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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept. 6 – Closed, Labor Day
- Sept. 24 – Co-Line Press deadline
- Oct. 1 – Co-Line Press distributed

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Sept. 1 – Cory Tice
- Sept. 6 – Jake Brammer
- Sept. 8 – Daniel Ventura
- Sept. 9 – Baker Zegers
- Sept. 12 – Don Steenhoek
- Sept. 12 – Patti Pieper
- Sept. 17 – David Hobbs
- Sept. 19 – Chad Thompson
- Sept. 19 – Katie Castro
- Sept. 20 – Gary Goings
- Sept. 28 – Jeff Davis
- Sept. 30 – Daryl Triplett

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES FOR SEPTEMBER

- 1 year – Bo Eggers
- 1 year – Jodi Hartman
- 1 year – Casey Burkle
- 2 years – Derrick Brelsford
- 2 years – Mike Stoner
- 3 years – Jason Broyles
- 5 years – Sam Collins
- 5 years – Nick Burch
- 14 years – Jeff Kramer
- 14 years – Peter Smith
- 14 years – Jamie Tyrrel
- 15 years – Tom Orr
- 16 years – Dennis Nolin
- 19 years – Linda Arkema

Mitchell and Williams are best baggers!



After a buildup of excitement and friendly smack-talk, the first Co-Line Battle of the Bags Tournament was held over the course of five days, Aug. 23-27. When the bean bag dust settled in the championship match on Friday, **Jay Mitchell** and **Elijah Williams** were the winners of the 23-team tournament. The two earned bragging rights as well as \$200 in gift cards.

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Upper photo: Jay Mitchell and Elijah Williams cool off with a cold one after winning the Battle of the Bags.

Left photo: Billy Phillips tosses a bag with Dan Tool looking on in the match for third place on Friday afternoon.

CO-LINE PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES

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

Congratulations to Natalie Harrill, daughter of Karen and **Rick Harrill**, on a very successful softball season. The junior shortstop was a first team all conference Little Hawkeye selection, 2A All District selection, and First Team All State selection. The Eagle softball team, coached by Karen, ended the season with a fifth-place finish at the state tournament.



We express our sympathy to Lea and **Terry De Cook** on the passing of Lea's brother, Fenton Hanselman of New Sharon. Fenton was 62 years old when he passed away at his home on July 26. A memorial service for Fenton was held on July 30 at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in New Sharon.

The Co-Line family expresses its condolences to Tina and **Jason**

Sanders and family upon the death of Tina's mother, Twilla Kay Meador. Twilla passed away on Aug. 2 at Mercy One Medical Center in Newton at the age of 66 years. A celebration of life was held on Aug. 6 at Pence ~ Reese Funeral Home in Newton with burial in Newton Memorial Park Cemetery.

We mourn with Brian and **Jessica Maston** and family on the death of Jessica's grandmother, Debbie Higginbotham of Sully. Debbie passed away on Aug. 2 at Grinnell Regional Medical Center. She was 87 years old.

Co-Line offers its sympathies to **Shawn Kramer** on the passing of his aunt, Amy Usgaard of Decorah. Amy passed away at her home on Aug. 2 at the age of 59 years. A memorial service is planned for Oct. 16 at Decorah Lutheran Church.

Co-Line expresses condolences to the families of Eric and **Nicole Fetzer-Bryan** and Shaylin and **Mitchell Bryan** on the passing of their step-father and grandfather, Bill Bushong of Montezuma. Bill Bushong, 81, passed away Aug. 1 at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell. Funeral services were held on Aug. 7 at Community Hope Church in Montezuma with burial at Jackson

Township Cemetery in Montezuma.

The Co-Line family mourns the loss of former employee David Beckham of Newton, who was employed at Co-Line from September 2005 until his cancer diagnosis in late 2018. Dave, 63, passed away on Aug. 6 at his home in Newton. Dave leaves behind his wife, Joyce, sons Jared (Erin) and Jon (Madison), daughter Courtney, and three grandchildren. A funeral service was held on Aug. 13 at the Wallace Family Funeral Home in Newton.

Co-Line wishes to express sympathy to Pam and **Dennis Smith** on the death of their son, Eric Smith of Newton. Eric passed away on Aug. 19 at the age of 45 years. A memorial service was held on Aug. 28 at St. Luke United Methodist Church in Newton.

The Co-Line family expresses condolences to Jake and **Gabby Axmear** on the death of Jake's grandfather, George Axmear of Malcom. George passed away at his home on Aug. 25 at the age of 81 years. A funeral service was held on Aug. 30 at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. Burial with military honors was at Ivy Hill Cemetery in Malcom.

