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## In Brief

### VFW rib dinner

**Saturday**  
Culver VFW Post 6919 Men's Auxiliary will host a half-rack baby back rib dinner Saturday, Nov. 10, from noon until dinners are sold out. The cost is \$10 per dinner and baked potatoes and green beans are included with the dinner, which takes place at the Post at 108 E. Washington Street in Culver.

### Lincoln Quiz Bowl

#### Sunday

As part of the national traveling exhibit "Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War," available through Nov. 16 at the Culver Academies' Huffington Library The Academies championship Quiz Bowl team will take on a team of Academies' faculty/staff in a friendly competition focused on Lincoln, his presidency and the Civil War, this Sunday, Nov. 11, 2 to 3 p.m.

### Blood drive Sunday

The Red Cross will hold a blood drive Sunday, Nov. 11, from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Culver Academies in the Fleet Gymnasium. To schedule an appointment to donate please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org for more information. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission in Indiana and Ohio), meet weight and height requirements (110 pounds or more, depending on their height) and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. Please bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive ID when you come to donate. Platelet donors should also be aspirin-free for 48 hours.

### Culver in the Movies

#### at museum/Club event

"Culver in the Movies" will be the theme at the Culver Academies Museum & Gift Shop Friday, Nov. 16, from 5 to 7 p.m. The free event is part of a wine and cheese open house and membership event for the Culver Club of Culver, which will have membership applications available (membership is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple). Museum curator Jeff Kenney will present a program on the Hollywood films shot at or about Culver Academies. The museum is located at 102 S. Main Street. Call 574-842-8842 for more information.

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## An early Christmas gift for Culver shoppers, merchants

ABOVE: For the second year in a row, Culver businesses and restaurants treated shoppers to open houses and bargains for "Christmas in Culver," an effort -- in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce -- to encourage people to do their Christmas shopping early and locally. The event took place in conjunction with the "By the Lake" holiday bazaar at the depot on Lake Shore Drive, where (UPPER LEFT) Jeanne Spaw (right) examines jewelry made by Barbara Meeker (left), as Joyce Ballard looks on in the background. UPPER RIGHT: Lynne Overmyer (left) and granddaughter Peyton check out the cupcake give-aways offered by Gwen Rogers (right) at Elizabeth's Garden, as Jenifer Foxworthy and Elizabeth Beauchamp look on in the background. Foxworthy and Rogers are partnering with Beauchamp to expand Elizabeths' offerings, which will be detailed in an upcoming edition of the *Citizen*. LOWER LEFT: Kim Hesler of Valparaiso was one of many shoppers over the weekend to visit from out of town for the event. She's examining items on the Christmas tree at Diva on Main Street. Also at Diva (LOWER CENTER), Marilyn Jones, right, distributes chocolates to Saralyn Dewitt, left. Champagne and mimosa were also given to shoppers. LOWER RIGHT: Susan Bennett of Winamac browses the selection at Fisher & Co. clothiers on Main Street.

## Tenderloins, bowling, and 50 years of Culver memories

### Dewitt family's quarter-century at Lake Shore Lanes and beyond

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Not long ago, Jim Dewitt was in the Culver post office when the topic of the beloved tenderloins he served at the Lake Shore Lanes bowling alley between 1953 and 1978 came up. Soon, various folks in line were speaking up in favor of their favorite menu item, and the nearly 35 years since the popular spot closed seemed to melt away.

Jim Dewitt and his late wife Mary, and their family, has been so quintessentially Culver, it might come as a surprise that the 91-year old Pearl Harbor survivor came here by way of an adventurous and world-traveling -- even nomadic -- past, pre-Culver life (see accompanying story this page).

By 1953, Jim and Mary Dewitt had decided to sell the grocery store they'd operated for the past seven years in Wawaka, and were contemplating their next move.

Fate played its hand, since Dewitt, who rarely read the classified ads, found himself perusing them in the South Bend Tribune, where he saw for sale a bowling alley in Culver.

"I said (to Mary), 'I'm going to Culver tomorrow.' Mary said, 'What's in Culver?' I brought (daughter) Karen over and we looked at it."

Dewitt purchased the bowling alley, on Lake Shore Drive, May 23, 1953 from George Robinson, who had bought it from Jerome Zechiel not long before. Robinson had added the electric grill and French fryers.

Dewitt believes the alleys in the building were unmatched because part of the facilities had come from the bowling alley which once existed west of the old Kruezberger saloon (today the Jim and Diane Greene home at the south end of State Street). Some of that alley had utilized parts of a Logansport alley (possibly also the property of the Kruezberger family, which ran a large Logansport operation) damaged in famous 1913 flood in Logansport, at which Culver Academy cadets rescued many.

Lake Shore Lanes bordered the Lake View Tavern to the west, with about 20 inches between the two buildings, but shared a wall to the east with the coffee shop long at 622 Lake Shore Drive (at least as far back as the 1920s).

The Dewitt family's first full year running the place, 1954, yielded only \$3,000, and that was with two people working seven days per week.

"It was discouraging," Jim Dewitt admits.

Customers didn't begin trickling in, in those days, until the sky darkened since it was difficult to tell if the business was open until then. At that time Culver had no less than two taxis, and Dewitt says they would order food from the restaurant, as would Culver Academy's waiters living in temporary housing near the campus, whose food would be delivered by taxi.

In spite of the uphill battle to make a go of it, "Mary, bless her heart, stuck with me every step of the way," says her husband.

Of all the food served at the bowling alley, "everybody remembers the tenderloins," acknowledges Dewitt. That was on the menu when he first bought the business, and initially pork loin was used (the actual tenderloin wasn't useful in a sandwich, he notes). The unique taste and texture folks remember, he says, came about out of practical necessity.

"We'd have (the butcher) slice the meat to the size we wanted. Then we'd get bread crumbs and the batter mix and work it in. Mary's fingers weren't strong enough to do it very easy, so I took the serrated thing we cut French

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### Jim Dewitt's journey: from orphanage to Pearl Harbor to Culver

Jim Dewitt, born in Morocco, Ind., lost his mother and father to tuberculosis when he was age 4 (his mother) and 6 (his father), leaving him and his brother and sister to grow up mostly at an orphanage in Mexico, Indiana.

He relates a series of adventures after being placed on a farm 100 miles from the orphanage, from which he ran away, walking to Warsaw where a deputy sheriff picked him up and took him to jail, later spending the night at the sheriff's house and watering the courthouse flowers in exchange for his meals.

Dewitt returned to the farm, but later ran away again, heading from Chicago to the Ozark Mountains, about which he'd read adventurous things. On the way, he spent some time in St. Louis, eating the fruit tossed out (due to a bad spot or two) from boats on the Mississippi.

Dewitt found the Ozarks far less romantic than the fictional portrayal he'd read, and wound up hitchhiking to Dallas and then Illinois, later forced to spend two more years (starting at age 15) back in the Mexico orphanage. In spite of the bad taste left in his mouth from the farm he'd been sent to, there was a girl there he was interested in, so he spent one more year there until graduation from high school.

While there, he was able to find work in the home of a nearby farmer whose niece would eventually change Dewitt's life.

"These people (I was working for) had a three and a half year old daughter; it was the first time I ever felt like I had a home. She felt like a little sister. I was milking around Labor Day, and she kept saying she wanted

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## Schuldt reacts to DOE school 'report cards,' shares concerns over evaluation model

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

During the October 31 State Board of Education meeting, Superintendent Dr. Tony Bennett announced more than 61 percent of Indiana schools received A or B letter grades for the 2011-2012 school year. Of the 16 schools graded in Marshall County, only two had a D (Argos Elementary and Jefferson Elementary in Plymouth), while none had an F.

