

# The Culver Citizen

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## Caps, gowns, and Culver classes of 2014

PHOTOS/KAREN LEE PHOTOGRAPHY - \*PAUL PARÉ - \*\*CULVER ACADEMIES

ABOVE: Both Culver Comm. High School and Culver Academies held commencement exercises over the weekend (CCHS on Friday evening and Culver Military Academy and Culver Girls Academy on Sunday morning), ending another school year for both. Pictured ABOVE, RIGHT, \*are local CGA graduates Maeve Kline (left) and Payton Gavlick, preparing for their traditional journey under the school's graduation arch (as opposed to the CMA tradition of cadets passing through the Iron Gate, visible AT LEFT\*\*. Pictured in the LOWER CENTER are the assembled CCHS graduating seniors, some of whom can be seen celebrating moments after the conclusion of the graduation ceremony in the high school gymnasium (silly string and all), at UPPER RIGHT. Details on scholarships awarded to CCHS seniors are on page 9.

### In Brief

Football/cheerleading registration Sat and June 24

Culver football and cheerleading registration will take place Sat., June 7 from 9 to 11 a.m. and Tues., June 24 from 6 to 8 p.m. Both will take place at the Culver high school library. Football players must be between the ages of 7 and 12 and attend one of the registration dates to be fitted for equipment. Online registration is also available at NIYFL.com. Please email culverjrff@gmail.com with any questions. You can also 'like' Culver Junior Football on Facebook.

Broadway Musical Moments show Saturday

Tickets are now available to the general public for the Culver Antiquarian and Historical Society-sponsored "Broadway Musical Moments" performed by Dr. Charles Webb, Saturday, June 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Legion Memorial Building on the Culver Academies campus. Included will be Broadway tunes from films directed by award winning director Joshua Logan. Joshua Logan is a Culver Military 1927 graduate. Tickets are \$35 for AHS members and \$45 for non-members. Mail checks to P.O. Box 125, Culver, IN 46511, or contact Ginny Gibson at 574-635-0635.

Visitor center, museum grand opening June 14

The Museum of Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee History (formerly the Center for Culver History) and the Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee Visitor Center will hold grand openings Saturday, June 14 at 1 p.m. as part of the annual Taste of Culver festival on Jefferson Street between Ohio and Main Streets. The museum and visitor center are located within the southwest quadrant of the First Farmers Bank building at the corner of Main and Jefferson.

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## Changes in administration at all levels of Culver Comm. Schools

Proskey, Biernacki, Berndt among host of changes in lead positions

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor



ABOVE, FROM LEFT: Luke Biernacki and Erin Proskey.

LEFT: Julie Berndt.

A host of changes in faculty and administration at Culver Community Schools include a new face behind the principal's desk at Culver Elementary, and a sharing of the assistant principal and athletic director positions at Culver Comm. Middle and High Schools, among other changes.

In the elementary principal position this fall will be Erin Proskey, current elementary assistant principal.

Current elementary principal Chuck Kitchell, who has served at the post since 1997, will become Director of Operations/Focusing on Curriculum, according to Culver Comm. Schools superintendent Dr. Vicki McGuire.

"Chuck Kitchell will move into a role that will allow him to support all principals and teachers with implementation of the new state standards," says McGuire. "Mr. Kitchell will also be available for any principal who may need extra assistance with disciplinary issues or other areas that require support such as grounds and facilities. Mr. Kitchell has not been assigned as the Assistant Superintendent but will be a bridge of communication between central office and individual buildings."

Regarding Proskey's new title, McGuire says, "Mrs. Proskey has learned her skills through the guidance and direction of Mr. Kitchell. She is ready to continue with excellence in the Elementary Principal position. She knows the students and parents, which makes for a smooth transition."

"I am truly grateful that I have been given this wonderful opportunity," says Proskey. "As the Culver Elementary principal, I will work closely with the teachers, staff and parents to help students develop and achieve success in all areas of life -- socially, emotionally and most of all academically. Together we will stress the importance of good character, academic excellence, and leadership."

"My philosophy," she adds, "is respect yourself and others, appreciate individual differences, and work to your fullest potential. By practicing these ideals at a young age, students will lay the foundation to become a successful student as well as an amazing individual."

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## Paul Gignilliat honored for years of service

By Doug Haberland,  
Culver Academies



Paul Gignilliat (right) receives the Logansport Medal from Head of Schools John Buxton (left). With Gignilliat's interest in the fine arts, it's only appropriate that the spring musical set served as a backdrop.

PHOTO/DOUG HABERLAND

he received the Logansport Medal "for heroism, service, and

Like his grandfather and great-grandfather before him, Paul Gignilliat, Culver Military Academy class of 1949, has played an integral role in shaping the institution.

In appreciation for his many years of service to Culver Academies and to his hometown of Chicago (Oak Park), Gignilliat was honored May 16 as the 2014 Graduate of the Year. As such,

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## Taste of Culver fest June 14

The 2014 Taste of Culver will be held Saturday, June 14 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Downtown Jefferson Street will be closed to traffic as the food booths line the street, spilling over into Heritage Park, where tree shaded tables and chairs will allow participants to enjoy a variety of foods and the melodious sounds of Ken Arnsbarger's steel drums.

This year's event will also include the grand opening of the new Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee Visitor Center at 102 W. Jefferson St. Suite A (in the southwest wing of the First Farmers Bank building, facing Jefferson Street), and the Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee Museum of History (formerly the Center for Culver History) at 102 W. Jefferson St. Suite B (adjacent to the Visitor Center).

The grand opening and ribbon cutting will begin at 1 p.m.

The Culver Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the event again this year as it has in the past, when it has brought over 400 people to the downtown area.

A diversity of food offerings will include, pizza, polish sausage, mini burgers, chicken wings, sushi, cajun specialties, shaved ice, cookies, fresh fruit cups and hot dogs, to name a few choices off the menus of Culver's unique restaurants.

Attendees may also browse Culver's quaint shops, walk down to the shores of beautiful Lake Maxinkuckee, and stop in at the Farmer's Market for home-grown items, all are within a block of the event.

Those with questions may call Patty Stallings at 574-842-2118 (cell 219-765-0702) or email patty.k.stallings@gmail.com.

## Council will meet with plan commission concerning wind devices

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Culver's town council breezed through a fairly short meeting last week, though members did schedule a public work session for 5 p.m. June 10 to seat both the council and Culver's plan commission in the same room in hopes of finding an agreeable way forward regarding the much-discussed (and debated) matter of personal use wind energy conversion systems, otherwise known as windmills.

That meeting was scheduled at the specific request of plan commission president Barry McManuay, who noted a sit-down between the two groups was discussed respectively by both in recent weeks.

Some controversy took place at a town council meeting last month when a number of residents pressed the council to vote against proposed specifications for the devices as proposed by the plan commission, which spent a number of months hammering out proposed legislation for council approval. After more detailed discussion at a more recent council meeting, however, council members changed gears and voted not to request a total ban on the devices by the plan commission.

The public is welcome at the meeting, which will take place at town hall.