REFER A FRIEND


We'd love for them to **JOIN OUR TEAM!**

Co-Line — You Share, We Share — **\$500 for EMPLOYEE REFERRALS!**

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.

- **Jasper County Historical Society**



HAIRCUTS

@ CO-LINE CUTTING EDGE

SEPT. 27 & 28

Just \$5! To sign up, contact receptionist at ext. 200. Pay with Co-Line coin, cash, or payroll deduct.



Massages

THURSDAYS,
SEPT. 9 & 23

Contact receptionist at ext. 200 to sign up. Pay with Co-Line coin, cash, or payroll deduct.



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THE Co-Line PRESS

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REMEMBER WHEN: From Oct./Nov. 2004 Meals available five days a week

Co-Line started serving meals on-site every day in October 2004. Before the meals were offered every day, Janet Freese, Tana's mother, served delicious beef and homemade noodles (oh so good) periodically, and quite often for the quarterly meetings, she made delicious cinnamon rolls for employees to enjoy.

Meals started being catered in the fall of 2003 with several having that responsibility: Julie Roose, Linda De Jong, Val Nikkel, Janet Freese, Tana Brand, **Faye Brand**, and Kelly Rozenboom. Sub sandwiches from the Korner Market in Sully were sometimes served, and Karen Harrill (wife of **Rick Harill**) brought in Pizza Ranch food one day a week.

The meals were a hit, and Co-Line decided to offer daily lunches the following year. Below is from the November 2004 Co-Line Press:

As of Oct. 15, meals are available at noon on site at Co-Line five days a week. Kelly Rozenboom is now preparing "Salad Bar Fridays." Some will remember her as the daughter of Ron and Vickie Nikkel of Lynnville.

"Maidrite Mondays" with two maidrites or one chilirite, chips, and dessert are prepared by Janet Freese, Tana Brand, and Faye Brand. Julie Roose and Linda DeJong prepare home-cooked meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays respectively. Karen Harrill brings in pizza, chips, dessert, and pop on Wednesdays.

The cost is \$3 per meal available in the training room, with extra helpings available for \$1 each. The menu appears each month in this newsletter on the next-to-last page and is also posted on bulletin boards, by the time clocks, and on the Company Calendar where employees on vacation or sick are also listed each day.

The daily lunches have become one of the most talked about perks at Co-Line as many employees take advantage of the wonderful food. To this day, the meals are only \$5 each with Co-Line subsidizing the cost. Thank you to the Brands for offering this great benefit!



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

LEVI ROOSE

shot blast operator

If you like the meals Julie Roose serves at Co-Line nearly every weekday, think about all the yummy meals Levi Roose has been able to have in his lifetime with Julie as his mom!

Levi is the son of Mark and Julie Roose and is one of their nine kids. His siblings are Trevor (and wife Lauren), Taylor, Trent, Troy, Luke, Jackson, Izzy, and Tyson. Levi lives in rural Pella and has a dog named Zoey.



Levi's dog, Zoey.

Though he was homeschooled, Levi participated in extra-curricular activities at North Mahaska. While in high school, he worked at the Pella airport part-time for a year, and at age 17, he began working at Co-Line part-time in May 2017. His uncle, Rick Harrill, had suggested he start working at Co-Line, and of course, Levi knew a lot about Co-Line because of his mom catering lunches here.

Following his high school graduation in 2019, Levi became full-time at Co-Line. He started in the saw



Levi's family includes his parents Mark and Julie and his eight siblings as well as a sister-in-law.



Levi Roose has been at Co-Line for over four years, including 2.5 years as a shot blast operator.

department, then moved to the VMC department, and 2.5 years ago, moved to shot blast operator. During his time with the company, Levi noted there are a lot more employees and buildings, and the company is growing. His favorite Co-Line memory is Rail Brand doing burnouts on his Harley-Davidson for Motor Mania.

Levi considers himself to be a quiet guy with lots of interests, including baseball, basketball, outdoor activities with his siblings, and Frisbee golf with friends. He also likes vehicles and attends Federated Fellowship Church in Pella.

The shot blast operator said he likes that he knows what he's going to do when he comes to work, and he likes the people at Co-Line, too.



Levi is pictured with his red Mustang.

Fabulous! FRIDAYS!

AUG. 6

Each Co-Liner received a dozen ears of corn to bring home and enjoy over the weekend. Nothing says summer in Iowa like corn on the cob!



