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In Brief

Board, commission members needed

There are several openings on town boards and commissions in Culver. If anyone is willing to serve on the Plan Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Park Board, Culver Redevelopment Commission, Library Board or Tree Commission, please write a letter of interest addressed to the Town Council, 200 East Washington, Culver, IN 46511.

The Culver UMW Thrift Shop will be closed this Saturday, December 27 in honor of Christmas and to give workers a needed day off to rest and enjoy their families. The store will reopen the following Saturday, January 3. Staff members wish a "Merry Christmas to our most valued and faithful customers."

Community meal at St. Mary's Dec. 30

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church's monthly community meal will take place Tuesday, Dec. 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.

New Year's Eve dinner, party at VFW

A New Year's Eve dinner and party will be held at the Culver VFW Post on Washington Street in Culver, on Wed., Dec. 31. Dinner is from 6 to 8 p.m., and the party starts at 8. Served will be prime rib, potato, salad, and rolls, priced at \$18. The party will include a D.J., Karaoke, party favors, and a champagne toast at midnight.

Student artwork on display at library

Featured artwork by Culver Community Middle School and High School students is on display through December at the Culver-Union Township Public Library. If you are interested in exhibiting your collection, artwork, or crafts at the Culver-Union Township Public Library please contact Reference/Adult Services Manager Dana Thomas at 574-842-2941 or dthomas@culver.lib.in.us.

"Boys of Winter" at library book-film club

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...And to all a good night

ABOVE: Of course these are but a few of the Culver appearances of old Kris Kringle in recent weeks, but the jolly old elf made a good showing at the Culver Public Library's annual holiday open house (which this year coincided with its centennial kickoff) Dec. 6 (RIGHT), seen here with Jenny Dorrell and sons, of Culver, and at the annual children's Christmas party assisted by the Culver fire dept., Lions Club, and VFW (LEFT). He's chatting here with young Sophia Beeson.

Lakehouse Grille to expand east, incorporate outdoor dining

By Jeff Kenney
 Citizen editor

The visual landscape of Culver's Lake Shore Drive business district is about to change dramatically, and Mark Damore Jr. is hoping that change will be "another reason people are proud of Culver."

By the end of the year, the building at 630 Lake Shore Drive (formerly home to Rideon Bicycles, which has moved to 115 East Jefferson Street) will be completely gone, and work will subsequently begin on the addition of outdoor dining facilities to the Damore's Lakehouse Grille, located at 620 E. Lake Shore Drive.

Damore, who notes he's "sparing no expense" in the addition, says the new area will be open by May of 2015.

The resultant addition will be a part open-air, part covered outdoor seating area complete with fire pit and fireplaces (and those won't be the only things smoking, he points out: diners will be allowed to smoke outside after 10:30 p.m., consistent with Damore's philosophy that there'll be "no smoking around kids").

Outdoors, but under cover of a roof, will be a 13-foot-wide area containing four to six tables. The rest of the expansive seating patio will be under the sky, says Damore, and will be complemented by a fireplace on the southeast corner and a fire pit embedded into a stone table further south.

North Shore Fabrication, he adds, will create a "beautiful, special railing" to enclose the area, which will also feature a tree, "just to provide that oxygen feel -- that greenery."

As part of the change, the Lakehouse's current banquet room will shrink by six feet at its south end, which will become a hallway to the outdoor area. That banquet room will be geared towards smaller group meetings but "will get significantly nicer and more functional," Damore says, in terms of its features as well as noise reduction, lighting, and other facets.

That banquet room's east wall will be a "wall of glass doors that can open to the

new banquet space," giving the potential for one, large space capable of seating upwards of 80 people. The south wall of the new room will be comprised of windows opening to the lake, while its east wall will feature a 10-foot-wide fireplace to "give the room character and warmth," he adds.

The genesis of the project goes back to Damore's purchase of the restaurant, then known as The Edgewater Grille.

