



## In Brief

**Community meal returns to St. Mary's Aug. 30**

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church's monthly community meal will resume Tuesday, August 30 at 6 p.m.. On the 30th day or 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.

**Culver ice house history Aug. 27**

The history of Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee's ice houses will be told when the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver presents a program, presented by Jeff Kenney of the Society, on Saturday, August 27, at 10 a.m. at the depot-train station adjacent to Culver's town park on Lake Shore Drive. Between 1880 and 1937, workers in Culver harvested millions of tons per year of ice from several locations on Lake Maxinkuckee; the program will explore the industry through an audio-visual presentation, and is free and open to the public.

**Preschool junior class openings**

Wesley Preschool, 511 School Street, still has three openings for its junior class (ages 3 and 4 -- the senior class is currently full). The cost is \$64 per month, and classes meet Tuesday and Thursday each week. Classes begin Tuesday, September 6. For information, contact Jennifer Luttrell at 574-250-3852.

**Remembrance bricks**

The Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver is accepting orders by Sept. 17 for Heritage Park Remembrance Bricks at Heritage Park, corner of Main and Jefferson Streets in Culver or that individuals may want for their homes. All brick donations to the Society are tax deductible. Bricks may be ordered from Charlotte Hahn, 574-842-3267. Order forms and a locator list of all the bricks in Heritage Park is available at the Center for Culver in the Culver Public Library.

**Free computer classes at CUTPL**  
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## Back to school - Culver and Monterey together

Culver Community Schools students returned to classes last week with a number of changes underway. While students at the middle and high schools continue to navigate new learning styles via "one-to-one" iPad computers in each student's hands, Culver Elementary students saw scores of new faces, both in the teaching staff and student populace, as teachers and pupils from Monterey Elementary School -- which closed its doors this past June -- joined their peers at CES. New friendships are already underway, as evidenced in the above moment from the school playground recently. Pictured from left to right are 5th graders Mary Osborn (formerly a Monterey student), Taylor Guzzo, Morgan Waldrop, Jackie Lindsley, Sunora Klingler, Cory Jeffries, Alyssa Bailey (formerly MES), Elizabeth Johnson (formerly MES), Allison Pearl, and Kennedy Ash.

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## L'Max film fest fourth outing is new and improved

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

The fourth annual Lake Maxinkuckee Film Festival, "A Gift of Warmth," will feature a grand assortment of "fabulous '50s" films, kicking off with a gala sponsors' evening Friday, September 2. As mentioned in last week's edition of this newspaper, this year's sponsor's evening will have a "twist": six film shorts created and produced by students in Purdue University's Film and Video Studies department. Each short, says festival committee chairman Gary Shaffer, is five to eight minutes long, and students act in, direct, and produced the films.

Titles include "Indie Mormon," "Late," "The Bet" "The Hustler & the Blind Man," "The Note," and "View."

Following a "meet and greet" for sponsors with wine served and light entertainment, Friday evening's audience will judge the films, with first prize of \$1,000 awarded to the top chosen "gold" film; the second prize "silver" filmmaker will receive \$250, and "bronze" awards of \$100 each will go to the next four winning entries. Money is coming from an anonymous donor, notes Shaffer, so sponsor funds will not be depleted.

Those funds will instead go towards the festival's overall goal of providing a donation of new or lightly worn, clean items of winter wear for school age children, or financial assistance, which will be provided to the for heating bills, towards needy children in the Culver Community School district. As in the past, sponsors will facilitate money Friday, while Saturday's events are open to anyone donating one or more coats or other wraps, or cash.

Rounding out the evening Friday will be dinner catered by the Victorian Pantry, voting on films (and announcement of winners) and the return of the popular Indiana University Jacob School of Music singers performing show tunes and light operatic arias, courtesy of Richard Ford.

Shaffer says anyone interested in becoming a sponsor is more than welcome to Friday night's gala, and is encouraged to contact him at 574-842-8296.

Another new twist Friday is an 11 p.m. 1950s horror classic film, "Forbidden Planet," at the Uptown Cinema.

As in years past, Saturday will see a children's movie ("Shrek") kicking off an all-day roster of movies at the Uptown (see sched-

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### L'Max Film Festival "Gift of Warmth" schedule at a glance

**Friday, September 2**  
**5:30 p.m.** Meet and greet wine hour outside Uptown Cinema, Lake Shore Drive (with light entertainment)

**6:30 p.m.** Purdue School of Film and Video Studies student films begin inside Uptown Cinema. Followed by voting on films and a catered dinner by Victorian Pantry. Music by the Indiana University Jacob School of Music performers (show tunes and light operatic arias), and awards for winning films.

**11 p.m.** "Forbidden Planet" '50s movie, Uptown Cinema

**Saturday, September 3**  
**11 a.m.** "Shrek" children's movie at the Uptown Cinema

**1950s movies at the Uptown Cinema:**

**1 p.m.** "American Graffiti"

**3 p.m.** "Rebel Without a Cause"

**5 p.m.** "Blue Hawaii"

**Live music with dinner and dessert in the town park, Lake Shore Drive**

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## Heim nominated at Republican caucus

Will run against incumbent Howard

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor



Karen Heim

Culver's Karen Heim was voted Republican party nominee for town clerk in this November's election, at the town's Republican caucus last Thursday.

Following an introduction by Marshall County Republican Chairman Dave Holmes, both Heim and opponent Jeanette Surrisi were given time for brief, pre-vote statements to the audience, which filled the large meeting room of the Culver-Union Township Public Library, where the caucus was held.

