkey Time for Kids Nov. 23

"Turkey Time for Kids" will take place Saturday, November 23, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the beach lodge meeting room. Boys and girls ages 4 through 7 will be making a "Loopy Turkey Wreath." Registration is required with limited seating. Please call 574-842-3510 and leave name and phone number.

## REAL Meals menu

To share a meal at REAL Meals, call 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.

**Thurs., Nov. 14:** Swedish meatballs, pasta, stewed tomatoes, peas, bread, fruit cocktail.

**Friday, Nov. 15:** Cream of potato soup, ham salad slider, cold beet salad, cobbler.

**Mon., Nov. 18:** Meatloaf, peas, baby bakers, bread, peaches.

**Tues., Nov. 19:** Chicken breast, red skin potatoes, green bean casserole, roll, tapioca.

**Wed., Nov. 20:** BBQ pork on bun, sweet potatoes, mixed veggies, pineapple.

**Thurs., Nov. 21:** Mild gumbo, red beans and rice, cornbread, cinnamon apples.

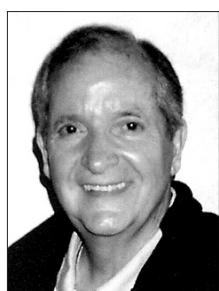
**Friday, Nov. 22:** Lasagna, salad and dressing, carrots, garlic bread, rice crispy treat.

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## Obituary

### George N. Constantine

May 5, 1939 - Nov. 2, 2013



CARMEL — George N. Constantine, 74, of Carmel and Culver passed away Nov. 2 at St. Vincent Hospice surrounded by his loving family.

Born across the river from Detroit in Riverside, Ontario Canada on May 5, 1939, George was the youngest of Constantine Constantine and Maria (Dop) Constantine's six children.

He graduated from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich.

After college, he taught business and mathematics in the Benton Harbor Michigan School System and then moved to northern Indiana where he worked for the South Bend Community School Corporation. In 1966, George moved to Indianapolis to serve as Business Manager for Indiana Vocational Technical College (Ivy Tech). In 1971, his entrepreneurial spirit led him to establish Indianapolis Video, an award-winning and nationally recognized video and security system sales organization. In 1983, he founded his own manufacturer representative's company for the video industry — George N. Constantine & Associates. He also served on the boards of several organizations in and around Indianapolis, including Metzger Lumber Company.

In 1966, he met Brenda McCutchan on a blind date to his favorite sporting event on earth — the Indy 500. They married in August of 1968 and had two sons — Greg and Rob — before moving to Carmel in 1972.

George stayed true to his love of the Indy 500 and his other passions, golf and hockey, throughout his life. He was a die-hard race fanatic and an enthusiastic participant in the legendary Schwimmer Open. After moving to Carmel, he became a member of Crooked Stick Golf Club where he avidly supported the Evans Scholars program and served as club president in 1979. He passed down his love of hockey to his family by taking them to Indianapolis Racers games in the '70s and coaching his son's Indiana Youth Hockey League team. Year after year, the players eagerly anticipated the end-of-season banquets where George presented his homemade gag gifts to each

of them.

George also loved spending time at the family cottage on Lake Maxinkuckee in Culver. He was infamous along the west shore for his love of sailing, jet skiing in his bright red kneepads and piloting the family boat for water skiers, tubers and moonlight boat rides.

In 1986, George suffered a stroke, paralyzing his right side and leaving him with a severe case of receptive and expressive aphasia that compromised his ability to communicate through spoken and written words. While the stroke may have hindered some of his functional capabilities, it amplified the one-in-a-million spirit within him that possessed an unquenchable and infectious lust for life. Armed with his firm handshake, loving smile, impish twinkle in his eye and the pure, unadulterated joy of being in the company of others, George never met a man, woman or child he didn't like. And it was impossible for anyone who was fortunate enough to know or meet him not to recognize and delight in this unique quality within him.

George made the world a better place and words cannot begin to express how much his family and friends will miss him.

He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Brenda, and sons Greg (fiancée Jennifer Cikaluk) of Bangkok, Thailand and Rob (partner Billy Sprague Jr.) of Chicago, Ill. He is also survived by his five brothers and sisters — Helen Lungu, Emil & Joyce Constantine, Minerva Straman, Aurelia Holman and Greg & Sharon Constantine; his brother and sister-in law Jack & Sue McCutchan; and 12 amazing nieces and nephews.

A celebration of George's life was held at Flanner and Buchanan — Carmel (325 E. Carmel Drive) on Sunday, Nov. 10. Visitation was from 2 to 5:30 p.m. and followed by a short memorial service.

Please visit [www.flannerbuchanan.com](http://www.flannerbuchanan.com) to share a personal memory of George, sign the virtual guest book and learn how to make a memorial contribution (in lieu of flowers) to Butler University's Aphasia Community, the Evans Scholarship Fund, The Forum at the Crossing's Employee Appreciation Fund or St. Vincent Hospice.

### Janet Lowe

October 6, 1935 - November 9, 2013

Mrs. Janet Lowe, 78, of Rochester was surrounded by her loving family when she passed away on November 9, 2013 at Life Care Center, Rochester. On October 6, 1935, in Culver, Janet Lee Mikesell was born. She was the precious daughter of Donald and Alice Handy Mikesell. Growing up she shared her childhood with two brothers Don and Bob. In May of 1953 with great Cavalier pride, Janet graduated from Culver High School.

Left to cherish Janet's memory are two sons: Greg and Dona Lowe of Rochester, Jeff and Cinda Lowe of Carmel, four grandchildren Ashley Lowe and Fiancée' Joel Burrus of Carmel, Austin Lowe and Companion Amanda Jones of Muncie, Conner Lowe and Bryce Lowe of Carmel, a

brother Donald Mikesell and wife Carol Ann of Muncie.

