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Of course, many of the Post's approximately 150 members are certain to be present at Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, and other veterans-related observances at Culver's Masonic cemetery and elsewhere. Further, says Schmidt, members may take charge of grave decoration or place flags on the headstones of veterans, not only at the Masonic, but many lesser-known cemeteries around the area. When requested, they are also present to add rites to the funerals of area veterans. Members visit veterans in the local nursing home as well, both as a group on Veteran's Day, and as individuals at various times.

As a retired teacher, Schmidt says the annual Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy contests for local students -- with which the Post joins the Men's and Ladies' Auxiliaries to facilitate -- are of great importance as well.

"These kids write from the heart," he says of the 70 or 80 essays turned in by local students, many of whom may have parents (mother or fathers) or siblings deployed overseas. The same has been true for many students with whom Schmidt interacted personally as a former teacher at Culver Community High School.

"As veterans, you see and go through a lot of things that nobody else can relate to," he says, "and it just gives a chance to talk with somebody else that at least has half an idea of what you feel like."

Schmidt and other Post members have been heartened in recent years by invitations to participate in the high and middle schools' observance of Veteran's Day each year, a relatively recent phenomenon. At last year's event, veterans were given a standing ovation by students.

"That's a change for us Vietnam vets," Schmidt says. "It really came about since the first Iraq war. The students are more receptive because a lot of them have brothers, sisters, or next door neighbors signed up with the military...

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ed, utilized the "beautiful Heritage Park, which provides shade...and extends the 'Taste to the Farmers Market (at Jefferson and Ohio Streets) so they could reap some of the rewards."

Last year's 'Taste' arrived right on the heels of one of

it's much more personal."

Among other things, Post 6919 is visible yearly for the Lake Fest parade as well. This was especially true last summer, when a litany of military vehicles -- including some going as far back as World War II -- rolled through Culver, an effort Schmidt's son Jon was a central part of (a nonlocal project near and dear to Tom's heart is his work with creating and promoting a museum for Vietnam-era Huey helicopters near the Grissom Air Museum at Peru).

In general, however, many of Post 6919's contributions to the community fly under the radar.

"We don't have a big, flashy presence in the community," Schmidt says. "(Often), the check gets written and sent, and that's the end of it."

### The Post as community space

Another lesser-known facet of the Culver Post's offerings are what's available in the building itself.

The facility may be commonly thought of as providing a gathering spot for local veterans and their families to eat, drink, and socialize -- which of course it does -- but it's also a restaurant open to the public, in addition to the availability of meeting space in its upper floor.

The Post is open for lunch daily, notes Schmidt, and it offers a wide variety of "very good meals." And everyone's welcome, he adds, regardless of style of dress or background.

During a lunchtime conversation with Kelso and others, a group of workers from a local contracting company stroll in for lunch, one of many groups from local businesses who stop by around noontime. Kelso's daughter Sandra, and other cooks and servers, work to prepare box meals for pickup or delivery to a number of employees nearing their lunch break at Medallion Cabinetry, several

the worst wind storms in recent memory which, while it provided certain challenges to participating restaurants -- many of whom were without electricity to prepare food prior to the event -- may have helped drive traffic to the event, as many residents also weren't able to cook or eat at

blocks away. Two Culver police officers find a table and place an order, all a regular part of the crowd at the Post at lunchtime.

Kelso emphasizes the affordable prices of the meals, and most importantly, that proceeds "go right into all the (community contributions) we've been talking about. They add up, and that's where that money comes from to support all these things we do."

Immensely popular have been the Post's weekly bingo nights each Saturday (in case you didn't realize why the streets around the Post are lined with cars that evening). These family-oriented gatherings have been ongoing since 1991, and were originally launched by Kelso.

"It's become community event," Kelso notes. "We have the attitude that we're here to have fun with it. Yes, the Post makes a little bit of money on it, but not as much as most bingo operations."

Then there are the Friday meals, another popular community event. The various branches of Culver's VFW -- including the Post and Ladies' and Men's Auxiliaries -- take charge of different nights. The Post, says Schmidt, is on hand cooking on first Fridays. Fifth Fridays, when they occur, are always the prime rib meal.

As might be expected, Schmidt credits several devoted members with "keeping this whole thing operating" from a facilities standpoint, including Kelso, Brian Linhart, and Herb Newman, among others. There are around five paid employees, he says, who handle some of the cooking and bartending as well.

All in all, though, "everybody puts in a lot of time, even though it's not seen by a lot of people."

*Next week: more on the Post, plus profiles of the important roles of the Ladies and Mens Auxiliaries through the years.*

restaurants, while food was available at the festival.

Ten of Culver's renowned restaurants offered their fare last year to some 300 attendees, said Stallings (two were unable to participate due to the storm's effects). Those who participated adapted to the situation handily.

"I was amazed at how the restaurateurs brought big kettles and...burners because there was no electricity for them to cook at their places," she recalled. "They were very creative, and we had a real variety of all kinds of food."

A bluegrass band added to the atmosphere and the event provided funds to pay for the new canopy over the farmers market, added Stallings.

This year's Caribbean vibe will be created in part by steel drum player Kent Arnsbarger (www.kentarnsbarger.com) "and other surprises," she said.

The event will take place Saturday, June 18 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Jefferson Street between Ohio and Main. Organizers expect 12 food booths this year.

Stallings noted the Chamber doesn't charge for each food booth, and restaurants may choose how much, if any, they would like to donate to the Chamber of their proceeds.

"A lot are extremely generous," she noted.

This year, any proceeds will go to promotional advertising of Culver and its offerings in state and area publications such as the Marshall County Visitors Bureau Guide.

## Tour from page 1

Culver.

**63 mile route:** Add 53 miles to the lake route for a metric century. Due to an event using the roads on the northwest part of the route, the 63-mile route is changing to stay clear of the area. The final route will be made public soon.

Most roads are two lane country roads and all are marked for the ride.

Riders may register online at Active.Com or request a registration form by e-mailing [tour\\_de\\_max@yahoo.com](mailto:tour_de_max@yahoo.com).

