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UPCOMING EVENTS

July 4 – Independence Day

July 5 – Paid holiday

July 6-8 – Co-Line's ISO Audit

July 23 – Co-Line Press deadline

Aug. 2 – Co-Line Press distributed

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

July 4 – Tony Hall

July 5 – Lanai Van Hal

July 8 – Gabby Axmear

July 11 – Tyler Garton

July 12 – Brent Stier

July 13 – Scott Lang

July 17 – Dennis Nolin

July 18 – Joey Rozendaal

July 19 – Jeff Bokhoven

July 22 – Casey Burkle

July 23 – James Heimback

July 23 – Monica Nikkel

July 26 – Dale Westbrook

July 29 – Tyler Albert

July 30 – Amy Fagg

July 31 – Todd Kaldenberg

July 31 – Makenna Schnell

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES FOR JULY

1 year – Garrett Auberg

2 years – Brenda Smith

3 years – Greg McCulley

3 years – Tony Roth

4 years – Chris Russell

4 years – Todd Kaldenberg

4 years – Kyle Soderblom

5 years – Jake Brammer

5 years – Mike Moore

17 years – Roger Bruxvoort

17 years – Dan Schutte

24 years – David Hobbs



Above: The teams prepare for the first leg of The Amazing Race - kayaking.

PAINT LINE TEAM WINS CO-LINE'S

Amazing Race 2021

Friday, June 25, truly was an Amazing Race day at Co-Line with four teams taking each other on in some intense yet friendly completion, including kayaking, running, biking, shooting hoops, and throwing bags. This year's champion is the paint line team, comprised of **Joel Struik, Brady Van Wyk, Connor Van Der Veer, Shane Jansen, and Ty Clark**. Spectators enjoyed Tea Bombs from Vital Nutrition while watching the race. After the Amazing Race, competitors also enjoyed in the Tea Bombs as well as scratch-off cash tickets for all who participated! The winning team members each received \$50 gift cards!



MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 10

The winning members of the paint line team, from left: Joel Struik, Brady Van Wyk, Connor Van Der Veer, Shane Jansen, and Ty Clark.

CO-LINE PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES

If you have any news you'd like to share with Co-Liners, please email LeAnn Hjelmeland at leannh@netins.net.

Congratulations to Shawna and **Loren Fopma** on the marriage of their daughter, Raeann Fopma, to Ethan Van Zee on May 29. They are making their home in Worth, IL, as she completes her senior year at Trinity Christian College. Ethan is employed at Westside Tractor Sales as a diesel mechanic.



Congratulations to Madison and **JT Walker** on the birth of their daughter, Ava Jayde, on June 23. Ava weighed 8 pounds 14 ounces and was



20 inches long. She joins big sister Mia (3).

The Co-Line family expresses its sympathy to Angie and **Brad Braafhart** and their family. Brad's mother, Mary Braafhart of Pleasant Hill, passed away on June 15 at the age of 75 years. A funeral service was held on June 22 at the Hamilton Funeral Home in Des Moines with burial at Oakwood Cemetery in Pleasant Hill following the service.

We express our sympathy to Christina and **Chad Sailors** and family on the death of his uncle, Bob Crews. Bob passed away at his home in Knoxville on June 7 at the age of 72 years. A celebration of life was held at the Winfield Funeral Home on June 11 followed by burial with military honors at the Graceland Cemetery in Knoxville.

Co-Line wishes to express condolences to Jennifer and **Justin Kriegle** and to Heide and **Russ Campbell** and their families. Justin and Heidi's grandmother, Elsie Blomme of Brooklyn, passed away on June 4. A graveside service was held at Rector Cemetery near Chelsea on June 7.

THANK YOU

Thank you for all the thoughts and prayers after the passing of my mother.

Brian Van Wyk and family

Thank you for your recent donation to the Newton Christian School Hog Roast and Auction fundraiser. We are delighted to tell you that your gift has helped us have a successful fundraiser. We would like to extend our thanks for your part in our fundraiser and in our students' future.

NCS Auction Committee

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

For May, Co-Line will award 125 employees for perfect attendance with each receiving a \$20 Co-Line coin. Congratulations and keep up the great attendance!

