



PHOTOS/JEFF KENNEY, CULVER ACADEMIES VEDETTE STAFF

## In Brief

### Culver Comm. kindergarten round-up

Culver Community Schools' kindergarten round-up will be held Thursday, April 25 at 6 p.m. in the Culver Elementary School cafeteria. Children do not need to attend this informational meeting with parents, who will be informed about required health records, forms needed for registration, kindergarten screening, Indiana curriculum standards, and programs available for kindergartners. If a parent cannot come on April 25, they should contact Culver Elementary at 574-842-3389, or 574-542-4017.

### VFW Friday meal

On Friday, April 26, from 5:30 to 8 p.m., the Ladies Auxiliary of the Culver VFW will serve Italian beef subs with choice of potato, salad, and dessert, all for \$8, at the VFW Post on Washington Street.

### Town-wide yard sales this wknd

The Town of Culver is sponsoring a Spring Town Wide Yard Sale Friday and Saturday, April 26 and 27 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. If you are interested in participating and would like to have your yard sale location included on a map distributed to the public, please contact Town Hall via e-mail at clerk@town-of-culver.org or at 842-3140 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. no later than Tuesday, April 23. Please provide your address and the date(s) of your sale. There is no cost for the event. Maps will be available beginning Thursday, April 25 at Town Hall, Culver Express and Osborn's Mini-Mart.

### Car wash Saturday

The Cavalcade of Culver Community High School will be hosting a car wash for donations Saturday, April 27 to help raise funds for publishing the 2012-13 yearbook, at the Park n Shop parking lot from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Student Art Show this wknd

Culver Tri Kappa is pleased to announce the 11th annual Student Art Show Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28 at the Culver Cove Marmont Room. The art show is open to any student from the Culver Academies.

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## Rocking the Relay

ABOVE: Scenes from Friday and Saturday's Relay for Life cancer-fighting event held at Culver Academies' multi-purpose building. UPPER LEFT: Tricia Metz, American Cancer Society representative (left), and Academies' adult sponsor (and post office supervisor) Chris Sheppard pause during a chat. UPPER RIGHT: A luminary bag memorializes the late Geoff Wilkins, known for his local sports announcing as "the voice of the Eagles." LOWER LEFT: Cathy Emmons, left, and Ellen Freese, of Culver's Lions Club, making the rounds on the track. LOWER CENTER: Students from Culver Community High School were among the many taking advantage of the inner-track space for some recreation. LOWER RIGHT: Members of Culver's Lions Club are used to cooking for various fund raisers, but not necessarily at 2 in the morning, as was the case at Relay, where members (from left) Cliff Bean, Dan Adams, and Kathy Beriendei were hard at work preparing to feed hungry mouths.

## Concerts, musical night life light up Culver's summer

Culver's town park is always a busy place during the summer months, but this year a lively roster of live entertainment is on the docket, according to park activities director Donna McKee.

"I am so excited about the wide range and genres of entertainment," she says, referring particularly to the outdoor series whose schedule was recently released. "We've got people coming from Ohio, Chicago, Iowa, Indianapolis, Goshen as well as local talent from Culver and North Judson."

Following is the current schedule of summer performances; the Culver Citizen will run regular updates as shows are pending.

**Fri., May 31, 8 p.m.: Acoustically Speaking** (80s, 90s, now)

**Sat., June 8, 7 p.m.: Steve Foreman** (rock, folk, classic, country, R&B)

**Wed., June 12, 10 a.m.: Silly Safaris** (children's wild animal show)

**Sat., June 22 (time to be determined): Movie in the park: "The Lorax"**

**Sat., June 29, 7 p.m.: Jerry Armstrong** (Elvis, Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra impersonator)

**Sun., July 7, 3 p.m.: J.C. Company and Band** (bluegrass, country)

**Sat., July 13, 7 p.m.: SL4 Band** (60's, Chicago, Eagles, Jimmy Buffet, Doobie Brothers)

**Sun., July 14, 3 p.m.: Beth Pare'** (harp)



Jerry Armstrong (ABOVE) will sing Sinatra, Dean Martin, and more on June 29, and bluegrass band The Goldmine Pickers (BELOW) on Aug. 9 at the Culver park.



**Sat., Aug 3, 7 p.m.: Ice Cream Social featuring Brett Wiscons** (adult contemporary)

**Fri., Aug 9, 8 p.m.: Goldmine** See Park, page 10

### Year-round live music, anniversary event at Lakehouse

Mark Damore Jr. wants to say "thank you" to the Culver community, and part of that appreciation he hopes to express by way of enhancing Culver's night life. "I was initially told that live music wasn't worth it," says the owner of the Lakehouse Grille at 620 E. Lake Shore Drive, "but I dabbled in it and my perception is, it's absolutely worth it. We might not have seen an up-take in sales, but we see many of the same and then some new faces."

"Everything comes and goes in waves, but I really believe Culver needs, respects, and deserves consistency."

Towards that end, Damore has set aside a "big" budget for weekly live entertainment at the former Edgewater Grille he revamped and relaunched one year ago.

