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Lake Maxinkuckee 2013 on ice

ABOVE: While some years Lake Maxinkuckee never attains a complete ice cover, this year the lake was hidden `neath a sheet of ice before Christmas, though the previous weekend's thaw has since left a notable liquid hole in the center of the lake. When this photo was taken, from the vantage point of the town park, rays of sunshine poured down over Long Point atop a marbled, glass-like surface, as calm and reflective as the quiet season of Christmastide and the New Year in Culver.

In Brief

Positions open on boards, commissions

The town of Culver is accepting letters of interest from people willing to serve on the following boards and commissions: Plan Commission, Redevelopment Commission and Tree Commission. Candidates should reside within the corporate limits of Culver. Letters will be accepted at Town Hall until 4 p.m., Monday, January 13, 2014 and appointments will be made at Town Council meeting at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 14. Please call Town Hall at 574-842-3140 with any questions.

VFW New Year's party Tuesday

Culver's VFW Post 6919 will host a New Year's Eve party Tuesday night. Dinner will be served from 6 to 8 p.m. Prime rib, baked potato, salad and sides are \$15, plus open menu is available. DJ Rockin' Randy will start following dinner. Champagne and party favors will be at midnight.

Free community meal at CBC Jan. 5

Culver Bible Church on South Main Street will host a free community meal Sunday, Jan. 5, starting at 6 p.m. Community meals are held on the first Sunday of each month at that time in the church basement. All are welcome.

AHS membership 2014 Citizen subscriptions

Those who are submitting calendar year 2014 membership applications to the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver (AHS) are reminded to please submit their applications before December 31 in order to receive all AHS subscription-related editions of The Culver Citizen.

Lilly scholarship apps due Jan. 10

The Marshall County Community Foundation has announced the Lilly Endowment Communi-

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The year in review  
Culver 2013

**Editor's note:** As is our annual tradition, The Culver Citizen looks back this week and next at the major events of the past year in the Culver area.

**Jan. 10:** The Culver Boys & Girls Club is one of the top attended clubs per capita in Indiana, with nearly 300 students from Culver Elementary as members having attended some 58,000 hours, said unit supervisor Cory Monnier last week to Culver's Kiwanis Club.

**Jan. 17:** Culver Academies Black Horse Troop and Equestriennes geared up for this, their 100th year of appearing in Presidential Inaugural parades, by way of a parade through town.



Culver Academies' Black Horse Troop practiced for the Presidential Inaugural in January on the streets of Culver.

**Jan. 24:** Acura Pharmaceuticals in Culver announced development of a new over-the-counter cold medicine, Nexafed, with inhibitors included to prevent its abuse in manufacturing meth.

-Local photographer Grant Munroe takes his popular Culver Photo Booth to community events around the area.

**Jan. 31:** The Culver Lions Club, at its annual awards banquet, lauded David Burke as Citizen of the Year and the Culver Youth Community Organization as its Organization of the Year.

**Feb. 14:** The North American Ice Fishing Circuit national-level ice fishing tournament took place last weekend on Lake Maxinkuckee after

too warm temperatures forced cancellation of the event last year.

-The Culver park board split 3 to 3 on whether to allow a beer festival to be held in the town park this spring, with the tie vote resulting in the motion dying. The board also voted to hire Donna McKee as program director at the park.

-The Culver Chamber of Commerce heard a proposal from members of the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver's museum committee to support a join museum and visitor's center project hoped to launch in the near future.

**Feb. 21:** Culver Comm. High School senior Matt Hurford became the second state championship wrestler in three years from the school following victory at the Indianapolis-based championships.

-Culver Comm. Schools voted to cut 7 to 10 teachers as part of massive budget cuts.

**Feb. 28:** State and local police agencies gathered at Culver Academies to discuss developing a plan in the event of an "active shooter" situation in a public or private building here.

-The Elkay-Medallion plant in Culver, which employs around 260 people and produces more than 600 cabinets per day, recently underwent a major renovation and expansion, with more growth planned in 2013.

**March 14:** Tom Haynes, long a mathematics instructor at Culver Academies and priest at St. Thomas Episcopal in Culver, accepted a call to the priest-in-charge position at St. Thomas Episcopal in Plymouth.

-The Culver Chamber of Commerce lauded the many years' work of its longtime secretary Bobetta Washburn



Matt Hurford after his state championship wrestling victory.

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Culver Comm. Schools' state-mandated grades released

**MARSHALL COUNTY** — The long awaited grades for the schools that serve Marshall County students were released late Friday morning by the Indiana Department of Education.

For the seven school districts which serve Marshall County, there was not a failing school among the 22 on the list. Only one, Culver Middle School, earned a D grade, the lowest grade awarded to the county's school districts.

Culver Elementary

earned a C (from a B in 2012) and high school, a B. This is the second year that the middle school earned a D. The high school improved, but the elementary school went from an A in 2012 to a C last school year.

Earning A's for the district were: Plymouth High School, Riverside Intermediate, up from 2012's B; Jefferson Elementary, up from a D; Washington Discovery Academy and Webster Elementary.

Menominee earned a B. LaVille Junior/Senior High School showed continued improvement, earning a C. Bremen High School earned an A for the third year in a row.

Other scores for the district include: Argos Elementary, A; High School, B; Bremen Elementary, C; high school, A; John Glenn North Liberty Elementary, A; Walkerton Elementary, B; Urey Middle School, C; High School, A; Triton Elementary, A; Triton Jr. /Sr.

High, A.

Controversy over the way the grades has erupted this year, including revelations earlier this year that former State Superintendent Tony Bennett had manipulated grades as favors for certain private schools. As a result, the grading system assigned to measure school district performance is being revamped, although not soon enough to affect the grades this year.

According to the state, part of the delay was the re-

sult of computer malfunctions that delayed students from completing the state online testing this spring.

State Schools Superintendent Glenda Ritz said she was pleased with the overall results. She has been a critic of the accountability method used by the state in calculating these grades.

Ritz said the new model will be "more transparent and fair [and be] fully operational for the 2014-15 school year."

Alleged Monterey bank robbers arrested

Two suspects are behind bars following a Dec. 23 robbery of the First National Bank of Monterey in Monterey.

WKVI reported that 34-year old Scott Randall Freeman and his girlfriend, 29-year-old Michelle Marie Riley were arrested Dec. 24 in connection with the robbery, which was called in at 1:30 p.m. the 23rd, and to which officers with the Pulaski, Starke, Marshall and Fulton County Sheriff's Departments and the Indiana State Police responded.