### Sugar Magnolia Bakery

In other discussion, Kelly Statezar of Sugar Magnolia Bakery, planned to open within the next year at 103 S. Main in Culver, requested approval

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leadership.”

The ceremony was part of Alumni Reunion Weekend, in which Gignilliat and his 23 returning 1949 classmates set an attendance record for a 65th reunion class. Also joining him was his wife, Ellen, and their three daughters, all of whom attended Culver: Suzanne SS'74, Bibby'78, and Mary SS'82.

“Paul Gignilliat was destined to be a Culver man,” Head of Schools John Buxton said in his introduction at the all-school assembly.

His great-grandfather was Col. Alexander F. Fleet, who brought 72 cadets from Missouri in 1896 to bolster the Culver Military Academy enrollment. Gignilliat's grandfather, Gen. Leigh R. Gignilliat, orchestrated Culver's participation in the Logansport Flood and its participation in the Presidential Inaugural Parade in 1913, as well as the development of the Woodcraft Camp in 1912.

As a CMA student, Gignilliat was a member of Company D, a varsity boxer, member of the Cadet Club and Honor Guard. He attended Yale University, where he majored in history and lettered in crew. He was a member of the Naval ROTC program at Yale and later served two years aboard a destroyer escort in the Great Lakes.

He made his career in the stock market as a broker and

investment adviser, primarily with Kidder Peabody. Today, he is vice president of UBS Global.

A resident of Chicago, his accomplishments as a volunteer and community leader are far-reaching: school board president, trustee with the Chicago Symphony, director of the Chicago Humanities Festival, and a director for the Hubbard Street Dance Company.

“His service to Culver is even more impressive,” Buxton noted: a trustee of The Culver Educational Foundation for 34 years, a former Legion board member, national Annual Fund chairman in (1986-88), Fine Arts Advisory Council member, Summer Schools & Camps Strategic Planning and Development Committee member, and an honorary member of Culver's Cum Laude Society.

But it is the Gignilliats' love of Culver and appreciation of the fine arts that have combined to benefit students and faculty in numerous ways.

“Some might say that Paul and Ellen have been Culver's Patrons of the Arts,” John said. “Their Culture in Chicago program has introduced literally thousands of students and dozens of faculty members to the wonders of cultural life in the other place they love and call home – Chicago.”

The Artistic program funded by the couple has made it

possible for aspiring artists – students as well as faculty and art mentors – to get supplemental training to advance their skills.

Their support has given the choir opportunities to travel the Mozart International Choir Festival in Austria and the Rome International Choir Festival. Individually, they have assisted four students selected for the Honors Choir at Carnegie Hall.

Additionally, through a Permadebt program, the Gignilliats have helped young faculty members eliminate portions of their college student loan debt.

The results of their work was seen and heard at the Graduate of the Year Ceremony. It included musical performances by a student, a faculty member, and the Culver Choir, all of whom have benefited from their generosity.

Gignilliat also has been a supporter of the summer Naval Band and other camp programs. His patronage even extends to “the trees on campus, who replaces or doctors our beautiful trees to keep the campus majestic,” Buxton said.

A full profile of Graduate of the Year Paul Gignilliat and excerpts of his acceptance speech will appear in the Summer 2014 issue of the Culver Alumni Magazine.

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to install an ADA-compliant ramp on the sidewalk outside the building. She said the new ramp would replace the planting box currently located outside the front door. A steel railing will be installed with the ramp.

Statczar also requested permission to install a hanging sign on a pole between the door and window, something she must discuss with the building commissioner, according to McManuay. The council approved the sign pending the commissioner's approval, but opted to table the ramp until town utilities manager Bob Porter and town manager Dave Schoeff could inspect the site and approve the specifications for it.

### TIF expansion

Kathy Clark of the Culver Redevelopment Commission discussed the proposed expansion of Culver's TIF (Tax increment financing) district, which would include 19 properties in town and three outside town limits, which were approved recently by the Marshall County commis-

sioners.

The area includes a number of longstanding businesses as well as a row of properties on Main Street between Washington and Cass which are currently private residences but are zoned for commercial use (Clark noted the CRC would gain no money from the latter properties unless their use actually becomes commercial).

Clark also explained any of the properties were not included when Culver TIF districts were established in 2003 because TIF was largely unknown in the area at the time and the CRC “didn't just want to take everything industrial or commercial in town...now we're trying to pick up things where we might see development in the next ten years.”

She added development is already in the works at some properties such as CVS and the new bakery, but the CRC simply wishes to “have a voice” in future development in coming years.

Other areas include land on the west side of South Main Street (around the Garden Court senior living facility) and West Jefferson Street east of State Road 17, two areas Clark noted have been examined as potential for moderate income housing development.

Council president Ginny Munroe noted the Culver plan commission has already approved the proposal, which the council adopted by resolution.

### Other business

Council also approved a request from Culver Military Academy cadets Landrum Neer and James Jamison to use the town-owned lot near the Lake Shore Drive water tower for a ‘wake and wash’ boat and car wash June 27 and

28, a senior service project which will raise money for Culver's Lions Club.

Neer noted the students will likely use his uncle's trailer and tank to supply water.

During his town manager's report, Shoeff said repairs at that water tower are complete and the tank in the process of being refilled.

A public hearing will take place June 17 prior to final approval of Culver's new comprehensive plan, he said. He also reported an income survey needed for the town to qualify for requested grant funds is complete, with results coming back that the town is 57 percent low to moderate income.

Approved by council was \$6,500 to finish milling out and paving areas of Cass and Slate Streets and Lake Shore Drive in order to attain uniformity of paving. The areas adjoin portions of those streets which were dug up and repaved as part of the nearly complete storm water project on Culver's west side.

A quote from Thomas Excavating for \$24,672 was the low bid to install a controlling structure to prevent increased water flow going west outside of Culver following completion of the storm water project, a requirement of the Marshall-Starke County drainage board, according to Schoeff. He noted town representatives tried in vain to argue against the need for the structure.

A work session was scheduled by the council for June 24 for a presentation by community calendar business What's Up 24-7.

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## Obituary

### George B. Baker Jr. June 17, 1944- May 24, 2014



CULVER — George B. Baker Jr., age 69, of Culver, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his wife and her children.

He was born in DeLong, to George Sr. and Alice (Beerwert) Baker. George served in the U.S. Army from 1965-66. He retired from RBC bearings in Bremen.

He is survived by his wife of 26 years, Judy L. Baker, his parents Don and Alice Lutz (Culver), one brother, one sister, five children, 10 grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. Preceded in death by his father, George Baker Sr.

Per George's wishes, a military memorial service will be held at his home June 7 at 11 a.m. All friends and family are cordially invited. There will be no viewing or graveside service. Memorials can be donated to the Center for Hospice Care in Plymouth. Expressions of sympathy can be left for the family at LakeviewFHC.com.

## Death notices

### William F. Schmidt May 23, 2014

ROCHESTER — William F. Schmidt, 71, of Rochester died at 3:27 p.m. on May 23, 2014 at Life Care Center in Rochester.

The Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is assisting the family.

### Ronald Matthews Lewellen May 25, 2014

CULVER — Ronald Matthews Lewellen, 78, of Culver, died at 4:35 a.m. May 25, 2014 at IU Medical Center in Indianapolis.

The Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is assisting the family.

## Letter to the editor

### Thanks for St. Mary's bus support

I would like to thank everyone that supported our Nelson chicken fundraiser. All of the funds raised will go towards the Saint Mary's bus, which transports over 20 children to Saint Michael each school day. We look forward to your support again in the years to come.

Amy Jessen  
St. Mary of the Lake

## Deer, speed reported as factors in damage at Burr Oak cemetery

A single-vehicle accident destroyed a large cement pillar at the entrance to the Burr Oak Cemetery on 14B Road west of Tulip Road, according to the Marshall County Sheriff's Department.

Officer Joe Giordano investigated a call around 4:30 p.m. May 31, where it was reported a 1993 Dodge Stealth driven by 20-year-old Dillon Smith of Plymouth had been traveling westbound on 14B Road. Smith's vehicle crested the hill just east of the cemetery and ran off the road to the left, striking and destroying the pillar, on the south side of 14B. Dillon said he had swerved to avoid a deer. The Sheriff's Department adds that unsafe speed also appeared to have been a factor in the crash. There were no injuries, and the accident is still under investigation.



## Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee summer events 2014

**Saturdays all summer:** Culver Farmer's Market (corner of Jefferson and Ohio Streets)

**Sat., June 7, 7:30 p.m.:** "Broadway Musical Moments" concert with Dr. Charles Webb (Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver-sponsored), Culver Academies Legion Memorial Building.

**Fri., June 13, 7 p.m.** Annual Culver Boys & Girls Club auction, Culver Academies Lay Dining Center.

**Sat., June 14, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Taste of Culver festival, downtown Culver (sponsored by the Culver Chamber of Commerce).

**Sat., June 21:** Culver Kiwanis Club Peanut Day (various intersections).

**Sat., June 21, 12:30 p.m.:** Lake Maxinkuckee Association Hickory Sticks golf outing (historic period outing), Mystic Hills Golf Course.

**Fri., June 27 - Sunday, June 29:** Lake Max Challenge SUP (Stand Up Paddleboarding) event sponsored by Sail22. Culver public beach.

**Late June through late July, 9 p.m.:** Saturday night Council Fire programs, Culver Woodcraft Bird Sanctuary.

**Late June through late July, 8 p.m.:** Garrison parades, Culver Academies parade field

**June through early August, Saturdays:** carillon recitals performed on the beautiful, 51-bell carillon at Culver Academies Memorial Chapel, another beloved tradition.

**Fri., July 4:** Fireworks display and patriotic ceremonies, Culver Academies parade field

**Fri., July 11:** Moonlight Serenade with the Culver Summer Naval Band (west shore)

**Sat., July 12:** Moonlight Serenade with the Culver Summer Naval Band (east shore)

**Sat., July 12, 10 a.m.:** "Crime, Punishment, and Culver" with Jeff Kenney (Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver annual meeting), Culver Public Library

**Fri., July 13 - Sat., July 19:** Marshall County 4H Fair (Argos fair grounds)

**Fri., July 18:** Kiwanis Golf Outing, Mystic Hills Golf



The annual Moonlight Serenade, one of the highlights of Culver area summer events, will take place July 11 and 12.

**Sat., August 8:** Lake Max Triathlon (starts from Culver Academies).

**Sun., Aug. 9:** Lake Maxinkuckee Association annual meeting

**Tues., Aug. 12:** First day of school, Culver Comm. Schools

**Sat., Aug. 16, 10 a.m.:** "The Huckleberry Queen" Marshall Co. historical program (Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver), Culver Public Library.

**Fri., Aug., 29 and Sat., Aug. 30:** L'Max Film Fest/Gift of Warmth (Eppley Auditorium and Culver town park)

**Fri., Sept. 5 - Sun., Sept. 7:** Maxinkuckee Yacht Club fall regatta

**Sat., Sept. 20:** Culver Wine Fair (Culver Chamber-sponsored), Culver Cove beach.

Course

**Fri., July 18 - Sunday, July 20:** Culver Lake Fest

**Fri., July 18 - Sunday, July 20:** Culver Summer Camps homecoming alumni weekend

**Sat., July 19:** Kiwanis raffle drawing (following Lake Fest fireworks)

**Fri., July 20:** Culver Summer Camp registration begins

**Fri., July 25 and Sat., July 26:** Culver sidewalk days (downtown)

**Sat., July 26:** Lions Club corn roast and Culver firemen's festival (town park and adjacent)

**Fri., July 25 - Sun., Aug. 3 (various dates, times):** "Bye Bye Birdie," Maxinkuckee Players (Culver Comm. High School auditorium).

**Sat., Aug. 1:** Culver Lions Club White Cane Day (various intersections)

**Sat., Aug. 1:** Culver Summer Camps Woodcraft and Upper Camp graduation

## Library news

### Technology Training classes in June

Culver-Union Township Public Library is offering free technology training in June. Classes take place Mondays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. throughout the month of June, and will focus on Technology Training. Feel free to bring in any device – tablets, laptops, and smartphones to learn features and functions. We will also discuss any hardware, software, or computer security questions that you may have. 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.

"Recycle, Repurpose, & Save" program June 9

### Culver Comm. Schools considers Eastern Pulaski bus route

Culver Community Schools Corporation is considering running a bus route for any student(s) in the Eastern Pulaski area who would be interested in attending Culver Community Schools in the fall. This would be transportation and tuition free services to the students that enroll for the 2014-2015 school year. Those interested are encouraged to contact the Administration office at 574-842-3364.

As part of the science-themed 2014 Adult Summer Reading Program, Culver-Union Township Public Library will offer a "Recycle, Repurpose, & Save" program Monday, June 9 at 6 p.m. in the large meeting room. Reference/Adult Services Librarian Laura Jones will demonstrate how to make natural laundry soap, grocery sack dispensers, and washable library bags made from old t-shirts. If you would like to make these items during the program, please bring along plastic grocery sacks, an empty Clorox wipes container (or similar container), and an old t-shirt.

This program is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Reference/Adult Services Librarian, Laura Jones, at 574-842-2941 or ljones@culver.lib.in.us

## 319 CES students READ their way to fun

Culver Elementary students were rewarded recently with a movie and party concluding the annual reading incentive program, R.E.A.D., now in its seventh year (it replaced the Jog America Program). 319 students enjoyed the movie, "Frozen," having met their reading goal for the fourth nine weeks, according to CES teacher and READ coordinator Janna VanDePutte. VFW Post 6919 Men's Auxiliary once again donated \$400 toward the incentive party and VanDePutte adds organizers were also surprised with a donation of Coke products this year from the Coke company in Plymouth.