He adds that Culver's citizens and visitors "need a place to meet and have a good time," though he emphasizes he plans to keep it classy and controlled.

"We're not trying to dirty this place up. We have not had any problems; we police it...to me it's neat that you can maintain a classy atmosphere but still have a great time. Anybody can play loud music and make a mess and sell dollar beers. I

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## Tour de Max highlights Lake Max by bicycle

Bikers have been coming to the Culver Tri Kappa Tour de Max event for some 15 years. They drive into Culver with bikes in their trunks, in the beds of pickup trucks, or attached to the bumpers of their cars, and converge on the Beach Lodge. Some just ride their bicycles from home, whether home is in Culver or Nappanee.

They all come for one reason: to participate in the annual bike tour organized by Culver Tri Kappa, which will take place Saturday, May 18.

These cyclists will ride the 10 miles around Lake Maxinkuckee. Some will stop there, satisfied that they have conquered the East Shore hills.

Others want a bigger challenge and will continue north, winding through the countryside to the Chief Menominee monument and then back to Culver, happy with their 30-mile ride.

Then there are those who want to hit the century mark, 100 kilometers or 63 miles. These riders will ride to Ancilla College, wind their way through the Chain of Lakes

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## Hundreds gather for Culver Relay

For the sixth year in a row, hundreds gathered to raise money to fight cancer in an event hailed since its inception as a rare example of cross-community partnership, bringing together elements of the town of Culver, the Lake Maxinkuckee community, visitors, and of course the community of Culver Academies, on whose campus Culver's Relay for Life took place.

The all-night event, as in the past, following a cancer survivor's dinner, kicked off at the school's multi-purpose building, continuing the more recent tradition of holding it indoors. After a grand entrance Friday evening by the Culver Military Academy Color Guard and brass band, keynote speaker Jennifer Cerny spoke of her experiences fighting cancer to kick off the night with a spirit of hope. The opening lap around the track was limited to survivors and caregivers, and the top three fund raising teams also recognized for their efforts.

To works towards this year's \$110,000 goal, more than 50 teams with over 500 registered participants -- ranging from Academies student and faculty groups, to teams from Culver Community High School, Culver Lions Club, and others -- took turns walking laps until the 7 a.m. conclusion of the event. Along the way, a regular roster of live entertainment, games, "themed" laps, and the infamous "Mr. Relay" contest (in which male volunteers dress in female attire to solicit as many funds as possible during the brief competition) sought to keep participants energized.

Another traditional element of Relay events, the lumina ceremony, took place later in the evening Friday. Placing glow sticks in the hundreds of paper bags lining the walking track, each adorned with the name of a cancer victim or survivor, walkers spend several laps in total silence, all lights extinguished save for the luminaries, in sober tribute to those who have battled the disease.

Chris Sheppard, post office supervisor at Culver Academies, reprised her role this year as adult advisor for Relay for Life, and discussed with student writers for the Academies' Vedette newspaper and Relay Blog (culverrelay.wordpress.com) her motive for participating in Relay. At age six, Sheppard lost her father to cancer, and later, her grandfather and several friends.

"[Relay] is a great cause," she said. "So many people are affected and we should do every little bit we can to help."

Culver students, she adds, provide so much time and effort to Relay that she couldn't sit back and watch. Further, she has two grandchildren: Ayla, age 5, and Will, born March

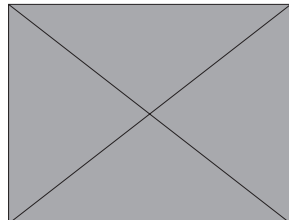
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## Stormy seas?

Culver's brand-new public access pier, located in the town park and installed just over a week ago, has experienced an obvious mishap, partly in relation to the "floating" portion of the hybrid floating-stationary installation. The installing company will return in short order, according to town manager Dave Schoeff, to remedy the problem.





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Obituary

Cynthia Carter Flum  
April 10, 2013

CULVER — Cynthia Carter Flum formerly of Culver, passed away April 10, 2013 at her home in Nashville, Tenn. She was born in Culver on June 30, 1952 to Ernest “Bus” and Janice Carter. Cindy attended and graduated from Culver Community Schools and Purdue University.

Cindy is survived by her mother; Janice Carter, sons; Mark (Kegan) Flum, Bryan (Krisna) Flum, sister; Pamela Coffel, brothers: Kenneth Carter and Bruce Carter; grandchildren: Avery, Emerson, Abigail, and Rylee Flum.

She was preceded in death by her father Ernest Carter. Private Graveside Services were held at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 20, 2013 at The Culver Masonic Cemetery in Culver. Memorials may be given in Cindy’s memory to Catholic Ministries or Donors Choice. Letters of condolence for the family may be sent via the obituary page [www.odomfuneralhome.com](http://www.odomfuneralhome.com). The Odom Funeral Home of Culver is assisting the family with arrangements.

