

## In Brief

### Max Players board meeting Jan. 15

The Maxinkuckee Players board will be meeting Jan. 15 at 1:30 p.m. at Grace United Church of Christ in Culver. The general meeting will follow at 2 p.m. All are encouraged to attend.

### Community meal at Grace Jan. 15

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

### Local entities to battle it out at Jan. 17 Trivia Night

Employees of Culver Emergency Services, the Culver-Union Township Library, and the Culver Elementary School will be involved in a battle of wits at the Coffeehouse Trivia Night, January 17, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Culver Coffee Company. The teams are being sponsored by Osborne's Minimart, the Edgewater Grille and Culver Summer Schools and Camps. The event is a fundraiser for the Rotary Quizbowl State Championship, which will be at Ancilla College March 3. Sponsors interested in supporting additional teams for the Trivia night are welcome to call Phil Blessman at 574-842-7052 or email him at RotaryQuizBowl@yahoo.com.

### Culver seeks several appointments

The town of Culver is accepting letters of interest for several boards, including the Culver Board of Zoning Appeals, which needs two appointments residing within the corporate limits. One will be made by the town council president and the other by the town council.

Culver Plan Commission is in need of two appointments residing within the corporate limits. Both must be Democrats and will be appointed by the town council president.

The Culver Park Board is in need of one appointment residing within the corporate limits, must be a Democrat, and will be appointed by the town council.

The Culver Redevelopment Commission is in need of five appointments

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## Winter on the lake

Culver saw its first significant snowfall in the past week or so, with an initial fall last week, and an icy blast of lake-effect bands Monday, just in time for the return of Culver Community Schools students to classes. Above is a picturesque scene looking northeast from Long Point near West Shore Drive.

## Community support towards Jan. 14 benefit 'restores faith in humanity'

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

In just over a week, several months of community giving will culminate in an event whose planning one organizer says "restores your faith in humanity."

When Larry and Dawn Brockey read last fall about Culver Elementary 6th grader Riley Reinhold's fund raising efforts to fight a disease which has afflicted her father, they knew they had to do something.

"(Riley's mom) Rhonda is a wonderful customer and has turned into a friend over the years," says Dawn, owner of Culver Coffee Company on Lake Shore Drive. "Larry knew Rob, and we felt we were in a good position right here in Culver to be able to head something up for them, and to tell people, 'If you want to help, we're here.' It's not that we've done so much work ourselves; we just wanted to provide a place for people to do it."

Rob Reinhold, a Culver Community High School graduate, was diagnosed over a year ago with ALS -- known for many years as Lou Gehrig's Disease -- which affects the nerve cells in the brain and spinal column, gradually reducing

voluntary muscle function. Over the months, the Reinhold family has secured use of a wheelchair, and the Braun Corporation in Wianamac provided virtually free lease of a handicapped van as well.

The Brockeys organized a benefit hog roast to offset costs of home

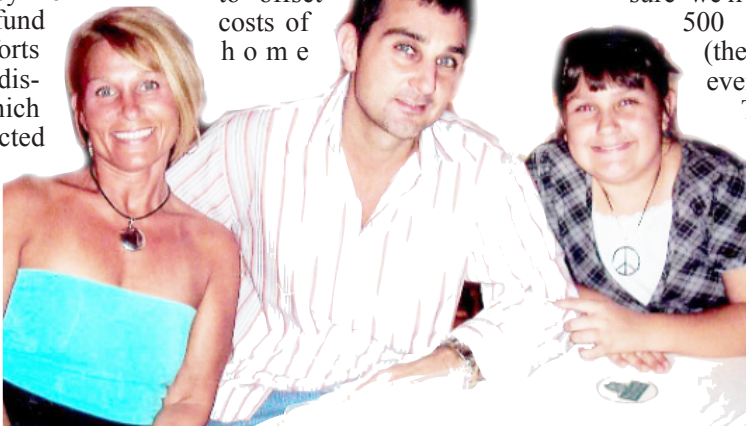


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Rhonda, Rob, and Riley Reinhold.

health care and other expenses the family has incurred.

The event will take place Jan. 14 from 2 to 6 p.m. at Mystic Hills golf club. A ticket includes one drink (there's keg beer and wine, with more available for purchase), the main dish, baked beans, chips, sauerkraut, cole slaw, potato salad, and more.

