S everal days after my father’s diagnosis, John Suder, a friend of our family, was transferred to another facility. I was not happy about this decision, as John was a good friend of ours and we were looking forward to seeing him recover. He was being moved to a facility where, unfortunately, he was facing more challenging conditions.

Although my sister was rightfully upset that our father’s care was being transferred, she understood the situation and did not respond with anger. I, however, was not so understanding. I was frustrated that we were losing control of his care and treatment.

As the days went by, it became clear that we were facing a difficult situation. My sister and I were constantly in contact with the hospital, trying to ensure that our father’s care was being handled appropriately. We were concerned about his pain management and the side effects of his medication.

One day, I went to visit my father at the hospital. I was surprised to see that he was not in his usual state of alertness. He was barely responsive and seemed to be in pain. I was immediately concerned and asked the nurses for information.

The nurses explained that my father had been experiencing an unexpected side effect from his medication. They told me that he was experiencing increased pain and discomfort, which was affecting his ability to communicate and interact with his surroundings.

I was devastated by this news. My father had always been strong and resilient, and to see him in such pain was incredibly hard. I knew that we had to take action and find a way to help him.

Over the next few days, we worked closely with the medical team to adjust the medication and manage the pain. We were also able to provide some comfort and support to my father, which helped him to cope with the situation.

Ultimately, we were able to get the pain under control and my father was able to recover. This was a relief for all of us, and we were grateful for the hard work and dedication of the medical team.

Looking back on that experience, I realize that we were not alone in facing this challenge. It was a difficult time, but we were able to come together and support each other. This is something that I will always remember and cherish.
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Planning your post-Thanksgiving shopping? On Sunday, November 26, the Maturango Museum will be participating in the brand-new International Museum Store Sunday event.

First off, volunteers will be on hand to direct shoppers on items purchased at the museum store. “This will be our one-stop shopping,” said Museum Store Manager Maureen Goff. “You buy it, wrap it and you’re good to go.”

Second, look for demonstrations of Flying Wish Paper Airplane (“You believe it — it really does fly!”). You’ve got to see this to believe it, and you can take your purchase to visit a museum, shop for gifts, become a member, volunteer, donate or participate in events at a museum during the day. There are many levels of support, and all of them are important.

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A museum’s newsletter, a discount on tours, notification of museum events, plus other benefits. Museum Store Sunday’s purpose is to focus on both the uniqueness of the shopping experience in museum stores and showing support of museums. More than 100 museums, from large institutions to small community museums, are participating.

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For more information, please see info@maturango.org, museumstoresunday.org or www.museumstore-sunday.org.

BY LINDA SAHOLT  Maturango Museum staff reporter

The Maturango Museum volunteer Charlotte Ostermann shows off a few of the unique and different gift ideas at the museum store.

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Big hearts behind small businesses

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“Small retail chains, small businesses, the opportunity to be part of this market share, said Jeanette Dvorak, owner of two small businesses in Milwaukee, Wisconsin’s Historic Third Ward, Access Boutique and One Stop Accessory Shop, as well as other locations.

Small Business Saturday is only offering specials specifically for that day to anyone who shops in it. Small Business working special to all our customers that are part of our email list and Birthday Club. This will give them an opportunity to shop online for the first time, I feel it is important for all to understand that small business Saturday is only about supporting local and independent businesses to succeed, said Dvorak. “Offering them some type of discount or gift with purchase that they can gift to someone is ideal,” Dvorak said. “The year plan for next year will continue to show how much they care and is a positive way to market the businesses.

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Spurling receives AIAA award

Greg Wheelock, director for Energetics, presents Alana Spurling, a mechanical engineer, with an award from the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics for exceptional service and devotion as the technical area organizer of the Solid Rocket Technical Committee from 2002 to 2017. While on the Solid Rocket Technical Committee, Spurling served as the Navy’s liaison to the larger solid rocket community and helped assist with the yearly organization of the premier event in the propulsion community representing combustion dynamics and instability issues in solid rocket motors.
More than 25 years ago, a need emerged to take unserviceable Navy bombs, refurbish them and return them to the warfighter in like-new condition. A partnership between Crane Army Ammunition Activity and U.S. Naval Air Systems Command formed to keep up with supply and demand, expedite the renovation process and save the taxpayer money.

“The current relationship we have started because Crane provided the ability to economically refurbish our thermally coated bombs as well as our non-thermally coated bombs which no other site could provide at the time,” John Hyatt, NAVAIR Assistant Program Manager for Logistics said.

Initially, Crane Army only focused on small scale bomb renovation and did not have a facility to accommodate the larger renovation process. It proposed partnering with NAVAIR to invest in a full scale bomb renovation line. Crane Army worked directly with NAVAIR to develop a design and method that would accommodate large scale bomb renovation, match investment funds and build a full-scale bomb renovation laboratory at Crane.

“It paid for itself in less than two years and it worked out really well,” Dave Peel, CAAA project engineer for the Bomb Renovation Lab, said. “We are now the premier fleet return site. Any NAVAIR bomb that is considered unusable is sent straight to Crane to be renovated.”

When bombs come to Crane, they are inspected and tested to determine whether or not they can be repaired. The most common defect making a bomb unusable is when the coating becomes damaged. Most are considered repairable and are placed on a conveyor system to begin the renovation process of thermal coating removal, recoating, curing and palletization.

This partnership remains beneficial for both parties and Crane Army continues to directly supply and support the warfighter by renovating bombs and shipping them worldwide.

“For us, we benefit because Crane Army provides a very economical service restoring our unserviceable bombs,” Hyatt said. “Working with the NAVAIR model, I’d say there’s obviously going to be a future as long as we have bombs, we’re going to need to renovate them.”

Established Oct. 1977, Crane Army Ammunition Activity produces and provides conventional munitions requirements in support of U.S. Army and Joint Force readiness.