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## In Brief

### Wine and cheese museum open house Friday

A wine and cheese reception and open house will take place Friday, Nov. 14, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Culver Academies Museum & Gift Shop, 102 S. Main Street in Culver. The event, which also serves as a kickoff for the Culver Club of Culver's 2015 membership drive, is free and open to the public. A brief presentation by museum curator Jeff Kenney, entitled, "Culver -- a History in Cartoon and Caricature," will take place at 6 p.m. Call 574-842-8842 with questions.

### IOOF breakfast Saturday

The Maxinkuckee Odd Fellows will hold an all you can eat breakfast including biscuit and gravy and pancake and sausage at \$8 for adults and \$6 for children. The event will be held Sat., November 15, from 6 a.m. to noon, at the corner of 18B and Pine Roads. Bake sale items support Union Twp. 4-H.

### Community meal at Grace Saturday

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

### Beyond Glory' onstage Tuesday

"Beyond Glory," starring Stephen Lang, will perform at Culver Academies' Eppley Auditorium on Tuesday, November 18 at 7:30 p.m. The one-man show presents the stories of eight veterans from World War II, Korea and Vietnam. For tickets and additional information, call 574-842-7058.

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## Making Christmas shopping Culver-ey

ABOVE: The annual 'Christmas in Culver' weekend event, which aims to encourage local shopping prior to the fervor of "Black Friday" and other aspects of the holiday shopping season, drew a number of people to the town's commercial districts. Among them were Joe and Sandy Baughn, whose grandson Kellen Baughn joins them in the photo at ABOVE LEFT, enjoying the particularly evocative window display at Diva on Main Street (new Lake Maxinkuckee tree ornaments lend a local air as well in the photo at LOWER CENTER). At LOWER RIGHT, D. Morrison Lyman adjusts some of the popular clay snowman figurines created by her mother, Joyce Lyman, and offered at the holiday craft bazaar at the train station - depot. At LOWER LEFT, Elizabeth's Garden on Plymouth Street showcased Christmas in its outdoor display, in this case combining it with the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday as well.

## Vocational ed concerns may tip scales in favor of balanced calendar at Culver Community schools

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

The Culver Community Schools corporation still isn't sure whether it will adopt the much-discussed "balanced calendar" for its 2015-2016 school year, but if it does, the decision may well be most influenced by two factors: the importance of vocational education programs for many of its students, and the importance of the funding those programs facilitate, to its already-endangered budget.

That message actually came through after the bulk of a Nov. 3 public meeting regarding the balanced calendar, held at the Culver Comm. High School auditorium.

Most of that meeting centered around discussion led by faculty and administrators from the nearby Rochester School Corporation, which was one of the first public schools in Indiana to initiate the balanced calendar, back in 2007.

The schedule, while it maintains the required 180 days of school, reduces the summer vacation period and expands other existing breaks (such as spring and fall breaks), facilitating a shift that proponents say helps students retain information better (with less summertime loss) and improve learning by way of more frequent, brief rests. Those extended school-year breaks are also utilized by many schools for remediation for students struggling academically.

The presentation was led by Rochester High School assistant principal Chris Keisling, who presented the areas the calendar most impacted the school system via a slideshow, fielding questions from the audience along the way.

Keisling did emphasize she couldn't attribute increased student success (such as ISTEP testing improvements from 71.5 percent in 2006-07, to 81 percent in 2013-14) entirely to the new calendar, since that schedule came into play alongside several other initiatives including New Tech at the high school level, more project-based learning, and working with local agencies towards alternatives to suspension and expulsion of students, something she noted falls short of an actual alternative school.

Remediation, she added, is not a "golden ticket" to student success, and may require working closely with parents

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## Beggs, Ricciardi take open town council seats

### Other local election results

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

David Beggs and Sally Ricciardi will occupy two seats open on Culver's town council, following the Nov. 4 elections.

Ricciardi, a Republican, received 277 votes, or 45.11 percent, while Beggs -- also a Republican candidate -- took in 35.67 percent, with 219 votes. Edged out was the third candidate, Liberterian Joel R. Samuelson, who received 118 votes, or 19.22 percent.

A third seat, currently occupied by Bill Githens, will come open in January due to Githens' election to the county council last week. That seat is expected to be appointed by Republican chair David Holmes, unless more than one candidate files, which would lead to a caucus.

Republican Githens received 2,026 votes for the council seat, which he will share with other election victors for open seats, Matthew Hassel (R), Don Morrison (R), and Judith Stone (R).

The other elected seats in the town of Culver were three school board positions, all of which were won by incumbents with no party declared. They included Ryan Sieber (with 484 votes), a Culver at-large member; William J. Sonnemaker, with 445 votes and representing North Bend Township; and Jack Jones, a Tippecanoe Township representative with 474 votes.