Even the food, say the Brockeys, represents remarkable community collaboration. Miller's Merry Manor is providing the chips, the Culver Lions the baked beans, Gladie's Deli other foods, and the Culver Council of Churches desserts. The Leiters Ford tavern and Monterey's Corner Tavern are contributing

kegs of beer.

First Farmers Bank manager -- and increasingly in-demand musician -- Chad Van Herk and Bremen's Reunion Station are among the entertainment for the evening.

"We're planning for 350 to 400 people," notes Larry Brockey. "We're pretty sure we'll have sold 500 tickets by (the day of the event)."

Tickets, of course, may also be purchased at the door.

In addition, a silent auction already boasts more than 25 items, including ski equipment, photography sessions, clothing, gift certificates to local restaurants, a spa package valued at \$330, two tickets to any Purdue game, Lions Club free depot rental, and more items on the way. The silent auction is scheduled for 2 to 5 p.m. on the 14th (cash and checks only, please). Lynn Overmyer and Judy Sawhook are credited with soliciting items from some 40 businesses.

Larry, says Dawn, has been "awesome about contacting people" for the event.

"Rob is a few years from my class (in school)," Larry says. "Everything we've

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## Winter carnival slated to accompany national-level ice fishing tourney here

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

While many Culverites are enjoying this unseasonably warm -- and relatively snowless -- winter, some area groups will be forgiven if their fingers are crossed for temperatures to drop throughout the month of January.

That's because Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee will play host to a national-scale ice fishing tournament the weekend of Jan. 27 through 29, expected to bring more than 100 teams, and plenty of winter fun for those not interested in ice fishing as well, including a kids' snowman building contest and ice skating camp.

Tony Alioua of the The North American Ice Fishing Circuit ([www.naifc.com](http://www.naifc.com)) approached Culver's Chamber of Commerce this past fall about the event, which will include camera crews shooting footage for the Circuit's television show, "Icemen," which airs on the Versus sports cable network. The Circuit needed funds be-

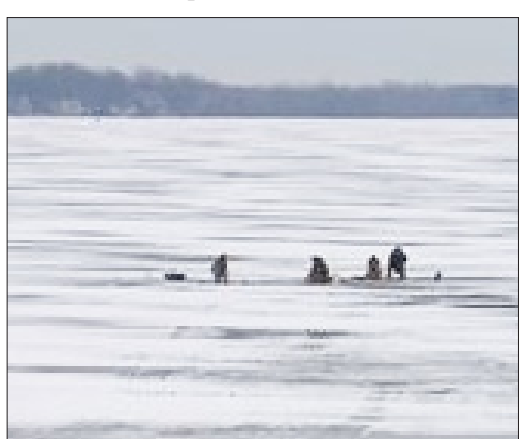


PHOTO PROVIDED/ROSALIE BONINE  
Rosalie Bonine snapped this photo of ice fishermen gathered near the town park, in 2008.

costs of crews and other facets of the event, to bring it to Culver.

"We felt it would be great to have it here in the winter," says Chamber president Dawn Brockey. "We want to couple it with a winter carnival. But we tabled it and said (to NAIFC), 'If you're still interested in it next year, we will try to bring in fundraisers.'"

The Marshall County Visitors Bureau, however, didn't want the opportunity to bring such a high-profile event to the county, to pass. The Bureau donated the requested money, and the tournament was on the schedule.

Locally, the Chamber is handling most of the arrangements for the event, including setting up two dining facilities in Culver to host fishermen and crews both Friday and Saturday evenings. Ginny and Grant Munroe of Culver Lodge-

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## Salary allotment for deputy clerk questioned at council mtg

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Culver's final town council meeting of 2011 passed rather briefly and quietly, all in all, even as council member Ralph Winters and outgoing town clerk Casey Howard marked their final turns.

The council passed, on second and third reading, its salary ordinance, following a question raised by council member Lynn Overmyer concerning the

deputy clerk position.

During her pre-election campaign this past fall, incoming clerk (then-candidate) Karen Heim discussed the deputy clerk position, suggesting replacement of retiring deputy Kay Davis could be delayed or the position streamlined. Overmyer asked fellow council members if the deputy clerk position should be omitted from the budget in light of Heim's campaign remarks. Council president Ginny

Munroe noted the position is already written into the budget and omitting it from the salary ordinance would make it difficult to hire a deputy should Heim opt to appoint one. Audience member Grant Munroe pointed out the council had not yet hired a town manager to replace its last one, who left in April, asking if that position should also be omitted from the salary ordinance. In the end, no motion was made

concerning the suggestion, and the council passed the ordinance with Overmyer voting in opposition.