A celebration of the life of Mrs. Janet L. Lowe will be at 1:00 p.m. at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery on Friday, November 15th where she will be laid to eternal rest next to her beloved husband of 53 years, Mr. Harold "Squeak" Lowe. Memorials in lieu of flowers may be made to the Fulton County Cancer Fund thru the Northern Indiana Community Foundation 715 Main Street, Rochester, IN 46975. Caring for the family is the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 West 18th Street, Rochester. On-line expressions of sympathy maybe made to her family at [www.goodfamilyfh.com](http://www.goodfamilyfh.com)

## Web browsers at Thursday Tech Time Nov. 21

The Culver Public Library's Thursday Tech Time returns November 21 at 6 p.m. to focus on web browser comparison. Find out which web browser was the most impressive for 2013. New versions, feature comparisons and performance testing.

Thursday Tech Time is an open discussion group for anyone interested in computers and technology. Come and talk, share, listen and ask questions!

Sessions are held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. Each session may have a speaker and topic or may simply be an open discussion. All sessions are free and open to the public.

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## If these walls could talk: 614 Lake Shore Drive

By Jeff Kenney

We're once again on the move, strolling through the historic buildings of Culver in our continuing series of looks at the history of said buildings. It's a short walk from our last entry, Culver's longtime movie theatre, to the store next door at 614 Lake Shore Drive, which many longtime Culverites will recall as "Hansen's" or simply "Clara's."

When Clara Hansen, the longest-lived proprietor of that building, passed away in October, 2012, it signaled the end of an era. Ironically, the present owner's last name is also Hansen, though Diane is no relation. She has also made major improvements both to the interior and exterior of a longtime commercial space doubtless occupied to accommodate the busy traffic from the many passenger trains which began stopping at the depot at today's town park back in 1883.

Clara's restaurant, of course, came many years later. In fact, it was home to an empty lot into the 1920s.

The early years of the building which would eventually bear the Hansen name are largely shrouded in mystery, due largely to the manner of reporting in earlier editions



ABOVE: Clara and Win Hansen circa 1960, outside the sports shop bearing their name.

of The Culver Citizen, which almost never bore building numbers (such as 614). Instead, most business locations were identified with the ever-helpful, "Opposite the depot," or "west of the depot," or "on Main Street."

Obviously 614 Lake Shore Drive was "opposite the depot," and any number of possible businesses mentioned or advertised in the pages of the paper. We'll likely find the missing link in directing us to a more complete history of the building at some point, but suffice it to say, by 1946 it was the Hollywood Cafe or sandwich shop. Its opening was announced as taking place April 6 of that year in the pages of the Citizen, though by Sept. of 1947, a fire of unknown cause had damaged the building, though clearly not severely, this 1924. According to Judi Burns' Maxinkuckee history pages, the establishment was "was (said) of the to have featured a horseshoe shaped bar (and) business district still began to decline when the owners remodeled and updated, and the management changed to rules to the dress code that was allowed to come into the establishment."

Apparently the building sat empty between 1947 and 1959. But in April of '59, the Citizen announced that, "having been vacant for nearly 12 years, one of Culver's most desirable and spacious locations at 614 Lake Shore Drive, across from the Town Park, is now occupied by Hansen's Home Improvement Service, which will be owned and operated by Mr. and Mir. Win Hansen."

Hansen's Bait and Sportsman's shop would occupy the space for the next 40 years.

Born and raised in Plymouth, the former Clara White and her husband Winfred came to town to stay in April, 1957, though she was a stranger neither to Culver nor its people. See Walls page 9

## Letter to the editor

### Thanks from the Culver hardware store

On behalf of Culver Pro Hardware we would like to say a BIG THANK YOU for your business and support. We especially appreciate those of you who have made the commitment to shop local. Over the years it has been our pleasure to be there when you have needed that one item to make a repair, even after hours. We were pleased that you have sought our knowledge to help remedy a problem. We have enjoyed your jokes and laughter as well as shared your sadness when we said that final goodbye to Bill Snyder. We are also sad that we will no longer have an iconic hardware store that has brought so much to the small town feel of Culver. We encourage all of you to look forward with anticipation and embrace the changes that are coming to this town, as we all have a part and a responsibility to make this town great.

A special thank you to our fellow merchants and the Chamber of Commerce here in Culver. We have enjoyed serving you with your hardware needs and appreciate the services and much you do to serve the community. In addition to running your businesses you are also the volunteer force that drives this community and makes things happen.

You are the generous donors and sponsors that spend your free time and reach into your own pockets to promote and progress this fine community. Please be encouraged and look past the negativity and rumors that are often generated and take on a life of their own, those thoughts can be contagious but they are not truly representative of this community.

To our Town Manager, Town Clerk, Town Board Mem-

bers and all of you that support this town by serving on a board, committee, or project. Thank you for your efforts, your time, and your enthusiasm. As this town currently seems to be in a state of change, we encourage you to be diligent in your endeavors that promote our town and merchants. Growth and change can be a rocky road; at times some might even find it upsetting. People can be critical at times, but please do not let these "growing pains" discourage you from moving this town and community forward.

We would be remiss not to make a special mention and give a gracious Thank You to the Culver Academies. It is a well known fact that the success of this town is directly linked to the success of the Academies. We want Culver Academies to know that at our end of town your contributions have not gone unnoticed and we have been honored to have you as a faithful customer. We have great respect for the Culver Academies' unique focus on leadership training. We are glad to be associated with an organization that consistently provides life changing experiences for the youth of our world.

Now to those who express negativity when things change in this town and feel a need to resist change and progress, we thank you as well. Opinions often need to be expressed, but please consider directing your energy into finding a solution or some way to help; it will bring you much more happiness and success.

