

Winter 1, Culver 0

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ABOVE: Scenes from the past weekend in Culver, before and during the major winter storm which struck late Sunday and virtually ground the area to a halt Monday and into Tuesday (see story on this page). UPPER LEFT: a not-so-common sight on the streets of town, even in the winter nowadays, a snowmobile zips down Lake Shore Drive as the snow falls Sunday. UPPER AND LOWER RIGHT: If there was a silver lining to the winter clouds of the past days, it was the abundance of beautiful snowy scenes in the area, including these from the town park (above) and the bridge over the Woodcraft Camp creek on SR 117. LOWER LEFT: Prior to the storm starting, a plethora of ice fishermen took advantage of the frozen lake, as evidenced in this scene from the east end of the Culver Academies main campus near sunset.

In Brief

CUTPL adult winter reading program

The Culver-Union Township Public Library will hold its Adult Winter Reading Program, "Warm up with Reading," through Feb. 28. Participants earn points for books or audiobooks read or listened to and reviewed, as well as library-sponsored programs or book clubs attended. Grand prizes will be awarded to the top three point earners at the end of the program. For more information, call the library at 574-842-2941 or stop by the circulation desk.

Club & organization fair Jan. 18

Culver-Union Township Public Library will host a Club & organization fair Sat., Jan. 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the large meeting room and lower level of the library. All local groups, clubs and organizations are invited to contact Reference/Adult Services Librarian Laura Jones at 574-842-2941 or ljones@culver.lib.in.us for more information or to reserve your spot.

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.

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 appli

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Decorating much more than a pastime for co-winners of CYCO contest

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Tom and Diana Overmyer, winners of the "Most Creative" award in the Culver Youth Community Organization's first annual Christmas decorating contest (the Jim and Charlotte Hahn house on Lakeview Street won "Best Traditional" in the contest), aren't new to winning decorating contests, and they certainly aren't new to delighting community members with their array of outdoor Christmas decorations.

Diana Overmyer has been living at the

As a matter of fact, her penchant for doing so is what brought Diana and Tom together.

"She's afraid of heights," says Tom, a Culver native who grew up in the neighborhood. "She and her son were trying to put up lights. I used to build towers for Pi-Rod, so I wasn't afraid of heights, and I came and helped. That's how we met!"

The Overmyers' display doesn't consist only of lights. A variety of Christmas-themed items, three-dimensional and otherwise, lighted and not, moving or

Stationary, have been mainstays in the with CYCO (Culver yard and on the trees Youth Community Organization), center, award Tom (left) and Diana (right) Overmyer of Culver as champions in the "Creativity" category of the new Christmas decorating contest the organization sponsored this year. BELOW: The Overmyers' Marmont Street house in fully lit mode.

The two began creating their own wooden decorations after Diana's brother made a wooden snowman which has become a regular feature. Tom cut the wood and Diana did the pattern-based painting for angels, Nativity scenes, and others.

Each year, the Overmyers try to add a new item, and they make a point of mixing up the locations of what they can, sometimes rotating a few items out of the lineup for a year.

All of this effort (Tom says if he worked non-stop, it would amount to perhaps a week and a half of steady labor) actually begins in October. As many Culverites have noticed, See Overmyers page 2



Marmont Street home some 30 years now, and has been engaged in some form of outdoor holiday decorating all along, though it's grown considerably from earlier days.

"I've always liked Christmas," she explains. "My mother did it (outdoor decorating), and I just got it from her and just continued each year adding more and more."

Council updated on CVS changes, more

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Culver's CVS Pharmacy is looking to add a drive-through window at the alley on the west side of its Ohio Street building, though the move would require the town of Culver vacating said alley and could impact the town-owned parking lot at Madison and Ohio Streets as well.

This according to town manager Dave Schoeff, speaking to the Culver town council at its final meeting of 2013, last Dec. 30.

Council member Ginny Munroe expressed concern that the parking lot serves "a very specific purpose" and aids in reducing parking congestion in the downtown area, where there exists a "parking issue."

Schoeff noted the Hamster Group, which owns CVS, would need approval from the council before taking the matter to Culver's plan commission, which would make the final decision. He added that plans would likely involve a canopy overhang for the drive-through, which

would primarily serve sales of medicines. The alley would become one-way due to its narrow width. He also noted the company has been "working with this for quite some time," though he was not given a specific time-frame for addition of the window.

Munroe asked -- and it was agreed by others -- that the matter be examined in more detail via a council work session in the near future.

Culver park superintendent

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Winter storm, cold grind Culver and state to a halt

Culver, Marshall County, and the State of Indiana itself were under a snow emergency earlier this week after one of the worst winter storms to hit the area in several years.

While final tallies weren't available at press time, some eight inches of snow fell late Sunday and early Monday, in addition to the several inches already on the ground, with difficulties exaggerated by blowing winds of 30 mph and more overnight Sunday.

Temperatures were expected to plunge to around 20 below zero both Monday and Tuesday, with more cold weather predicted for Wednesday, prompting state and governmental offices -- as well as many businesses and Culver area public schools -- to close.

Two formally charged in Monterey bank robbery

Formal charges have now been filed against two suspects -- including a Culver woman -- in the Dec. 23 robbery of the First National Bank of Monterey, according to WKVI of Knox.

Scott Freeman, age 34, of Winamac, and Michelle Riley, 29, of Culver, are alleged to have planned and executed the robbery, during which Freeman entered the bank's main branch in Monterey around 1:30 p.m. on the 23rd brandishing a long-barreled revolver and demanding money.

Freeman was charged with Robbery, a Class B felony, and is being held in the Pulaski County Jail on a \$250,000 bond. Riley was charged with Aiding in a Robbery, a Class B felony, and is being held in the Pulaski County Jail on a \$150,000 bond.

Police say they confessed to limited involvement in the robbery, and that they are investigating Freeman's criminal history to determine if an habitual offender charge is warranted.



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After 50 years, Whitmarsh hangs up fire hat

ABOVE: Culver firefighter Glen Whitmarsh, left, is seen here receiving his 50-year pin via Don Kissinger of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association (right), with Culver fire chief Terry Wakefield at center.