During the council issues portion of the meeting, council member Ed Pinder raised concerns over rumors the new town clerk would utilize volunteer assistance in the office, something he said should be considered if said volunteers were to handle money or sensitive matters involving community members.

Clerk Howard noted anyone handling money in the office must be bonded, per state statute. Town attorney Jim Clevenger said anyone conducting work in the clerk's office should be employed.

"Otherwise," he explained, "you'll get sideways with the fair labor standards people."

Pinder followed up on previous meetings by reiterating his thanks to Win-

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## 'Christmas in Culver' a boon to many local businesses

Hopefully Christmas in Culver was a success for residents -- "Christmas in Culver" turns out to have been a winner for local businesses, say organizers.

Even though the event actually took place in late October, Culver Chamber of Commerce president Dawn Brockey says the attempt to coordinate several holiday-themed opportunities in the community -- and in the process, encourage area residents to "shop local" -- was a boon to many.

"Thanks to Sue McInturf's leadership, it was so wonderful to see the merchants come together to make a very warm, exciting weekend for everyone," she says. "Our

Chamber's hope is to continue this each year, and continue to grow it to make it one of the most successful -- and fun! -- business weekends of the year."

Brocky says she knows of at least two businesses who boasted their highest sales ever that day, and one more coming close.

"I did go speak with everyone involved, and they said that sales were phenomenal. I personally heard numerous groups of ladies mention it is going to be there tradition every year."

“Christmas in Culver” combined the traditional holiday craft bazaar at the town park depot, with an array of

holiday-themed shopping opportunities, many with refreshments and of course, special “deals,” offered. While Culver’s downtown merchants have traditionally set aside a November Saturday to encourage early Christmas shopping, the date was moved to coincide with the bazaar, and a much wider scope of businesses included and promoted.

The date of handing Culver's Christmas decorations was even moved up, and while the presence of those items over Halloween led to a few comments, it clearly didn't deter shoppers.

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ing have donated a house here for the crew to occupy during the weekend, Brockey adds.

The ice skating camp is slated for Saturday morning, says Brockey; the Chamber hopes it will take place at the town park, with the beach lodge opened up for hot chocolate and breakfast pizza for participants. The NAIFC will cover liability for that and all tournament-related events.

Judges and other professional staff from the tournament will handle regulation of the tournament itself.

"Obviously as a Chamber, we are definitely supporting it," Brockey notes. "One of the Chamber board's goals would be to hopefully bring something to bring people here during the two slowest (winter) months to help local businesses."

Chamber vice president Tony Sellers has done some legwork on the idea of an annual winter carnival, which she notes is an idea tie-in with the Come Alive Outside initiative for children and families to enjoy the outdoors.

Such a carnival, says Brockey, might start small, but in the future it's hoped ice sculptures and an array of winter-related fun could become fixtures of future events, hopefully in the town park. If this year's ice fishing tournament goes well, it may also become an annual Culver event.

The question on the minds of many likely concerns the extremely non-icy state of Lake Maxinkuckee, a body of water not exactly likely to freeze up overnight. The NAIFC has assured the Chamber fishermen will attend -- using boats, of course, rather than ice fishing shanties -- even if the lake remains decidedly wet come the last weekend of January.

"This is a big, national-level event," Brockey explains. "A lot of credit goes to the Marshall County Visitors Bureau. They see this as a good event, not only for Culver, but for the county, to put it on the map a little more."

Local restaurants and businesses will receive promotion through event packets the Chamber plans to give to all the fishermen.

Organizers are seeking around 20 volunteers for Sunday.

Organizers are seeking around 20 volunteers for Sunday the 29th, to help keep safety watch over the event. Interested persons may contact locally contact Brockey via the Culver Coffee Company, at 574-842-6326, or at [culverco@culvercoffeecompany.com](mailto:culverco@culvercoffeecompany.com).

Those interested in fishing in the tournament may sign up by way of the event website at [www.naifc.com](http://www.naifc.com).

"They felt like Culver would be a nice community to host the event," Brockey adds, speaking of NAIFC organizers. "The lake is great for fishing -- some of the people who are part of this have fished the lake.

