

Can you live without China's Junk?

Dr. Glenn Mollette

What does China export to the United States? Items include electronics, machinery, furniture, bedding, clothing, footwear, toys, cars, motorcycles, medical equipment, needles and catheters. There is of course more.

These and other products are a big part of the over \$48.83 billion in exports China sent to the US in December, 2024 alone. For the entire year it was over \$600 billion.

To break it down, we imported \$34.2 b (billion) in computers. \$23.2 b in phones \$4.3 b in televisions. Semiconductors \$3.4 b. Industrial machines \$8.5 b. Printing machinery \$1.3 b. Textile machines \$1.2 b. Vaccines \$1.1 b. Insulin \$134 million. Furniture \$15.5 billion. Footwear \$5.6 billion. These numbers are based on 2022 trade deals, so the dollar amount is always changing but it gives us an idea of how dependent we have become on China. This of course is not comprehensive as there are various other medicines and items that China exports to us. For example, Tylenol, Advil, Motrin, Amoxicillin, Keflex, blood pressure meds, Hydrochlorothiazide, Metformin, Vitamin C, Aspirin, insulin tablets and more come from China.

Does this scare you? It may because we import so much from China. However, it should make us all mad. How did we get ourselves into this mess? American companies took our jobs to cheap labor places like China where these products are made by people working for slave wages. These products were made cheaply and then sold back to us. The American people were robbed of jobs and opportunities to provide for our children because a lot of our jobs were outsourced somewhere else.

These companies have gotten by with it for over 30 years while our people in America had to go to work for McDonalds, Walmart, Starbucks and pray to God every day that they might make \$12 or \$13 an hour. We allowed our automobile industry to suffer, we buried our energy industry and became dependent on China, Vietnam, Japan and other countries.

Thus, Walmart became American's store because we can go to Walmart and buy for cheap. Walmart and Dollar General are about the only stores most Americans can afford. They are no longer the choice just because they are cheaper. They are all most Americans can afford. Hold on, because of the tariffs Walmart will become more expensive.

Can anybody answer the question why we allowed this slow growing but almost fatal economic cancer to invade our mindset and our country? We did not protect ourselves. We looked out for the world and let our own country suffer. Now we are having to undergo a serious time of economic surgery and treatment.

It's way, way, past time to bring the manufacturing back to America. It will not happen overnight. In the meantime, keep in mind that numerous other countries make medicine. India exports over \$9 b a year. Ireland over \$8 b. Switzerland, Germany, Italy, Canada, the UK, Israel and Singapore export billions of dollars of medicine every year. There are other places besides China to buy our medicine.

The same goes for electronics, toys, furniture and shoes. For example, toys. Yes, China exports 85% of our toys, but other countries make toys such as good old Vietnam. They

Yesterdays... From the files of the LaMoure Chronicle

100 Years Ago

May 7, 1925

City Marshall Oliver Johnson has done the citizens of LaMoure a service in ridding the city of nineteen stray dogs. Judging from the howling, yelping, and barking of canines at night, his activities will have to be enlarged and continued.

Paul Lux is confined to his home with a few fractured ribs and other painful injuries received last Friday while he was at work in the barn, when a horse struck him with both feet. While the injuries are severe it is not thought that they are serious.

Harold Hutchinson departed recently for Owaneco, ILL., where he joined the Hutchinson Miller Co, construction outfit. Harold served with this concern last year, and gave such a good account of himself that his employers insisted on his return this year. He will return to LaMoure in the fall.

Mrs. Eva Fleming returned Monday from Fargo, where she recently underwent a serious operation. She is now resting comfortably at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. A. Lowe.

50 Years Ago

May 1, 1975

Emmett Haugen, Oakes, partner in the Haugen Baldwin Funeral home of Oakes and LaMoure, was named president of the North Dakota Funeral Directors Association at the annual convention of the group in Fargo, April 15, 16, and 17.

L.H.S., students, Mark and Tim Fischer, completed the 50 mile bike ride for Multiple Sclerosis held May 4 over 200 cyclists were at the starting line at N.D.S.U. The 50 mile ride circled the Fargo Moorhead area.

LaMoure sponsors pledged over \$90 with all proceeds going to the MS Society for patient equipment and research.

LaMoure Drug Store, ad running this week;

Dial anti perspirant 5 ounce bar, \$59 cents; Miss Breck hair spray, 79 cents; Wet Ones moist towelettes, 99 cents.

25 Years Ago

May 3, 2000

The LaMoure County Commissioners voted at the may 2 meeting to put a new roof on the courthouse. The present roof is having problems around the edges and is causing water problems.

LaMoure Girls Golf Team finished 4th at a meet held Friday, April 28 at Memorial Park Country club in Grand Rapids.

Keeping kids safe was this year motto for this year's babysitting clinic. Co sponsored by the Oakes Community Hospital and the Oakes Women in Action, this program was attended by 44 participants.