According to witnesses, a gunman in a maroon ski mask and a Carhart jacket he entered the bank displaying a long-barreled revolver and demanding cash, driving away to the north in a silver Chevrolet Impala with no visible license plate. The bank manager pursued, but lost contact with the near the "T" intersection at Lake Langenbaum.

Statements and surveillance recordings were used by authorities to identify the suspects, who were arrested and transported to jail in Pulaski County, according to Pulaski County Sheriff Mike Gayer.

Park skating rink is open

Board approves policy facilitating new ice rink

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Culver's new ice skating rink can officially open following a largely quiet meeting of the Culver park board Friday night, during which the board officially passed its skating rink policy.

The temporary rink was installed Saturday at the site of the park's basketball courts, after weather prevented volunteers from installing it previously as expected. The rink was requested last year by several residents and approved for purchase by the board, though its attorney suggested several policy details be formalized before opening it to the public.

For this season the rink will be "skate at your own risk" -- that is, unsupervised by park staff or volunteers, though some park board members expressed an interest in having staffed hours in the future.

Park superintendent Kelly Young said the signs requested by the park's insurance company are ready to erect, and she would print an enlarged version of specific rules approved by the park board after the Dec. 27 meeting.

Some friction arose between park board members and audience member Lynn Overmyer over the question of whether the park would provide skates to youngsters wishing to use the rink. Park board member Rhonda Reinhold suggested most families don't own their own and are unlikely

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Ruhnnow, who announced she was retiring from the position, with Brandy Pohl taking her place.

**March 21:** As has been the case each year for several years, some 60 women attorneys and judges from the In-diana State Bar Association (ISBA) gathered at the Culver Cove resort to take part in the annual Women's Bench Bar Retreat.

-Culver's Evil Czech Brewery made Midwest Living's 2013 "It List."

**March 28:** Culver Academies instructor Ray Gleason has released "The Violent Season," a fictionalized memoir of his experiences as a Vietnam veteran.

**April 11:** Honored at this year's Culver Comm. High School and the CYCO service club at its Jan. 31 annual awards Sports Spectacular was Regina event.

Anderson, who was nominated for the Northern State Conference Award as she prepares to retire this spring after 39 years of CCHS service.

-The top ten graduating seniors at CCHS honored their most influential teachers at the annual Culver Chamber of Commerce awards banquet at Pretty Lake.

**April 18:** Brandy Pohl of Culver has opened Max's Playhouse, one of only two licensed daycare facilities in Marshall County, located on State Road 10 in Culver.

**April 25:** Culver park activities director Donna McKee announced a full roster of free concerts and other events scheduled for the summer at the park.

-Hundreds from Culver's various communities once again gathered at Culver Academies to battle cancer during the sixth annual Culver Relay for Life, which raised more than \$100,000 for the American Cancer Society.

-A recently-installed town park pier, part floating and part stationary, was damaged within a week of its installation, a fact which would lead to months of discussion and de-



several meetings was held towards Culver's comprehensive plan, with housing, business support and retention, and the future of the community's identity cited among top participant concerns.

-The Culver Lions Club gathered at Culver. Comm. High School to honor a number of standout members of the class of 2013, with John Ahlenius receiving the club's annual scholarship.

**May 9:** Five teachers from Culver Elementary School were announced as having been cut by vote of the school board; several faculty and staff retirements reduced the expected number of cuts, though the decision was controversial.



ABOVE: Becky Furry of Sail22 (and friend) participates in the Lake Max Challenge Stand Up Paddleboarding event the organization sponsored.

Justin Croy and Janele VanDePutte to the BPA national competition in Florida.

**May 16:** Cory Monnier, unit supervisor at the Culver Boys & Girls Club, announced his departure after three successful years here.

-Vintage-themed street signs following up on last year's downtown revitalization project were highlighted by brick-appearing (pressed concrete) crosswalks in Culver's downtown area.

**May 23:** Marshall County commissioners finally ended the uber-heated debate over placement of large wind energy towers near Lake Maxinkuckee and elsewhere when they banned all commercial wind energy systems county-wide.

-A producer with independent Bear Fruit Films was in Culver scouting locations for possible shooting of a feature movie here this sum-



ABOVE: Culver's Lions Club honored David Burke (above) at its Jan. 31 annual awards ceremony.

that the 'family-friendly' film, "Little Savages" will begin shooting in Culver in August.

**June 13:** Culver's park board voted to purchase a long-requested Point of Sale cash computerized cash register system to shift away from manually maintained accounting.

-Retired from Culver Comm. Schools recently were



ABOVE: Culver High School athletic director Andy Thomas, left, honors Regina Anderson, who retired from the school after 39 years' service.

LEFT: Culver Academies students observed the 100th anniversary of the school's rescue of more than 1,000 Logansport flood victims by maneuvering the same size cutters as the cadets of 1913.

longtime faculty and staff members

Donna Schwartz (a teacher for 35 years), Cheryl Geik (25.5 year teacher), Ron Stevens (35 year teacher), Peggy Keller (19 years an aide), and Regina Anderson (39 years the High School's secretary).

**June 20:** Culver's Boys & Girls Club's annual auction event at Culver Academies' dining hall was once again a sparkling and well-attended affair.

-Lauded last week were Culver Comm. High School students Sarah Jamieson and John Ahlenius and Kiwanian of the Year Julie Bess (at the Culver Kiwanis Club's annual awards banquet), and retiring 20-year Culver EMS member Ruth Dilts.

**June 27:** Recently opened on SR 10 in Culver is dog

BELOW: The condition of this pier -- installed last April -- prompted months of heated debate among members of Culver's park board and the public.



grooming salon TLC to the Max.

**July 4:** A look back at the second annual Lake Max Challenge SUP (Stand Up Paddleboarding) event at the town park, a national level event sponsored by Culver's Sail22, which drew 85 participants.

-The future of Culver's EMS was the center of a heated debate during the latest meeting of Culver's town council, which focused specifically on funding and service status in light of 2014 mandates from the State of Indiana.

-Culver Tri Kappa's bi-annual Chairs for Charity event -- during which artistically rendered chairs were auctioned off in an atmosphere of food and fun -- was held at the Culver Cove.

**July 11:** After much discussion and debate, the Culver park board voted to reinforce the controversial partially floating, partially stationary public pier installed in April, but to otherwise leave it as it is and open it to the public.

-Culver Comm. Schools superintendent announced he will retire at the end of Dec., 2013.

**July 18:** 22-year-old Valentin Sirghi of Plymouth drowned at the Culver town beach Sunday.

-The Evil Czech Brewery on Ohio Street in Culver is not leaving town, but is expanding its operations to Mishawaka, which will facilitate greater distribution of its locally-grown-hops-based products.

**July 25:** Culver's Lake Fest was a success despite a spate of closings of the major highways into town (Culver's Lions Club was honored as collective parade marshals).