## Culver's Lakehouse leading in home stretch of county 'Burger Wars'



A Culver area restaurant appears poised to beat out the competition county-wide in the Marshall County Burger Wars competition, though diners still have until noon Monday (June 9) to cast final votes, which may be done via the Marshall County Convention and Visitors Bureau's website [www.visitmarshall-county.org/burgerwars](http://www.visitmarshall-county.org/burgerwars)

Culver's Lakehouse Grille was in the lead in the contest, with 647 votes, as of

press time.

Eight Marshall County restaurants were selected to be voted for round by round to find the best burger restaurant in the county in a contest which began May 16. There were four rounds of 10 and 7 days of voting to whittle down competitors, leaving the Lakehouse head-to-head with J's Pub of Argos.

"Our burgers are USDA prime angus beef," says Lakehouse owner Mark Damore Jr. "In other words, they are top of the line meat. Last year, 7,931 burgers were consumed at the Lakehouse and we are on pace to shatter those numbers this year.

"We take great pride in our gourmet burgers and are honored to represent Culver in the Marshall County Burger Wars Championship."

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## CES students celebrate landmark box top collection

Culver Elementary students enjoyed an out-

ing in the town park throughout the day the week before the end of school, part of a celebration of 'Box Top Heroes' at the school, where over 35,000 box tops were collected towards Parent-Teacher Organization projects, according to 5th grade teacher Raeanne Stevens. While the previous school year (2012-2013) netted just over \$2,000 from box top collection (which helped yield new playground equipment), this year's surge in collected tops will bring in over \$3,500.

Stevens notes middle school students, Culver's Kiwanis Club, preschoolers, homeschoolers, and community members in general were part of the effort this time around, and plans are in place for a competition over the summer for CES students, with gift certificates for the student who turns in the most box tops on the first day of school this fall.

The school receives ten cents per box top donated, and community members are encouraged to drop theirs off at the school, the public library, or via postal mail at 401 School St, Culver, IN 46511. The Box Tops for Education logo is visible on many food and other products, and more information may be found online at [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com).

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### Community meal at Grace June 15

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

### 'Fahrenheit 451' at library book club

CUTPL's book club, Hooked on Books will meet on Wednesday, June 11 at 1 p.m. in the purple meeting room located downstairs at the library.

The book for this month is "Fahrenheit 451" by Ray Bradbury, tied into the Adult Summer Reading Program. Earn extra points for attending this discussion. For more information, contact Polly Thompson Wolf at [pwolf@culver.lib.in.us](mailto:pwolf@culver.lib.in.us) or 574-842-2941. The Culver-Union Township Public Library is located at 107 N. Main St. in Culver, Indiana. All programs are free and open to the public.

### LMA golf outing will be 'hickory sticks' retro-themed

The Lake Maxinkuckee Association's annual golf outing will take place Saturday, June 21 at Mystic Hills Golf Course. This year's event will be a unique 'Journey to the Past' retro-themed hickory sticks outing, during which players will use old-style wood shaft clubs and soft balls. Golfers will dress in period attire and awards will be given for the most authentic dress for a single golfer and for a foursome. More information will appear in the Culver Citizen. Contact Jane Grund, [lakedir@culcom.net](mailto:lakedir@culcom.net), 574-298-1690 with questions.

### Scouts to hold document shredding day

The Boy Scouts of Plymouth Troop 257 will hold a secure document shredding fund-raiser from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 14, at Tractor Supply Co., 1310 Pilgrim Lane, Plymouth. People may bring sensitive documents that will be shredded on-site. A minimum donation of \$10 is suggested. The Scouts will have a drive-up lane that allows donors to pull up to the shred truck and have their documents disposed of without getting out of the car.

### CUTPL June board mtg rescheduled

The Culver-Union Township Library Board has rescheduled its June monthly meeting date. The new date is Tuesday June 24 at 7 pm. at the library. The regularly scheduled meeting date, which is the third Tuesday of the month, will resume in July.

### CBGC Kidstop program

Kidstop, the Culver Boys & Girls Club-sponsored child care program, runs weekdays from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Breakfast and lunch is provided every day as well as activities such as park, beach, and library visits, and field trips. Kidstop pricing for full lunch rate members is \$12 per day (\$6 for the second child) and free/reduced lunch rate is \$6 per day (\$3 for the second child). For more information visit [www.bgcculver.org](http://www.bgcculver.org) or call 574-250-0103. The

CBGC is located in the Culver Community Elementary School.

### Kiwanis raffle underway

The Culver Kiwanis Club's annual summer raffle is underway, with 1st prize being a street ready golf cart valued at \$7,000 MSRP. Second prize is an Old Town Canoe with paddles (\$900 MSRP), and third prize is a Sit on Top Ocean Kayak with paddles (\$600 MSRP).

Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25, and may be purchased from any Kiwanis Club of Culver member.

All proceeds go to four-year college scholarships for local children.

### AHS summer events schedule

The Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver summer schedule includes its annual AHS meeting (July 12, 10 a.m. at the Culver Public Library), with a look at police work and the major crimes of Culver's past; the Huckleberry Queen (August 16, 10 a.m. at the Culver library); with Anna Liechty from Plymouth; Preserving your historic home - myths and answers, with preservation architect Kurt Garner, at the AHS' annual wine and cheese gathering in September (exact date TBA). Visit [www.culverahs.com](http://www.culverahs.com), email [historyofculver@gmail.com](mailto:historyofculver@gmail.com),

or call 574-635-0053.

### New Sr. Men's Golf League at Mystic Hills

The new Senior Men's Golf League at Mystic Hills Golf Course in Culver will play nine holes every Wednesday, all summer long. Everyone 60 years and older is invited to play. All levels of skill are welcome, and you do not have to commit to playing every week -- just show up. Teams are randomly assigned and prizes are given. Any one having further questions may contact Bob Austgen at 630-624-8521.

### Marshall Co. Jr. Golf Tour dates

The Marshall County Junior Golf Tour includes seven tournaments, including in Culver. Boys age groups are 8-9 (play 5 holes), 10-11 (play 6 holes), 12-13 (play 9 holes), 14-15m and 16-18 (play 18 holes). Girl's age groups are: 8-11 (play 5 holes), 12-14 (play 9 holes), and 15-18 (play 18 holes). For more information contact Steve Read at via email [steveread@kconline.com](mailto:steveread@kconline.com) or 574-546-3337 or sites. [google.com/site/johnroberts711](http://google.com/site/johnroberts711).

### CUTPL Summer Reading kickoff party June 2

Science is the theme of Culver-Union Township Public Library's 2014 Summer Reading Programs. CUTPL offers programs for children, teens, and adults with programs, prizes, book discussions, and special events. An ice cream kick off and sign-up party will take place Monday, June 2 from 2 to 3 p.m. Summer reading will run from Monday, June 2 through July 31. For more information, call the library at 574-842-2941 or check out its website at [www.culver.lib.in.us](http://www.culver.lib.in.us). This program is free of charge and open to the public.

