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## Remembering those who made the Ultimate Sacrifice

### CIVIL WAR:

George B. Livingston, Columbus City; Theodore Pallett, Port Louisa; Joshua B. Sullivan, Grandview; William Butler, Fredonia; Alexander E. McConnell, Morning Sun; Alexander Britt, Fredonia; Levi M. Roberts, Columbus City; Franklin A. Royer, Columbus City; Joseph Neal, Columbus City; George Easton, Columbus City; William W. Edmondson, Columbus City; Leslie Gambell, Columbus City; Cicero H. Shephard, Columbus City; Justis L. Stauber, Columbus City; John J. Ellis, Fredonia; John A. Matthews, Columbus City; Aaron M. Ashford, Columbus City; Wesley Smice, Fredonia; James M. Duncan, Columbus City; Thomas Littleton, William Littleton, George Littleton, Noah Littleton, Kendall Littleton, John Littleton, Toolesboro, Elijah Jennings, Columbus City.

### WORLD WAR I:

William Bazil, Harold Cochran, Leo Cochran, Franklin Gaylord Darrow, Friend L. Glidden, Allen Wright Hanft, Milton Hardman, Fred Hays, Fred Lieberknecht, Joseph McAvoy, James O'Toole, Robert W. Salladay, Leland Scott, Carl Stone, Garland Teel, Luther Vollmer, Robert Weber, Clifford White.

### WORLD WAR II:

John J. Arihood, Phillip W. Bailey, Arthur Bass, Dean Bisher, Robert Alan Blair, Donald T. Blake, Roy E. Bond, Robert Keith Buffington, David W. Cassabaum, John W. Cassabaum, Hugh Carroll Davis, Ted Davis, Royce Dickerson Jr., Thomas Eland, Hershel L. Finke, Ben Finley, Forrest R. French, Kenneth Gerling, Eugene R. Gookin, Raymond Gunnells, Joe

Harris, Harold F. Harter, Sam Herr, Lawrence Herrick, Everette C. Holliday, John Isom, Lee Jones, Maurice J. Kerr Jr., James M. Mickey, James Mitchell, Thomas Alan Moore, Jackie P. Moran, Rex Richard Orris, Lawrence L. Owen, Roy E. Pendell, George W. Person, Merle E. Scott, Kenneth Shellabarger, Vernon Shellabarger, Robert Smith, Walter Smoger, Wayne Sutton, John William Swan, Glenn Teel, John N. Thompson, Theodore R. Tucker, Charles Baker Venard, Perry D. Venard, Philip M. Walsh, Frank Richard Williams, William Robert Williams, Claude (Billy) Wolford, Walter Wyss.

### WWII MIA:

Glen Lewis Alan, Cyril Cline, John Tedford Duncan, Charles Thomas Odle, John Henry Springer, Roy S. Swan, John Walker, Glen L. Winder

### KOREAN WAR:

Raymond Chapman, Gerald Faber, Fred Goss, Merlin McKeever, Wayne Nicewanner, Lawrence H. Stigge, Don Austin

### VIETNAM WAR-

### KIA OR MIA:

James D. Johnson, Craig B. Wolford, Brian D. McConahay, David L. Siverly, Burton E. Small, Dean A. Jackson, Max Lukenbach, Manzelle Alan Ford, Bruce Hankins.

### DESERT STORM:

Eloy Angel Rodriguez Jr.

### IRAQ WAR:

Bruce A. Smith, Trace Dossett

## Briefly -

### Gazette Holiday deadlines

Due to the Memorial Day Holiday the Gazette deadlines for news and advertising will be Noon Friday, May 24th.

### Columbus Alumni Banquet

The Columbus High School Alumni Banquet will be held on Saturday, June 8, 2013, at the Roundy Elementary School. Registration and social hour at 5:30 p.m., followed by the meal and program. Advanced tickets may be purchased at both local banks. The 50-Year Class of 1963 and the 25-Year Class of 1988 will be honored. The 50-Year Class will be touring the new school facilities at 4:00 p.m. Other alumni attending the Banquet may join the tour by meeting at 4:00 p.m. in the High School parking lot.