Tyler Albert	Chris Cleverley	Isaac Green	Sandy Kuhlmann	Justin Phillips	Peter Smith	Davin Van Haaften
Garrett Auberg	Sam Collins	Tony Hall	Scott Lang	Patti Pieper	Bob Snyder	Lanai Van Hal
Gabby Axmear	Don Crawford	Kelly Hargan	Eric Leonard	Greg Postels	Kyle Soderblom	Roger Van Hal
Derek Bates	Marty Cross	Mark Harmon	Brian Lewis	Ken Reed	Andrew South	Drew Van Soelen
Wendi Beason	Marc D'Aguanno	Levi Harms	Logan Long	Doug Richards	Don Steenhoek	Tony Van Wyk
Roger Belcher	Ken Daugherty	Rick Harrill	Chadera Maasdam	Bryce Romick	Brent Stier	Brady Van Wyk
Jeff Bokhoven	Steve Davis	Jodi Hartman	Elliott Mapes	Levi Roose	Jason Tefft	Brian Van Wyk
Brad Braafhart	Adam De Cook	Micah Heartsill	Zach McClellan	Tony Roth	Taylor Terpstra	Mark Van Wyk
Jake Brammer	Jeff De Jong	James Heimback	Greg McCulley	Joey Rozendaal	Mark Thelen	Marlo Van Wyk
Derrick Brelflood	Justin De Jong	Dave Hobbs	Travis Messer	Chad Sailors	Chad Thompson	Marylou Van Wyk
Abbie Brown	Bo Eggers	Marlys Hoksbergen	Jay Mitchell	Taylor Saunders	Chris Tice	Teryl Ver Ploeg
Jason Broyles	Andy Elbert	Ken James	Mike Moore	Kevin Schippers	Cory Tice	Ron Vogt
Kerry Bryan	Nicole Fetzer-Bryan	Jennifer Jansen	Juan Munoz	Joel Schmidt	Shawna Tice	J.T. Walker
Mitchell Bryan	Justin Flander	Shane Jansen	Wayne Munsterman	Jeffrey Schultz	Kierston Till	Dave Westbrook
Casey Burkle	Tyler Garton	Trent Jansen	Monica Nikkel	Dan Schutte	Dan Tool	Eli Wilhelm
Adam Carrothers	Dan Goemaat	Todd Johnson	Dennis Nolin	Dennis Smith	Jamie Tyrrel	Wayne Woollums
Katie Castro	Gary Goings	Reggie Kaldenberg	Bob O'Dell	Gary Smith	Ron Van Baale	Baker Zegers
Ty Clark	Levi Grandstaff	Todd Kaldenberg	Tom Orr	Kyle Smith	Jesse Vander Molen	



HAIRCUTS

@ CO-LINE CUTTING EDGE

JULY 6 & 7

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Massages

**THURSDAYS,
JULY 8 AND 22**

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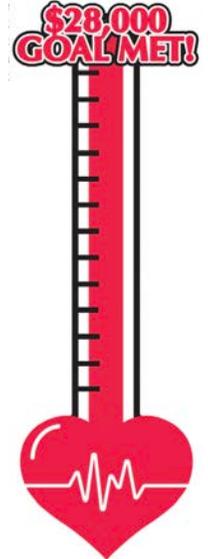
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CO-LINE HELPS SULLY FIRE DEPT. REACH \$28,000 FUNDRAISING GOAL

As a longtime supporter of the Sully Fire and Ambulance Department, Co-Line presented a check for the final \$3,125 needed to meet the \$28,000 fundraising goal for a new defibrillator. The goal set back in February was kicked off with a \$5,000 donation from Sully Telephone and concluded at the recent fire meeting on Monday night, June 14.

The defibrillator was purchased and put into service two months ago, keeping the volunteer department in compliance with current regulations.

"Thank you to all the volunteers that continue to demonstrate their commitment to the safety of our communities, with world-class equipment and training," said Dale Brand, co-owner of Co-Line. "On behalf of the entire Co-Line organization and Brand families, it is our honor to support the Sully Fire Department and Emergency Services. Keep up the great work!"



Send us your PHOTOS!

We'd love to see pictures of you and your family enjoying the summer fun package you picked that was gifted by Co-Line. Photos will be included in a future Co-Line Press. Email to leannhtp@netins.net.



Mark Your Calendar

FLOATING HOLIDAY 2021

THURSDAY, DEC. 23



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

TODD KALDENBERG

tube laser operator

Aside from possibly Eric and Faye Brand, no Co-Liner has a shorter commute to work than Todd Kaldenberg (and his wife, Reggie, a fellow Co-Liner). The Kaldenbergs live about three-fourths of a mile from Co-Line, and Todd and Faye have an on-going discussion about which one of them lives closer to Co-Line.

In fact, Co-Line's close proximity to home was one of the reasons Todd decided to apply here in 2017. He had heard it was a good place to work, so he came on board the Co-Line team as a tube laser operator in April 2017. It's a position he's held throughout his four-plus years here.

Todd and Reggie have been married for 28 years, and they have two adult sons, Casey and Zack. Zack is engaged to be married to Signey Hilby on Sept. 4. Todd and Reggie also have two dogs and a cat.