-The Citizen looked back at the June trip to Italy of Culver Academies choir, which sang at the Vatican,

mer.

-This summer's series of concerts in the park will kick off later this month with the band Acoustically Speaking.

**May 30:** The United States Geological Survey was on Lake Maxinkuckee to begin a study of its sediments towards a Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council-sponsored project of unprecedented scope.

-The Culver Lions Club celebrated its 70th anniversary last week with a gala event.

**June 6:** The Culver park board arrived at a plan of action to rectify the condition of a much-debated public pier installed at the park in April.

-It was officially announced

A deeper look at Culver's stories

*Throughout the year, as in years past, The Citizen has focused in-depth on the people, places, and events of Culver; past and present, by way of broader, deep-delving feature stories. This year's have included:*

**Jan. 10:** Elisabeth Davis reflects on her 75 years of service to Culver Academies, as well as witnessing more than 90 years of history of farming and town life in the Culver area.

**Feb. 7:** A Black History Month look at the first two black graduates of Culver schools, Clara Rollins, class of 1906 (Culver High School) and Alexander Williams, class of 1968 (Culver Academies).

**March 7:** Many angles were examined regarding the problem of rising housing costs in Culver, and the challenge of keeping young families and year-round workers in the community.

**March 14:** A look back at the beginnings and growth of Culver-based Easterday Construction, now 60 years in existence as its own entity.

**April 4:** Retold was the story of Culver Military Academy's saving of some 1,500 residents of Logansport, Indiana, in the deadly Midwestern flood of 100 years ago.



ABOVE: Chris Chambers, owner of Rideon Bicycles on Lake Shore Drive, relaxes outside the shop.

BELOW: Sally Ricciardi hung up her campus security keys for the last time after more than three decades as "Security Sally" at Culver Academies.



Col. Don Hume.

**Aug. 1 and 8:** A two-part look back at previous feature movies shot in Culver (in the 1920s and '30s), and the remarkable number of Culver Academies graduates to be involved with Hollywood, both on and off-screen.

**Aug. 22:** Remembered was Phil Mallory, who passed away July 3 after a life of service as a physics instructor at Culver Academies and community service in Culver.

**Throughout August:** We interviewed several stars of the feature movie "Little Savages," which shot in Culver all month, including Katherine McNamara, Noah Lomax, Kenton Duty, and Adam Hicks.

**Sept. 19:** "Security Sally" Ricciardi, who retired after 36 years as an icon in Culver Academies' security department, recalled the highlights of her tenure.

**Sept. 26:** Ruth Walker, young at 91, recalled her 18 years' service as Culver REAL Meals site director, as well as her journey to Culver and years here.

**Oct. 3:** The Behmer family, whose farm received the Hoosier Homestead Award recently for its 150 years in local farming, was profiled.

**Nov. 7:** Ahead of Veteran's Day, Culver's Bryce Lindvall discussed his service with the Navy Seabees.

among other high-profile locations.

**Aug. 1:** Dozens of protestors hit Lake Shore Drive to voice their dislike of the July 25 decision to remove the swimming pier from Culver's town park, which superintendent Kelly Young said was due to abuse of the pier's rules from some beach patrons.

-Hundreds showed up to gain parts in the movie to shot in Culver this month, while producers noted the addition of several notable actors from Hollywood and TV to the cast roster.

-Culver's fire department officially dedicated its fire-



ABOVE: A US Geological Survey boat on the waters of Lake Maxinkuckee last summer to take samples towards an unprecedented study of the lake's history and ecology.

men's' memorial and honor wall on the corner of Lake Shore Drive and State Street, as part of the annual Firemen's Festival and Lions corn roast.

**Aug. 8:** Shooting began on the movie "Little Savages" at the Cherry Villa house south of downtown, with stars including Noah Lomax, Leigh-Allyn Baker, and Katherine McNamara shooting scenes.

**Aug. 15:** During a contentious meeting, Culver's park board voted to reinstall the swimming pier at the town beach next summer.

-Culver residents became in-



Obituary

Norma Joyce (Teeta) MacNab

July 12, 1930 - Dec. 23, 2013



PIONEER, Calif. — Norma Joyce (Teeta) MacNab, 83, of Pioneer, Calif., passed Monday, Dec. 23, 2013 with her husband by her side. Tee-ta was born in Culver on July 12, 1930, a daughter of the late Norma (Wilson) and Col. John W Henderson. Teeta met Bruce MacNab while attending Denison University in Granville, Ohio. Teeta was a Kappa Alpha Theta and graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a Bachelor of Arts degree. They were married June 13, 1953 in Culver. Teeta was a beautiful woman with elegant dignity and a striking smile. She was very active socially and athletically. Her favorite activity was spending time with her family; she took great pride in her family heritage. Bruce and Teeta enjoyed traveling the world together.

Teeta is survived by her husband of 60 years, Dr. Bruce MacNab; daughters, Mary MacNab; Bonnie and husband, Steven Hanna; Megan and husband, Carsten Bekker; son, Colin and wife, Betsy MacNab; eight beautiful grandchildren; sister, Mary Alice Hasset; brothers, Robert W. Henderson; James A. Henderson and their spouses. She was preceded in death by siblings William Henderson and Helen Jane McKinsty.

Friends and family are invited to a service on Jan. 8, 2014 at Culver Memorial Chapel in Culver followed by a gravesite service at Culver Masonic Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to her charity of choice American Cancer Society, 1710 Webster St., Oakland, CA 94612. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.danerimortuary.com](http://www.danerimortuary.com) and signing the guest book.

Library news

‘Rear Window’ at book-film group

"A Novel Approach," the book/film club at the Culver Union-Township Public Library, will meet Wednesday, January 8 at noon in the library’s large meeting room downstairs.

The book is "Rear Window" by Cornell Woolrich and the film of the same name stars Jimmy Stewart and Grace Kelly and was directed by Alfred Hitchcock.

Hal Jeffries is trapped in his apartment because of a broken leg and begins to notice unusual activity in the adjacent building. He wonders if a murder has been committed.

Copies of the selection are available for checkout and may be reserved by contacting the library at 574-842-2941. Patrons are encouraged to bring their lunch to eat while they enjoy the movie and the discussion afterwards. The Culver-Union Township Public Library is located at 107 N. Main Street in Culver. All programs are free and open to the public.

CUTPL to hold adult winter reading program

The Culver-Union Township Public Library has announced the return of the Adult Winter Reading Program. “Warm up with Reading” is the theme of the 2014 program, in which adults of all ages are encouraged to participate. It will run from Monday, January 6 to Friday, February 28.