Whitmarsh announced his retirement from the department as of the end of 2013, his 50th year. Also retiring, with 30 years on the force (including several as chief), but not pictured, is Mike Grover.

Overmyer from page 1



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LEFT: CYCO representatives in front of the Lakeview Street home of Jim and Charlotte Hahn, which won in the organization's "Traditional" category.

the Overmyer home is also one of the most notable spots in town for Halloween decorating, and that's when the curtain lights employed in their Christmas display are hung, which also avoids the possibility of the snow and cold of December.

And before the outdoor work commences, there are a few evenings indoors just testing the lights (there are 4,500 just for the curtain lights, and Tom estimates between 11,000 and 15,000 lights total, though they've never officially counted). The less informed Christmas decorating aficionado may be interested to learn a special "gun" may be purchased which, when aimed gradually along each light strand, can detect bad spots preventing lights from functioning, a labor saving device Tom says is "worth every penny."

The couple added seven outlets around the house hitched to their own dedicated breaker ("NIPSO loves us," quips Diana), and they've saved considerable work in more recent years with the installation of remote controls,

so getting the show started no longer involves heading out into the cold.

They've had to add more lights through the years as their trees have grown, and have transitioned to a long pole and taller ladders in order to facilitate hanging the lights, something Tom does in spite of increasing physical difficulty each year.

"It's a lot of work, but we do it mainly for the kids and older people who enjoy seeing it," Tom says. "It's not for our entertainment; it's for everybody else. That's the spirit behind Christmas."

People have stopped from surrounding communities to ask when the lights will come on, and around the year 2000, when the Overmyers really stepped up the level of decorations, people from Chicago began asking. Neighbors have sent thank you cards expressing appreciation for their efforts.

Perhaps the most touching such expression came from a woman who teared up when telling Tom how much her son -- who had recently died -- loved seeing the couple's decorated house.

A more official form of recognition came in 2003, when the Culver parks department chose the Overmyers' house as the winner of a decorating contest it sponsored.

The couple says they plan to keep up their decorating as long as they can -- both this season and from year to year. They generally leave the display up into February or even early March.

"People ask us when we'll quit, and I say I don't know," says Diana.

"As long as I can continue to climb a ladder," adds Tom, "I will continue to do it."

It's a safe bet many in Culver and beyond hope that ability continues for many more years.

Council from page 1

dent Kelly Young told the council work was halted on installation of the new ice skating rink in the park the previous Saturday due to an issue with some needed brackets. Chris Chambers and other volunteers plan to attempt installation again in short order.

In other park-related matters, the council voted to postpone the final readings of an ordinance to add a new member to the park board until the next council meeting. Park board president Tammy Shaffer reported the board is working to finalize and implement new policies.

Fire chief Terry Wakefield told the council he was recently voted chief for another one-year term, his second. Brandon Cooper has stepped in as the department's safety officer, he added, and two longtime department members are retiring as of the end of the year: Glen Whitmarsh, a 50-year member, and Mike Grover, with 30 years.

Bids were opened by Schoeff for a new walkaround rescue truck for the department, with Hoosier Fire Equipment coming in lowest at \$301,455. Schoeff and town attorney Jim Cleavenger will examine the specifications of the bid to ensure they conform to those required.

Approved by council were encumbrances for \$2,012 for repairs made to a fire truck (though town clerk Karen Heim noted \$800 of the money will be reimbursed by insurance); \$35,000 towards control monitors for Culver's EMS, a follow-up to the previous meeting's approval of \$30,000 towards the overall cost of the monitors; and \$79,450 for the street department towards resurfacing of Washington Street between White and Ohio Streets, at the request of utilities manager Bob Porter.

Also approved was the transfer of funds between major categories so the town's budget "zeroes out" for the end of the year, as well as an ordinance adopting the town's 2014 salary, about which a public hearing was held at the previous council meeting.

At Schoeff's request, council approved \$908 for an "adverse effect" sign required by the Indiana Dept. of Trans-

portation in connection with the downtown revitalization grant completed last year in Culver's downtown area. The new sign would acknowledge the historical character of the downtown since it was changed as part of the grant.

Work on the storm water improvement project on Culver's west end has been moving slowly forward, Schoeff reported, with work at the time taking place at Cass and Slate Streets. In response to a query from council member Lynn Overmyer, Schoeff said noise from a pump at one project site on Cass Street will likely continue a few more weeks, since workers are waiting for NIPSCO to service a gas line they have had to "jump" over in their work.

Schoeff also discussed the possibility of placing an air conditioning unit for the town hall meeting room in the room's ceiling tile, at the council's prior request. Some discussion ensued as to the location of the condensing unit for the conditioner, with council president Sally Ricciardi questioning where -- on that side of the building -- the unit could be placed.

Council approved a total of \$33,250.45 to replace a 1999 street department truck. Porter requested purchase of a 2013 Chevrolet truck at \$27,814, plus a new plow for the truck at \$5,400. It was noted the old plow could have been moved to the new vehicle for just under \$2,000, but Porter felt the old plow's condition made the new plow a better option. It was also noted a new Ford truck would have cost less, though Porter said past problems with Ford vehicles justified purchase of the Chevy.

Further approved was \$7,000 (not to exceed \$10,000) for an Indiana Dept. of Environmental Management-required well head protection plan for the town's well; the plan, said Porter, is primarily educational and concerns where the town's water comes from and goes.

At Heim's request, the council approved both the clerk and her assistant endorsing checks towards implementation of the town accepting automated payment of utility bills via Teacher's Credit Union bank. Heim added she hoped the program could be in place within the next few months.

Approved was filing of a \$1,953.17 lien on the property at 439 Lake street, for which Heim said a certified letter had been sent with no communication from the homeowner. Council member Bill Githens suggested -- and council approved as part of its vote -- sending a notice via regular mail before the lien is filed.

Council also approved Ricciardi signing a proclamation of Culver's observation of Arbor Day in April.