With much gratitude and respect to all, sincerely,

**Culver Pro Hardware**

### Child support services available

Dear Editor:

Children are our community's most precious and vulnerable citizens, and child support plays an important part in ensuring that each child receives the financial assistance he or she deserves. As your county Prosecutor, my office plays a key and often little understood role in pursuing child support services for your community, thus the reason for my letter to you today—to highlight and raise awareness of these services so that families in need of our assistance know how to get help.

In addition to providing child support services, we also establish child support orders for a fee set by law at \$25. For families whose children receive Medicaid benefits, these services are free of charge. The Prosecutor's office may seek to establish paternity, request that the court set child support orders based upon established income

guidelines, and may seek support for medical coverage for the child, if available at a reasonable cost. The Prosecutor's Office may also seek enforcement of unpaid child support orders through the use of administrative remedies and judicial proceedings. The Child Support Enforcement Program reduces child poverty and promotes family self-sufficiency by making child support a reliable source of income.

While my office does not serve in the role of a private attorney, it represents the State on behalf of parents and guardians with custody of children because it is to the benefit of the community as a whole to ensure that our most valuable citizens and those who represent our future, are adequately cared for financially, which can translate to better lives in their formative years. I welcome you to learn more at <http://www.co.marshall.in.us/>. Under Departments/Prosecutor/Child Support, or by calling 574-935-8677.

Sincerely,

**David R. Holmes**  
Marshall County Prosecutor

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## Coffee fit for a governor

Even Indiana Governor Mike Pence and his wife Karen felt it worth the trip to Culver to help the Culver Coffee Company on Lake Shore Drive celebrate its 10th anniversary. While perhaps that's not the actual reason, the governor and his wife (center) stopped in for a cup last weekend, and are pictured here flanked by (from left) baristas Crystal Oirwab, Coffee Company owner Dawn Brockey, and baristas Jessica Finlay and Hanna Ehlinger. The Culver Coffee Company will celebrate a decade in business the weekend of Dec. 5 through 8 with sales, samples, giveaways, a customer appreciation event with live music, and more.



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## New ATM at Monterey FNB

The First National Bank of Monterey on Lake Shore Drive experienced a change of scenery recently with the addition of a brand new ATM machine outside the bank, seen ABOVE in the installation process, as photographed by bank staffperson Elaine Peterson.

# Culver tree commission, NIPSCO partnership buoyed success of 2013 efforts

Culver's tree commission has wrapped up another year of planting and caring for the trees of the Culver community, in concert with the town's status as a "Tree City USA." This year, the commission's partnership with energy provider NIPSCO was also enhanced, most specifically by way of a meeting this past June between three NIPSCO arborists, the town of Culver arborist, Culver tree commission members, and Rosalie Bonine, who presents the annual Arbor Day program at the Culver schools. This according to Tom Kearns of the Culver tree commission.

"NIPSCO wants the cities and towns they serve to work with them in providing security to their property, meaning the overhead electric lines, which also has the overhead phone and cable lines," says Kearns. "When the cities and towns act to protect these lines, it saves NIPSCO the time effort and costs in monitoring these lines. When the town of Culver, and/or the Culver tree commission contacts NIPSCO about problems, they respond in an 'ASAP' manner. They know Culver, Indiana as a 'Tree City,' and they are conscious of our taking care of our trees and the NIPSCO lines the trees interface with. The phone and cable companies also benefit from the Culver tree commission/NIPSCO joint efforts for much the same reasons."

Kearns cites the example of the tree commission taking NIPSCO's arborists around town following the June 6 meeting to show them the problem trees. The arborists, he notes, were surprised and "appreciated our efforts to solve the tree problems which, if neglected, can be very detrimental to the NIPSCO, phone and cable lines. Due to the

cooperation of the Culver tree commission working with the NIPSCO arborist from ArborMetrics Solutions, Inc., NIPSCO has offered the future help the Town of Culver needs."

The Town of Culver's tree commission has planted in excess of 400 trees over the last six to seven years, says Kearns, with the latest planting being 41 trees in the spring of 2013. That latest planting was funded by the Culver Redevelopment Commission in order to enhance the entry to the Town of Culver via School Street. The fall, 2013 planting consisted of 29 trees which were planted throughout the town of Culver, from the Culver park to the cemetery south of town, and was funded by the town of Culver's ongoing financial support of the tree commission, which was formally established by the town.

"The variety of tree species has been expanded greatly," he adds, "and can be fully appreciated in spring as the



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Members of Culver's tree commission, including Dick Brantingham (left) and Mike Stallings (center), met in June with arborist Gina Darnell (right) and arborists from NIPSCO, among others.

trees blossom out with their colorful buds and flowers."

The tree commission, he explains, prepares the tree planting and maintenance schedules, and then works with Culver utilities manager Bob Porter in implementing the plans. The Culver tree commission has hired its own arborist, Gina Darnell, owner of Forest Resource Planning in Chesterton, Indiana, who has inventoried every tree and tree site in the Culver right-of-way. This inventory was prepared to list the condition of each tree and advice as to how to care for it and, if appropriate, to remove or trim and/or treat the tree at each site.

The tree commission, says Kearns, consults with its arborists on a regular basis to plant the right new species for each tree site.

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Forces music performed by the band (and introduced by senior Timmy Wireman), students and faculty engaged DeWitt in a "question and answer" period about his life and military service, moderated by senior Dylan Bennett.

Leaders and members of Culver's VFW Post 6919 presented and retired the Colors as part of the event, prior to leading the annual Veteran's Day ceremony at the Culver Masonic cemetery. VFW members also visited veterans in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Culver Monday.

Culver Academies once again revived its 89-year-old tradition of gathering outside its Legion Memorial Building along the shore of Lake Maxinkuckee, where speaker 1st Lt. Joseph Beezie (U.S. Army Reserve), a 2006 Culver Military Academy graduate recently returned from Afghanistan, spoke to the assembled student and faculty body and guests.