Heim noted she's a 17-year Culver resident and lifelong Republican, and stressed the importance of people having a "very positive image" not only of

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## Howard explains clerk's duties

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor



Casey Howard

As Culverites prepare for the town clerk election this fall, incumbent clerk Casey Howard spent some time last Thursday informing members of Culver's Kiwanis Club of the various duties of her position, only hours before -- and in the same room as -- the town Republican caucus to choose that party's nominee to run for clerk.

Howard, the Democratic candidate for this November's election, earned her accounting degree from Ivy Tech and has been clerk here for the past six years. She explained the clerk is responsible to create the town's budget and follow the rules and laws regarding that budget according to the State Board of Accounts and Department of Local Government and Finance. The town council, she noted, makes the decision to approve the budget each year. The DLGF approves the budget as submitted.

This year, a \$1.8 million budget -- an increase of .6 percent -- will be proposed. About \$200,000 of budgeted money was given back to the town thanks to its department heads and employees, she said.

Howard discussed Culver's tax rate, noting in 2009 (payable 2010) it was .5881, a number which decreased to .3441 in 2010 (payable 2011). That figure, however, will increase payable in 2012 to .6639 percent of each resident's property value.

Culver has five budgeted funds

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## Dog days of summer?

LEFT: Jack and Anne Johnston's lake-loving pooch Huckleberry (better known as "Huck") enjoys a Maxinkuckee cruise in this recent photo. Anne Johnston says the family's dog has quite a personality -- and it's obvious he enjoys a boat ride. Here's hoping Huck has many more weeks of good sailing before autumn winds begin to blow.





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Culver but its government as well. Heim emphasized her skills with people at past posts with Culver Academies and her current position with Plymouth Wesleyan church, besides her work organizing Tri Kappa’s Tour de Max fund-raising events. She also said she would push for a more dynamic, interactive online presence for Culver’s government and email bill-paying.

“We can give voters a clear and distinct choice between a Democratic candidate and a conservative Republican,” she concluded.

Surrisi joked that the reality of small-town life is such that she didn’t need to detail her life and work history. Instead, she stressed her “solid town government experience” as a member of Culver’s plan commission, besides a background handling “large financial transactions” in charity work and as a former realtor. She vowed, if nominated, to work to control spending and increase transparency in town government, as well as also examining on-line bill paying.

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ule this issue for a complete listing), with entry “fees” being simply the aforementioned donation of one or more coats, wraps, or heating funds.

A picnic-style dinner of pulled pork sandwiches will be offered starting at 6 p.m. in the town park, with a new entry this year of Coney dogs provided by the Original Root Beer Stand. The Lions Club’s cotton candy machine will be on hand, the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver’s cake, ice cream, and root beer offered, and popcorn from Shaffer’s own machine, plus a clown and a visit from the Fort Wayne Mad Ants basketball team mascot, in costume. An evening of musical entertainment also begins at 6 p.m., as detailed in the accompanying schedule.

Starting around 8:45 p.m., a children’s Warner Brothers cartoon short will precede showing of the winning student film from Friday night, on the big screen under the stars in the park. At 9 p.m., the original John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John musical, “Grease,” will hit the screen.

Shaffer notes John Zeglis and Dick Dugger were the

Surrisi referred to the “elephant in the room,” which was her past party affiliation as a Democrat, quoting late President Ronald Reagan, himself a former Democrat who made “a very successful Republican candidate.”

Holmes, Culver’s former town attorney from Bremen, commented Culver is lucky to have “two such qualified candidates.”

Also introduced was new Republican candidate for town council Bill Githens, who joined incumbant Republican council candidate Ginny Munroe, currently serving as council president. Two incumbant Democrats, Ed Pinder and Ralph Winters, will run for council this fall as well.

Following the announcement of Heim’s victory, she thanked voters and added appreciation for Surrisi, who she noted is “a Tri Kappa sister.”

Heim will square off against Democratic candidate and incumbant town clerk Casey Howard in the November election.

founders of the event four years ago.

“They’ve been so great,” he says, adding a steering committee of about 19 people has been planning this year’s event, which “is bigger than ever.”

He’s grateful to Susan Thews of Culver Academies for arranging school-provided tables and chairs and tent for Friday night, after which Academies staff will return and set up at the park for Saturday’s events.

He’s also appreciative of the efforts of Culver Community Schools social worker Deb Stevens, who makes sure funds and clothes make their way to needy students and their families.

“She helped out with propane heat and NIPSCO bills for people and spent \$4,000 last winter for needy people,” he adds.

It looks like a sure bet that, as winter winds begin to blow this year, she’ll be once again providing film festival-derived “gifts of warmth.”

### Nas-wau-kee Indian marker still needs funds

Donations are still needed to fund the metal plaque to attach to the boulder for the Chief Nas-wau-kee historical marker at Lake Maxinkuckee. The dedication will be September 16 at 5 p.m. The boulder was placed and landscaped by Boy Scout Bryan McKinney for his Eagle award.

The plaque will be 20x24 inches and cost \$750. To donate to help pay for the Nas-wau-kee plaque, please send check to Potawatomi Trail of Death Assn., Fulton Co. Hist. Soc, 37 E 375 N, Rochester IN 46975. FCHS is a not-for-profit 501( c ) 3 corporation so donations are tax deductible.

Any group or club wishing a program about the Potawatomi can contact Shirley Willard at 574-223-2352. She has worked with the Potawatomi for over 30 years to commemorate their history, especially the removals. She was instrumental in founding the Indian Awareness Center in 1983 and the Potawatomi Trail of Death Association in 2005 as a branch of the Fulton County Historical Society.