10 Years Ago

May 4, 2015

Rain reports; Verona, ND-- 3.69"; Oakes, ND, 2.6"; Jamestown, ND, 2.55"; Marion, ND, 1.75" Edgeley, ND, 1.55".

Hample Excavation was digging out the fuel tanks at Bob Isakson's service station at the corner of Hwy 13. The tanks were all in good shape since being installed in 1955.

LaMoure Cloverleaf 4-H Club was called to order by President Heidi Bassen. The project was blankets made out of plastic bags.

	MAY 3 10-21-23-35-65	PB 24	2	Jackpot \$45,600,000
	APRIL 30 1-2-3-57-59	PB 9	2	Jackpot \$30,100,000
LOTTO AMERICA	MAY 3 21-23-39-45-50	HB-5 1	3	Jackpot \$32,300,000
	APRIL 30 5-22-23-24-36	HB-5 7	4	Jackpot \$31,790,000
	MAY 4 12-26-31-35-43			Lucky Ball 14
	MAY 3 2-13-18-21-31			Lucky Ball 9
	MAY 2 14-37-40-41-68	2		Jackpot \$80,000,000
	APRIL 29 16-33-40-51-57	10		Jackpot \$70,000,000

www.ndlottery.org

LaMoure Community Blood Drive, MAY 29

Fifty-eight donors are needed at the LaMoure Community Blood Drive, set for Thursday, May 29, from 12:15-5:15 PM at Benedictine Living Community in LaMoure.

To make an appointment, please contact Jessica at 701-883-5363.

For more information visit vitalant.org or call 877-258-4825. Because of you, life doesn't stop!

LAMOURE SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY MEETING THURSDAY, MAY 8TH, - 7:00 A.M.

Agenda

1. Teacher Appreciation Week
2. School Board Election
3. Approved Auditors
4. Approve Contract
5. Health Insurance
6. Approved Negotiated Agreement
7. Staffing
8. Legislative Update
9. Budgeting
10. Be Legendary
11. June Board Meeting Date
12. Informational Items

The Public is welcome to attend all board meetings. If you wish to be on the agenda please contact the Superintendent's Office by Monday prior to the meeting.

BERLIN Maureen Ellingson 883-5797

It looks like spring has arrived.

Elsie Cox accompanied Mark and Roxanne Cox to Lisbon for the First Communion and Confirmation of her grandson Justen Feist at St Aloysius Church. Elsie and Mark came home afterwards, but Roxanne went out to Eager and Chantelle's farm for lunch.

Mary Lee Kuske spent Sunday with her brother David Swiontek near Oakes. Lenora Kutz of Jamestown was also there.

Sunday evening Tommy and Tyra Schneibel and Alea Steinwand stopped to visit Mary Lee on their way home to Fargo.

Karen and Don Feist left on Wednesday for Omaha to spend time visiting Jeremy, Caden and Alexis Feist. Don and Karen returned Sunday evening.

Karen attended a track meet at Kindred on Tuesday afternoon.

I attended the Spring Luncheon Saturday noon at the Harbor in Edgeley.

Richard Long had coffee with Lillian and Christina Thursday morning.

Mike Long spent Monday afternoon with Christina Long while Lillian was in Jamestown for a meeting.

Weather

NDAWN - ND Ag Weather Network

DATE	TEMP. H/L	WIND
April 28	54/33	20/46
April 29	54/28	8/23
April 30	65/40	11/25
May 1	63/41	9/27
May 2	59/38	7/19
May 3	75/32	7/20
May 4	82/41	12/31

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Find your "One Second of Strength!"

Teens, parents, grandparents, church youth leaders, pastors, and community members from LaMoure and surrounding towns came together on Wednesday, April 30th to hear a powerful message delivered by Tanner Clark,

a TEDx and International motivational speaker. His inspirational messages have helped people all over the world, including teenagers and audiences of all ages, find their One Second of Strength to overcome distractions and

pursue what matters most.

The One Second of Strength is an opportunity to hack your brains natural instinct of protection and survival. Whether you need your Second of Strength to say 'yes' to the opportunity you've been too scared to take, push send on an email, walk away from a relationship or start a new one. The One Second of Strength puts YOU right where you should be in your life...in control.

Tanner reminded adults that raising kids in the digital world is anything but easy. With technology changing daily it requires daily consistency and effort to raise kids today. The key is to parenting is what he calls "presenting"....being present in the moments which require your presence.

Through trial and error Tanner has learned that kids need individual, intentional

time daily. It's how we show them we love them and it's the most effective way to fight the digital dangers that kids face today. He reminded everyone to, it's simply to SHOW UP and LOOK UP from digital devices.

Strength puts YOU right where you should be in your life...in control.

This was the 3rd year that Zoar Church's LYO has sponsored a motivational speaker in memory of one of their members, Carter Bowman.

A special thanks to an anonymous, kindhearted, community-minded donor who stepped forward to cover expenses to help bring a speaker of this caliber to our area to help others gain the knowledge and power to be in control of their emotions and choose happiness.

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