### C.C.I.C. to meet

C.C.I.C. will be held on May 28, 2013, at the Columbus City City Hall at 6:00 p.m. A potluck will be held with drinks and table service provided. Virginia and Liz will host.

### Volunteers sought for Memorial Day Flags

Volunteers are needed to help put up flags for Memorial Day at the Columbus City cemetery on Saturday morning, May 25th at 7:00 a.m. and they will also be taken down, folded and put away at Columbus City City Hall on Wednesday, May 29th at 5:00 pm (weather permitting). If you have any questions, please call Mike Lowe at 319-212-1358. All volunteer help will be greatly appreciated.

### City Council meets tonight

The City of Columbus Junction will hold a public hearing and regular Council meeting today, Wednesday, May 22, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the New Civic Center/City Hall.

### Colonial Manor Remembrance Service

You are cordially invited to attend the Colonial Manor Remembrance Service, officiated by Pastor Al Coffin, today, Wednesday, May 22, 2013, at 3 p.m. in the Activity Room. Those being remembered are: Imogene Bailey; Vern Ball; Venita Boyd; Vesta Carey; Dorothy Drinkall; Alton Griffin; Virginia Grimm; Dorothy Grings; Nancy Hidelbaugh; Grenyth Lake; Geraldine Leonhard; Kathrin Lieberknecht; Vera Mewhirter; Faithe Mincer; Ralph Morrison; Rowland Rees; Joan Smith; Bud Speth; Joseph Wood.

### Conesville to hold blood drive

The Conesville Revitalized Fun Fest will host a community blood drive from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> located at Conesville Community Center/City Hall, 306 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Conesville. To donate, please contact Rosa Perez at 563-272-9071. Walk-ins welcome! Donor Eligibility Criteria: Potential donors must be at least 17 years of age (16 with parental permission form available through www.bloodcenter.org) and weigh more than 110 pounds. A photo I.D. or MVRBC Donor Card is required to donate. To schedule an appointment for donation, please call the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center at (800) 747-5401. Donors who last gave blood on or before 4/13/2013 are eligible to give blood at this drive.

### Flood Reunion

Save the Date - The Columbus Firemen are scheduling a flood reunion for the community. The proposed date is set as Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have any unique photos that you would like to share let the firemen know. More information will follow in later issues.

### 2013 County Relay for Life

The 2013 Louisa County Relay for Life will be on Saturday, June 15, 2013, at the Wapello Football Field from 5-11 p.m. Opening Ceremony begins at 6:00 p.m. We are having a birthday party to help American Cancer Society celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> birthday! Come help us celebrate with cupcakes and beverages. Other food and drink items will be for sale. We will celebrate and honor our survivors and take time to remember those who have lost the battle. We will have a pie auction, a silent auction and many other activities. Purchase a luminaria bag to honor a cancer survivor or in memory of somebody that has lost their battle. These bags will be placed around the track and lit at dusk. What an awesome sight! Celebrate - Remember - Fight Back!

### Letts Fest

The City of Letts will be holding its second annual Letts Fest on June 29<sup>th</sup>. The community is looking for vendors, and participants in the parade and car show. If interested, please contact Jake Shoppa at 563-571-4561; Monica Bieri at 319-212-1613; or Joy Murphy at 319-330-6063 and 319-726-3052.

### Letts Memorial Day Services

The Letts Cemetery Memorial Day Service will be on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. If it is raining, it will be at the Letts Community Center. In the program: Presentation of Colors - Columbus American Legion #100; Raising of Flag - Boy Scouts; Star Spangled Banner - Margaret Englert; Pledge of Allegiance - Everyone; Service Prayer - Rev. Marsha Gerot; Reading of Letts Service Men - Jim Thompson; Recognition of Service Men (buried at Letts) by Family Member; Speaker - Jim Braden; Release of Patriotic Balloons by Family Members; Taps - Kelsey Chapman. We will have limited seating for those attending so bring a lawn chair if possible.

### Memorial Day Services

Columbus City Memorial Day Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. with the Rev. James Braden the speaker. Conesville Memorial Day Services will be held at 11:00 a.m.

### Sons of Legion to place grave markers

The Sons of the American Legion will be placing grave marker flags in the Columbus City Cemetery on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5 p.m.