Culver town-wide yard sale Sept. 23-24

The town of Culver will sponsor a fall town-wide yard sale Friday and Saturday, Sept. 23 and 24 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Those interested in participating should contact the town hall between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. at 574-842-3140 beginning Monday, Sept. 5 through Wednesday, Sept. 21. Please provide your address and the date(s) of your sale. There is no cost for the event. A map of the locations hosting a yard sale will be disbursed by 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22 at the town hall, Culver Express, Osborn’s Mini-Mart and www.townofculver.org.

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- 6 p.m. Culver Academies band
- 6 p.m. Culver Academies chorus
- 6:40 p.m. Culver Comm. High School chorus
- 7 p.m. Kathy Overmyer
- 7:30 p.m. Sentimental Journey
- 8 p.m. Quentin Flagg (performing his “Elvis” show to lead into “Grease”)
- Movies on the big screen under the stars, town park:
- 8:45 p.m. Warner Brothers cartoon short followed by winning entry in Friday night’s student film competition
- 9 p.m. “Grease” movie

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Emergency services charity softball game

On Sunday, September 11, the Culver Police, Fire Department, and EMS will once again hold a charity softball game to benefit the Culver Food Pantry. They will be teaming up and facing off, with the first pitch thrown at 11:30 a.m. EST. The event will be held at the Culver High School softball field. Admission to this event is just food donations, non-perishable, to be given to the local food pantry. Additionally, on this day emergency services personnel will be remembering, respecting, and mourning the ten year mark of the many police officers, EMS, and firefighters who bravely gave their lives in the line of duty. The community is urged to come out and join the fun, support a really good cause, and show its appreciation to the emergency services of Culver. Questions can be directed to Ken VanDePutte at 574-274-9942

Death notice

Allen  
Christine 'Tina' Allen  
Aug. 20, 2011

DELONG -- Christine "Tina" Allen, 44, of DeLong died Aug. 20, 2011. She is survived by her husband, Alan Allen at home; daughter, Autumn (Nathan) Adams of Houston, Texas; son, Austin Allen at home; mother, Joann Clingler of Tippecanoe; brothers, William (Michelle) Clingler of Culver, Gary (Synthia) Clingler of Rochester; and father-in-law, Rev. G Floyd Allen of DeLong. Funeral service was at 12 p.m. Wednesday at the DeLong Gospel Lighthouse Church, DeLong. Visitation was from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th Street, Rochester. Burial is at the Leiter's Ford IOOF Cemetery.\

West Point selects Culver Military Academy graduate as Cadet First Captain



Charlie Phelps

WEST POINT, N.Y. — A 2008 graduate of Culver Military Academy has been chosen by U.S. Military Academy to serve as the First Captain for the 2011-12 academic year. Charlie Phelps (Woodinville, Wash.) was named to the Academy's highest cadet position Aug. 8. Phelps, who will also be known as the brigade commander, officially began his duties at West Point Aug. 14. Phelps, a military history major, is responsible for the overall performance of the approximately 4,400-member Corps of Cadets.

His duties include implementing a class agenda and acting as a liaison between the Corps and the administration. In addition, Phelps is at the top of a pyramid of cadet commanders who make up the chain-ofcommand for the Corps of Cadets at West Point.

At Culver, Phelps earned the top position as regimental commander. He is the second CMA regimental commander to obtain the top position at a service academy in the past two years. In January, 2010, Keegan Kinkade '06 (Greenwood)

Candelers named to dean's list

KOKOMO -- Ivy Tech Community College's Kokomo Region announced Regenna Candelers of Monterey has been named to the dean's list for the summer, 2011 semester.

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Letter to the editor

Setting LMEC - wind farm record straight

I would like to comment on statements made in Nextera Energy Resources organization's paid advertisement on page 10 of the August 11, 2011 *Culver Citizen*. As a member of the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council (LMEC) I was present at each of the two meetings of LMEC with representatives of Nextera Energy. As a result of those discussions and independent searches by members of LMEC for wind energy environmental effects at other windpower installations, LMEC did not endorse the proposed wind farm as implied by the advertisement's format.

Dan Baughman  
Culver

Labor Day weekend  
carillon recital at Culver

John Gouwens, Carillonneur of the Culver Academies, will present a recital Saturday, September 3, at 4 p.m. Eastern time, on the outstanding 51-bell Gillett and Johnston carillon in the tower of the Memorial Chapel, Culver Academies. This is one of two programs to be presented during the fall term, the other one falling on October 1 (also 4 p.m.). Gouwens's program will include three multi-movement works composed for carillon, including "Serenade for Carillon" by American carillonneur and composer Ronald Barnes; Suite No. 3 of Badings by Dutch composer Henk Badings, a highly-respected composer for many media; the "Jan de Mulder Suite" by Jos D'hollander, a Belgian organist and carillonneur, who taught both at the Lemmens Institute (a church music school) and at the Royal Carillon School in Mechelen. As always, Gouwens will also include some hymn improvisations as well.

In the event of bad weather, the tower will be open to the public during the recital (which would be indicated on signs near the South doors), and printed programs will be available near the doors as well. Admission is free, and a tour and demonstration of the instrument will be offered following the performance.



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CBGC Member of the  
Month

Second grader Aubrey Highberger was Culver Boys & Girls Club member of the month for July. This award is given out monthly to the member, who best exemplifies the virtues of respect, responsibility, and honesty, says Cory Monnier of the CBGC.