Although we know it's happening quickly this year, our hope is to build on it for future years and create an event for the whole community and businesses in the winter."

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gotten donated, it was a simple phone call. So many people came up and said they wanted to help. All we've done is steer people in the right direction.

"The donations have been amazing. You don't like to go out and beg for donations -- especially as businesspeople ourselves. But for this cause we needed a hog for this and a half hour later we had it. We needed someone to cook the hog. Frank Stealy has already cooked 100 pounds of meat!"

The Pulaski Hospital in Winamac, where Rhonda Reinhold works, has "taken the bull by the horns," says Larry, in supporting the family, and Rob's pipefitter's union in South Bend recently handed him a \$1,000 check towards the cause. Besides handling desserts, the Culver Council of Churches contributed \$1,200 when the Brockeys attended its meeting.

One resident on Lake Maxinkuckee who the Brockeys say doesn't know the Reinholds at all read the story an-

nouncing the benefit in The Culver Citizen and sent a note: "It's great what your community is doing -- Merry Christmas!" Enclosed was a \$1,000 check.

And, adds Larry, "I've had people walking in and giving \$10 that they don't necessarily have right before Christmas. The support has been incredible."

Rob Reinhold is "really looking forward to seeing his friends" at the event, says Dawn, who adds people may drop off donated items -- in addition to buying tickets -- at the Coffee Company as well.

A Facebook page (look for "Reinhold family benefit") has been set up for those wishing to communicate or track latest developments.

For their part, Larry and Dawn Brockey simply continue to be amazed.

"People are so giving," says Dawn. "What a great sense of community Larry and I have come away with."

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ters and Howard for their years of work on the council.

Winters wished Heim, in the audience, "the best of success as we move forward. Issues that may or may not occur in the (clerk's) office will affect the rest of the community, so in spite of the issues of the election and how it was conducted, I wish you success for the sake of the town."

In other council actions, \$3,686.94 was approved to purchase a new line locator, and \$1,931.06 for a new emblem to adorn most town street vehicles, per request of utilities manager Bob Porter.

Due to scheduling conflicts, council members agreed to postpone the first meeting of 2012 to Jan. 17.

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## Ice fishing has long legacy on Lake Macinkuckee

A look back at 100 years-plus of local angling through the ice

Whether of not you’re considering doing some ice fishing late this month during the NAIFC national tournament on Lake Maxinkuckee (assuming there’s enough ice, of course!), you might be interested in a look back at some of the historic data regarding ice fishing on our lake, as well as some past methodology.

Of course, ice fishing likely goes back to the first hungry human separated from his underwater prey by a layer of ice, and probably about as long on Lake Maxinkuckee. Sport fishing here -- winter or summer -- predated the 1884 arrival of the railroad, but of course the booming tourist industry relating to all that train traffic sharply enhanced all fishing, including through the ice.

Barton Warren Evermann and Howard Walton Clark’s landmark 1920 book, “Lake Maxinkuckee: A Physical and Biological Survey,” reports of the winter of 1901, for example, that a total of 195 fisherman took to the ice, with by far the highest numbers of fish being straw bass, at 1,068.

Those numbers are interesting in light of later figures. The Feb. 23, 1955 Culver Citizen reported, “Ice fishing has been unusually good on both Lake Maxinkuckee and Hawk Lake this year and, during one recent weekend, it was reported that 1,800 fishermen and spectators visited this area.”

Even accounting for exaggerations and a high ratio of spectators to fisherman, that’s an impressive figure. Accompanying the 1939 Culver Citizen photo on this page, while no numbers are given, is a caption mentioning “a large number of men on the ice through all kinds of weather.” As an interesting aside, the Dec. 1, 1949 Citizen reported, “Evert Hoesel and Rollin Hawk last week speared 53 predatory fish in three days of ice fishing on Lost Lake.”

The Indiana Dept. of Natural Resources did an extensive survey of fishing trends on Lake Maxinkuckee between 1985 and 2005, with DNR clerks taking targeting ice fishing specifically via two shifts per day on varying days between January and March, 2004.

“During the survey,” notes the text (available online at [dnr.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/files/maxinkuckee.pdf](http://dnr.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/files/maxinkuckee.pdf)), “227 anglers from seventeen counties and one other state were interviewed. Over half of the anglers interviewed (55.5%) resided in either Marshall or Starke County. Some anglers traveled from as far away as Illinois to the west and Allen County to the east. As anecdotal evidence often suggests, species preference targeted those species most likely to be harvested for food. The majority of anglers (55.5%) interviewed stated that they were targeting bluegill, while 31.7% of anglers specifically expressed interest in wall-eye.