In Afghanistan, Beezie served with the U.S. Army and U.S. Navy Special Operations, training Afghan Special

Forces. His current assignment at Fort Sheridan, Ill. is Company Executive Officer who is also studying law at Valparaiso University. He graduated from DePaul University in 2010 with a degree in political science.

During the ceremony, Culver's Battery battalion continued its tradition of firing the school's howitzers over Lake Maxinkuckee.

Caitlin Schwartz, a senior from Knox, Indiana, read the poem "In Flanders Fields" as part of the ceremony.

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## Culver-originated meth-fighting drug will be distributed via national pharmacy chain



The Accura Pharmaceuticals lab in Culver.

A major step forward has been announced in the potential impact of a drug developed in a Culver laboratory in an effort to aid in the ongoing battle against methamphet-

amine (or meth) nationwide.

Palatine, Illinois-based Accura Pharmaceuticals, Inc. announced last week that Nexafed (pseudoephedrine hydrochloride, HCl), its next generation pseudoephedrine with abuse deterrent technology, will now be stocked by Rite Aid Pharmacies.

As reported in January in The Culver Citizen, Nexafed was developed in the Accura lab on State Road 17, just north of Culver, and was designed to combine effective nasal-congestion relief with a unique technology which disrupts the conversion of pseudoephedrine into meth, whose production and abuse is a growing problem in communities in Marshall County and nationwide.

Specifically, the "Impede" technology in Nexafed forms a thick gel when the tablets are dissolved in solvents typically used in the pseudoephedrine extraction or meth-

amphetamine production processes, trapping the pseudoephedrine or converted methamphetamine to prevent its isolation or purification.

Ron Leech, Senior Director of Quality and Analytical Chemistry at Accura's Culver facility, notes there are some 4,600 Rite Aid stores nationwide.

"We are hoping that this will pave the way for other big chains to hop on board," adds Leech, who told the Citizen in our earlier article that gaining widespread distribution of the drug has been a challenge.

"If we could get our product out there," Leech told the Citizen in January, "we wouldn't be reading about meth every day in the newspaper. We really want to make an impact on communities."

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## CBC inaugurates community meal tradition



Culver Bible Church on South Main Street inaugurated a new tradition earlier this month with the addition of a church-based community meal to those offered at two other local churches (Grace United Church of Christ on the 15th of each month and St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church on the 30th). A number of attendees enjoyed a full Thanksgiving-style meal with all the trimmings as served by (behind the counter, in front from left) Diane Anderson and Kay Johnson, and in the back, Steve Anderson and Robin Minix.

Future meals will be on the first Sunday of each month, though the church's next meal will be on the special date of Sunday, Dec. 8, starting at 6 p.m., and will be followed by the singing of Christmas carols in the church sanctuary, to which the public is welcome.

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lights. It was noted Culver could investigate funding for Christmas lighting by a grant from the county Community Foundation.

Asked for a dollar figure by the board, Sellers said he could have all the lights installed by Thanksgiving for a total of \$5,000.

Audience member Jean Rakich suggested the park might consider the option of spending less for the out of town light installation, though audience member Sue McInturff pointed out the two-year contract for the out of town-based work would require spending \$3,000, "(but) you've got nothing to keep (in terms of lights)."

Audience member Mike Stallings said his company, Mirar Homes, would pay for Sellers to put lights on "Selestine's tree," the large pine near the depot planted to honor late Culver resident Selestine Ware (it had been noted that no organization has yet stepped up to provide lighting for the tree this year). Stallings also said the park could keep the lights Sellers installed on that tree.

"This is our opportunity to show we're serious about making the park a special place," commented Reinhold. "Let's do it."

In the end, the board asked Sellers to provide three different price points for various lighting options, about which it can vote at a special meeting planned for the following week.

At least indirectly related was discussion about a proposed temporary ice skating rink at the park this winter, a request made by several citizens last year.

Young said she's still researching cost options, but one option would run \$4,332.21 plus shipping, for a 52 by 80

foot rink. Included would be a surround and ground liner totaling 4,160 square feet, which could be installed on the basketball courts on the west end of the park. The cost of \$200 for water to make the ice would be additional, unless the town waived the fee, added Young. It was also noted the board had already budgeted to purchase the rink, which community volunteers have offered to install.

Audience member Jeff Mansfield noted in his other hometown in Illinois, a red light-green light system is in place on the street to notify potential skaters when ice is solid enough to use. If the ice is too "mushy," he said, skates can rip the bottom lining of the rink.

Damore suggested the board and audience "close your eyes and picture our beautiful park lit up (with Christmas lights), with the ice skating rink (visible)," and suggested his own Lakehouse Grille could offer \$1 hot chocolates to skaters during skating periods.

The board voted to purchase the rink for installation this winter.

In other discussion, Tim Yuhas updated the board on removal of the public fishing pier west of the town beach, for which he said he's still preparing liability paperwork, a task he said has proven to be "challenging."

Board president Tammy Shaffer said she wanted everyone to know how much time Yuhas has given to the park "without any return. Culver is all about fostering entrepreneurs, and we will give him leeway (in uninstalling the pier)."

Jeff Mansfield, whose offer to volunteer his time and research towards purchase of a computer-based point-of-sale cash register for the park, said he had spoken to

Young, town clerk Karen Heim, and all park board members except Leroy Bean, and plans to have a document to the board by its next meeting. He added he hopes the board can look at vendors for the equipment in January.

He also cautioned the board that contracts being let for such equipment now are for April, 2014 delivery, so it's possible the equipment and software might not be available by the time next year's swimming season starts.

Park program director Donna McKee updated the board on future events as well as running down the events which took place over the past summer.

McKee, who started in her position in February, said Dave Heberling was

the winner in the park's recent "Million Steps to Success" program.