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## International Grandmother Project influences Aubel Osborn’s Culver exhibit

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Continuing at Culver Coffee Company on Lake Shore Drive is an exhibit of textiles created by Judi Aubel Osborn, executive director of the Grandmother Project, a non-profit as of 2005 which seeks to involve elders in societies where elders have an important role in the society and are "important actors in communities and families," she says.

Aubel’s husband Tom grew up in Culver, graduated Culver Academies, and now works for the United Nations, though the couple spends much of each summer in Culver. She says this is "an inspiring place to be in terms of the lake and the Osborn family."

Aubel’s back-ground in both public health and anthropology helped her see the need for such an approach as opposed to many organizations’ work in women’s issues, which often focuses on young women and leaves elders out of the equation.

"What we’ve found," she says, "is when an approach is used with them based on respect and dialog, they’re very open to combining traditional and new ideas relating to nutritional practices. We’ve been working on female genital mutilation and other health practices with children and pregnancy."

Her interest in textiles grows from their intersection with cultural traditions and values in the countries where she’s worked, notes Aubel.

"Some of them are a bit African, and they’re definitely influenced -- with earthy colors and traditions in textiles



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY  
Judi Aubel Osborn

-- by West Africa. A number of them are pieces mounted on pieces of hand-woven cotton."

Her work in that region of Africa has exposed Aubel to "rich traditions in terms of textiles -- mostly dying, although in many cases those traditions are being lost."

She points out she’s also traveled a great deal in Asia, India, Bangladesh, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, the Philippines, Indonesia, and Latin America, where she’s picked up other techniques and approaches to textile work. Like the work done in some of these locales, Aubel’s dying often involves black tea which dyes as a gold color on silk. She notes she’s been doing textile work for around ten years.

She and husband Tom currently call Rome home. There he works for the United Nations in the area of food and agriculture, though his work takes him all over the world. Its work rooted in the family business, Osborn Seed, here in Culver.

Both husband and wife were former Peace Corps volunteers, an experience Aubel says influenced them greatly towards subsequent endeavors. They met in Senegal where Tom was working for a large agricultural nonprofit.

Aubel is currently working in that country to integrate traditional values, stories, and storytelling involving grandmothers in local schools.

"So we’re developing reading materials for a booklet on 12 key or important traditional values being lost, including respect for elders, hospitality, generosity, solidarity, and others.

Whatever its benefits, she points out, globalization "is spreading bad Western values related to individualism and materialism (into traditional, nonwestern cultures); it’s also a bad influence by way of Western films that portray unhealthy values in terms of sexuality and nudity."

Aubel credits Bob Nowalk of Culver Academies -- who coordinates art exhibits at the Coffee Company -- with assisting in the exhibit, which runs through mid-September. Proceeds from textiles sold there will benefit the Grandmother Project, or contributions may be made online at grandmotherproject.org.

## Second Century joins Ind. Main Street, updates on variety of projects

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Culver’s Second Century Committee, an arm of the Chamber of Commerce, voted at its monthly August meeting to join Indiana Main Street, a statewide program aimed at revitalizing downtown areas in Hoosier communities under the auspices of the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

Dick Brantingham, of SCC, noted the program “emphasizes building towards local capacity and self sufficiency,” and added the biggest advantage for SCC to join is an increased awareness of grants available, for which Indiana Main Street provides assistance in grant-writing, free of charge.

In other discussion, SCC’s Patty Stallings updated the group on a recreational bicycle route established last year around Lake Maxinkuckee and through the town of Culver. Noting the project was inspired by prior work by Dick Swennumson, Stallings said Culver summer resident John Mulford developed several bike routes in the area in conjunction with Don Baker of the Bike Barn, and last year printed the routes as giveaways for area cyclists. SCC’s Jack Cunningham, working with Mulford, networked with the town of Culver, said Stallings, towards creation of a formalized Culver recreational path, some of whose planning evolved into a Safe Routes to School grant for the town, which this year saw major renovations in sidewalks around town, particularly on Ohio Street.

Cunningham also worked with the town, county, and state, to establish Maxinkuckee bike route signs around the lake, many of which have been erected, according to Stallings.

“But w lost (former town manager) Michael Doss,” explained Stallings. “He was heading up so many projects... Jack (Cunningham) has sold his home in Culver and is

moving down to Florida permanently, so he turned (the bike route project) over to Mike, who took another job.”

However, she said Mulford, Doss, and Cunningham did “walk it all out” with Culver Street Department supervisor Bob Porter, who made sure county and state roads had the bike path signs installed. Four signs are missing to completely identify the route at present, she noted, three of which will be erected by Porter when they’re available (the fourth, at Logansport Gate, has no convenient location for installation, and simply denotes an obvious curve in the street).

SCC member Tom Kearns updated the group on a sidewalk project for which Second Century has applied to the Marshall County Community Foundation for funding. The project, which Kearns outlined at a recent town council meeting, would extend the existing sidewalk on north School Street north from the Culver Community School administration building to Miller’s Merry Manor nursing home. Funds would total \$6,250, he said.

Kearns detailed the importance of the project, noting the dangers of transporting wheelchair-bound residents anywhere from the Miller’s facility, due to lack of adequate sidewalks. A sidewalk would also facilitate trips to the nearby, school-owned baseball fields so residents could observe games, he added. Further, should the nursing home need evacuation, a sidewalk could be critical to safety of residents who otherwise would be moved -- amid the chaos of fire trucks and ambulances -- across School Street to the high school parking lot. Instead, they could be moved to the administration building lot if a safe sidewalk were in place.

Kearns also noted the SCC’s endeavors in recent years to establish other sidewalks, such as on Academy Road and School Street.

