

Turkey trot takeaway

ABOVE: Around 30 enthusiastic 'trotters' took part in the first annual Culver Turkey Trot last Friday morning. Participants braved the chilly temperatures and snowfall left over from the four to five inches dumped on Culver in an unseasonably early snowstorm two days earlier (though the white stuff seemed to have little impact on the holiday travels of those on their way to or from Culver for the Thanksgiving holiday itself) According to race organizer Meagan Rioux, a senior at Culver Academies who conceived the event to help raise funds towards a local dance studio she hopes to launch (she's currently offering free dance classes for children at the Culver beach lodge), "the sun was shining, which made the route of the race very beautiful. What was really awesome for me as a director was the positive energy of the event...everyone was up by 8:30 a.m. and excited to participate in something very important to me." She thanked race sponsors the Culver Coffee Company and Evil Czech Brewery, along with participants and volunteers She adds she's excited to start planning next year's event.

In Brief

Tree lighting, Santa's arrival Friday

Culver's annual Christmas tree lighting event will take place Friday evening, Dec. 6, starting at 6:30 p.m., starting at the train station-depot on Lake Shore Drive. Santa Claus will arrive in Culver during the event, and hot chocolate and treats will be provided inside. Carols will be sung, and the public is invited to join members of CYCO (the Culver Youth Community Organization, comprised of students from Culver Academies and Culver Comm. High School) in caroling at several area venues following the tree lighting. In addition, some local businesses will stay open later than usual and offer special premiums in honor of the

Free community meal at CBC Sunday

occasion.

Culver Bible Cnurch on South Main Street will host a free community meal Sunday, Dec. 8, starting at 6 p.m., which will be followed by the singing of Christmas carols in the church sanctuary. Future meals will be on the first Sunday of each month at 6 p.m.

Twp., town park board openings

The Union Township Trustee and Advisory Board will be making an appointment to the Culver Union Township Park and Recreation Board beginning in 2014. Interested township applicants should send a letter of interest to Jerry Greeson, Union Township Trustee, PO Box 306, Culver, In, 46511 by December 21.

The board is most appreciative of the service of Kathy Hart who was the township appointee to the Park Board and served the township as a dedicated member.

The Town of Culver is also accepting letters of interest for an opening on the Park Board. If you are willing to serve, please submit your letter to Town Hall no later than 4 p.m., Tuesday, December 10. The candidate should be a

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Culver Comm. Schools hires McGuire as new superintendent

By Jeff Kenney

In a contrast to last week's heated and debate-laden public hearing, the Culver Community School board voted unanimously to hire Dr. Vicki McGuire as its new superintendent of schools, replacing outgoing superintendent Brad Schuldt as of Jan. 1.

Between 20 and 30 audience members remained largely quiet during the meeting, as opposed to the Nov. 18 meeting, during which some Culver Comm. High School faculty members questioned the selection process and the choice not to promote current CCHS principal Albert Hanselman to the superintendent position.

This was echoed by the only public comment during the Nov. 25 meeting, from CCHS mathematics teacher Michael Buschman, who had been outspoken at the prior meeting. Buschman, noting he hadn't yet seen coverage of the previous week's meeting in area media, thanked the board for the opportunity for dialog and then asked if his "takeway" from the Nov. 18 meeting was correct as regards the "concrete facts."

"The selection was made in one 60-minute interview.... and the school visit to select (the new superintendent) included only three board members and not the board pres-

Buschman added that the board didn't accept the recommendation of the current superintendent, who was asked not to be included in the selection process, and that the board sought no input from teachers, the community, or the school administration.

Board president Ryan Sieber affirmed most of Buschman's points, but countered that there was input for the board from the community and that a teacher survey was conducted prior to McGuire's selection.

There was no discussion from the board prior to voting unanimously to approve hiring McGuire.

Preparing to sign the contract, McGuire, currently the principal at Jennings County School Corporation in Versailles, Indiana, said she is "really excited to be here.

"I know I'm inheriting a very nice school...you all have worked hard here and I've heard good things about all of

Also wishing Schuldt good luck, McGuire addressed teachers and community members in the audience: "You don't know me, and I know

See School page 2 there's some opposition, but



About Dr. Vicki **McGuire**

Dr. Vicki McGuire has been involved in education as a parent, teacher assistant, teacher, assistant principal, principal, long range strategic planner, and district leader for more than 20

She obtained her K-8 teaching license from Indiana University and immediately began her career as a teacher assistant for Decatur County School in 1991. She then obtained a teaching position in the same district in

McGuire says she had always been interested in working with students with special needs, so she completed her Masters in Special Education through In diana University in 1997 In 2004, she completed the Building Level Administration Program (K-12) offered through Indiana Wesleyan University. As a result, she became the Assistant Principal for South Decatur Elementary School.

In 2006, McGuire accepted an offer to be principal of Hayden Elementary School in Jennings County and in 2010 she completed the Indiana Wesleyan University Ed.S (Educational Specialist) program, which

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Driverless car causes stir (and damage)

LEFT: Drew Norwich of Culver snapped this photo after what started out as something of a puzzler. He and his father, Dean, saw the vehicle driving slowly down Main Street near the Washington Street intersection before it struck and downed this street light. When they investigated, they found the car devoid of a driver! A driver behind it had been following the car two blocks and was unaware it was empty. As it turns out, the owner, visiting a nearby business, had left the vehicle in neutral.

Debate over park board decision dominates council mtg

By Jeff Kenney Citizen editor

It wasn't until nearly the end of the Nov. 27 meeting of Culver's town council that the topic one audience member called "an elephant in the room" came to the fore, and not surprisingly in an at-times heated and passionate manner on both sides of the issue.

