



Motley man critically injured in one-vehicle accident along Hwy 10 Icy roads a factor, says MN Highway Patrol

Ted Lundberg, 72, of Motley, sustained four broken ribs and two fractured vertebrae in a one-vehicle accident just west of Motley the morning of Jan. 23. He is hospitalized at St. Cloud Hospital.

Icy roads were a factor in the accident, reports MN Highway Patrol Jesse Grabow of Detroit Lakes.

Lundberg was westbound on Hwy 10 when he lost control of his vehicle (a GMC Sierra pickup) at mile marker 113, just west of Four Legged Lodge. He then ran into the ditch and hit two fences and a tree before his truck came to rest, Grabow said. Lundberg was first taken by the Staples Ambulance to Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples, where he was stabilized and later transferred to St. Cloud Hospital.

Lundberg's passenger, 43-year-old Michael Weinhandl of Brainerd, was treated and released at LHS Hospital.

"He had a lot of trauma to his head, a lot of bruising," Lundberg's daughter, Vickie Paskewitz of Browerville, said of her dad. Doctors are hoping the fractured vertebrae (in his neck) will heal on their own and that surgery can be avoided. "They're

keeping a close watch on that," Paskewitz added.

Initial reports from the MN Highway Patrol indicated Lundberg was in critical condition. The family is grateful that he is doing better, Paskewitz said.

Other responders at the scene included the Motley Fire and Rescue Department, who reported that a 100-lb propane cylinder had been thrown from Lundberg's truck and was leaking. The gas line for the propane tank had broken on impact and firefighters let the tank vent for a bit and then turned off the valve.

The MFD responded to two other accidents last weekend.

On Jan. 21, about 15 miles north of Motley along Hwy 64, a southbound vehicle went off the road, into the ditch, and glanced off a tree. Three people were transported to the LHS Hospital.

On Jan. 22, two people sustained minor injuries and were transported to the LHS Hospital after their truck, a Ford Sport Trac, rolled over on Hwy 10, about one mile west of Motley. Icy roads were a factor in both accidents.



Serious accident near Motley

Icy roads were a factor in a one-vehicle accident that occurred just west of Motley along Hwy 10 the morning of Jan. 23. Injured was Ted Lundberg of Motley, the driver of the GMC Sierra truck. The physical condition of his passenger, Michael Weinhandl of Brainerd, was not documented. Pictured above, members of the Motley Fire and Rescue Department responded to a 100-lb propane cylinder that had been thrown from the truck and was leaking. Other responders included the Staples Ambulance and the MN State Patrol. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Cass Cty. Sheriff's Office hosts 'Community Outreach Day' in Pillager

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

The Cass Cty Sheriff's Office held its first 'Community Outreach Day' Jan. 12, at the Sylvan Town Hall in Pillager.

It was a chance for Cass Cty residents to speak with staff members of the sheriff's office; and to learn

about initiatives within their department, including the TRIAD program and the portable 'Take it to the Box' prescription drug disposal box that is available.

"More than anything, we want people to be able to meet us," said Sheriff Tom Burch. "We plan to hold these (open houses) on a

monthly basis throughout the county."

Improving public safety was a topic addressed throughout the afternoon.

"People have been requesting information about scams that are out there and how to deal with them," said Deputy Brad Rittgers, adding that the Cass Cty TRIAD program

is one of the ways that the sheriff's office attempts to solve these problems.

According to a brochure available at the open house, TRIAD is a community-based partnership between law enforcement agencies and agencies and individuals involved in elderly issues and senior citizens. The goal of TRIAD is to reduce criminal victimization of the elderly by bringing together community agencies to form a relationship of trust with the elderly, enabling them to jointly recognize and solve problems.

TRIAD member John Ostenson, from rural Motley, was available at the open house to provide information and answer questions.

A number of permit applications were also available at the open house, including permits to carry or purchase a firearm, alarm and event permit applications.

The open house also provided the opportunity for Cass Cty residents to connect with each other and discuss issues pertaining to the area.

Anne Ness, of Pillager, works with a volunteer ATV trail program. She was interested in learning more about the DNR Trail Ambassadors program. De-



Cass County connections

Verva Kristenson and John Ostenson, both of rural Motley, chatted at a Community Outreach Day, hosted by the Cass County Sheriff's Office, Jan. 12. The event was held at the Sylvan Town Hall in Pillager and provided an opportunity for Cass County residents to meet members of the sheriff's office and hear about programs like TRIAD, of which Ostenson is a part of. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

laine Achermann of Leader found the gun permit information to be helpful.

In addition to the monthly open houses, Deputy Rittgers said that the sheriff's office has recently joined Facebook, a social networking site. He encourages Cass Cty residents to check the online site for news releases, upcoming events and other information related to the

sheriff's office. "This is a pilot project," Sheriff Burch said of the open house in Pillager, adding that he looks forward to meeting other Cass County residents at future monthly gatherings.

For more information about upcoming events or Cass Cty TRIAD, call Pauline Fahey at 218-547-7308.