## Name that Culver ‘citizen’

Our Mystery Citizen from last week has been part of Culver for decades. Col. David Baker was a prominent science teacher at Culver Academies besides coaching tennis and many other endeavors. He’s also been active in the community here, most recently as a very enthusiastic part of Culver’s Kiwanis Club, including past president (and of course we’re eternally grateful for his role in organizing the “*Culver Citizen* Appreciation Day” a few years ago through that club as well!).

Amongthose who recognized him: Fran Wilkins, Lora Pinder, Kay Tusing, Phyllis Lindvall, Bob Kreuzberger, Todd Deery, Jennifer Luttrell, Dave Sampson, Judy Patton, Ginny Munroe, Mary Lou Wise, Ken and Janet Turnerand Brad Lindvall.

Our Mystery Citizen this week has been a part of the Culver community for years, and is likely best known in association with a particular local business.

Guesses may be emailed to [citizen@culcom.net](mailto:citizen@culcom.net), or call the editor at 574-216-0075.



BELOW: Last week’s Mystery Citizen, David Baker, then (left) and now. ABOVE LEFT: This week’s Mystery Citizen.





Library news

CUTPL book-film group to discuss “Contact”

The Culver-Union Township Public Library’s book and film group will meet on Wednesday, September 7 at noon in the library’s large meeting room located downstairs. The book is "Contact" by Carl Sagan, the story of a radio astronomer who picks up intelligent signals from space, which include instructions on how to build a device to reach the senders. The film stars Jodi Foster and Matthew McConaughey. Copies of the selection are available at the Book Club Table in the main floor lobby. To reserve contact the library at 574-842-2941. Patrons are encouraged to bring their lunch to eat while they enjoy the movie and the discussion afterwards.

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receiving tax dollars: the General Fund (which includes police, EMS, and fire), the Clerk’s Fund, Parks and Recreation, the Street Department, and CCD, or Capital Cumulative Development Fund, the latter being a “very small percent, but it helps the town do larger projects,” she said. Howard pointed out Culver’s Parks department is a bit unusual in that it receives tax dollars from both the town and township, but is around 70 percent self-sufficient due to the revenue it brings in which other departments do not. Culver’s annual assessed valuation, which appraises properties here to determine liability for property taxes, “keeps getting higher each year,” noted Howard. For the year payable in 2010, that valuation was \$154 million, while the 2011 figure was \$158 million. The payable in 2012 figure is \$168 million.

“Culver is so fortunate (and) unique compared to other towns in the county,” Howard said, noting while Culver’s tax rates may seem high, this has enabled the town to pay its bills versus other communities, which have lost significant amounts of money in recent years due to property tax caps. While Argos, for example, lost \$40,000 recently, Culver lost only \$1,200.

Culver has 13.5 miles of road within its borders, she explained, noting tax money is received based on that number as well as census numbers, which have decreased slightly from 1,539 in 2000, to 1,353 in 2010, which “will make a bit of a difference” in funding disbursement.

Audience and council member Ralph Winters noted Culver has 18 miles of collector sewers. “So we have more sewers than streets!” he said.

Culver’s town wide trash service, approximately a year after its launch, has been well received by many.

Howard noted, “As a citizen, I love it -- it saves me tons of money. As clerk treasurer, we haven’t lost a dime on this and in fact we’re building a small surplus (of funds).”

She added she felt Allied Waste was doing a “very good job” of responding to townspeople’s requests and needs

CUTPL digital photography and photo editing classes

Culver Public Library, located at 107 North Main Street, in conjunction with the People’s University hosts a class on Digital Photography. If you have a camera you would like to learn to use more effectively, bring it! If you don’t have a camera, and wish to learn more about digital photography, come and experience the world of digital photography with us. Some topics include hardware, digital media, the camera and some basics of digital photography like shooting a better picture and digital file management. The class takes place August 24 at 6 p.m.

The library is also hosting a Digital Photo Editing and file management class. So, you have taken the photo, now what? The digital photo editing and file management class offers a tutorial on simple photo editing with free software for sharing via print, e-mail and on the web. The purpose of the class is to instruct users on how to do some simple editing and how to share the photos with friends, family and loved ones. The class takes place Wednesday, August 31 at 6 p.m.

Both classes are free and open to all. For more information, contact jgaskill@culver.lib.in.us or dial 574-842-2941. You also can view a full calendar of events for Culver Union Township Public Library by going to [www.culver.lib.in.us](http://www.culver.lib.in.us).

regarding trash pickup.

Charges exist for wastewater, water, garbage, and storm water, with the latter two being fairly recent additions, she said. Storm water charges are collected with the long-term goal of building funds to improve Culver’s “horrible” storm water issues.

The town’s sidewalk cost-sharing program to improve or replace town sidewalks “has been a great help” as well, it was noted.

The town has 15 full-time employees and “many part-time,” Howard explained, in addition to volunteer firemen and EMS personnel. The street dept has three full-time employees, the clerk’s employs Howard and a deputy clerk, the EMS has two full-time EMTs, the park employs the park superintendent full-time, and the sewer department has two full-time staff.

Howard addressed the matter of misperceptions about the town’s reserve funds, which she noted “are not extra money laying around, by any means.” The Rainy Day and CCD funds can only be used for certain designated projects, she said, and “every single fund we have is governed

by code through the State of Indiana. The council and myself cannot just spend money ...the clerk treasurer doesn’t have the authority to spend as we want.”

In response to audience questions, council president Ginny Munroe, in attendance, said the council has not discussed whether to take a position on the controversial topic of proposed wind turbines in the Culver-Union Township area. “We haven’t felt informed enough to go on record yet,” she noted.