Culver Community High School was given a C rating, while Culver Elementary received an A, the same grade as Culver Academies.

Culver Community Schools superintendent Brad Schuldt lauded the work of teachers and students towards "all kinds of improvements."

Schuldt's however, is one of a great many voices in public education expressing concerns over "bugs" in the system used by the state to evaluate schools' performances. He notes a number of schools "are bouncing around between an A and a D, and they have the same staff. About the only change is the grade level of the kids moving around. To have those kinds of swings is not indicative of a stable kind of grading system."

Culver Elementary itself, for example, received a D rating in the 2011 AYP (Average Yearly Progress) report, while this year it's score shot up to an A. Culver's high school, meanwhile, appealed its initial grade in 2011 to receive an A ranking, while this year it slips to a C, despite few changes in staff and students.

Schuldt is quick to point out he's not looking to make excuses for the schools' performances.

"I certainly understand and believe in accountability," he says. "I just think the grading system has some issues with it where a certain number of kids will be forced to be in the bottom of the growth measurement process because, by definition, they're taking a third of the kids and making them 'low growth,' whether they improve or not."

Changes on the part of various states in the U.S. in terms of where scores are cut to determine student proficiency levels have resulted in wide ranging scores for individual schools.

"Basically," says Schuldt, "they're trying to take the scores of kids and measuring whether or not they're improving or growing, and they cut it into thirds (to determine) 'high growth,' 'typical growth,' or 'low growth.' It doesn't matter how much

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## Marshall County AYP scores by school

School	School points	2012 grade	2011
Culver Academies	3.85	A	N/A
Culver Community H.S.	2.45	C	A
Culver Elem.	3.75	A	D
Argos Elem.	1.75	D	B
Argos H.S.	3.13	B	A
Bremen H.S.	3.85	A	A
Bremen Elem.	4.00	A	A
Menominee Elem.	2.25	C	A
Plymouth H.S.	3.55	A	C
Lincoln Jr. High	2.00	C	D
Riverside Intermediate	3.25	B	B
Jefferson	1.75	D	A
Washington	4.00	A	A
Webster	4.00	A	A
Triton Elem.	2.75	C	D
St. Michael	4.00	A	A





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## Halloween -- Culver style

The chilly temperatures and drizzly weather Oct. 31 didn't deter all of Culver's trick-or-treaters, though it's safe to say numbers weren't quite what they sometimes are. Among the creative costumes out and about were (UPPER LEFT) young Jake Fisher (age 10) and Tucker Fisher (8), who stopped off for some treats from Marilyn Bickel (seated) in front of the Uptown Cinema on Lake Shore Drive.

Also on Lake Shore were Culver police officers sharing treats and glow sticks with youngsters, including (UPPER RIGHT) town marshal Wayne Bean, left. Ready with open treat bag is 4 year old Paige Evans, accompanied by Mandy Schumeth (right).

Among those places particularly attractive to trick-or-treaters on such an unforgiving evening was the Culver Bible Church, where the planned "Trunk or Treat" -- with hot dogs, drinks, and treats -- was moved indoors (Wesley United Methodist Church on School Street offered hot dogs and other goodies in an outdoor tent, while Trinity Lutheran Church on Academy Road kept its own "Trunk or Treat" outside). Pictured at LOWER LEFT are CBC Pastor Dan Huhn and wife Kathie, who don't normally look like that! Greeting Trunk or Treaters outside CBC was Dave Johnson as "Shrek."



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Students at Wesley Preschool had their own trick-or-treat the week before the holiday, visiting various businesses in Culver. At LEFT are Will Gaskill, Daniel Chambers, and Madeline Pretzer (back to the camera). Kim Heath of Studio Hair Designs on Main Street shares a treat. At RIGHT, students (from left) Aiden Molebash, Madline Pretzer (princess in the background), Lucas Rios, Ella Simon, and Avery Loehr receive treats from Shaina Lampton of Bottom Line Training Co., also on Main Street.



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growth you have; it's where you fall in the category of thirds."

He notes schools aren't notified in advance when cut score standards are changed, something which occurs every year.

Another change this year is the timing of the report, which Schuldts says was originally slated for release two months ago. Delays and changes left schools with just six days -- as opposed to 30 days as in the past -- to appeal the grade given. He notes Argos' school was one affected by the change.

Argos Superintendent Dr. Jennifer Lucht also said the system in which the state uses to grade school is ineffective.

"We appealed that rating," said Lucht. "If you go through the actual computation page, we should have

gotten higher. We were graded low for two areas. Low participation rate was one. We actually had 100 percent participation. Four students were listed who were no longer our students."

Lucht said the corporation received a letter stating the appeals had been denied at 6 p.m. Tuesday (the scores were released to the media the next day).

Lucht said her job was to now engage parents about the grades. But she said the grading system remains flawed. "A school has to get an F for six years in a row before anything is done by the state," said Lucht. "They don't assist until six years have gone by. If this was such a serious issue wouldn't they intervene sooner?"

Schuldts notes school size also appears to have an effect on the overall grade of the school.

"In our size school, one or two students can mean several percent points (on the AYP grade), because our sample is so small. Clearly, the more students you have, the higher grade you have. The smaller schools

are getting lower grades and the bigger schools are getting A's."

Another concern of Schuldts' echoes a state and even nationwide complaint about the increasing proliferation of standardized testing.

"Generally speaking, it's caused all of us to focus in on math and language arts. For one, we test kids too much. And two, as the state puts too much emphasis on math and language arts, we're not having enough emphasis on music, art, and science. That, to me, is detrimental."

Culver's school system is contending with a higher than average percentage of special education students, whose scores also make up the report card figures.

The corporation continues to struggle with declining enrollment, Schuldts added, and now has the highest number of free and reduced lunch qualifying students of 20 to 25 schools in the area, including some surrounding counties which had previously been higher than Culver.

"The kids are trying hard and the teachers are trying hard, too," he says. "That's all we can do at the local level. And we're seeing many success stories."

## HOLIDAY DEADLINES

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## Culver Bible Church history celebrated at Nov. 11 event

Culver Bible Church will celebrate "Down Memory Lane" on November 11.

Following the morning worship service (starting at 10:30), a harvest dinner will be held. Then a program, including a Power Point presentation of the history of the church, will be shared.

CBC was started as the dream of Joseph W. Boetsma, a Culver business man, in 1951. Maynard Tittle was hired as the first full-time pastor in 1953. Since then, seven other men have filled the pulpit, including the current pastor, Daniel Huhn, who has been leading the congregation since 1977.

Those who have been a part of CBC in the past are welcome to this special occasion to renew old friendships. R.S.V.P. at 574-842-3056 by November 9 if you wish to attend the dinner, which will start at approximately 12:15. The program will start at 1:30. The church is located at 718 S. Main St. in Culver.



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Culver Academies students bound for Carnegie Hall include (clockwise from upper left) Alexandra Jeffirs, Mary McKinnis, Matt Moody, and Joy Shen.

## Academies students bound for Carnegie Hall

Culver Academies students and Marshall County residents Alexandra Jeffirs and Mary McKinnis were selected, by competitive audition, to represent "the finest performers in North America," in the American High School Honors Choir Performance Series at Carnegie Hall Feb. 10, 2013. Academies students Joy Shen (clarinet) and Matt Moody (viola) were selected for the American High School Honors Band and Orchestra, respectively, which will also perform at the concert.