### Wolfe Gallery exhibit hours

On view at the Crisp Visual Art Center's Wolfe Gallery, on the campus of Culver Academies, is "Visual Voices," a small selection of paintings, drawings, prints, and sculpture from various cultures of the Americas, Asia, and Africa. The gallery is open for public viewing in the gallery the third Sunday of the Month in May and June from 1 to 5 p.m., and then every Sunday at the same times during Culver Summer camps. Interested individuals, classes, or groups are encouraged to call Robert Nowalk at 574-842-8278 to arrange a gallery visit or tour.

### Friends offer weekly book sales

As a new offering this summer, the Friends of the Culver Union Township Public Library will hold a book sale every Saturday starting May 17 and ending August 30. Hours are from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The book sales will be in the Carnegie Room, in the lower level of the library.

If you wish to donate books, bring them to the library during library hours.

### Farmer's Market open

The Culver Farmer's Market will open Saturday, May 17, at the northwest corner of Main and Ohio Streets, across from CVS. The market will have new hours this year, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Interested vendors please call at 574-842-2648 (ask for Barb).

### "Give and Golf" cards now available

United Way "Give and Golf" cards are now available for a \$50 donation to United Way of Marshall County; the card entitles the golfer to play one round of golf at all six of the golf courses located in Marshall County including Mystic Hills Golf Club in Culver. Golfers or gift givers may obtain their cards by cash or check at any of the participating golf courses, the Pilot News, WTCA AM1050 radio station, Yoder's Sports Center, Plymouth Chamber of Commerce. Golf Cards can also be purchased by cash, check or credit card at the United Way of Marshall County office, located at 2701 North Michigan Street in Plymouth or online at [www.marshallcountyuw.org](http://www.marshallcountyuw.org). For more information, visit [www.marshallcountyuw.org](http://www.marshallcountyuw.org), or call the United Way of Marshall County offices at 574.936.3366.

### CRC offers match to local donors' STEM dollars

The Culver Redevelopment Commission is offering to match any local individual, organization, or entity wishing to support Culver Community Schools' efforts to facilitate the new STEM-based program to better meet nationwide standards in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math, no matter how small the financial contribution, until they reach a total of \$10,000. Expenses may include new computers, software, or other equipment needed in support of implementing Project Lead the Way's program, which are not covered by grant funds. For more information, or to set up a donation, contact Kathy Clark or the CRC at 574-952-2963 or [k.clark6094@sbcglobal.net](mailto:k.clark6094@sbcglobal.net).

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## Culver Community girls track team headed to State

By TIM CREASON  
Correspondent

WARSAW — About this time a year ago, Kayla Shaffer wasn't even thinking about the state track finals.

"I played softball when I was a junior," says the Culver Community senior. "I didn't run track; I never really thought about it."

My, what a difference a year makes. Now, Shaffer isn't just thinking about next week's state track meet.

She's thinking about winning it. "What have we got to lose? We'll go all out," said Shaffer, who led a remarkable Cavalier surge Tuesday at the Warsaw girls track regional.

In particular, the 100-meter dash, where she and senior teammate Denisha Brown pulled off a stunning 1-2 finish, clocking 12.54 and 12.57 seconds, respectively.

Culver Community. One-two. In a regional 100 meter dash.

"We might go 100 years before you see Culver finish 1-2 again in the 100-meter dash at a regional," said Cavaliers coach Mike Buschman. "For us, what an amazing accomplishment."

But that was just the start. Brown went on to finish second in the long jump, just two inches behind champion Shawntel James of Jimtown.

Shaffer clocked 25.51 in the 200-meter dash, leading most of the way until South Bend Riley's Ayiana Gaines

slipped past, a few feet before the finish line.

Shot putter Mickella Hardy, a junior, finished third, reaching 39-11 3/4". The Cavalier 4 x 100 relay of Shaffer, Hardy, Justine Dexter and Brown finished fourth in a blistering 49.54 seconds.

Add it all up, and Culver Community finished fifth in the final team standings, square in a battle with Mishawaka and South Bend Adams.

Warsaw won the regional championship with 67 points, while Penn placed second at 60-1/2. Culver Community scored 46.

"You just don't see us do things like this very often," said Buschman. "Denisha is just coming off a foot injury. "We've had to have a lot of things go right."

At least the Cavaliers can count on being well-represented at the IHSAA girls state track finals in Bloomington on Friday, June 6.

The top three finishers in each event advance to state, as well as anybody who meets a tough IHSAA performance standard.

Plymouth is sending athletes to Bloomington in two events, starting with high jumper Kaydon Fosler, who cleared 5 feet, 2-1/4 inches to claim a regional championship.

The Plymouth 4 x 800 relay of Libby Read, Rachel Crawford, Abby Patrick and Allie Wright finished third in 9:38.18, making up a tremendous distance over the final

leg.

Wright placed fifth in the 800-meter run, leaving her short of a state berth. But she helped Plymouth score 20 points, good for 11th overall.

Culver Academies weight thrower Leah Heckaman wasn't feeling her usual self Tuesday and was upset by Lakeland freshman Kloe Fitch in the discus. Fitch threw 140-8, Heckaman went 132-2.

In the shot put, Heckaman won with a 42-8 1/4 toss. Very good, but still a foot shy of the regional record she was hoping for.

"I really don't know what happened," said Heckaman. "I put too much pressure on myself. I was thinking about it too much."

Bremen scored a pair of sixth-place finishes, failing to advance any athletes to state. Katelyn Aguayo sailed 15 10 ¼ in the long jump and the Lion 4 x 100 relay clocked 50.88.

WARSAW GIRLS TRACK REGIONAL  
At Warsaw  
Team scores: WARSAW 67, PENN 60.5, SOUTH BEND ADAMS 56, MISHAWAKA 50, CULVER COMMUNITY 46, SOUTH BEND RILEY 30, CONCORD 29, ELKHART MEMORIAL 26, DEKALB 23, CULVER ACADEMIES 21, FREMONT 20, PLYMOUTH 20, EAST NOBLE 18, ANGOLA 16, MANCHESTER 15, MARIAN 12, LAKELAND 12, FAIRFIELD 12, NORTHFIELD 12, JIMTOWN 11.5, ELKHART CENTRAL 10, GOSHEN 9.5, WEST NOBLE 8, ROCHESTER 8, WESTVIEW 7, BREMEN 6, NORTH MIAMI 4, ELKHART CHRISTIAN 4, TIPPECANOE VALLEY 3.5, GARRETT 3, EASTSIDE 1, NORTHRIDGE 1, CENTRAL NOBLE 1, PRAIRIE HEIGHTS 1.

## Argos knocks off Cavs at Culver Sectional

By James Costello  
Sports Editor

CULVER — Culver Community rallied, but the runs came too little, too late.

The Cavs plated three runs with two outs in the bottom of the seventh, but it wasn't enough to undo an 8-1 Argos lead, and the Dragons held on to knock off defending sectional champion Culver, 8-4 on the Cavs' home field Saturday.

"I think we hit the ball well today. We've been playing well the last six or eight games," said Argos head coach Lowell Hatfield. "We came out and hit the ball, we were aggressive on the bases and did what we had to do to win a baseball game."

The victory was a reprisal for an earlier regular-season loss at the hands of Culver.