The council, Howard said, has three open seats this November, with four candidates running -- two Republican and two Democrats.

Responding to another audience question, she added she believes political party affiliation doesn’t affect the town clerk’s viability.

Regardless of party, she said, “The citizens are the boss of the clerk treasurer, but the big boss is the State Board of Accounts and DLGE.”

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# Sports



## Cavs come up short in opener

By James Costello  
Sports Editor

CULVER — Seven yards, a few inches, one play. Whichever numbers you measure by, Culver Community came up just short in a 26-21 loss to visiting West Central Friday.

Down five with less than a minute on the clock, the Cavaliers still managed to put themselves in position to win. Cole Flora returned a West Central kick-off 27 yards to put Culver on its own 41-yard line, and quarterback Collin Stevens ran a furious keeper 6 yards and was given an extra 15 for a late Trojans hit that sent him somersaulting over the water table on the Cavs' sideline. His subsequent pass to 6-foot-6 star receiver Micah Budzinski for 30 yards put Culver in a first-and-goal situation on the West Central 7-yard line with 46 seconds on the game clock, but the Cavs' final drive ground to a halt there.

First a pass to Budzinski up the Culver sideline went errant, then two passes up the middle to an open Sam His-song fell just a few inches past the senior receiver's fingertips. Trojans linebacker Chantz Marlatt broke up a pass intended for Budzinski just outside the end zone to seal the heartbreaking loss for the Cavs.

"I just told the kids every one of us can look back and see some plays we just didn't quite make that we needed to," said sixth-year Culver head coach Andy Thomas. "We were inches away.

"Our kids were right there. I won't say we have too many things to work on, but we have a lot to work on. We're right there, it could've gone either way, and we just couldn't quite close the deal. I certainly don't feel good about it. It's a tough, tough loss."

West Central took the initial lead, but for most of three full quarters it was Culver's show, until a disastrous fourth quarter gave the Trojans the come-from-behind win.

West Central parlayed a fumble on Culver's opening possession into a touchdown and a 6-0 lead with the failed 2-point conversion as yeoman fullback Spencer Dobson completed a 2-yard scamper into the end zone at the 9:24 mark of the first quarter, a touchdown run he set up with a 95-yard run on the second play of the drive.

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## Culver football preview 2011 - part 1 Cavs keeping things in perspective '11

By Rusty Nixon  
Correspondent

CULVER — A disappointing loss for Culver's Cavaliers in the sectional final a year ago has given the team something to focus on for the coming campaign.

"Without question taking things a week at a time is most important to us this year," said Cavs Head Coach Andy Thomas. "Last year we spent a lot of time talking about playing in the dome and playing for a championship. Somebody forgot to tell South Central.

"That was a very disappointing loss. I'm not sure exactly what kind of team we'll have this year but one thing is certain — we have to take it one game at a time and put the season in some perspective."

Part of that perspective involves something that has become a key component to Culver football and — according to Thomas — the entire Culver athletic department. The Cavs have a dedication to the weight room.

"Our kids don't really know any different now. It's just what we do," said Thomas. "We've had great attendance in the weight room all summer long. Our kids have made a commitment to it. We're in there all year long, but in the summer we really start to hit it hard.

"That's something that all our athletes do now, and I think you're seeing that commitment pay off in our other sports too."

Dedication to being at their best physically truly pays off in football for a school the size of Culver. Less students in school to come out for the team means more players pushing themselves to play on both sides of the ball every Friday.

"We try to limit that as much as we can, and we don't have quite as many guys going both ways as we did when I started here," said Thomas. "At any single A school you're going to battle numbers, but a commitment to the weight room makes it easier."

With the option the key to the offense, the bottom line is on doing the little things well.

"We're not going to draw up anything fancy. It's about execution of the play," said Thomas. "That is absolutely vital to our offense — execution, and outplaying our opponent."

On defense the 3-4 scheme has de-

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## Culver tennis tournament results

Fifty participants took part in the 44<sup>th</sup> annual Culver Invitational Tennis Tournament, which was held August 6 and 7 at Culver Academies tennis facilities. In general, organizers say the event was marked by great — albeit hot -- weather, and although rain caused the Mixed Doubles Championship to be moved indoors, all events were played and a good time was had by all.

Six teams competed in Women's Doubles. Women's Doubles Advanced was won by Pat Angelicchio and Jenifer Foxworthy, and Women's Doubles Intermediate was won



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Pictured (from left): Stuart Roberts, Jenifer Foxworthy, Adam Meeker and Pat Angelicchio. Meeker and Angelicchio won the Mixed Doubles championship match against Roberts and Foxworthy

by Phyllis Pyke and Charlotte Smith. In Men's Singles Advanced, first-time CITT player Adam Meeker prevailed over a strong field of competitors that included the two previous years' champions. In spite of his many strategic wardrobe changes, Bill McLane (last year's champion) could not pull off a repeat.

Men's Singles Intermediate, was won by first-time CITT player, Ryan Cox. Both Meeker and Cox have sworn to return next year to defend their titles! On Saturday afternoon, eleven teams played Men's Doubles. Men's Doubles Advanced was won by John Sherck and Steve Walton. Seven teams competed in the Men's Doubles (Over 55) group, which had many long, hard sets. Two teams emerged as finalists, and Leon Huskey and Doug Muzzillo prevailed over Stuart Roberts and Bob Tanguy. No doubt

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## Culver grad McBee to play on first IUSB volleyball team

SOUTH BEND — Culver Community freshman opposite hitter Patrice McBee will be in the lineup as the first-ever IU South Bend’s inaugural varsity volleyball team hits the court for its opener against Purdue Calumet on Thursday.