During the citizen input portion of the meeting, audience member Jean Rakich asked the council to discuss "any correspondence coming your way regarding the park board."

Council president Sally Ricciardi said three letters, including one from Rakich herself, had come to the council regarding the park board's recent decision to vacate the beach lodge, including the apartment residence of longtime park superintendent Kelly Young.

"You can't just tell Kelly she has to get out of her house," said Rakich, who also referenced discussion earlier in the council meeting which made it appear the park board might not be able to meet again before the Dec. 31 deadline it had given Young to vacate the space, which park board members said is in need of renovation.

While the park board typically meets the first Wednesday of each month, earlier in the Nov. 27 council meeting park board president Tammy Shaffer, in the audience, asked for some direction from council regarding park board member Leroy Bean, who she said told her verbally he's resigning from the board, though to date he hasn't submitted a letter to that effect. She added that neither Bean nor fellow board member Ed Behnke -- whose term expires at the end of this year -- have been attending park board meetings of late.

Further, said Shaffer, park board member Kathy Hart,

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New REAL Meals director Morone reaching out to **Culver community**

By Jeff Kenney Citizen editor

Cecelia Moroni wants the Culver community to know that REAL Meals is still going strong, five days a week, and that area seniors are invited to take part in making the program even stronger and bet-

site director at Cul-Moroni is the new ver's REAL Services nutrition site, which will be based at the park beach lodge on through the end of Lake Shore Drive December tails are forth-(dewhich Culver coming as to location host will t h e program as renovations on the beach lodge are considered, by vote of Culver park board last month).

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noontime program).

High Judson finished her gree in health ment in August, time site director Ruth Walker starting on Oct. 20 (Walker, though retired from her directorship, is still a regular attendee of the

graduate

REAL Services offers hot meals to seniors weekdays, with lunch starting at noon and See Meals page 2 followed on select days by a

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ABOVE: Dr. Vicki McGuire, center, the new Culver Comm. Schools superintendent starting Jan. Lynn, noted Schudlt, had been 1, chats with elementary school teachers Kim Morrison (left) and Janna VanDePutte after the a teacher in Illinois prior to Nov. 25 school board meeting during which she was hired.

RIGHT: Samantha Lynn, also formally hired at the board meeting, is family and consumer sciences teacher at CCHS.

we will move forward to focus on the students (and do what's) best for them."

McGuire drew applause from the audience when she asked the board to reduce the two percent salary increase originally included in her contract to one percent.

"I'm a teacher at heart," she said, "and I know money's tough and you never know when you'll get it from the state of Indiana."

The board agreed to the change.

During their opportunity to speak, board members welcomed both McGuire and Samantha Lynn, who has been teaching family and consumer sciences at CCHS since the start of the year, but to date had not signed a contract. her arrival at CCHS.

"I think we will have a very good superintendent in (Mc-Guire)," said board member Ed Behnke. "The school in

some ways needs a little bit of a change in direction. We have done very well with things for many years; the physical plant is in great shape. But the students have started disappearing. We need to get things on an even keel, and you're the person who can do that best."

Behnke also thanked Buschman for his comments, adding, "I hope those attitudes serve you well."

Board member Ken VanDePutte thanked the public for

its input, adding, "It's not a pleasant thing to go through, but I'm with (the rest of the board); it's time to move forward and unite once again."

Board member Marilyn Swanson said she's "confident (McGuire) will enjoy getting to know all the CCS (faculty) and I hope they're magnanimous enough to work with her."

Board member Dave Cooper told McGuire she has "the full support of this board," and expressed great appreciation for her "fiscal responsibility in denoting your pay increase.'

Schuldt also pledged to "give all my support and help'

to McGuire, even if it might be from a distance such as "Florida or someplace," he added with a smile. He said he aimed to make the transition from his tenure to McGuire's "as smooth as possible." In other actions, the board voted to reappoint Bryan

Koontz to the Monterey Public Library board, and agreed to cancel its Dec. 2 meeting, since the Nov. 25 meeting was the second Monday in a row the board met, and meet again Dec. 16.

Discussing upcoming school board seminars offered in Indianapolis, Schuldt also noted a new board member, Mark Maes, would replace longtime board member Ed Behnke, starting Jan. 1.

The board also voted to allow St. Anne's Catholic Church in Monterey temporary use of the former Monterey Elementary School building in that community, during a period of church renovation between January and April. Part of the building would be used for Sat. evening and Sunday morning services, according to Schuldt, who said he had been asked about the matter by the priest at St. Anne's. Schuldt, who did note that allowing use of the space could open up the board to more requests for community usage, recommended the board approve the request, which it did.

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program. During and after the meal, participants visit and socialize, though Moroni hopes to enhance that socialization with new regulars to the program.

"Right now I have a lot of work to do to get the word out," she says, noting there's been some concern that people could assume the program itself went into retirement when Walker's tenure ended.

'We're still here," she says. "I'm trying to get the ones that did come (in the past) to come back, and I want to let them know we have a new chef in the organization, so the quality of the food is

> getting better. If they have something they don't like about the food, I will let the kitchen know about it. "I'm reaching out to the

> community," she adds. Moroni, who grew up in

Starke County, says injuries from years of factory work led her to consider a new direction in life. She considered a major in physical therapy, but opted for health care management, completing a four year program in three years of online work.

"My main goal is to help people get the quality care they need," she explains.

Any monies accepted for meals at REAL Meals are strictly donations. South Bend-based REAL Services asks for \$4.25 per meal, but is flexible if people have difficulties paying. Moroni points out those interested in attending should call ahead at 574-842-8878 to reserve a spot and ensure there will be enough food.

Upcoming events include a holiday feast Friday, Dec. 20, with reservations needed by Dec. 11, and a visit from Santa Claus Dec. 23.