A mechanic from the Bike Barn will be on hand that morning to help with any last minute breakdowns. Their shop is conveniently located close to the Culver Beach Lodge. Questions may be directed to [tour\\_de\\_max@yahoo.com](mailto:tour_de_max@yahoo.com).

Proceeds from the ride are used in a manner that enriches the community as a whole. Among the many programs and projects we fund are college scholarships for high school seniors, as well as continuing education grants, a annual student art show, the Culver Community Schools' nurse, books and supplies to the school library, Pathfinders, Real Meals, Beaman Home, Riley Children's Hospital, and many other community events.

Wedding - Napierkowski - Ping



Amanda Napierkowski and Cory Ping, Noblesville, Ind., were united in marriage Oct. 9, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. at Memorial Chapel at Culver Academies, Culver, Ind.

Maid of honor was Amy Tenney, Whitestown, Ind. Bridesmaids were Kristina Lehman, Brownsburg, Ind.; Della Gaines, Plymouth; Katrina Roach, Fort Wayne, and Nicole Christie, Huntington. Flower girl was Piper Wynn, Mishawaka. Ringbearer was Joseph Lothamer, Fort Wayne. Best man was Luke Coquerille, Omaha, Neb. Groomsmen were Branson Ping, North Vernon; Webb Lee, Brownstown; Gary Ping, North Vernon; and Brice McPherson, Terre Haute. Ushers were: Austin Lehman, Brownsburg; Stefen Wynn, Mishawaka; and Jarrod Wright, Vernon.

The bride is the daughter of Gabriel and Erika Napierkowski, Culver.

The groom is the son of Gary and Charmella Ping, North Vernon.

After the reception at Woodcraft Dining Hall, Culver Academies, the couple honeymooned in Knoxville, Tenn.

Community calendar

**Thurs., May 19**  
Culver Academies Alumni Reunion wkd. begins (through Sunday)  
Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library  
Alcoholics Anonymous mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Board of Zoning Appeals mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall

**Fri., May 20**  
Computer class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library

**Sat., May 21**  
Culver Farmer's Marker, 8 a.m. to noon, Jefferson and Ohio Streets  
Quilting group, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library

**Sun., May 22**  
Building Trades open house, noon to 4 p.m., 18B Rd. (see Brief page 1)

**Mon., May 23**  
Knitting group, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Computer class, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Culver Community

School board mtg., 7 p.m., administration building

**Tues., May 24**  
Story time, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Town Council mtg., 6:30 p.m.  
Al-Anon mtg., 7 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ Zion fellowship hall

**Weds., May 25**  
Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library  
TOPS mtg., 3:30 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ  
Cult book club, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Lions Club mtg., 6:30 p.m., train station-depot

**Thurs., May 26**  
The Bike Barn, Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library  
Thursday Tech Time, 6 p.m. Culver Public Library  
Alcoholics Anonymous mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library

Death notice

**Rice**

**Anna Mae Rice**  
**May 11, 2011**

ROCHESTER — Anna Mae Rice, 79, of Rochester, died at 7:45 a.m. Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

She is survived by three nephews; and two niece-in-laws.

Visitation took place from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 14 at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester.

Funeral services took place at noon Saturday at the funeral home.

Burial followed at Richland Center IOOF Cemetery Rochester.

Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County.

Condolences may be made to the family via the funeral home's email at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Death notice

**Bridegroom**

**Thomas Lee Bridegroom**  
**May 7, 2011**

WOODLAND HILLS, Calif. — Thomas Lee Bridegroom, 29, Woodland Hills, Calif., formerly of Knox, died Saturday, May 7, 2011.

He is survived by his parents, Norman and Martha (Parker) Bridegroom; sister, Kim Butts of North Liberty; and a brother, David Bridegroom of Knox.

Visitation took place from 4 to 8 p.m. (EST) Monday, May 16 at the M.C. Smith Funeral Home, Knox.

Funeral services took place at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 17 at the Memorial Chapel at Culver Academy, Culver.

Burial followed at Winamac Cemetery.

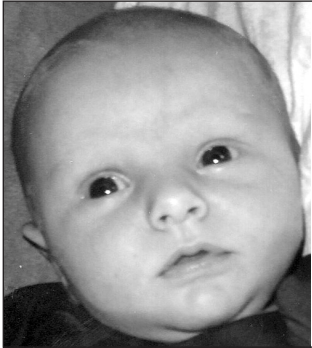
Donations may be made to the family via the funeral home.

Birth - Weiger

Clifford and Cheri Weiger Jr. Monterey, announce the birth of a son born April 13, 2011 at Pulaski Memorial Hospital in Winamac.

Karter Alexander Weiger weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces, and 20.5 inches long. He was welcomed home by a brother, Kyler Alan Weiger. Maternal grandparents are Ray and Kim Day of South Carolina, formally of Winamac.

Paternal grandparents are Cliff and Leah Weiger Sr., Culver. Paternal great-grandparents are Forrest "Al" and Ruth Hanselman, Plymouth.



Obituary

**Eugene 'Gene' Miller**  
**Feb. 9, 1947 — May 8, 2011**

PLYMOUTH — Eugene “Gene” Miller 64, of Plymouth, passed away peacefully at home with his family May 8, 2011, at 7:16 p.m. Gene was born Feb. 9, 1947 in Quick Sand, Ky., one of five children born to Grover and Helen (Conley) Miller. After graduating college, Gene proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Gene later fell in love and married Wanda Warren Davis Aug. 28, 1980 in Culver. She survives.



Gene was an Engineering Supervisor for McGill Corporation in Culver from 1969 to 1985, then transferring to Valparaiso when the company became EPT/ McGill, retiring after 39 years with the company. Gene loved to fish, play golf, and go snowmobiling. He especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

Gene is survived by his wife, Wanda Miller of Plymouth; stepdaughters: Lynn (Wes)Lucas and Leslie (Kerr ) Fisher, both of Plymouth, and Lauri (Joe) Manikowski of Argos; brothers, Dave (Sandy) Miller of North Judson, and Beckham (Martha) Miller of Ottuma, Iowa; sisters, Charlotte (John) Conley and Deb (Charles) Craft both of Knox; and nine grandchildren.