Despite beginning the season with ten new players, head coach Jamie Ashmore doesn’t feel that her team has any excuses once it steps on the court. “They’ve worked very hard to come together as a team,” she said. “This is a talented bunch.”

“I know that we will be ready the morning of that first match. We will be prepared.”

Without a past on which to lean, Ashmore and hear team know that they will always be part of something special.



Patrice McBee

1 p.m.

“They’re excited. They want to get going,” she said. “They know that they are a part of history here. The whole team, they’ve all told their friends and relatives.”

“There will be people coming who live 45 minutes away and who aren’t part of IU South Bend, but just because they want to see the first match,” Ashmore said.

The team will play its second match at home as well, when it hosts Calumet College on Saturday with a first serve of

## CMA beats Tippy Valley

Culver Military scored 14 points in the second half and racked up 133 passing yards in a 22-8 win over Tippecanoe Valley Friday at the Academies.

The Eagles were 6-14-1 through the air, and sophomore quarterback Hayes Barnes connected with Conner Frantti on a 65-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter to break an 8-8 first half tie.

Ralph Laux scored the final TD for the Eagles in the fourth quarter, and Barnes connected with Aramonti Phillips on a two-point conversion pass to bring the score to its final margin.

Matt Neufeldt put the Eagles on the board with a 40-yard fumble recovery in the opening frame.

CMA will play at NorthWood this Friday at 7:30 p.m. • CULVER MILITARY 22, TIPPECANOE VALLEY 8

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Huskey and Muzzillo were motivated by the desire to possess the illustrious and coveted *Harvey Fararri, Broken Racquet Trophy*.

Women’s Singles was played – or at least started -- Saturday afternoon. The six women involved were fierce competitors so the matches were long and hard fought, and in the end, could not be completed Saturday afternoon. Play resumed again Sunday afternoon, and Julie Thompson prevailed as the Women’s Singles Champion.

Sunday morning saw thirteen teams of Mixed Doubles players come out to play. Despite the heat, everyone played their best and had fun. After a rain delay and change of

venue, Mixed Doubles was won by Pat Angelicchio and Adam Meeker over Jenifer Foxworthy and Stewart Roberts. In the Mixed Doubles (Over 55) group, Jon Mulford and Phyllis Pyke won. It should be noted that Jon Mulford repeated this year. Jon’s partner last year was Nancy Closson.

Participants and spectators alike enjoyed the blueberries and cream dished out by Dorothy Peterson and Karen Mulford, provided by the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver. Many participants and friends of tennis also enjoyed the awards party on Sunday.

## Briefs from page 1

ship Public Library offers free computer classes Monday evenings at 6 p.m. and Friday mornings at 10 a.m. (each class lasts two hours). These include **Computers for Beginners Part I** (August 22 and 26), **Computers for Beginners Part II** (August 29 and September 2), **Internet for Beginners** (September 5 and 9), **Email for Beginners** (September 12 and 16). For more information, call 574-842-2941, visit [www.culver.lib.in.us](http://www.culver.lib.in.us), or e-mail [abaker@culver.lib.in.us](mailto:abaker@culver.lib.in.us).

### Cub Scout Roundup Aug. 31

Cub Scout Pack 290 of Culver will hold its Roundup for the 2011-2012 Scouting year at St. Mary of the Lake church on August 31 at 6 p.m. All boys entering 1st through 5th grade are welcome to join. No previous Scouting experience is necessary. For more information, contact Michelle Coiner at [coiner@embarqmail.com](mailto:coiner@embarqmail.com) or 574-542-2676.

### Monterey Days Labor Day weekend

The annual Monterey Days Festival returns over Labor Day weekend, daily from September 2 through 5. Activities include crafts and food booths, Mr. and Miss Monterey Days pageant, townwide yard sales and library booksale, pedal tractor pull, parade (Sat.at 5 p.m.), ice cream social, car show, live music, American Legion ox roast and bingo.

### Aubel textiles at CCC

Textiles created by Dr. Judi Aubel will be on display through September 15 at the Culver Coffee Company on Lake Shore Drive in Culver. Aubel is part of the Grandmother Project, a global organization working especially in Africa, Asia, and Latin America to improve the lives of women and children. The work displayed is for sale, with proceeds benefiting the Grandmother Project. More information about the Project is available online at [grandmotherproject.org](http://grandmotherproject.org).

### Donations sought for Indian monument

Historical groups and a local Eagle Scout candidate are hoping the community will step up to honor a local Potawatomi Indian chief from the Culver-Lake Maxinkuckee. In conjunction with a Boy Scout Eagle project and the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver, donations are being sought to offset the \$750 cost of the plaque, which needs to be ordered by Aug. 22. Donations can be sent to the Potawatomi Trail of Death Assn., Fulton Co. Hist. Soc., 37 E 375 N, Rochester IN 46975. The FCHS is a 501-C3, non-profit organization.

### Culver Pipes and Drums invites public

Culver Pipes and Drums practices every Sunday at 5 p.m. in the train depot across from Edgewater Grill. The public is invited to come watch, or come for free lessons. Bagpipes are available for interested students to use. In the winter practices will move to the Naval building at Culver Academies. Contact Mike Maddox, band manager, at 574-298-6950

### EMS seeks volunteers

Culver-Union Township EMS Volunteers, Inc., are looking for those willing to help out the community. Volunteers are needed to drive the ambulance and become EMTs. CUTEMS is an Advanced Organization certified by the Department of Homeland Security-EMS Commission. Training is provided in-house as well and in the area. Call 574-842-2773, or email [cutems@culcom.net](mailto:cutems@culcom.net).