"We had talked to the boys about Argos. I think they took it for granted because we beat them pretty good the first time around this season, and I think they kind of looked past them," said Culver coach Ron King. "We kept warning them Argos is much better than what we saw that day, and on any given day anybody can win."

Argos scored two in the top of the third off an outfield error and another error on a pickoff attempt to second.

The Dragons broke it open with four hits, a walk, and a

hit batsman during a four-run fourth inning.

Argos plated another two runs over the next two innings to stretch its lead to 8-1.

Culver didn't rally until the seventh, when the Cavs got RBI singles from Shawn Russel and John Robbins and an RBI double by Everett Krueger, all with two outs.

But it was a case of too little, too late for the Cavs.

"I'm proud of the guys for hanging in there. We made some good plays, we made some dumb plays, but we didn't give up and that says a lot. Earlier in the season we would've dropped our heads and who knows how many runs we would've given up? Today we kind of take one or two bad innings there, and picked our heads back up," said King.

Everett Krueger took the loss on the mound for Culver giving up 10 hits with four walks and two hit batsmen while striking out five.

Tyler Peters got the win for Argos, striking out nine while surrendering three walks and six hits lasting 6 2/3 innings.

"We knew he throws hard and he mixes in a good offspeed

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## Sports briefs

### Boys golf

#### Plymouth wins Lancer Invite

Plymouth boys golf earned its second invitational win of the season with a 327 ahead of Glenn's 336 at the Lancer Invitational at Mystic Hills Saturday.

Nate Kolter shot a season-low 74, and Reis Yoder shot another season-low 77 to lead the Pilgrims.

Culver was led by Trent Elliott's 75 as the Cavs placed eighth with a 4-3 ahead of Triton's 417

LANCER INVITATIONAL  
At Mystic Hills Golf Club (par 71)  
TEAM SCORES: PLYMOUTH 327, GLENN BLACK 336, TIPPECANOE VALLEY 337, FAIRFIELD 337, WARSAW 338, LAVILLE BLUE 345, NEW PRAIRIE 395, CULVER 403, TRITON 417, GLENN RED 437, LAVILLE WHITE NO SCORE

### Boys golf

#### CMA tops, Plymouth splits 3-way

Culver Military nosed out Plymouth by a stroke, and the Pilgrims split with a win over Penn in a three-way meet at Mystic Hills Thursday night.

Culver Military was led by Ben  See Sports page 6

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## CGA advances past Bremen at tennis regional

By James Costello  
Sports editor

**CULVER** — The name of the game is survive and advance.

Two-time defending regional champion Culver Girls Academy didn't blow Bremen off the court, but the Lady Eagles played well enough to claim a 4-1 victory over the Lions in the opening round of regional play at the Gable Tennis Complex May 27.

Similarly, Plymouth's

No. 1 doubles tandem of Ellen Smith and Savannah Mae found a way to advance in the doubles competition at the meet in Culver.

"Tough match. Bremen really brought it. I can see why they did so well in their path through sectionals, and we appreciate the stiff competition they provided," said CGA head coach Jeff Kutch. "Our girls, like they have all year, just found a way to win. I don't think they come here to necessarily blow anybody off the court. I don't think they come here looking at rankings and scores as much as they just know they have to find a way to win, and they did it."

The Eagles clinched the regional semifinal with a clean sweep in singles play as Natalia Lopez-Yanez beat Morgan Smith, 6-4, 6-0 at the 1 spot, Rachel Simon put away Alexa Harshbarger, 6-4, 6-2 at 2 singles, and Carlota Silva defeated Bay Cope, 6-2, 6-3 at 3 singles. Regina and Amanda Padilla teamed up for a 4-6, 7-5, 6-1 win over Cassie Sears and Haley Moren at 1 doubles for the Eagles' fourth match point with the team outcome already in the books.

"It's a team event, it's always about getting those three out of five points. We did it early, and that took a little pressure off," said Kutch. "We're excited to move on."

CGA now advances to play Peru, a 4-1 winner over Warsaw Tuesday, in the regional finals today. The Eagles are looking for their third straight regional title on their home courts.

"We've got eight seniors graduating this year so we've kind of got to make hay while we can," Kutch said. "It's been a great year. It's fun winning, but it's more fun just having fun. And these girls understand what fun means when it comes to tennis. It's not hanging out and playing around as much as having fun pushing yourself and finding out how well you can play and going beyond your limits and competing against good talent, like we did today."

• CGA REGIONAL  
At Culver  
CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 4,  
BREMEN 1

## Glenn defeats CMA at Marian baseball sectional

By Ron Haramia  
Correspondent

**MISHAWAKA** — When the John Glenn Falcons finally took the field Friday night, they were more than ready and needed just five innings to defeat Culver Academy. Glenn dispatched of the Eagles by the score of 15-2 at the Class 3A Marian Sectional

"We did not have a whole lot go right for us today. The baseball gods just did not smile on us," said CMA head coach Gary Hinton. "(The first game) was a good one, extra innings, (and had the same pitching match-up), but that is baseball."

Early on, it looked like the Eagles (7-10) were going to be the team with the most offense. While Glenn (14- 11) scratched out a pair of runs the first two innings on just one hit, CMA loaded the bases with no outs in both the first third innings.

### Sports page 5

Sharff's 35 followed by John Connelly's 39, Kirby Hart's 40 and Santiago Fernandez's 41.

CULVER MILITARY 155, PLYMOUTH 156,  
PENN 163  
at Mystic Hills Golf Course (Par 35

At Culver  
CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 5, PERU 0

### College track

#### Neer qualifies for national championship

Jacksonville, FL - Culver Girls Academy graduate Waverly Neer qualified for the 5000 meters national championship to be raced on June 14 in Eugene, Oregon by finishing fourth in the East Regional with a time of 15:58.91. The top twelve from both east and west regional qualify. Elinor Kirk from the University of Alabama won in 15:53.93.

### Girls tennis

#### CGA three-peats at regional

Culver Girls Academy won its third straight regional championship with a 5-0 whitewashing of Peru at home at the Gable Tennis Complex Wednesday evening.

The championship represented CGA's sixth overall.  
• CULVER REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

### School page 1

The position of assistant principal at Culver Elementary will be filled this August by current middle school principal Julie Berndt, who will also be the Title 1 Director for the corporation.

"Mrs. Berndt has extensive knowledge of the rules and regulations of the Title 1 program," explains McGuire. "Julie may also be involved with assisting the Athletic Director for the corporation, focusing on supervision of events and promoting positive community relations."

In the area of faculty, CES last week held a farewell party not only for Kitchell, but for three longtime teachers retiring as of the end of the school year: art teacher Joyce Lyman, kindergarten teacher Jean Urbin, and 4th grade teacher Leslie Shepard.

#### High school, middle school changes

As reported in last week's Culver Citizen, former high school dean of students Brett Berndt accepted the position of principal at CCHS, replacing current principal Albert Hanselman, who will be heading up the vocational cooperative for the multi-school group to which Culver belongs.

"We wish (Hanselman) the best of luck in the future," says McGuire.