Garrett Auberg receives a dozen ears of corn from **LeAnn Hjelmeland** on his way home from work. LeAnn works from her home in Minnesota for the Hometown Press and Co-Line. Her family sells sweet corn every summer, so she delivered over 170 dozen ears of corn to Co-Line for Fab Friday.

AUG. 13

This Fabulous Friday was all about “food on a stick!” The great Iowa State Fair started that week, so all Co-Liners received a free fair-like lunch.



AUG. 20

With many area schools starting up, Co-Liners enjoyed a back-to-school snack of Little Debbie treats and milk.



AUG. 27

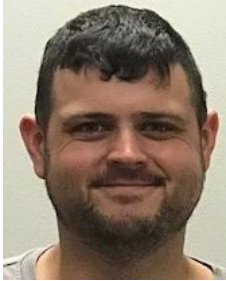
This Fab Friday included bags, beer, soda, and wings! A great way to kick off the weekend!



NEW CO-LINERS

WELCOME, NEW FACES!

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



SKYLER BAILEY joined the Co-Line team on June 28 as a robotic welder. He brings nine years of welding experience at Janco Industries, Inc. to Co-Line. A 2002 graduate of Lynnville-Sully High School, Skyler lives in his hometown of Searsboro. In his free time, he enjoys fishing and dirt track racing.



"I like that there are so many people willing to show you the right way to do things."

— SKYLER BAILEY



GRANT RUMER, of New Sharon, began in the laser picking department on June 21. Previously, he worked at DutchFix as a shift manager for three years. Grant grew up in the New Sharon/Pella area with his parents, Chris and Angie, and brother, **Jack**. He graduated from Pella High School this spring. For fun, Grant enjoys working on his truck, hanging out with his friends, and being outside.



"I've enjoyed meeting new people and the \$5 lunches."

— GRANT RUMER



JORDAN BLUME has had a short commute to work since joining Team Co-Line on June 7. The horizontal mill CNC machinist lives close enough to Co-Line to walk to work every day. Previously, Jordan was a CNC operator at United Equipment Accessories in Waverly for three years. He also worked at HyPro Inc. for 10 months. Jordan grew up in Tripoli and graduated from high school in 2016. He then went to Hawkeye Community College for two years for CNC machining/programming and tool and die, graduating in 2019. A few of his hobbies are hunting, trapping, and fishing.



"I like that I can wake up 15 minutes before I have to clock in."

— JORDAN BLUME

BEST WISHES, WAYNE!

Wayne Munsterman retired from Co-Line last month after five years of working in the VMC department. A send-off party where Co-Liners could wish Wayne well was held in the connection area on Friday, Aug. 27, during the 9 a.m. break. Happy retirement, Wayne!



Left photo: **Wayne Munsterman** and his wife **Bev** at the retirement party honoring Wayne and his five years with Co-Line.

Below: **Roger Van Hal, Wayne, Wayne's wife Bev, and Chadera Maasdam** share a laugh at Wayne's retirement party.



Wayne Munsterman (middle of photo) is congratulated on his retirement by Co-Line co-owners **Faye and Eric Brand** and Wayne's supervisor, **Eric Leonard**.



LAKE 7-A WATER USED IN CONTROLLED BURN AT KEY CO-OP

Over 300,000 gallons of water from Co-Line's Lake 7-A was used as part of a controlled burn of obsolete buildings at Key Cooperative in Sully on Saturday, Aug. 21. Approximately 339,000 gallons of water was pumped and hauled from the lake. The water from Co-Line was poured into two portable water reservoirs north of the old elevator. Co-Line's gracious offer of water along with the area farmers who made multiple trips to haul it into Sully were instrumental in the safe razing of the buildings.



In addition to the water from Lake 7-A, approximately 450,000 gallons of water was pumped to the burn via a mile-long, eight-inch hose from Marty and Betty Vander Molen's pond just east of Sully. An additional 108,000 gallons of water was used from the city water system. An estimated total of 897,000 gallons of water was used throughout the day.

A total of 17 fire departments were in town providing equipment and men for the controlled burn of the old grain elevator that could be seen from over 30 miles away. A rectangular annex building and two fertilizer sheds were also burned.



CANDID CORNER



Russ Campbell shot a hole-in-one on hole #2 at Grinnell Country Club when golfing with **Tony Roth** on Aug. 4. Here's a golf clap for Russ!



Sometimes you have to make do with what you have...

Bo Eggers' shirt got caught and ripped on Aug. 25, and he didn't have another shirt available, so he borrowed one from his co-worker **Joel Struik**. Unfortunately, Joel's shirt was a large, and Bo usually takes something a little bigger.

REMINDER
SEPT. 6
is a paid holiday!