According to the website, honorsperformance.org, "The American High School Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall was established to showcase some of the most talented student performers in high school today. Through an individual nomination and selection process, accomplished students are brought together in New York City with peers to comprise the Honors Choir and Honors Instrumental Ensembles. Several days of rehearsal under the direction of our renowned music conductors, culminate in a life-changing performance at Carnegie Hall."

Academies grad Callie Wilkinson and current senior, Katrina Weil, also performed in the Honors Choir in the past.

## CGA basketball to honor Patricia Babcock McGraw

On Friday, Nov. 9, the Culver Girls Academy basketball team will honor Patricia Babcock McGraw, the school's all-time leading scorer – girls and boys – and Indiana's Miss Basketball of 1990. She is ranked 12th in the state in career scoring with 2,199 points and 19th for single season scoring with 725 points in 1989-1990.

The junior varsity game against Bethany Christian will start at 6 p.m., followed by the ceremony in which a replica of Babcock McGraw's Miss Basketball jersey will be hung in Fleet Gym at approximately 7 p.m. The varsity contest is scheduled to tip off at 7:30. A reception for Babcock McGraw will be held after the varsity contest.

Babcock McGraw was named the CGA Athlete of the Year in 1990. She also received the Jane Metcalfe Culver Bowl for her outstanding athletic and academic achievements. She won four varsity letters in basketball and was also a two-time MVP in volleyball. Along with the Miss Basketball honor, she was named to the Parade Magazine All-America team and named the Indiana Player of the Year by USA Today. She also was a three-time member of The Associated Press All-State Team.

Following graduation, Babcock McGraw played at Northwestern University. She was named second team All-Big Ten in

## Bean updates on state of Culver food pantry

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Culver food pantry director Leroy Bean stopped by Culver's REAL Meals last week to update diners there on the pantry's efforts.

The pantry, located in the lower level of Grace United Church of Christ on Plymouth Street in Culver, is an effort of the Culver Council of Churches, and is open every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon. Bean said he gathers food from the food bank in South Bend, as well as purchasing it locally at Park N' Shop, Kroger, and Aldi, where some food is sold at cost.

So far this year, the pantry has collected almost 12,000 pounds of food, he noted, much of which has been given away. He tries to weigh all food brought in, to keep a record of it.

To date this year, 632 pounds of those 12,000 were donated, while the rest were provided by the USDA or purchased using donated funds, said Bean.

Around 170 people have utilized the food pantry so far this year; Bean said the pantry doesn't count multiple visits as new numbers. Numbers from week to week vary. Last week saw 11 clients, while Bean says there may be 30 next week.

Clients can only take away food once every two weeks, he added, and are allowed three grocery bags full of food. Starting in November, the pantry will begin asking for identification, "to help keep track of things."

Bean also explained that pantry volunteers don't evaluate the neediness of clients.

"If the richest guy in Culver comes down and signs his name and address, he can get food," he said. "We won't turn him down."

Visitors from Plymouth, for example, while not turned away, are informed of other pantry sites in Marshall County, including of course in their own community.

"But a lot say, 'We've already been to them and they don't give us much food,'" Bean said.

Dennis Lewandowski is Bean's "right hand man," he says, while there are a few ladies who help out when the pantry is open, which takes place after the shelves are stocked early Tuesday morning.

Bean notes he sends a monthly report to the food bank in South Bend telling how many families have come in and how much USDA-provided food has been used. He said the pantry was inspected by the USDA Monday and passed.



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY  
Leroy Bean speaks to diners at Culver's REAL Meals as assistant site director Jeanette Geiselman looks on in the background.

He also noted meat may be given to the pantry provided it's pre-packaged. The pantry included a double-wide, commercial freezer, and a home upright and chest-type freezer, respectively. There are also a couple of commercial refrigerators.

The pantry perimeter is lined with metal shelving donated by Park N' Shop when it was remodeled recently (John Elliott power-washed it for the pantry, says Bean).

Produce can be accepted, but Bean prefers to buy it himself, which he only does if it's from the day before, since it doesn't keep well.

Hunters wishing to donate a deer they've killed may do so, but only certified processing plants -- of which there are none in Marshall County at present -- can handle the meat for the pantry.

Besides food, toiletries are hard to keep stocked, and so are in demand, Bean explains.

He asks that, if donors wish to buy items to donate, they purchase a case of one particular food type, such as green beans or corn, rather than "a little of this or a little of that; it's easier to distribute that way. We buy it in quantity."

Bean says operation of the pantry is aided by Pat Birk, who as treasurer handles all monetary donations.

"We've got a good budget," he notes. "During Thanksgiving and Christmas it spikes, but it slows way down until then. It's been very slow this summer."

However, he adds, Union Township on the whole is "very generous."

"I've never run out of food."

Perhaps due to the recent recession, use of the pantry has increased in recent years, Bean points out. The pantry's mission is to serve the Culver Community School district, so its clientele is intended to go beyond the borders of Culver or even Union Township. He estimates over half the pantry's clients come from outside the township, and they vary in demographic, though a number are older residents or young families.

To donate to the Culver food pantry, call Leroy Bean at 574-842-3460, as opposed to simply dropping items off at the church.

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to see Jimmy milking the cows. So Mary (the niece of the farmer) was visiting and brought her out. It was hard for me to talk to girls; I was kind of shy around them, but this seemed to be different. I wanted to see her again."

Mary's father, however, said Dewitt could visit the family in Florida any time, something he would remember later, when enlisted. He hitchhiked over 900 miles to Florida by way of New Orleans, though once there, he realized Mary was only 14, and Dewitt himself was 18.

"I was about to give up (on her). But I was waiting to be called into the Service, and she would be in school, so it would be no problem."

Jim Dewitt entered the US Navy in December, 1939, training at Newport, RI.

In May, 1940, he was on a ship in the Caribbean Islands, then doing maneuvers in Hawaii by July. He'd taken shorthand in high school so he was given office work, eventually making Yeoman second class, stationed on various ships until he found himself on the USS Antares for a three-month stint, chosen by the Squadron Commander to take dictation towards a book he was writing.

One of Dewitt's oddest experiences was running into a Marine who looked like his brother. Once he heard the voice, he was yelling John's name.

"Can you imagine meeting your brother on an island in the Pacific Ocean?" he marvels, even today.

Jim Dewitt's experiences witnessing the historic attack on the US Naval base at Pearl Harbor on that "day of infamy" in December, 1941, were detailed last year in this newspaper. Like many there, he initially thought what appeared to be battle was only training maneuvers, and he wonders today how differently things might have gone if General Quarters had been called soon after a Japanese sub was sunk near his ship.

Japanese planes strafed their ship, says Dewitt, but it wasn't until everyone was ordered below deck that it "really got scary."

However, the Antares had not entered the Harbor proper and survived the attack. The reality of the devastation hit Dewitt when he went to visit his brother -- who had

not been wounded, but had yellow jaundice -- in the hospital at Pearl Harbor.

"The terrible part was they were brining in the casualties; so many were burned, and with the odor and the skin burning, it was terrible. Twenty four hundred died."

In all, Jim Dewitt served six years in the Navy. In the early years of his Naval service, he says he didn't write to anyone for a long time. Mary began writing him, and by the end of 1944, the two were writing daily.

"I wanted to be with her," he recalls. Released from the Navy on Dec. 23, Dewitt was unable to get official transportation so close to the holidays, so he hitchhiked a total of 7,500 to find his future bride.