The school chose to return to an earlier model in combining the high school and middle school principal positions, both of which Berndt will fill.

Moving up to the combined assistant principal and athletic director's post -- another return to an earlier administrative model -- will be Luke Biernacki, who has been with the corporation as an English teacher for six years.

Andy Thomas, the current Athletic Director, has resigned, notes McGuire.

Biernacki, she adds, "has done a very nice job in the teaching field and is excited to move into new challenges. We also wish Andy Thomas a very bright future."

McGuire points out that all sports for the upcoming school year are on schedule.

Says Biernacki: "I am honored and excited to continue my educational career in an administrative role with Culver Community Schools. The last six years at Culver have been the best of my professional career. An educational career is incredibly rewarding, and Culver Community Schools provide a wonderful opportunity for educators and students. I am excited to continue my career as an educator with the best students and staff around.

"I am fortunate," he adds, "to be surrounded by passionate students and a dedicated staff. I could not imagine a better place to continue my career. Although leaving the classroom as a teacher will be difficult because of my love for teaching, I look forward to the new challenges as the assistant principal/athletic director of Culver Community High School and Culver Community Middle School."

McGuire emphasizes that the middle school and high school will not be consolidated at this time.

"Enrollment has declined in the past few years and state funding is based on a 'per pupil' amount," she explains. "Therefore, adjustments must be made. By reassigning duties, we are able to more evenly distribute support for students and staff. I am blessed to work with such amazing educators who truly care about children. I consider all who are employed with CCSC as educators; they work with children in one way or another."

She adds that, "In order to grow and do what is best for students in any school corporation, change is inevitable. All outstanding school systems are continuously assessing to determine how to become even better than before and how to move forward in education and best practices.

"We have exceptional administrators and teachers at CCSC who are talented enough to be stationed anywhere throughout the school system and still make a positive difference in the lives of students.

"I am proud of an extraordinary group of colleagues who will most likely work in the following roles beginning 2014-2015 school year."



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CGA #1 singles player Natalia Lopez-Yanez defeated Bremen's Morgan Smith last week at girls' tennis regionals in Culver.



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## 31 CCHS graduates receive special recognition at commencement

Thirty-one Culver Community High School seniors received special recognition at the commencement exercises May 30.

Academic Honors Diplomas were received by Dylan Bennett, Donald Clark, Caleb Dehning, Megan Lyczak, Nick Pritz, Kayla Shaffer, Emily Shidler, Michael Skiles, Kennedy Thomas and Tim Wireman. Technical Honors Diploma was received by Mark Lehman.

Culver Community High School's Certificate of Academic Excellence (Top 10) were presented to Dylan Bennett, Donald Clark, Caleb Dehning, Trenton Elliott, Megan Lyczak, Kayla Shaffer, Emily Shidler, Michael Skiles, Kennedy Thomas and Tim Wireman.

Other scholarships awarded included the following.

**Jacoda Anderson**, son of Mr. Johnny Anderson, received: Charles B. and Lenore M. Keitzer Memorial, Sally Overmyer Memorial, Paul A. Humbert, Leonard C. and Ethel E. Hoffman Memorial. He will attend Ancilla College, Donaldson.

**Dylan T. Bennett**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bennett, received: 1st National Bank of Monterey Technical, JMC Engineering, Paul A. Humbert, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman Memorial, Culver Comm. Cert. of Academic Excell.-TOP TEN, Academic Honor Diploma, Academic Bar. He will attend Purdue University, West Lafayette.

**Denisha Brown**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Roberts, received: Betty Jean Wilson Zehner, Paul A. Humbert. She will attend University of Indianapolis.

**Elijah M. Burgess**, son of Mr. Bruce Burgess received: Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman Memorial. He will attend Ancilla College, Donaldson.

**Donald R. Clark**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Clark received: Gladah Ruth Shanks Humanitarian, Odom Funeral Home, R. B. Krueger, Paul A. Humbert, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman Memorial, Culver Community Schools Corp. Staff, Culver Comm. Cert. of Acad. Excell.-TOP TEN, Academic Honors Diploma. He will attend Manchester College, North Manchester.

**Justin J. Croy**, son of Ms. Michele Trusty and the late James Croy, received: Culver Lions Club, Culver Tri-Kappa Grant, Paul A. Humbert, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman. He will attend Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, Indiana.

**Kevin Caleb Dehning**, son of Rev. and Mrs. K. C. Dehning, received: Hazel Dell Neff Smeltzer, Everett R. and Frieda G. Houghton Memorial, Donald Zeglis Memorial, Fulton County R.E.M.C., Charles B. and Lenore M. Keitzer Memorial, Paul A. Humbert, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman Memorial, Culver Comm. Cert. of Academic Excell.-TOP TEN, Academic Honors Diploma, Academic Bar. He will attend DePauw University, Green Castle.

**Trenton R. Elliott**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Elliott, received: Paul A. Humbert, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman, Culver Community Schools Staff, Mystic Hills Golf



PHOTO/KAREN LEE PHOTOGRAPHY  
Members of the CCHS class of 2014 at commencement Friday night.

Warner Harris, received: Harold and Neva Mikesell, Charles B. and Lenore M. Keitzer Memorial, Paul A. Humbert, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman. She will attend Indiana University/Purdue University, Indianapolis.

**Samantha Howard**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Howard, received: VFW Mens Auxiliary, Paul A. Humbert, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman, Culver Community Schools Staff. She will attend Ivy Tech Community College, Warsaw.

**Abigail Elizabeth James**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ron James, received: Genn and Lucille Overmyer, Charles B. and Lenore M. Keitzer Memorial, Paul A. Humbert, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman. She will attend Indiana University, South Bend.

**Mark Lehman**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dilts, received: Culver Building Trades, VFW Mens Auxiliary. He will pursue Carpenter Apprenticeship, Warsaw.

Stephen Lehman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lehman, received: Culver Building Trades. He will pursue Carpenter Apprenticeship, Warsaw.

**Courtney L. Littleton**, daughter of Mrs. Carla Littleton, received: Paul A. Humbert, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman. She will attend Indiana University, South Bend.

**Grace L. Lorenz**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lorenz, received: George Burkett, Starke County Palmer, Bass Lake Lioness, Culver Tri-Kappa Grant, Odom Funeral Home, Bass Lake Lions, Bass Lake Fire Department McCormack, Paul A. Humbert, Academic Bar. She will attend Paul Mitchell College, Tennessee.

**Tyler A. Lowry**, son of Mrs. Peggy Personette, received Culver Building Trades. He will attend Ivy Tech Community College, South Bend.

**Megan K. Lyczak**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Lyczak, received: Beatrice Goss, Everett R. and Frieda G. Houghton Memorial, Dorothy Mitchell Nursing, VFW Ladies Auxiliary, Paul A. Humbert, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman Memorial, Culver Comm. Cert. of Academic Excell.-TOP TEN, Academic Honors Diploma. She will attend Purdue University, West Lafayette.

Course. He will attend Fairmont State University, Fairmont, W. Virginia.

