

C-E HONORS VETS



The Colman-Egan School District held two events this fall to honor area military veterans for their sacrifice and service.

"The land of the free and home of the brave" echoed at the Colman-Egan's Fritz Field on October 23 prior to a Hawk's home football game.

First Premier Bank sponsored a pre-game flag presentation with players and coaches from Lake Preston and Colman-Egan, veterans from the communities of Lake Preston, Colman, and Egan, as well as soldiers from the 1742nd Transportation Unit. The game ball was presented to the game officials by members of the 1742nd Transportation Unit.

The district also hosted a Veterans Day Program on November 11. The school was decorated with red, white and blue patriotic art work made by Preschool through 6th grade students.

C-E kindergartners led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Colman-Egan band playing the Star Spangled Banner. Students performed and presented patriotic themed songs and displays

throughout the program.

The colors were presented by Retired Colonel Roger Fritz, Master Sergeant Kristy Hawkins, Sergeant Casey Shoenrock, and Specialist Troy McMenney. Pastor Alan Blankenfeld, interim pastor at Colman Lutheran Church and Midway Lutheran Church, gave the invocation. The Veterans Day Message was given by Heather Henderson, of the South Dakota Veterans Affairs Office.

Colman-Egan High School Science Teacher Troy McKenney, a member of the 1742nd Transportation Unit, was presented with a Quilt of Valor by Mary Ehrichs, a long-time quilter from Egan, with the assistance of Tori Nelsen.

The veterans and men and women serving our country today were presented with handmade flags while the band played "America."

The program concluded with the K-6 students singing, "This Is America" and the retirement of colors.

Photo below courtesy of Moody County Enterprise.