"I thought, 'Wow, what if we could do some sort of outdoor dining?' That led to me climbing on the roof, but outside of all the structural issues there's significant serving issues in going up and down (and) several liability issues."

But most noticeable was the fact that the tree line in Culver's park perfectly blocked the view of the lake from the building's roof.

Damore set his outdoor dining vision aside for the next few years to concentrate on developing and strengthening the Lakehouse Grille, and along the way finances focused on improvements aimed mostly at maintaining the business.

Then, around a year ago, Damore and Randy Minas -- who owns the former Rideon building, to the east -- had a conversation about the notion of outdoor dining in that area. Damore says part of Minas' interest in selling pertained to the many problems the old Rideon building was having.

Damore notes that, when he first moved to Culver year-round, Cafe Max owner Susie Mahler had introduced the concept of outdoor dining at her Main Street restaurant. Eating outside at the Culver Marina's Boardwalk restaurant, Damore adds, is also a love of his.

"I was so in favor of it," he says. "When we went to Italy (recently), all it is is restaurants on the streets. There's something so community-oriented about it. I thought Susie had a fantastic idea to have dining on the street. People want to be outside; and that's very healthy."

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Culver School corp. receives recognition, funds for highly effective teachers

Culver Community Schools was one of some 1,300 schools across Indiana to receive funding as part of a School Performance Award initiative announced earlier this month by the State of Indiana.

Culver will see a little over \$35,000 by way of the reward, as discussed at the most recent school board meeting last week and noted by our reporting partners at WKVI.

The state's website says the funds are being distributed to "high-performing teachers" in schools with students earning ISTEP+ or end of course assessment passing scores of 72.5 percent or above or with a 5 percent or more growth in graduation rates from the previous year qualified for grant funds for teachers.

Culver's school corporation determines how the money will be distributed, though superintendent Dr. Vicki McGuire reported it will be distributed equally between each effective and highly effective teacher, hopefully before Christmas break.

The funds will be added to a Title 2A grant received earlier this semester from the state for high performing teachers, totaling \$52,747. According to WKVI, evaluations of the teachers determine who receives part of the grant as a bonus. Director of Operations Chuck Kitchell

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LIFT members update on efforts to boost area women

Culver's LIFT (Lending Inspirational Friendship Together) is looking for a few good women.

The women's support group, which formed in 2011 to "collectively support the advancement of women in the Culver area," according to the group's website at www.culverlift.com, "through mentoring, volunteering, and providing resources to other women," visited Culver's Kiwanis Club recently to update members on its mission and work.

According to founding member Carolyn Kline, LIFT "is still committed to doing the same thing we started out doing, which is to befriend women in the community school district, and lift them from a stalled position to the next step they're trying to reach."

Kline and fellow member Barbara Winters made the presentation to the club, which meets each Thursday at noon at the Culver Public Library.

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PHOTOS PROVIDED AND/ANNA CAMPBELL

ABOVE: This architect's rendering previews the new, expanded Lakehouse Grille on Lake Shore Drive, which will incorporate outdoor dining into its offerings.

RIGHT: The former Rideon Bicycle building at 630 Lake Shore Drive gave way to the wrecking ball last week, to make room for the new Lakehouse expansion.



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Going, going, gone

LEFT: One lane of North Main Street was closed for a few days last week as equipment moved in to remove a high-profile portion of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library's east facade. The metal overhang, part of the 2000 renovation and addition to the original Carnegie library structure, had long been vexing library staff and board in shedding ice, snow, and water onto the plaza -- and public walkway -- below.

Work was also done to reinforce the similar overhang atop the upper portion of the building.



Lakehouse from page 1

And with regards to the Lakehouse's new dining space, the view isn't bad either.

Damore says that the new outdoor dining area -- which will sit on an elevation of some 20 inches above the sidewalk -- gives a perfect view of the lake: over parker cars but under the aforementioned park trees.

The expansion, Damore emphasizes, is not first and foremost about adding seats to the Lakehouse.