A time of visitation with Gene’s family was held Wednesday, May 11 from 4 to 8 p.m. EST at the Odom Funeral Home in Culver. Rev. Larry Saunders officiated funeral services Thursday, May 12, at 11 a.m. EST at the funeral home.

Interment followed at the Culver Masonic Cemetery.

Memorials may be given in Gene’s memory to the Cancer Society of Marshall County. Condolences may be sent via our obituary page [www.odomfuneral-home.com](http://www.odomfuneral-home.com).

Odom Funeral Home of Culver is in charge of arrangements.

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### CULVER BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

By CORY MONNIER, UNIT SUPERVISOR,  
CULVER BOYS & GIRLS CLUB



schools close for the summer, safe and enriching environments are out of reach, replaced by boredom, lost opportunities and risk.” This study concludes that three-quarters of America’s schoolchildren do not participate in summer learning programs- safe, structured programs that provide a variety of activities designed to encourage learning and development in the summer months. In a rural and economically stressed community such as the greater Culver area, these numbers are assuredly much higher.

As many teachers can surely attest to, when summer is over and school starts back up, there is a considerable relearning process for youth as they try to get caught back up where the previous year left off. This is due to the fact that for many youth, as is above-mentioned, they are not taking part in programs that are designed to encourage learning or foster development. Throughout the school year, children have their brains kicked into hyper drive, and then when summer comes they go into a mental cruise control so to speak. While children do deserve and oftentimes require a summertime respite from education, it is important that those brain muscles don’t completely atrophy. With that said, it is vital that parents find opportunities for their children to

A recent study conducted by the After-school Alliance has shown that for millions of children in America, “when

get mentally active throughout the summer months. What better place to accomplish this than at the Culver Boys and Girls Club. Over the summer, the Boys & Girls Club offers a program that provides youth with the opportunity to take part in safe, fun, and educationally sound activities. Some of our summer program highlights are listed below:

- Every week we visit the local public library to take part in fun literature based programs.
- We offer members several opportunities to take part in service initiatives throughout the community.
- We will take biweekly field trips to the local beach to have some great fun, and learn about the Lake’s ecosystem.
- Youth are able to take part in educationally sound and fun field trips to places such as the Fort Wayne Zoo or the Children’s Museum in Indianapolis.

This summer we will be partnering with the Culver Academy’s Woodcraft Camp to take part in some team building exercises on their campus.

In addition to these wonderful opportunities, youth receive breakfast and lunch daily, take trips to the local beach, and participate in fun daily activities at the Club. Our summer program operates from June 6th until the start of school, Monday through Friday from 6:30 am to 6:30 pm. Youth have to be a member of the Club to participate, which is \$25 for a full year. Additional daily fees are listed below:

Daily rate: \$12 for one child; \$18 for two children; \$24 for three or more children.

Weekly rate: (\$10 discount if you sign up for entire week) \$50 for one child; \$90 for two children; \$110 for three or more children

Fee assistance is available for those families who qualify for free or reduced lunch. We require youth to be signed up in advance for days they will be attending. For more information contact the Boys & Girls Club at (574) 250-0103 or visit our website [www.bgcculver.org](http://www.bgcculver.org).



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CBGC members (clockwise from top left) Isaiah Tidwell (age 9), Caedyn Weaver (7), Kyle Tidwell (6), and Garrett Reinhold (12).

## REAL Services 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.

**Thurs., May 19:** Quiche, coffee cake, cubed breakfast potatoes, orange or orange juice, and milk.

**Fri., May 20:** Chicken and gnocchi entrée, garlic bread, carrot slaw, hot cinnamon apple sauce, dessert, and milk.

**Mon., May 23:** BBQ chicken breast, broccoli salad, corn, honey wheat bread

and margarine, pudding, and milk.

**Tues., May 24:** Chopped steak and gravy, vegetable blend, mashed potatoes, deli rye bread and margarine, apple juice, and milk.

**Weds., May 25:** Vegetable lasagna, salad and Italian dressing, bread stick, peas, fruit salad, and milk.

**Thurs., May 26:** Pepper steak, stewed tomatoes, scalloped potatoes, potato dinner roll, cobbler, and milk.

**Fri., May 27:** Macaroni and cheese, ham, peas, cauliflower, wheat bread and margarine, fruit, and milk.--



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## CBGC Member of the Month

Austin Otteman, 4th grade was named the Culver Boys & Girls Club member of the month for April. The Club gives this award out monthly to the member who best exemplifies the values of respect, responsibility, and honesty, according to CBGC Unit Supervisor Cory Monnier

## Where in the world was the *Culver Citizen*

Readers seemed stumped by last week’s “Where in the world” photo, wich was submitted by Jim Hahn. In it, Charlotte Hahn and Rita Mason are pictured, with the *Culver Citizen* in hand, of course, in Grand Turk Island, Margaritaville!



Do you have a photo of our local newspaper traveling the country (or globe!) to an exotic or famous locale? If so, contact the editor at 574-216-0075 or by email at [citizen@culcom.net](mailto:citizen@culcom.net). We'll let you know the answer in next week's paper (and run your correct identifications).

## Name that *Culver 'citizen'*



As the editor expected, a deluge of correct ‘guesses’ came in regarding last week’s Mystery Citizen, due to the fact that she hasn’t changed much since her high school photo. She is indeed Dawn Minas Brocky, owner of the Culver Coffee Company on Lake Shore Drive. Correct guessers awarded free parking in downtown Culver (while supplies last!) include Grant Munroe, Anna Nehere, Shannon Shepherd, Bill Githens, Patty Stallings, Jerry Ney, Charlotte Rakich, Charlotte Hahn, Sandy Dunfee.

This week’s Mystery Citizen has had a long career in local business as well as community service in a great variety of settings

Guesses may be emailed to [citizen@culcom.net](mailto:citizen@culcom.net), dropped off in one of our drop boxes (located at the Culver Public Library and Culver Coffee Company), or call the editor at 574-216-0075.



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## Back, Back to Culver Days...