Todd's hometown is Galesburg, and he graduated from Lynnville-Sully in 1988. After high school, he helped on the farm and worked at different factories.

In his free time, Todd enjoys camping, and he used to compete in barbecue competitions.

Todd can attest to many



Todd has a Harley motorcycle, but he is thinking about an Indian motorcycle, and Reggie has the photo above to prove it. (That's Todd behind the mask!)



Todd is pictured above with his sons, Casey and Zack, and Jane the dog, and at right with his wife, Reggie. (Yes, that is Todd behind the mask!)



changes at Co-Line since he started here, including the addition of three tube lasers and many robots. "The south end of the south building was nearly empty, and now it is totally full," he noted as another change.

When asked what his favorite Co-Line memory is, Todd recalled the first year of the Co-Line Amazing Race. The first round was held at 6 a.m. when it was still dark. Todd threw the horseshoes for his team and hit a ringer in the dark. On top of that, his team went on to be the overall winners that year!

"I like the different challenges of running the tube laser with the different material issues and keeping the cuts good!"

— TODD KALDENBERG

Fabulous! FRIDAYS!

JUNE 4

National Donut Day was amazing with some scrumptious gourmet donuts from Vander Ploeg Bakery! Our dedicated employees deserve the very best donuts on Fabulous Friday!



Left: Choosing the right donut can be downright stressful, right, James Tyrrel?

JUNE 11

90-degree temps, 200 bottles of Powerade, 600 water balloons, a surprise water wagon, and an early out combined to make June 11 a FABULOUS Friday! Co-Liners enjoyed free Powerade at the 9 a.m. break and gladly took advantage of the opportunity to throw water balloons at their seated supervisors and team leads.



Dale Maston and Tyler Albert dump water on Todd Johnson.



Ty Clark, Peter Smith, Todd Johnson, and Roger Belcher get ready to return to work, much wetter than when they arrived.

JUNE 18

In light of Father's Day that weekend, Co-Liners were sent home with brats, beer, and pop. We hope the amazing dads who work at Co-Line had a great Father's Day!



JUNE 25

The Co-Line Amazing Race made for an amazing and Fabulous Friday. See pages 1 and 10 for more photos.



Brady Van Wyk takes off with the stuffed animal "baton" he received from Ty Clark (orange kayak).

NEW CO-LINERS

WELCOME, NEW FACES!

We're glad to have you on board at Co-Line!



DANIEL VENTURA, of Sully, was welcomed to the Co-Line team in the material handling department in April but has since found his home in the laser parts picking department. His past work experience includes one year at George Brazil Air Conditioning in Arizona. Daniel joined the U.S. Army National Guard in 2002 and has recently transferred to the Iowa National Guard reserves. Daniel grew up in Arizona and graduated from high school in 1994. He and his wife, Christine, have three daughters, Katie (25), Rachel (23), and Rebecka (18), as well as a soon-to-be adoptive baby girl, Abigail, who is due Sept. 10. Daniel and his wife have opened their home to others through foster parenting.



"I really enjoy how the company takes care of its employees."

— DANIEL VENTURA



TRENT GRANDIA, of Oskaloosa, came aboard the Co-Line team on Apr. 26 as a robotic welder. Previously, he worked at Snyder Manufacturing for six months. Trent grew up in Virginia Beach, VA. He graduated from North Mahaska, where he received welding certification through Indian Hills Community College. He enjoys basketball and watching NASCAR, sprint cars, and late models. Another hobby of his is learning about Iowa coal mining and ghost towns/coal mining history.



"I like working for a good company who values employees."

— TRENT GRANDIA



KRYSTLE JAMES, of Kellogg, joined the stamping department at Co-Line in May and has also spent several weeks helping in the VMC department. Her past work experience includes six years as a quality technician at Gates Corporation in Newton, where they built industrial hydraulic hoses for John Deere. Krystle grew up in Grinnell and graduated from Grinnell High School in 2006. She has a 13-year-old son as well as an 18-year-old stepson and 11-year-old stepdaughter with her husband, Eric. For fun, Krystle travels the Midwest to attend car and truck shows. She has a 2005 Scion xB that is a breast cancer awareness tribute, and she represents an automotive breast cancer foundation at various shows. She is also vice president of a mini truck club called =SunSet= Iowa.



"I like the positive environment."

— KRYSTLE JAMES



COLE ROZENDAAL started at Co-Line as a flat laser operator on Apr. 15. Past work experiences for Cole include two years with the Mahaska County Conservation Board and one year at De Jong Manufacturing. Growing up, Cole lived in New Sharon and graduated from North Mahaska in 2017. He went on to graduate from Hawkeye Community College in 2019. His parents are Bruce and Mindy Rozendaal. He has one brother and one sister. He still lives in New Sharon. Cole's hobbies include hunting, fishing, camping, and kayaking.