"I'm happy with the business I have. The reason I'm expanding is what I'm expanding to: it's about the experience, not the seating capacity."

He points to the example of the currently-standing, mas-

sive, natural Christmas tree at the Lakehouse, which has garnered admiration from many in the community, though it's cost the establishment 10 seats.

"I want people to be excited about their town," he adds, "whether they're a resident or visitor. If you're connected to Culver in any way -- to be proud of their town. That's the moral of the story."

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Obituaries

Michael Stephens

July 5, 1954 - Dec. 14, 2014

BLOOMINGTON — Concluding a long battle with pulmonary fibrosis, Michael Stephens died on Dec. 14, 2014 in Bloomington at the age of 60 surrounded by his family. He leaves behind his wife, Deborah Collins Stephens, his daughter, Lily Stephens, his son, Aaron Stephens and Mari Skipper whom he loved as a daughter. He also leaves behind his sister, Billie Wellman, his brother Richard Stephens along with beloved nieces and nephews Guy Wellman, Drew Wellman, Michael Stephens, Matt Stephens, Kate Stephens and Daniel Greiger.

Michael was born July 5, 1954 in Rensselaer to father Willard Stephens and mother Lillian Hale who predeceased him. Michael graduated from Indiana University and moved to the San Francisco Bay Area in 1980 where he created a very successful career in apparel manufacturing. He and his family returned to Indiana in 2006 where he spent the last years of his life surrounded by family and friends who loved him dearly.

Michael married college classmate Deborah Collins on Sept. 3, 1980 in Lake Tahoe, Calif. They created a wonderful life together and were blessed with two children. When diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis in fall 2000, Michael was given five years to live. Michael's relentless optimism, his courage and his strong will made him among the longest living patients in the nation with this disease. All those who interacted with him left filled with inspiration. In his final days Michael's sense of humor, his smile and his kindness were always present.

Michael requested to be cremated. His ashes will be spread in Half Moon Bay, Calif. and also on Lake Maxinkuckee in Culver. A Celebration of Life for all whom wished to join was held Saturday, Dec. 20 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Indiana University Memorial Union (Federal Room) on the Indiana University campus. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that people consider a donation in Michael's honor to Bloomington Hospice House and/or Pulmonary Fibrosis Association. The family would like to thank Indiana University Health Hospice Group and especially Sheryl Gordon and Dr. Robert Stone for their extraordinary and loving care of Michael and his family.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 South Old Highway 37 is handling the arrangements and online condolences may be sent to the family at www.allenfuneralhome.org.

Robert A. Harris

Aug. 28, 1929 - Dec. 13, 2014

CULVER — Robert A. Harris, 85, of Culver passed away on Saturday, Dec. 13, 2014. Bob was born on Aug. 28, 1929 to the late Joseph and Ann (Yadron) Harris. On Dec. 10, 1966 Bob married Mary McCaw, who preceded him in death on July 13 of this year.

Bob proudly served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II and Korea. After his service he worked for American Bridge in Chicago before starting Harris-Angsten Company Inc. in Oak Lawn, Ill.

Never one to sit still, Bob kept himself busy in retirement on the golf course, the lake, and with numerous woodworking projects over the years. He restored over 40 antique carousel horses, built two working miniature carousels, and assembled more clocks than can be counted. Bob's life was centered around his family, and he loved nothing more than seeing everyone together, enjoying a warm summer day at his home on Lake Maxinkuckee.

Bob is survived by sisters Elizabeth Green of Park Forest, Ill. and Dorothy Van Etton of Venice, Fla. He is also survived by daughters Karen of Culver; Laura (François) Lincoln of Vernon, B.C.; son Robert of Wilton Center, Ill.; daughter Anne (Jack) Johnston of Culver and son Brian of Culver; grandchildren Vicky and Annie Fillow, Selene and Erik Lincoln, and Nora and Owen Johnston. He was preceded in death by sister Joan Lichter and daughter Kathleen.