### Welcome to Alumni Reunion Weekend



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# Sports



## Culver competes at NSCs



PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO

Culver Community's Micah Budzinski takes off in the 1600-meter relay while teammate Matt Hurford holds the blocks during the Northern State Conference Track and Field Championships at John Glenn High School last week. Also pictured in the background are Culver head girls track coach Mike Buschman, right, and Culver AD Andy Thomas.

By James Costello  
Sports Editor

WALKERTON — Culver Community's Gwen Zehner placed second in both the disc and the shot put representing her school at NSC Track and Field Championships at John Glenn Thursday.

Bremen's Jenna Pfeiffer won the high jump and both hurdles races, and ran the anchor for Bremen's winning 1600 relay squad to win four titles and help lead the Lady Lions to the team championship at the meet. Triton finished fourth with 68 points, while LaVille placed fifth with 65, Glenn was sixth with 55, Knox finished seventh with 22.3 points.

Culver's lone competitor, Zehner fell short of a conference championship in her last go, but the senior thrower managed runner-up performances in both the disc and the shot.

"One of the neat things is she did pick up two seconds, but her two seconds were to two different girls, so it kind of shows her versatility," said Culver girls track coach Mike Buschman. "Both of those girls are high up there, and she loses the shot put to a girl who breaks the conference record, you can't fault the kid for that."

While Bremen won the girls meet with a balanced cast of runners, Thursday's boys meet turned out to be a battle between sprinters and distance runners with distance winning out as New Prairie beat John Glenn 119 ½-108. Bremen finished fourth with a score of 86 just two points behind Jimtown, while Culver Community was fifth a half-point ahead of LaVille's 64, Knox was sixth with 48 points, and Triton rounded out the standings with 46 points.

Culver saw plenty of points coming in the throwing events as Jeremiah Harvey won the shot put and had — what was for him at least — a disappointing finish in the discus to place second there behind Triton champ Jake Tutorow. Max Burgess backed Harvey up in the disc for third place, however, to complement his seventh-place finish in the shot. Larry Clingler and Bradley Beaver were four and five in the high jump, meanwhile, and sophomores Micah Budzinski and Matt Hurford earned respective finishes of four and five in the 110-meter hurdles.

"If things would've all gone right maybe we could have finished fourth, but we had enough good things go right we finish fourth and beat a team we lost to in a dual meet," said Culver boys track coach Chad Hollenbaugh. "LaVille beat us earlier in the season so that was a positive, and overall we had a lot more positives here than we did last year at this meet."

### Baseball

#### Culver sweeps Knox

Culver scored three runs in the seventh to rally past Knox in a Northern State Conference game delayed by rain Wednesday, and Bryce Lindvall drove in the winning run in the bottom of the seventh as the Cavaliers swept Knox in a doubleheader Thursday at Knox.

Lindvall earned the win on the mound in game one before his game two heroics, relieving Zoe Bauer in the third. Bauer and A.J. Neace both doubled for Culver in game one, while Michael Salary tripled. Collin Stevens and Nick Pritz doubled in game two for Culver.

Tyler VanVolkenburg and Caleb Heineman each doubled for Knox in the losses.

Culver improves to 7-8 on the season and 4-5 in the NSC, while the Redskins remain winless in the NSC, 2-18 overall.

• CULVER 6-4, KNOX 5-3

At Knox  
Game 1  
Culver: 000 111 3 — 6 11 0  
Knox: 103 001 0 — 5 5 1  
Zoe Bauer, Bryce Lindvall (3, W, 3-5) and A.J. Neace; Blake Bridegroom, Tyler VanVolkenberg (L) and Van Volkenburg, Austin Risner (7).  
2B: Bauer (C), Neace (C)  
3B: Michael Salary (C)  
Game 2  
Knox: 003 000 0 — 3 4 2  
Culver: 001 020 1 — 4 10 1  
Kyle Vlach (W, 1-0) and A.J. Neace; Tyler Singleton (L, 1-6) and Tyler VanVolkenburg  
2B: Tyler Van Volkenburg (K), Caleb Heineman (K), Collin Stevens (C), Nick Pritz (C).  
Records: Culver 7-8 (4-5 NSC), Knox 2-18 (0-10 NSC).

#### CMA is runner-up at baseball tourney

Culver Military gave up three runs in the fifth and sixth innings to fall to Valparaiso by a heartbreaking 5-4 margin in the championship game at the Eagles' home baseball invitational Saturday.

Max Terhar homered and doubled, while Alex Haygood also doubled for CMA in the loss.

Earlier in the day, CMA beat NorthWood 8-6 to advance to the championship

game.

Kyle Bartelman took the win on the mound, while James McGing and Kevan Bjornson both doubled for the Eagles, who jumped off to an early lead with five runs in the bottom of the first and two more in the bottom of the second.

• VALPARAISO 5, CMA 4  
At Culver Invitational, Championship  
CMA: 121 000 0 — 4  
Valparaiso: 020 021 X — 5  
Colt Vessels (L), Perley Provost (6) and James McGing; Jeff Chiabia, Devin Bafia (W) and Jerrick Suiter.  
2B: Max Terhar (CMA), Alex Haygood (CMA).  
HR: Terhar (CMA), Joel Bishop (V).  
• CMA 8, NORTHWOOD 6  
At Culver Invitational  
NorthWood: 000 400 2 — 6 8 1  
CMA: 520 001 X — 8 8 2  
Cole Page (L), Zech Mauring (2), Blake Cleveland (4) and Will Kirkwood; Kyle Bartelman (W), Perley Provost (5) and Kevan Bjornson.  
2B: James McGing (CMA), Bjornson (CMA).

#### CMA still perfect with win vs Glenn

Culver Military Academy scored seven runs in the first inning en route to an 8-3 win over visiting John Glenn Tuesday, remaining unbeaten on the year at 10-0.

The Eagles collected 11 hits, including doubles from Perley Porvost, Kyle Bartelman, Anthony McHugh and Max Terhar, a triple from Terhar and a homer from Trent Kolden.

Glenn recorded just five hits, including a double by Brock Solmos. The Falcons fall to 11-7.

