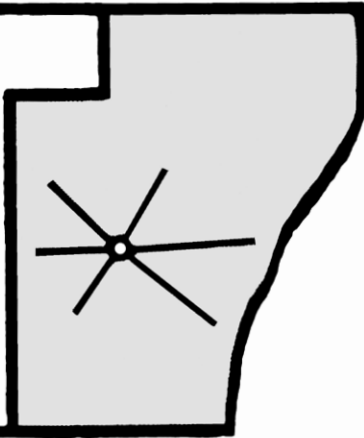


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## Kids must be kept from lead

During National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week, Oct. 23-29, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services encourages all Wisconsinites to help prevent and detect childhood lead exposure and poisoning, a serious public health crisis. Primarily caused by swallowing or breathing in dust from deteriorating lead-based paint, it can cause learning and behavior problems, slowed growth and development and hearing and speech problems. About 350,000 homes in Wisconsin have lead-based paint, especially those built before 1978. Other sources are water from corroded lead service lines or plumbing; imported candy, spices, makeup or toys; and lead brought home from some jobs and hobbies.

## Ambulance choice sits with village

### Crowd helps St. Nazianz weigh pros, cons of each

By Todd S. Bergmann

After hearing presentations from both the Valders and Kiel ambulance services on Monday, most of the 100 people at a St. Nazianz town hall meeting favored keeping Valders Ambulance as the village's emergency medical service.

Many who attended the meeting at Meat's Opera Haus said they favor Valders because the ambulance would get to St. Nazianz faster, but nobody spoke in favor of choosing Kiel to save money.

As of Monday, village Clerk Kay Mueller said that in a survey of residents, 38 said they favor Valders and 30 said they favor Kiel. Friday will be the deadline for completing the survey.

The village board will select an ambulance service for 2023 at its Nov. 15 meeting.

Richard Isely Jr., manager of Kiel Ambulance, admitted that his service with 12 minutes or more response time could not compare to Valders with six minutes response time.

"Valders puts on a very good program," he said. "They have done a nice job of putting the system together. But as your village looks at the cost, they are being prudent to see what else is available.

"No matter what we do in Kiel, we will always have a longer response time than Valders."

Like others at the meeting, Helen Gosse said she likes the shorter response time of Valders Ambulance.

"I would certainly like us to keep Valders," she said. "They provide us the best service in the past. They are there in five or six minutes. It will take 15 minutes or more for Kiel."

But, Isely noted, "The elephant in the room is the cost of the service."

Earlier this year, Valders Ambulance announced it would raise rates from \$25 to \$32 a person, starting in 2023. The charge for St. Nazianz would increase \$3,600 to \$22,800.

Gene Radder, village president, said the village board looked at alternatives, including Kiel Ambulance, which would provide paramedic service at \$3.25 a person—essentially a tenth of what Valders will charge.

"We have to figure out a way for your costs not to go up terribly," he said. "We know that everything in this world is more expensive. The board does not have all the answers.

"Some of it is up to you."

This includes comparing both quality and costs.

Currently, Kiel has a paramedic on duty 92% of the time, Isely said.

Valders has at least one paramedic on duty 100% of the time, ambulance director Chris Dallas said.

Paramedics are able to administer certain medications and perform procedures that those with lower certifications cannot.

It takes Kiel about three minutes to get an ambulance out the door, Isely said.

Valders takes less than a minute.

Dallas addressed the cost of the service

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## Painting the Pumpkins

Genaviev Schultz of School Hill puts the finishing touches on her pumpkin at Camp Sinawa's Fall Family Day on Saturday.

—Journal Photo

## Veterans spend special time in D.C.

### Honor Flights allow local men to visit memorials to thank them for their service

By Todd S. Bergmann

Two Valders-area veterans—James Mangin and Robert Staudinger—recently had their military service in the Vietnam Era recognized on Honor Flights to the nation's capital.

Staudinger traveled to Washington, D.C., on a Stars and Stripes Honor Flight from Green Bay on Oct. 8, which the Green Bay Packers sponsored. The Milwaukee Bucks and the Milwaukee Brewers sponsored flights on the same day.

Mangin flew on the Oct. 19 Old Glory Honor Flight from Appleton, with his son Shawn as guardian.

Staudinger and Mangin volunteered for the service in an era when the military drafted many men.

After graduating from Valders High School in 1967, Staudinger enlisted in the Air Force in 1968.

Mangin joined the Army after graduating from Reedsville High School in 1967.

In March 1968, Mangin arrived in Vietnam.

"A week after I got to Vietnam, I hit my 19th birthday," he said. "I was just a kid. I could not get hurt that young."

However, just months later, during combat on July 22, 1968, Mangin, an infantryman, was shot in the head.

"I had a severe head injury," he said. "Physically, everything was fine. But, I had to learn how to read and write from scratch."

He received medical care at Army hospitals in Vietnam, Japan and Pennsylvania and after a medical discharge in February 1969, went to the Veterans Hospital in Milwaukee.

Staudinger did not serve in Vietnam, but helped pilots and crews who were sent to war zones.

"I taught pilots what to do when their



## Solemn Discovery

Jim Mangin of rural Valders looks at names on the Vietnam Memorial wall during an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. He found that 10 people were killed on the day he was shot.

planes went down on water," he said.

Following the training, pilots would parachute from their planes, get in a raft and purify salt water to survive, Staudinger said.

"I went into the Air Force and I ran boats," he said about his service in Florida, Panama and Texas.

Mangin and Staudinger said they did not get a dishonorable welcome when they returned from service, unlike many who came back during protests of the war.

"I didn't care," Mangin said. "I was home. 'You can't hurt me anymore. You can't send me to Vietnam.'"

Most anti-war and anti-veteran movements were in big cities, Staudinger said.

"People got spit on," he said. "A lot of

hate was going on."

When he left the Air Force, Staudinger entered the aviation business, working as station manager for Continental Airlines and other airlines.

Years later, he returned to Valders.

"I like the four seasons," he said. "I didn't like too much in Florida."

After his medical treatment, Mangin returned to Manitowoc County to work on his brother's dairy farm for more than 30 years.

Both Staudinger and Mangin said their wives are partially responsible for their Honor Flight participation.

Mangin said he applied to Old Glory Honor Flight eight years ago.

"I wanted to see it, too," he said. "It was fun."

The program's preference for older veterans and COVID-19 delays caused the long wait.

Staudinger wife, Grace, said she and her husband's sister, Sandy Brost of Cleveland, both encouraged their husbands to apply for Honor Flights.

On his one-day trip, Staudinger enjoyed the company of his brother-in-law, James Brost, a U.S. Army veteran, Brost's son, Kevin Brost of Fort Atkinson, and his son, 18-year-old Dane Brost, who plans to join the U.S. Marine Corps next year. The younger Brosts went as guardians.

Veterans on Honor Flights fill a plane and a bus during the journey, seeing veterans memorials and historic sights in the Washington area.

A visit to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall highlighted Mangin's journey.

"I got to learn that the day that I got shot, 10 people died," he said.

Of those 10, Mangin knew one, a man

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