"I've enjoyed the friendly atmosphere and great workers."

— COLE ROZENDAAL

NEW CO-LINERS



ZACH CLARK, of Oskaloosa, joined the paint and package department on Apr. 26. In the past, he worked in the Army as a heavy equipment operator for six years and at Weiler Manufacturing as an assembly tech for 4.5 years. Zach grew up in Oskaloosa, graduating in 2010. Now, he has two kids, Anistyn Lea Clark, 6, and Kac Brian Clark, 3. In his free time, Zach enjoys building custom choppers (motorcycles) and riding motorcycles and dirt bikes. One of his favorite things to do is show his kids new things and making great memories with them. He also likes to cook and smoke everything on his smoker.



"I enjoy the people and how much the owners care about employees."

— ZACH CLARK



JEFF VAVERKA was welcomed to Co-Line's bending department on Apr. 19. He brings experience from several local manufacturers: Montezuma Manufacturing, Sutherland Printing, Thomberts, and Janco. Jeff and his wife, Brenda, live in Grinnell, and they have three adult children and three grandkids ages 6, 3, and 1. Growing up, Jeff lived in Brooklyn and graduated from high school in 1982. In his spare time, he enjoys attending dirt track racing, golfing, camping, and gardening.



"I enjoy how it's fast-paced and you aren't just a clock number."

— JEFF VAVERKA



CORY ARMENT started at Co-Line on Apr. 5 in the material handling department in the south building. Previously, he worked in shipping/receiving at De Jong Manufacturing for seven years. Growing up, Cory lived in Lynnville, graduating from Lynnville-Sully High School in 2006. After high school, he attended DMACC. Cory and his wife, Sarah, live in Lynnville, where they have one dog, Waylon. They enjoy attending their niece's sporting events. Other hobbies of Cory's are golfing, grilling and smoking food, woodworking, being outdoors, and watching the Chicago Cubs, Dallas Cowboys, and Iowa Hawkeyes.



"I enjoy the friendly atmosphere."

— CORY ARMENT



KRISTINA COE recently joined Team Co-Line as a customer accounts manager. In the past, she has worked for Gates Corporation as a quality/PPAP coordinator for 1.5 years and in customer service for 1.5 years. Kristina grew up in Newton, graduating from Newton Senior High in 2001. She still lives in Newton with her husband, Chad, and their three kids: son Skyler (13), daughter Haylie (12), and son Cooper (15 months). Kristina enjoys playing slow-pitch softball (women's and coed), working out at the gym, watching sports, and disc golfing.



"Everyone has been friendly. Fab Fridays are amazing, and I'm blessed and thankful to be able to receive those."

— KRISTINA COE

PIEPER TAKES FISHING TRIP TO NORTHERN MINNESOTA

Patti Pieper and her boyfriend, Shane Banwell, headed north 10 hours to northern Minnesota for some fishing fun in early June. Patti caught two “slot fish” (fish of breeding age that need to be released), while Shane kept them eating fish for supper. Patti’s fish measured 20” and 25” and were a blast to get into the boat. The fish made the long drive worthwhile.

While up north, Patti and Shane visited her mom, and Patti and her mom took a little trip to locate her great-grandparents’ homestead (*photo at right*), which is now located in the Beltrami State Forest.



Patti Pieper with the two “slot fish” she caught on her fishing trip to northern Minnesota.

FUN AND SUN FOR MAPES IN FLORIDA



Gators galore at Gatorland!

Elliott Mapes recently vacationed in Florida with a friend and his family. They spent a day at Disney’s Hollywood Studios theme park. Other highlights were visiting the Ponce Inlet lighthouse in Daytona Beach, spending some time on the beach in Daytona, and going to Gatorland near Orlando. The rest of the time, they hung out at the house they rented, swam in the pool, and played games.



Elliott captured this photo in the “Star Wars” section of Disney’s Hollywood Studio’s theme park.



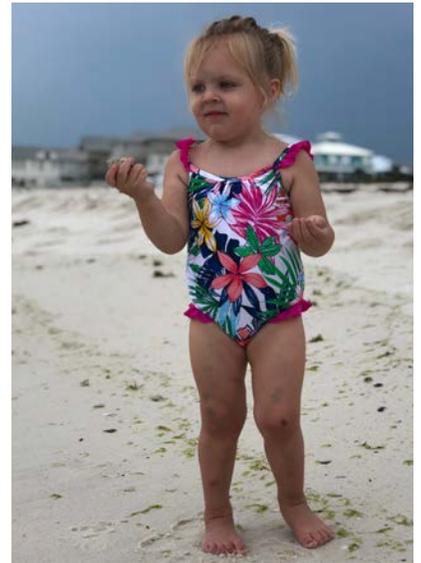
WOOLLUMS FAMILY EXPLORES DECORAH, SURROUNDING AREA

Wayne Woollums, his wife Heidi, and their two kids, Delaney and Ty, spent June 17-20 in Decorah and the surrounding area. The family stayed by Decorah at a cabin in the woods with trails and a trout stream running beside it. One highlight of the trip was visiting Niagara Cave just over the Iowa/Minnesota border near Harmony, MN. Wayne said they did some antiquing and also hit a couple breweries.