Visiting with the sheriff's department

Anne and Bernie Ness of Pillager visited with members of the Cass County Sheriff's Office during the department's first 'Community Outreach Day' held recently at Sylvan Town Hall in Pillager. Pic-

tured, from left, are the Ness's, Sheriff Tom Burch, Chief Deputy Erick Hoglund and Deputy Brad Rittgers. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Public hearing rescheduled in Motley

A public hearing in regard to the proposed 2012 Street and Utility Improvements Project in Motley (originally set for Monday, Jan. 30) has been rescheduled for Monday, Feb. 6, at 6 p.m. at Motley City Hall.

Thefts reported in Motley area

The year 2012 has already seen a number of thefts in the Motley, Lincoln and surrounding areas, according to reports by both the Motley Police Department and the Morrison County Sheriff's Office.

In Randall, OK Tire & Bait called to report that on Jan. 10, some tires were stolen from outside their shop the previous night. Missing are 12 recap tires, each sized at 225-75-R16. Their total value is \$1,320.

Michael Puetz, of Cushing, reported that his fish house on Lake Alexander had been broken into. Puetz stated the subjects gained entrance in the house from a side window and closed the window behind them when they left. The subjects took five fishing rods with reels, an underwater camera, fishing license, dark house shelter license and a Coleman battery lantern. The total value of the stolen items is estimated to be \$500 - \$600.

A theft was reported at Motley Discount Liquor on Jan. 6.

Benefit for Pillager girl with leukemia February 4, in Pillager



Eva Mudgett

A benefit for Eva Mudgett of Pillager will be held Saturday, Feb. 4, 1 - 8 p.m.,

at the Pillager Community Center.

A spaghetti feed and silent auction will be held from 1 - 4 p.m.; and a live auction and live music by the Shaffers (bluegrass band) will be held from 4 - 8 p.m.

Four-year-old Eva is the daughter of Steve and Jessica Mudgett (and granddaughter of former Pillager residents Ray and Debbie Mudgett). She was diagnosed with kidney disease about a year ago and recently, doctors discovered she also has leukemia.

Eva has started a very intense chemotherapy regimen at the University of Minnesota. Her treatment,

which will last for three years, includes weekly trips to the Twin Cities for chemotherapy.

Proceeds from the benefit will go to help offset the cost of medical bills and expenses incurred from the weekly trips for Eva's chemotherapy.

The benefit is sponsored by family, friends and the Pillager Family Center. Donations can be sent to: Eva Mudgett Benefit, c/o Pine River State Bank, P.O. Box 238, Pillager, MN 56473. Auction items can be dropped off at Cedar Street Market in Pillager.

For more information, visit www.caringbridge.org/visit/evamudgett.



Walking buddies

Allie Watson (left) and Brooklyn Rudrud, second-graders at Pillager School, show off the arm bands they earned while walking laps during recess Jan. 12. The girls have been participating in the Feelin' Good Mileage Club offered to Pillager elementary students. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Free AARP Tax-Aide available in Pillager

Free AARP Tax-Aide will be available at Sylvan Town Hall in Pillager on Tuesdays, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., beginning Feb. 7 and ending April 10.

Volunteers with this program have been trained and certified by the IRS and the State of Minnesota.

The AARP Tax-Aide program provides free tax help in the preparation and e-filing of tax returns for taxpayers with low and middle income; and with a special attention to those ages 60 and older.

Bring with you: Social Security cards or other official documentation for yourself and all dependents, W-2 forms, unemployment compensation statements, SSA-1099's if receiving Social Security,

1099R if you received a pension or annuity, 1099 MISC for miscellaneous income and all other 1099 forms, dependent care provider information, all receipts or cancelled checks if itemizing deductions; and all forms showing estimated federal tax that has been paid and any other tax related documents such as your 2010 tax return.

The AARP Tax-Aide program will also file your State Income Tax and your Minnesota Property Tax Refund forms for you. For additional information about this free program, contact Chad Converse at 218-352-6987.

Sylvan Town Hall is located approximately three miles east of Pillager on Hwy 210 at 24th Ave. (12956

24th Ave.). Appointments are preferred and can be made by calling the Sylvan Town Hall at 218-746-3652.

Crow Wing Calendar

February 2

TOPS (TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY) #452 OF MOTLEY meets Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., St. Michael's Catholic Church, Motley. For info., 218-352-6435.

February 7

7TH & 8TH GRADE INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT, Tues., Feb. 7, Motley Staples Middle School main gym. Band and orchestra.

'Feelin' Good Mileage Club' inspires Pillager Elementary students

By Dawn Timbs
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Elementary students at Pillager School have the opportunity to be part of the 'Feelin' Good Mileage Club,' which started in January and runs through April of this year.

"It's a great way for kids to get exercise and have fun doing it," said Community Education Coordinator Sue Van Hal, who helped implement the national program at Pillager School. "It also helps keep them out of trouble during recess," she added.

Over 300 students (out of approximately 380) have

participated in the Mileage Club, Van Hal said. "At the end of our third week we have walked 5,828 laps, or a total of over 971 miles," she added.

The Feelin' Good Mileage Club, a non-competitive walking program, is held during lunch recess periods. Each child is free to walk as little or as much as he or she desires in the designated time.

When weather permits, the students walk laps around the track outside. If temperatures (or wind chills) plummet to 10 degrees below zero, recess is

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