### Blood Checks at Senior Center

Tami Nichols, R.N. from Colonial Manor will be available at the COLUMBUS SENIOR CENTER today, Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. to perform blood sugar, blood pressure and cholesterol checks. This is a free community service. We hope to see you there!

### Columbus Pool to open

Columbus Community Pool will be open on May 25, 2013 and close August 18, 2013. The admission rates will remain the same as last year. There will be an 'early bird' sign up period for season passes. If a season pass is purchased before May 25th, the single season will be \$45 and the family season will be \$95. They can be purchased in the high school office. Arrangements can be made for swimming lessons by calling the swimming pool office at 319-728-2233.

## A Memorable Lady - A Memorable Flight of Honor

By Donna Carpenter

Katherine Carey is a woman who wears hats of many colors, and one of them is red, white, and blue. Katherine was a member of the Navy, serving our country from 1943 through 1946.

April 23, 2013 was an unforgettable day for this Navy veteran. Katherine had the opportunity attend the Honor Flight from Cedar Rapids to Washington D.C. Escorted by her daughter Patti Gerling, they arrived at the Cedar Rapids airport by 5:30 A.M. Notably, Katherine was the only woman veteran on this flight.

Veterans and their escorts arrived in Washington on a beautiful sunny day, enjoying the clear, blue sky, budding trees and flowers in bloom. The three busloads of people made their first stop at the impressive World War Two Memorial. Although the fountains were not operating that day, everyone enjoyed viewing the granite columns, representing each state. Next the group went on to visit the Lincoln Memorial.

Katherine especially enjoyed the Franklin Roosevelt Memorial, as she grew up during that era. She recalls she and her parents being "glued" to the radio, listening to the fire side chats, as well as remembering the day that Roosevelt died.

At the Arlington Cemetery the group took in the changing of the guard and laying of flowers on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, as a bugler played the familiar taps.

Many pictures were taken at the

statue of Iwo Jima, and the group went on to explore the Korean and Vietnam memorials. The Korean Memorial contained life sized statues of the soldiers on patrol. Actually viewing the lists of names of those who lost their lives for our country brought back vivid memories of that difficult time.

After a long, eventful day, the group boarded the plane at Reagan National Airport for the flight back home. After dinner, each person received an envelope containing cards from family, friends, and students from Columbus Community, as well as students from a school in Marion, IA. Katherine was also given a beautiful plaque. As the veterans returned to the terminal late that evening, they were greeted by hundreds of people both young and old-a heart-warming experience Katherine will never forget. This experience of a life-time is one that will be long remembered and cherished by Katherine, Patti, and the others attending the Honor Flight. As Katherine stated, "What a day for an eighty-nine year old gal!"

\*A "snapshot" of Katherine's days in the military includes enlisting in the Navy in 1943. After boot camp at Hunter College in the Bronx, New York, she went on to the Naval Technical Training Center in Norman, Oklahoma. There she attended school to become an airplane mechanic. Upon her graduation, she was sent to the air base in Alameda, California. Interestingly, Katherine recalls riding on a bus on her way to



