

STRONG AS STEELE

#32 STRONG

On October 25, 2020 Steele McLaren was involved in an accident after duck hunting where he experienced brain trauma. Immediately, Atlantic students and community members rallied to help Steele in his recovery. A Facebook page was created in order to follow McLaren's progress. Quickly the page began to grow and currently has a total of 36,100 members. The page still continues to get hundreds of prayers every day. McLaren started his recovery journey at Madonna Children Rehabilitation Center in Omaha. After a long five months, McLaren returned home to a parade of people welcoming him. During his recovery McLaren found joy in blowing his duck call and he did this to the crowds in his return home.



PROGRESS McLaren the day after the accident. McLaren has come such a long ways since this day and is hoping to make a full recovery. He is working everyday on getting better and doing everything he can.

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JUST LIKE A SPACESHIP- McLaren smiles big as he lays in the hyperbaric chamber. The hyperbaric chamber had increased air pressure to help heal the brain. McLaren stayed in New Orleans for eight weeks to use the hyperbaric chamber. He also continued normal physical therapy while in New Orleans.

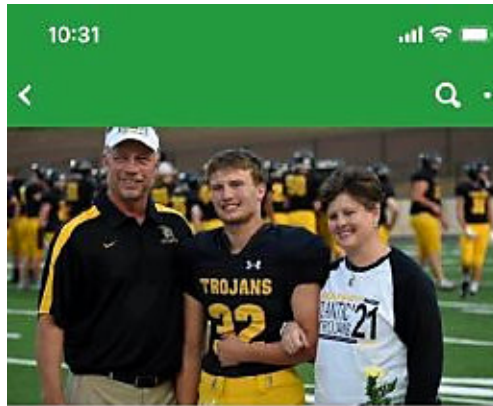


HOME AWAY FROM HOME- McLaren blows his duck call while laying out on the beach. McLaren's cousins come to visit Steele while he was staying in New Orleans.

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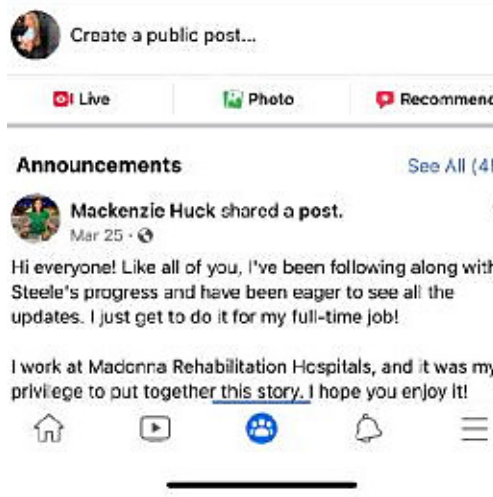


NEW ORLEANS FUN- Besides hanging out with family in New Orleans McLaren also had the chance to go to a baseball game. McLaren was involved as a player on the baseball team before the accident and has played baseball his whole life.



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37K STRONG- What started as a small Facebook page to follow McLaren's progress turned into something huge. The Praying for Steele Facebook page has a total of over 37,000 members from all around the US. All different organizations around Atlantic started to raise money for Steele and his family. There are numerous things to buy to support like t-shirts, wristbands, yard signs, stickers, car decals, and so much more. There has also been many fund-raising events such as an auction and a golf tournament.



HOMECOMING- McLaren's extended family welcomes his home after weeks of being away. On March 25th McLaren was able to return home after being in Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital in Omaha for seven weeks. Atlantic and many other surrounding towns lined the streets as McLaren made his journey home. The whole car ride home McLaren was blowing his duck call to say thank you to everyone for supporting him. Brother Garrett McLaren is a junior at AHS, "it was pretty overwhelming to see Steele without a window for the first time, but it was even better seeing everyone on the way back to show their support. Steele loved it and it meant so much to our family knowing how much people care and support us!" McLaren said.