Anyone interested in participating can begin signing up on or after January 6 to receive a reading log and book review forms. Participants can earn five points for each book or audiobook read or listened to, five points for each book review (at least two paragraphs) submitted, and five points for each library-sponsored program or book club attended during the months of January and February.

There are three book clubs to choose from, and anyone is welcome to join. Grand prizes will be awarded to the top three point earners at the end of the program.

Adult Winter Reading registration is open to anyone ages 18 and older. For more information, call the library at 574-842-2941 or stop by the circulation desk. All CUTPL programs are open to the public and free of charge. Any questions can be directed to Adult Services/Reference Librarian, Laura Jones, at [ljones@culver.lib.in.us](mailto:ljones@culver.lib.in.us).

Hooked on Books looks at “Mockingbird”

CUTPL’s book club, Hooked on Books, will meet Weds., Jan. 8 at 1 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room.

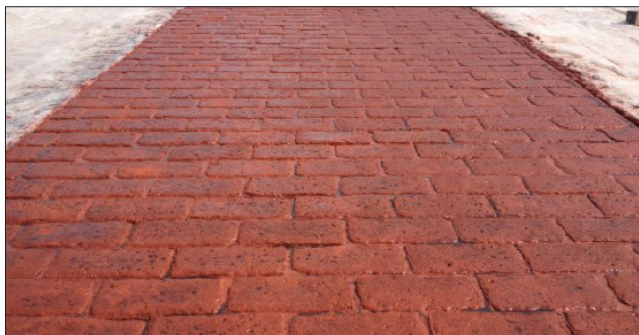
The book for this month is To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee. Attend this book discussion to receive 10 points for our Winter Reading Program.

For more information, contact Polly Thompson Wolf at [pwolf@culver.lib.in.us](mailto:pwolf@culver.lib.in.us) or 574-842-2941.

Club & organization fair Jan. 18

Culver-Union Township Public Library will host a Club & organization fair Saturday, Jan. 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. PM in the large meeting room and lower level of the library. All local groups, clubs and organizations are invited to come out to promote their cause. This is a great way to present your group to the community and potentially gain new members! Come for the whole time or just for a few hours. If you are looking for something to help with cabin fever, stop by CUTPL and check out the Club Fair! Contact Reference/Adult Services Librarian, Laura Jones, at 574-842-2941 or [ljones@culver.lib.in.us](mailto:ljones@culver.lib.in.us) for more information or to reserve your spot.

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ABOVE: This look (both street signs and stamped concrete crosswalks) spread throughout town last year, with this downtown intersection as the first.

BELOW: TV and movie stars who spent most of August in Culver to shoot the feature film, “Little Savages” pose with an issue of The Culver Citizen during a farewell event at the Lions Club depot on Lake Shore Drive. The movie is set to be released this spring.



Involved as extras in -- and buzzed with excitement about -- "Little Savages" scenes shot at the town beach and Lakehouse Grille, among others; stars were welcomed in various encounters throughout the community.

-Culver author David Girard has released his first novel, "Passing Through the Gate," a coming of age story set at a fictionalized version of Culver Academies.

**Aug. 22:** The stars of the movie "Little Savages" visited students at Culver Elementary School as filming continued around the area.

-Retired Culver Elementary teacher Connie Richie presided over the dedication of a nature preserve near Culver through ACRES Land Trust in the name of her late husband Steve.

-The annual Lake Max Triathlon, which raises funds for several local service organizations, was a success with more than 300 participants.

**Aug. 29:** "Little Savages" prepared to wrap up shooting after scenes were filmed at several locations in Culver, including the Culver Marina, Culver Academies and Woodcraft Camp, and the Original Root Beer Stand.

-Landscape architect Amy Gormaly of Culver Grown discussed her work in the area.

**Sept. 5:** Stars and crew of "Little Savages" bid Culver a fond farewell with a forum on faith and film and an autograph session at the Culver Lions depot.

-Roy Bell was sentenced to life in prison for his role in the murder of a Leiters Ford woman in 2011, when a harrowing Thanksgiving Eve manhunt had many Culverites on edge.

**Sept. 12:** The annual Labor Day weekend L'Max "Gift of Warmth" film festival had a Culver-themed movie offering in "South Pacific," directed by Academy graduate Joshua Logan.

-Culver Academies and Argos High School celebrated



ABOVE: Protesters decry the removal of the town beach swimming pier last summer, one of several matters of controversy pertaining to the park.

second annual Culver Wine Fair took place over the weekend, drawing hundreds to the Culver Cove beach.

-The Culver Redevelopment Commission has sponsored three lavishly-produced commercials showcasing Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee and airing in rotation on WSBT-TV in South Bend.

**Oct. 3:** Debated at Culver's town council was progress on the town's comprehensive plan, which some suggested lacked proper community input and reflection of Culver's identity.

**Oct. 10:** Several changes to Culver's downtown are underway, including the closing of the hardware store at the end of this month after more than a century here, the relocation of the Center for Culver History in tandem with the new visitor's center (to the south section of First Farmers Bank), an expansion of the Culver Academies museum into the historic building to the south.

**Oct. 17:** The new owners of the building which long housed Culver's hardware store explain they plan to split it into two separate storefronts.

**Oct. 24:** The first annual Culver Fall Fest was by all accounts a success, including a local art show, a renaissance of sorts of the annual scarecrow contest, historic hayrides and moonlight paddle, and a host of activities for children and adults.

**Oct. 31:** Culver Academies student Meagan Rioux -- currently offering free children's dance classes at the beach lodge -- hopes to start a dance studio in Culver, with plans for a Thanksgiving weekend Turkey Trot run to raise funds.

-Tempers flared at the most recent town council meeting, during which a special meeting was requested to discuss EMS funding.

**Nov. 7:** Culver Comm. High School principal Albert Hanselman discussed challenges facing the school system including funding and state-mandated changes, with members of Culver's Kiwanis Club.

**Nov. 14:** Culver native Ruth Birk discussed her recent launch of Indiana's only mobile cone-beam imaging lab.

-Don Fox, a 1975 graduate of Culver Military Academy, has been named director of culver Summer Schools and Camps, replacing longtime director Tony Mayfield.

-Jim DeWitt, Culver's only Pearl Harbor survivor, spoke to Culver Comm. High School students about his return to Hawaii in 2011 for the 70th anniversary of the bombing there.

**Nov. 21:** In a special town council session, Culver EMS director Brandon Cooper detailed his department's plans to conform to new state EMS standards in 2014.

-Culver's park board voted to vacate the park beach lodge and the apartment occupied by superintendent Kelly Young, a move which was followed by much debate and controversy in the community.