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provided her with district leadership opportunities in Jennings County. She then attended Oakland City University in Oakland City, Indiana to obtain her (Ed.D) doctoral degree, after which she became more involved with district lead-

McGuire has served as Corporation Administrator in Evaluation Procedures and Compensation Model, a member of the District Leadership Team, Expulsion Hearing Officer, Curriculum Design, Mentorship of other administrators Director of the first Long Range Strategic Plan for Jennings County Schools and various other roles.

In 2012, she obtained

a Director of Exceptional Needs K-12 License from Purdue University, which she says has allowed her to become more familiar with the needs of all students in the corporation.

During her principalship at Hayden Elementary, the school was given National Blue Ribbon status, for which she credits students, staff, and parents. The school, with her support, also took second place in the World National Archery in Schools Competition, for which the school competed at ESPN in Orlando, Florida. The school has been an "A" school since school grades began and made the state-mandated AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) yearly during her tenure.

At the end of the current school year, McGuire will also be a ceertified School Safety Specialist.

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Letters to the editor

Park decision impetuous, personal

This letter is being written in response to the park board's decision to require the park superintendent to vacate her apartment and close down the Beach Lodge meeting room effective 12/31.

We follow park board activity in the *Citizen* and, unless we missed it, this isn't something that's been an ongoing consideration – it appears the subject was introduced and voted on in a single meeting. Shouldn't proposed changes of this enormity require discussion at multiple meetings and shouldn't it be communicated timely to the people in the community whom it will affect adversely?

Furthermore, it would appear that not all of the park board members were made aware of the fact that they would be expected to act on something of this magnitude prior to the meeting. Shouldn't all board members receive a copy of the agenda in advance of each meeting so they can be prepared to discuss/act on the topics slated for dis-

Based on previous coverage of park board meetings, it's difficult not to question whether this action was pushed through at that meeting because the opportunity presented itself...with the hopes that it would drive Kelly to vacate her position. What about those individuals who use the meeting room – are they victims of collateral damage?

It seems impetuous to evict Kelly from her apartment, throw out the seniors who congregate at the Beach Lodge for Real Meals five days a week and deprive people in the community of access to the meeting room for family celebrations, meetings, etc., when no work has actually been scheduled. It also feels particularly cruel to evict the park superintendent and those citizens who use the meeting room with such short notice...and during the holiday sea-

We appreciate the time and energy park board members devote to the board's work and thank them for their service. In this situation, however, this action and the speed with which it was passed seems an injustice and smacks of being personal.

Mark and Karen Noll

Renovation or senseless vendetta?

For over 16 years I have enjoyed the Culver Town Park all twelve months of the year and the vast variety of activities that take place there. I have seen the seniors and others arrive for the Real Meals, families hosting special occasions in the Beach House, Holiday events for the town's children both inside and outside the Beach House.

I have seen Kelly Young both day and night patrolling the boat docks and the park to insure the safety of the vast investment the town's people as well as county's people have floating on our lake front. I have watched her oversee the various crews that maintain the beach as well as the park and the water staff that protect our very children.

Now it appears all of this is being disrupted or threatened for a renovation that seems to be driven by a senseless vendetta, the timing of a Board vote that could not have been better choreographed.

On top of that the renovation apparently is on a timetable that ignores the Holiday Season when we should all be giving thanks and wishing each other well. Are we all comfortable with chasing the seniors and disabled out of their Real Meals or throwing Kelly and her son out on the street for the Holidays? I would hope not!

We and several neighbors have renovated our homes without the need to vacate or change our lifestyle greatly. I know of none that have selected Thanksgiving, Hanukkah and/or Christmas as a starting date. I would suggest that this renovation could also be less "a big mess" and more considerate of these town events and Kelly Young.

Yes it may need renovation, I'm not a contractor I don't know, but NOW and with the end results that affect so many of our town neighbors.

Patrick Thomas Culver

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facebook.com/culvercitizen

Shows include: Dec. 13 at First United Church of Christ

in Plymouth; Dec. 17 at Knox United Methodist Church

Children's Christmas party: Sat., Dec. 14. The annu-

al Culver community children's Christmas party will take

place Saturday, Dec. 14 at the Culver Comm. High School.

Doors open at 9:30 a.m. for a Christmas-themed movie for

children at 10. Following, Santa will arrive to visit with

the children. The front doors of the high school will be the

Holiday open house at the library, Sat., Dec. 14. Cul-

ver-Union Township Public Library will host a Holiday

Open House from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec.

14. Santa will be on hand at 10:30 a.m. to visit with chil-

dren. Beth Pare will play the harp from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30

p.m. and then Sharon Coffey will play the piano from 1:30

to 3:30 p.m. Cookies and punch will be served, compli-

Christmas decorating contest (judging Dec. 18). See

REAL Meals holiday feast Dec. 20 (see 'In Brief'

entrance. The event is free and open to the public.

ments of the CUTPL Friends. The event is free.

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Culver Christmas roundup

in Knox.

Through the month of December, The Culver Citizen will break out all holiday-related events into this special space for readers' convenience.

Christmas tree lighting Dec. 6. See "In Brief," page 1. 'Unexpected Christmas' at Mt. Hope Dec. 7. Mt. Hope United Methodist Church, at 7022 W 700 N in Culver, will feature "The Unexpected Christmas," which includes skits, singing, fun, and of course the Christmas story, Saturday, December 7, starting at 7 p.m. The show, written by Heather Green, features Promise, the Mount Hope Quartet, Julie Scott, and the Kids' Choir and Adult Choir. Refreshments will follow.