Heidi, Ty, Delaney, and Wayne explore Niagara Cave just over the Iowa/Minnesota border near Harmony, MN.



Above: The Hilton family – from left, Vanessa, Delaney, Lucas, and Dawson – soak up sunshine and family time in Orange Beach, AL.



SEAFOOD, MILKSHAKES, AND GATORS IN HILTONS' GET-AWAY

Orange Beach, AL, was the destination of **Lucas Hilton** along with his wife Vanessa, their two kids (Delaney and Dawson), and his wife's extended family in June. A total of 22 family members ranging in ages from two months to 69 years old stayed in a huge rental house. The trip was to celebrate Vanessa's grandma and grandpa, Dean and Joy Hubbard, who will be married for 50 years in July.

While in Alabama, the family spent a lot of time on the beach, in the pool, and eating as much fresh seafood as they could. They went to a place called "The Yard Milkshake Bar" and ordered HUGE milkshakes of all kinds of flavors, like "The Cereal Killer" and "Peanut Butter Finger Waffle." Lucas, Vanessa, her parents, and her brothers took Dawson and Delaney to Alligator Alley where there were 450 alligators. Delaney was able to throw food to the alligators and loved to watch them eat it!

SWEET MEMORIES MADE ON SMITH FAMILY VACATION

The Smith family vacation near Lansing was an extended weekend full of fun for **Gary and Brenda Smith**, their two children and spouses (including Kyra and **Peter Smith**), their three grandkids, and Brenda's parents. All 11 people stayed in a large rental house. The family enjoyed spending time together doing all sorts of activities, including swimming, fishing (sort of), a bounce house, bag toss, bubbles, T-ball, Frisbee, reading books, relaxing, and, of course, "Social Security Game competition."



Brenda and Gary get some quality time with their grandkids on vacation.



Kyra and Peter Smith enjoy some pool time with sons Holden and Garrit.

Brenda and Gary Smith (seated on right) soaked up family time in northeast Iowa along with son Peter Smith and his wife Kyra, daughter Amber Remick and her husband Spenser, Brenda's parents Jerry and Barb Minner, and the Smiths' three grandchildren, Holden and Garrit Smith and Rhea Remick.

TRIPS AND CO-LINE PHOTOS

BRANDS, SMITHS FIND SOME FUN (BUT NO SUN) IN CALIFORNIA

Eric and Faye Brand and **Peter and Kyra Smith** enjoyed a business and pleasure trip to southern California in mid-June. Eric and Peter met with one of Co-Line's customers for a day while the ladies tried to find some beach sun, but settled for a whale and dolphin watching excursion. Did you know that southern California has the nickname "June gloom" along the ocean? Unfortunately, the sun didn't shine on the beach their entire trip and temperatures were in the mid-70s, but fun times were still had.

Eric and Faye parasailed over the Pacific Ocean for the first time and surprisingly both enjoyed it! (Faye's a little afraid of heights and water!) The foursome enjoyed trying new restaurants, eating ice cream every day, renting electric bikes, hiking, and even found the mysterious Dana Point Cave. According to the guys, the bikes can go nearly 30 mph!



Co-Line Amazing Race



Runner-up was Team Maintenance: Jason Tefft, Logan Long, Roger Belcher, Mark Van Wyk, and Kyle Smith.



Mark Van Wyk and Taylor Terpstra compete in the fourth leg of the race.

Trent Grandia takes off running with the stuffed animal "baton" after receiving it from kayaker Tyler Garton.



Third place went to Team Weld: Kerry Bryan, Henry Hick, Mark Harmon, Tyler Garton, and Trent Grandia.



Fourth place went to the Office Team: Kristina Coe, Patti Pieper, Chad Sailors, Taylor Terpstra, and Monica Nikkel.



SUN SAFETY TIPS

Safety Committee: Bryan DeJong, David Hobbs, Rick Harrill, and Mark Van Wyk

A beautiful day just begs for people to go outside and enjoy it. Getting fresh air and exercising outdoors are enjoyable and healthy activities as long as you take a few precautions.