She also described attendance at the numerous concerts the park sponsored over the summer as ranging from as few as 12 attendees to as many as 150, with an average of around 75 people per concert. She noted she plans to change scheduling for concerts in the park next summer, so they all take place the same day and time, in hopes potential attendees will find it easier to remember.

McKee also said the "movie in the park" during the summer had around 100 people in attendance. Turnout for the park's "craft times" for children has generally been low, she said.

The "No More Excuses" walking club meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, she explained, and is now walking as a group instead of individually.

Between eight and 16 youngsters attend the twice-per-week, free "Dance with Meagan" classes at the beach lodge, said McKee.

The park-sponsored 5k walk and run which took place during Fall Fest drew some 60 participants, she noted, and 24 children attended the park's Oct. 23 Halloween party.

McKee said she's currently planning a Nov. 21 "wine and canvas" event which will take place at the Lakehouse Grille, a Thanksgiving craft event for kids, and possibly a "Santa's mailbox" in Culver, in which children can place letters to Santa which will be answered in person.

There was some discussion as to how the park could improve marketing of its programs and events.

During her superintendent's report, Young asked for direction regarding pruning and removal of several potential "problem" trees in the park, as designated by Culver's tree commission. Tom Kearns and Mike Stallings, of the commission, discussed specifics, noting a professional arborist had highlighted five or six trees in need of removal, which typically costs \$250 per tree, though some larger trees could cost significantly more.

The voted to allow the commission to spend \$1,500 it had already allotted towards the project, at its discretion.

Young also reported the swimming, courtesy, and boat slip piers in the park had been removed and were wrapped and in place out of the water. Picnic tables and benches will also be removed, though Young agreed with Rakich's suggestion that some tables be left in the park for use when the skating rink is installed.

Shaffer reported she had contacted the adult sponsors of the Culver Youth Community Organization, collaboration between Culver Community High School and Culver Academies students, in hopes that a member or members could serve on a committee to give feedback on desired projects in the park. Both adults are excited, said Shaffer, and hope to have a bit more definition of what the students' roles would be.

Damore, during the audience input portion of the meeting, thanked the board for "being so open (to ideas concerning the park)."

"All of us...want the same thing," he added. "To live in an amazing community...so thank you."



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## Little Culver saints

LEFT: A number of area youngsters took part in a Nov. 2 party at St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church in Culver in celebration of the annual feast of All Saints, which actually took place on Nov. 1.

Children dressed as a wide variety of Christian figures from history, ranging from the first through the 20th centuries and enjoyed "saint-themed" activities, games, and snacks as part of the festivities.



CITIZEN PHOTOS/JEFF KENNEY

## Spooky, silly science

ABOVE: Culver Academies revived its annual "Chem-o-Ween" event Halloween week, with a new name and a twist. "Spooky Science" offered hands-on experiments and learning-oriented fun to children in the scientific discipline not only of chemistry, but also biology and physics, in an "open house" format. At LEFT, Culver Girls Academy freshman Jordan Parker, center, holds a guinea pig for Jack (age 5), left, and Brady (age 6) Standfast, children of Academies faculty members Geoff and Caren Standfast. At RIGHT, Maddie (age 6), left, and Maia (3) Danforth, with mom Kimia (right), explore the properties of dry ice as demonstrated by Dr. Daniel Goduti, biology instructor at the school.



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## Culver students serving through BEAM

LEFT: Culver area students were among several members of the BEAM (Bettering Every Aspect of Marshall County) group who spent some time raking leaves for a needy Plymouth resident after their monthly meeting on November 3.

Pictured are (front row): Bridget Craft (LaVille), and Jeff Martin (BEAM Vice-President-Triton). Back row: Pahola Jimenez (Bremen), Brooklyn Kelley (BEAM Secretary-John Glenn), Megan Bailey (Grace Baptist), Tevin Jones (Culver Community), Cody Anderson (Triton), Branton Leazenby (Plymouth), Kayla Shaffer (BEAM President-Culver Community), Hannah Himes (LaVille), and Madelyn Strycker (Argos).

BEAM is a county-wide group of students focused on community service and improvement.

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ber 20 and will include bone in ham, au gratin potatoes, corn casserole, Brussels sprouts and holiday cheesecake. Reservations for that meal are due by December 11. Reservations may be made by calling 574-842-8878. REAL Meals is a program of REAL Services of Michiana, and meets weekdays at noon at the Culver beach lodge on Lake Shore Drive. The program remains donation-based and grounded in community and togetherness.

### Community meal at Grace Friday

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

### BPA student fund-raiser

Culver Comm. High School BPA students are now (through Nov. 24) selling jumbo jellybeans and Gold Canyon candles, with proceeds supporting students in their Business related competitions. For more information, contact Culver Community High School at (574) 842-3391.

### Culver Club open house at the museum Friday

The Culver Club of Culver will host a wine and cheese open house and membership event at the Culver Academies Museum & Gift Shop Friday, Nov. 15, from 5 to 7 p.m. The free event will include an update from museum curator Jeff Kenney on new museum developments, and Culver Club membership applications will be available (membership is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple). The museum is located at 102 S. Main Street. Call 574-842-8842 for more information.

### IOOF breakfast Saturday

The Maxinkuckee Odd Fellow Lodge #373 IOOF will host an all you can eat pancakes and sausage and biscuits and gravy breakfast Sat., Nov. 16, from 6 a.m. to noon, at the lodge at the corner of 18B and Pine Roads in Culver. Adults are \$8 and children \$6. Also, a bake sale will be held to support Union Twp. 4H. The 16th is opening day, so deer hunters may want to stop in for breakfast after being in their stands all morning.

Wesley United Methodist Church in Culver is looking for a responsible and energetic nursery worker on Sundays from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and Tuesdays 6 to 7:30 p.m., at \$10 per hour. Anyone interested please contact Tracy Gordon, Director of Education at 574-842-2900 or email at tracy@culverumc.com.