Audience member Rhonda Reinhold praised the efforts of Culver's emergency services after she said she found her grandmother, Bobetta Ruhnnow, unresponsive at the latter's home last summer. She said she had feared the worst, but described the actions of the EMS members who arrived as "unbelievable" and she lauded the massive response of Culver's fire chief and firefighters as well.

"I was in awe of their professionalism and what they did that day," she said of all the respondents. "It was amazing. Thank you."

The meeting concluded with Munroe's acknowledgement of the time and "great work" of town employees and volunteers over the past year.

"We truly appreciate what our employees are doing," she said.

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Library news

New tech at Thursday Tech Time

The Culver-Union Twp. Public Library's Thursday Tech Time will meet January 16 at 6 p.m., with the topic being new technology for 2014. See new innovations that will be coming up in 2014. Information on new devices, software and everything in between.

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

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

For more information, call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941, visit our website at www.culver.lib.in.us or e-mail abaker@culver.lib.in.us. The library's street address is 107 N. Main St.

Free Computer Classes at CUTPL

Culver-Union Township Public Library is offering free technology classes on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. in January. Classes include Windows 8 Help (Jan. 13, 17, 20, and 24) and Mobile Devices (Jan. 27 and 31). These sessions are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Andrew Baker at abaker@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842-2941.

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

Friday, Jan. 11: Mild Mexicali chicken breast, corn and bean salad, Spanish style rice crisp.

Mon., Jan. 13: Chicken divan, biscuit, corn, Jello.

Tues., Jan. 14: Polish, sausage, peppers and onions, cabbage, apples, mashed potatoes, bread, and oranges.

Wed., Jan. 15: Ham and beans, cornbread, salad, cobler.

Thurs., Jan. 16: BBQ chicken thigh, broccoli, sweet potatoes, bread pudding.

Friday, Jan. 18: Beef stroganoff, noodles, lima beans, wheat, tropical fruit.

Culver man airlifted after accident

A Culver man sustained serious injuries and was airlifted to Memorial Hospital after a Dec. 29 crash near Michigan Road and US 31 near Plymouth.

Timothy Wilson was listed in fair condition at Memorial after his SUV went down an embankment and rolled multiple times, according to WTCA radio. Marshall County police officer Jonathan Bryant investigated and found Wilson lying outside the SUV, several feet away, apparently in the elements for an extended period of time.

The accident is still under investigation and speed and alcohol have not yet been ruled out as a factor.

Deputy Bryant was assisted at the scene by Marshall County Deputies Les McFarland and Travis O'Neal along with Plymouth Fire and EMS.



Fisher is champion in NFL contest

LEFT: Tucker Fisher, a resident of Culver and a fourth grader at Culver Elementary School, recently proved himself in the 2013 NFL Punt, Pass, and Kick contest in the 8 and 9 year old age division. The contest began back in September with the area and regional contests, and ultimately finished up December 1 at Lucas Oil Stadium for the Indianapolis Colts team championship.

Fisher placed first and won the championship in his age division. He also managed to place 15th overall among the other 32 NFL team champions.

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Obituaries

Renate Magdalene (Bierbrauer) Volz

March 4, 1939 - Dec. 27, 2013

LAKEFIELD, Minn. — Renate Magdalene (Bierbrauer) Volz, the daughter of Gustav and Johanna (Kany) Bierbrauer, was born on March 4, 1939 in Worms am Rhein, Germany. Renate attended school in Worms am Rhein, graduating from High School in 1957. After high school Renate worked in a light bulb factory, where she met Gary in 1961. The young couple were wed in Worms am Rhein on April 6, 1962.

After marriage Renate moved to the United States in 1964. After moving to the U.S., Renate traveled with her husband Gary who was enlisted in the military. Renate became a U.S. citizen on Aug. 23, 1968 in Denver, Colo.

From 1962 to 1977, Renate traveled with Gary, who was in the U.S. Military and stationed overseas. In 1977 Renate and Gary moved to Culver where she worked for the Culver Military Academy as a manager in their dining facility.

In 2005 Renate and Gary moved to Lakefield, Minn. where they resided until Renate moved to the Jackson Good Samaritan Center in 2007. Renate passed away at the Jackson Good Samaritan Center on Friday, Dec. 27, 2013 at the age of 74 years, nine months, and 23 days.

In her spare time Renate really enjoyed gardening. She



also loved spending time on her deck passing the time watching the birds and reading, as well as going out to dinner and spending time with her friends.

Renate is survived by her husband of 51 years Gary, of Lakefield, Minn.; her four children, Andre (Marlene) Volz of Sherman, S.D.; Andrea (David) Monson of Lakefield, Minn.; Jeffrey (Sandra) Volz of Riverside, Calif.; and Blanche Carter of Lakefield, Minn.; her six grandchildren, Randy (Stacy) Koster, Taylor Kline, Elexia Volz, Magdalene (Ben Hansen) Monson, Heide Monson, and Joni Koster; as well as eight great-grandchildren, Brianna, Madisen, Masen, Kamren, Miah, Aubrey, Jayden and Jordan. Also surviving is a sister, Heide (Klaus) Edelmann of Worms am Rhein, Germany; two sisters-in-law, Annalise Bierbrauer of Worms am Rhein, Germany and Marleen Volz of Scandinavia, Wis.; four nieces, three nephews and her best friends Willie and Kathy Pearson of Culver and Jonora Pearson, also of Culver.

Funeral services for Renate were held Monday, Dec. 30, 2013 at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Lakefield, Minn. Burial took place in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Lakefield, Minn.

Memorials are preferred to Compassionate Care Hospice.

Blessed be the memory of Renate Magdalene Volz.

Mrs. R. Winston Warren

Dec. 19, 1931 - Jan. 1, 2014

CULVER — Lyndall Warren, Culver, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 1.

A loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, Lyndall was born in Rockville in 1931. She was married to Dr. R. Winston Warren, who preceded her in death April 5, 2007.

Lyndall attended Indiana University; she worked as a speech and hearing therapist, as well as in her husband's dental office in Crawfordsville. She also directed numerous musicals during summer theatre on the campus of Wabash College.