Use these tips to practice “sun safety” every time you are outside so your days in the sun aren’t ruined by sunburn, heat stroke, or even the risks of skin cancer.

KNOW THE UV INDEX

The sun’s strength is measured by the amount of ultra-violet (UV) rays reaching the earth’s surface each day. The local weather report for your area should include a measure of the UV index, which will tell you how strong the sun will be where you live. Both UVA (long wave) and UVB (short wave) rays penetrate the skin and can cause damage such as premature aging, eye damage, and skin cancer. Between 65% and 90% of the serious skin cancer called melanoma is caused by exposure to UV rays, so protecting your skin is of the utmost importance.

The UV index ranges from 0, which means the sun’s strength is very low, to 10+, which means the sun’s strength is very high. The higher the UV index, the more sun protection you should use when you go outside. If your skin is particularly fair, even a low UV index can cause damage in as little as 20 minutes. But even darker skinned people should take care to use sun protection every time they go outside.

The sun’s damaging UV rays are the strongest when the sun is the highest in the sky. This occurs between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., with the peak time being high noon.

USE SUNSCREEN FAITHFULLY

Choose a sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of at least 15, and reapply it at least every 2-3 hours. Do not assume that a sunscreen with an SPF higher than 30 will keep you extra safe; most additional protection is marginal. Keep in mind that even the strongest sunscreen cannot completely protect you from sun damage. If you start to feel symptoms such as redness, pain, blistering, tingling



or itching on your skin, dizziness, nausea, or headache, you may be experiencing sun poisoning, which is a severe form of sunburn. Get out of the sun immediately, cool your skin with a wet cloth, and drink plenty of water.

When you do buy sunscreen, look for one that protects against both UVA and UVB rays. If you are going to participate in sports or go swimming, choose a waterproof sunscreen, but remember that you will still need to reapply it when you are finished with your activity.

Also remember, clouds do not block UV rays, so make sure you use sunscreen even if it is cloudy outside.

WEAR SUNGLASSES

Sunglasses do more than make it easier to see on a sunny day. The proper pair can actually protect your lens and cornea from damage from the sun’s rays. UV rays can increase your risk of developing cataracts, macular degeneration, and problems such as Photokeratitis, or snow blindness.

Look for sunglasses that state they block 99% of UVA and UVB radiation. They should also state they meet ANSI Z80.3 blocking requirements and have UV 400 protection. The best glasses are large enough to protect the delicate skin of your eyelid and around the eye. If you are going to be in the snow, select goggles that conform to the shape of your face to prevent the sun’s rays from reflecting off the snow and under your glasses.



**Team Co-Line
has worked**

**212,654
HOURS**

**without a
lost-time accident**

REMEMBER WHEN AND TRAINING

REMEMBER WHEN: From Sept. 2008 Co-Line Press

Race team: Champions in Tulsa!

From the Sept. 2008 Co-Line Press: Dale “Rail” Brand and the Goalsetter/Co-Line Racing Team got their hands on an Ironman championship trophy in Tulsa, OK, Aug. 22-24, 2008. It was the first championship for the alcohol funny car race team since 2002. They had taken a few years off until last year, and so far this season, it had been Laurie Cannister 3-0 against Brand, and this was the first time they faced each other in a final round – the first final round for Brand this season. Brand took the track record away from Cannister in the semifinals before resetting both ends of the Tulsa Raceway Track record, 5.764 ET and 247.29 mph in the championship.



Team members in the winners circle are, from right, Dale “Rail” Brand with the trophy, Eric Brand, Cory Brand, Dwight Vander Ley, Kody Vander Weerd, and Mark Roose.

CARTER BRAND CLAIMS HIS THIRD IRONMAN IN SIX YEARS

Carter Brand is following in his grandpa Rail Brand’s footsteps on the drag strip. At 14 years old, Carter recently won his third Ironman.

Eddyville Raceway Park hosted an IHRA Ironman Classic, bringing drag racers from across the Midwest to the 1/8-mile track June 26-27. Dodging pop-up thunderstorms and drizzle for most of Saturday, the final rounds of the event were postponed to Sunday morning due to heavy rains that moved into the area around 7 p.m. Saturday night.

Carter was the only local racer left in the championship rounds with his junior dragster. On Sunday, he had one shot at the coveted Ironman trophy. With no time trial and different weather conditions, Brand was first off the starting line and clocked a winning 8.79 second pass at 85 mph against Trey Ratcliff of Grundy Center. Brand earned his third Ironman of his six-year racing career.



Carter Brand, 14-year-old son of Eric and Faye Brand, holds the Ironman trophy he earned at Eddyville Raceway Park the weekend of June 26-27.

Carter is the son of **Eric and Faye Brand** and the grandson of **Rail and Tana Brand** and **Leon and Margaret Vander Weerd**.



