



The Chronicles of Deaven



NOT ROSEBUD



MR. DEAVEN AND HIS SLED.

RHINELANDER, WI – Passersby were amazed to see Aidan Deaven, 21, drive through town with his bespoke snowmobile carrier atop his trusty Ford Ranger. “It’s just a few inches shorter than the legal limit,” said Mr. Deaven, hopefully. “Is it snowing yet?” Mr. Deaven bought all of the objects in this picture using money he earned himself, according to his proud father. “One moment he was a toddler... well, these first 20 years went quickly,” said the elder Mr. Deaven, wistfully.

MAN CAVE



THE MAN IN HIS CAVE.

TWIN OAKS, WI – Although he is a junior in mechanical engineering at UW Madison, which gives him access to many shops, Aidan Deaven, 21, has constructed a garage shop within his father’s garage. “It’s much like Dad’s side, except that the tools are better and everything is put away,” according to Aidan. Asked for comment, Aidan’s father grunted as he searched to find a wrench lost amongst the piles of tools on “his side.” This reporter observed Aidan repairing a motorcycle engine in the time it took the elder Mr. Deaven to finally find his wrench.

THE GRADUATE



MS. DEAVEN, OF KM HS² (LEFT), U OF M (RIGHT) AND ΑΣΚ (BOTTOM).

MINNEAPOLIS, MN – Mia Deaven, 19, graduated from the KM High School of Health Sciences (HS²) this summer and started at University of Minnesota this fall. She soon surprised her father by joining a sorority. “OK, ΑΣΚ is a social sorority for women in the fields of mathematics, architecture, engineering, technology and the sciences,” said Mia, a chemistry major, to her father. “We get all the benefits of Greek life, without the hassle,” she added.

AREA MAN LIVES LARGE



MR. DEAVEN, DOING IT ALL.

DELAFIELD, WI – Area man Dave Deaven, 54, enjoys roasting Hatch green chiles and brewing beer with hops grown on the premises of his home. “It’s the simple things that make life worthwhile,” quoth Mr. Deaven, who recently became an empty nester. In between chile and beer, Mr. Deaven watches a fair bit of Netflix, and remains employed at GE Healthcare, where he has toiled for nearly a quarter century. “I am living large, and eating what I want to,” huffed Mr. Deaven, currently at his lifetime ‘large’ body weight.

OUR NORTH



THE WISCO DEAVENS IN COLORADO.

WINTER PARK, CO – The Deaven family once again found solace and peace in the subzero howling wind along the North Cone in Winter Park. Passersby were amazed by the sight of Mia Deaven, 19, snowboarding. “I figured that I’d try this board out,” said Mia, “but I’m going to keep my skis.” Mia’s father, David Deaven, also tried out snowboarding. His comment: “Meh.”

TEXAS COUSINS



A MESS OF DEAVENS.

AUSTIN, TX – Cousins Aidan and Mia Deaven, and Augusten and Charlotte Corkill-Stappenbeck, enjoyed some time in Austin over Thanksgiving. This included watching Madison beat Minnesota while consuming pie and beer, eating Texas BBQ,



and touring the Texas Hill Country with occasional river wading and rock skipping breaks that were enjoyed by cousins of all ages.

SCIENTIFIC METHOD FOR JOB SEARCH



MS. DEAVEN, LEFT AND RIGHT.

MILWAUKEE, WI – Mia Deaven, 19, spent her last high school spring semester engaged in research at the Medical College of Wisconsin. This was one of the many opportunities her high school, a charter school within the Kettle Moraine High School, provided. “I like it here,” said Mia, geeking out on whatever machine that thing on the left is.

JEEP... OR TANK?



A BIT BATTERED BUT STILL GOOD.

BROOKFIELD, WI – Police shut down a stretch of I94 after multiple cars slid off the road during the polar vortex. “Temperatures of -30F combined with some ice caused this,” said Scott Smith, an agent with the Wisconsin State Patrol. “At least five cars are off the road including a Jeep driven by Mia Deaven that rolled over.” After rolling her jeep,

Ms. Deaven calmly unbuckled her seatbelt, kicked out her windshield, and exited her Jeep. “She’s pretty badass,” said Agent Smith, describing the incident to Mia’s father, Dave Deaven. Mr. Deaven had previously restored the Jeep to working order by rebuilding it from the frame up. Upon arriving at the scene of the accident, Mr. Deaven ran to the jeep lying on its side, and yelled “Hey! Look! My welds held!” before tending to his uninjured daughter.

MADTOWN GRANDMA



MR. DEAVEN, WITH HIS GRANDMOTHER.

MADISON, WI – Bari Deaven, 77, made a pilgrimage to “Madtown” to visit her grandson Aidan Deaven, 21, this summer. “I want to see where he lives,” said the elder Deaven. During her visit, Ms. Deaven walked approximately 50 miles around campus to enjoy many fine Madison establishments, including the apartment where Aidan, on occasion, lives while pursuing studies in Mechanical Engineering and Computer Science.

WOE BE GONE



MS. DEAVEN’S DORM ON HER FIRST DAY (LEFT), AND NOW (RIGHT).

FRONTIER HALL, MINNEAPOLIS, MN – Mia Deaven, 19, started her college career at the University of Minnesota in the fall, majoring in chemistry.

A member of AΣK, she also lives in the Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) learning community within the dorms. Next year she plans to move into an on campus apartment with friends.

BEER RUN



A MESS OF DEAVENS ENJOYING BEER.

NEW GLARUS, WI – The beer here is delicious, according to local (Skate and Dave) and visiting (Jacob and Mandy) members of the worldwide Deaven clan. “You know what would be good with this, is green chile,” mused pretty much the entire clan, in unison.

WEDDING SAIL



THE DEAVEN FAMILY AT AUNT MELODY AND CAPT. MIKE’S WEDDING.

NORFOLK, VA – Dave, Aidan and Mia Deaven traveled here to attend the wedding of Aunt Melody with Captain Mike Reynolds, held aboard the Schooner Virginia. “The ceremony and food were excellent,” said Mia, before ducking below deck to escape the moderate humidity in the air conditioned belly of the vessel.

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