Jerry Greeson (R) will continue in his post as Union

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## Recovered Culver love letters returned to owner -- 66 years later

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

The Culver United Methodist Women's thrift shop on Ohio Street receives a wide array of donations on its porch from week to week, but what awaited volunteers one day last month was a first: a box of handwritten love letters from 1948 and 1949 between Culver resident Gaynelle Winkler -- then still a Culver High School student -- and her beau, "Billy" Burman.

Thrift store volunteer Mary Kowatch, as puzzled as anyone as to why the letters had been donated, was also puzzled as to what story they told. What became of the couple? Did they marry? Are they still alive today?

She called Culver Citizen editor and local historian Jeff Kenney wondering as to a way forward in dis-

cerning some answers.

The letters, many back and forth between Culver and Lima, Ohio (Burman's address), described daily life alongside the longings of the young in love to see one another once again. Winkler, still living with parents Harry and Irma on Obispo Street in Culver, told of plans for graduation and the end of school.

A reference in a historical column in the Culver Citizen in 1969 (found in the col-



PHOTO PROVIDED  
ABOVE: Gaynelle and Bill Burman on their wedding day in 1949 -- partially the result of a series of love letters between the two recently recovered by the United Methodist Women's Thrift Shop in Culver.

lection of vintage editions of the paper online at www.culverahs.com) confirmed

that, indeed, Gaynelle had become Mrs. Burman the summer after graduation.

An internet search also revealed a Gaynelle Burman's telephone number in Westfield, Indiana, so Mary Kowatch -- who, along with other ladies at the store, remembered Gaynelle from childhood -- made the call.

Less than two weeks later, Gaynelle Burman and her son, Steve, were at Ed and Mary Kowatch's house in Culver, enjoying Ed's "delicious brownies," says Gaynelle, and reminiscing about Culver names, places, and times.

It had been 66 years since Burman laid eyes on those letters, she explains, adding they "brought back an awful lot of nice memories."

"I was in school at the time," she affirms. "I was 17 and Bill was 20. He was from Huntington, Indiana."

So how did Culverite

Winkler make Burman's acquaintance?

In those days, Harry Winkler was a telegrapher for the Nickel Plate Railroad at Hibbard, she explains, while Bill Burman worked for the Eerie Railroad in the signal department (whose increasingly sophisticated equipment at the time was, ironically, putting telegraphers out of business).

A mutual acquaintance named Kelly, who worked at a lunch counter, told Harry Winkler of a nice young man named Bill who was working for the railroad at the time in Rochester.

"So they arranged this meeting and it took," chuckles Gaynelle, adding the couple double-dated with friends and "hit it off."

Bill would visit Culver every weekend, or Gaynelle and her father would

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## Community unity

LEFT: The Culver community at large joined Culver Comm. High and Middle School students in observing "Unity Day" on Oct. 22, a day set aside nationally to focus on ending bullying in and out of schools. Students and faculty at the schools wore orange to mark the day, and many local businesses — such as the Culver Coffee Company on Lake Shore Drive, whose counter is seen at left — featured signs and decor to draw attention to the occasion as well.

On the 22nd, students attended a screening of the movie, "Bully," and also arrived at school to find their lockers adorned with positive messages (in the photo at right) about each student, from the middle school student council.



## Calendar from page 1



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Chris Keisling (standing), Rochester High School assistant principal, addresses the audience at the Culver Comm. High School auditorium last week during a public meeting regarding the possibility of the school adopting the "balanced calendar" scheduling model. Seated are other representatives of the Rochester school system and community.

in order to function.

Keisling also responded to an audience query that student adjustment to being back at school after shorter breaks appears, statistically, to take far less time than adjusting after the lengthy summer vacation.

One question alluded to repeatedly was whether the balanced calendar is effectively oriented towards struggling students and offers little benefit to succeeding students.

Keisling pointed to enrichment programs Rochester offered during breaks, to compensate more successful students. These include museum and gallery trips and other education-oriented opportunities.

Rochester Middle School principal Christopher Ross also discussed many positives he said he'd observed in relation to remediation, such as a newfound confidence gained by students who have participated in it, which continues long after remediation is completed.

He described some "cross-cultural curriculum" efforts utilized during remediation periods, such as sessions focusing on the Vietnam War which integrated history, math, English, and science.

It was also noted remediation does not occupy the entire day, so students still feel they have some sense of a break.

Ross said programs focusing on character development were added in order to reduce discipline problems, which

it was pointed out have lessened since the calendar was switched.

He also emphasized what he perceived to be reduced stress for students and teachers alike, growing from the new calendar, adding that teachers do at times attain some level of burnout.

Rochester athletic director Ryan Helt addressed the impact the schedule change had on school sports, particularly given the IHSAA schedule to which most other schools adhered.

The loss of early August practices was one initial concern, said Helt, though many coaches compensate by scheduling early morning and added afternoon-evening practices. The extended fall break is "probably the most problematic," he said, in that students tend to be less disciplined during breaks, though the regular sports schedule continues at most schools.

Students engaged in academic intercession are excused from practices, he added, noting those unable to handle academics "don't belong on the playing field."