Lyndall touched the lives of many through her constant grace and endless devotion to and gratitude for her family and friends. She served as a deacon of the Presbyterian church in Crawfordsville, and was a member of several organizations; of particular importance to her were Delta, Delta, Delta sorority; PEO; Tri Kappa; and her Culver "lunch bunch."

In addition to her husband, Lyndall was preceded in death by her parents and sister. Members of her family who survive are her daughter, Stacey, and grandson, Philip.

A private family memorial service will be conducted at a later date. Palmer Funeral Home-Guisinger Chapel, South Bend is assisting the family.

The family suggests that, in lieu of flowers, friends may want to remember Lyndall with this prayer:

*God, be with Lyndall at her departing
Enfold her in the bonds of Eternal Love and Peace
And grant her Everlasting Life.
In Christ's name. Amen.*

Victor S. Carnegie Sr.

March 8, 1962 - Dec. 28, 2013

MONTEREY — Victor S. Carnegie Sr., 51, of Monterey, passed away Dec. 28, 2013 at home.

Victor was born March 8, 1962 in Chicago, Ill. to Elvira Carnegie and Samuel Wilson. He was raised by his great-aunt and uncle, Julia and Robert Chaney, whom he called "Mommy and Daddy", from his birth to age 12, along with his sister Beverly. He went to school in Gary until 1978 when he moved to Monterey and continued his education at Culver Schools. He was married to Jennifer J. Beerwart on Dec. 25, 2005. She survives.

In 1981 he enlisted in the military, where he served in the U.S. Army. He did basic training in Ft. Sill, Okla. and served three years in Germany. He then returned to the states to Ft. Polk, La. for three years before being sent to Korea until he was discharged with honors as a Sergeant in 1988.

He returned to Indiana and worked at Hehr Int. and then Walker Manufacturing. When it closed in 2000, he went to school for CDL training and went to work at Key Waste in Culver until 2005. He then went to work for AM General and was there until April 2011.

He enjoyed playing men's slow pitch with different leagues for 25 years and played while in the Army. He enjoyed spending time with his wife and traveling to Las Vegas and Florida. He was able to see Disney World and travel 16 states with some friends. He enjoyed spending time at Jellystone campground with family and friends gathered around the fire talking, laughing and joking. He loved to get on his motorcycle with his wife on the back and cruise or ride with his brother Vinnie and friends.

He also loved to spend time with all 12 of his grandbabies whenever he could. It brightened his days and brought much joy to his life to see all their little faces and spend time with his boys, whom he loved dearly. He also enjoyed lazy days at home watching movies or sports on TV. He also enjoyed spending time with his many nieces and nephews.

Victor is survived by his wife Jennifer of Monterey; mother Elvira Carnegie Sanders; sons — Victor Jr. of Plymouth, Michael of Bristol and Nate of Monterey; daughters Nicole and Moriah of Monterey; brothers — Sam (Renetta) Carnegie of Grand Prairie, Texas, Vinnie (Teri) Carnegie of Plymouth, Clint (Susona) Sanders Jr. of Monterey, Remus Brooks of Chicago, Ill., and Derrick Hamilton of Chicago, Ill.; sister Sandra Jimerson of Chicago, Ill.; and 12 grandchildren — Donavon, Victor III, Kordel, Kymia, Nicholas, Jayda, Lexis, Travis, Kaydence, Kingston, Kendell, and Hannah. He was preceded in death by his father, stepfather Clinton Sanders Sr., daughter Joanna Carnegie, and sister Beverly Carnegie.

A time of visitation will be held at the Odom Funeral Home, Culver, from 5-8 p.m. EST on Thursday, Jan. 9, 2014. Rev. Herb Hiatt and Nancy Foster will officiate funeral services on Friday, Jan. 10, 2014 at the Monterey United Methodist Church in Monterey at 10 a.m. EST. Interment will follow at the Riverside Memorial Cemetery in Monterey.

Bernard C. Woods Jr.

Oct. 12, 1928 - Dec. 31, 2013

CULVER — Bernard C Woods, 85, of Culver, passed away at the Catherine Kasper Home in Donaldson on Dec. 31, 2013.

Bernard was born to Bernard C and Rose (Garvey) Woods Sr. on Oct. 12, 1928 in Chicago, Ill. but was raised in Ireland. He was married to Betty J Clark. She preceded him in death.

Bernard was a devout Catholic who attended St. Anne's Catholic Church in Monterey. He bought a place on the river around Culver in the 1960s. He owned a saw filing business in Chicago and was a laborer, carpenter, and farmer who loved playing on his backhoe. He was the father of seven.

Bernard is survived by his children: John F. (Karen) Woods of Villa Park, Ill., Bernard C. (Cathy) Woods III of Berwyn, Ill., James P. (Karol) Woods of Lemont, Ill., Michael (Terri) Woods of Beecher, Ill., Margaret (Garrett) Woods Curran of Forest Park, Ill., Karen A. (Joseph) Collins of Culver, and Bridget M. (Robert) Dowdle of Plainfield, Ill.; brother Edward (Kathleen) Woods of Forest Park, Ill.; and numerous grand- and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, two brothers, and two sisters.

A time of visitation with the family was held at the Odom Funeral Home, Culver, on Friday, Jan. 3, 2014 from 3 - 8 p.m. with a Rosary service at 7:30 p.m. A second visitation was held Sunday, Jan. 5, 2014 from 3 - 9 p.m. CST at the Gibbons Funeral Home in Elmhurst, Ill. A funeral Mass was held at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 6, 2014 at the St. Bernadine's Catholic Church in Forest Park, Ill. Interment will follow at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Elmhurst, Ill.

Memorials may be given to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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

Joan C. Henricks

May 7, 1937 - January 3, 2014



Joan (Joanie) Cecilia Henricks, 76, of Culver passed away after a brief cancer illness on January 3, 2014 at Community North Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Joanie was born May 7, 1937 to James and Alice Hickey in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She graduated from Purdue University in 1959 with a degree in English. There she met David (Dusty) Henricks and they were married

in Lafayette, Indiana shortly after graduation. Together they raised three children.

Joanie enjoyed reading, gardening and spending time with her friends and family especially her only daughter and best friend Allison. She was a long term member of St. Mary's of the Lake Catholic Church.

