



The Chronicles of Deaven



ÜBER ENGINEER



MR. DEAVEN, WITH DEATHTRAP.

INDIANAPOLIS, IN – Racing fans here await the next creation of master mechanic Aidan Deaven, a mechanical engineering student at UW Madison. “He has used empty food jars for fuel tanks” said Aidan’s father, Dave, a safety engineer. “and motorcycle engines on go karts seems like overkill.” Mr. Deaven often takes a break from book learning to return to his corner of the garage, where he tends to his multiple motorcycles, snowmobile, and homemade cars. “I’m not sure what engineering really is yet,” said Mr. Deaven, looking up from his engineering work.

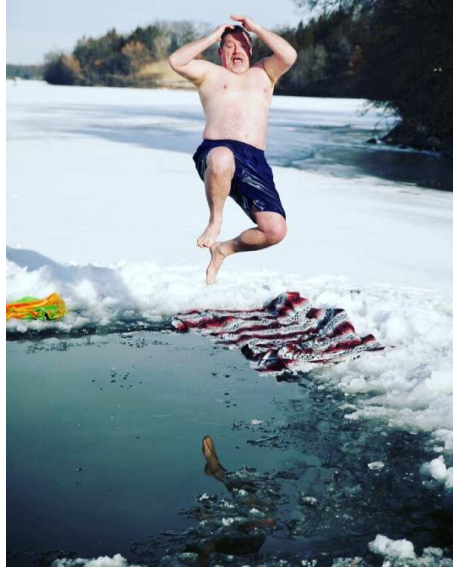
CORNY KIDS



DEAVENS EATING CORN.

LODI, WI – Corn maze enthusiasts Aidan and Mia Deaven enjoyed tasting the maze at Treinen farm, while searching for puzzle pieces and clues in the 15 acre maze. “It is a bit dry,” observed Mia. “But still pretty tasty.” Nearby parents expressed dismay at the young adults’ behavior. “Hey! You are not supposed to eat that!” said one mother, attempting to cover her child’s eyes. Too late.

ICE MAN



MR. DEAVEN PREPARING TO COOL OFF.

NAGAWIKA LAKE, WI – Passing snowmobilers enjoyed the sight of David Deaven, 53, jumping into the lake. When asked if he would continue jumping into the lake each January, Mr. Deaven replied “You betcha!” before consuming a shot of whiskey. “Wisconsin rules!”

WHERE DEM BOOKS



MR. DEAVEN AND DAUGHTER AT POWELLS, MIA DRIVING THROUGH A TREE.

PORTLAND, OR – On a recent west coast college tour, David Deaven, 53, detoured to show his daughter Mia, 18, the largest independent bookstore in the galaxy. “Dad got all misty-eyed and bought some gardening books and an Alice Munro novel,” said Mia, musing that her father was nostalgic for his graduate school days at Berkeley (a school that is out of the running after failing to impress her). “Although Powell’s is a really cool place.”

RENAISSANCE GIRL



MS. DEAVEN, DOING IT ALL.

MEDICAL COLLEGE, WI – Area girl Mia Deaven enjoys doing biomedical research, swimming, and skiing. This year, she enjoyed the last year of varsity swim team with her high school, joined a new research lab, and may be trading in her skis for a snow board. “Swim team was great, the new lab is fun, and I’m totally going to shred it in 2019.”

UNCLE CRACKS CODE



LARRY AND DAVID DEAVEN.

LOS ALAMOS, NM – In recognition of Larry Deaven’s role in the successful sequencing of the human genome, he was awarded the Los Alamos medal this spring, and nephew David Deaven attended the celebration. “I knew it was a big deal when he sent me e-mail about it,” David said, referring to his uncle’s normally reserved communication style.



COULD THIS BE ROMANCE?



MR. DEAVEN AND MS. JONES.

RIPON, WI – Strategically located midway between Iola and Delafield, this small hamlet welcomed visitors Dave Deaven and Diana Jones on a recent fall day. “We live 2 hours apart, and are both incredibly busy,” said Mr. Deaven. “So we often meet in small towns across Wisconsin.” According to several local eyewitnesses, Mr. Deaven and Ms. Jones enjoy each other’s company. A lot.

THANK YOU



DEAVEN KIDS WITH COUSINS AND ASSORTED AUNTS.

AUSTIN, TX – The annual celebration of Thanksgiving included some time for Aidan Deaven, 20, and Mia Deaven, 18, to spend with cousins Augusten, 3, and Charlotte, 2 and assorted grandparents, aunts and uncles. Turkey was eaten, football was watched, hikes through the hills and general agreement on national politics were enjoyed by all. “We upheld the family traditions,” said Mia Deaven. “That means, talking about cars with Papa.”

LITTLE RIBLET



DEAVEN FAMILY AT GRANITE PEAK.

WAUSAU, WI – Town officials received word that Deavens had descended upon Rib Mountain, a local ski hill. Witnesses said the family enjoyed the terrain park, small ski jumps, and “double black” runs including *Superstition* and *Carver*. “OK, these are blue diamond at best”, said all of us.

OH CANADA



MS. DEAVEN, AND HER INSPIRATION.

TORONTO, ON (CANADA) – Gamblers looking to place a bet on which university Mia Deaven, 18, attends next fall would do well to check out the Iced Capp™ at Tim Hortens™, which may prove to be a deciding factor in the decision. Ms. Deaven has noted that the University of Toronto (UT) and the city are excellent on a recent campus visit. “Wisconsin people are nice,” said Mia’s father. “And incredibly, Canadians are just a tiny bit nicer.” Comparison of national leaders also strongly favors UT over universities located in the US.

SKI BUMS



MIA, HANNAH, OWEN, AND AIDAN.

WINTER PARK, CO – Passersby were amazed by the sight of Deavens (Aidan and Mia) and Delmores (Hannah and Owen) skiing and snowboarding this spring.

SPAMALOT



MR. DEAVEN, LEFT, AND ASSORTED RUFFIANS.

MADISON, WI – Aidan Deaven, 20, an engineering student at UW Madison, lives off-campus with resident and non-resident ruffians (including business majors). Visitors on badger game day are treated to grilled brats, pancakes, and beer served festively in a game of beer pong or voluminously via a two story beer bong. Mr. Deaven has secured an on-campus job at the union, a quiet place to study.

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In loving memory of Jennifer C. Deaven, devoted mother, wife, and daughter.