Nativity pageant rehearsal Dec. 7, 14. Rehearsals for St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church's annual Nativity Pageant will take place Saturdays, Dec. 7 and 14, from 9 to 10 a.m. All children of the community are invited to participate. The pageant will take place Fri., Dec. 20 at 5:30 p.m., with a potluck dinner following (meat and drinks provided) and an appearance from Santa Claus.

Holiday concert Dec. 10. Culver Academies' Fine Arts Department holiday concert will take place at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, in Eppley Auditorium. Admission is a \$10 donation or the equivalent in non-perishable food, toys, or children's winter clothing (coats, hats, gloves, boots, and scarves).

The performance will holiday songs and music featuring the Academies' jazz band, choir, orchestra, and band. Seats may be obtained by emailing marsha.coven@culver.org. Tickets may be purchased at the Steinbrenner Performing Arts Box Office from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m. beginning Monday, Dec. 2. Donations also may be dropped off at the box office.

Maxinkuckee Singers Christmas shows. The Maxinkuckee Singers will perform their annual Christmas concert at various sites. All shows will begin at 7:30 p.m. (6:30 CST in Knox) and there is no admission charge.



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The Gift of Warmth Committee would like to thank

Patty Stallings, Chairperson

CES Students of the Month

Culver Elementary School has named its students of the month for October.

Kindergarten: Brady Standfast (Teacher: Amy Bonine), Ryane Buschman (Heather Overmyer), Haven Braasch

2nd grade: Avery Garland (Jean Ahlenius), Megan England (Lisa Elliott), Emmalee Hillman (Janna Van-DePutte), Hayden Parker (Mike Elliott), Kevin Cannon

Fritter (Valerie Cultice), Chloee Danti (Jill De Salle), Lilly Bradley (Carrie Tharp), Kaleigh Fritch (Kelly Young). 4th grade: Savannah Hissong (Mrs. Miller), Jordan Por-

ter (Chris Renneker), Brady Moise (Leslie Shepard), Cody Winkler (Kelly Young), Mackenzie Banks (Becky Risner), Braxton Wolff (Julie Cowen), Auston Zehner (Kim Mor-

6th grade: Hunter Manns (Bryan Albright), Anna Blocker (Todd Shafer), Emily Bendy (Missy Trent), Nicholas Cornwall (Joyce Lyman), Emily Bendy (Jason Crit-

county tourism director

The Marshall County Convention and Visitors Bureau has appointed a new Executive Director. Jim Brown, president of the board, announced that Cori Holzwart-Humes will succeed Mike Woolfington, the present director who is retiring at the end of the year after serving twenty years as the director.

Holzwart-Humes is a graduate of Plymouth High School and IUSB, and is a Certified Travel Industry Specialist as designated by the American Bus Association, and is working to become a Certified Destination Management Executive through DMAI, the international association for the tourism industry.

She is married to Jeremy Humes and has been employed by the bureau for five years.



Thanks for Gift of Warmth

Dear Editor. The cold and snow have already arrived in Culver and

the needs of the children of the Culver Community School District for warm clothes and a warm home are being met because of the kindness and generousity of those who donated warm clothing or cash donations to the "Gift of Warmth" 6th Lake Maxinkuckee Film Festival held Labor It seems incredible that our community of merchants, churches, lake and town residents, the Lions Club, and

again protect our children from Culver's winter weather.

1st grade: Reyonica Hunt (Kelly Dickerhoff), Chloe

Kanschat (April Jefferies), Katie Schouten (Stephanie

(Terri Zechiel). 3rd grade: Addison Crippen (Andrea Berndt), Trenton

5th grade: Monica Lloyd (Pam Craft), Olivia Gilley (Gayle Kinzie), Madison Shedrow (Raeanne Stevens), Colton Miller (Kris Arvelo).

Holzwart-Humes is new

Yeager named among top NE lacrosse players



Culver Academies' John Yeager, Ed.D., a resident of Culver, has been named one of the top 20 New England lacrosse players of all time by the New England Lacrosse Journal. He placed 18th on the list of men and women that includes Matt Striebel and Kelly Amonte Hiller.

Yeager played goalie at Boston State University (now University of Massachusetts-Boston). He was an All-New England selection as a goalie all four years, named to the All-Colonial League First Team four times, won the ECAC Division 2 and Division 3 championships, and was Boston State's MVP his senior season. Yeager was elected to the UMass-Boston Hall of Fame.

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Burnham is newest Kiwanian

LEFT: Current Culver Kiwanis Club president Larry Brockey welcomes Denise Burnham (right) as the newest member of the club. Burnham, an artist who works from home, is married to Dr. Kevin MacNeil, Dean of Academics at Culver Academies, and is originally from New England. The couple have two daughters: Clara (a resident of Washington, DC) and Sophie, who lives in Culver.

The Kiwanis Club of Culver meets every Thursday at noon in the large meeting room at the Culver-Union Township Public Library. To learn about joining Kiwanis, contact Bob Kline at 574-842-2567 or rwkline@fourway.net.

Culver residents reminded to lock vehicles

Culver residents are reminded to lock their vehicles after a series of incidents in recent weeks in which items in parked cars were ransacked, though no major thefts took place. This according to town marshal Wayne Bean, who encourages residents to call the police at 574-842-2525 with any information regarding these incidents, or any questions or concerns

Monterey bridge opened with ribbon cutting

The Monterey bridge, or bridge 291, is now open to traffic.

Getting to and from Monterey became much easier following the completion of bridge 291, the bridge over the Tippecanoe River into Monterey, for which a ribbon cutting ceremony was held Nov. 22. The long-planned project began in March.

The total project cost was \$1,723,000, with Pulaski County matching funds to the tune of \$408,775, and the Indiana Dept. of Transportation providing \$1,314,225. The project was designed by United Consulting and construction handled by LaPorte Construction.

