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St. James grad among guardsmen killed in crash

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ST. JAMES — A St. James High School graduate was among the National Guardsmen who died Thursday in a helicopter crash near St. Cloud.

James A. Rogers Jr., 28, was one of three soldiers killed when a National Guard helicopter crashed shortly after takeoff from the St. Cloud National Guard aviation facility. Rogers; Charles P. Nord,

30; and Kort M. Plantenberg, 28; were conducting a routine maintenance test when the crash occurred.

Rogers, who lived in Winsted, was born on June 23, 1991, in Madelia and graduated from St. James High School in 2010, according to a biography released Saturday by the National Guard.

As a student, he participated in tennis, theater and chorus, among other activities. St. James High School Principal Karla Beck, who

was Rogers' music teacher from 8th to 12th grade, said the young man embodied the school's core values of courage, respect, integrity and compassion.

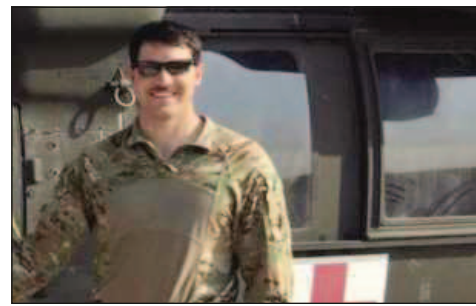
"We want every graduate to have that, and those four words describe everything you need to know about this young man," she said.

St. James students recite the Pledge of Allegiance each Monday morning. Beck said she plans to honor Rogers during Monday's pledge, add-

ing the community is proud of his military service.

"It was a privilege to be his teacher, and I hope his family understands and knows that we will support and surround them," she said.

Les Zellmann, Rogers' high school tennis coach, recalled Rogers' passion for the military as evident even as a student. He said Rogers was talented enough to advance to state as a senior, but was



Minnesota National Guard

James A. Rogers Jr., who was born in Madelia and graduated from St. James High School in 2010, was killed along with two other National Guardsmen in a helicopter crash near St. Cloud on Thursday.

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Turning cloudy

High in mid 30s.
 Low in low 20s.



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'CONSTANT STRESS'

Resources sparce for homeless programs



Pat Christman photos

Julie Goleman and her 8-month-old son, Matthew, now have an apartment after Goleman returned to the Mankato area in January, eight months pregnant. Goleman was able to get support from area nonprofits and move into her own place in October after several months of couch-hopping at the homes of friends and family.

Financial struggles abound

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Housing is tough enough to get in normal times, but try finding a home when you're eight months pregnant and rebuilding your life.

That's what Julia Goleman faced earlier this year. A 32-year-old Mankato native, Goleman returned to the area late last year after fleeing a bad domestic situation in South Carolina. Thankfully, she had family and friends who would let her stay for extended periods of time while she signed up for classes at South Central College. Even so, she still went without a home of her own for almost 11 months.

Goleman reached out to the Community

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Regina Wilson, pictured at home, recently went through a housing crisis when she fell behind on her rent over the past few months. She received help from the Minnesota Valley Action Council and has caught up on her rent, but she's concerned future issues could put her in a similar situation.

Gunman watched videos of shootings

Another recorded outside building

The Associated Press

PENSACOLA, FLA. — The Saudi student who fatally shot three people at a U.S. naval base in Florida hosted a dinner party earlier in the week where he and three others watched videos of mass shootings, a U.S. official told The Associated Press on Saturday.

Officials investigating the deadly attack were working Saturday to determine whether it was motivated by terrorism, as both President Donald Trump and Defense Secretary Mark Esper indicated that they would review policies governing foreign military training in the United States.

Family members on Saturday identified one of the victims as a 23-year-old recent graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy who alerted first responders to where the shooter was even after he had been shot several times.

"Joshua Kaleb Watson saved countless lives today with his own," Adam Watson wrote on Facebook. "He died a hero and we are beyond proud but there is a hole in our hearts that can never be filled."

The shooter opened fire inside a classroom at Naval Air Station Pensacola on Friday, killing three people and wounding two sheriff's deputies, one in the arm and one in the knee, before one of the deputies killed him. Eight others were also hurt. Both deputies were expected to survive.

The official who spoke Saturday said one of the three students who attended the dinner party hosted by

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