



Front Row: Morgan Wood, Mina Hoffman, Alexandra Sheldon, Meghan Williams, Zachary Stepp
Back Row: Emmi Esker, Haylie Reichenbach, Madison Jakabcic, Katie Ostrowski
Not shown: Elizabeth Heckler, Vanessa Pasadyn, Rachel Berrey

Memorial Day Essay Contest Winners Feted By Auditor's Office

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Michael E. Kovack, Medina County Auditor, hosted the awards ceremony for the winners of the Medina County Memorial Day Essay Contest Friday, May 21, 2010. The ceremony was held to recognize the top winners in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades throughout the county.

Students were asked to write an essay on one of several topics including, "Is Freedom Worth Fighting For?," "What Makes a Hero?" and, "The Importance of Memorial Day." Many of the schools and some homeschoolers participated and there were many entries.

Kovack said, "This contest was created to foster writing skills, but, more importantly, it was designed to help students look at the sacrifices made for this great country of ours. I was very impressed with the writing skills, the amount of thought the students evidenced

and the maturity level of the essays. I would like to especially thank the teachers who used the contest as a means of encouraging students to write. Their commitment to their students was evident.”

The three top winners (one for each grade level) will receive a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond donated by Auditor Kovack and Wadsworth Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1089.

The top winners were:

WINNERS OF THE 2010 MEMORIAL DAY ESSAY CONTEST

6TH GRADERS

<u>Place</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Title of Essay</u>
1st	Alexandra Sheldon	St. Francis	What is a Hero?
2nd	Elizabeth Heckler	Central Intermediate	Is Freedom Worth Fighting For?
3rd	Meghan Williams	St. Mark Lutheran	The Importance of Memorial Day
3rd	Vanessa Pasadyn	Willetts Middle	What is a Hero?

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7th GRADERS

<u>Place</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Title of Essay</u>
1st	Emmi Esker	St. Francis	What is a Hero?
2nd	Morgan Wood	Cloverleaf Middle	What is a Hero?
3rd	Zachary Stepp	Visintainer Middle	What is a Hero?
3rd	Rachel Berrey	Homeschooler	The Importance of Memorial Day

8th GRADERS

<u>Place</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Title of Essay</u>
1st	Haylie Reichenbach	Visintainer	The Importance of Memorial Day
2nd	Madison Jakabcic	St. Mark Lutheran	What Is a Hero?
3rd	Katie Ostrowski	St. Mark Lutheran	What is a Hero?
3rd	Mina Hoffman	Wadsworth Middle School	What is a Hero?