STAY IN THE LOOP...
with local news from the
Co-Line- owned Hometown Press! Co-Liners pay just \$20 per year.



\$20 Co-Liner price is for employees or for gift subscriptions for family members. May use \$20 Co-Line coin to pay.

SUMMER PICK YOUR PACKAGE SNAPSHOTS



Jodi Hartman chose Adventureland tickets from the Co-Line “Summer Pick Your Package” options. She spent a day at Adventureland with her three kids (Anastasia, Izaak, and Sebastian) and her sister, Jennifer Van Wyk.

“We had so much fun!! Thank you, Co-Line, for helping us make memories.”

- Jodi Hartman



In early August, using tickets provided by Co-Line, **Joel Schmidt** watched the I-Cubs play ball with his wife, Heather, and their two kids, Ryder and Harper.



Eric and Faye Brand took their kids, Abigail and Carter, to an I-Cubs game.



Dan Schutte and his family were able to watch the I-Cubs play using tickets from Co-Line.



Todd Johnson and his family went to Adventureland on Friday, July 9, with tickets provided by Co-Line. Mother Nature helped make it a memorable time – as you can see, it poured!

BATTLE OF THE BAGS



*** PRIZES ***

Gold: Jay Mitchell and Elijah Williams *Prize of \$200 in gift cards*

Silver: Tyler Albert and Gary Smith *Prize of \$100 in gift cards*

Bronze: Cory Tice and Billy Phillips *Prize of \$50 in gift cards*

Free T-shirts were given to all participants.



*Left: **Roger Van Hal** (on left) gets ready to toss a bag during Thursday's competition.*

*Right: **Cory Tice** gives a toss while up against **Steve Davis** in the battle for third place.*





The 16 team members making up the final 8 teams are, from left, **Tyler Albert, Gary Smith, Billy Phillips, Justin Kriegel, Cory Tice, Tony Roth, Jay Mitchell, Elijah Williams, Roger Van Hal, Kerry Bryan, Roger Belcher, Eli Wilhelm, Dale Maston, Steve Davis, and Dan Tool.**



The four teams who were left after Thursday's competitions are, from left, **Tyler Albert and Gary Smith, Elijah Williams and Jay Mitchell, Steve Davis and Dan Tool, and Cory Tice and Justin Kriegel.**



The final two teams are **Gary Smith and Tyler Albert, and Jay Mitchell and Elijah Williams.**



CO-LINER TRIPS

FIRST TRIP FOR BATES FAMILY OF THREE IS TO ST. LOUIS

Derek Bates and his family enjoyed a quick trip to St. Louis, MO, July 30-31. It was their first trip as a family of three. Derek, Simone, and Liam met up with his parents and his sister's family of seven in St. Louis. A few of them attended a Cardinals/Twins game, and the rest enjoyed the indoor/outdoor pool at the hotel. Liam enjoyed the bustle of St. Louis, shopping at IKEA, as well as a lunch stop along the Mississippi River in Hannibal.

Photo: Derek and Simone Bates, with their son Liam, enjoy the sights around the Mississippi River.



LOTS OF WATER FUN FOR NIKKELS AT LAKE OF THE OZARKS



The cousin crew is ready to go out for a day of boating.

The Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri provided some quality family time and fun for **Monica Nikkel** and her family July 11-15. The Nikkels vacationed there with Monica's husband's family, staying at a condo on the lake. They enjoyed boating, tubing, swimming (in the condo lazy river, in the lake, at restaurant pools, and restaurant water parks), mini golf, go-karts, and most importantly, ice cream every night before bed.



Monica is pictured soaking up some sun and water fun with two of her kids, Colton and Alivia.

VAN WYKS VISIT AMUSEMENT PARK AND ZOO

Tony Van Wyk took off a week of work in August, using the time to get some things done around home as well as do some fun activities with his family, including wife Ashley and sons James and Chase. The Van Wyks spent a day at Adventureland and also made a very last-minute decision to go to the Omaha zoo for a day. Tony said it was a "nice little week before getting back into the school routine."



Left: Chase, Tony, and James enjoy a day at Adventureland.

Right: James, Tony, and Chase in front of the Desert Dome at the Omaha Zoo.



JANSEN CATCHES LIMIT OF FISH ON ND FISHING TRIP



The last week of July, **Shane Jansen** spent the week on Devils Lake in North Dakota with his uncles, a cousin, and a buddy. They stayed in a cabin just off the lake and went fishing every day. The walleye were really biting, which helped make it a great trip as everyone brought home their limit of fish. One interesting bit shared by Shane was the last two days they were at the lake was when the wildfires in Canada were at their peak. “Both last days, it was so smoky, you couldn’t see more than 50-100 yards in front of the boat!” he added.