- **Five employees** completed Safety Awareness, Measurement Tools, Angle Grinder, Setup Sheet, and E2 Training.

CO-LINERS' KIDS COMPETE AT STATE SHOOTING CONTESTS



Wyatt Schutte was a competitor at the 2021 Trap Championship in June.



Bradley Moyer competed at the Trap Championship in Cedar Falls in June.



Brandon De Jong, a member of the Pella Shooters team, competed at state on three different days in June.



Ben Leonard at the state trap shooting competition.

A number of Co-Liners' kids competed at state shooting competitions in June.

From June 8-13, the Trap Championship was held at the Iowa State Trapshooting Association Homegrounds in Cedar Falls. Ben Leonard, son of Ann and **Eric Leonard**, placed fourth among 440 shooters in the Intermediate trap entry level division. He also participated in the Intermediate entry level handicap event.

Brandon De Jong, son of Katie and **Jeff De Jong**, competed in the Singles Trap, Doubles Trap, and Handicap Trap in Cedar Falls.

Other Co-Liners' kids who competed were Jacob Facile, son of Lisa and **Matt Facile**; Wyatt Schutte, son of Tonya and **Dan Schutte**; Mason

Sanders, son of Tina and **Jason Sanders**; and Bradley Moyer, son of Erica and **Mike Stoner**.

The following weekend, Brandon De Jong was back at it again and

competed in Sporting Clays at the Sporting Clays Championship, held June 18-20 at Highland Hideaway in Riverside.

DID YOU KNOW?

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Co-Line



THE INSIDELINE

by Jeff Kling and Gary Smith, Quality Department



ALL LINKS IN THE CHAIN ARE ESSENTIAL *by Jeff Kling*

So many things are necessary to consistently produce quality parts and services, and to break it down it departmentally, the amount of details can become mind-boggling. The combined efforts of so many processes coming together as one can be quite a feat. From the time we get a request to make a part until it arrives at the customer, it is VITAL that each step of every process is correct for the quality of our customer's experience.

(Vital = extremely important and necessary, or indispensable to the survival or continuing effectiveness of something)

One tool Co-Line uses to synchronize everyone's efforts is to apply the requirements within ISO 9001-2015 Quality Management Standards. These efforts to standardize and improve upon our processes create consistency. Consistency turns into variation reduction, which leads to processes that have a better chance of producing quality parts. With our upcoming external ISO audit (July 6-8), our auditor (Clive

Devers with Bureau Veritas Certifications) tends to look for consistency within our project handoffs. It doesn't matter what department or process, before a project is advanced to the next stage, we must ensure it is correct. This assurance prior to advancing sets up the next process for success. So across the entire company, throughout every department in every process, we must ensure we cover all the details within your standard procedures. Clear, concise, accurate, and legible documentation are elements that are essential to the outcome of your parts as well as the outcome of our audit. Keep all your T's crossed and your I's dotted, and scrutinize the details. A common goal is to create consistently in all we do for our customers.



"If you think of standardization as the best that you know today, but which is to be improved tomorrow; you get somewhere." - Henry Ford

CORRECTIVE ACTION *by Gary Smith*

The hardest thing in life is to accept correction. Just look back on our own lives and remember times when we were corrected for mistakes. We may have known that what we did was not completely correct or did not know that it was not correct at all.

The thing about correction is it is an opportunity to learn and improve – to make a difference and grow from the experience. At Co-Line, we, too, have to make corrections when a rejection is received from a customer or parts in production are found to be defective. An investigation is quickly taken to determine the "real" root cause of the issue.

Step #1: Does the process sheet (QA sheet/setup sheets) fully define what is needed for the part?

- Is the loading/unloading of the part clear and precise? Can the part be loaded incorrectly? Can the process be changed to prevent incorrect loading?
- Are there unwritten instructions ("tribal knowledge")

about the process? Record this knowledge to aid future operators.

- Are the full process variables/settings recorded for the equipment?

Step #2: Are all of the customer requirements understood and written down? Review and update process sheets.

- Are all tolerances attainable and capable? Get customer feedback and approval - update prints.

Step #3: Does the operator need additional training or skills to process the part? Provide the skills needed to benefit the operator.

If we can correct the root cause and make changes to prevent future issues, we have learned and improved. This is the purpose of correction actions, to improve. Correction is a good thing if we use it to move forward and learn.

We are all in this process together, and I am learning with you.



FOR LAUGHS AND PONDERING

by Margaret Vander Weerd, Newsletter Editor

“All children need a laptop. Not a computer, but a human laptop. Moms, Dads, Grannies, and Grandpas, Aunts, Uncles – someone to hold them, read to them, and teach them. Loved ones who will embrace them and pass on the experience, rituals, and knowledge of a hundred previous generations. Loved ones who will pass to the next generation their expectations of them, their hopes, and their dreams.”