“When asked to rate the fishing at Maxinkuckee, anglers replied with the following: good (35.7%), fair (37.9%), poor (14.5%), and undecided/no response (11.9%).

“Anglers harvested an estimated 2,687 fish during the period covered by the creel survey. Of the eight species harvested, 86.2% of the total estimated harvest was bluegill. Yellow perch accounted for another 8.1%. The remaining species all made up less than 2% of the estimated harvest individually.”

The study acknowledged little data exists to track trends in ice fishing here, though it seems safe to say that participation in the sport overall -- as is the case with its summertime counterpart -- has gradually diminished here

through the years, as it has across the United States in general. Further, while out-of-town fisherman were nothing new to Maxinkuckee in the past, it seems (anecdotally, at least) fewer and fewer local residents set up their shanties here in the winter nowadays, though certainly some still do, and even more have plenty of tales of tell of past ice fishing exploits, even if they’re not up for a venture across the ice today.

Rewinding the clock back to Evermann and Clark again, we learn that a “rather careful study was made of (ice fish-



Pictured trying their angling luck on the Maxinkuckee ice in this 1939 *Culver Citizen* photo are, from left, James Drake, William Benner, Gene Hisey, and Earl Croco.

ing methods) during the winter of 1900-1901, and a large amount of interesting and valuable data secured.”

“The (ice fishing) apparatus consists of a small stick about 15 inches long, 3/4 inch thick, 2 inches wide at the reel end and tapering to one inch at the smaller end. On the larger end is placed a spool, usually 1 3/4 inches in diameter and 1 3/4 inches long, upon which the line is wound. The axis of the spool projects on one side as a handle, bent to the shape of the handle of the ordinary reel. About 4 or 5 inches from the spool is a hole through the stick through which a round stick somewhat smaller than the hole is placed. An oblong hole is cut in the ice, through which the lower end of the stick is placed until the cross-stick rests upon the ice, adjusted so that the stick stands at an angle of about 40 degrees from perpendicular. A piece of red flannel is tied to the handle of the reel which is adjusted so as to stand up.

“Live minnows are used for bait. Each fisherman will have several, sometimes 15 to 20, spools arranged in a circle in the center of which he stands, keeping watch on all. When the red signal of any reel is observed to be turned down he assumes that a fish has taken the minnow of that line and, going to it, he takes the spool in his hand, gives it a jerk to hook the fish, then winds it in.

“Another somewhat similar contrivance used to some extent by ice-fishermen is the tip-up. This consists of a board 24 inches long, 3/4 inch thick and about 2 inches wide. A hole is bored through the board from edge to edge about 8 inches from one end. This detached piece, upon the outer end of which the spool is placed is supported by a wooden pin passing through the hole already mentioned and is so balanced that, when the tip-up is properly placed, a slight pull on the upper end brings it down. Usually a small leather flap is fastened upon the frame at the lower end so as to aid in holding the movable piece in place until pulled upon by a fish. The tip-up is set in the ice at an angle of about 45 degrees and the hook is let down through a hole underneath.

“Live minnows are used for bait. When the bait is taken

the movable piece tips, the spool end going down. Sometimes the tip-up is simply laid flat on the ice over the hole. The inner (or base) end of the movable piece is painted red so that it may be seen the more readily when it tips up.

“Ice fishing usually begins as soon as the ice is strong enough to bear up well, and continues as long as it remains safe.

“In the winter of 1900-1901, it began on December 13 and continued until March 22. Fishing is best when the ice is covered with snow or has become sufficiently opaque to prevent the fish from seeing the fishermen.

“As Lost Lake freezes over earlier in the winter than the large lake, ice fishing begins there first. On the first fine morning after the ice has become strong enough to be safe and sufficient snow has fallen to render it opaque, the ice fishermen will be found out in force. Usually there are about a half dozen who make ice fishing a regular business in winter. Besides these there is a varying number of others who fish irregularly. The fishermen usually arrive upon the scene early in the morning and, unless the weather becomes too disagreeable, continue until evening, and every day until the ice becomes so rotten as to be unsafe. The number of ice fishermen will vary from 2 or 3 to 20 or 30; perhaps the average daily number would be about 6. The species of fishes that are caught in this way at this lake are the following : Straw bass, black bass, bluegill, rock bass, wall-eyed pike, yellow perch, warmouth, crappie, calico bass, grass pike, and catfish. Water-dogs and turtles are also occasionally taken.”