One Rochester parent also presented his perspective, explaining the schedule presented some challenges with regards to 4H participation and the State Fair (participation in the latter, he said, was excused by the school).

He acknowledged the balanced calendar presented some problems for working parents who were left seeking childcare during newly-added or expanded breaks, a theme several audience members picked up on and expressed concern about.

Keisling said Rochester schools set up childcare service in their elementary school using the state voucher system, though they have since discontinued the practice as more local childcare providers have adjusted to the calendar. In addition, she said a number of community entities, from parks to bowling alleys and others, have generated programs to help alleviate the burden on parents.

"The community has rallied around it," she said, describing such initiatives.

Keisling said the school system works with other schools to make schedules work regarding vocational education, adding that students enrolled in such programs understand they must attend them even when their own school is not in session, if other schools are.

She did acknowledge transportation can present some challenges, as can food services and custodial work, though food service runs on "a lean staff" and utilizes state-sponsored breakfast and lunch programs during

summer break periods.

Some enrichment programs are funded by grants, she added.

In response to an audience member's question, Culver Comm. Schools superintendent Dr. Vicki McGuire said the school would likely look to models employed by other balanced calendar schools, with regards to funding for the calendar changes. She also said the Culver Boys & Girls Club could be an option for area parents seeking childcare options.

McGuire affirmed that most members of the school board were in the audience for the meeting that evening, and would consider the balanced calendar question in coming weeks.

Of central concern to the school, she emphasized, is consideration of its vocational education programs, which many Culver students utilize.

"I don't want students to go to other areas and leave Culver," she said. "It's a tough decision because we're a little bit at the mercy of the other schools."

Culver Building Trades instructor Kyle Elliott addressed the audience on that matter, explaining that students from Knox and North Judson come to Culver to participate in the program, and that both of those schools are looking to adopt the balanced calendar model.

"I'm very concerned about the success of the (Building Trades) program if they go to it and we don't, especially during fall break and spring break, when they will have two weeks off."

The state, added Elliott, puts funding into Culver as the host site, the loss of which could amount to several thousand dollars in a situation in which Culver Community is already strapped for dollars.

At least ten students journey to Knox this school year for auto repair courses, cosmetology, and welding, while some head to Plymouth for precision machine and computer training, respectively (Plymouth Schools announced last week that they would formally adopt the balanced calendar for the 2015-16 school year).

Culver Community is one of ten schools in a regional vocational ed cooperative, said Elliott, who also pointed out many students at Culver may not be four-year university bound and instead rely on vocational opportunities.

Asked why Culver is considering the change now, McGuire said money is indeed a major factor, but also pointed to the possibility of improved educational opportunities the balanced calendar could bring, given that CCHS' graduation rates -- which have remained in the 70s in recent years -- and numbers of honors students need improvement.

"Personally, I'm not for or against the balanced calendar," McGuire added, when asked why a second meeting on the possibility was taking place this year, and why a possible adoption date of 2015 was introduced. "So I'm not trying to mislead anyone. We moved up consideration of the start date because of vocational program concerns."

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## Croy wins IAA Jr Auctioneer Championship title



Indiana Auctioneer Association's Justin Croy, of Culver, was the winner of the IAA Junior Division Auctioneer Championship on Saturday, November 1.

The Indiana Auctioneers Association held its annual conference and show in Indianapolis Indiana, October 30 through November 1. The contest consisted of Indiana licensed auctioneers who have held their licenses for less than five years. It was sponsored by Berger Auctioneering out of Bremen

Indiana and Ball Auction out of Bourbon Indiana, and is intended to help cultivate the next generation of auction professional talent.

Croy, who was profiled in the July 24 edition of The Culver Citizen, is currently the 2014 National Auctioneer Association IJAC Winner and the 2013 IJAC Reserve Champion. He received his Indiana State Auctioneering license in January, 2014, less than one year before winning this award.

Croy is also a 2013 graduate of the World Wide College of Auctioneering of Mason City, Iowa. He is a 2014 graduate of Culver Community High School and currently attends Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, Indiana. Justin is working as a contract Auctioneer for Oak Crest Auctions in Plymouth Indiana.

Croy may be contacted at 574-952-2711 or justincroy@icloud.com.

## State Department of Education releases A-F grades after two-week delay

By Carol Anders  
Correspondent

MARSHALL COUNTY — The Indiana Department of Education released the grade cards for Indiana schools on Wednesday and some local school districts saw fluctuations from last year's results, though in Culver's case, the news was better than it has been in some recent years.

- Culver Elementary had a "C" for the 2012-2013 school year and raised it to an "A".

- Culver Community Middle School was previously listed as a "D" school and made the jump to an "A" school.

- Culver Community High School was rated as a "B" school and came in as a "B" school again. The Culver School's Corporation grade went from a "C" to an "A".

Beginning with the 2010-11 school year, that State Board of Education changed the labels of school categories that are based on student performance.

