

The Chronicles of Deaven



IN FORMER TIMES



WINTER PARK, CO – For over a thousand generations, people traveled freely, enjoying skiing, peace and justice in the Old Republic. Before the dark times. Before the Empire. "You must learn the ways of snow, if you are to come with me to Winter Park," said Dave Deaven, 54, to a small gathering of young skiers in January 2020. "I need your help; I'm getting too old for this sort of thing." When asked if there will be another

ski trip in January 2021, during a pandemic, Mr. Deaven replied "You must do what you think is right, of course."

FIX IT YOU MUST



Mr. Deaven in his shop.

TWIN OAKS, WI – In between his senior project, engine design class, and computer engineering assignments, Aidan Deaven, 22, found time to rebuild multiple engines including that of his Ford Ranger. "It has 3 timing chains," said Mr. Deaven. "Much more complex than it needs to be." Mr. Deaven plans to graduate from UW next year.

GO NORTH, OLD MAN



Mr. Deaven and Hodag.

RHINELANDER, WI – Dave Deaven, 54, took a trip during the pandemic this summer to look at some properties for sale in the northwoods. "I'm thinking about lakes, houses, and land" said Mr. Deaven. "And keeping clear of the Hodag."

HOMEWARD BOUND



Ms. Deaven at UMN, in three Chapters.

MINNEAPOLIS, MN – Mia Deaven, 20, was totally cheated by a pandemic that canceled most of her second semester in the UMN dorms. She packed up, came home, remodeled her bedroom into an office, built herself a desk, and completed her semester. For Fall semester, her brother acquired and fixed up a scooter for her, which she took to school and her new apartment. Along with her brother, she is home again for the (extended) winter holidays.

TWIN CITIES TOUR GUIDE



Ms. Deaven with the fearsome Goldy and Minnehaha Falls.

MINNEAPOLIS, MN – Mia Deaven, 20, gave tours to several groups of Wisconsin visitors including one containing prospective student Owen Delmore, pictured above with Ms. Deaven and the most terrifying mascot in the Big 10. Another tour group climbed the famous Minnehaha icefall, taking various unnecessary, life-threatening risks. College life seems compatible with Ms. Deaven, who shares an apartment with 2 roommates in a very nice off-campus building. "I like having my own space in my apartment," said Ms. Deaven, "And chemistry classes have been really fun!"

WALKABOUT, MEOW MEOW

DELAFIELD, WI – Area cat Porky Deaven, 1, made a narrow escape through a patio door this summer and high-tailed it when chased. Seen a few times over the next few weeks but remaining aloof, she disappeared entirely for two months, leaving her brother



MR. GRABBY AND HIS SISTER PORKY.

Salem behind. Shortly after the first frost, she surrendered herself to hikers in Lapham Peak state park. Through the magic of the Small Town NetworkTM, she was returned that same evening to her home, a bit skinny but in good health. "Her walkabout has certainly improved her" said owner David Deaven. "No more incessant licking, no more ripping the toilet paper apart, no more piano cover destruction, and about 86% less barfing." For her part, Porky seems content to sleep in a warm place, with plentiful food and fewer covotes.

IT'S NEW TO ME



Mr. Deaven's idea of a new vehicle.

COLBY, MN – Worried that no one would bid on his 1985 Toyota camper on eBay, a Minnesota man was relieved when Dave Deaven, 54, bid on and purchased the vehicle. "I like Toyotas from



Mr. Deaven's daily driver.

the mid eighties" said Mr. Deaven, before driving the underpowered 4 cylinder recreational vehicle back to Wisconsin at a top speed of 63 miles per hour. In unrelated news, even after five months of quarantine, Mr. Deaven's 1985 Toyota Landcruiser is still undergoing restorative repairs. "I want to hear him try and start that thing," said master mechanic Aidan Deaven, 22, having witnessed various stages of his father rebuilding the vehicle's venerable 2F engine.

SAME AS IT EVER WAS



OBLIGATORY QUARANTINE CRAFT.

USA – While we were locked down, quarantined, and sheltered in place, we had time to bake bread, walk in the park, and get a few chores done. For many months we've had three adults in the house, all working or going to college remotely... thanks, Zoom and Teams! A few trips to Minnesota were welcome breaks. And we are all ready to return to a new normal. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year... and WEAR YOUR MASK!

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