REAL Meals menu

To share a meal at REAL Meals, call Ruth Walker at the nutrition site (the Culver beach lodge) before 11 a.m. the day before for reservations, at 574-842-8878. A donation is suggested for each meal.

**Thursday, April 25:** Hot chicken salad, broccoli salad, hot applesauce, pudding, roll.

**Friday, April 26:** Penne casserole with sausage, baby carrots, peas, fruit.

**Monday, April 29:** Turkey Manhattan mashed potatoes, peas, bread and

margarine, fruit cup.

**Tuesday, April 30:** Lasagna, wax beans, salad and dressing, garlic bread, pineapple.

**Wednesday, May 1:** Oven fried pork, garlic mashers, broccoli, bread and margarine, fruit and birthday treat.

**Thursday, May 2:** Chicken and gravy, brown rice, zucchini and tomatoes, oranges and cookie.

**Friday, May 3:** Pulled pork, onion bun, mixed veggies, cottage cheese, peaches.

Park board meetings change time

Culver’s park board will now meet at 7 p.m. (rather than 7:30 as in the past) the first Weds. Of each month, at the Culver town hall, 200 E. Washington St. in Culver. As a reminder, town council continues to meet second and fourth Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m., Culver Redevelopment Commission the third Monday at 5:30 p.m., the plan commission on the third Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., and the Board of Zoning Appeals on the third Thursday at 6:30 p.m., all in the town hall.

Meeting schedules, board makeup, and other information related to the municipality of Culver is available online at [www.townofculver.org](http://www.townofculver.org).

Master receives George C. Marshall Award



Army Cadet Alexander E. Master, a 2009 Culver Military Academy graduate and son of Chad and Cindy Master of Argos, received the George C. Marshall Award during an awards ceremony as part of a four-day conference held at the Marshall Center, Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, VA April 14 through 17. The award is named in the honor of General of the Army George C. Marshall, who served in World War II as the

Army chief of staff and in the post-war era served as secretary of state and secretary of defense.

The award is presented annually to the most outstanding senior Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) cadets in military science studies and leadership values in each battalion at host universities or colleges. Top cadets from each cadet battalion represent the very best of a highly selective organization. This is a national award and the highest award an ROTC cadet can receive.

Master is a student at Purdue University and Battalion Commander of the Purdue ROTC “Boiler Battalion”.



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Clawson talks weather

WNDU TV meteorologist Cindi Clawson visited Culver’s beach lodge last week for a timely presentation on severe weather preparedness, attended by a number of Culver residents and visitors from out of town. Among other topics, she discussed the value of a severe weather alert radio, storm and tornado safety, and answered questions about her own career in TV journalism.

Lake study rescheduled, public presentation May 14

The previously announced Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council core sampling project has been rescheduled for May 13, 14, and 15. Representatives of the U.S. Geological Survey, who will lead the extensive study of Lake Maxinkuckee, will lead a public presentation at the Culver depot at 7 p.m. on the 13th for the general public, and for various Marshall County students and teachers at 10 a.m. on the 14th. For more information, contact LMEC executive director Kathy Clark at [lmec@culcom.net](mailto:lmec@culcom.net).

Culver’s connections to comedy star Jonathan Winters

By Jan Garrison

Culver Academies Communications

The late Jonathan Winters, 87, who died on April 11, has a Culver connection. He attended the Culver Summer Schools & Camps during the summer of 1941 and participated in the Horsemanship program.

Winters is a member of the inaugural class of the Culver Academies Arts & Letters Hall of Fame, having been inducted in 2004. Born in Dayton, Ohio, on Nov. 11, 1925, he attended public school in Springfield until he dropped out at age 17 to join the Marine Corps.

Serving through the rest of World War II, he returned to Ohio and attended Kenyon College, then transferred to the Dayton Art Institute. Winning a talent competition, which gave him a chance as a radio disc jockey in Dayton, led to television job in Columbus. In the 1953, with \$56.46 in his pocket, Winters moved to New York City, and there his comedic career took off while performing at the Blue Angel nightclub.

Winters appeared on dozens of comedy programs, specials, and television series, beginning in 1954 and had his own shows, The Jonathan Winters Special and The Jonathan Winters Show. He appeared with such comedic greats as Bob Hope, Dean Martin, Steve Allen, and spanned generations, appearing with Robin Williams and on Late Night with David Letterman.

He also received an best supporting actor Emmy Award in 1991 for his role in the comedy Davis Rules. Winters also found success on the big screen, appearing in such films as "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World," "Moon Over Parador," "The Shadow," and others. He was inducted into the Comedy Hall of Fame and received the Mark Twain Prize in Humor.

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# Culver History Corner

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# If these walls could talk...West Jefferson Street

By Jeff Kenney

Returning to our ongoing series of "virtual" walks through commercial buildings of Culver, we just left Hammer's Garage at Jefferson and Slate Streets, and we've got a few more stops to make before we leave this side of town.

It might be easy to forget that the west end of Jefferson Street has long been one of the "gateways" to town, in this case from today's State Road 17 (though it hasn't always been so). It's a logical place for some business presence, as is evidenced by what remains in that area today.