One fish... two fish... That's a whole lot of fish!

SO MUCH TO DO IN THE DELLS FOR HARRILL FAMILY VACAY



Rick and his family dined on some amazing food in the Dells.

Rick Harrill and his family took advantage of the dead week of high school activities for a short trip to the Wisconsin Dells. This was a much needed reprieve after the intense week they experienced at the softball state tournament. While at the Dells, they enjoyed Noah’s Ark water park, an escape room, amazing food, ice cream, and rest and relaxation. Rick strongly recommends B-Lux Burgers, which had enormous burgers with amazing sides. He also loved the Pizza Pub, which had a smorgasbord of pizza, pasta, and a huge salad bar. Although a quick trip, it was great to spend the time together as a family.



The Harrill family successfully completed their mission in an escape room at the Wisconsin Dells.

SMITHS, HJELMELANDS SPEND WEEKEND AT NE IOWA CABIN

The families of Kyra and **Peter Smith** and Clayton and **LeAnn Hjelmeland** enjoyed meeting up at a cabin in northeast Iowa in late July. With five kids ranging from 5 months to 5 years old all under one roof, there was no lack of noise or energy! Highlights from the weekend were cooling off at a splash pad in Harper’s Ferry, catching a few fish at a nearby pond, exploring the area, and the girls beating the boys in an epically long game of Social Security.

The Smiths and Hjelmelands are pictured, from left: Holden, Nolan, Trey, Peter, Kyra holding Garrit, LeAnn, and Clayton holding Cally.



CO-LINER TRIPS

WILKERSONS MAKE FAMILY MEMORIES IN PIGEON FORGE

Bill Wilkerson's recent family vacation was full of interesting and beautiful stops. Bill, his wife Charity, and their two sons, Landon and Evan, traveled to Pigeon Forge, TN. They split the 12-hour drive to Tennessee into two days. On their way out of Iowa, they stopped at the world's largest truck stop for breakfast. They then headed to Rock Island, IL, where they visited Lock and Dam #15 and watched a freight boat enter and leave the lock.

After spending the night near Indianapolis, the Wilkersons arrived in Pigeon Forge. They visited Great Smoky Mountain National Park and stood in the mountains at the border of Tennessee and North Carolina. They hiked up to Clingman's Dome, which is the highest point in the national park. They also hiked up to Laurel Falls to see the beautiful waterfall at the end of the trail. Hoping to see some black bears, they drove the loop around Cade's Cove but only saw deer.



Landon and Evan in front of the world's largest rocking chair.



Charity, Landon, Bill, and Evan in the Great Smokey Mountains.

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The family enjoyed some fun stops in Gatlinburg, including Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies and a place called Activate where they did a mirror maze and played an interactive version of The Floor is Lava. The four also got adventurous with their food and tried fried alligator bites, which were surprisingly delicious.

On their way back to Iowa, the Wilkersons squeezed in some more fun with a stop in Casey, IL, to look at the world's largest attractions around town. The town has 12 certified Guinness World Records for World's Largest Attractions.

TICE TAKES IN THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF NASHVILLE

Shawna Tice enjoyed what was pretty much a girls getaway (plus one guy) in Nashville, July 28-Aug. 1, getting some quality time with her three daughters, three sisters, nieces, and parents. "My dad was the only male in the group, but after raising four daughters, he's used to being outnumbered," Shawna said.



The group checked out lots of fun Nashville sites, including the Listening Room Cafe, Lower Broadway entertainment district, and mural walls all over the city. They did lots of shopping and ate lots of great food!

"I enjoyed all the live music, and it was fun to visit one of my favorite cities with extended family," Shawna said. "We also spent lots of quality family time catching up before kids headed back to college and school."



Shawna (back row, third from left) enjoys some time in Nashville with her daughters, sisters, nieces, and parents. Though her dad was outnumbered by girls, 12:1, Shawna said the father of four daughters is used to it.



AUGUST TRAINING

The following training classes were held in August:

- **Safety Awareness – completed by three**
- **Measurement Tools – completed by one**
- **Angle Grinder – completed by three**
- **Setup Sheet – completed by three**
- **Fork Truck - completed by two**



FROM A CUSTOMER

I want to thank everyone at Co-Line for the outstanding service. We appreciate everything you are doing for us, and you are fantastic to work with. We look forward to many more years of working together.