The A-F rating replaced the terms exemplary, commendable, academic progress, academic watch and academic probation. The revised reporting system was touted as being a more transparent way to inform the public. The grades are based on points given in several areas including the student growth model and graduation rates, along with college and career readiness. Grades for the 2012-2013 school year were very favorable for most of the area schools as are the latest for the 2013-14 school year.

Among other grades in the county: the Plymouth School Corporation grade came in at a "B" level for the last two years; the Argos Corporation rose from a "B" to an "A"; the Bremen Corporation grade is listed as a "B" for both grade cards; John-Glenn School Corporation is now listed as an "A" school, raising their grade from a "B".

The grades had been slated to be made public on Oct. 15, but questions concerning five schools delayed the Indiana State Board of Education approval. The schools in questions included Christel House, Columbus Christian, King's Academy, Guerin, and Hammond Academy of Science & Technology. Schools were given the preliminary results from the schools performances and improvement categories for the 2013-14 school year by Sept. 12.

After reviewing the result, schools then had an opportunity to file appeal requests; however, the appeals had to be submitted by Sept. 28.

Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction, Glenda Ritz, shared her appreciation for the work schools are accomplishing.

"I want to thank Indiana's educators, administrators, parents, and most importantly, students for their countless hours of work over the last academic year. This data shows significantly increased performance for our schools, particularly in schools that have been lower performing in prior years."

## Correction

In our coverage of the Oct. 28 Culver town council meeting (in the Nov. 6 edition of The Culver Citizen), Kevin Berger was incorrectly listed as a member of the Culver Redevelopment Commission. While he is a member of the Marshall County Economic Development Corporation, as he was also described, Berger is currently not a member of the CRC. The Citizen regrets the error.

## Obituary

**David L. Crabb**  
Oct. 16, 1948 - Nov. 6, 2014



CULVER — David L. Crabb, 66, of Culver passed away at 8:28 p.m. on Nov. 6, 2014 at the Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center in Mishawaka.

Dave was born on Oct. 16, 1948 in Rochester to Herbert (Evelyn Wysong) Crabb. He was the oldest of five children.

After graduating from Culver Community High School Dave enlisted in the United States Army, proudly serving his country in Vietnam. When his military

service concluded, Dave fell in love and married Susan Floyd. They married on June 3, 1976 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Culver. Together they raised two children.

David was an active member in the Culver Community, donating much of his time helping with the Culver Little League and the Lions Club burn out contest each year. He liked to watch NASCAR, and was a life member of The Finney-Shilling VFW Post # 6919 in Culver.

Dave is survived by his wife; Susan Crabb of Culver, mother; Evelyn Crabb of Argos, daughter; Brandy Wagoner of Culver, son; Chevy Crabb of Argos, grandchildren; Trent, and Trevor Crabb, Mason Wagoner, and Jayla Davis. Sisters; Diane Crabb of Dundee, Ill., Donna Stotler of Wanatah, brothers; Dale Crabb of Culver, and Donald Crabb of Osceola.

There will be a time to gather and share memories with the family on Saturday, Nov. 15, 2014, from 2-4 p.m. EST at the Odom Funeral Home in Culver, followed by a Military Service at the Washington Cemetery on State Road 117 at his father's grave. Memorials may be given to the DAV Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, Ohio 45250-14301.

Condolences may be sent via the obituary page [www.odomfuneralhome.com](http://www.odomfuneralhome.com)

The Odom Funeral Home of Culver is assisting the family.

## Culver police add patrols during busy Thanksgiving period

Culver — As families take to the roads this holiday season, law enforcement is reminding drivers extra patrols will be cracking down on impaired driving and seat belt violations to increase safety on the state's streets and highways.

Area law enforcement agencies are working in tandem on saturation patrols and DUI checkpoints.

If you see someone driving in a manner you believe to be impaired you are encouraged to call 911 and report the location and description of the vehicle.

"Anyone found to be driving impaired will be arrested," said Officer Troy Ulch. "Also, occupants not using seat belts or who are not properly restrained will be cited." See Police page 5

## Elections from page 1

Township Trustee, having run unopposed and receiving 585 votes.

Continuing to sit on the Union Township Board are Terri Jo (Morrison) Hinds (R), with 423 votes; Michael L. Overmyer (R), with 450; and Shirley A. Snyder (R), with 387.

Union Township resident Marlene (Morrison) Mahler (R), will continue at her post as County Recorder with 7,549 votes (she ran unopposed).

Among other county election results, incumbent sheriff Tom Chamberlin easily claiming the victory over Libertarian challenger Tisha Jacobson-Maher. Chamberlin earned 85 percent of the votes, with his opponent bringing in 14 percent.

## Letters from page 1

meet him in Rochester.

After they were married, the Burmans moved to Kenton, Ohio, the home of the railroad's signal department. They would later take an apartment in Huntington when Bill went into the Army during the Korean War. For part of that period, Gaynelle also returned to her native Culver and worked at the State Exchange Bank.

Bill Burman served in the signal corps in Korea, close to the front.

