



WEM music teacher and member of the Minnesota Army National Guard David Schmitt was the keynote speaker during the Veterans Program Monday, Nov. 11 at WEM High School.



Elysian Legion members Rod Reifsteck (back) and Duane Anderson saluted the flag during the Veterans Day Program Monday.

Veterans Day Program



Veterans, left to right, Roger Adams, Norman Knish, and Gordon Kritzer were acknowledged during the WEM Veterans Day Program.



Veterans, left to right, Ron McGraw, Ron Berndt, Ron Gregor, Rod Reifsteck, and Duane Anderson took part in the Monday Veterans Day Program at WEM High School.

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and not be considered a deficit."

Boyce's brother was involved in the first workshop organized for disabled adults in 2006 and now has his work published in a small book.

"It's empowering to tell your own story," Boyce stated. "Sometimes the writings are very experimental, creative, like nothing you would usually see in a published book, and that's good. To my knowledge, something like this has never been done before."

Boyce believes in keeping a writer's voice true by only performing minor edits on the pieces before they are published.

"That's the beautiful thing about writing. You can get a sense of a person through their writing—whether you meet them in person or not—if you are allowed to read their true work," he stated. "So often people with disabilities are told what and how to do things, but not here. They are encouraged to express themselves."

Kari Deutsch, 36, of Waterville enjoyed the workshop so much that she enrolled for a second time.



Cow Tipping Press' Drew Cannedy leads a discussion at the October 30 "Tell Your Story" writing workshop.

"I never thought I'd be a writer, but I've learned a lot coming here and like writing now," she stated. "My favorite is my poem about campers and how they remind me of family and camping—sad and happy at the same time."

For 16-year-old Gabe LaCroix of Waterville, the writing workshop wasn't some-

thing he was excited to be a part of, at least right away.

"It was my mom's idea," he admitted with a sly look at his mom.

But now, after he's written a few pieces, and is getting ready to have his work published, he describes the workshop as "cool."

"I thought it would be

great to try something new and have him think more about writing and be creative," stated Gabe's mom, Jen. "It's been fun to see what he writes—the describing details of what he sees."

Four Cow Tipping Press books that feature the writing of developmentally disabled adults are available at the

Waseca Library, but the publications' impact is spreading beyond the local area.

"The books are currently being used at Syracuse University in diversity studies, which is amazing. I'm pretty sure it's the first time people studying the developmentally disabled group are reading things written by the devel-

Author Reading & Book Release

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The public is welcome.

mentally disabled," Boyce stated.

Freshly published local authors Mielke, Deutsch, and LaCroix will be featured during an Author Reading and Book Release event on Wednesday, Nov. 20 at the Waseca Arts Center, starting at 6 p.m. Each author will be invited to read a piece of his or her work during the program. Copies of the new book will be available for \$5 each. The public is invited to attend.

So, what's with the name Cow Tipping Press? It's the title of the very first work written by adults with developmental disabilities that Boyce helped publish.

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association with Germany was not a good thing at the time.

During the early years, meetings were held in the barber shop of Mike Murphy or the back room of Roy Meehl's bar.

In 1946 the shoe store of Herb Plaisance was purchased from E. Taylor and that was the first Legion Hall.

Eight years later the hall was sold to Frank Thraen for \$125

and moved on the farm that John Kuckinka lives on in northwest Morristown on old Highway 60.

A number of years later the Legion purchased the Dargavel building, which was located where the current Legion stands.

This building was first occupied by Dargavel Drug Store, Dr. Dargavel office, Post Office, and Dr. Francis office.

The old Post Office was torn down in 1969 and the new Legion Post 149 was finished in 1970 at the cost of \$23,000. With the furnishings, the price came to \$47,000. The Schwartz Hatchery was later purchased and in 1980 an addition was built for approximately \$55,000.

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