**Nov. 28:** Heated debate took place regarding the selection of a new superintendent for Culver Comm. High School, with some criticizing the decision not to hire current CCHS principal Albert Hanselmen.

-Culver author Jim Walsh is releasing several novels digitally now and in the coming weeks and months.

BELOW: The Culver hardware, one of the town’s longest-lived businesses, closed its doors in early November.



**Dec. 5:** The Culver Comm. School board voted to hire Dr. Vicki McGuire as its new superintendent; she drew audience applause by requesting the school board cut her two percent salary increase to one percent.

-New REAL Meals site director Cecelia Moroni has started in her new post, and is reaching out to Culver area seniors to attend the daily lunch program.

-Culver Academies inducted dozens of new members into its Arts and Letters, Athletics, and Horsemanship Halls of Fame.

**Dec. 12:** The Culver Chamber of Commerce honored the Culver Lions Club with its Lifetime Achievement award, George and Tammy Pesek as Businesspeople of the Year, and Jeff Kenney as Volunteer of the Year, at its annual awards banquet.

**Dec. 19:** The Culver park board voted to change the specifications of its superintendent position, leaving the future of the position in debate. It also gave the REAL Services program an extension on its eviction from the beach lodge.

-The Culver town council took the first formal step in adding a new member to the park board.

**Dec. 26:** The Culver park board voted to eliminate the activities director position held over the past year by Donna McKee.



# Grit

Grit, ambition and stamina – how valuable are these life-changing qualities? How much grit does a person need to be a successful athlete, a successful musician, or a successful business owner?

Legendary boxer Manny Pacquiao may have one of the grittiest rags to riches stories ever! Pound for pound, Manny is the best boxer in the world and has endured round after round of gut wrenching blows that would cause most of us to fall or retreat from the ring. He is the first and only boxer to hold nine belts in seven divisions, and was named fighter of the decade in the 2000’s. But, even more impressively important is his life story. In the Philippines, he provided for his family of five in his pre-boxing life by selling anything and everything on the streets just to help his family survive. His hard work, determination and unmatched grit characterize him as a person with immense resilience.

Grit is an essential, and often overlooked, component of success. Many of us can reach a moderate, and in some situations, a high level of success by talent and hard work. However, every highly successful person has depended on grit to get them to the top.

The new focus on grit is part of larger scientific attempt to study personality traits that best predict achievement in real life situations. Researchers, such as leading expert Angela Duckworth from the University of Pennsylvania, state that most measurements of intelligence, such as the IQ test seemed to be the crucial marker of success. However, what makes one person successful, while another might struggle, has nothing to do with being smart. Instead, it largely depends on personality traits such as grit, perseverance and stamina.

When Francis Galton published “Hereditary Genius,” his landmark investigation into the factors of achievement, he gathered as much information as possible on dozens of people with very high levels of success and reputation. He noted something very surprising. Success wasn’t singly a matter of intelligence or talent. Instead, Galton concluded that achievement was only possible when ability combined with zeal and the capacity for hard labor was intact.

It may turn out that the intrinsic nature of talent is overrated. The difference between expert performers and normal adults is not genetically prescribed. Instead, differences reflect a long period of deliberate effort and hard work to improve performance. Talent is about both attributes – genetics and practice. However, what allows a person to practice hour after hour, year after year, with resolute determination? Why are some people willing to subject themselves to many hours of deliberate practice? What makes a distance runner willing to train in sub-zero conditions in January? What makes a swimmer decide to rise at 4:00 a.m., six days a week to train in chlorine water? Why do some musicians drill hour after hour on the same instrument until it is mastered? It is the psychological trait known as grit!

Grit and determination have little to do with intelligence or IQ scores, but they often explain a larger share of individual variation when it comes to life success. Grit is very much about vision, mission, and the big picture view of life. Duckworth says, “It’s about picking a specific goal way off in the distant future and not swerving from it.” Grit is a personality trait, but it can be learned. It is best modeled when adults praise their children, expect high standards and assist in setting a course for satisfying success. Exemplifying a purpose-driven life with lofty goals and mission is a key component in developing the quality of grit. The most important talent is being talented for working hard and practicing even when practicing isn’t fun. It’s about putting in the hours when we would rather be watching TV. It is reaching for goals that may be a long ways off. As Mark Twain stated, “The two most important days of your life are the day you were born, and the day you found out why.” True talent requires grit.

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## Heartbeats and Footprints

By DANA NEER

## Letter to the editor

### REAL Meals going strong, but needs you

As the new Site Director of REAL Services meals, I would like to let everyone know that even though the park board has decided to do some renovations on the Beach Lodge, REAL Services will still be providing meals for the communities seniors. I would like to ensure that whom ever comes will be welcome and treated with the respect each and everyone who comes deserves.

I am working on getting some programs going, including expert assistance for seniors regarding Medicare and to help them understand the new laws are and how they will be affected. We have bingo and movies as well as

nutrition programs.

I would like to see the Culver seniors come and be able to have a nutritious hot meal as well as being able to visit with their neighbors and enjoy the programs.

Please call and let me know when you would like to call, at 574-842-8878. May God bless each and everyone of you and bring peace into the new year.

**Cecelia Moroni**  
Site Director, Culver REAL Meals

# 2013 in Culver: the good, the bad, and the ugly

As I write this, 2013 is winding down, and of course that means The Culver Citizen’s annual “year in review” issue is at hand. Obviously every year is a mixed bag and the year past is no exception -- in this case a mix of what I think are some great strides forward for Culver, as well as some great losses.

I may have a rather unique perspective as editor in that there have been years I’ve found myself doing a fair amount of digging to make stories where they wouldn’t otherwise exist (plenty of features and profiles!), but this year was remarkably “newsy.”

Undoubtedly the story of the year in Culver was the presence of a cadre of Disney (and non-Disney) actors not only being present on the streets of Culver and shooting a feature movie here through the month of August, but seeming to fall in love with the community as well, several expressing a desire (and in some cases making plans) to return.

I think we’re all anxious to see the finished “Little Savages” when it hits theatres and DVD players (and hopefully some community screen in Culver) this spring and summer.

This year Culver has been the subject of statewide award-nominated commercials, the site of some notable aesthetic enhancements in the form of new crosswalks and signage (not to mention the much-ballyhooed Christmas lights in the town park this past month), and an extremely well-received new event in the form of the first annual Culver Fall Fest has been added to an already notable lineup of annual events, ranging from old chestnuts like the Culver Lake Fest and corn roast/firemen’s fest, to newer offerings such as the Taste of Culver, the Lake Max Challenge, L’Max Film Fest, Chairs for Charity, the Culver Boys & Girls Club auction, and Lake Max Triathlon, among others.