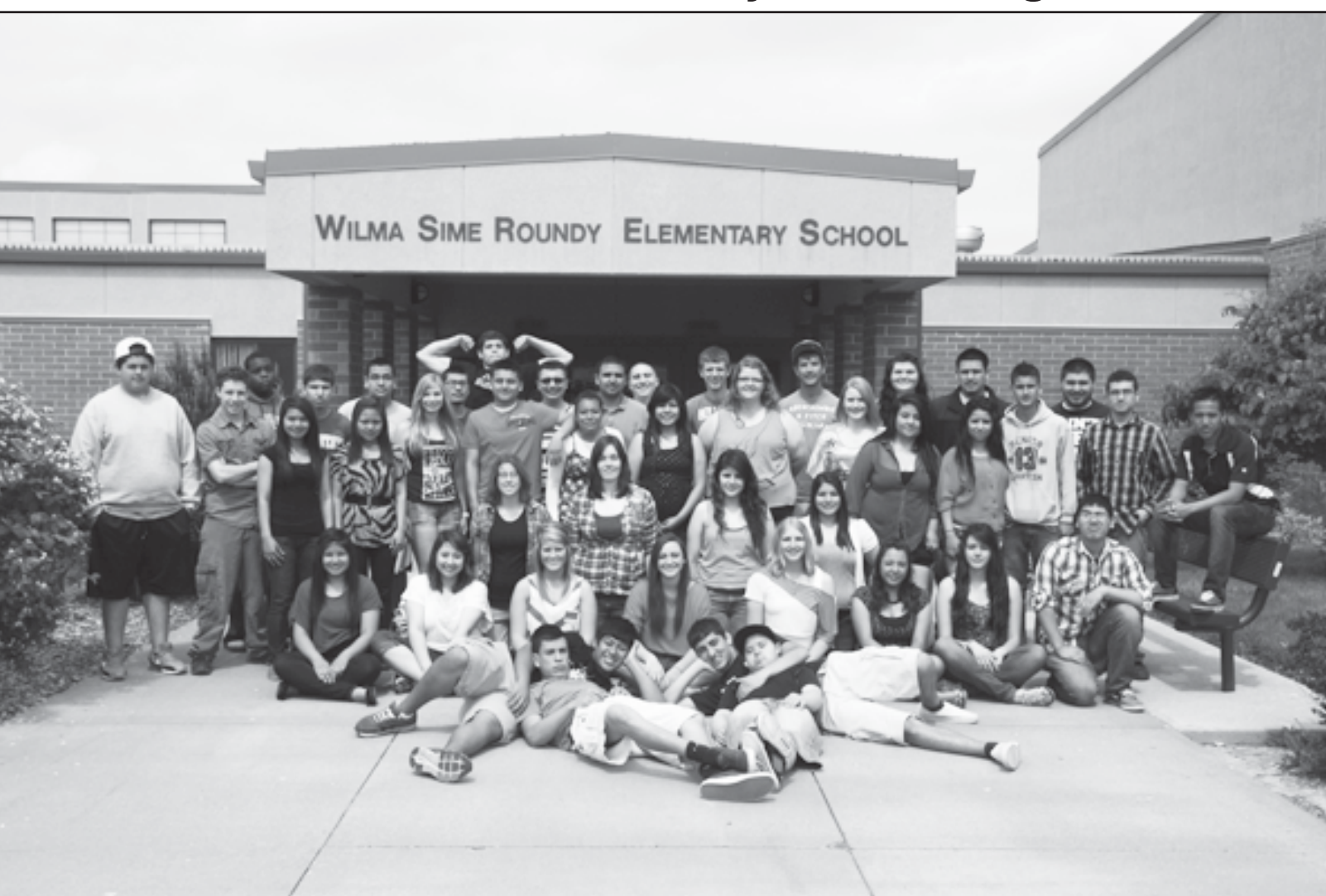
Front row: Twyla Peters, Jeff Carey, Katherine Carey, Allison Pearson, Nancy Carey. Back row, Larry (Fred) Gerling, Patti Gerling, Shirley Hendrickson, Raymond Hendrickson, and Keith Carey

*the airbase in Alameda, and as the bus stopped at a stoplight she noticed a young woman standing on the corner wearing a hard hat, heavy boots, and carrying a Levies lunch pail, as well as wearing a beautiful mink coat. She remembers thinking, "This is like Rosie the Riveter." As the base had a short runway, there were only fighter planes. These were all radial engine motors with pistons on the outside, as, of course, there were no jet engines at that time. Her first job was on an inventory team, the first ever for this base. Next, she was assigned to the supply department to identify each part.*

*Katherine recalls that all major aircraft carriers were based at Alameda, and that she visited at a party on the Saratoga, that it was a beautiful brand new carrier going out on a maiden voyage. However, it was severely damaged, with many lives lost.*

*Katherine was discharged in 1946, returning to the area, and decided to learn to fly, as some local men had begun a flying school, located on the Dotson Farm south of Wapello. Although logging over 40 hours, Katherine never kept her license, marrying Keith in 1950.*

## 2013 Columbus Community Graduating Class



"We are all like stars, we shall shine even after we are gone"



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