Before we get any further west, though, it's worth a quick stop into 409 W. Jefferson, home for years to Sims Printing, and later Sims Printing and Culver Feed and Garden.

As many Culverites may recall, Jesse Sims --starting in 1946 -- worked in the printing operation of Culver Press Inc., which operated out of today's town hall on Plymouth Street and published not only the Culver Citizen newspaper, but for several years also local and regional yearbooks, magazines, and other publications. The operation would eventually become subsumed by Indiana Press in Plymouth in 1967, but Sims had departed to start his own, considerably small printing business by the late 1950s, if not earlier.

Sims Printing was located in the one-story building still standing at the southwest corner of Jefferson and White Streets, which appears to have originally been a garage or out-building to the two-story home next door to the west. By the late 1970s, the printing operation had added its garden center.

The business -- which was taken over by Jesse's son Leon in later years -- closed in 1988, six years before Jesse Sims passed away.

Heading west a block or two, today's Culver mobile home park, on the south side of Jefferson Street, has replaced what had for many years been a poultry operation. Starting some time in the first half of the 20th century, Hand's Poultry Farm was sold in August, 1946 -- including equipment, building, and lands -- to Ted Powers and Lester McKee, who would re-dub it The Culver Produce Company. In Sept., 1960, the Culver Citizen reported of a large picnic on "the beautiful lawn" surrounding the company.

By that same year, the Culver Mobile Home Park had been added to the area. Ted Powers, originally of Argos, was listed as sole owner of the mobile home park and had been assisted in the operation of Culver Produce by his wife Mary. He passed away in 1965, though Culver Produce continued into the late 1960s.

Mary (formerly McKee) Powers, remarkably, lived to age 98, passing away in 2010. She had worked as a seamstress at Boetsma's (just down the street to the west and north) in Culver for many years besides retaining a lengthy memory of many long-gone facets of "old Culver." The mobile home park continues under the ownership of some of the couple's children.

Right across the street to the north sits 514 West Jefferson, home today of the `Puter Pit Stop.

In 1956, Don and Pat Grothaus built Skate-Way (which opened the following year), a 60 by 120 foot roller skating rink to capitalize on the popularity of the activity in Culver. The Grothaus family had come to Culver from Fort Wayne in 1950, when Don Grothaus and Don Luniger purchased the Cloverleaf Dairy (which had started several

blocks east, also on Jefferson Street), and which the two operated for the next four years.

According to Don and Pat's son, Jim Grothaus, who lives today in Phoenix, Arizona, the rink was built on three acres of land "purchased from our neighbor, Art Hatten. They originally intended it to be open without walls for summer recreation only. After a successful summer season they decided to enclose it for year round uses such as roller dance and race competitions. One of my favorite memories was when dad ended the open skating hours on Saturday evenings with the Hokey Pokey dance!"

Culver's Skate-Way rink, noted the Culver Citizen in 1957, "has no posts and four speakers of a 30-watt public address system (which) will feature organ music."

The family operated the business for two years and later leased it for a year, Don Grothaus working for two years following with Zechiel Farm Service.

The Citizen announced in 1961 that the Grothaus family was leaving Culver to live in Phoenix, Ariz., having "sold their home on West. Jefferson Street recently to Mrs. Herman A. Knoerzer...the Grothauses and their sons, Tom, Jim, Billy, and Steve will be greatly missed here but we wish them good health and much happiness in their new home."

Wrote the Culver Citizen in November, 1961: "Jerome Zechiel, 462 Liberty St., owner of Zechiel Farm Service, has purchased the Culver Skating Rink on W. Jefferson St. and plans to move the Farm Service business to the new location after extensive remodeling has been completed in the building."

That remodeling included adding walls to the once largely open building, with back office space in addition to the street-facing retail offerings. Jerome "Zeke" Zechiel, had started the business in 1954 with his wife Betty, but obviously expanded his offerings in the new building. Zechiel Farm Services liquidated its stock in 1985, after which Zechiel opened the popular Parlor video arcade on North Main Street the same year. Zeke and Betty died together in a car accident in 1996.

In 1980, Rich Sytsma established Culver Communications, Inc., drawing on -- among other things -- his background with his father, Al, who had sold and repaired appliances and electronics for decades prior in Culver. Culver Communications would expand from radio and other electronics sales and repair, to focus more heavily on computers, including offering Culver one of its first -- and its only lasting local -- Internet service providers and email servers (the service continues today, though Sytsma has transitioned out of direct involvement). Various other businesses shared the building in the years to follow, including tax services and Al's own appliance operations.

Later in 2011, Colleen (Ditmire) Watwood opened the Puter Pit Stop there.

## Big river

RIGHT: As was the case with many Indiana rivers last weekend, the Yellow River just north of Burr Oak had spilled well into its flood plain, though was still quite a ways shy of reaching the roadway on State Road 17.