Joanie is survived by her husband, Dusty Henricks of Culver, Indiana; her three children, Bret Henricks (Donna) of Lakeland, Florida, Brian Henricks of Largo, Florida, Allison Henricks of Indianapolis, Indiana; and three grandchildren, Andrea, Aaron, and Anna Henricks of Lakeland, Florida.

A time of visitation will be held at Odom Funeral Home on Friday, January 10, 2014 from 4:00 pm-6:00 pm. A church service will be held at St. Mary's of the Lake Catholic Church on Saturday, January 11, 2014 at 11:00 am with a reception to follow.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Mary's of the Lake Catholic Church, 604 North Plymouth Street, Culver, IN 46511

Death notice

Good

Daniel Owen Good
Dec. 27, 2013

ARGOS — Daniel Owen Good, 70, of Argos, died Dec.

27, 2013 at 12:46 a.m. at his residence. Arrangements have been entrusted with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Letters to the editor

Park position statute questioned

In a recent article ("Changes in job description leave park position future in doubt," Dec. 19 *Culver Citizen*), it was stated that the superintendent's job description was revamped. Park board member Reinhold stated that they became aware that they had not been operating according to the state statute, which requires the superintendent to have a degree in parks and recreation management. What the statute IC 36-10-3-13 actually states is:

- (d) The superintendent must:
 - (1) be qualified by training or experience in the field of parks and recreation; or
 - (2) have a certification or and advanced degree in the field of parks and recreation.
- (e) An incumbent performing park and recreation functions in a supervisory capacity at the time a unit adopts a creating ordinance under this chapter is eligible for appointment as superintendent or as an assistant, but he must have the required training, experience, or certification.

It was further stated in the *Culver Citizen* article that "at this current time the park superintendent now employed does not hold proper certification." Under this statute, I don't believe our park superintendent needs certification or to be replaced. Her experience should speak for itself.

Our park board and park superintendent should be working in collaboration with each other for the good of the park and our town. It doesn't appear as though this is happening and it seems to me that our park board is at fault.

A concerned citizen,

Gerry Burkett

Thanks for gift basket help

THANK YOU TO ALL !

The Holidays are over and hopefully everyone survived. I know Santa was good to me and I ate way too much! And I attended the most beautiful Candle light service Christmas Eve. Helps us all remember why we really celebrate Christmas.

My house was not the only place that Santa stopped with goodies this year. Because of a lot of wonderful and generous people, there were 58 families and 30 senior citizen households in the Culver School District that were blessed with gifts and food for the holidays.

A very special THANK YOU to all of those who helped with the Culver Community Christmas Program this year. All The churches in the area, several organizations, the Culver Academies (students - staff - parents & alumni) the Culver Community Schools (staff - students - athletic dept. & BPA students) , The Fire and EMS Departments', the township trustees office, so, so many individuals, and a wonderful Christmas Program Committee that worked very hard to make sure every went well.

By being so generous with your donations and time, this years program was a huge success and many struggling families and children had a very Merry Christmas.

It has been an honor to work with and for all of you.

May God Bless and Keep you Safe.

Sincerely,

Marlene Mahler
Culver Community Christmas Program Coordinator

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Saturday, Jan. 11

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While we're on the subject of frigid weather...

The other day, I heard someone say something to the effect that no one remembers Culver's late Bob Rust (who passed away in the mid-1980s) and his work anymore, which may be true for many, but definitely isn't for me. I don't believe I ever met him, but besides his legacy as former Culver Citizen editor and his work for the Culver Military Academy P.R. department some decades ago, he was also a very helpful keeper and promoter of Culver history in general. In addition to his fine history book of Grace United Church of Christ in Culver, he wrote a fair amount about our collective past, though my favorites are his "timelines," in which he assembled chronological "bullet points" of important moments in Culver history, usually centered around a particular theme (transportation, public schools, and general events of note were among them).



View from Main Street
 By Jeff Kenney
 Editor

One such list, though more of a quick "fly-over" than many he's done, recounts major bouts of severe weather in the area.

After the last few winters -- they of sporadic snow and cold -- here in Culver (and Northern Indiana in general), we're probably due the sort of weather we're enduring as this week's Culver Citizen prepares to go to press.

Of course it's neither the first nor the worst, as many of us -- and certainly our ancestors -- can attest to.

For the record, what follows is by no means comprehensive (I really ought to take time someday to pour through past editions of the paper and other sources to flesh it out more), but between Mr. Rust's history, and information supplied by other sources, it may make for mildly interesting reading as we all contemplate the snow and cold we've endured this past week.

Of course, the high water mark, if you will, for at least the latter half -- if not all -- of the 20th century was the great blizzard of 1978, during which Northern Indiana received more than 140 inches of snow (I've written about that monumental event in the past and won't delve into it much here).

The coldest temperature officially recorded in Northern Indiana was -24 on January 12, 1918. The coldest day on record was January 20, 1985 with a low of -22 and a high of -11.

The coldest temperature officially on record in Indiana as a whole was -36 on Jan. 19, 1994 (it was recorded in New Whiteland, if you were curious).

On January 1, 1864, several Indiana newspapers reported the temperature had dropped 88 degrees in 12 hours, from 60 degrees above zero Dec. 31, to 28 degrees below zero the next morning.

Inasmuch as ice on the lake is a measure of winter weather, it might be worth noting that in March, 1885, Lake Maxinkuckee was covered with 18-inch ice, remaining ice-bound until April 7 of that year.

On the early date of October 13, 1907, the lake was completely frozen over. In January-February, 1912, there were 17 days with below zero temperatures. A mid-November snowstorm in 1918 blocked all roads and caused a tragic Nickel Plate train wreck at Burr Oak.

Heavy blizzards and extreme cold also marked the win-

ters of 1930, '34, '37, '50 and 1967 (in fact, the thickness of the ice on the lake during the winter of 1936 caused major problems with the annual ice harvest at the Medbourn ice house on East Jefferson Street).