One of Culver’s two museums has relocated to a venue seemingly bright with promise (the First Farmers Bank at Jefferson and Main), as it will combine with another brand-new and notable venture, the community’s first-ever visitor’s center. The second museum -- that of Culver Academies -- has expanded to better house and preserve



## View from Main Street

By Jeff Kenney  
Editor

the rich history of the storied institution it serves.

Heated controversies surrounding Culver’s park board aside for a moment, last summer’s concert series at the park in particular added to the vibrancy of an already increasingly vibrant cultural landscape here.

Culver Comm. Schools will soon see the arrival of a new superintendent -- the first

woman to hold the position in the history of the school -- in the form of Dr. Vicki McGuire.

The challenges facing her in guiding the school corporation in the coming months and years relate to the challenges facing the community as a whole (looking at both the good and the not-so-good of 2013).

As was reflected repeatedly in meetings pertaining to Culver’s comprehensive plan last spring and summer, concerns over housing costs and the shrinking year-round population (not to mention fewer and fewer young families with children) in Culver continue to top the list of concerns affecting many, if not most, aspects of the community, from public schools to business, quality of life to community involvement.

And there are those losses. We lost a number of good people in Culver last year, including community servants like Essie McKinnis, Phil Mallory, Larry Welsh, and others. The community somberly absorbed the tragic news of one of the only -- if not the only -- drownings at its public beach last summer.

Businesses like the Culver hardware (one of the longest-lived businesses in the community still in operation by 2013) added to the list of empty storefronts here, though the building’s new owners hope to add to the vibrancy of downtown Culver with new ventures there.

On the minds of many in recent weeks have been, of course, the inter-community divisions surrounding Culver’s park, park board, and staff which, while nothing new, seem to have come to even more of a boil than before in recent weeks.

All of this reflects the internal fears and insecurities accompanying the aforementioned housing and population woes: whither the small, neighborly community of Culver yore, a question which continues at times to manifest itself in terms of who represents the “real” Cul-

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## Culver man arrested after accident

A Culver man was arrested Dec. 20 after a vehicular accident which sent one person to the hospital.

Shawn M. Hoogerhyde, 43, of Culver, was charged by the Marshall County Sheriff’s Department with operating a vehicle while intoxicated, causing bodily injury after his Dodge pickup truck allegedly struck that of Alexey Y. Zakharov, 25, at the intersection of King Road and U.S. 30. Zakharov was treated at the scene by Plymouth EMS and transported to Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center to be examined and treated.

Prior to the accident, the Sheriff’s Department had received several 911 concerning a Dodge pickup traveling on Lincoln Highway which was suspected to be operated by an impaired driver. Officers patrolled the area seeking the vehicle.

At around 5:25 p.m., the call came in reporting the King Road accident. Hoogerhyde was booked at the Marshall County Jail and released Dec. 21 after posting bond. He is scheduled to appear Jan. 7 at Marshall Superior Court II for his initial hearing.

## Rink from page 1

to purchase new ones just to try out the rink. Overmyer questioned why the board didn’t already have its policies in place before installing the rink, though board president Tammy Shaffer explained the attorney advised the policy -- which was presented by policy committee chairman Tom Kearns -- be revised before the rink opened.

It was also agreed the rink will close at 10 p.m., since the ball court lights are set to turn out at that time auto-

matically, and that skating can begin with daylight hours.

Also passed during the meeting were incident action and reporting procedures, though the board agreed to wait until another work session to examine the new policy manual devised by the policy committee in detail and approve it.

## 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., Jan. 2:** Corned beef hash, biscuit. cinnamon apples, boiled eggs, cauliflower with cheese.

**Friday, Jan. 3:** Vegetable lasagna, salad and dressing, carrots, garlic bread, Rice Krispie treat.

**Mon., Jan. 6:** Beef stew, baked tomato, biscuit, fruit.

**Tues., Jan. 7:** Tempura chicken breast with teryaki, brown rice, Oriental veggies, roll and cookie.

**Wed., Jan. 8:** Sausage bean bake, squash bake, roll, birthday treat.

**Thurs., Jan. 9:** Salisbury steak, garlic mashers, broccoli, bread and fruit.

**Friday, Jan. 10:** Mild Mexicali chicken breast, corn and bean salad, Spanish style rice crisp.

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# Cavs remain undefeated behind strong 4th

By Kyle Hilliard  
Correspondent

CULVER — The Culver Community Cavaliers weathered an early storm from beyond the arc and defeated the Winamac Warriors 60-54. The Warriors opened the game with the shooting touch, going 7-of-11 from 3-point range and opened up the game with a 23-10 first quarter lead.

“They came out with the shooting touch of a team that’s in mid-season. We had seen them the first game down at Rochester, and they really struggled from behind the arc,” said Culver coach Kyle Elliott. “It wasn’t a surprise that they could hit it, it was just a matter of when they were going to hit it. Unfortunately for us they chose tonight to hit them. It wasn’t one kid hitting them. They had several kids making plays.”

Things settled down some in the second quarter. Fouls became an issue for both teams as both of them were in the bonus early. The Cavaliers were still not able to get into much of a flow on offense and only cut the Warriors lead by two going into halftime, trailing 35-24. The third quarter was much of the same with neither team getting much going offensively. Winamac still led by 11 after three, 43-32.

“We played them even in the third, and we did really think some of the things we were doing in the third was a little more positive,” said Elliott. “I thought we were trying to get the ball down inside and wasn’t settling as much. In the fourth quarter it started to pay off. We got a few of their guys into foul trouble and got ourselves into the double bonus. With the clock stopped at the free throw line, you’ve got to hit them and we did.”

Things did start to pay off for the Cavaliers as they started the fourth quarter on a tear, going on a 13-0 run in the first four minutes of the quarter to give them a two-point lead. Winamac would not go away quietly.

The Warriors took a two-point lead with 2:16 left in the game off of a couple of made free throws. Then senior Jacoda Anderson was fouled and would shoot two with Culver already in the double bonus. Anderson hit

both free throws to tie the game. Then Winamac junior Parker Fox went to the line for the Warriors and missed both free throws, leaving the game tied at 49-49 with only 1:53 remaining in the game. On the ensuing possession, Culver senior Jordan Sanders penetrated the lane and hit wide open sophomore Everett Krueger in the corner who drained the three, giving the Cavs a three-point lead. Fox immediately came down the court and nailed a jumper, putting the Warriors within one, 52-51, with 1:22 left.