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., Dec. 5: BBQ chicken thigh, broccoli, mashed sweet potatoes. bread pudding.

Friday, Dec. 6: Beef

stroganoff, egg noodles, lima bean and roll, tropical fruit cup.

Mon., Dec. 9: Turkey

rice casserole, mixed veggies, cabbage and roll, Mandarin oranges. **Tues., Dec. 10**: Beef

tatoes, brussels sprouts, bread, peaches.

Wed., Dec. 11: Chili,

Manhattan, mashed po-

crackers, baby bakers, green beans, birthday treat.

Thurs., Dec. 12: Oven fried chicken, sweet potatoes, wax beans, Texas toast, pudding.

Friday, Dec. 13: Pot roast and gravy, root veggies, corn roll, angel food cake.

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an appointee of Union Township, submitted her resignation following the last park board meeting, all of which would likely leave the board short three members for its December meeting, and unable to attain the quorum of four members legally required in order to make formal decisions.

Town attorney Jim Clevenger said the council is within its legal rights to make a new appointment replacing Bean, given his verbal statement regarding resignation, but that the council should be sensitive to legal requirements to keep the board politically balanced. It was noted that, at present, the park board is comprised entirely of Democrats. A new appointee would likely need to be a Republican unless none applied for the position.

The council voted to approve councilwoman Ginny Munroe's motion that it advertise to replace Bean. Park board member Patty Stallings, in the audience, suggested the next park board meeting, scheduled for Dec. 4, would need to be rescheduled until the council can next meet and vote on a new park board appointed.

Addressing Rakich's question, Ricciardi said she wasn't sure what the council could do about the park board's decision to vacate the beach lodge, though Rakich suggested that decision should be rescinded.

"I personally feel the timing was bad," said Ricciardi.
"To give somebody six weeks to find a place to stay after they've been there so many years."

"Nothing says that if an extension is needed, it can't be requested," responded Shaffer.

Audience member Ed Pinder Jr. asked if Young was losing her job along with the board "kicking her out." Shaffer

pressed to correct the terminology.

"We asked for the beach lodge to be vacated," she said.
"The motion did not read, 'Kick Kelly out.'"

Pinder asked if the board planned to relocate Young to another residence, which Shaffer said is "to be determined." Pinder also asked if the board had scheduled renovation at the beach lodge for January, to which Shaffer replied an architect is being sought, and that to prepare for the next season the board has budgeted out, "we had to take steps."

"If all of you have been attending meetings for some time, you know the board is looking to make changes, and we started with the beach lodge."

When asked by Rakich if the park board wanted an extension request from Young "in blood," Shaffer replied, "Kelly is a big girl and she could communicate (an extension request)."

Audience member Mike Stallings called the discussion "ridiculous" and asserted that the decision lies with the park board, not the council.

"You're sitting like bumps on a log and not doing anything," he said to the council, adding it could appoint a

new park board member that night if council members wished.

Rakich also questioned the park board's recent decision to spend \$10,000 on Christmas lights in the park, which audience member Kathy Clark pointed out is a park board issue, not a council one. Ricciardi affirmed it was "out of line to ask" about the matter during a council meeting, which council member Bill Githens affirmed.

Audience member John Halphrey, a member of the recently-formed park finance committee, noted park board meetings were devoid of community participation "for a lot of years" in the past.

"There was little to no oversight on the park board budget for many years; the council hasn't gotten involved for many years. This is a case of the proverbial stuff hitting the fan. There's been money spent in the past five years. Was it well spent? Was it a waste? We're looking into that...it takes a lot of time, effort, and man hours for the new committee to go over these things.

"People who don't show up at these meetings have negative comments," he continued, "and they're not even there. I suggest you let the boards do their jobs and come out with the facts, figures, and reports instead of just sitting around...whatever comments you have at this point don't mean that much, because you're not involved and it's all hearsay."

Munroe said she had been disappointed for many

months in the park board "for not making any decisions."

"Now that they are making decisions, people are upset. But they're authorized to make those decisions. Should I step in as a council member and say, 'I don't like this one, but I do like that one?' That's not my place. They're appointed to that board to make decisions just as we're elected to make tough decisions."

She added she felt the purchase and installation of tree lights, as well as installation of a temporary ice skating rink in the park, are "good for Culver," noting that some people have already stepped forward to donate funds to offset the cost of the lights.

She also pushed back against characterization as "a bump on a log."

"I saw a lot of Facebook discussion (about the park board's recent decision), which is interesting because I don't see those people attending meetings. Kudos to those who do, and who sit on committees and do the work."

Ricciardi reiterated her concerns over the timing of the park board's decision, and some discussion ensued about the status of REAL Meals, which meets weekdays for lunch at the beach lodge. Ricciardi noted that, between that program and other activities scheduled at the lodge, the decision "will put a number of people in a bind to find another place."

Shaffer said she had already discussed the matter with the teacher of a children's dance class at the beach lodge, and that a letter has been drafted to REAL Meals.

Council member Ed Pinder Sr. said the park is "a very important place in our town" and he and his wife served 25 people at REAL Meals' Thanksgiving dinner, during which he told them the program would have to move by

Dec. 31. He also said numerous people asked him during work at Wesley church's thrift shop what's happening with the park board.

"A lot of them don't go to the meetings, but they are interested."

He also cited a letter to the editor in the previous week's Culver Citizen expressing anger at the park board's decision, and read out loud a letter he had received from a citizen asserting that "a few on the park board have an agenda."

The letter went on to criticize the way the park board conducted recent meetings, to suggest decisions were made with only three park board members, and to suggest the council consider taking over the park board.

Pinder himself said the decision regarding vacating the beach lodge seemed "abrupt."