• CULVER MILITARY 8, JOHN GLENN 3  
At Culver  
Glenn: 100 002 0 — 3 5 1  
CMA: 710 000 X — 8 11 2  
Colt Vessels (W, 3-0), Kyle Bartelman (6) and James McGing; Kyle Liedtky (L, 0-2), Ross Columbia (1), Cole Kaser (7) and Charlie Dreessen.

2B: Perley Provost (CMA), Bartelman (CMA), Anthony McHugh (CMA), Max Terhar (CMA).  
3B: Brock Solmos (JG), Max Terhar (CMA)  
HR: Trent Kolden (CMA)  
Records: John Glenn 11-7, CMA 10-0.

#### Big 6th lifts Culver

Culver scored seven runs in the bottom of the sixth and held off New Prairie for the 11-8 Northern State Conference win at home Tuesday.

Collin Stevens had three hits, while Nick Pritz, Zoe Bauer, A.J. Neace and Michael Salary had two hits apiece for Culver.

Both of Neace's hits were doubles, while Pritz also recorded a double and Salary homered in the win, which brings Culver to 5-8 overall and 2-5 in the NSC.

Chayse Davis, Nick Dobkins and Patrick Zwierzynski all doubled for New Prairie, which slides to 5-12 on the year and 2-6 in the conference.

• CULVER 11, NEW PRAIRIE 8  
At Culver  
New Prairie: 000 410 3 — 8 13 1  
Culver: 301 007 X — 11 14 2  
Collin Stevens (W, 3-2) and A.J. Neace; Brian Lockhart, Drake Wisser (L) and Chayse Davis, Kody Gornny.  
2B: Davis (NP), Nick Dobkins (NP), Patrick Zwierzynski (NP), Neace 2 ©, Nick Pritz ©, Brian Nelson ©.  
HR: Michael Salary ©  
Records: Culver 5-8 (2-5 NSC), New Prairie 5-12 (2-6 NSC).

#### Culver drops NSC contest

Culver managed seven hits but scratched out just two runs in a 5-2 loss at New Prairie Monday.

Sam Hendrickson doubled for the Cavaliers, who fell to 1-5 in the Northern State Conference and 4-8 overall with Monday's loss.

• NEW PRAIRIE 5, CULVER 2

At New Carlisle  
Culver: 000 100 1 — 2 7 1  
New Prairie: 300 020 X — 5 8 1  
Cole Winners (W) and Kody Gorney; Bryce Lindvall (L) and A.J. Neace.  
2B: Sam Hendrickson.  
Records: Culver 4-8 (1-5 NSC), New Prairie 5-11 (2-5 NSC).

### Softball

#### Knox shells Culver

Knox collected 26 hits in a 25-1, five-inning rout of host Culver Wednesday.

The Lady Cavaliers were only able to manage four hits in the Northern State Conference loss.

• KNOX 25, CULVER 1 (5 innings)

At Culver  
Knox: 796 30 — 25 26 0  
Culver: 000 10 — 1 4 2  
Complete results unavailable

#### Boys golf

CMA takes 2nd at home golf invitational

Culver Military placed second behind tournament champion Lafayette Harrison, while Triton finished fifth, Plymouth was eighth in its highest finish in two years, and John Glenn was 10th at the Culver Military Academy Boys Golf Invitational Saturday at Mystic Hills Golf Club in Culver.

Culver Military was led by James Kinsey's round of 73, while T.J. Selby, Alan Kuesterman and Andrew Eiler all carded 77s for the consistent host Eagles, who turned in a 292 just two strokes behind meet winner Harrison. Taran Kennedy shot a 75, and Griffyn Carpenter backed him up with a 76 as the only two Trojans to break 80, while Quentyn Carpenter shot 80, and Chandler Slone shot 82 as Triton struggled somewhat at the tilt with a 301 team

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# EDUCATION

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score.  
• CMA INVITATIONAL  
At Mystic Hills Golf Club (par 71)

### Culver beats Elkhart Christian

Luke Dunfee and Zach Duplay turned in a pair of 41s, and Culver beat visiting Elkhart Christian by a comfortable 172-184 margin at Mystic Hills Thursday.

Trent Elliott turned in a 43 and Kyle VanDePutte shot a 47 for the Cavaliers, who move to 4-5 in dual meets with the win.  
• CULVER 172, ELKHART CHRISTIAN 184  
At Mystic Hills (Par 35)  
CULVER (172): Luke Dunfee 41, Trent Elliott 43, Zach Duplay 41, Kyle VanDePutte 47, Joe Paolini 50. ELKHART CHRISTIAN (184): Zach Yoder 42, Austin Bucklees 49, Scott Mishler 53, Teddy Thatcher 45, Tyler VanArsdale 48.  
Record: Culver 4-5.  
JV score: Culver 240, Elkhart Christian 236.

### Dunfee and Culver beat

### North Judson

Luke Dunfee broke 40 to lead Culver, and the Cavaliers beat host North Judson 171-186 at Chesapeake Run Golf Club Monday.

Dunfee turned in a field-low 39, while Kyle VanDePutte shot 42, Zach Duplay shot 44 and Trent Elliott carded a 46 for Culver, which improved to 4-5 on the year.

North Judson was led by Kaleb Homan's 43 as the Blue Jays slipped to 5-8.  
• CULVER 171, NORTH JUDSON 186  
At Chesapeake Run (Par 36)  
CULVER (171): Zach Duplay 44, Trent Elliott 46, Luke Dunfee 39, Kyle VanDePutte 42, Joe Paolini 47. JUDSON (186): Ryne Miller 49, David Jachim 45, Chris Lee 50, Kaleb Homan 43, Brad Batterton 49.  
Records: Culver 4-5, North Judson 5-8.  
JV score: Culver 215, North Judson 201.

### CGA wins home invite

Andrea Simon and Natalia Lopez-Yanez won in



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## Renfrow rides rough

Sam Renfrow, son of Pat and Donna Renfrow and a 4th grader at Culver Elementary School, recently spent three days at a bull riding school in Penrose, Colorado, according to his mother. Following detailed instruction in equipment and other facets of the sport, Sam spent the next two days riding. Of the 30 student riders present, she says, all were adults except three teenagers, two 12-year-olds, Sam (age 9), and a six year old!

