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Each year the Midnight Sun Council, Boy Scouts of America honors individuals who have made significant contributions to our quality of life in Alaska at our Alaska Legends and Heroes Banquet. In 2022 we are focusing on a theme of "Transportation" and are honoring Craig Compeau as our Legend and Monte Pearson as our Hero. Craig Compeau is one of those rare citizens logging a history of three generations of Alaskan pioneers, pre-dating statehood. He models that independent Interior can-do spirit and has introduced thousands of people to outdoor Alaska via boats, snow machines, and all-terrain vehicles. Craig is a natural-born leader, who has a knack for bringing others together for the common good. Craig has participated in search, rescue, and recovery efforts volunteering not only his time but his equipment. He has personally organized too many charity drives and fundraising efforts to count, all of which have benefited our community and helped our neighbors directly. His undeniable hallmark has always been to encourage fun and entertainment as we help others. Craig's charitable efforts organized through his business are easily visible, but he also has spent thousands of hours with pioneers of our state, helping them as well as learning from their experiences. He not only takes the time to visit Fairbanks Pioneers and elders one-on-one, he organizes efforts to bring them to community events to make sure they are included.

Craig & Gloria married in 1983. Their two daughters, with their husbands, are both living and working in Fairbanks and passing on these values to the next generation of Compeaus. Lizzy and her husband Darion Donnelly have three children: Sydney 6, Stella 5, and Zeke 1. Emily & her husband Bryce Peterson-Wood have made Fairbanks their home as well.

Monte Pearson is well recognized among the auto racing community of Fairbanks. He is currently the President of the Greater Fairbanks Racing association and past Vice President of the North Pole Speedway. He has won championships in the Mini-mod and modified class at the Mitchell Raceway and multiple mud racing events in North Pole.. He has influenced and mentored many younger drivers, and racers. Where he really shines is when people have difficulties with transportation throughout the winter. Monte exemplifies the Golden Heart attitude by helping those in need. Currently he has thawed out 698 frozen vehicles, jumped started and rescued countless stranded Fairbanksans, and even those just passing through. He has never accepted any payment. Instead, he encourages the people he helps to "Pay it Forward" and help others in our community. For the last two years he has also collected toys and donations to make Christmas possible for numerous local families. Monte moved to Fairbanks when he was 2 and considers Fairbanks his home for life. Monte graduated Lathrop High School in 1992 and was a Scout with Troop 1, in Fairbanks.

When our Alaskan neighbors need aid, these men step in to help. These are traits consistent with the values of the Scout Oath and Law, and why we are proud to honor Craig Compeau and Monte Pearson this year. The 2nd Annual Legends and Heroes Banquet honoring Craig Compeau and Monte Pearson will be held at Compeau's store at 4122 Boat Street, Fairbanks on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, starting with a social hour at 6 PM. We would be thrilled to have you join us as a Major Sponsor. Fun and entertainment will be promoted abundantly throughout the evening! *If you are unable to attend, and still wish to underwrite this event, we have a few special opportunities just for you.* You may direct any questions to Stacy Brandon at the Earl and Pat Cook Council Service Center at 907-452-1976.

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