### Friends raffling doll house

A hand-built doll-house, furnished and detailed (valued around \$500) is being raffled by the Friends of the Culver Public Library all summer. Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5. The drawing will be September 3. Call Charlotte Hahn (574-842-3267), Rita Mason (842-2656), Jeanne Spaw (842-4206) or Connie Van Horn (842-2038).





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The Culver Community High School 2011 football squad. Front row, left to right: Allen Betts, Tucker Schultz, Sam Hissong, Cole Flora, Nick Zehner, Joe Krsek, James Dulin, Kevin Hogan, Kyle Garland, John Ahlenius, Collin Stevens, coach Chad Hollenbaugh. Middle row: Coaches Mike Buschman and Andy Thomas (head coach), Nick Pritz, Justin Croy, Shawn Russell, Matt Shotts, Lodge Burgess, Chris Zehner, Bradley Beaver, Wayne Young, Mark Mayer, coach Tom Bendy. Back row: Shelton Barger, Alex Anderson, Preston Hansel, Jacoda Anderson, Tyler Lowry, Micah Budzinski, Donny Clark, Matt Hurford, Mark Hurford, Trent Elliott, coach Gene Baker.

## Opener from page 6

But Culver answered back with a seven-play, 60-yard scoring drive capped off by a nifty 52-yard catch-and-carry up the West Central sideline by Budzinski, and the ensuing Stevens PAT was good for a 7-6 Cavs lead at the 6:41 stop of the first frame.

Culver struck twice more within a 17-second span in the second quarter as Hissong dashed into the Trojans’ end zone from 3 yards out with 37 seconds remaining in the half, and Allen Betts recovered the ensuing Cavalier kick-off at the West Central 29 to set up another Hissong TD, this time on a 14-yard completion from Stevens with 20 seconds on the clock. Stevens was good for both extra-point kicks, and Culver took a commanding 21-6 lead into the locker room at the half.

The score remained there until the deciding fourth quarter, when West Central rattled off 146 of its 301 total yards to score three times and grab the comeback win.

Less than a minute into the final stanza, Trojans back-up quarterback Dillan Rehn ran a 3-yard keeper into the Cul-

ver end zone with starting quarterback Zephaniah Conley sitting out briefly at the 11:01 stop. Culver went four and out as a fourth-and-one first down conversion attempt at the Cavs’ 49-yard line failed to set up an eight-play, 50-yard scoring drive capped off by a Conley 9-yard run, which cut the Culver lead to 21-20 on the two-point conversion run from Dobson. When the Cavs went three-and-out on the subsequent possession, West Central took the lead for good with a 12-play, 61-yard drive culminating in another Conley sneak, this time from a yard out. This time the run by Dobson failed, but it was enough for the win.

Dobson finished with 175 yards on 15 carries as the Trojans outrushed Culver by a lopsided 301 to 51 yards.

“I think they just got it going in the second half,” said Thomas. “They did what an option team is supposed to do. They have a player you

back did a good job when we pinched him.”

While their running game may have left something to be desired, the Cavs’ passing game looked solid as Stevens completed 10-of-16

passes with one pick for a pair of touchdowns. Buzinski led the receiving corps with 128 yards with one touchdown on six catches, while Hissong was good for 31 yards on two catches with another score. Culver’s young team opens at 0-1 with the loss to potential Sectional 33 foe

West Central. The Cavaliers will hit the road for South Central Union Mills next Friday at 7:30 p.m.

“The biggest thing for us this season is to move on from this,” Thomas said. “Something like this can stay with you for a long time if you let it. We’re going to find out what we’re made of tomorrow and next week. This is devastating and it’s going to test all of us to see if we’re strong enough mentally to bounce back.”

• WEST CENTRAL 26, CULVER 21

At Culver

West Central: 6 0 0 20 — 26

Culver Community: 7 14 0 0 — 21

Scoring summary

First quarter

WC — Spencer Dobson 2-yd run (pass fail) 9:24; CC — Micah Budzinski 52-yd pass from Collin Stevens (Stevens kick) 6:41;

Second quarter

CC — Sam Hissong 3-yd run (Stevens kick) 0:37.8; CC — Hissong 14-yd pass from Stevens (Stevens kick) 0:20.4

Fourth quarter

WC — Dillan Rehn 3-yd run (run fail) 11:01; WC — Zephaniah Conley 9-yd run (Dobson run) 6:04; WC — Conley 1-yd run 1:05 (run fail)

Culver stats

Rushing: 36-51; Hissong 4-24, Matt Hurford 6-10; Passing: Stevens 10-16-1 for 169 yds; Receiving: Budzinski 6-128, Hissong 2-31; First downs: 10

Fumbles-lost: 4-2; Penalties-yds lost: 4-36;

West Central stats

Rushing: 43-301; Dobson 15-175; Passing: Conley 7-12-0 for 23 yds; Receiving: Rusty Disinger 1-43; First downs: 18; Fumbles-lost: 3-3; Penalties-yds lost: 13-99

Records: Culver 0-1, West Central 1-0.



PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO

Culver's Sam Hissong rumbles into the endzone while West Central's Dylan Laposi (6) and Chantz Marlatt try to bring him down during the Cavaliers' opener at home last week.

have to tackle. In the first half he only got it six total times; one was a 95-yarder, and the other five were for 24 yards. In the second half, they committed to give it to him more and their quarter-