Noted in an online blog at dantate.featuredblog.com/?p=303, are some interesting tidbits from nearby Cass County, Indiana -- near enough, of course, that Culver almost certainly experienced virtually the same weather:

"According to a diary kept in the Elfreth family...the coldest winter in the past 122 years was in 1812. The coldest summer was that of 1816...The greatest snow storm ever experienced in the United States was in February, 1817. The coldest winter in Cass county of which we have records, was that of 1842-43. The winter set in on November 6 with a heavy snow and zero temperature and with the exception of a slight January thaw, never let up until the middle of April."

Perhaps a bit more hope-inducing: "The warmest winter (in Cass County) was probably that of 1875-76. New Year's day, 1876, the mercury registered 72 degrees; the sun shone brightly, the grass was green, and it had more the appearance of a June day than New Year's."

The site also describes the bizarre Fourth of July of 1873, when an excursion celebrating the newly-completed railroad line between Logansport and Crawfordsville resulted in the deaths of three of four passengers, as the train was comprised of open flat cars and the temperature of the air was near freezing (many people, of course, were dressed only for typical July heat).

Of course, the minus 20-something temperatures of this week aren't even unprecedented in recent years, though forecasts noted that the length of time our temperatures were expected to stay this low would be a first in the past 20 or 30 years.

Bob Rust noted that, on Sunday, Jan. 20, 1985, the temperature dropped to 26 below with wind chill factors reading more than 50 below. Temperatures slid nearly that low during the winter of 1983-84.

Your editor recalls working on the New Year's edition of this paper near the end of 2008 or start of 2009, and -- internet having gone caput at home -- venturing out into the minus 20 degree weather to the Culver Coffee Company, which was otherwise deserted. The good barista there sent me home with some good-sized cardboard boxes to help stave off the children's cabin fever (by playing in them) that evening.

As I write this, in fact, an adventure awaits. School has been canceled for Monday, Culver has declared a snow emergency, and the temperatures predicted for the newspaper deadline day of Monday are in the mid to low minus 20s.

All of that wouldn't be so significant except -- in a long story which could easily turn into a frustrated rant here -- at our new home we are still without internet.

If you're reading this by Thursday of this week, it means your intrepid editor found a way to an internet signal in time to send in this week's paper...how's that for dedication?



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If these walls could talk: 630 Lake Shore Drive

By Jeff Kenney

After our last 'virtual' stop -- in our ongoing series of journeys through the annals of historic structures of Culver -- our eastwardly meander up Lake Shore Drive's commercial district had led us to today's Lakehouse Grille, the site of no less than three distinct properties (and any number of businesses) in the past.

Naturally enough, then, we're wandering past 630 Lake Shore Drive -- the home of today's Rideon Bicycles, owned by Chris Chambers (and profiled in the Citizen last summer), though for a great many years it was one of a number of Culver grocery stores.

This is a good time for a note on the "big picture" of Culver's business world. Many of us here today, with tongues somewhat in cheek, like to refer not only to Culver having a downtown (which is natural enough), but an "uptown" as well, comprised of this stretch of Lake Shore Drive, at least between State Street and perhaps ending past the curve where Lake Shore intersects College Avenue. Some folks take the matter so far as to refer to Lake Shore Drive's business district as "mid-town" and the

collection of businesses nearer to the intersection of State Road 10 and Lake Shore Drive (that is, the northernmost district) as "uptown," but that's a matter for another day.

To some extent, Culver (or in those days, Marmont) boasted a thriving business district in the Lake Shore Drive area long before what we today think of as "downtown," owing entirely to the fact that the railroad station, which came into existence along with the railroad itself in 1883, was located just across the street. Considering the thousands who traveled here in a given summer weekend during the tourist heydays of the 1880s through the early 1900s, an obvious "niche market" existed for hotels, restaurants, and stores and services of all sorts on Lake Shore Drive, and we've seen evidence of that in our survey of past businesses there over recent weeks and months.

Some readers may recall my noting the outrage when an effort succeeded in the late 1800s to move postal service to Lake Shore Drive, an earlier manifestation of the "locals verses out-of-towners" perceived conflict which today rears its head from time to time (the move was short-lived, for the record).

Another interesting dimension with a connection to today's changing world: note that the grocery store which occupied 630 Lake Shore Drive for at least half of the years of the 20th century was just one of at least five groceries functioning simultaneously for many years in Culver, a trend which died out in See Walls page 6 the 1970s.

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Academies' Kayla Miracle focused on Olympic goals

By Tim Creason

To tell the truth: Kayla Miracle isn't all that excited about high school wrestling. At least, not like she used to be.

Don't misunderstand: Miracle still takes it seriously, still works as hard as she can. And she currently carries a 17-2 record for Culver Academies in the 126-pound weight class.



Kayla Miracle, right, works for a takedown against Mishawaka Marian last season.

PHOTO/CAMILO MORALES, CULVER ACADEMIES

But Miracle's wrestling career is about so much more than just beating a bunch of boys, even if she is the first girl ever to qualify for the IHSAA state wrestling finals.

College lies ahead. A senior, she has already committed to wrestle for Campbellsville University in Kentucky, where her father, Lee, is the head coach.

But even college isn't the end of it. This is a girl that has competed all over the world, a holder of multiple national awards, one of America's most recognizable faces when it comes to female wrestling.

If she can win an IHSAA sectional or regional championship at the end of her senior season, sure, that would be great. But eventually, it's an Olympic gold medal she's looking for.

The Ultimate Goal

Miracle, who came to Culver from Bloomington, has wrestled most of her life. High school is only a small part of it. When she's not wearing an Eagle uniform, she's traveling the country, competing in freestyle events.

In 2012, she won a silver medal at the Cadet World Championships, competing in Azerbaijan. Last summer, she won a gold medal as a member of the U.S. junior Pan American team, competing at 56 kilograms (about 123 pounds) in a tournament in Chile.

Compared to that, winning a high school dual meet is . . . well . . .

"I still want to win every match, said Miracle, a three-

time semi-state qualifier. "I give 100 percent each time I go out on the mat. But, I don't know, what I in high school isn't as big a deal as it used to be."

