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We're Webbed

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Spiderweb sketch by Terri Panitzke - AFI Silkscreening Dept.

Today's Global Economy no longer limits us to obtaining supplies and services in our own geographical region. The World Wide Web has literally put the world at our fingertips and brought other businesses and customers right into the comfort of our own offices.

We at AFI have been a tad slower than some companies in jumping on the business web site bandwagon. We took sufficient time to design pages which reflect the multifaceted services of Associated Finishing, offer useful information, and, provide company contacts for potential customers to access.

From start to finish, the "Can Do" format was a group effort. Our administrative staff spent many hours brainstorming - gradually refining of the best of the ideas generated in those sessions.

The fruits of their labor - which you may view by clicking on www.AssociatedFinishing.com - is just a beginning! Useful web sites are an *evolving entity*. They grow and change along with the companies they are designed to represent.

As Associated Finishing continues to expand or change internally, our new web site will be an effective tool in helping to update customer and vendor databases.

www.AssociatedFinishing.com Come, get to know us even better!

An Ounce of Prevention

If 'An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure', then AFI is definitely moving in the right direction. For three years we have hosted an immunization clinic where Flu shots and Diphtheria/Tetanus boosters are offered for our employees. Some years we have even invited neighboring businesses to take advantage of our clinic as well!

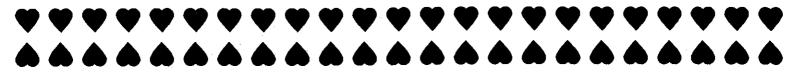
As adults, we frequently look to our children's immunizations and neglect our own. An on-site clinic ensures that our work force is protected to a greater degree from the more troublesome bugs found in the workplace. It also provides a forum where employees can easily consult a health professional about additional immunizations they may wish to secure through their own private physicians or clinic of choice.

This past year our services were contracted through the Mankato Clinic Occupational Health Department.



Pictured is our truck driver, Reginald Williams. Jan Kallheim,RN does the honors while coworker - Linda Lewis,RN - looks on.

Powder Coating -- Liquid Coating -- Pad Printing Paint Stripping -- Silkscreening -- R.F.I. Shielding



"And they Lived Happily Ever After"

First in a Series of AFI Corporate Romances?



Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Senese with daughter, Corina June 12, 1999



The Senese Family Feb. 2001 Lisa with Cameron (5mo) Tony snuggling Corina (4)



Luke Klammer and his Bride -to be, Heather Underdahl

It was the year 1995 when a young lass named Lisa Harroun applied for a position in AFI's Material Handling Department.

Shortly thereafter, this bright and cheerful girl managed to captured the attention of one of our Painters, Tony Senese.

The two fell into talking - getting along together immediately. And, in no time at all, Tony was asking for Lisa's hand!

Their wedding took place on a sunny June afternoon in 1999 - just down the road from Associated Finishing - in the midst of Mankato's historic Sibley Park.

Husband and wife continued working together at Associated Finishing until the impending arrival of their second child. Cameron made his arrival the summer of 2000. It was then that mom decided her duties at home were 'top priority'.

It isn't often that people find a soulmate while painting and packing parts! But, as this tale bears witness, Cupid's arrow manages to hit it's mark in the most unusual circumstances.

As Paul Harvey would say - "And now, for the rest of the story......".

It seems our miniature archer has been at it again! Another painter (Luke Klammer) and materials handler (Heather Underdahl) have fallen to his remarkable marksmanship! They have planned a June 2001 wedding.

Could this be the start of a *trend* - marriages between painters and packers?

We at AFI join together in wishing both couples God's many blessings on the exciting challenges and adventures future years will hold for both young families.