## Name that Culver `citizen`

A familiar face well outside of Culver, last week's Mystery Citizen, Kevin Overmyer, may be best known for his lengthy service as a Marshall County commissioner, among



LEFT: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Kevin Overmyer, then and now. ABOVE: This week's Mystery Citizens Anna

Neher, Janelle Kauffman, Mel Thomas, Jack Houghton, Lora and Ed Pinder, Kay Tusing, Jeanette Geiselman, and Kristine Berger Eisenhour.

This week's Mystery Citizen has a long history in Culver, not the least of which is as the "front face" of one longstanding local business.

Guesses may be emailed to culver-citizen@gmail.com or call the editor at 574-216-0075.



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# Embracing the challenge: Culver's Budzinski walks on with Purdue

By James Costello  
Sports Editor

CULVER — Micah Budzinski isn't one to back away from a challenge.

When the Culver Community football star first decided he wanted to play for Division I Purdue, it wasn't because he was being offered a scholarship — as a recently accepted walk-on with the team, he'll have to pay the full freight himself. And while Budzinski says he loves football, the four-year, three-sport standout says it wasn't purely a love of the game that inspired him to walk on with the Boilermakers either.

Instead, he says it was an opportunity to test himself and to do something exceptional.

"I do really enjoy football, but I enjoy all my sports," said Budzinski. "I love the game of football a lot, but I wanted to do something to push myself. I didn't want to just go to Purdue and study civil engineering and not do anything else with myself because I knew I had the potential to do something better. And I don't want to sound arrogant when I say I knew I could do this, but I didn't want to settle for anything less than my best."

Budzinski certainly has the physical gifts to be a successful player at the next level.

At 6-foot-6 and 210 pounds, he's been a four-year starter both on Culver's basketball and football teams as well as a standout sprinter and hurdler with the Cavaliers' track and field team. The wide receiver/ outside linebacker finished up his high school football career last fall with a total of 155 receptions for 1,778 yards with 19 touchdowns, and he was also rated the team's top hitter on defense by head coach Andy Thomas. He's likely looking at a defensive role at Pur-



FILE PHOTO

Culver Community's Micah Budzinski gains a few extra inches after being tackled by a Bremen defender during a Northern State Conference football game last fall.

due. "Most of the schools that we've talked to or that have talked to us were interested in putting him on defense, maybe at defensive end or tight end," said Thomas. "He's a kid that works hard in the weight room, and he could easily put some strength on and maintain his speed and agility and be a contributor at one of those positions."

"Purdue, I think, is interested in having me as an outside linebacker. Their main focus at this point is having me gain as much weight as possible in the offseason and maybe even redshirt me to gain 30 to 40 pounds," Budzinski said. As a player at a small Class A school, Budzinski has played everywhere from wide receiver to free safety to corner back to outside linebacker on the high school football field, and he says he's less concerned with where he'll play than he is with the adjustment to the DI level of play in general.

"Since Culver's a small school I've kind of been all around with the positions," he said. "The change between positions specifically won't be too bad for me, but then on the other hand the change from the position at high school to that position at college will be tremendously different. Everyone there is 10 times stronger than me, and they're experienced. That's going to be the thing that I'm going to have to adapt to the most — going from a position where I'm used to being the biggest guy on the field and the fastest guy on the field, to now it's going to be the exact opposite."

Walking on with Purdue means he won't receive a football scholarship in return for what amounts to a full-time job

playing and practicing with the Boilermakers, but the good news for Budzinski is that he's just as exemplary in the classroom as he is on the playing field.

He's ranked second in his graduating class with a 3.987 GPA and 1,850 SAT score, and his balanced efforts as a student-athlete were rewarded Thursday when TCU awarded him a \$1,000-a-year renewable scholarship at a National Football Foundation banquet in Mishawaka. Given the time commitments of a serious DI student-athlete, the money should be a big help.

"When I got it I was surprised because the group of guys that were there were really the cream of the crop — they were all the top athletes and top students in our area," said Budzinski. "Obviously I'm honored to get it and even a little bit surprised... and not being able to get a full-time job having to do sports and school, any money that I can get is huge."

"He's a good athlete, but even more important he's ranked number two in his class. He has great scores, and that helps as well," said Thomas.

"(The scholarship) will help pay for his college. It's something that he's worked hard for, and he's enjoying the fruits of his labors academically as well as athletically."

Good timing is an important part of success in all walks of life, and Budzinski's acceptance as a walk-on at Purdue is no different. When former Kent State head coach Darrell Hazell took over the program for erstwhile Boilermakers coach Danny Hope back on Dec. 5, the change in coaching staff meant that a door that might otherwise have been closed to Budzinski was now open.

"I think it kind of gave me a better chance, because with the new coaching staff they were more open to change," said Budzinski. "They looked around more, so when we contacted them they were more interested in what Coach Thomas

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## Brown stands out for Lady Cavs at Turtle Town

Culver Community's girls track team had several standout performances as the team finished ninth at the 12-team Turtle Town Invitational in Churubusco last Saturday.

Denisha Brown put in dominating performances in the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes as well as the long jump and was named the nigh-point scorer for the meet.