– Colin Powell

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A little story you may have or haven't heard ...

When a group of tourists visited a crocodile farm, the owner of the place launched a bold proposal: “Whoever dares to jump, swim to the coast, and survive, I'll give you \$1 million.”

No one dared to move, but suddenly, a man jumped into the water and desperately swam to the shore while being chased by all the crocodiles. With enormous luck, the man arrived at the shore, taking everyone's admiration at the scene, then the owner announced, “We have a brave winner!”

After collecting his reward, the couple returned to the hotel. Upon arrival, the manager told him he was very brave to jump, to which the man answered, “I didn't jump! Someone pushed me!”



His wife simply smiled ...

Moral: “Behind every successful man, there's a woman who pushes him!”

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“The real test is being kind to unkind people.”
– Unknown

SIMPLE FORMULA FOR LIVING

- * Live beneath your means.
- * Return everything you borrow.
- * Stop blaming other people.
- * Admit it when you make a mistake.
- * Give clothes not worn to charity.
- * Do something nice and try not to get caught.
- * Listen more; talk less.
- * Every day, take a 30-minute walk.
- * Strive for excellence, not perfection.
- * Be on time. Don't make excuses.
- * Don't argue. Get organized.
- * Be kind to unkind people.
- * Lets someone cut ahead of you in line.
- * Take time to be alone.
- * Cultivate good manners.
- * Be humble.
- * Realize and accept that life isn't fair.
- * Know when to keep your mouth shut.
- * Go an entire day without criticizing anyone.
- * Learn from the past.
- * Plan for the future.
- * Live in the present.
- * Don't sweat the small stuff.
- * It's all small stuff.

CO-LINE CARES AND SHARES

Co-Line is approached for donations and sponsorships many times throughout the year. Each month in this column, we share the organizations/causes, which Co-Line contributes a monetary donation, a Co-Line product donation, a sponsorship, or a salute. Our goal is to show support for employees and their families in their after-work activities.

- **Sully Christian School Golf Tournament**
- **L-S Cross-Country's Sully Freedom Fun Run**
- **Sully Fire & Ambulance Dept.**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 <i>by Julie Roose</i> Maidrites , chef salad, assorted chips, fruit pizza	2 <i>by Prime Country</i> Smoked pork loin , garlic mashed potatoes, cheesy corn, cookie	3
4	5 Co-Line Closed	6 <i>by Julie Roose</i> Grilled pork patty , cauliflower lettuce bacon salad, cottage cheese, cheesecake dessert	7 <i>by Julie Roose</i> Salisbury steak , potato chunks, peas, peanut butter brownie	8 <i>by Julie Roose</i> Pasta bar , side salad, dinner roll, cookies	9 <i>by Breadeaux Pizza</i> Pizza , chips, cookie	10
11	12 <i>by Julie Roose</i> BBQ pork on a bun , cheesy hashbrowns, baked beans, homemade chocolate cake	13 <i>by Julie Roose</i> Grilled hamburgers , roasted vegetables, strawberry fluff, magic bars	14 <i>by Julie Roose</i> Parmesan chicken , creamy potatoes, green beans, almond bars	15 <i>by Julie Roose</i> BBQ or apple glaze pork loin , diced potatoes, California medley, monster bar	16 <i>by Prime Country</i> BBQ pulled pork , mac n cheese, smoked baked beans, brownie	17
18	19 <i>by Julie Roose</i> Two grilled jumbo hot dogs , mac 'n cheese, seven-layer lettuce, brownie delight	20 <i>by Julie Roose</i> Grilled brat patty , Dutch lettuce, kettle chips, turtle bar	21 <i>by Julie Roose</i> Tater tot casserole , homemade bread, applesauce, Jell-O cake	22 <i>by Julie Roose</i> Potato-crust cod or smoked chicken on bun , pasta salad, grape delight, ice cream cone	23 <i>by Prime Country</i> Pork chops , cheesy potatoes, green beans, scotcheroos	24
25	26 <i>by Julie Roose</i> Taco bar , taco salad, Doritos, marshmallow bar	27 <i>by Julie Roose</i> Grilled hamburgers , Parmesan potatoes, relish tray dip, scotcharoo	28 <i>by Julie Roose</i> Chicken Alfredo or original lasagna , mixed greens, garlic roll, candy bar	29 <i>by Julie Roose</i> Meatloaf , red mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, apple cake	30 <i>by Prime Country</i> Grilled hamburger/cheeseburger , kettle chips, smoked baked beans, caramel bars	31