Friends joined Bob's family in celebrating his life at Odom Funeral Home on Saturday, Dec. 20, 2014. Visitation was from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. with a memorial service and burial following. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Bob's memory may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

The Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is assisting with arrangements.

Kathryn 'Kate' I. May

March 6, 1928 - Dec. 16, 2014



CULVER — Kathryn "Kate" I. May, 86, of Culver passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2014 at the Community Hospital North in Indianapolis.

Kate was born to Charles F. and Fern (Marsh) Triplett Sr., on March 6, 1928 in Culver. She was a 1946 graduate of Culver High School. She married her high school love, Robert E. May on Sept. 13, 1947 at Grace United Church of Christ in Culver. Together

they raised two sons. After graduating, Kate worked at Meck in Plymouth and at the Culver Inn. As a hobby, she enjoyed gardening. She and Bob purchased the Lakeview Tavern in the '50s and operated it for over 40 years. Kate was a superb bowler, having been on a state titled team.

Kate was preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Betty McKee, and her two brothers, Charles F. Triplett Jr. and Paul E. Triplett. She is survived by her sons Dr. Fredrick May (Michael O'Connor) of Carmel and Kim (Beth) May of Fort Wayne and grandson Tyler May of Fort Wayne.

A time of visitation with Kate's family was held on Sunday, Dec. 21, 2014 from 5 - 8 p.m. at the Odom Funeral Home, Culver. Funeral services followed on Monday, Dec. 22, 2014 at 10 a.m. with visitation one hour before the service. Burial followed in the Burr Oak Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the Humane Society of Marshall County in memory of Kate and her beloved Pug, Tasha.

The Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is assisting with the arrangements.

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Sports briefs

Boys basketball

Culver falls at Winamac
Culver Community's boys basketball team slipped to 1-5 with a 78-52 loss Tuesday night at Winamac.

The Cavaliers were tied 15-15 at the first quarter break but fell behind by a 31-23 margin at the half before being outscored 47-29 in the second half at Winamac.

Everett Krueger led the Cavs with a game-high 25 points at the contest.

• WINAMAC 78, CULVER 52
At Winamac
Culver: 15 8 15 14 — 52
Winamac: 15 16 20 27 — 78
Complete box score not available.



PHOTO/PAUL PARÉ

ABOVE: CMA's #21 Dylan Powell (at left) battles for a loose ball with Huntington Homeschool's #11 Jose Figueroa during CMA's 66-36 home win Tuesday December 15. At right are CMA's Jake Young and Huntington Homeschool's Joel Neff. CMA's leading scorers were Rayford Dexter EI with 20 points and Ignas Masiulionis with 18. CMA's overall record is 5-2.

CMA rebounds

Culver Military jumped out to an 18-2 start, and the Eagles rattled off a 66-36 victory over visiting Huntington Homeschool at home Tuesday.

Rayford Dexter EI dropped a game-high 20 points for CMA, while Ignas Masiulionis scored 18, and Elijah Miller finished with 12 for the Eagles, who bounced back from a narrow 55-53 loss at Twin Lakes on Saturday.

Bruce Hitzfield finished with nine for Huntington Homeschool.

• CULVER MILITARY 66, HUNTINGTON HOMESCHOOL 36
at Culver
HHS 2 12 18 36
CMA 18 33 44 66
HHS (36): Bruce Hitzfield 9, Ben Weaver 0, Kordy Cabe 2, Joel Neff 12, Connor Gunkel 4, Zach Buhler 0, Brandt Hitzfield 3, Chandler Ballinger 2, Spencer Ballinger 5, Luke Baker 0. Totals: 12-3 3/6 36.
CMA (66): Elijah Miller 12, Jose Figueroa 0, Ignas Masiulionis 18, Stu Johnston 2, Dylan Powell 4, Jake Young 0, Rayford Dexter EI 20, Lorenzo Ricks 6, Jamarrio Rule 4. Totals: 19-6 10/12 66.
3-pt. goals: HHS 3 (Neff 2, S. Ballinger), CMA 6 (Dexter EI 3, Masiulionis 2, Miller). Personal fouls (fouled out): HHS 11 (none), CMA 11 (none).
Records: HHS 6-3, CMA 5-2.