Mickella Hardy and Donna Zehner placed third and fourth respectively in the shot put and Donna was also runner



up in discus. Denisha Brown turned in a dominating performance winning the 100 meter and 200 meter dashes with times of 12.01 and 28.02 as well as a 16-3 distance in the long jump on her way to the high-point award for the meet.

Mickella Hardy and Donna Zehner placed third and fourth respectively in the shot put with throws of 33-10 and 33-1, and Zehner's 100-6 mark in the discus was good enough for runner-up honors.

## Sports briefs

### Baseball

**Kolden powers CMA:** Trent Kolden homered and hit two doubles, and Culver Military handed visiting Tippecanoe Valley an 8-6 defeat at home at The Academies Monday.

Kolden finished with three RBIs at the game, while Kyle Bartelman doubled and finished with two RBIs for the Eagles. Shane Comiskey also drove in three runs for the victors, who moved to 3-0 on the season.  
• CULVER MILITARY 8, TIPPECANOE VALLEY 6 at Culver

**Kay shuts out Cavs:** Braydon Kay pitched a complete-game shutout to earn  
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Jintown its first win, as Cul-



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# Culver grad Hargraves is national fencing champ



Culver Academies grad and Plymouth resident Marvin Hargraves is clearly enthused at the NCCC fencing championships in Michigan, where he helped the West Point Fencing Team earn its first national championship crown.

PHOTO/ALEXANDRA MEDARD

8, helping West Point Fencing capture its first national championship crown in the weapon of epee at the Collegiate Club Championships at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich.

"Without the help of God, my teammates, coach and my family this accomplishment would not have been possible," Hargraves said. "Their continuous support allowed me to exceed my limits and push myself to my goal of first place at nationals. It was truly my honor to fence on behalf of all my supporters. I hope to continue to honor God and all those who believe in me as my fencing career has only just begun."

More information about the event is available online here: [www.usma.edu/news/SitePages/Fencing%20wins%20two%20national%20titles.aspx](http://www.usma.edu/news/SitePages/Fencing%20wins%20two%20national%20titles.aspx)

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had to say about me, and they were more willing to think about having me on the team. With the old coach being there, there was a chance that they had already done a good amount of their scouting years before and they already had ideas, but now that there's a new coaching staff they're starting fresh, I have a chance to get in on the new fresh stuff."

It's an exciting time for Purdue football with Hazell taking the reins after a two-year stint with the Golden Flashes during which time the school's first black head coach guided his team to its first winning season in more than a decade and first bowl bid in more than four decades last season. Budzinski is enthusiastic about the opportunity and looks forward to making the transition to Purdue at the same time Hazell and his staff do.

"I'm excited because being a freshman on the team, it's always going to be hard. The coaching staff will be introducing new things, so the whole focus won't just be on the freshmen," he said. "Everyone will be fresh to new and different things. The seniors on the team won't know everything, and everyone will be going through the same thing together with the new staff. We'll all kind of grow together with the coach that way, as freshmen, seniors and every grade."

## Sports from page 5

ver Community lost a 7-0 Northern State Conference opener at home Monday. Culver put up just two hits in the loss, including a double by Nick Pritz. Culver slips to 1-5 overall with an 0-1 NSC start. Jintown improves to 1-3 and 1-0 in the NSC.

• JIMTOWN 7, CULVER COMMUNITY 2  
At Culver

### Softball

**Culver falls 16-1 to Bremen:** Bremen's high-powered offense led to a 16-1, five-inning rout of visiting Culver Community Wednesday night. Megan Brady got off to a tough start for Culver, giving up 12 runs in just two-thirds innings pitched before Madelyn Strycker chased her in the bottom of the first. Strycker allowed five hits with six walks for four runs for Culver in the Northern State Conference loss.

• BREMEN 16, CULVER 1 (5 inn.)  
At Bremen

**CGA falls in 5:** Culver Girls Academy surrendered seven runs in the first inning and dropped a 13-3 contest with Adams Monday. Abby Jeffirs took the loss in the circle for the Lady Eagles, who put up five hits compared to 14 by Adams batters in the loss.

• SOUTH BEND ADAMS 13, CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 3  
At LaSalle

### Boys track and field

**CMA competes at Goshen Relays:** CMA was 14th with 37 points at the 23-team Goshen Relays Saturday. Wes Hibbard won the first 1600 heat in 4:49.26 for Culver Military, and teammate Leopoldo Burguete finished fifth in the third mile heat in a time of 4:54.16. Eric Burns placed fifth in the long jump with a distance of 19'10 3/4", and Austin Sheldon

finished eighth in the pole vault with a clearance of 11'6". The Eagles also finished second in the first distance medley race.