"He got a beautiful letter thanking him for staying in his bunker (during heavy combat) to alert the troops," says Gaynelle.

After the war, Bill's lengthy absences from railroad work gave way eventually to his long-term career as a meter man, from which he retired.

He passed away two and a half years ago, a week after his birthday, she says. He was also two and a half years shy of revisiting long-forgotten memories contained in dozens of love letters between himself and his future wife, made all the more special by the fact that all of the couple's letters written during the Korean War were destroyed.

The path the letters took from Gaynelle's mother's house to the Methodist thrift shop is a mystery to her, she says, though she assumes they were stored in the attic, garage, or basement when the house changed hands.

"We wrote little notes on the inside flap of the envelope," she says, "and we would put the stamp on upside down...were we ever

that young?"

She was delighted to receive the letters, of course, but is not surprised to know that people in Culver would work to get them back to her.

"Everyone who has ever lived in Culver has that attachment to it," she says.

"(Receiving the letters has) been quite an experience," she adds. "I'm so glad to get them. And it was so dear of Mary to save the letters, and make sure they got into the proper hands."

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**Pilot News - Friday, November 28 Issue**  
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**Bourbon News-Mirror, Bremen Enquirer, Culver Citizen, Knox Leader, Happanee Advance News Thanksgiving Day, November 27 Issue**  
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**Bourbon News-Mirror, Bremen Enquirer, Culver Citizen, Knox Leader, Happanee Advance News - December 4 Issue**  
ROP/Legal Deadline/Classified Displays - November 26 at 5 p.m.  
Classified Liners - November 28 at Noon

**The Shopper/Review - November 30th Issue**  
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## If these walls could talk: 820 Academy

It’s been a few weeks since an installment in our ongoing series of “virtual” journeys through historic buildings of Culver, and this week we’ll take a brief stop at 820 Academy Road, one of a row of more recent buildings of similar look and vintage, on that stretch of the street.

The building owes its origins to more of the medical history of Culver, as the physicians whose office was originally located in the building, Doctors G.W. Stevenson, Jr., and John F. Mann, D.O., had migrated there from the medical building on Ohio Street (ironically, both buildings would eventually become Culver Academies owned).

Stevenson was originally associated with Doctors Pow-



820 Academy Rd. in 2006, when it was still home to St. Elizabeth’s Episcopal Church and Bick’s Flicks video.

ers and Fish on Ohio Street (later the Culver Community Schools administrative building, and today part of the Academies’ IT department). A report in the Culver Citizen in July, 1968, notes that, “John E. Mann, D. O. and family have moved to Culver where Dr. Mann

has become associated with Dr. James D. Leach and Dr. G. W. Stevenson, Jr. at the Culver Clinic.”

A Citizen advertisement proclaimed that Mann and Stevenson’s new offices would open on July 1, 1969, at 820 Academy Road.

The “Culver Clinic” was still listed into 1976, at least, at the address in the Culver telephone directory (though See Walls page 10



LEFT: Lori Sumner of Fort Wayne recently loaned this photo of the old, 1895 Vandalia lighthouse in Culver, wondering as to the identity of the people in the photo. Her husband’s grandfather, she says, was Charleton Baker, once of the house at the corner of Lake Shore Drive and Baker Street in Culver.

The lighthouse was built circa 1895, and is believed to have been lit at night to alert steamboat captains of new passengers arriving at the railroad station. The original lighthouse was destroyed in a storm in 1913, though a replica version was erected in 2006 by the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver, and sits in the park at the same location today.

Of particular interest is the vine-covered structure behind the group of people. It appears in various states of vine-cover, in photos dating from the late 1800s and early 1900s. In earlier photos, such as the one at BOTTOM LEFT, the structure is clearly visible and appears never to have had walls, but instead was presumably a safe refuge from the elements while one waited for steamboats (perhaps the bell in the tower was an audible notice to captains of waiting passengers). There’s no evidence it was used for any purpose related to its look (that of a small school or church). If any readers have more information on the people in the photo, please contact Citizen editor Jeff Kenney at 574-216-0075 or culvercitizen@gmail.com



## Letter to the editor

### More CMA hauntings

The recent article about a ghost in CMA’s Argonne Barracks (“*The haunting of Argonne Barracks?*” in the Oct. 30 edition of The Culver Citizen -- editor) recalls a Halloween incident in 1941. I was a plebe in B Company and due to my interest in journalism, I buddied with Julius Ochs Adler, grandson of the New York Times publisher, who in the summer months worked as a Times copy boy.

Julie told of a ghost who haunted the Times presses and had followed him to Culver. It was a good ghost, he said, and it helped him in the classroom and on the football field.

On this particular night about 9:45 we (everyone in Argonne) heard the lakeshore retreat cannon blast a series of three shots in a “Taps” rhythm. The customary bugle Taps was not heard but for a full minute there was witch-sounding laughter.

The next day we discovered our barracks was the only one that heard a cannon and no bugle. Julie attributed it to his ghost. I guess we all did.