Girls basketball

OD downs Eagles

After a 10-10 first quarter by the competitors, Oregon-Davis used a 20-4 second quarter to take control en route to a dominant 70-37 win over host Culver Girls Academy Friday night.

Taylor Kranenburg finished with a game-high 24 points to lead three OD players in double figures, as Lexi Minix scored 16 and Alexandria Bope scored 14. OD improved to 7-1. Taylor Minix was taken out on a stretcher with 6:49 remaining in the fourth

Paul Williams. Records: Oregon-Davis 7-1, CGA 4-7.

Argos downs Eagles

Argos benefited from a balanced offensive effort that saw three players in double figures as the Lady Dragons claimed a 55-49 win over visiting Culver Girls Academy on Tuesday.

Kaelyn Barrow tallied 15 points to lead the Dragons, while Courtney Dunlap and Val Rospopo each scored 13.

CGA was led by Marie Steiner's 13 points, but three other players — Grace Holzer, Tori Styers and Jordi Blackburne — were all

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PHOTO/PAUL PARÉ

BELOW: CGA's Jordi Blackburne readies a bounce-pass to her left in a home game against Oregon-Davis last Friday. The Lady Eagles lost 70-37 in a game featuring OD's customary pressing defense. From left: OD players Alexandria Minix and Taylor Minix, CGA's Jordi Blackburne, OD center Alexandria Bope, and CGA's Grace Holzer at far right.



quarter.

CGA was led by Marie Steiner's 19 as the Eagles slipped to 4-7 with their second straight loss.

• OREGON-DAVIS 70, CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 37
at Culver
OD: 10 30 40 70
CGA: 10 14 24 37
OD (70): Taylor Kranenburg 24, Taylor Minix 0, Kandis Sauer 0, Lexi Minix 16, Alexandria Bope 14, Jami Hurford 2, Riley Trott 8, Madison Taylor 6, Brooklyn Radtke 0, Zoe Seese 0. Totals: 16-9 11/20 70.
CGA (37): Tori Styers 6, Kinsley Cortes 3, Jordi Blackburne 3, Marie Steiner 19, Grace Holzer 3, Peyton Frank 1, Margaret McKinnis 2, Jessie Etheridge 0, Katie Garland 0, Caitlyn Cowell 0, Mary Terhune 0, Kennedy Kubica 0. Totals: 8-4 9/15 37.
3-pt. goals: OD 9 (Kranenburg 6, Trott 2, Radtke), CGA 4 (Steiner 2, Blackburne, Holzer). Fouls (fouled out): OD 19 (none), CGA 18 (none). Officials: Bob Walsh, Jim Mewburn.