• 71st ANNUAL GOSHEN RELAYS  
At Foreman Field, Goshen

### Girls track

**CGA beats Triton:** Culver Girls Academy's track team beat host Triton 87-44 in a dual meet Monday.

Event results from the meet were unavailable.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 87, TRITON 44  
At Bourbon

### Boys golf

**Lions' consistency trumps Culver's low round:** Culver Community had the low individual round, but Bremen's consistency won the day as the Lions handed the Cavaliers a 168-209 Northern State Conference loss in a dual meet at Sprig O'Mint Wednesday. Trent Elliott fired off a 39, but no other Culver golfer was able to break 50 as Tristan Schultz shot a 54, Cody Petersen shot 57, and Kenny VanDePutte turned in a 59.

• BREMEN 168, CULVER COMMUNITY 209  
At Sprig O'Mint (Par 36)

**CMA wins 2:** Culver Military's boys golf team finished atop a three-way pile, while LaVille suffered losses to both CMA and Concord in a triangular meet at Mystic Hills in Culver Tuesday. All of CMA's top four broke 40 on the near-by course as John Connely shot a 1-over 36, Davis Payne went 2 over at 37, and Logan Joseph and Ben Sharff turned in respective scores of 38 and 39. The Eagles improved to 4-0 in dual meet play with the wins.

• CULVER MILITARY 150, CONCORD 163, LaVILLE 204



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## CES students of the month

Culver Elementary School has released its Students of the Month for February.

**Kindergarten:** Nichoas Mearna (teacher: Amy Bonine), Chloe Draper (Heather Overmyer), Kassidy Banks (Stephanie Smith), Ethan Binion (Jean Urbin), Peyton Weist (Janna VanDePutte), Brynn Berndt Carol Jackson)

**First grade:** Dakota Lindsley (Andrea Berndt), Lane Stebbins (Kelly Dickerhoff), Miah Shock (April Jeffries), Avery Garland (Becky Risner), Zachary Mangun (Kelly Young), Carson Krueger (Mike Elliott).

**Second grade:** Benjamin Lee (Jean Ahlenius), Steven Pugh (Tina Bailey), Kali Kidd (Cindy Master), Michael Knapp (Lisa Moise).

**Third grade:** Alexxa Howard (Valerie Cultice), Matthew Davis (Jill DeSalle), Paige Lancaster (Rachel Rife), Doc Binion (Carrie Tharp), Matthew Bailey (Mrs. Kinney).

**Fourth grade:** Shaloon Alvarez (Alicia Cotner), Gracey Sherman (Mrs. Miller), Mia Conroy (Chris Renneker), Olivia Gilley (Leslie Shepard), Morgan Keller (Suzanne Hollis), Damien Dunn (Kim Morrison).

**Fifth grade:** Amanda Bradley (Pam Craft), Kenzie Binkley (Gayle Kinzie), Noah Parsons (Raeanne Stevens), Krisonica Hesters (Steve Young), Isabelle Ahlenius (Joyce Lyman).

**Sixth grade:** Taylor Noah (Bryan Albright), Eyvi Binion (Adam Huber), Kenney Ash (Todd Shafer), Hailey Shipley (Missy Trent), Cloee Winkler (Terri Zechiel), Hailey Pennington (Suzanne Hollis), Charles Ault (Mrs. Thompson).

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24,2013.

“I Relay so my grandchildren won’t have to.”

A number of photos, videos, and written reflections on Culver’s 2013 Relay for Life are available at [culverrelay.wordpress.com](http://culverrelay.wordpress.com). Contributions may still be made towards this year’s goal of \$110,000, by visiting [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org) and searching for Culver’s event.

*The Culver Citizen editor thanks the Vedette staff and advisors for the use of portions of the material for this article, as well as photos.*

## Wesley seeks to expand education ministry as preschool transitions

Wesley United Methodist Church is dreaming bigger dreams for a long-time ministry in the Culver area. As the Wesley Preschool transitions to a new staff, it is seeking to expand its ministry to better serve the children and families of the Culver area, according to Pastor Jacob Junker.

In a recent letter sent out to current preschool families, he notes, “I am excited about the future of the Wesley Preschool as we transition into a new chapter of ministry that builds upon the past and moves us boldly into the future.”

On September 15, 1969, the first preschool class met at Wesley United Methodist Church. For over 40 years, the preschool has nurtured, challenged, and inspired children as they develop the foundational skills necessary to

succeed academically, says Junker. The church is using this transitional time to discern a bright new future for the preschool. It will be expanding the ministry and looks forward to hiring, along with the teachers, a new Director of Education who will oversee the preschool, along with family and adult education opportunities at Wesley United Methodist Church.

Those interested in knowing more about the preschool or the new job openings may visit the church’s website ([www.culverumc.com/preschool](http://www.culverumc.com/preschool) or [www.culverumc.com/hiring](http://www.culverumc.com/hiring)) or contact Pastor Jacob Juncker ([jacob@culverumc.com](mailto:jacob@culverumc.com) or 574-842-2900).

## Culver requests county GIS data

By Lydia Beers

Staff Writer

MARSHALL CO. — Dave Schoeff, town manager of Culver, came before county commissioners Monday to state a request.

Schoeff said Culver has hired a Chicago-based firm to do its comprehensive plan update.

"One of the things they would like to use is the (county's) GIS data," said Schoeff.