Ryan Cooksley
Mechanical Engineer
Universal Industries, Inc.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

For July, Co-Line will award 142 employees for perfect attendance with each receiving a \$20 Co-Line coin. Congratulations and keep up the great attendance!

Tyler Albert	Marty Cross	Tony Hall	Justin Kriegel	Tom Orr	Andrew South	Brian Van Wyk
Cory Arment	Marc D'Aguanno	Kelly Hargan	Sandy Kuhlmann	Billy Phillips	Don Steenhoek	Mark Van Wyk
Garrett Auberg	Logan Daniels	Mark Harmon	Mason Lafferty	Greg Postels	Brent Stier	Marlo Van Wyk
Gabby Axmear	Ken Daugherty	Levi Harms	Wayne LaKose	Ken Reed	Mike Stoner	Marty Van Wyk
Derek Bates	Jeff Davis	Rick Harrill	Scott Lang	Doug Richards	Jason Tefft	Marylou Van Wyk
Roger Belcher	Adam De Cook	Jodi Hartman	Eric Leonard	Bryce Romick	Taylor Terpstra	Jeff Vaverka
Jeff Bokhoven	Terry De Cook	Micah Heartsill	Brian Lewis	Levi Roose	Mark Thelen	Daniel Ventura
Brad Braafhart	Bryan De Jong	James Heimbuck	Logan Long	Tony Roth	Chad Thompson	Teryl Ver Ploeg
Jake Brammer	Jeff De Jong	Lucas Hilton	Chadera Maasdam	Joey Rozendaal	Chris Tice	Ron Vogt
Derrick Brelsford	Justin De Jong	Marlys Hoksbergen	Elliott Mapes	Chad Sailors	Cory Tice	J.T. Walker
Abbie Brown	Lynn Deal	Samantha Hunt	Larry Marchant	Jason Sanders	Shawna Tice	James Welch
Jason Broyles	Andy Elbert	Ken James	Dale Maston	Taylor Saunders	Kierston Till	Dale Westbrook
Roger Bruxvoort	Matt Facile	Krystle James	Zach McClellan	Joel Schmidt	Dan Tool	Dave Westbrook
Kerry Bryan	Amy Fagg	Shane Jansen	Doug McClelland	Jeffrey Schultz	Jamie Tyrrel	James Westbrook
Mitchell Bryan	Nicole Fetzer-Bryan	Trent Jansen	Greg McCulley	Dan Schutte	Ron Van Baale	Wayne Woollums
Adam Carrothers	Justin Flander	Todd Johnson	Jay Mitchell	John Sharp	Jesse Vander Molen	
Kevin Chapman	Loren Fopma	Reggie Kaldenberg	Mike Moore	Dennis Smith	Connor Van Der Veer	
Ty Clark	Dan Goemaat	Todd Kaldenberg	Juan Munoz	Gary Smith	Davin Van Haaften	
Kristina Coe	Trent Grandia	Jeff Kling	Monica Nikkel	Jeff Smith	Roger Van Hal	
Sam Collins	Levi Grandstaff	Stefany Knowler	Dennis Nolin	Peter Smith	Drew Van Soelen	
Don Crawford	Isaac Green	Jeff Kramer	Bob O'Dell	Bob Snyder	Tony Van Wyk	

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU'S

Stealing the Show at the Iowa State Fair



Colby Tool, son of Renae and **Dan Tool**, made the most of the 2021 Iowa State Fair as it was his last year to show in the 4-H show. For the fifth consecutive year, he won the Overall Supreme Ewe Award.

Left: Colby and Dan are pictured getting Colby's sheep ready at the state fair.



Right: Colby and his supporters at the state fair.

THANK YOU'S

Thank you to the Brand family and to Co-Line for the beautiful plant and stone given in memory of my father, Merlin (Mert) Van Wyk. We also appreciate the prayers, cards, and support shown to our family during this time.