"I asked her to marry me right away," he says. "I said, 'The Justice of Peace is fine with me!'"

The couple was married, however, four weeks later in a church alongside a small crowd of mostly Mary's family members.

Dewitt wasn't sure what he'd do, though he'd planned on farming. With \$5,000 in his pocket (\$3,700 from the Navy and most of the rest in poker winnings), he considered his options. One was re-enlisting, though he doubted his promise of staying stationed at Great Lakes Naval Base would be honored, so he passed on the option. He considered an offer to manage a mercantile company, but decided against spending his life in an office. Farming, he realized, had changed a great deal since his youth.

Dewitt happened to pick up a Ligonier newspaper while visiting Mary's aunt and uncle, advertising a grocery store for sale.

"We used to go to church near a little grocery store, years before, and I thought that'd be neat, so I bought the grocery store that night!"

He and Mary ran the grocery in Wawaka, Indiana, for seven years. Around that time, another couple expressed an interest in it, and Dewitt says the growth of larger supermarkets like Kroger and A&P showed him "the handwriting on the wall," so he decided to sell. The rest, to coin a phrase, is Culver history.



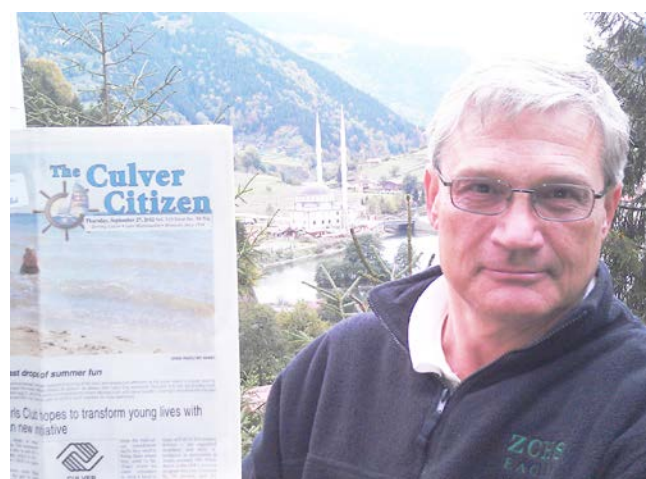
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ABOVE: The Dewitt children (Karen, Kathy, and Jimmy Jr. (John was yet to be born at the time) in front of Lake Shore Lanes on Lake Shore Drive in 1955. Note the "Coffee Shop" sign in the background.



## A blast from the past

CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Jim Dewitt holds a postcard sent to him recently -- from 1940! He originally mailed the card to a young lady on a farm in Indiana he'd lived at for a time. She was, in fact, the reason he returned to the farm, rather than the Mexico, Indiana orphanage where he grew up (see story on this page). Dewitt sent her the postcard from the USS Medusa while serving in the Navy in 1940. Recently, he became reacquainted with her, learning she lives today in Elkhart. While going through some things, she found the card and mailed it to Dewitt. It notes, among other things, that he's doing fine, "having a big time," and misses Indiana.



## Where in the world is the Culver Citizen?

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Another reader has shared a photo from an exotic, unusual, or famous locale, accompanied by your globe-trotting local newspaper. By way of a hint, this time the Citizen is in an ancient land outside the U.S. entirely. Send your guess -- or your own "Where in the World" photo -- to culvercitizen@gmail.com or by phone to 574-216-0075. Winners will receive a free pass to the Culver beach for the entire month of December!

## Name that Culver 'citizen'



LEFT: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Richard Davies, then and now. RIGHT: This week's Mystery Citizen, longtime

Anne Duff, and Doreen Albert,

This week's Mystery Citizen has been a longtime staple of Culver business, and is well known locally for an event he was involved in. As always, sharp-eyed "winners" will receive free parking in downtown Culver!

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(now retired) Culver Academies humanities instructor Dr. Richard Davies, who has also authored a trilogy of fantasy novels set on the Academies' campus. Among those who knew him were Lora Pinder, Chris Sheppard, Julie Bess, Marizetta Kenney, Kathy Lintner,

## The most important muscle

Many times each year I am asked if I can devise a workout plan to help build muscle size. Usually the individual asking phrases it something like, "I would like to get bigger and more jacked, can you help increase my chest and arm size?"

I always smile, and usually try to accommodate, but only after I ask them my very important question. "What are you doing to build your most important muscle -- the heart?"

Normally the answer is, "not much." Because the heart muscle is not visible, we often neglect to "jack up" this vital aspect of our body, electing to emphasize the more noticeable parts instead. An important factor to remember when building muscles is this: if your heart muscle is healthy, the better your chances for building the entire body. I cringe when discovering an athlete may lift



### Heartbeats and Footprints

BY DANA NEER

weights two hours each day, targeting specific muscle groups during each routine, but seldom devotes time for cardiovascular health. Heart rates seldom raise over 100 beats per minute when weightlifting, compared to 130-180 beats per minute when pacing a few miles, or conducting short sprint sessions of 100

– 400 meters. Emphasizing our heart muscle is the wisest choice to make when working out.

Your heart is an amazing piece of machinery. This hard-working muscle pumps about 2000 gallons of blood each day, constricting and expanding thousands of times in a 24-hour period. Think about it... that's approximately 25 bathtubs full! Since the heart is such an important organ, if it begins to fail and heart disease occurs, significant problems with overall health is inevitable. Our hearts are really the unsung heroes of wellbeing. Working tirelessly every second of the day, the heart pumps iron-rich blood through our bodies, allowing us to move, breathe and enjoy life.

Regular aerobic exercise is important to living a healthy lifestyle. Exercise while raising the heart rate to a cer-

tain level of aerobic capacity is called targeting the heart rate. Focusing on target heart rate accomplishes two tasks. First, it protects us from overworking and abusing our heart. And secondly, it keeps us honest by making sure our body is working at a sufficient level to receive results. Heart rate is like a speedometer on a car, telling us how hard we are working. At rest, the "normal" heart beats between 50-90 times per minute. During aerobic exercise our maximum heart rate should be about 220 beats per minute, minus our age. For most aerobic activities, the ideal target heart rate is between 70 and 85 percent of the maximum. So for example, a healthy 50 year old man's target heart rate should range between 120-145 beats per minute- (220 minus 50 = Maximum heart rate, at 70-85 % of 170= 120-145).

Consistent, year-long training comprised of six to seven days a week, with forty five minutes each session is optimal. Is this training glamorous? Not always. But just like a strong, predictable stock, it always pays rich dividends. Continue lifting weights, and get ripped if that is your goal, but make sure you add cardiovascular training, even if you must lengthen your workout routine. In addition to running, incorporate other elements such as biking, stairs, pool swimming, elliptical, circuit training, classes like P90X, jump rope, rowing and aerobic games. Your heart is designed to work hard, non-stop, day and night. Enjoy the energetic benefits of a healthy cardiovascular system by developing your most important muscle- the heart.

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## Two Academies student-athletes nominated for High School Heisman

CULVER — Culver Academies seniors Lauryn Robinson and Anthony McHugh are state finalists for the Wendy's High School Heisman Award, the school announced Thursday. This is the second time Culver has had two finalists in the 19-year history of the program.

Only 20 seniors are selected in Indiana, and The Academies is the only school in the state with two finalists.

Robinson helped lead the girls swim team to its first sectional title last spring. She won the 50 and 100 free-style events and swam on Culver's two record-setting relay teams that also took first. She has also been on the rowing team for four years and was a varsity cheerleader for four years. Robinson has held several leadership positions within Culver Girls Academy and served as senior prefect, the highest leadership post, for the first rotation of the school year. She is also a member of the Global Studies Institute.