On Culver’s next possession, Anderson got the ball down low and missed the shot, but then stole the rebound out the one of the Warriors hands, put it back up and made the basket while drawing the foul. Anderson then made the free throw, making it a two-possession game, which the Warriors were never able to overcome. Down 55-51, Warrior junior Adam Gruenig hit his sixth 3 of the night, cutting the lead to one, but then Cavs senior Trent Elliott took the inbound pass coast to coast for a layup making the score 57-54 Culver. That would be the end of the Warriors attempt at the victory as Elliott and Krueger would seal it with free throws, giving the Cav’s victory. Elliott led all scorers with 28 and going 11-of-12 from the charity stripe. Anderson also chipped in a solid all-around game, scoring 17 and going 9-for-11 from the line and pulling down 13 boards to go with three blocks on the night as well.

“Everett Krueger hit a big three for us late in the ball game. We had a nice dribble penetration and a nice kick out pass. Jacoda did a great job down the stretch at the free throw line as well,” said Coach Elliott. “That’s where we need to put a little more emphasis early in the game is getting the ball down low and working it in the post. The perimeter shots should be coming on a kick out pass. I thought we got a little impatient offensively early.”

With this win, Culver remains undefeated at 4-0 and they will be traveling to Jimtown on Friday for a 7:30 tip-off. Winamac is now 0-2 after the loss.

• CULVER 60,  
WINAMAC 54  
At Culver

# CMA’s Hogan moves to 18-0 at Penn Super 12

By Tim Creason  
Correspondent

MISHAWAKA — It was just last February that Culver Academies junior Edmond Hogan missed his chance to wrestle at the IHSAA state finals. At the Merrillville semistate, he lost a close decision in the match that would have sent him to Indianapolis.

And he’s been fixated on it ever since.

“It’s been my motivation,” says Hogan, now a senior 160-pounder, who ran his season record to 18-0 Saturday at the Penn Super 12 Wrestling Invitational.

Gone are the days when Hogan found reasons to skip practice. He’s a beast on the mat now, a regular in the weight room.

And after his near-miss last season, he makes one promise: “It’s not going to happen again.”

Hogan has learned to be an aggressor, taking first shots, blocking any attempts to counter. Against his opponent from No. 2-ranked Penn, he managed 18 points of offense

“I’m a lot more comfortable with my shot, now. I go as soon as the whistle blows,” says Hogan. “I feel I’m a different wrestler this season.”

Hogan’s aggressiveness helped Culver Academies finish 3-2 during last Saturday’s super dual tournament, losing only to a team from Penn and to No. 15-ranked Portage. The Eagles beat NorthWood, Homestead and Warsaw.

“I’m fine with it,” said Culver Academies coach Matt Behling. “We knew how tough the competition would be when we came here. We need to wrestle teams like this



to see where we are at and to see what we need to improve on.”

Besides Hogan, Eagle heavyweight Collin Pepper went 5-0 on the day. Senior Kayla Miracle, wrestling at 126 pounds this season, finished 4-1.

The hubbub that surrounded Miracle when she started high school wrestling has pretty much subsided. People

have come to accept that, yes, she is a girl, and yes, she is an excellent wrestler. Her season record is 17-2.

As she has grown older and moved up in weight classes, however, she freely admits the job has become tougher. “It’s hard, there’s a strength factor,” she says. “But there is always a way. I just have to find it.”

It’s the same philosophy that Behling preaches to his entire team.

“Our team gets after it,” he said. “We just need to get the experience and become more comfortable with what we need to do on the mat.”

• PENN SUPER 12 WRESTLING  
SUPER DUAL TOURNAMENT  
At Mishawaka

## Sports briefs

### Boys basketball

#### Elliott reaches 1,000 career points in Cavs win

Culver Community senior Trent Elliott surpassed the career 1,000-point mark with a game-high 23 points to lead the undefeated Cavs past host Jimtown 48-34 in Northern State Conference boys basketball action Dec. 20.

Jordan Sanders added nine points and dished out seven assists for the Cavs, while Jacoda Anderson posted eight points and a game-leading 12 rebounds.

Culver improves to 5-0 (1-0 NSC). The Cavs return to action Dec. 28 at home against North Judson-San Pierre.

• CULVER COMMUNITY 48,  
JIMTOWN 34  
At Elkhart

### Girls basketball

#### Argos wins 4th straight vs CGA

The Lady Dragons had three players in double figures, led by Courtney Dunlap’s 21 points, and Argos beat Culver Girls Academy 69-59 in a girls basketball game at Fleet Gymnasium Dec. 17.

Libby Moyer finished with 15, and Val Rospopo scored 12 as Argos moved to 5-3 on the season with its fourth straight win.

CGA was led offensively by Marie Steiner’s 19 points followed by Tori Styers’ 15 and Victoria Christlieb’s 12 as the Lady Eagles dropped their second straight.

• ARGOS 69, CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 59  
at Culver

### Wrestling

#### Culver Academies down Culver Community

Culver Academies handled visiting Culver Community 57-15 in a crosstown wrestling meet at the Culver Academies Dec. 17.

Kayla Miracle, David Zajac, Edmond Hogan, Simon Griffith and Collin Pepper all won by pinfall for the Eagles.

Austin Brisette and Zach Mahor won by fall for Culver Community, which won just three matches at the meet.

• CULVER MILITARY 57, CULVER COMMUNITY 15  
At Culver Academies

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ver and who is an interloper (I’ve plugged away at those questions in multiple editorials over the past year, as I feel they’re largely questions based on understandable mythologies of how we got here as a collective).

At the end of the day (or rather, the year), the mix of bad and good aside, I think many of us see slowly positive trends in some of the key issues facing the community, at least in that they’re now being recognized, discussed, and debated, rather than being simply left to the vague, amorphous cloud of feelings surrounding changes in Culver’s economy and makeup. Better we at least speak of the issues and make a stab at planning for solutions, however far we may yet have to go. The road hasn’t been -- and will continue not to be -- without its bumps and ruts, however.

And so, as we bid farewell to 2013, the Culver Citizen wishes our readers a blessed and happy New Year, and an ever-improving year to come.



# Academies’ LCA still going, growing 10 years later

by Jan Garrison

Stephanie Ma, Culver Academies class of 2016 (from Indianapolis) and Gabrielle Wells (class of ’15, Novi, Mich.) spend their lunch selling bows for the Leadership Committee for Africa during AIDS Awareness Week. Since its inception in 2004, LCA has raised over \$35,000 for organizations and special projects. Culver photo/Jan Garrison

Since 2004, the Leadership Committee for Africa has been working to educate the Culver Academies community and beyond about the AIDS crisis in Africa and financially support programs assisting African women and children, co-chairs Hannah Buggeln ’14 (Valparaiso, Ind.) and Caroline Pepper ’14 (Grand Haven, Mich.) said.