**Russell Leonard  
 Indianapolis**

## Where in the world was *The Culver Citizen*?

RIGHT: No readers correctly guessed the location of The Culver Citizen in its latest world travels, as provided by Bill and Sue Roth of Culver. Their daughter, Melissa, just returned from a trip to Morocco and sent them a photo of herself in front of the airport in Marrakesh, according to Sue, who rightly adds, “That little newspaper sure gets around!”

Indeed, readers over the past handful of years have submitted photos of themselves with their favorite small-town newspaper in multiple cities, states, and several foreign countries.

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## Cavs have experience, balance

By James Costello  
Sports editor



FILE PHOTO

Culver Community's Tatum Schultz goes up for a layup during a game with Westville last season.

CULVER — Culver Community should benefit from some balance on the offensive end this year. While leading scorer Kayla Shaffer — who surpassed the 1,000-point mark at Culver — is now gone, the Cavaliers should have plenty of talent to work with in 2014-15.

Senior guards Tatum Schultz and Angela Lewellen return with the team, while fellow upperclassmen Donna Zehner and Mickella Hardy are back in the post for the Cavs, the latter of which represents Culver's second leading points production last season with 227 points.

Junior Marisa Howard makes her return with the squad, while sophomore Courtney Salyer also returns after playing valuable minutes for the Cavaliers last season. Between those top six, Culver should be tough to defend, with a mix of players who can score either in the paint or from the perimeter.

"We definitely have a balance between our guard and post play," said third-year head coach Gina Hierlmeier. "Mikella and Donna are, in my opinion, some of the best post players in the area as far as just their ability to kind of go in and just play with each other. It's very hard to guard both

of them for any team. I know that teams and coaches probably spend a lot of time preparing for how they're going to stop our post play during the year. Not only that, but we have Tatum and Angela, who on the outside create a lot of things for us with their ability to penetrate in gaps and then also knock down outside shots. I think you're going to see a lot of improvement from Angela and Tatum with their outside shots this year, which is going to make us even more of a threat with the balance between our post and guard play."

Experience is also a team strength this year as all four of Culver's returning seniors are now entering their fourth season at the varsity level. The only problem is that the Cavs thin out pretty quickly after the top six. They're hoping to stay injury-free this season, to keep those players healthy and on the floor. And of course, the Cavs want to make sure they are playing team basketball and using the variety of weapons they have at their disposal.

"Our team's health is something that I'm going to be watching. With only having six really solid varsity players, injuries are something that we're going to have to watch for and hopefully not deal with," said Hierlmeier. "If we stay healthy all year, that would be great. And then, just our ability to have balanced play and scoring. I think a lot of teams last year knew that Kayla Shaffer was someone offensively that they needed to stop. This year we're going to have Mikella — who had a great year for us last year in the post and was our second leading scorer — we're looking for her and Donna to do those types of things but have a balance between all four of those seniors especially to take good shots and score on the offensive end."

Goals for the team are much the same as they've always been: to compete in the Northern State Conference and in the Bi-County Tournament as well as in the playoffs. But even more importantly, the Cavs want to make sure they're playing consistently night in and night out and avoiding some of the peaks and valleys a season can sometimes bring.

"This year, our goal is to go out and play very competitive team basketball," Hierlmeier said. "I think that we obviously want to compete for conference. We also play in the Bi-County Tournament, and I think we have just as good a shot as anyone to win that. And then in the postseason, I think our sectional is probably more open this year than it has been in the past couple. We're definitely looking to do big things. As I talk to the girls, they're definitely expecting big things from themselves, but it's one thing to talk about it, we're going to have to go out and do it. That's going to be our biggest goal is having consistent play every night when we step out on the floor."

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## Culver Academy looks to rebound after injury-riddled season

By Doug Griffiths



FILE PHOTO

CGA's Marie Steiner goes up for a shot during a home game last season.

CULVER — Good luck finding a coach that is happier than Culver Academy's Gary Christlieb to see the 2014-15 season arrive.

You see, the 2013-14 season quickly turned into somewhat of a nightmarish scenario for his Eagles.

They struggled to a 9-11 record, losing their last eight games, but that was because Christlieb's squad was hit with a slew of injuries, including three of the season-ending variety and another to his daughter, Torrie Christlieb, who dealt with a back issue for a good majority of the season that eventually required surgery. Fast-forward to this season and Christlieb's team is awfully green.

"We only have one senior so we are still very young and inexperienced with the bulk of the team sophomores and juniors," he said. "We just hope to get better every game and by the end of the season be a factor in the sectional."

Leading the way for CGA will be junior guard Marie Steiner, who averaged a team-high 17.8

points per game, but had her season cut short when she tore her anterior cruciate ligament. Steiner and the rest of her team - mates will have a tough time replacing the 5-foot-11 Christlieb, who paced the Eagles in rebounding, averaging 9.4 per game, to go along with her 12.1 points per game.