McHugh has qualified for the Indiana state wrestling finals the past two years. He was the sectional and regional champ his junior year. He also plays on the Culver

Military Academy baseball team. He is a member of The Ron Rubin School for the Entrepreneur and participates in the Math Forum and Model United Nations. McHugh has also served as a team captain and committee member for the Culver Relay For Life.

The Indiana list was narrowed to 20 from 1,466 original applicants. The finalists embody the Heisman spirit of hard work and dedication through their outstanding achievements in athletics, academics, and community/school leadership. Just as the collegiate Heisman is known for being the highest award in college football, the Wendy's High School Heisman is one of the most esteemed awards at the high school level. On Nov. 5, one male and one female finalist from each state will be named State Winners.

Of those State Winners, 12 will be chosen as National Finalists and will go on to compete for the National Winner title in New York City on Dec. 7. National Finalists will be featured during a televised ceremony on ESPN networks and will receive gold medals and \$2,000 awards

for their high schools. One male and one female National Winner will receive a crystal Wendy's High School Heisman trophy, a \$500 gift certificate to Wendy's, and Wendy's will donate \$10,000 to each winner's respective high school.



Anthony McHugh, left, and Lauryn Robinson. Additionally, the winners will be recognized during the collegiate Heisman Trophy broadcast on ESPN, Dec. 8.

## Polo sweeps opening weekend

Culver Girls Academy polo team played the Hillside Polo Club from Richfield, Wis., Friday, Oct. 26, and Saturday, Oct. 27, to kick off the girls varsity polo season. Culver's returning team captain Natalie Hogan, of Plymouth, scored quickly in the first chukkar Friday which was followed by a goal by Hillside's Sarah Colette.



LEFT: The CGA and Hillside polo teams pose together before the match on Saturday morning. Team members are (from left to right) CGA assistant coach Savannah Kranich, head coach Frank Stubblefield, CGA players Jane Eyre, Alexandra Vaughn, and Eleanor Logue, and Hillside players Emma Sbragia, Sam Oswald, Sydney Weise, Sarah Corlett, Tali Starrett, and coach Margie Paur. RIGHT: Culver Girls Academy's Alexandra Vaughn (dark shirt) knocks the ball into the clear as Eleanor Logue looks on behind her. Academies polo games are open to the public. Learn more at [culver.org/polo](http://culver.org/polo).

The CGA girls went on to dominate the game, 14-5. Saturday morning, CGA's Eleanor Logue (South Bend), Jane Eyre (Lithia, Fla.), and Alexandra Vaughn (Canal Fulton, Ohio) won by an 11-7 final

score over Hillside. CGA will face the University of Louisville twice this coming weekend. The first match will be 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 2, and the second match will begin

at 10 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 3, the Jud Little Riding Hall. The games are free and open to the public.

## Culver Little League makes improvements, hopes to grow program

### Culver Kiwanians contribute

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Those who recall one of Culver's Little League dugouts' untimely demise due to a powerful storm this past July can rest assured commissioners are working to replace it -- and its counterpart -- with new structures. They're also hoping to bring some new, bat and glove wielding faces to the program along with them.

Two of Culver's Little League commissioners -- Donna McKee and Crystal Keller (the other two are Bill Moise and Crystal's husband Doyle) -- brought members of the Culver Kiwanis Club up to speed on the program, and accepted two checks from the club: one for \$320 toward the cost of the



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY  
LEFT: Culver Kiwanis Club president Trent Bennett (right) and vice president Larry Brockey (left) with Little League commissioners Donna McKee (left) and Crystal Keller. The Club presented funds to the two, to sponsor a team and help replace the storm-damaged dugout at the baseball field on Slate Street.

new dugouts, and another for \$250 to sponsor a new team, tentatively dubbed the Kiwanis Cubs.

The name reflects one new trend in Culver Little League, naming teams after professional league squads, something McKee said the young players were ecstatic about.

McKee and Keller, who said they've been commissioners the past two years, have been working with fellow commissioners and coaches to get the program "back on its feet."

"This past year we lost a lot of kids," said McKee, "and we're hoping to get the numbers back up."

Commissioning for the league is "a lot of work," says McKee, noting the four also coached teams, ran concessions stands, and generally spent six days per week devoted to the program.

Among planned improvements are shoring up the condition of the playing fields on Slate Street, which are "starting to look run down." The concessions stands have been freshly painted, though it's hoped the existing stand can be converted to restrooms and a new concession building. A pavilion to

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## Iraqi Freedom CPT Anderson speaks at Vet's Day ceremony

Speaking at Culver Academies' Veteran's Day ceremony Sunday, Nov. 11, starting at 11 a.m., will be CPT Mark T. Anderson, a 2004 Culver Military Academy graduate who attended the University of Kansas and was commissioned as an Armor Second Lieutenant in 2008. He deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom VII and Operation New Dawn, his platoon serving as the Quick Reaction Force for Sadr City and the Ministry District in Baghdad, Iraq. He also led his Platoon in critical force protection roles during the Iraqi National Elections, and supported the 43rd Iraqi Army Brigade in sustainment operations, among his other accomplishments.



Defense Command at Fort Detrick, MD and is responsible for providing world-class critical communication and satellite payload control to the President, National Security Council, Joint Staff, Combatant Commanders, deployed US and Allied forces, and various federal agencies.

He has been awarded the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal (Service), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge (Gold). His siblings are Katie Anderson, Culver Class of 2002 and Jackson Anderson, Culver Class of 2011.

The Veteran's Day ceremony, a longstanding Culver tradition, will take place outside the Legion Memorial Building on the Academies' campus. The public is welcome to attend the event.

CPT Anderson is currently to the Space and Missile

## Middle school honor roll

Culver Community Middle School has announced its honor roll students for quarter 1.

**Grade 7, "A" honor roll:** Dylan Pitera, Cody Rieckhoff, Jake Rodgers

**Grade 7, "A/B" honor roll:** Daniel Aguilar, Marcellus Anderson, Mackenzie Barnhart, Lance Beaver, Pierce Ellert, Jasmyne Fowler, Logan Kephart, Collin Knowlton, Dylan Lewandowski, Tracey Lindvall, Payton Lowry, Ben Myers, Sydney Pritz, Lindsey Proskey, Reilly Reinhold, RT Roberts, Cody Russell, Dillon Salyer, Katlyn Santiaago, Jordan Schrimsher, Raymie Shoop, Macee Strycker, Landon Tibbett.

**Grade 8, "A" honor roll:** Brennin Betts, Brandon Havron, Hailey Jones, Morgan Keen, Brianna Kinyanjui, Josh Krsek, Sierra Salerni, Duncan Trau

**Grade 8, "A/B" honor roll:** Erin Bendy, Makayla Fel da, Drake Garbacik, Katie Garland, Alexandria Harris Tanner Hoffman, Matt Markovitz, Cheyenne Morgan, Amanda Morrison, Jack Rich, Courtney Salyer.

## Bowling from page 1



PHOTOS PROVIDED

ABOVE, LEFT: Lake Shore Lanes following an exterior remodel. ABOVE RIGHT: Part of the dining area at Lake Shore Lanes following the same remodel. BELOW: The Oct. 21, 1978 fire which claimed the bowling alley and coffee shop on Lake Shore Drive, approximately at the site of today's Lakehouse Grille.

fries with, and then I would hammer over the tenderloin so she could work it in. That was a lot of trouble so I said, 'Why couldn't (the butcher) run the meat through the cuber?' Later I did my own cubing; I ran them each way and crosswise. That makes the difference. I got bread crumbs from Creamo Bakery. It's really flakes rather than crumbs -- it's easier to work in and it looks nice."