### Grace Church bake sale, Christmas re-sale

Grace United Church of Christ will hold a bake sale and Christmas re-sale Saturday, November 23, at 9 a.m. There will be lots of goodies to choose from.

### Max Singers/Players meeting Nov. 24

The next board meeting of the Maxinkuckee Singers/Players will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24 at Grace United Church of Christ, 307 N. Plymouth St., Culver, followed by a general membership meeting at 2 p.m. The director of Bye Bye Birdie will be voted upon at that time, as well as election of new board officers for 2014.

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

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

### Live music at the Lakehouse

The Lakehouse Grille, 620 E. Lake Shore Drive, continues its Saturday night series of live musical performances Sat. nights at approximately 9 p.m. Please note the Nov. 30 performance has been canceled. Performances include: Moneyshot (Nov. 16), Double Standard (Nov. 23), Kevin & Jerry (Dec. 7), Marty Miles Band (Dec. 14), Matt Miller (Dec. 21), Moneyshot (1st annual "End of the Year Party" (Dec. 28).

### 'Catholicism, Coffee, & Current Events' weekly

Topics of current interest and relevance through the lens of historic Christianity and Catholic teaching takes place Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. in the conference room of the Culver Coffee Company, Lake Shore Drive in Culver. All are welcome to enjoy a cup of coffee and conversation. Topics include: Perspectives on the environment and Christian stewardship (Nov. 17), Current events open forum/Q&A (Dec. 1), The Culture of Life - euthanasia, abortion, stem cells, and other life issues (Dec. 8), The healthcare mandate and contraception - what does the Church actually teach? (Dec. 15).

### Renowned photographer's work exhibited

The work of photographer Alison Wright, represented by National Geographic and Corbis, will be exhibited at the Crisp Visual Arts Center on the campus of Culver Academies, in an exhibition titled "Face to Face: Portraits of the Human Spirit." The exhibition ends Nov. 20. Group or individual viewing during the school day can

be reserved via e-mail at Robert.Nowalk@culver.org or by calling the Art Office (574-842-8278). Public walk-in hours are the second Sunday of the month from 1 to 4 p.m.

### Firemen's Honor Wall ready for brick placement

The Culver Union Township Fire Department's Honor Wall, located on the corner of Lake Shore Drive and State Street, is ready to accept community-purchased bricks honoring local firefighters. Active and honor wall bricks can be purchased by individuals, but will be limited to one brick maximum per active member or honoree and department established criteria must be met. For more details or information, or for an official order form, interested persons may contact the department's secretary-treasurer Dave Cooper at 574-952-2809 or dacoop13@hotmail.com.

### Dance classes at the park

Culver's Parks and Recreation department will present "Dance with Megan" a dance class of ballet and contemporary being offered to girls and boys ages 4 through 11, free of charge. Dance classes will take place Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the beach lodge meeting room.

### Texas Hold-em at VFW

The Culver VFW Post 6919 hosts a Texas Hold-Em tournament on the second Sunday of each month, Nov. 10 and Dec. 8. The Post is located at 108 E. Washington St. in Culver. Doors open at 11 a.m. and the tournament begins at 1 p.m. There is a \$45 buy-in (no re-buys), \$10,000 chips, and a \$5 add-on, \$2,000 extra chips at the time of buy-in (25 percent goes to the house, 75 percent in the pot). License number 129586.

### Bell ringers in Nov., Dec.

Salvation Army holiday bell ringers will be on hand starting Sat., Nov. 30 at CVS and Park N' Shop in Culver, collecting donations as in years past. The Culver Council of Churches sponsored bells will be rung from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday through Dec. 22

### Community Cab in Culver Wednesdays

The Marshall County Council on Aging, offers transportation throughout Culver via the Culver Community Cab each Wed. 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.

## Geiselman "Lives United" in her advocacy for transportation services

By Rusty Nixon

CULVER — "Live United" isn't just a slogan. It's a way of life for one active Culver senior. Her journey, recently shared with the United Way of Marshall County, shows that community engagement sometimes involves lending a hand. And sometimes it means lending your voice to support a cause and help build a better life for all.

Jeanette Geiselman figures that she has paid her dues.

"I'm originally from Rochester," she said, adding with a laugh, "but I married a man from Culver and I've been here 60 years so I imagine Culver has accepted me by now."

Geiselman admits she's "a farm girl" and loves to work in her garden. Retired now from her long time job at the Culver Academies she spends much of her time in her garden now. This summer she's also found a new hobby. Like many Culver residents she had a chance to taste a little bit of Hollywood during the summer months this year, taking time to "star" in several scenes from the upcoming movie "Little Savages" that used the Marshall County lake community as the setting for the film.

"I spent a couple days down at the museum being filmed for my scenes," she said. "I guess I'm a movie star now too."

A devoted mother and wife she and her husband Forest raised three children in the community who have all



Jeanette Geiselman

ver.

"I like being sure that people who can't afford it have a place to get a meal," she said. "It's tough nowadays. It seems people need two or three jobs sometimes just to make ends meet. I'd really like to see us get more money for the site, so that we can feed more people."

She's also active in another area, helping advocate for funds to keep alive bus service for seniors through the Marshall County Council on Aging, a program supported by the United Way of Marshall County. Recently she appeared before the Culver Town Council seeking addition-

gone on to successful careers of their own. The family has been involved in the community in sports and other ways.

Some things have changed for Jeanette over the years — her husband Forest has passed away and her children moved to various places for their careers — but there is one thing that hasn't changed; her involvement with the community.

She's worked at the nutrition site in Cul-

al funding for these services. Her efforts paid off, and in the end the Culver Town Council allotted funding to keep this service active in Culver.

"I use (the service) every time I can to go to my eye doctor in Warsaw," she said. "It is very helpful since my daughter doesn't have to take time off work to take me for my appointments."

While Geiselman still drives herself many places, her eye ailment requires that she receive shots in her eye periodically, and obviously she cannot drive herself home from those appointments.