"Not because she is my child, but you do not replace a kid like her who played on a sectional championship team and averaged a double-double when healthy," said Christlieb, who guided CGA to a 2011 sectional championship. "She was the only size (we had) and a very difficult matchup for opponents."

"We have to try and distribute her offense and rebounding to other kids and the opportunity exists for people to step up."

Christlieb's departure hurts the Eagles in so many aspects, particularly in the size department. The current roster features no one taller than 5-8 and that's while ninth-year CGA head coach says his team's No. 1 weakness is how it has "absolutely no size."

It's no wonder Christlieb believes the key to a successful season will hinge on his team's ability to defend the interior and rebound the basketball. In addition to a lack of height on his team, Steiner and Jessie Etheridge there both recovering from ACL surgeries and are at about 85 percent now.

Another player coming back from injury is sophomore Victoria Styers. She handled most of the starting point guard duties until she broke her wrist. The lone senior for the Eagles is guard Grace Holzer, who was the lone starter to go injury free last season.

Considering how undersized this team is, it will have to rely on its defense and speed to turn things around if it wants to make last season's sub-par record a thing of the past.

## Police from page 3

In November 2013, there were 490 alcohol-related crashes across Indiana resulting in 224 injuries and 13 fatalities. A total of 735 drivers were arrested for driving under the influence and 9,504 seat belt citations were issued to drivers and passengers who were not properly restrained.

Officers also noted that vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for kids between the ages of 8 and 15. For families with young children, it's important to have a properly installed child safety seat or booster seat for each child. Parents can visit [childseat.in.gov](http://childseat.in.gov) for a list of locations and a toll-free phone number to speak with experts about the proper installation of child safety seats.

Law enforcement agencies from across the state, including the Culver Police Department, County Sheriff's Department, and troopers from the Indiana State Police are jointly participating in this holiday enforcement effort.

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## Six Culver Academies students selected for 2015 Carnegie Hall honors choir

Culver Academies vocalists Cory Andrzejewski, (senior, Plymouth, Ind.) Katie Giacobbe, (senior, Ormond Beach, Fla.) Alexandra Jeffirs (senior, Argos, Ind.) Jesus Mancha Navarrete, (junior, Monterrey, Mexico) Leonardo Rodriguez, (senior, Acapulco, Mexico) and 1st runner-up, Neri Min (junior, Seoul, South Korea) will be traveling to New York City in February, 2015, to sing in Carnegie Hall.

According to the Honors Performance Series website at honorsperformance.org, "The Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall challenges elite students to perform at their very best. Students rehearse and perform under master conductors and have the opportunity to perform before invited representatives from collegiate and professional music programs. Though much of the students' time is focused on performance preparation, the five day immersion program also allows students to experience the best of the sights and performance arts in New York City." Students will attend one of the following Broadway productions: Pippin, Phantom of the Opera, or Lion King.

Dr. Eph Ehly will serve as this years' conductor. Interestingly, Culver students sang under the direction of Dr. Ehly during the 2011 Mozart International Choral Festival in Salzburg, Austria.

Former Culver Academies students selected for the Carnegie Honors programs were: vocalists Callie Wilkinson, CGA '09; Katrina Weil, CGA '11; Mary McKinnis, CGA '12, Jorge Sugich, CMA '14, Hayne Bae, CGA '15, Alexandra Jeffirs, CGA '15; and instrumentalists Joy Shen, CGA '13, and Matthew Moody, CMA '13.



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## Partying with PTO

Culver Elementary 5th grade teacher Raeanne Stevens presides over an array of Culver "swag" at last Saturday's "Parties with PTO" fund-raiser in the school cafeteria. A number of local sales representatives offered their wares, donating a percentage to the Parent-

Teacher Organization, throughout the morning and into the afternoon. Stevens said business was brisk through much of the event, the first of what is expected to be an ongoing series.

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## Briefs from page 1

### Schools strategic planning Nov. 19

Culver Community Schools will hold a strategic planning kick-off on Wed., November 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the Culver Community High School. This will be an informative meeting in regards to the process that will soon begin. Everyone is invited and strongly encouraged to attend.

### Turkey drive Nov. 20

The Culver Comm. Middle School student council will hold a turkey drive for the Culver food pantry on Thurs., Nov. 20 from 4 to 6 p.m. Turkeys may be dropped off at the middle school, where students will be standing outside to take them (donors need not even leave their cars).

### Grace UCC bake sale Nov. 22

The Woman's Guild of Grace United Church of Christ, 307 N. Plymouth Street, Culver, is sponsoring a bake sale Saturday, November 22 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A variety of goodies will be available! Stock up for Thanksgiving!

### Free computer classes in November

Culver-Union Township Public Library is offering free computer classes on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m., in November. Classes include Internet for Beginners (Nov. 14), which covers basic Internet usage. Technology Training (Nov. 17 and 21) offers training in all things technology related. Bring in your laptop, smartphone, tablet or other device to learn and ask questions.

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.

### Wesley Preschool scholarship dinner postponed

Wesley United Methodist Preschool's spaghetti dinner originally scheduled for Nov. 13, has been rescheduled for a date to be announced, in February. Details will be printed as available.