He said the company has reviewed a usage agreement provided by the county and it has no problem with the guidelines.

"They understand the rules and they had no problem — they do this in other communities too," said Schoeff.

Last year, the city of Plymouth requested to use county GIS data for its comprehensive plan update. There was some controversy surrounding releasing the data, as the county had established they would not give the data to a vendor. City Attorney Sean Surrisi said the county and the city eventually came to agreement allowing the data to be used solely for the comprehensive plan update, at no

charge to the city.

Culver Town Manager Schoeff said during a phone interview Monday that Culver is hoping the county will enter into a similar agreement with the town of Culver.

"The town is looking to get an agreement with the county to let us have the data for this plan," said Schoeff, adding that the data will be used only for the comprehensive plan revision.

"It was about the year 2000 when (the comprehensive plan) was last updated," said Schoeff.

Earlier this year, an Elkhart company purchased county GIS data for an upcoming NIPSCO project. The company paid the county \$15,000 for the information, which included names and addresses of all property owners in Marshall County.

Monday, commissioners said they didn't see a problem with giving Culver the GIS data. County Attorney Jim Clevenger will draft another agreement and commissioners will sign off on the decision in a May meeting.

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want to attract the right crowd."

However, he emphasized everyone's welcome regardless of looks, income, or background.

"Every person is welcome. However, there is a certain expectation of behavior at the Lakehouse."

He also points out he's realigning the location and logistics of live bands to "control noise concerns" at the restaurant and bar.

The Lakehouse Grille, which encompasses the old Lakeview Tavern, will celebrate its one year anniversary with a special event Saturday, May 11, when CCHS grad Kevin McDaniel will play live in the bar (his specialty is oldies) from 8:30 p.m. to midnight, after which DJ Tim will play in the dining room. Food and drink specials will

accompany Lakehouse "swag" giveaways.

Additionally, the Lakehouse will begin to offer lunch six days per week, starting this week and through Labor Day.

"That's another form of saying 'thank you' to the Culver community and our patrons," he notes.

There will be major additions to the menu, Damore explains, including the ORBD Burger, which allows him to partner with his father's popular local eatery, the Original Root Beer Stand (hence the ORBS). The burger is a Lakehouse double cheeseburger with the root beer stand's popular dog sauce.

"I am really trying to unify the three different aspects of Culver," Damore says. "The Academy, the lakers, and

the locals. All three come here. Entertainment is one way to do that."

Information about that event and more can be found online at [www.facebook.com/TheLakehouseGrille](http://www.facebook.com/TheLakehouseGrille).

In addition to karaoke every other Friday (May 3, 11, 24, and 31; June 7 and 21; July 5 and 19; and Aug. 2, 16, and 30), live performances this spring and summer at the Lakehouse typically start at 10 p.m. and are free of charge. They include:

*April 27: Matt Miller* (acoustic, 60s through 90s)

*May 4: Joey Garcia* (newer material, acoustic with bass)

*May 11:* One-year anniversary party with **Kevin McDaniel**, oldies and dancing, and **DJ Tim**.

*May 18: Moneyshot Band* (classic rock)

*May 25: Dirt Cheap* (classic rock variety, but with an 80s emphasis)

*June 1: Joey Garcia*

*June 8: Seldom Told* (classic rock and 80s and 90s alternative with a strong female lead)

*June 15: Stillshot* ("One of Indiana's best cover bands.")

This event, the evening of Taste of Culver, will include a small cover charge)

*June 22: Matt Miller*

*June 29: Sum of 3* (acoustic band with a "gifted" lead singer)

*July 6: Seldom Told*

*July 13: Kevin McDaniel*

*July 20: Sum of 3*

*July 27 : Half Track* (AC/DC style, up-tempo - there will be a cover charge that night)

*Aug. 3: Dirt Cheap*

*Aug. 10: Money Shot*

*Aug. 24: Matt Miller*

*Aug. 31: Joey Garcia*

*Sept. 7: Kevin McDaniel*

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John Gouwens, carillonneur of the Culver Academies, will present the first in the 2013 series of recitals on the 51-bell carillon in the tower of the Memorial Chapel, Culver Academies Saturday, April 27 at 4 p.m.

As always, Gouwens will include several hymn improvisations in the program, providing listener-friendly familiarity along the way. Additional recital will be offered on May 18; June 22 and 29; July 6, 13, 20, and 27; August 31; and September 28.

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.

[faculty.culver.org/gouwenj/Next%20Performance.asp](http://faculty.culver.org/gouwenj/Next%20Performance.asp)

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**Pickers** (Americana, bluegrass, folk, Irish)

*Sat., Aug 17, 7 p.m.:* **Playne Jayne** (country, pop)

*Sun., Aug 18, 3 p.m.:* **Brett Wiscons** (adult contemporary)

*Sat., Aug 24, 7 p.m.:* **Sock Hop** featuring American Pie (50's and 60's, country)

*Sun., Sept 8, 3 p.m.:* **J.C. Company and Band** (bluegrass, country)