In other park-related discussion, Shaffer noted the much-discussed partially floating public pier has been removed from the lake, and discussions are in the works as to whether its pieces can be removed from the beach area for storage at another location.

The council will make final reviews of an ordinance to add another park board member to bring the number to seven, with plans to begin formal approval at its next meeting. Also slated for vote next meeting was the town's salary ordinance, for which a work session was held just prior to the regular meeting.

The council did approve one salary change, an increase to \$14.35 hourly for one employee at the town sewer plant.

During his town manager's report, Dave Schoeff noted the extensive project to add new crosswalks, curbs, and approaches at numerous intersections throughout main thoroughfares in Culver is complete, as is the paving project for this year.

He also encouraged any citizen or organization interested in writing a letter of support for a large-scale sidewalk addition and renovation grant for which the town will apply, is encouraged to do so in early December.

The council signed an agreement continuing Fulton County's providing of paramedic intercept at the request of Culver's EMS, as well as a mutual aid agreement with the Fulton County EMS.

An additional appropriation will likely be necessary in order for Culver's fire department to purchase a new squad vehicle it has been planning for, for some time, according to fire chief Terry Wakefield. He said he and deputy chief Dave Cooper have been working on purchase of the vehicle, but can't get it advertised before the end of the year.

Wakefield also noted construction work on the fire station is being handled by New Age Construction of Culver, rather than by the firemen themselves as reported in an article in the Nov. 21 Culver Citizen. The fire department, however, is funding the project from its own funds and is using no tax dollars.

Culver town marshal Wayne Bean offered a reminder to people to lock their vehicles, after several reports of break-ins recently.

Culver's Shaffer inks with IU East

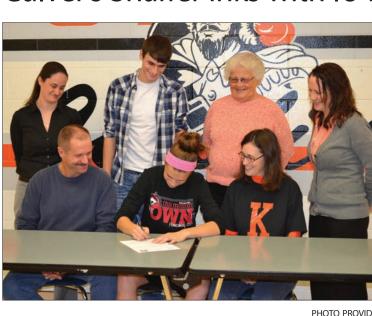


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Culver's Kayla Shaffer signs on to play basketball with IU East in a ceremony surrounded by family and coaches at Culver Community recently.

CULVER When it came time to sign with a college, Kayla Shaffer not only had to make a decision between schools but between sports as well.

In a choice bebasketball tween or soccer, the 5-10 Culver Community guard/ forward chose ultimately basketball, signing on with Indiana University East's inaugural team last week.

"It's pretty exciting. I never really thought about whether I would be

playing soccer or basketball," said Shaffer. "I was really interested in both of those, and I knew it was going to be a hard decision to pick which one. Going down there really helped me because I got to see what I really wanted in a college and what I really wanted in a college team. I've always had my mind on playing one sport, I just didn't know which one it was going to be. I think this has been a good decision."

Shaffer is one of the first 11 players to commit to play for the Indiana University East women's basketball team during the Red Wolves' inaugural 2014-15 season.

She averaged 16.1 points and 5.3 rebounds per game and was a first-team All-Northern State Conference and first-team all-area honoree as a junior at Culver last season.

"Kayla might be our most athletic player," said IU East coach Tiffani Selhorst. "She is long and has quick feet. She will be a threat on top of a press or zone. She is probably most known for her play under the basket, but she can step out and hit the three. She's a high-motor kid who doesn't quit."

"She had told me that she was really looking for versatile players, and she really liked the athleticism that I had shown in the Top 100. And the fact that I had a really big wingspan, I could run the court pretty well and use my feet," said Shaffer of why Selhorst said she recruited her.

"She had told me that there really wasn't another player like me in the position that she was looking for me to play in. She did mention me playing some pretty good defense up top. She hadn't told me any for sure positions, but she did mention defense and how I could run the floor and things like that.'

Selhorst said Shaffer received a long-sleeved IU East Homecoming shirt during her visit to the campus. When Shaffer returned home, she dis-

covered the sleeves were too short. "I told her, 'That's exactly why I recruited you.' Those

long arms, what a threat those will be on the court.

"I also promised her we would find some shirts that See Shaffer page 6

Campbell leads CMA in season-opening win

Sports Editor

CULVER — In the preseason, CMA basketball coach Mark Galloway summed up this year's team philosophy with one word: defense.

And by that measure, Monday's season-opener against visiting Indianapolis Home School was a success. But the Eagles were also pretty good on the offensive end, too.

Culver Military held the Wildcats to a woeful 9-of-40 from the field while turning the visitors over 25 times off intermittent fullcourt and halfcourt trap pressure. On the other end of the floor, the Eagles scored at better than 50 percent from the field, and the result was a 63-28 season-opening rout of Indy Home School at home at Fleet Gymnasium.

"We've definitely been harping on team defense," said Galloway. "I thought in the third quarter, we only held them to five points, so — they didn't shoot it well but I thought we were in the right spots. You've got to be in help-side, you've got to be talking, you've got to take the post away, which I thought we did a good job of fronting the post "I think all our guys, one through five, are trying to do the right things defensively."

CMA was led by 6-6 junior Devonte Campbell's stat-stuffing performance of a gamehigh 17 points with eight rebounds, six steals and five assists. The Ontario, Canada import was forced to sit out his sophomore season last year when his hometown school refused to sign off on his transfer, and he seemed anxious to make up for lost time in his debut with the Eagles Monday, showing emotional as well as statistical leadership on the floor at Fleet.