In the photo above, Sam stays on the bull for five of the eight seconds of riding.

Donna says her son has wanted to ride bulls since he was very young, and attended bull riding events in Indianapolis and Las Vegas frequently. His Colorado experience is a follow-up to local rodeo participation in "mutton bustin'" or sheep riding events. She adds he'll be heading back to the bull riding school next year, "or if we can find one over the summer we will go sooner.

Many in Culver will remember the Renfrows as owners for several years of the cafe and ice cream shop bearing their name on Lake Shore Drive.

and Amanda Stolarz to clinch their match 3-6, 6-3, 6-3 and seal the shutout.

The Lady Eagles advanced to the champion-

ship round with a 4-1 victory over Fort Wayne Bishop Luers, winning at all positions except No. 1 singles.

Pita Navarro beat Andrea Choka 6-3, 6-7(5), 7-6(1)

## VFW from page 1

that sort of thing," says Wise. "The Legion didn't have a bar or anything. Originally they wanted to have a joint Legion and VFW together, but the young guys said, 'This won't work,' so they went on their own. Most of the Legion at that time were mostly World War I vets. So mainly after (the VFW was launched), mostly (Culver Military) Academy guys belonged to the Legion. Most of the younger guys went to the VFW."

VFW Post 6919 was named after two local veterans: Patrick L. Finney (1915 - 1941), a 1933 Culver High School graduate who -- after enlisting in 1940 -- was a member of the 26th Bombardment Squadron, killed at the Japanese raid on Hickam Field December 7, 1941. John Richard Shilling (1924 - 1944) graduated from Culver Military Academy and enlisted in July, 1943 as an Infantryman. He was killed during an attack on a German-held hill in Gesso, Italy, in October, 1944. The two are commemorated in a display in the Post building.

Post 6919's roster of Post Commanders often reads like a who's who of local family names active in Culver's past. They include Frank Timmons (1946-47), (Judge) Bill Riggins, Norman Baker, Joe Morrison, Ted Strang, Olen Osborn, Mark Steinberger, Jack Sanders, Wayne Hissong, Shirley Carter, Kenneth Tasch, Maurice Bennett, Robert Gibbons, Emil (Bud) Ruhnnow Sr., C. Art Bennett, Robert Lemar, Gene Reister, Ray Houghton, Leonard Sherwood, Ora Reed, Allen Cornett Sr., Roger Wise, Edward (Joe) Miller, Robert Albert, Robert Kibbler, Jack Washburn, Kenneth Walter, Charles Kesmodel, Gordon Uyttebrouck, Rich Kelso, Dennis Geiger, Ed London, L.B. Montgomery, and others in more recent years.

### Activities and contributions through the years

The early years of the Post included a variety of activities, some in conjunction with the American Legion as well as the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, which formed just a year after the Post itself (more on that organization shortly, in addition to the Father's Auxiliary which was chartered January 1, 1953, for fathers, step-fathers, and foster-fathers of servicemen (that organization, on a national level, has since fallen by the wayside).

Early activities included organization of VFW basketball (starting in 1946) and baseball-softball teams (starting in 1947), partnering with Culver's fire department for a carnival in the park, observances of Decoration Day (today's Memorial Day, as the Post observed it later) and Veteran's Day via parades (many of which for some years centered around the Memorial Veterans' plaque on the stone in front of the Culver Public Library, where it was dedicated at Memorial Day, 1950, and still resides) and

rites in the cemetery, Poppy Day, patriotic essay contests, local youth Christmas parties, and a host of charitable and civic endeavors.

These included the 1950 refurbishment of the emergency and metabolic rooms of Parkview Hospital in Plymouth, an annual Toys for Tots Christmas drive, erection of "Welcome to Culver" signs at strategic locales at the edge of town, presentation of American flags (and in 1959, a publication warning of the dangers of Communism) to local students and other entities, sponsorship of Little League teams, sizeable contributions in the late 1970s through the early 1980s towards Culver's ambulance fund, placement of a fishing pier annually in the town park, as well as extensive and regular support of local school, Scouting, and other civic activities.

In July, 1976, among local observances of the nation's bicentennial, the southeast corner of Culver's Masonic cemetery was deeded to the Post. Flag poles, canons, and other memorials honoring local and national veterans were placed at the site, which today remains the central location of the Post's annual observations of Memorial and Veteran's Days.

Notably, many of the most active leaders in the Post and its Auxiliaries were also consistently recognized as leaders in civic and charitable work by the community at large, through the years.

Of course, social activities ranging from dances, dinners, and annual picnics, to fish fries and holiday parties, were lively and quite well-attended over the decades. Interestingly, in February, 1955, the Post joined the Ladies and Father's Auxiliaries for a fish fry, but public notices were explicit that the event was "members only." In ensuing years, Culver VFW fish fries have become annual community events.

In June, 1958, after several years of denials, the Post received its three-way liquor license, members arguing theirs had always been a private club (such as a country club) and thus not subject to typical town laws regarding serving of alcohol.

### Facing changing American attitudes

As an interesting sign of the times, a Congressional Act first proposed by the national VFW in 1930 to combat the spread of Communism, Loyalty Day took on new meaning in the early 1970s as a vehicle to combat dissident sentiments spreading across America. Culver was designated in April, 1972, as the site of the VFW's Third District. Residents were asked to display the nation's colors for an entire week during the May Day observation.

The war in Vietnam, of course, forever altered American perceptions of the military and its members, something not lost on Culver VFW members who served in that conflict. Past Commander Rich Kelso remembers the Post appointing an officer in the 1970s and early 80s whose mission was simply to get the Culver Citizen and other

media to cover the Post.

"It was a struggle," recalls Kelso, who served in Korea as well. "The same was true in the schools at that time. We saw a change (in attitudes about veterans) about the time of the first Gulf war.

"When I first came back to Culver (in the 1970s), that was right there in the post-Vietnam era. Vets were not particularly popular. We (in the Culver VFW) fought hard to improve our image in the community. We weren't getting good press, even though we were doing all the good things we do now."