The immense popularity of the resultant dish is evident whenever the topic of the bowling alley comes up, as it did at that recent encounter at the Culver Post Office. The conversation started with a fellow customer asking Dewitt if he still makes the alley's lemonade, and would he give out the recipe (he will, and does).

"Then the lady in front of me moved over and says, 'You can have the lemonade, but my husband and I liked the tenderloins.' Then Rhonda (Anderson, of the Post Office) said, 'You can have the lemonade and tenderloins, but my family liked the cheeseburgers and French fries.' It makes you feel good when you've done something people like."

In fact, during the alley's open days, Dewitt says people "five to one talked about the hamburgers and cheeseburgers, which were the simplest thing in the world to make."

Interestingly, the whole row of Lake Shore Drive businesses operating in the 1950s and '60s were known for their hamburgers: from Hansen's, a few doors west, to the Lakeview Tavern and coffee shop next door. In fact, smiles Dewitt, Katy May of the Lakeview came to the bowling alley one day to get a burger. When asked why she didn't eat them at her own establishment, she replied, "It costs me more where I am!"

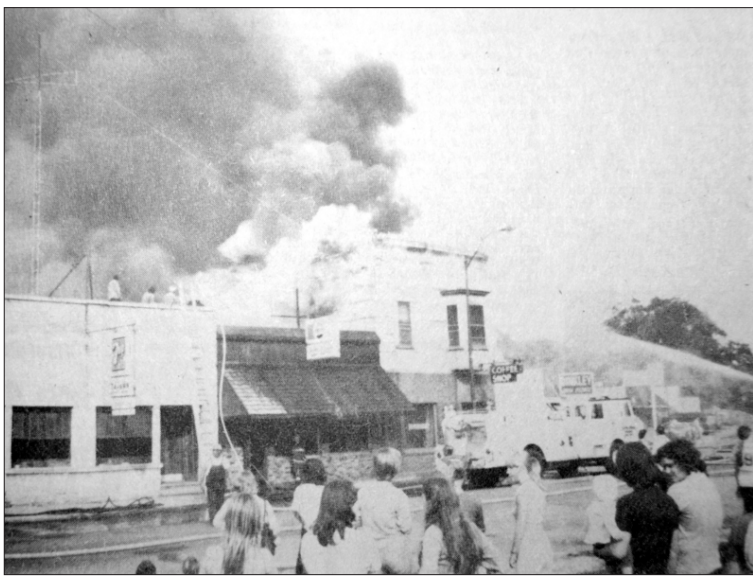
Through the years, the Dewitts made various changes to the business, installing automatic pinspotters in 1959, remodeling the grill area in 1966, and in 1969 installing new lanes and pinspotters.

The limited number of bowling lanes -- four -- "made it bad," Dewitt says.

"We were too small to hire help, and we had no room to put things in to cook in. I got so tired of standing there waiting on that fryer to catch up, I built a fryer out around it which also gave us room to have another, smaller refrigerator. That made it so I wasn't out in the open."

Prior to those automatic pinspotters, balls had to be manually picked up, put on the track, and pushed back.

"I tackled everything," recalls Dewitt. "It was ridiculous. I had to have kids setting the pins and those balls



Within the first year, bowling leagues were at it four nights a week, with Saturday and Sunday reserved for open bowling, and mixed doubles on Sunday afternoons and evenings, "so that was a busy, busy day!"

Team bowling lasted 32 weeks out of the year, followed by three weeks of tournament bowling. Initially, Dewitt says, it didn't pay to hold tournaments, but he made it part of the league schedule that every team had to take part, which gave the business 35 solid weeks of bowling.

In 1953, it cost 35 cents a line to bowl, with league bowling at \$1.10 for three. When the family sold the business in late 1977, says Dewitt, "we still got 35 cents for bowling! We never changed the price in all those years."

On a league night, the bowling alley would take in \$44 for bowling, but it also cost 10 cents per line for pinspotters.

In those days, bowling was still popular enough to keep league bowling active year by year, though Dewitt admits "you might sweat it out to get teams some years."

Many teachers, he points out, didn't bowl due to commitments to other activities, which eliminated a number of Culver residents teaching at the town school or Academy. When McGill's factory opened in Culver, it utilized swing shift scheduling, which didn't yield many bowlers.

Jim Dewitt himself was secretary of both leagues, free of charge, with Eileen Butler (and later, Jean Triplet) acting as secretary of the ladies' leagues.

"The amazing thing was, the league (bowling) would end in mid-May...then I'd close for a week or ten days and we'd go to Florida. Then we'd open up. You'd think after bowling ended, the grill business would drop off but you couldn't tell the difference. We'd open on the weekend and it would darn near kill us!"

Specifically, staff from Culver Academy's summer schools would pack the place all summer, eliminating any loss in business, says Dewitt.

were 16 pounds. So I got a place out of Chicago that had automatic pinssetters. And dumb me, by myself, decided I was going to install them. I had to loosen those bowling alleys, which had a three-inch screw every 20 inches on every side. I had to jack up the alleys. I wanted to do that because when teams were bowling, people had to wait to get their ball while people were on the next lane."

Later, when he replaces the bowling alleys themselves, Dewitt had six feet added to the back of the building, which also allowed moving the restrooms upstairs from their former home in the basement.

When the Dewitts took over the alley, Culver didn't have full leagues, says Jim.

The dining area included five booths and two tables, capable of seating 29 people at a time. There was also a soda fountain with three seats. Carryout business boomed to the point that, at some especially busy moments, the Dewitts would simply leave the phone off the hook to avoid calls.

The first of two fires to hit Lake Shore Lanes took place in the early 1970s, Dewitt recalls. At that time, the coffee shop next door caught fire.

"I went back to the bowling alley and called Mary and said, 'The coffee shop's on fire. We'll probably lose the alley -- don't come down.'"

Jack Kowatch helped him remove some of the paintings from the wall, and others helped him move the bowling balls out of the building and over to the depot. The coffee shop fryer, which had started it all, was up against the buildings' common wall, which was comprised of thick paper rather than drywall. Things didn't look good.

Dewitt, however, had placed plastic sheets over the bowling alleys and five gallon buckets under where fire-fighting water dripped down. Amazingly, other than some paneling pulling away from the wall, the bowling alley had no real damage, and was able to open the next night.

Jim and Mary's children, Jim Jr., Karen, Kathy, and John, helped out.

"The kids, when they were little -- Mary would make cute aprons for them," says Jim, "and they would wait on people. That was in the early years before there was that much grill business."

The bowling alley never advertised, he notes, and never needed to. He recalls working one night with Mary and their two daughters, to serve 64 people packed into the place, which in the early years would stay open until 3 a.m. (later it was midnight). The business was popular with teens, he notes, who spread the word among themselves that if they "talked dirty" or misbehaved, they wouldn't be welcome back.

At some point in the 1970s, Dewitt recalls, the bowling alley was recognized with a preservation award for his work in maintaining the historic building.

After nearly 25 years of late nights and hard work, says Jim Dewitt, "it was getting to be; my nerves were shot."

He turned the business for a while over to his son John, but continued to have a role.

"I was feeling so bad, really I thought I was going to die," he recalls.

Don Neidlinger had asked repeatedly to buy the business, and one day Dewitt says he was "really feeling lousy...and I said, 'OK...I literally gave it to him.'"

