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HAPPY LABOR DAY

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An Interview with Mary Chesser

Article submitted by Jane Sovinski, LMEF Summer Intern.



Allen and Mary Chesser

An Endowment Fund has been established in Allen Chesser's name, to continue his legacy of protecting the environment, Lake Maxinkuckee and valuing education.

You can contribute to this fund online (*be sure to designate Chesser Fund*) or by sending a check to:

LMEF/Chesser Fund
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Jane is the first Allen Chesser Summer Intern.

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Thank You Academy Football Team

Culver Academies Football Team Work Day

The reconstructed Kline Levee includes fencing on the slopes to prevent animals from burrowing. Last year's ice pushed the fence away from the soil, allowing enough space for animals to begin burrowing again.

Culver Academies football team spent a Sunday afternoon in August pounding stakes to tie the fence back down.

THANK YOU!



"This was hard work. They did a great job with an amazing attitude and work ethic."

Debbie Palmer LMEF
President

Check Out Culver's Newest Mural!



The Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Fund (LMEF), in collaboration with Indiana Destination Development Commission (IDDC), Marshall County Community Foundation Vonnegut Fund and Culver Academies, brought one more piece of public art to the Culver Community.



Take a Photo!

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Debbie Palmer, LMEF President stated "Other communities have angel wings for a photo op. I thought it was more fitting for Culver to have dragonfly wings."

Palmer worked with Bridge Collective, the same organization that brought the

fire station and park pavilion murals to Culver, to find an artist to capture the feel of Lake Maxinkuckee.

Culver Youth Club Garden



The first season for the CYC Garden Club is winding down. The kids have worked hard all summer to keep the garden watered and experimented with different methods to keep the deer and rabbits away - none of them successful!

We recently learned about days to harvest and expected first frost date, then planted some cool season crops. After the first frost, we will put the garden to bed for the winter.

Invasive Jumping Worms

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Jumping worms are spreading all across North America

The worms thrash wildly and move in a snake-like manner; their feeding

produces granular castings that look like coffee grounds on the soil surface.

The worms can be distinguished from nightcrawlers by their quick violet movements and the white band fully circling their bodies.

You might hear them referred to as crazy worms or snake worms as well. Jumping worms leech out all nutrients, provide nothing for soil and plants, and outcompete other worms.

They will leave your top layer of soil barren and crumbly which will ultimately leave your plants to die from malnutrition and not being able to root properly.

If you believe you have found a jumping worm in your garden, report it to 1-866-NOEXOTIC or file a report at EDDMapS.org/indiana and attach a very clear picture.

See jumping worms in action!

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