**Keenan Alexander Galloway**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Galloway, received: Charles B. and Lenore M. Keitzer Memorial, Paul A. Humbert, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman Memorial. He will attend University of Texas, San Antonio.

**Emily D. Hamand**, daughter of Dale and Lisa Hamand, received: Starke County Palmer, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman Memorial. She will attend Ivy Tech Community College, Warsaw.

**Shakkira N. Harris**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

**Cody J. Peterson**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Peterson, received: Marohn, Culver Building Trades, Paul A. Humbert, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman Memorial. He will attend Purdue University Technical, South Bend.

**Nicholas A. Pritz**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pritz, received Culver Tri-Kappa Grant, Culver Tri-Kappa Shirley Slyh, Eunice Schrimsher, JMC Engineering, Paul A. Humbert, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman Memorial, Academic Honors Diploma. He will attend Manchester College, North Manchester.

**Jaclyn A. Rocco**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Rocco, received: Culver Tri-Kappa Coolman, Paul A. Humbert, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman Memorial. She will attend Indiana University, South Bend.

**Shawn T. Russell**, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Russell, received: Culver Building Trades, Paul A. Humbert, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman Memorial. He will attend Ivy Tech Community College, South Bend.

**Kayla M. Shaffer**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Shaffer, received: Culver Tri-Kappa Grant, Culver Kiwanis, Culver Tri-Kappa Barbara Winters for Excellence, Paul A. Humbert, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman Memorial, Walter A. Glaub, Outstanding Female Athlete, Culver Comm. Cert. of Academic Excell.-TOP TEN, Academic Honors Diploma. She will attend Indiana University East, Richmond.

**Emily L. Shidler**, daughter of Mrs. Kristy Shidler, received: Pulaski County Farm Bureau, Charles B. and Lenore M. Keitzer Memorial, Paul A. Humbert, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman Memorial, Culver Comm. Cert. of Academic Excell.-TOP TEN, Academic Honors Diploma. She will attend Indiana University/Purdue University, Indianapolis.

**Tyre M. Simpson**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cassiwell Harris, received: Charles B. and Lenore M. Keitzer Memorial, Paul A. Humbert, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman Memorial. He will attend Indiana University, South Bend.

**Catlynn A. Siple**, daughter of Michelle Siple and Jason Siple, received: Charles B. and Lenore M. Keitzer Memorial, Paul A. Humbert, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman Memorial. She will attend Ivy Tech Community College, Valparaiso.

**Michael R. Skiles**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Herrell and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Skiles, received: Coca Cola, William and Barbara Snyder, Paul A. Humbert, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman Memorial, Culver Community Schools Staff. He will attend Indiana University, South Bend.

**Kennedi N. Thomas**, daughter of Mr. Randy Thomas, received: Marianne Ransdell, American Red Cross, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman Memorial, Culver Comm. Cert. of Academic Excell.-TOP TEN, Academic Honors Diploma. She will attend Purdue University, West Lafayette.

**Timothy Matthew Wireman**, son of David and Patty Ruhnnow, received: Maxinkuckee Players, Gladah Ruth Shanks Memorial, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman Memorial, Culver Comm. Cert. of Academic Excell.-TOP TEN, Academic Honors Diploma, Academic Bar. He will attend Indiana University, Bloomington.

### Cavs page 5

pitch," said King of Peters. "He had his game today. The first time we saw him he walked quite a few guys, and we knew he was a better pitcher than that as evidenced today. I told the young man as he came to third base after the game what a great job he did."

Argos advances to play South Central, an 8-2 winner over Oregon-Davis in the early semifinal Saturday, in the sectional championship game today at 5:30 p.m.

Culver closes out the year at 5-17, meanwhile. The future looks bright for the Cavs as they graduate just three seniors from this year's squad.

"We started four sophomores and a freshman and two guys that have never played the game," said King. "We've got a lot of young, inexperienced guys. We're optimistic based on just how we finished the season. We're 4-2 in our last six games."

• ARGOS 8, CULVER 4  
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## Character counts for CES 2nd graders

LEFT: Culver Elementary 2nd graders took part in the annual Cool Character parade from the school and through downtown last Tuesday afternoon. The "Cool Character Club" is a regular part of the curriculum in the 2nd grade, where students start each day with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Character pledge. Students are directed back to the six pillar of character (trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship) if a discipline issue arises. Each pillar is represented by a color on the shirts worn by the students, which were underwritten by the Culver Kiwanis Club.

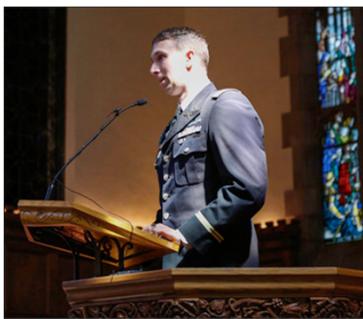
Jean Ahlenius, 2nd grade teacher at CES, expressed appreciation to the Club, as well as to the Culver police (whose squad car led the parade), school board member and assistant Culver fire chief Ken VanDePutte for helping safely escort the children, who enjoyed popcorn after the parade provided by the Melody Drive-in. Ahlenius also thanked parents for their support of the program.

## Academies Memorial Day speaker emphasizes sacrifice, complexity of American soldier

By Jan Garrison, Culver Academies

Capt. James McLaughlin, CMA class of 2006, was the guest speaker at Culver Academies' Gold Star Ceremony on Memorial Day where he spoke to the students, faculty, staff and guests gathered in the Memorial Chapel on May 26.

McLaughlin is a 2010 graduate of the United States Military Academy, receiving his admissions offer through Culver. Upon graduation from West Point, McLaughlin was commissioned as an infantry officer. After completing the Infantry Officer Basic Course and Army Ranger School, He was assigned to the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum New York as a member of the 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment,



Capt. James McLaughlin addresses the Gold Star Ceremony audience on Memorial Day. CULVER ACADEMIES PHOTO/CAMILO MORALES

"Golden Dragons." He served as a Rifle Platoon Leader, deploying to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He is currently assigned as the Battalion Assistant Operations Officer.

His military awards and badges include the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Ranger Tab, the Basic Parachutist's Badge, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), the Afghan Campaign Medal (with Star), and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

In his speech, McLaughlin emphasized putting one's self second-

ary to whatever is being asked and the "willingness to give up what matters to you without hesitation, despite reservation."

He also pointed to the value of imperfection, noting that "joining the military doesn't correct (one's) flaws or change their vices. It does highlight the good in man, especially when adversity is applied, and it more importantly imbues them with a deep sense of honor. But despite all of the good the military does, there is bad as well."

He suggested that, rather than idolizing veterans, they should be seen as full persons, good and bad.

"...Despite the success or failure, the true humanity of the American soldier to me is far more remarkable than any myth or any story. We should apply that same thought to Culver's Gold Star men."

He also remembered West Point classmate and friend 1st Lt. Todd Lambka, who died in 2012 when his vehicle had struck an IED. McLaughlin said soldiers like Lambka should be honored, "But we should never be sad at their passing. We should strive to learn what their service truly meant to this country, and be in awe that such men were Americans."

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