There was a time when it was everything. During her freshman season, Miracle and another outstanding female athlete – Penn's Sarah Hildenbrandt – became the most-watched wrestlers in Indiana as they worked their way to the Merrillville semi-state.

Each was trying to become the first girl in Hoosier history to reach the state finals.

That year, they didn't make it. But during her sophomore year, Miracle did. And a media circus followed her around the mats at Conseco (now Bankers Life) Fieldhouse in Indianapolis as she lost her first-round match in the 106-pound weight class.

"I didn't feel like I had to prove anything, but everybody saw me as 'the girl,'" said Miracle of her state meet experience. "Really, I just wanted to be treated like every other wrestler."

At least, after making history, Miracle sort of got her wish. Recognizing how good she is, other wrestlers have quit worrying about her gender and worry instead about not getting pinned.

She's not 'the girl' so much as a tough opponent.

Still, Miracle admits high school wrestling is harder, now. Nature has done its thing and she's grown up, and it's a battle to even stay in the 126-pound class.

Her male opponents are bigger. More experienced. Miracle may be the most technically-perfect wrestler in the state, but sometimes the other guy is simply stronger.

"It's hard, there's a strength factor," she said. "But there is always a way. I just have to find it."

After this season, she doesn't have to wrestle guys any more, unless she wants to. But her workload won't lighten any.

The Olympic Trials are two years away. That may sound like a long time, but for a world-class athlete, it's just around the corner. And she's got to get ready for college wrestling, as well.

Miracle briefly thought about putting off her first two years of college in order to train full-time for a shot at an Olympic berth. But those thoughts were short-lived; she decided it wouldn't benefit anybody. And college competition will be critical to her preparations. She knows how difficult it will be just to make the U.S. team.

"I'm going to try to make the (Olympic) team in 2016, but realistically, I know I have a better change in 2020," she said. "I'll be at the Trials for sure. That's experience I don't want to miss."

A Second Life

Earlier this year, it looked like Miracle was putting in a lot of work for nothing. In February, the International Olympic Committee announced it was dropping wrestling from its list of sports.

When she heard the news, Miracle came unglued. "I was freaking out," she said. "Everybody (in the wrestling community) was confused. We didn't know what was going on."

What was going on, most likely, was a power struggle between the IOC and the folks who run international wrestling (FILA). On Sept. 8, the IOC came to its senses and restored the sport to its Olympic program.

"I was actually in church while the IOC was voting (to restore the sport), recalls Miracle. "We were having inspections when the word came down. I had a hard time keeping my composure, I was so happy."

"When (the IOC) first said wrestling would be dropped, it was like all my dreams had died," said Miracle. "Now that it's back, it's like I've got a second life."

Miracle still has a couple of months of high school wrestling to go, and she would like to win a state title. What wrestler wouldn't?

But if she doesn't, Miracle says she'll be OK. "My biggest goals are still ahead," she says.

That's something her opponents should keep in mind. It's not just "the girl" they are wrestling.

It could be a future Olympic medal winner.



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5k fosters food pantry funds

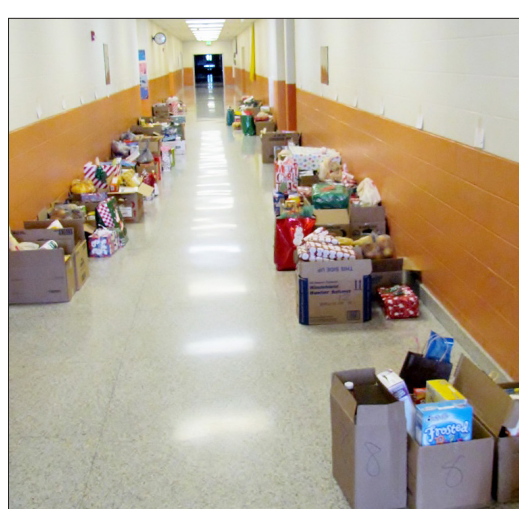
ABOVE: Culver park and recreation program director Donna McKee, left, presented a \$500 check recently to Leroy Bean, director of the Culver Council of Churches food pantry (located at Grace United Church of Christ). The money represents the proceeds from the park-sponsored 5K run and walk held as part of the Culver Fall Fest in October. The food pantry is open to anyone wishing to utilize it, every Tuesday morning. Donations of non-perishable food, toiletries, and funds are gratefully accepted.



Purtell wins Holy Cross scholarship

Meghan Purtell, a Monterey resident and senior at Winamac High School (and a former Culver Comm. High School student) has been awarded an academic scholarship to attend Holy Cross College at Notre Dame.

Purtell, whose parents are Thomas and Kim Purtell, is also congratulated by grandparents Gerald and Martha Page, also of Monterey.



Making the season bright for local seniors, needy

ABOVE, LEFT: As elaborated upon in a letter to the editor in this week's *Culver Citizen* (see page 3), 58 families and 30 senior citizen households in the Culver area were the recipients of happier holidays this year due to the annual efforts of gift basket coordinator Marlene Mahler and her committee, along with a number of volunteer collaborators. Pictured at RIGHT are just some of the gifts awaiting delivery at the Culver Comm. Middle School. The bulk of deliveries were handled in one day by Culver's EMS and fire department. Members of the latter can be seen in the photo AT LEFT, including (from left) Dave Cooper, Walt Hanselman, Pete Peterson, Bryce Lindvall, Jim Grover, and chief Terry Wakefield, with Mahler at far right. Mahler detailed the background and specifics of the gift basket program in an article in the Dec. 12 edition of the *Citizen* as well.

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Culver's population remained fairly steady through those changes. What had changed, however, was American culture and economics. As Americans gradually became more mobile, they of course shopped more frequently at larger (admittedly sometimes more economical) "super" markets than local corner groceries, even if it meant a trip to Plymouth, for instance (or maybe especially because of the trip out of town, an excuse to visit any number of larger, more diverse stores). In more recent years, add the phenomenon of internet shopping and a "global" economy, and we need to face up to the fact that the closure of many local businesses of late (such as the hardware store) has virtually nothing to do with the wealthy "taking over" Culver, but with the middle and lower income Culver residents choosing for decades to shop out of town. C'est la vie.