Even with the ups and downs of popular American sentiment regarding veterans, the enormity of Post 6919's contributions did not go unnoticed, either by the national, state, and regional levels of the VFW organization, or by an array of state, regional, and local organizations and institutions, ranging from service clubs such as Lions, to the Culver Academies, to the town itself. These are far too numerous to mention individually, but provided a steady stream of plaques, awards, citations, honorary declarations, and more.

### The building

In May, 1969, the Post suffered extensive fire damage to its interior, enough that it was decided to remove the third floor of the building. Roger Wise recalls that floor at the time had an apartment occupied by Tom Walker. Members took an interesting approach to converting the three-story structure to a two-story one.

"They built the roof inside the third floor (before removing that floor)," says Wise, "and then tore down the third floor."

This allowed uninterrupted use of the building while adding the convenience of roofing a building while still indoors!

Mary Lou Wise notes many members made the ongoing upkeep of the Post building possible, citing the work of Jack Sanders, Bud Ruhnnow, and others in particular.

In December, 1972, the old house at the corner of Plymouth and Washington Streets (just east of the Post building) was purchased by the Post for \$5,700 though for years it was unused by the Post (many will recall it as the home of the Methodist women's thrift store, today on Ohio Street, for several years). By March, 1988, the house had fallen into disrepair and was demolished, and two Post horseshoe pits installed in its place.

Some internal debate within Post membership preceded the April, 1995 decision to seek a bank loan to create an addition to the existing building.

"We'd been wanting to do it for many years," says Rich Kelso. "Some members were afraid we couldn't afford it. Finally when L.B. Montgomery was Commander, one year he managed to politic it enough to get enough support among members to stick our necks out and take a chance. I was right behind him.

"We wanted to have a bigger kitchen...and a little more seating for diners."

The addition of a handicapped ramp to enter the building helped convince some reluctant members of the value of the move, recalls Kelso (prior to that, he remembered members physically carrying disabled vets down the stairs to the basement). The creation of the full kitchen downstairs also allowed for expansion of meeting space on the upper floor (the space has become a popular spot for affordable group get-togethers such as reunions and banquets).

*Next week, we look back at the more Post history, as well as that of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary.*

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## Culver’s Bendy among county DARE essay winners honored



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Local DARE officers and the essay winners from their communities included (from left): From row, Alexander Berg and Jordan Blackburne Plymouth; Araceli Jimenez, Bremen; Zachery Trump, Argos; Shelby Rahe, Triton, and Erin Bendy, Culver; back row, Sgt. Mark Owen, Plymouth Police Department; Chief Matt Hassel, Bremen Police Department; Officer Corey Bowman, Argos Police Department and Officer John Duhnovsky, Culver Police Department.

PLYMOUTH — Six Marshall County DARE students were honored Thursday, May 5 at the 20th annual Project DARE of Marshall County banquet, including Erin Bendy, daughter of Tom and Wendy Bendy, the Culver Community Schools DARE essay winner.

Other winners included: Zachery Trump, son of Brian and Kim Trump, the Argos Community Schools DARE essay winner. Araceli Jimenez, daughter of Ruben and Maria Jimenez was the Bremen Community Schools DARE essay winner. Alexandra Berg, daughter of Todd and Kathy Berg; and Jordan Blackburne daughter of George and Francisca Blackburne were the Plymouth Community Schools DARE essay winners. Shelby Rahe, daughter of Christopher and Carolyn Rahe was the Triton Community Schools DARE essay winner. The students read their essays during the banquet, received a \$200 savings bond, and had their name added to their school's DARE essay winner's plaque.

Marshall County Deputy Prosecutor Cindi Andrews was the special guest speaker for the evening and enlightened the audience with a heart-filled presentation.

Recognized during the banquet for their support and assistance to the DARE program were the Marshall County Committee for a Drug Free Indiana, Marshall County Prosecutor David Holmes, members of the Marshall County Government, United Way of Marshall County, educators and administrators from school corporations in Marshall County, local city and town police departments and Christos' Banquet Center.

For more information about the program call Bremen Police Chief Matthew Hassel at the Bremen Police Department 574-546-3456.

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the Culver Academies Museum and Gift Shop, 102 South Main Street, over Culver's Alumni Reunion Weekend, May 20 through 22.

A four by six foot working layout will be debut and remain a permanent part of the museum.

Museum summer hours will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Questions may be directed to museum@culver.org, or 574-842-8842.

### Wakefield art at library

The Culver-Union Twp. Public Library will showcase original watercolor paintings by Culver's Sandra Wakefield, a 1955 graduate of Culver High School. Several of Wakefield's pieces may be seen on the upper level of the library on

its art board, as well as in the fireplace and circulation desk area. The display will be available for viewing through the month of May. Those with questions may call 574-842-2941.

### Conservancy Dist. sewer line

The Southwest Lake Maxinkuckee Conservancy District has a new website that will track the construction of the sewer system going in from Venetian Village up to the southern town limits. Go to www.SWLakeMaxCD.com to view timely details. This part of the project should be complete by the end of this summer. If you have questions, you can contact your area representative by calling 574-952-2963 Monday thru Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. or email SWLMCD.connect@yahoo.com anytime.

### Friends raffling doll house

A hand-built doll-house, completely furnished and detailed (and valued around \$500, with over 100 hours of Friends' work to complete it) is being raffled by the Friends of the Culver Public Library all summer. Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5. The drawing will be September 3. For tickets call Charlotte Hahn (574-842-3267), Rita Mason (842-2656), Jeanne Spaw (842-4206) or Connie Van Horn (842-2038).

### Heritage Park bricks

The Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver reminds everyone that Heritage Park Remembrance Bricks are still available. They become a permanent part of beautiful Heritage Park at the corner of Main and Jefferson Streets. Or, they could act as a "wel-

come" brick for your yard, "family est.," or perhaps a pet's name and placed in a favorite place for remembrance. All brick donations to the Society are tax deductible. Bricks may be ordered from Charlotte Hahn, 574-842-3267. Order forms are also available at the Museum.