A Dec. 25, 1963 Culver Citizen article contains some still-relevant advice as well as interesting information:

“Bluegill, yellow perch, and crappie are the species taken in greatest numbers. Short cane or fiber-glass rods with light monofilament line, small hook and a tiny float are the usual gear. Immature insects with such interesting names as bee moths, wigglers, golden grubs, and noussies are the common natural baits for bluegill and perch. Small live minnows are the best for taking crappie. Heavier equipment is a must when after northern pike, bass, and rainbow trout. Live minnows are an old standby but a great variety of jigs, spoons, and other hardware are also used.

“Eager beginners should be sure that the newly formed ice is thick enough to support them. Ice fishing and swimming are a poor combination. Proper clothing is a necessity. Heavy jackets, insulated underwear, mittens, thick socks, and insulated boots keep the fishermen warm between bites. Two holes with one hook per line and one line per hole is all that the law allows. The chore of making the holes will go faster with an ice auger or sharp spade. Protection from the wind will make ice fishing more enjoyable. Some rig temporary windbrakes of canvas while veteran fishermen build themselves shanties or ice fishing houses. The shanty must have the owner’s name and address clearly marked on the outside. The door latch must open from either outside or inside. Be sure to remove the shanty before the ice begins to melt and break up.”

### Name that Culver ‘citizen’

A number of you recognized last week’s Mystery Citizen, Kay Tusing, who many recall for her years of service at Culver Elementary School, besides many roles serving through Wesley United Methodist Church and a variety of community endeavors. She’s also remembered, of course, for the beloved lo-

cal pharmacy headed up by late husband, Ron Tusing (Mr. T’s).



Among readers recognizing her: Lora Pinder, Michelle Allyn, Marizetta Kenney, Barb and Jill Neidlinger, Anna Neher, Lisa Hartman, Ryan Tusing, Phyllis Lindvall, Chuckie Strang, Jean Trip-

let, Cynthia Bo-

nine Goss, Lisa Geiselman, Joe Currens, Michelle Allyn, and Judi Burns.

This week’s Mystery Citizen has been a familiar face for decades, long for her association with an extremely popular local business, but also for her service to many through various entities.

Guesses may be emailed to [culvercitizen@gmail.com](mailto:culvercitizen@gmail.com) or call the editor at 574-216-0075.



BELOW: Last week’s Mystery Citizen Kay Tusing, then (left) and now. ABOVE: This week’s Mystery Citizen.

## Marshall County 4-H enrollment goes online

The Indiana 4-H Youth Development Program has realized the needs of its participants and jumped on the technological bandwagon — youth can now enroll in the Marshall County 4-H Program online, with just a computer

with internet connection.

To complete Marshall County 4-H online enrollment, visit [www.four-h.purdue.edu/enroll](http://www.four-h.purdue.edu/enroll); click “New;” from the scroll-down menu, choose “Marshall” as your county both times. You will need to select a "Primary Club." This is the 4-H club in which you plan to do the majority of your 4-H club work. If you are new to Marshall County 4-H and need help in selecting a Club, please call the Extension Office at 574-935-8545.

To see a listing of the 4-H projects offered in Marshall County, visit [www.ag.purdue.edu/counties/marshall](http://www.ag.purdue.edu/counties/marshall). Any questions about Marshall County 4-H may be directed to the Purdue Extension office of Marshall County at 574-935-8545.



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## End of an era

Friday morning saw a steady stream of well-wishers pouring in to bid Culver deputy clerk-treasurer Kay Davis (left) farewell and thank her for her 30 continuous years of service at the post.

The day took on added significance as the last for outgoing clerk-treasurer Casey Howard (right), who has completed six years in the position. In the center is Edna Mae Craft, who has been assisting in the clerk's office for several years, and is also retiring.

Davis began her tenure Oct. 1, 1981 under then-clerk Marizetta Kenney. She is the only town employee to witness the many changes in Culver's government over the decades.



Davis was presented with the plaque at left, commemorating her time.