Back to the point...on our way to the building at 630 Lake Shore, we notice that odd, "V" shaped lot which for years was occupied (at its edge, that is) by a telephone booth, one of at least three in our booming metropolis in those pre-cell phone years.

As early as 1921, a grocery



ABOVE: Two views of 630 Lake Shore Drive. At TOP, in June, 1977, with the old "Pete's Lakeside Grocery" moniker on its west wall, in a photo from Judi Burns' Maxinkuckee history website; and BELOW, in March, 1983, as photographed by Steve McDaniel.

AT LEFT: Pearl Onesti closes the door for the last time on her family's grocery store in October, 1975.

store -- apparently the Spangler Grocery, reflecting a common surname in Culver of the day -- had already been established at the site, though it closed in 1932 due to a fire which destroyed the Hays dance pavilion and restaurant next door, according to The Culver Citizen.

In January, 1935, the Citizen reported T.G. Loudon had purchased the Spangler grocery. Nine years later, in August of 1944, Loudon's Grocery, as it was then known, was sold to Arthur Schweidler, though interestingly the Citizen reported that Loudon "has been operating the business for 20 years." One assumes he was operating the store some years before he actually became the owner in 1935.

Schweidler kept the store until June of 1952, by which point it had been re-dubbed the Lakeside Grocery, a name it would retain for many years to come. The new -- though short-lived -- owner was Harlan F. Holmes.

By May, 1954, the couple likely best remembered by today's readers took over the shop: Pete and Pearl Onesti, previously of Chicago.

On her Maxinkuckee history website, Judi Burns recalls the Sunday lunchtime emergency call April 13, 1969, when well-known Pete Onesti collapsed in his store and was rushed to the hospital. In the wake of his death, his wife Pearl, then, became sole owner and proprietor of what by then was Pete's Lakeside Grocery.

The Oct. 29, 1975 edition of The

Culver Citizen announced that a "23-year tradition" was ending as Pearl Onesti closed the door on Pete's Lakeside Grocery for the last time, having sold to Leonard and Jane Crump of Forest Place in Culver.

As was noted in our previous "If these walls" installment, Pearl continued to operate the Lakeside Coffee Shop next door until it burned in October of 1978.

The Crumps, it was noted, would "continue to keep the business a grocery and will offer a variety of food items," though they also planned to add "Gaye's AA Communications, owned and operated by their daughter, Gaye Tholen, Lakeview St. Gaye will move the business from its present location in Knox to the Culver store, which is to be renamed Crump's Lakeside Grocery."

In 1977, the little store ended its grocery days, likely forever (certainly up to now!) and by 1978, Binkley Real Estate had opened up shop there.

Various businesses followed, including one of a few locations for the Back Door Boutique (which also operated downtown), and, at least for a time in 1983, a video arcade.

In Nov., 1985, Charles and Pat Harner opened the popular Cactus Charlie's there, offering -- as the name suggests -- Mexican and American "fast" food options. There was still similar cuisine at hand when the Renfrow family opened their "Rock N Roll Cafe" at the site in Nov., 1996, though the menu leaned more towards classic American burger joint styles, with soft serve ice cream included. During those years into Sept., 2006, the building took on a hot pink exterior, making it rather hard to miss from the street.

For the next three years, the front of the structure stayed empty, though Dawn Minas (now Brockey) had quietly begun using the restaurant equipment to expand the offerings of her Culver Coffee Company to include pizzas and sandwiches (under her watch, the hot pink building took on the more tame, dark brown hue of today).

By July, 2009, the much-remodeled building re-opened in its present incarnation as Rideon, which both rented, sold, and repaired bicycles (at the time, it was the second of Culver's bicycle shops, The Bike Barn having opened the year before several blocks west).

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cations 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 Community 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 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 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 marshallcountycf.org.

Exercise for Seniors

Culver-Union Township Public Library is offering Exercise for Seniors. This free exercise class will meet three times a week and offer easy, seated exercises. The program is scheduled for Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 10 a.m. and will meet downstairs in the large meeting room.

For more information, call the Culver-Union Township Public Library at 574-842-2941 or e-mail ljones@culver.lib.in.us. The library's street address is 107 N. Main St.

'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: 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.

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.

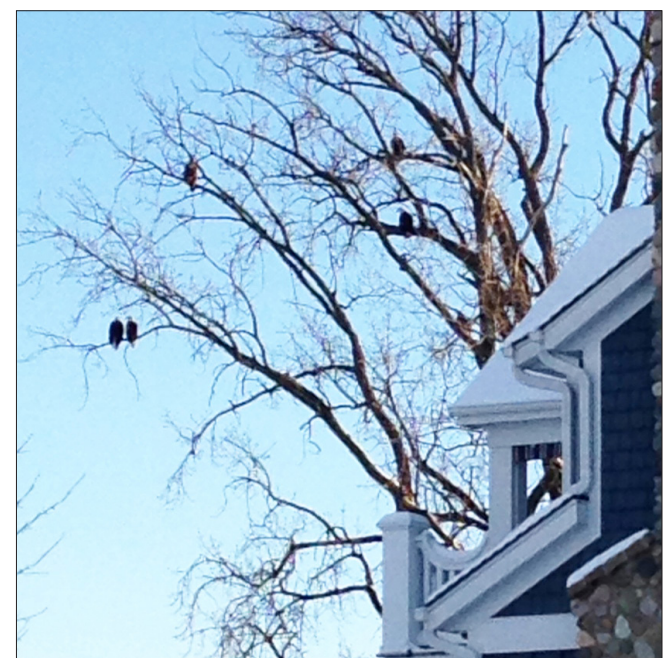


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The eagles have landed

LEFT: Sightings of bald eagles on Lake Maxinkuckee have become more and more frequent each winter in recent years, but this photo may convey the degree of growth in population of the birds at present. While an individual eagle or couple began the trend several years ago, Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council director Kathy Clark estimates some 15 of the birds are nesting and hunting on Maxinkuckee shores this winter. This photo, taken recently on the east shore, appears to show five eagles perched in one tree.