### Scrapbooking at Market Basket

The Market Basket and Company, 13775 S.R. 17, Culver, will be hosting all day scrapbooking the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Attendees can bring their own supplies, lunch, and \$5. Drinks will be furnished. For more details call Kathy Meek at 574-842-2145.

### Free computer classes

Culver-Union Township Public Library's free

computer classes are held Monday evenings at 6 p.m. and Friday mornings at 10 a.m. They include: Microsoft Word (May 20); and Microsoft Excel (May 23 and 27). For more information, call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941, visit its website at www.culver.lib.in.us or email abaker@culver.lib.in.us.

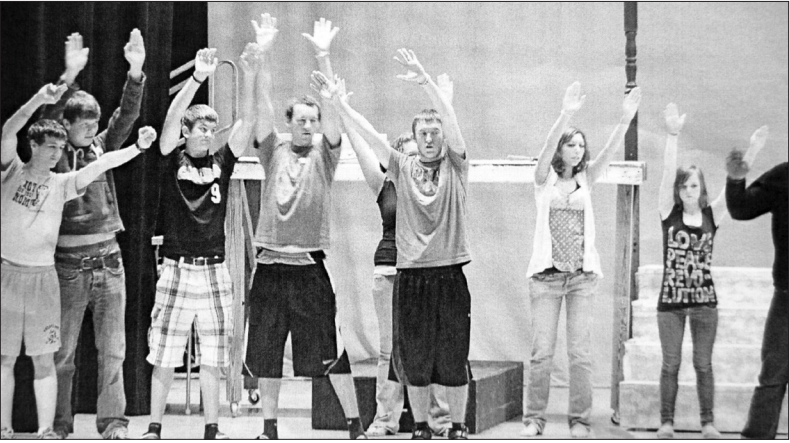
### Swim for Kids Sake seeks volunteers

The second annual Swim For Kids' Sake open water swim will be held August 27. Those interested in becoming a sponsor or volunteering are encouraged to contact Mallory Mead, Race Director, at 317-997-6753 or mallory.mead@hotmail.com. The greatest area of need for volunteers is for safety and support craft and pilots. For more information, and to view results, visit the Swim

For Kids' Sake website at swimforkidssake.com.

### Comm. garden volunteers needed

Upcoming planting times at Culver's community garden include Friday, May 20 at 5:30 p.m., and Saturday, May 21 at 9 a.m., May 23 and 25 (9 a.m.), and May 26 and 27 (5 p.m.) All times are weather permitting. Volunteers are invited and encouraged to join the gardeners. Questions may be directed to Connie Richie at 574-542-4810, Barbara Quivey at 574-842-2329, or Cory Barnes at barnesc@culver.org.



## CCHS ‘Musical’ on the way

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Culver Community students “wave their hands up in the air” for the CCHS choral department production of Disney’s “High School Musical” May 28 and 29, in the high school auditorium. Tickets are on sale this week (\$5 advance, \$6 at the door). Call 574-842-3391 ext. 3118 for tickets, or contact any choral student. Pictured, from left to right, are Josh Walters, Zach Brewer, Nick Pritz, Larry Clingler, Cassie Cline, AJ Neace, Brittany Jolly, Crystal Looney, and Kevin Hogan.

## Public invited to reunion events

Once again Culver Academies will welcome its alumni back to campus for its annual reunion weekend this Friday through Sunday, May 20 through 22. The public is invited to enjoy the the Iron Gate Ceremony Friday at 2:30 p.m. in front of Eppley Auditorium, on the Academies campus. Alsp. a carillon recital by renowned Culver carillonneur John Gouwens will take place at 4 p.m. Saturday on the Memorial Chapel grounds (a tour of the carillon will follow the performance).  
Audiences are invited to enjoy the Alumni and Garrison Parade takes place Saturday at 5:30 p.m. at the Parade Ground (lakeside of the Vaughn Equestrian Center).  
Information on this and other events may be found online at [www.culver.org](http://www.culver.org).

## Photo, video restoration May 26

Restoring photos and videos will be the topic May 26 at 6 p.m. at the Culver Public Library's Thursday Tech Time, an open discussion group for anyone interested in computers and technology. Sessions are held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on the fourth 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.  
This week, find out several ways to transfer photos and videos to the computer, see different methods for repairing damaged and faded photos, and learn about the basics of video editing and conversion to DVD.

## Monterey ELeментарy honor roll

Monterey Elementary School has released its honor roll for the second grading period.

### Grade 1

All A's: Virgil Eyvind Binion, Alexzandria Thor Forest, Ella Grace Gearhart, Jalen Levan King, Courtney Tawney

A-B honor roll: Christian Ezekiel Gearhart, Ryan J Gregor, Jenna Grace Ai Ju Loehmer, Brady Alexander Moise, Carmela Marie Penicaro, Matthew Joseph Schaller, Ryan Douglas Sheets, Grace Elizabeth Wood, Auston Lee Zehner

### Grade 2

All A's: Ashley L Burkett, Aubrey J. Gearhart, Olivia A Gilley, Kelsey M Heise, Hunter Blake Watwood

A-B honor roll: Skye F Allen, Chloe E Baker, Ashley Burkett, Joseph Collins, Olivia Gilley, Kelsey Heise, Braxton Lenker, MaKeggarr Napier, Reagan Sheets

### Grade 3

All A's: Sarah E Keller

A-B honor roll: Jasmine E Felda, Shyla M Loehmer, Shayden M May, Molly Alexis Poor, Amber L Watts, Nikki M Watts, Nathan L Wood

### Grade 4:

All A's: Alyssa S Kinyanjui, Samuel D Schaller

A-B honor roll: Allison Rene Jones, Jenna M Moise

### Grade 5:

A-B honor roll: Melissa M. Bradley, Luke D Schaller, Taylor N. Thomas, Cole M. Weldon

### Grade 6:

A-B honor roll: Makayla A Felda, Katie E Garland, Hailey A Jones, Brianna S Kinyanjui, Courtney A Salyer, Christopher A Zehner, Jill E Zehner