

community



Submitted photo
Jodi Walz with his sons, Tyler and Ryan, after getting all dressed up for an event.

Memorial Day from page 1

location for the annual Memorial Day program. The tour will start at 6 a.m. and include 10 locations between cemeteries and memorials.

The public is welcome to attend the short ceremonies at the cemetery or memorial of their choice, and the program that will start at 10 a.m. and include awards, music, prayers, the Gettysburg Address and a Memorial Day address by Col. Laura Ludwig, a retired member of the United States Army.

Elk River American Legion Commander Tom Kulkay, who will read the names of the deceased at each cemetery, will also present the awards at the program, which will wrap up with a volley salute to honor veterans who have died in the last year.

The list of this year's fallen veterans

This year's list includes: Victor Arnold, William Campbell, David Clough, William

Dollansky, Duane Flikke, Wallace Fox, Dennis Fyten, Earl Greer, Alfred Grell, Eugene Guimont, Curtis Job, Daniel Maher, Murray McNair, Steve Nichols, James Nord, Larry Pepos, William Schulz, Hartley Story, James Tacheny, Roger Tarnowski, Norman Volkers, William Walker, Jodi Walz, Dean Warden, Kenneth Weeks, Roger Westholter, Thomas Wilson and Leonard Wirtz.

The public is invited to Legion Post 112, 525 Railroad Drive, following the ceremony to see replicas of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Vietnam War Memorial.

They will be parked outside Post 112 from May 28 to June 1, thanks to Rock on Trucks, a St. Cloud-based trucking firm.

On Memorial Day, the Legion will be serving brats and hot dogs (kids 12 and under eat for free) with live music from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Memorial Day Program at Rivers Edge Commons

10 a.m. Monday, May 31

Master of Ceremonies: Greg Artman, Adjutant, Post 112
 Invocation: Larry Gross, Incoming Post 112 Chaplain
 Introduction of Honor Guard: Greg Artman
 Prayer for MIA/POW: Jim Lacy, Navy, Vietnam, Pastor FGU
 National Anthem: Cheryl Pendleton
 Pledge of Allegiance: Elk River BSA
 "God Bless America": Tony Digatono
 Sword Presentation to Commander Tom Kulkay and the
 "Gettysburg Address": Robert Kohler, Commander Navy, Ret.

"Amazing Grace": Cheryl Pendleton
 Memorial Day Remembrance: John Dietz, Mayor
 Presentation of Awards: Tom Kulkay, Commander, Post 112
 Memorial Day Memories: Janet Harnack, SSG Army, Ret.

American Legion Commander: Tom Kulkay
 American Legion Auxiliary President: Cathy Artman
 "America the Beautiful": Tony Digatono
 Memorial Day Address: Laura Ludwig, Colonel Army, Ret.
 Benediction (Please Stand): Michele Smith, ALR Chaplain
 Volley Salute to honor our deceased fellow brothers and sisters in arms.

Come visit Post 112 following the ceremony to view the
 "Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Memorial" and the
 "Traveling Vietnam War Memorial" on display.
 Brats and hot dogs (kids 12 and under free)
 Live music 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Flag returning to full staff at noon.



Submitted photo
Kevin and Maggie Johnson with their two children, Liz and Matt. They were 4 and 6 years old, respectively, when their parents purchased the store.

Hardware Hank from page 1:

though. She said no when the idea of owning a restaurant was broached. She kidded Kevin he would have had to find another wife.

"I get stressed over holiday meals," she quipped.

But she was agreeable when the hardware store came up for sale. It was a big change for the couple, but Maggie said she felt at peace early on in their business venture.

Maggie kept working at a dental office and began working in the background of the business. As time wore on, she worked less at the dental office and more at the hardware store. Over the years she has done the books, marketing and merchandising at the store to help build a successful business.

of the business from the get-go and the one people turned to with questions like "do you have something that looks like this" and "what do you have that could work for this."



It was immediately rewarding and never got old. He often guided people to less expensive fixes but just as effective. Occasionally he made house calls. They even delivered items before that was the rage.

"I have liked being able to help people in the community," he said. The immediate reward for Maggie was seeing her husband's smile back, like it was when they first married.



"I liked seeing him happier," she said. The Zimmerman couple

Kevin became the face **Retiring to page 9**

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