"He's a stat-stuffer; he can do a lot of things," said Galloway of Campbell. "We knew that last year, but now he's with us and he was excited to play. A little nervous — I think he had six turnovers — but he was definitely jacked up to get to play in front of a lot of his friends and teachers. He's a great kid, he's a great teammate. He passed up a lot of shots to get Nick (Zalduendo) some shots, and that's the unselfish See CMA page 6 play we saw all last year in practice. He's a difference-mak-

Short-handed Cavs overcome adversity vs. Argos

Correspondent

CULVER — The Culver Community Lady Cavaliers overcame an adversity-filled game to defeat the Argos Lady Dragons 47-31 in Argos.

Senior Kayla Shaffer led the way with 31 points and assisted on four of the other five field goals in the game. According to Culver coach Gina Hierlmeier, Shaffer's leadership after junior Tatum Schultz went out with a knee injury midway through the first quarter, played a key role in this victory.

'We knew when we were talking at the break when Tatum got hurt, we talked about stepping up. I pulled Kayla aside and told her, 'You're a senior and you have to lead this team.' I thought she really stepped up and did a nice job and kept herself in it and didn't get caught up in the foul situation.'

Argos started the game up 6-2, but then Culver went on a 9-0 run to put themselves up by five. Argos then closed the quarter with a couple buckets of their own helped close the gap to a manageable 11-10 deficit. The second quarter was all

See Cavs page 6 Culver as they outscored the Lady Dragons 12-3 in the quarter



SPORTS

Sports briefs

Boys basketball Culver starts fast in win at West Central

Culver Community jumped out to a 25-5 lead on the road at West Central Saturday en route to a 58-32 victory over the hosts.

The Cavaliers were led by 18 points apiece from Trent Elliott and Jacoda Anderson. Anderson also finished with nine rebounds, two steals and four assists for the Cavaliers, who surrendered just six turnovers on their way to a 2-0 start to the season.

West Central was paced by Kamrein Street's 10 points with eight rebounds as the Warriors slid to 0-2.

Culver plays host to Morgan Township Saturday at 7

CULVER COMMUNITY 58, WEST CENTRAL 32 At West Central

Girls basketball

Lady Cavs move to 6-0

The Culver Community girls basketball team remained perfect at 6-0 on the year with their 52-42 win on the road at North White Saturday.

Mickella Hardy and Kayla Shaffer both dropped 15 points, while Donna Zehner put up 12, and Angela Lewellen finished with 10 points for the balanced Lady Cavaliers' offense. Hardy also finished with a double-double of 10 rebounds, while Shaffer dished out seven assists in the road win. • CULVER 52, NORTH WHITE 42 At North White

Women's college basketball

McBee posts double-double in Purdue Calumet win WINONA LAKE — No. 21 Purdue University Calumet put all five starters in double figures, upsetting No. 20 Grace, 76-65, in the opening day of the Terry Polston Hoops for Hope Tournament. The Peregrines push their winning streak to three games to improve to 4-1 overall on the year.

Culver Community graduate Patrice McBee notched her first double-double of the year with a 13-point, 11-rebound effort. Brooklyn Short chipped in with 10 points and a game-best six assists and Quinci Eller rounded out the starting five with 13 points on the night.

smart decisions. Some of the decisions we made I wasn't too excited about, but overall I felt like they adjusted re-

Argos was finally able to hit some shots, making four 3-point field goals in the quarter, but it was too little too late as Culver was able to outlast them and play off of their lead as they won 47-31.

"I have to give credit to our JV kids who had to come in and play big minutes for us tonight. They haven't had to do that this year. I thought they came in and did a good job," said the Lady Cavs' coach. "And for the girls that remained on the floor when we were in foul trouble, I thought, for the most part, we made adjustments on the fly pretty well. I have to give credit to this team. They really hung together tonight through everything that went on and we came out with a 'W'.'

With the win, Culver Community improves to 5-0 and will travel to North White this Saturday at 2:30 p.m. Argos' record now stands at 1-3 and they won't play again until they meet up with Morgan Twp. at home on Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m.

ARGOS 31

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PHOTO/PAUL PARE Culver Academy's Devonte Campbell goes do on the up for a shot surrounded by members of Indianapolis Home School's squad in a game strength in Fleet Gymnasium last week.

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while Justin Batiz, Elijah Miller, Eljay Murray, Rayford Dexter El and Lorenzo Ricks each put up six for the balanced Eagles, who opened up a double-digit lead on a Campbell lay-in off a Zalduendo assist at the 48-second mark of the first frame and never led by less then 10 the rest of the way.

CMA will have a long break before playing a pair of road games in Ohio Dec. 6 and 7 at Canton Central Catholic and Western Reserve. The Eagles return to their neck of the woods Dec. 10 at Tippecanoe Valley and won't be back at Fleet Gymnasium until they host West Lafayette Dec. 14.

"The nice thing is we get to go back and slow the film down now and really evaluate it and watch it. It's one thing when you're playing against yourself in practice, but when you get to film a game, now we're going to go back and watch film and definitely learn from it," Galloway said. "You can learn from a loss, but I think you can also learn from a win. We're going to learn from this win and build on it and get better. Our goal is to get better every day in practice and just keep building and getting better with our team defense.'

• CULVER MILITARY 63, INDIANAPOLIS HOME SCHOOL 28 at Culver

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and took 10-point lead into halftime, 23-13.

Argos' shooting woes in the game, especially in the second quarter, where they went 1-7 from the field, were the main concern for their coach Gary Teel.

The third quarter is where things started to get a little bit dicey for the Lady Cavs. Early in the quarter, senior Shakkira Harris went out with a knee injury, cutting down an already thin bench. Just before that, Argos sophomore Val Rospopo also went out with an injury in a game that was plagued with them. Then, midway through the quarter, junior Donna Zehner picked up her fourth foul, forcing Coach Hierlmeier to use up the only quarter of eligibility she had from a couple of her JV players. They were able to survive the quarter behind good defense and closed the quarter with a 30-15 lead.