Marlo and Stefanie Van Wyk
and family



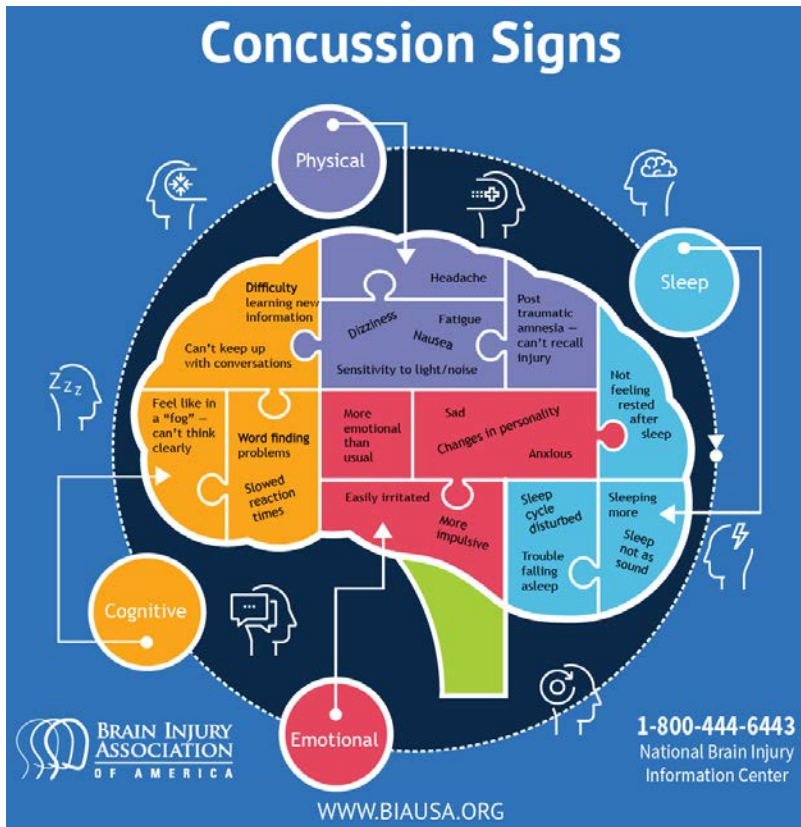
“I love autumn, the one season that God seemed to have put there just for the beauty of it.”

– Lee Maynard



NATIONAL CONCUSSION AWARENESS DAY

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



Concussions have become an epidemic in the United States, with millions of mild traumatic brain injuries happening each year. National Concussion Awareness Day® is recognized on the third Friday of each September yearly, which falls on Friday, Sept. 17, this year.

According to a poll by the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, nearly 9 out of 10 adults in the US can't correctly define a concussion. The Center for Disease Control defines a concussion as "a type of traumatic brain injury caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or by a hit to the body that causes the head and brain to move rapidly back and forth. This sudden movement can cause the brain to bounce around or twist in the skull, creating chemical changes in the brain and sometimes stretching and damaging brain cells."

Up to 50% of concussions go undiagnosed and untreated. Symptoms commonly last 7-10 days, and include any one or more of the following: Headache, confusion, difficulty remembering or paying attention, balance problems or dizziness, feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy, or groggy, feeling irritable, more emotional, or "down," nausea or vomiting, bothered by light or noise, double or blurry vision, slowed reaction time, sleep problems, or loss of consciousness. For some people, concussion symptoms can persist longer, called Post-Concussion Syndrome. Post-Concussion Syndrome can last for weeks, months or even years.

A concussion is a mild form of brain injury and should be taken seriously. Culturally, many Americans view a concussion as no big deal, perhaps having been told themselves to "shake it off" or "play through it." However, returning to situations where an injured person faces another potential blow to the head before a concussion fully heals can result in "Second Impact Syndrome," which can be serious and potentially life-threatening.

Info from nationalconcussionawarenessday.com.

SAFETY FIRST

Team Co-Line has worked **284,035 HOURS** without a lost-time accident

THE INSIDELINE

by Jeff Kling and Gary Smith, Quality Department



THE PERFECT PIT STOP *by Jeff Kling*

What does a perfect pit stop consist of? First off, “perfect” must be defined. Perfect = without errors, flaws, or faults, complete and lacking nothing essential. Using a NASCAR pit stop as an example, consider these factors: When to pit and what all do you do?

Crew chiefs will have a play book (so to speak) for strategies as the race progresses. But there are so many factors that it’s nearly impossible to predetermine a perfect stop. They can narrow it down a bit to four tires and gas at certain intervals, basically a standard stop. A standard stop will rarely come into play because of the infinite unknowns. Consider adjustments alone and one begins to see nothing can be considered standard other than the key processes (tires and fuel).

How might this compare to a standard project here at Co-Line? When a customer submits a request, some projects will be simple in comparison to others – somewhat similar to pit stop scenarios. All key information must be obtained from our customers and then CLEARLY communicated to production, the same for a race team

monitoring all the data prior to setting up for their stop.

We could think of each new job like a pit stop; you receive and review all the essential information, the parts come, you process, verify, and send them on their way. With this planning, preparation, and execution, the parts will have their best chance making it to the customer without additional stops – in other words, a perfect pit stop.