Operated by 50 Culver Girls Academy students, LCA is divided into four major sub-committees: Fund raising, Research and Education, Communications, and Work Projects. While each committee focuses on separate goals and initiatives, every branch collaborates to pursue LCA’s overarching goal of eliminating AIDS and poverty in Africa.

LCA initially started supporting Christel House South Africa and the Amani Children’s Foundation. Over the years, the group and individual members have raised money through special projects benefiting other organizations as well, Pepper said.

She added that \$2,960 has already been raised this year. Since its inception, LCA has raised over \$35,000



for the two organizations and special projects. From the Amani Foundation’s beads program to manning concession stands to selling hair bows during International AIDS Awareness Week, the girls are busy throughout the school year, every year.

Buggeln said LCA has added a Kenyan Market, which sells “random knick-knacks” made by women. The market is similar to a fair trade store. It comes through Amani, as do the beads LCA uses to make the bracelets sold throughout the year, and especially during Parents and Alumni Reunion weekends.

The organization’s fund-raising committee is always on the hunt for ideas, Buggeln added. Coming up next semester is the return of the “Nets for Nets” campaign, which will be run by the Research and Education Committee chairs Grace Kim ’15 (Seoul, South Korea) and Zixuan Gao ’14 (Bloomington, Ind.). Teams that use a net in their sports will raise funds to purchase mosquito nets. At just \$10 per net, it has proven to be the most effective way to prevent the spread of malaria, Buggeln said.

The work LCA does is significant, both financially and in raising awareness. The Amani Foundation’s work in helping the New Life Homes care for children of parents who have died from AIDS and HIV-positive babies. It is estimated that \$1,000 will care for one child for one year. After this school year, LCA will have contributed over \$25,000 to Amani and New Life Homes – enough to care for 25 children. And it has been able to accomplish this through its awareness campaigns. “People are so gener-

ous when they hear about a good cause,” Buggeln said.

Another major beneficiary of LCA’s time and funding is Christel House South Africa. Christel House South Africa is part of a network of schools devoted to helping children around the world from low-income backgrounds break the cycle of poverty and become self-sufficient, contributing members of society. It is a regular stop on the Global Pathways Spring trip list. Team South Africa, which is mostly LCA members, will travel to the Christel House in Cape Town to teach leadership skills and other activities to the students. LCA has also contributed more than \$7,500 to Christel House over the past 10 years.

Some of the special projects done over the years include Partners in Evangelism, Give a Cow to a Girl in Uganda, Free the Slaves, and the New Neville Prep School Trust. Each one of those was headed up by an individual and total of \$1,176 was raised.

An example of a special project is Erin Thomas ’15 (Wheatfield, Ind.), Yen Yen Lee ’17 (Seoul, South Korea), and Madeline Sorg ’15 (Middlebury, Ind.) working to raise funds for World Vision’s microfinancing program, which gives small loans to entrepreneurs – mostly women – in impoverished areas around the world. The program has 930,305 active borrowers and has created 1,229,082 jobs. The average loan is just \$643.

Raising awareness is just as important. Along with its AIDS in Africa education program, LCA will be teaming with the Global Studies Institute and the Human Rights Council to present Girl Rising, a documentary about the impact educating girls can have on local societies and economies. Buggeln, Thomas, and Caitlin Schwartz ’14 (Knox, Ind.) have worked to bring the film to campus. It will be presented either Thursday, Jan. 16, or Friday, Jan. 17, Buggeln said.

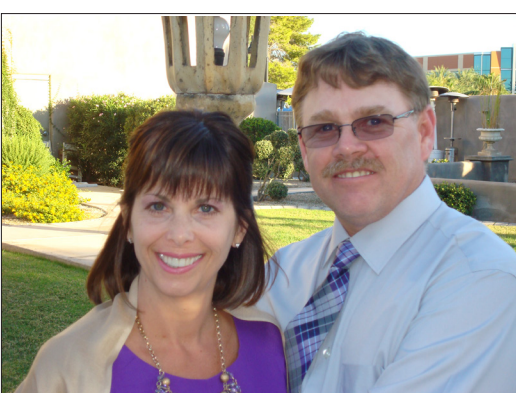


## Living museum at CES

LEFT: Students in Raeanne Stevens' 5th grade class at Culver Elementary School held their annual "wax museum" the week before Christmas break, during which each student chooses a famous or historical figure and "person-ifies" that person, presenting a verbal summation of his or her life to parents and fellow students touring the "museum" in the school media center. Pictured are 5th graders (from left) Wyatt Ringer, Ashley Burket, Joshua Stefan, and Jonathan Lesniewski listening as Lillian Proskey portrays Harry Houdini.

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## Anniversary - Allyn



Mark, Kyle, and Alyssa Allyn would like to announce that their parents, John and Michelle Allyn, are celebrating 30 years of marriage on December 30. John and Michelle's children couldn't be more proud of the love they have shown and given them, which is an exceptional example of unconditional love and happiness they have grown up with.

"Here's to 30 more years, we love you Mom and Dad!"

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ty Scholarship applications for 2014 are available. The scholarship is a four-year full tuition to an accredited Indiana university or college. High School seniors who are Marshall County residents desiring to apply for the scholarship should contact their guidance office, the Marshall County Community Foundation office at 574-935-5159 or go online to [www.marshallcountycf.org](http://www.marshallcountycf.org) for an application. Scholarship applications are due by January 10.

### Community meal at Grace Jan. 15

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly

community meal on Wednesday, Jan. 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.

### MCCF grants due Feb. 3

The Marshall County Community Foundation is now accepting applications for the first General Endowment and Ralph C. Vonnegut, Jr. Fund grant cycle of 2014.

Applications are due by 4:30 p.m., Monday, February 3. Final decisions will be made during the March board meeting. Applicants must be organizations with 501(c)(3) IRS status or organizations with 501(c) IRS status whose request is charitable in nature for the following: start-up costs for new programs or the expansion of needed programs; one-time projects or needs To be considered for this funding opportunity, use of the application available online at [marshallcountycf.org](http://marshallcountycf.org) is required as are signatures of the designated officials noted on the form. For more information, contact Jennifer Compton at 574-935-5159 or visit [marshall-countycf.org](http://marshall-countycf.org).

### ‘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: Current events open forum/Q&A (Jan. 5); Catholicism and other Christian communities - similarities and differences (Jan. 12); Catholicism and other religious traditions - similarities and differences (Jan. 19); War, pacifism and Christianity through a Catholic lens (Jan. 26); The male, celibate priesthood - does it need to be? (Feb. 2); The Church and same-sex marriage (Feb. 9); Education - public and private schools and the future of America (Feb. 16).

### 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.com](mailto: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.

### 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.