After Neidlinger took over the alley in early 1978, Mary Dewitt agreed to manage it for \$2.50 an hour; Jim would go help her, free of charge, and within a few weeks, business was good.

One Sunday in October, 1978, a new fryer caught fire and the building -- and the adjacent coffee shop -- was soon in flames. The Lakeview Tavern next door, in fact, wound up replacing its roof and sidewalk as a result of the spectacular fire.

Mary and Jim Dewitt retired then, Jim lending a hand to nearby Poppe's appliances on occasion, as needed, for a time. Mary passed away in 2005, and Jim -- Culver's last Pearl Harbor survivor -- celebrated his 90th birthday with a flood of well wishers in the summer of 2011.

In the early 1980s, the (much larger) bowling alley on State Road 10 was built by James Sarna, who told Dewitt he'd had a chance to procure 14 lanes, quite a lot, says Dewitt, for Culver. Don Neidlinger would later buy the alley.

Looking back, Jim Dewitt recalls the patronage of the people of Culver with perhaps as much fondness as they have for the Dewitt family -- and of course the food they sold!

Exemplary of this, he says, are a few incidents. Once, during the first few years of his ownership of the alley, a customer asked if he planned to go to Florida over the holidays to visit Mary's family, only to be told by Dewitt that the business kept the family too busy to do so. Short-

ly thereafter, he was told in no uncertain terms that the Dewitt family would, after all, spend the holidays in Florida...with a handful of loyal customers running the alley for them!

Another time, some years later, Dewitt undertook the arduous task of replacing the floor in the bowling alley. A group of customers showed up to inform him he wasn't doing it alone, and began the reflooring work.

"I think that just goes to show you," says Jim Dewitt, "how things can be in a small town."

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## Culver service groups benefit from triathlon

Members of various Culver service clubs accepted checks for \$2,000 each last week as their portion of the proceeds from August's Lake Maxinkuckee Triathlon event, which drew 274 participants and many more friends and family members to the area.

Dana Neer (second from right), one of the primary organizers of the event, addressed members of Culver's Kiwanis Club, at whose Thursday meeting the checks were distributed. Neer noted the triathlon was conceived as a "cultural climate changing" community event with four goals, including creating "a special wellness event at a great location," to liaison with the Chamber of Commerce and businesses so the community would profit from the event, to see Culver Academies alums to return to the area (which he said many did), and to team up with local civic organizations to give the event a "humanitarian emphasis."

Neer noted the triathlon committee's original goal was 150 participants, a "high benchmark," he said. Once pre-registration numbers reached 250, organizers realized they didn't have enough food or volunteers to add many more participants in the running, biking, and swimming event. Sixty people were turned down, he said, by the time the event took place.

Volunteers, many of whom were derived from service clubs in Culver, were repeatedly complimented, Neer added.



Accepting a \$2,000 check for each organization are (from left) Trent Bennett, representing Culver's Lions Club, Dick Swennumson of the Culver Club of Culver, and Larry Brockey, vice president of Culver's Kiwanis Club. Presenting the checks was Dana Neer of the Lake Maxinkuckee Triathlon committee, joined by Kiwanian John Bartlett, also a member of that committee. The funds were an even split of the proceeds from the August event, at which the three clubs were heavily represented by volunteers.

"You were the best: friendly, knowledgeable, welcoming. You guys were all fantastic!"

Neer said most triathletes were from Indiana, though 11 states were represented in all. Skill levels ranged from "very good athletes" to "absolute novices," which Neer said was "what we wanted." The gender breakdown was nearly 50-50 at the event, and teams combined parents

and children, families, friends, and fellow alums. He noted many people spent the weekend in Culver, eating at local restaurants and renting homes.

The triathlon committee will soon begin its next series of meetings to plan for the 2013 event, at which "500 people (participating) is a very realistic goal," Neer said.

### Briefs from page 1

#### New computer classes at CUTPL

Culver-Union Township Public Library will start a new session of computer classes for November, Monday evenings at 6 p.m. and Friday mornings at 10 a.m., two hours per class. Computer classes are free and open to the public.

Sessions include: Computers for Beginners Part I (Nov. 9); Computers for Beginners Part II (Nov. 12 and 16); Internet/Email for Beginners (Nov. 26 and 30). For more information, call the Culver Library at 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). The library's street address is 107 N. Main St.

#### Upcoming events at REAL Meals

A Culver history program by Jeff Kenney of the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver will take place November 14, and Miller's Assisted Living will offer bingo on Monday, November 19. REAL Meals' annual Thanksgiving meal is Tuesday, November 20, and reservations should be made by Friday, November 9 at 574-842-8878. The nutrition site will be closed on November 22 and 23.

#### Community meal at Grace Nov. 15

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

#### IOOF breakfast Nov. 17

The Maxinkuckee Odd Fellows Lodge #373 will hold a pancake and sausage, biscuits and gravy breakfast Sat., Nov. 17 from 6 a.m. to noon, at the corner of 18B and Pine Roads. Cost for the all you can eat breakfast is \$6 (adults) and \$4 (children). Also, bake sale items will be available.

#### Music production class Nov. 19

Culver-based musician Don Baker will give a presentation on recording and producing music aimed at performers of all ages, all styles, and all skill levels Mon-

day, Nov. 19 at 6 p.m. in the large meeting room at the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library in downtown Culver. Baker will demonstrate how musicians can record and produce great sounds at home using modest equipment, ordinary home computers and inexpensive (and sometimes free) software. The program is free and open to the public. Questions may be directed to 574-842-2941.

#### Adult basketball at CCMS gym

The Culver adult winter basketball program will begin Nov. 25 from 1 to 3 p.m. EST, at the Culver Middle School gym, and continues Sundays (except Dec. 23) until March 10. The cost is \$2 per Sunday, or \$15 for the entire season. Please pay before you play and bring your good sportsmanship, but not your children. Questions should be directed to Ken VanDePutte at 574-274-9942.

#### Bell ringers needed

The Culver Council of Churches is requesting help in ringing the Salvation Army bell for donation kettles set up at various sites in Culver. All donations given at these locations will stay in Culver and be used in Culver. The weekend days where help is needed are Saturdays and Sundays Dec. 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, and 23. Please contact Jean Rakich to schedule your time, at 574-842-2725.

#### Maxinkuckee Singers seek director

The Maxinkuckee Singers are looking for a director to fill the upcoming vacancy. If you are interested in this opportunity please send your resumes to Mike Overmyer by Dec. 1. They can be mailed to P.O. Box 65, Culver, IN 46511 or emailed to: [movremyer@jmceainc.com](mailto:movremyer@jmceainc.com).

#### Tri Kappa wreaths available

Just in time for Christmas, Culver's Tri Kappa is selling fresh wreaths and garlands this year. 24-inch wreaths are \$20 and 36-inch wreaths are \$35 apiece. Garland is \$1 per foot (to go around a standard 38 inch door, you'll probably need about 17 feet). Wreaths will be available for pick up December 1. Members of Tri Kappa will be taking orders at Diva, Culver Coffee Company and Park-n-Shop during the retailers' Christmas event the first weekend in

November. For more information or to place an order, contact Chris Sheppard at 574-276-7438 or [Chris.sheppard@culver.org](mailto:Chris.sheppard@culver.org).