Our ISO requirement 8.6, Release of products, states that we are to implement planned arrangements at appropriate stages to verify the product requirements have been met. In other words, we’re required to do our quality checks, simple as that. But in a race, unfortunately, the only check is when the car gets up to speed – much like if we don’t do our checks, there could be a huge crash once the customer receives our parts. We don’t even want to think about that. So again, your pit stop isn’t complete until you have verified that it is what the customer requested. Don’t be that guy who doesn’t get the lug nuts tight... Stay focused; we’re all in this together.

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SCHOOL STORIES AND MORE

by Margaret Vander Weerd, Newsletter Editor

Kids are back in school. Enjoy these three “school stories.”

Luke came home from his first day of school, and his mother asked, “What did you learn today?”

“Not enough,” Luke replied. “They said I have to go back tomorrow.”

Johnny: Teacher, would you punish me for something I didn't do?

Teacher: Of course not.

Johnny: Good, because I didn't do my homework.

Q: What's the difference between a teacher and a steam train?

A: A teacher says, “Spit out that gum,” and a steam train says, “Chew! Chew!”

Here's another little story that is sure to make you smile ... or groan!



Ray and Bob, two government maintenance guys, were standing at the base of a flagpole, looking up. A woman walked by and asked what they were doing. “We're supposed to find the height of the flagpole,” said Bob, “but we don't have a ladder.”

The woman said, “Hand me that wrench out of your toolbox.”

She loosened a few bolts, and then laid the pole down. She then took a tape measure from their toolbox, took a measurement, and announced, “Eighteen feet, six inches,” and walked away.

Ray shook his head and laughed. “Well, ain't that just like a ‘Miss-Know-It-All’ woman?” he said. “We need the height, and she gives us the length!”

Ray and Bob are still working for the government, but now they're congressmen!

Every year during this month, everyone probably thinks of the tragedy of 9/11. I like this, “I Miss 9/12.”

I would never ever want another 9/11, but I miss the Americans of 9/12.

Stores ran out of flags to sell because they were flown everywhere. People were Americans before they were upper or lower class, Jewish or Christian, Republican or Democrat. We hugged people without caring if they are at Chick-fil-A or wore Nikes. On 9/12, what mattered more was what united us, not what divided us!

Did you know September is National Family Meals Month? The observance, created by the Food Marketing Institute (FMI), encourages families, no matter how busy, to focus on ways they can make mealtime easier and find a way to eat and be together.

Research shows that children who share regular family meals benefit from better grades, improved nutrition, stronger family relationships, and higher self-esteem, and they are less likely to use drugs and alcohol.

That sounds like something to strive for!



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LUNCH MENU — SEPTEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 by Julie Roose BBQ pork/bun, baked beans, cheesy hash browns cookie dough brownie	2 by Julie Roose Savory turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, homemade chocolate cake	3 by Prime Country Philly cheesesteak hoagies, kettle chips, baked beans, brownie	4
5	6 Labor Day - Co-Line closed	7 by Julie Roose Grilled brat patties, diced potatoes, roasted vegetables, caramel bar	8 by Julie Roose Meatloaf, red mashed potato, green beans, cherry cobbler	9 by Julie Roose Pasta bar, side salad, dinner roll, marshmallow bar	10 by Prime Country Smoked pork chops, garlic mashed potatoes, green beans, cookie	11
12	13 by Julie Roose Grilled brat links, chef salad, assorted chips, fruit pizza	14 by Julie Roose Grilled hamburgers, cabbage crunch, fresh fruit, mint brownie	15 by Julie Roose Parmesan chicken, creamy potatoes, mixed vegetables, cheesecake dessert	16 by Julie Roose Smoked chicken or crusted cod on a bun, pasta salad, grape delight, ice cream cone	17 by Prime Country Grilled hamburgers, mac'n cheese, coleslaw, caramel bar	18
19	20 by Julie Roose Tater tot casserole, homemade bread, applesauce, Jell-O cake	21 by Julie Roose Grilled marinated chicken, Parmesan potatoes, relish tray, cinnamon roll	22 by Julie Roose BBQ or apple glaze pork loin, baked potato, California medley, oatmeal bar	23 by Julie Roose Hot beef sandwich, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, banana bar	24 by Prime Country BBQ pulled pork, cheesy potatoes, buttered corn, scotcharoo bar	25
26	27 by Julie Roose Taco bar, taco salad, Doritos, monster bar	28 by Julie Roose Grilled jumbo hot dog, mac'n cheese, 7-layer lettuce, brownie delight	29 by Julie Roose Traditional or chicken alfredo lasagna, mixed greens, garlic roll, candy bar	30 by Julie Roose Ham balls, creamy potatoes, green beans, apple cake		