In the fourth quarter, the Lady Cavs only had five remaining healthy and eligible players, with Zehner carrying four fouls and fellow junior Angela Lewellen picking up her fourth shortly into the quarter. With 5:16 left to go in the game, Zehner fouled out, forcing Culver to play out the rest of the game with only four players. Leading 34-17, they tried to take as much time off the clock as they could when they had the ball and only taking shots when they presented themselves.

"Playing with the lead down at the stretch, we pulled the ball out and we knew that we could attack if they had to come out and play us," said Hierlmeier. "We had to make

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would fit."

Kayla is the daughter of Don and Susan Shaffer. She plans to major in business. In fact, while Shaffer had received other offers from colleges around the state, it was the academic side of things that ultimately clinched her decision for her.

"Purdue Calumet actually talked to me, and I went to

a visit there, and he was offering me a scholarship for \$6000, but I was actually interested more in IU East because they had a business program that was more fitting for me," she said. "I felt more comfortable at IU East."

IU East this past February announced plans to add an NAIA women's basketball program. The team will begin NAIA competition during the 2014-15 school year.





Academies inducts new honorees into arts/letters, athletic, horsemanship halls of fame



PHOTOS/LEW KOPP, CULVER ACADEMIES ABOVE: Inducted into the Horsemanship Hall of Fame were: (front, left to right) Frederick Cuthbert II '59, Morris "Morry' Floyd '54, (second row) Elisha Davis Porterfield '01, grand-daughter of Lt. Col. Floyd "Sam" Townsley, Danforth W. "Bo" Hagler Jr. '81, (third row) Craig "Chip" Smythe '81, Jeffrey Markle '00, and Braddock Alexander '81.

By Jan Garrison

Culver Academies has been blessed with a long line of graduates who have distinguished themselves while on campus, and later served as ambassadors for Culver in the United States and around the world. Since the school's centennial celebration in 1994, Culver has sought to pay special tribute to those alumni, alumnae, instructors, coaches, and staff who have made unusually significant contributions to various aspects of life at Culver.

On Nov. 8 through 10, the Academies inducted 25



members into its three halls of fame. Eleven people were inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame, seven were welcomed into the Arts & Letters Hall of Fame, and eight taken into the Horsemanship Hall of Fame. The inductees included former faculty and staff members, boarding school alumni and alumnae, and past summer campers.

The list includes players in the National Football League, National Hockey League, past Olympians, professional musicians, actors, authors, and business leaders. A complete story will be included in the March issue of the Culver Alumni Magazine.

Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees included Richard Carman Rockaway (class of 1926), Sidney Salomon Jr. '29, John W. "Jack" Dobson '31, Donald R. Foster '46, Robert C. "Robie" Vaughn '74, Kirk A. Daubenspeck '92, Tiffany S. Kyser '99, John-Michael T. Liles '99, Jeb B. Ter-



LEFT: Inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame were: (front left to right) Molly Engstrom '01, represented by her parents Richard and Judy Engstrom, Donald Foster '46, (second row) Tiffany Kyser '99, Kirk Daubenspeck '92, Robert "Robie" Vaughn '74, and John-Michael Liles '99, represented by his parents, Janie and John Liles. ABOVE: People gathered in the Epply Auditorium foyer for the Arts & Letters Hall of Fame induction

ry, Jr. '99, Molly M. Engstrom '01, and Walter G. "Bud" Roberts '32.

Arts & Letters Hall of Fame Inductees included Morgan Paull '63, Frederick Dierks Bentley W'88, William J. Vlasic '72, Robert B. Baer'71, Marcia V. Mayo SS'71, Erikka Walsh '02, and Arthur G. Hughes (faculty).

Horsemanship inductees included the 1981 CMA Polo Team (Braddock J. Alexander '81, Danforth W. "Bo" Hagler Jr. '81, Craig R. "Chip" Smythe '81); Robert M. Schless '50, Morris B. "Morry" Floyd '54, Jeffrey R. Markle '00, Frederick S. Cuthbert II'59, and Lt. Col. Floyd W. "Sam" Townsley (faculty).

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Texas Hold-em at VFW Sunday

The Culver VFW Post 6919 hosts a Texas Hold-Em tournament Sunday, 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.

Thrift shop days added in Dec.

The Culver United Methodist Women's thrift shop on Ohio Street will be open Wednesdays in December from 9 a.m to 4 p.m. Shoppers are encouraged to come in and browse the Christmas merchandise and do some Christmas shopping. Proceeds go to a number of local charities and projects. The shop will be closed on Christmas.

Park board mtg rescheduled

Culver's park and recreation board regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 4 has been rescheduled to 7 p.m., Wednesday, December 11.

Outdoor Christmas decorating contest

The Culver Youth Community Organization (CYCO), a service organization comprised of students from Culver Community High School and the Culver Academies, is launching an outdoor Christmas decorating contest for the Culver area. There is a \$5 registration fee, with funds raised going to Culver's food pantry. Registration forms will be available at Culver's town hall. Participants will have a sign placed in their yard designating their homes as part of the contest, and participating addresses will be listed on a map CYCO will distribute throughout the community. Judging will take place Dec. 18.

Those with questions may contact Justin Croy of CYCO at justincroy@icloud.com.

REAL Meals holiday feast

Culver's REAL Meals will host a pre-holiday meal is Friday, December 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 togeth-

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: 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'

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: The Culture of Life euthenasia, abortion, stem cells, and other life issues (Dec. 8), The healthcare mandate and contraception - what does the Church actually teach? (Dec. 15).

Firemen's Honor Wall ready for bricks

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.

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.

Bell ringers in Dec.

Salvation Army holiday bell ringers will be on hand 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

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.





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