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

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

### Adult recreational basketball starts Nov. 30

Adult recreational basketball will begin again this year, starting Sunday, November 30, 1 to 3 p.m. EST, at the Culver Middle School gym. This will continue each Sunday, and last day will be March 8, 2015. Cost is the same to cover insurance, \$2 per Sunday or just \$15 for all 15 sessions. Please bring your A game, good sportsmanship, but not your kids. Questions can be directed to Ken VanDePutte, 574-274-9942

### Pancake breakfast for Cavs b-ball Dec. 6

A pancake breakfast will be held Sat., Dec. 6 from 7 to 10 a.m. at the Culver Comm. High School cafeteria to support the school's men's and women's basketball teams. The cost is \$5 per person pre-sale, or \$6 per person at the door. All are welcome.

### Children's Christmas party Dec. 13

The annual Culver children's Christmas party will take

place Saturday December 13 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Culver Elementary School cafeteria. The event will include crafts, cookie decorating, and visiting with Santa. The party is a joint event with the Culver Lions Club, Culver VFW, and Culver Fire Department.

### Texas Hold-Em at VFW Dec. 14

The Culver VFW Post 6919 holds Texas Hold-Em tournaments on the second Sunday of each month, with tournaments scheduled for Dec. 14 and Jan. 11. The Post is located at 108 E. Washington St. in Culver (contact 574-842-3886). Doors open at 11 a.m. and the tournament begins at 1 p.m. There is a \$50 buy-in (no re-buys) and \$12,000 in chips (25 percent to the house, 75 in the pot). License #129586. The public is welcome.

### Bell ringers in Culver needed

The Culver Council of Churches is requesting residents' help this Christmas holiday season. The Salvation Army will have their donation kettles setup at Park N' Shop grocery store on Lake Shore Drive and CVS Drug Store on Ohio Street, in Culver, to collect donations to the Salvation Army. All donations given at these locations will stay in Culver, and be used in the Culver area.

To receive these donations, the Salvation Army needs volunteers to help as bell ringers at these locations for a one or two hour session on the day or days you are available. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The weekend days where help is needed include: Saturdays and Sundays, Nov. 29 and 30, Dec. 6 and 9, Dec. 13 and 14, Dec. 20 and 21. Please contact Mrs. Jean Rakich to schedule a slot, at 574-842-2725.

### Culver leaf pick-up underway

Leaf pick-up in Culver is underway. Leaves should be raked to the curb for pick up, NOT into the street as this may cause issues with the storm water drains. Also, please do not mix sticks and branches in the leaves and do not include pumpkins, rocks, etc. Pick-up will continue through December. Please direct any questions to Town Hall, 574-842-3140, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

### Property tax calls are scams

Several Culver residents have received phone calls that they owe taxes (property or otherwise) and the police are on their way to serve a warrant, according to town clerk Karen Heim. These calls are a scam. Residents are instructed to

not provide any personal information, and instead hang up.

### Zumba Wednesday nights

A Zumba class meets every Wednesday night starting at 6:15 p.m. for a nominal fee, at the Culver park beach lodge, 819 Lake Shore Drive. Contact Marc Hayden, Culver park superintendent, at park@townofculver.org with questions, or to talk about availability and ideas for other events/classes.

### Euchre, pinochle club on Fridays

The public is welcome to take part in a new euchre and pinochle club meeting Fridays from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Culver Park Beach Lodge, 819 Lake Shore Drive. Have fun playing cards, make new friends, enjoy beautiful Lake Maxinkuckee and our fine restaurants and city.

### Exercise for seniors at CUTPL

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 dthomas@culver.lib.in.us. The library's street address is 107 N. Main St.

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through the years various physicians led the clinic, including Dr. J.M. Miller earlier in the 1970s).

A parade of assorted businesses occupied 820 Academy for several years. By the late 1970s, Lake Realty held court there, and by February, 1979, Feagler, Sowinski & Easterday Attorneys At Law, announced the opening of their law offices there. Lake Realty continued, under the auspices of Robert B. Tanguy and Rick Chambers, and the Harbor Condo office was located there in 1981. The "Shirt on You" business operated there in the early 1980s, and in 1983, Hole-in-one Donuts & Silk Bouque opened under Robert & Karen (Kresk) Adler, prior to their relocation to the current Osborn's Mini-Mart on Lake Shore Drive, shortly thereafter.

Warren and Marilyn Bickel opened their popular video rental store, Bick's Flicks, at 820 in 1991, operating it until 2006.

Son Dan had opened a video rental store in Anderson, Indiana and split the stock when they parted ways, Dan giving his half to his parents.

Bick's Flicks became Culver's sole video rental outlet and remained so until it closed its doors in 2006.

St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church also occupied part of the building for 16 of those years, prior to Culver Academies purchasing it and taking over both halves in the summer of 2006, to be home to its Human Resources Department, which is still the case today.

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