#### Lions fruit sale underway

The Culver Lions Club's annual fruit sale is underway with a greatly expanded inventory. To view the gift boxes or to order online, go to [www.FreshFruitOrder.org/culver-lionsclubfruitsale](http://www.FreshFruitOrder.org/culver-lionsclubfruitsale), or call any Culver Lions member, or Susan Elizondo at 260-571-0452. Order deadline is Nov. 14. Delivery is Dec. 7 at the Culver Lions train station. Packaged gift items will be mailed directly to the recipient. View the Culver Lions Club online at [www.culver-lions.net](http://www.culver-lions.net).

#### Downtown clock donations sought

The fund-raising goal towards Culver's new Main Street clock is at the halfway mark towards total \$8,000 cost of the clock -- which will be installed in conjunction with the downtown revitalization project at the corner of Main and Jefferson Streets. Checks may be made out to The Town of Culver and sent to: Verl Shaffer, 1140 South Street, Culver, IN, 46511.

#### TOPS meets Wednesdays

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets at the Culver Grace United Church of Christ, 307 Plymouth St., Culver Wednesday at 3 p.m. Weigh in is from 3 to 3:30 p.m. meeting is 3:30 to 4 p.m. Use the main door to the east and go downstairs.

#### Downtown work underway

Construction has begun on Main Street in downtown Culver, and is expected to last until approximately December 23. Residents are asked to be attentive while traveling in the area as construction equipment and crews may be maneuvering in and out of traffic at times. Access to all the businesses and buildings in the area will be maintained with minimal interruption. Those with questions or concerns may call town hall at 574-842-3140.

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## November busy in CUTPL's Children's Room

The Children's Room at the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library is gearing up for a busy November, with a full slate of activities; including biweekly story times, Thanksgiving craft week, and the launch of a creative writing club for kids. As always, all activities are free and open to the public.

To celebrate Thanksgiving, the Children's Room will offer three afternoons of take-home Turkey crafts November 19, 20, and 21 at 3:30 p.m.

Starting October 26, the Children's Room will be hosting a creative writing club for kids, third grade and up. The group will meet every Monday in the Children's Room from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Group members will be encouraged exercise their creativity through writing prompts, and to become comfortable sharing their work with each other. Those interested may sign up at the front desk in the children's room, or by calling the library at 574-842-2941. For more information, contact rmeade@culver.lib.in.us.

Story times take place Tuesdays at 11:15 a.m and Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday's story time is geared towards toddlers and Saturday is for the whole family. All story times include read-alouds and craft-making sessions in the fully stocked craft room. They may also include finger plays, cartoons, songs, and games.

Thursdays after school at 3:30, children and adults are invited to play board games in the craft area. Games include Scrabble, Chess, Checkers, Battleship, Monopoly, and more, as well as a selection of games for younger children, including Ants in the Pants, Hungry Hungry Hippos, and Candyland. These games are available upon request at any time.

## Library news

### November 13 Christmas card making class

Culver-Union Twp. Public Library will host a two-part Christmas card making class, downstairs in the large meeting room, Tuesday, November 13 at 5:30 p.m., and Friday, November 16 at 10 a.m.

Jennifer Merle-Hamscher, an independent Stampin' Up demonstrator, will lead the class. Three cards are \$5. Pre-registration is required so materials may be provided.

Contact cgood@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842-2941. This program is open to the public.

### Thursday Tech Time – November 2012

Windows 8 will be the topic at November's Thursday Tech Time at the Culver Public Library Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. Learn about the new Windows 8 Operating System, which was released on October 26. New features will be covered and new types of devices will be discussed. The various editions of Windows 8 will be compared for pricing and features.

Thursday Tech Time is an open discussion group for anyone interested in computers and technology. Come and talk, share, listen and ask questions!

Sessions are held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. Each session may have a speaker and topic or may simply be an open discussion. All sessions are free and open to the public.

For more information, call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941, visit our website at [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). The library's street address is 107 N. Main St.

## Basketball from page 3

1994 and honorable mention in 1993. Babcock McGraw was also named the Wildcats' Most Valuable Player for the 1993-94 season. And, she earned all-Big Ten academic accolades while majoring in journalism at the Medill School of Journalism.

Since 1997, she has worked for the Daily Herald in suburban Chicago as a sports writer and columnist. In 2002, Babcock McGraw won a Peter Lisagor Award for a series on the 30th anniversary of Title IX. For years, she has been a voter for The As-



PHOTO PROVIDED  
Patricia Babcock McGraw in 1990.

sociated Press women's college basketball Top 25 weekly poll, the John Wooden Award for the best player in women's college basketball, and the Nancy Lieberman Award for the best point guard in women's college basketball.

In 2007, she extended her reach to television as a color analyst for women's college basketball games on the Big Ten Network and for Chicago Sky (WNBA) games on Comcast.

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# 30-year hunting practice banned at Maxinkuckee, elsewhere



MARSHALL CO. — A practice that started in the late 1980s will not be allowed in some public hunting areas, including on Lake Maxinkuckee, this year, according to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources last week.

Bonus antlerless permits — which allow hunters to take additional female deer to keep population down — will no longer be valid in Maxinkuckee

Wetlands Conservation near Culver or Menominee Wetlands Conservation near Plymouth.

“This will be a permanent restriction,” said Michelle Cain, a spokesperson for IDNR. “There is enough pressure on the deer population to keep it in check. We don’t allow the additional harvest so the population will stay at healthy levels. We are trying to restrict public hunting areas so they have enough deer to make hunting a viable option.”

These new regulations were supposed to be listed on page 25 of this year’s Hunting and Trapping Guide, but some locations — including Menominee and Maxinkuckee — were not listed by mistake. The IDNR has posted signs at that location to warn hunters of the change.

“The signs (at Menominee and Maxinkuckee) were put up specifically because those locations did not get into the hunting guide like they were supposed to,” said Tom Despot, property manager of the Winamac Fish and Wildlife Area, the facility that is overseeing Menominee.

Despot continued, “Ultimately in the past at the properties we’ve managed we’ve allowed hunters to use their bonus permits because it was hard to regulate. The decision was made this year to limit bonus permits to private hunting areas. The Division of Fish and Wildlife does not feel that there are too many deer in public hunting areas.”

Cain said that all IDNR public properties have changed their regulations to reflect this new restriction.

## League from page 5

shelter audience members from the weather, and new trees planted on the outskirts of the fields are also in the works, McKee explained.

Keller noted the league hosted a number of outside teams from as far away as Mishawaka on Saturday during Lake Fest in July. Unfortunately, she said, some of Culver’s Little League accommodations left a bit to be desired compared to those of other community’s fields, though that didn’t stop the tournament action, which went from around 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

The commissioners are also in charge of Culver’s softball program, said McKee, noting both the softball diamond on School Street and the Little League fields are owned by Culver Community Schools.

It’s hoped Culver teams may be able to travel to other towns to play in the near future (currently, only Argos squares off against Culver teams, which otherwise play against each other).

Participants in Culver’s program range in age from 4 to 15 years, including T-ball for the youngest. Around 120 kids took part last year, and McKee and Keller would like to see 150 to 160 kids in the program. That would help alleviate the problem of only three Culver-based teams in play, which means they often wind up playing the same team repeatedly, and one team is left out from time to time. Teams also has as few as eight players on them, whereas it’s hoped 11 or 12 could be part of each team.

The program could also use more coaches, Keller added.

The Little League season begins in May, though games are played from early June through mid-July. The cost is \$25 per child up to a cap of \$60 for three youngsters, who receive a t-shirt and hat.

And in spite of losing that dugout, and “even with the heat,” says McKee, this last season was successful. She and her fellow commissioners are hoping that success only continues to grow.

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