"The treatments are helping but I don't really drive at night anymore either," she said. "Sometimes it's painful but I can still see, and that's the important thing. I can drive still, but you know I really don't mind walking most of the time. I only live about a mile from town so I do a lot of walking."

Throughout the future, Geiselman hopes she can continue to bring the bus service for seniors to Culver.

"I think it's very important for seniors. Some of us just need a little help taking those long trips to the doctor and other places that we have to go. I think it means a lot to the town and I know that it means a lot to us."

The United Way of Marshall County has continuously conducted annual fundraising campaigns in support of local health and human service not-for-profit organizations for over 50 years. The United Way has allocated more than \$8 million to local agencies for everything from basic necessities like food to tutoring programs for youth to helping the elderly get to the doctor.

## Culver Academies featured in US Airways Magazine

By Jan Garrison

Culver Academies is featured in the November issue of US Airways Magazine, the in-house publication for the airlines. Culver is included in a special section dedicated to the Association of Military Colleges and Schools of the United States. The magazine's editor is a graduate of one of the AMCSUS schools and wanted to showcase the individual stories of each member institution.

The 66-page special section highlights the key role AMCSUS schools play in the development and education of students at the secondary and collegiate levels.

The November issue of US Airways Magazine will reach 6.5 million airline passengers. The Culver Academies story appears on pages 108-109.

Read the article online at [www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/pace/usairways\\_november2013/#/110](http://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/pace/usairways_november2013/#/110).



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## Something wicked this way comes?

Not a Maxinkuckee mushroom cloud but something was a-brewing last week over the south shore of the lake in this striking image captured by Larry Boyne of Culver. While rain has been the order of the day recently, as of press time the weather forecast called this week for the first sight of significant snowfall this season, with temperatures falling into the 20s and 30s this week.

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### Israel and the United States

#### Is Israel an asset or a burden to our country?

The United States is without question Israel's most important ally. Also, without question, Israel is the staunchest and most reliable friend of the United States. But there are some who believe and vigorously advocate that Israel is a burden to the United States and that, were it not for Israel, peace would prevail in the Middle East.

**What are the facts?**

The "Israel lobby." There are indeed those who claim that Israel is a liability, a burden to our country. Professors from prestigious universities write essays in which they aver that the United States is in thrall to the "Israel lobby." This lobby is said to pull the strings of American policy. Its supposed main promoters are AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee) and the so-called "neo-cons," some of whom are indeed Jewish. They are said to exert an almost magical spell over policy makers, including the leaders of Congress and the President. Some even say that the Iraq war was promoted by this omnipotent "Israel lobby," that President Bush was flummoxed into declaring war on Saddam Hussein, not in order to defend the United States or to promote its interests, but in order to further the interests of Israel.

Israel is indeed a major recipient of U.S. aid. Israel receives yearly \$2.4 billion, all of it in military aid — nothing in economic aid. 73% of this military aid must be spent with U.S. military contractors, making Israel a very large customer of those companies.

**America's staunchest ally.** A good case can be made that aid to Israel, all of it military, should be part of the United States defense budget, rather than of the aid budget, because Israel is, next only perhaps to Britain, by far the most important ally of the United States. Virtually without exception, Israel's government and its people agree with and support the foreign policy objectives of the United States. In the United Nations, Israel's votes coincide with those of the United States over 90% of the time. The Arabs and other Muslim countries, virtually all of them recipients of American largess, almost reflexively vote against the United States in most instances.

Israel is indeed America's unrivaled aircraft carrier in the Middle East and the indispensable defender of America's interests in that area of the world. The people of the United States, individually and through their Congressional representatives, overwhelmingly support Israel in its seemingly unending fight against Arab aggression and Muslim terror. But that support is not only based on the great strategic value that Israel represents to the United States. It is and always has been based on shared values of liberty, democracy, and human rights. America and Israel are aligned by their shared love of peace and democracy. Israel and the United States stand together in their fight against Islamic-fascist terrorism. These shared values, these common ideals, will bind Israel and the United States forever.

Israel is the major strategic asset of the United States in an area of the world that is the cradle of Islamic-fascism, which is dominated by tyrants and permeated by religious obscurantism and shows almost total disregard for human rights. During the decades-long Cold War, Israel was America's indispensable rampart against the inroads of the Soviet Union. It is now the bulwark against the aggressive intentions of Iran. During Desert Storm, Israel provided invaluable intelligence, an umbrella of air cover for military convoys, and had personnel parachuted in the Iraqi deserts to pick up downed American pilots.

Gen. George Keagan, former head of U.S. Air Force Intelligence, stated publicly that "Israel is worth five CVAs" with regard to intelligence passed to our country. He also stated that the yearly \$3.0 billion that Israel received in military assistance was worth \$50 to \$60 billion in intelligence, R&D savings, and Soviet weapons systems captured and transferred to the Pentagon. In contrast to our commitments in Korea, Japan, Germany, and other parts, not a single American serviceman needs to be stationed in Israel. Considering that the cost of one serviceman per year — including hookup and infrastructure — is estimated to be about \$200,000, and assuming a minimum contingent of 25,000 troops, the cost savings to the United States on that score alone is on the order of \$5 billion a year.

Israel effectively secures NATO's southeastern flank. Its superb harbor, its outstanding military installations, the air and sea lift capabilities, and the trained manpower to maintain sophisticated equipment, are readily at hand in Israel. It is the only country that makes itself available to the United States in any contingency. Yes, Israel is not a burden, but a tremendous asset to the United States.