An in-depth feature on her years of service -- and the changes in Culver she saw take place -- will appear in next week's *Culver Citizen*.

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## Holiday hit

Culver Academies campus has been pretty desolate the past week or two, but leading up to Christmas break, a number of fun traditions warmed the place for the holidays. One of those was with a twist: rather than the usual Huffington Concert Series offering at Eppley Auditorium, a special Christmas and holiday-themed concert centered around the school's own talented band, choir, and orchestras. A special treat was guest vocalist and Culver Girls Academy grad Haley Swindal (pictured AT LEFT), granddaughter of late, legendary Culver Military Academy alum George Steinbrenner.

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## St. Nick in a saddle

Culver Academies' holiday-themed "pony ride" (even if the ponies in question are full-sized equine members of the school's Black Horse Troop) for the children of faculty and staff has become an annual event at the school.

This year, however, participating youngsters had a chance to interact with a horse-riding Santa Claus, aided and abetted by none other than Academies head of schools John Buxton (LEFT). Student volunteers also assisted in the fun, which took place in the riding hall arena.

## MCSWCD annual meeting Jan. 24

PLYMOUTH — Marshall County Soil & Water Conservation District will hold its annual meeting Jan. 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Pretty Lake Trinity United Methodist Church.

Guest speakers will be Mike Hoffman, WNDU-TV chief meteorologist, and Don Villwock, Indiana Farm Bureau president.

Meal will be catered by Mary & Martha circle. Tickets are \$8 each. Please RSVP by Jan. 17 to 574-936-2024 ext. 3. Door prizes will be awarded.

## Sports brief

### CMA loses fourth at Illinois State Classic

Culver Military Academy fell to 0-4 at the Illinois State Classic Thursday, losing to Mahomet-Symour 55-36.

Alex Dodane finished with a team-high eight points for CMA, while Will Strong chipped in seven, and Hayes Barnes and Eljay Murray each put up six points.

Mahomet was led by Reid Farchmin's game-leading 24 points.

The Eagles remain winless on the season at 0-8.

• MAHOMET-SEYMOUR (Ill.) 55, CULVER ACADEMIES 36

At Normal, Ill. West

Score by quarters

Mahomet: 7 25 40 55

CMA: 8 21 28 36

MAHOMET (55): Kurt Clapper 5, Riley Cockerill 0, Reid Farchmin 24, Brad Herrmann 11, Brad Izatt 5, Ross Johnson 1, Clay Kibler 5, Todd Metzger 0, Kyle Ozier 0, Garrett Risley 2, Jordan Rock 0, Dalton Swenson 0, Ryne Swenson 0, Matt Turner 2.

CMA (36): Hayes Barnes 6, David Dilts 0, Alex Dodane 8, Charlie Kennedy 0, Sebastian Litchfield 1, Eljay Murray 6, Aramonti Phillips 4, Willie Strong 7, Kenneth Tse 0, Nick Zalduendo 4.

Records: CMA 0-8.





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residing within the corporate limits. Three will be made by the town council president and two by the town council.

Please send letters of interest to the Town of Culver, 200 E. Washington St., Culver, IN, 46511 no later than Jan. 9, 2012, by 4 p.m. Appointments will be made at our town council meeting Jan. 10, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

PBS “Catholicism” series screened

Father Robert Barron’s “Catholicism” (PBS) DVD series will be screened Wednesday evenings January 11 through March 14, from 7:15 to 9 p.m. (location to be announced). Join us for 10 weeks of great conversation, food, friendship -- and a fascinating look at our Catholic faith in a relaxed environment. 7:15 p.m. will be arrival and helping yourself to some food and drink; 7:30 to 8:20 “Catholicism” DVD session of the week; 8:20 to 8:45 p.m. Conversation and departure. Participants should feel free to bring a friend or two. RSVP not necessary but helpful: St. Mary of the Lake Church office 842-3667 or stmarys@culcom.net.

Painter and Poet artwork on display at library

Culver-Union Township Public Library is pleased to display the works of local artists Esther and Ward Miller until January 6. The Painter and Poet have recently moved to Winona but can still be reached at 574-842-4350 or e-mail at info@painterandpoet.com. The works displayed at the library are matted and available for purchase. Other works are available on their website www.painterandpoet.com.