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<p>Culver Bible Church 718 South Main Street CulverBible.org Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. Sunday Eve. Service - 6:00 p.m. Pastor: Rev. Daniel Huhn ✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠</p> <p>Emmanuel United Methodist Church 401 S. Main St., Culver 842-2133 Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Worship - 9:00 a.m. Pastor: Tom Richards ✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠</p> <p>Grace United Church of Christ 307 N. Plymouth St., Culver 574-842-2331 Church Service - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School - 10:15 a.m. Children and Adults Handicapped accessible Pastor: AnnMarie Kneebone ✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠</p> <p>Memorial Chapel Culver Academies Protestant Chapel - 10:30 a.m. Catholic Mass - 9:00 a.m. Pastor: Rev. Johanna McCune Wagner, Chaplain ✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠</p>	<p>Mt. Hope United Methodist Church 7022 W. 700N 574-542-9333 www.mthopechurch.com Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Worship - 10:30 a.m. Pastor: Bob Metzger ✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠</p> <p>Sovereign Grace Baptist Church 110 N. Main St., Culver 842-3629 Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening - 6:30 p.m. Pastor: Bro. Mike Cissna ✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠</p> <p>St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church 515 N. State St. http://steculver.org Eucharist - 6:00 p.m. Pastor: Fr. Clark S. Miller ✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠</p> <p>St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church 124 College Ave., Culver www.culcom.net/~stmarys/ Sunday Masses - 7:30 & 11:00 a.m. Pastor: Fr. Jeffrey Largent ✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠</p> <p>Trinity Lutheran Church 430 Academy Rd. www.trinityculver.org Sunday Worship - 8:30 a.m. Pastor: K.C. Dehning ✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠</p>	<p>Wesley United Methodist Church 511 School St., Culver 842-2900 Memorial Day-Labor Day - 8:00 a.m. at Culver Depot Labor Day-Memorial Day - 9:00 Sunday School Worship - 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Handicapped Accessible Pastor: Tom Harzula ✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">To advertise your business or list your church services, call Stephanie at 1-800-933-0356 or email class@thepilotnews.com for more information.</p>
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- BY WILSON CASEY -

1. The main Christmas story is paraphrased from what two New Testament books? Mark/John, Acts/Romans, Matthew/Luke, Jude/Revelation
2. Approximately how old was Jesus when the wise men (Magi) arrived with their gifts? 1 day, 2 weeks, 2 months, 2 years
3. Where did the angel Gabriel appear to Mary saying, "Blessed art thou among women"? Nazareth, Tyre, Ninevah, Gazi
4. In what city of Judaea was Jesus born? Damascus, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Gezer
5. Who plotted to kill the baby Jesus? Archelaus, Herod, Pontius Pilot, Caesar Augustus
6. How many times does the word "Christmas" appear in the Bible (KJV)? Zero, 1, 2, 7

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Co-chair Kathy Lintner adds, "Although we do have some ability to help financially, our hope is to provide more than financial resources. We try to provide our collective experiences and talents so that the women we help might gain what they need to succeed in their own circumstances."

Kline emphasizes that LIFT isn't in a position to take on "hard-luck charity situations," as empathetic as members might be. Instead, she says the group aims to assist

those "who maybe need a little boost to get their resume in order, or in some sort of professional development," or perhaps even just gas money to go for an interview.

"We work with people for a year or two, as opposed to just a one-time thing. We like to mentor people."

The members of LIFT certainly bring a diverse set of skills and expertise to the table, being either active or retired professionals themselves, and many from robust academic and business backgrounds.

Up to now, LIFT has been involved with about seven different women, adds Kline, but the group is seeking other women in need of the assistance they can offer.

"We just ask that they fill out an information sheet ex-

plaining how they could use some help," she says. "All of us have been professional women in one way or another; we have a variety of backgrounds, career-wise. So if it's a matter of needing to organize their budgets, or if they need assistance in maybe getting a foot in the door for a job someplace."

LIFT is Marshall County Community Foundation's (MCCF) first affinity group, and its members are all volunteers. In addition to contacting the group through its website, those with questions may also write to LIFT at: LIFT, P.O. Box 105, Culver, IN 46511 or email LIFTUP2012@gmail.com.

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The Culver Public Library's book/film group will meet Wed., Jan. 7, at noon in the library's large meeting room, located downstairs. The books is, "The Boys of Winter" by Wayne Coffey; the film is "Miracle," featuring Kurt Russell. Copies of the selection are available for checkout and may be reserved by contacting the library at 574-842-2941. Patrons are encouraged to bring their lunch to eat while they enjoy the movie and the discussion afterwards.

Texas Hold-Em at VFW Jan. 11, monthly

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Community meal at Grace Jan. 15

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Life Support at Grace Tuesdays

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Members of Culver's LIFT organization at a recent meeting of Culver's Kiwanis Club. From left, Joan Bess, Anne Duff, Barbara Winters, Carolyn Kline, Connie Richie, and Mary Baker.

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