**"Israel and the United States stand together in their fight against Islamic fascist terrorism. These shared values will bind Israel and the United States forever."**

## Area nonprofits to share their story at MCCF event Dec. 3

Marshall County Community Foundation hosts celebration, Tuesday, December 3 Those who want to learn more about the community needs nonprofits in Marshall County are addressing, or to earn more for their favorite charities, can do both through "Making a Difference" activities recently announced by the Marshall County Community Foundation (MCCF). MCCF is celebrating the good work of Marshall County nonprofits and providing some assistance to help build an even brighter future.

From now until December 31, contributions made to designated funds (those that support specific organizations) will receive a 10 percent match. The match applies to organizations that already have a fund at the Foundation and those that want to start a new one.

On Tuesday, December 3, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., MCCF will host an open house at the Community Resource Center (510 W Adams Street, Plymouth) featuring nonprofits and stories of giving from both donors and recipients. The public is invited to attend to learn more about how nonprofits and the generous donors who support them are changing our community for good. Nonprofit organizations are encouraged to contact the Marshall County Community Foundation at 574-935-5159 to reserve space.

"Ultimately, it would be great to see nonprofits have a permanent fund that supports their programs and services or special projects each year through an annual distribution," said MCCF Board Chair Jerry Gates.

He noted that, in addition, new options have been developed including a "flexible" nonpermanent fund which is structured and invested for mid to long term projects and may be well suited for building projects or capital improvements. Nonprofit organizations are encouraged to call the Marshall County Community Foundation to learn more in order to take advantage of the ten percent match. Some organizations have already indicated their intent to place existing funds at the Foundation; others have started fundraising campaigns among their loyal supporters.

Combined, the new fund options and the Making a Difference Special Giving Event gives nonprofits an unparalleled chance to build a fund or start a new one and share their stories.

Anyone who wants to learn more about the Foundation, new donor options, or the specifics of the Making a Difference program is encouraged to call the Marshall County Community Foundation at 574-935-5159, email [info@marshallcountycf.org](mailto:info@marshallcountycf.org) and follow what's happening on Facebook at Marshall County Community Foundation.

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## Organic produce delivered weekly to Culver

Those who are curious about the large, white van decorated with colorful fruits and vegetables heading to Culver every Tuesday may be interested to learn its B&B Organic Express in Mishawaka. The company delivers certified organic fruits and vegetables to Culver residents, says Susan Joyce of B&B.

Space is rented in the Culver Public Library every Tuesday morning to provide convenient pick-up year-round, she adds, noting B&B is a family-owned company who purchases from Indiana and Michigan growers when possible. It also provides free organic food to selected not-for-profit organizations (such as the Culver Boys & Girls Club), and shares the importance of eating healthy through free lectures, blogs, articles and presentations.

Customers order and pay online at [bborganicexpress.com](http://bborganicexpress.com) between Tuesday at 3 p.m. and Wednesday at 10:30 p.m. The selection is large (over 50 fresh, organic items to choose from), and customers may order every week, or just when produce is needed. Those with questions about the service may call 574-258-1006.

## Academies choir part of landmark "Messiah" performance this wknd

Seven members of the Culver Academies choir will perform Handel's "Messiah" with the Ancilla Community Chorus, the South Bend Chamber Symphony, and soloists from the Chicago Lyric Opera Chorus.

Stacey Warren, Choral Director at the Academies, served as rehearsal conductor for the concert, which will be conducted by Dr. David Lamb and will occur in the Ancilla Domini Chapel at 7 p.m. this Sunday, Nov. 17. The concert is free and open to the public.

"Messiah" is considered one of the greatest pieces of Christian music ever written. It is immensely popular and widely performed. The Hallelujah Chorus is familiar to almost everyone.

Kevin Lamb is the Director of Music & Organist for the First United Methodist Church in Columbus, Indiana and has presented guest concerts in 27 states and Washington, D.C. as well as in Austria, France, Germany, and Great Britain. In 2012, he was elected to the National Council of the American Guild of Organists as the Councilor for the Great Lakes Region.

The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ received a grant from the Marshall County Community Foundation to help with expenses.

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by then. Winfred was an avid fisherman, so Culver visits were nothing new to the couple.

"It was just like coming home," Clara said in an interview with the Citizen a few years before her death. "I don't think there was anybody in Culver I didn't know. We spent about every weekend in the summer on the lake anyway."

Originally, Hansen's was a bait and sportsman's shop, but Clara's regular cooking there for her family led to customers suggesting she make enough they all could have some, so the business expanded to include serving food.

The Culver Citizen, in fact, briefly had an office sharing space with Hansen's during the late 1970s, as evidenced by the photo on this page.

When Win died in 1998, the sporting goods, bait and fishing, hunting supplies, and hardware business were slowly phased out, leaving the restaurant as the sole business.

From 1999 to 2008, the business was best known simply as Clara's Restaurant, with its familiar west wall lined with coffee mugs, pictures of Culver's past, awards and



Hansen's in 1979, when the Culver Citizen offices occupied a portion of it. Clara and Win are pictured in front of it.

articles about the business and Clara herself.

Over those years especially, the site was the place to stop to rent the Lions Club depot across the street (of which Clara was in charge) besides exchange stories, gossip, and pleasantries with Clara herself.

Clara's closed its doors in 2008, and the following year, Clara put the building up for sale.

Clara Elizabeth Hansen, a longtime, active member of Culver's Lions Club and VW Ladies Auxiliary, age 89, died on October 23, 2012, and while the current "Hansen" hasn't yet specified what business the storied old building will next be home to, it seems a safe bet it's poised to begin a new century of business in Culver's "uptown" business district.

### Culver athletes compete at Soccer Challenge

Three Culver Community athletes competed for the North Team in the Indiana Elite North vs. South Girls Soccer Challenge on Saturday in Danville.

Culver Community's Mickella Hardy played goalkeeper for the junior division and had several saves in the North's 4-0 shutout of the South.

Kayla Shaffer played forward for the North senior squad and scored two goals, while Denisha Brown had several stops playing defense for the North seniors, who lost in an overtime shoot-out by one goal.

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