Club Fair at CUTPL

Welcome club organizers and members! Culver-Union Township Public Library will host a Club Fair Saturday, February 4, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. All groups, clubs and organizations are invited to promote their organization. This is a great way to present your group to the community and potentially gain new members! Come for the whole time or just a few hours. Contact Cindy Good in Adult Services at 574-842-2941 or cgood@culver.lib.in.us.

New book club at CUTPL

Margaret Carter, horse rescuer and Civil War re-enactor, will lead discussion of the story of “Seabiscuit: An American Legend” by Laura Hillenbrand, at the Culver-Union Township Public Library, Tuesday, January 3, at noon. You may call the library at 574-2941 to reserve your copy.

‘Cabin Fever’ at CUTPL

Culver-Union Township Public Library’s winter reading program, “Cabin Fever,” begins Wednesday, Dec. 21 and ends Jan. 18. It’s focused on winter themes and activities. Prizes and other programs are being developed. For more information contact Cindy Good in Adult Services at 574-842-2941 or cgood@culver.lib.in.us.

‘Cats’ at CUTPL book-movie club

Culver-Union Twp. Public Library’s book and movie discussion group, A Novel Approach, will meet Wednesday, January 4 at noon in the library’s large meeting room. This month’s selections include “Cats,” the Lloyd Weber musical, the longest-running musical in Broadway history; and (the book) “Old Possum’ Book of Practical Cats” by T. S. Eliot. Copies are available at the circulation desk 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.

MCSWCD annual meeting Jan. 24

PLYMOUTH — Marshall County Soil & Water Conservation District will hold its annual meeting Jan. 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Pretty Lake Trinity United Methodist Church.

Guest speakers will be Mike Hoffman, WNDU-TV chief meteorologist, and Don Villwock, Indiana Farm Bureau president.

Meal will be catered by Mary & Martha circle. Tickets are \$8 each. Please RSVP by Jan. 17 to 574-936-2024 ext. 3.

Door prizes will be awarded.

Early Culver religion display at Museum

The Center for Culver History, located in the lower level of the Culver Public Library, downtown Culver, has a new display outlining some unique facets of Culver’s early religious movements. Topics addressed include the effects of Jesuit and Protestant missionaries on the religious heritage of the local Pottawatomie, and the popular education and revivalism of the Chautauqua Assemblies of the turn of the century. The display also features photographs, documents, and artifacts from Culver’s churches, past and present.

The exhibit joins a recently-added one on Culver High School’s yearbooks. The museum is open from Tuesday to Friday, noon to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Donations sought for Jan. 14 benefit for

Culver family

A benefit will take place for the family of Culver native Rob Reinhold, 42, who has been diagnosed with ALS, Saturday, January 14, from 2 to 6 p.m., at Mystic Hills Golf Course. There will be a hog roast, and \$20 per person includes dinner, music, one drink, and entry into a raffle. A silent auction will be held during the hours of the event, at Mystic Hills. Tickets will be sold at Culver Coffee Company, Michelle’s Headquarters, and Brockey Insurance. Checks should be made payable to “Wesley United Methodist/Reinhold Benefit.”

Those wishing to help or give a donation should contact Dawn and Larry Brockey at 219-670-5584 or 574-933-1100, or or dawnbrockey@gmail.com.

Vonnegut fund grant cycle coming up

The Marshall County Community Foundation announces it is now accepting applications for the first General Endowment and Ralph C. Vonnegut, Jr. Fund grant cycle of 2012. Organizations desiring to apply for a grant should visit the website at www.marshallcountycf.org for an application. The website application must be used by all applicants and signatures of designated officials requested on the form are required.

Grant applications are due by 4:30 p.m., February 1, 2012. Applications will be reviewed by the Grants Committee of the Community Foundation and final decisions will be made by the Board of Directors during their March Meeting.

Applicants must be organizations with 501(c)(3) IRS status or organizations with 501(c) IRS status whose request is charitable in nature for the following:

Start-up costs for new programs or the expansion of needed programs; one-time projects or needs

Adult basketball at MES gym

The Culver adult winter basketball program will start once again Sunday, November 27, from 1 to 3 p.m. EST, at the Culver Middle School gym.

It will continue at the same time every Sunday, excluding December 25, until March 18, the last session.

The cost is the same as always: \$2 per Sunday, or \$15 for the entire season, which includes 15 sessions.

As always, please, please bring your good sportsmanship, and do not bring your children. Questions should be directed to Ken VanDePutte at 574-274-9942.



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