

Business


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GOLD

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SILVER

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DOW JONES

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NASDAQ

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LIBERTYVILLE

Tracking loved ones anytime, anywhere

AllPoints uses GPS on children and elderly

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You are at work and your child's school day is over. Where is your kid?

You can call the house phone trying to reach him or her. Suppose the school bus is late or in an accident, or your child is playing in the back yard or some place. You'll be out of luck.

John Kruckman of Libertyville has a solution for you. He has started a business which can pinpoint the whereabouts of your child, or for that matter, a wandering Alzheimer's patient or your employees.

His AllPoints Global Tracking uses the latest technology in GPS (global positioning system) with 3-dimensional global mapping to locate your child via the satellite with a tracking device. The tracker, equipped with what he says is the "anytime, anywhere tracking capability," is about half the size of a cell phone. It weighs just three ounces, which a child can easily carry or wear.

"Up to now, GPS devices have been used primarily to tell a driver where their car is and what roads to take," said Kruckman, a 1979 graduate of Northern Illinois University, where he received a bachelor's degree in business.

"This technology now becomes personal. With your child or elderly parent carrying the device, there is no



John Kruckman of Libertyville, owner of Allpoints Global Tracking, sits behind examples of his company's GPS tracking devices, whose locations can be followed on a laptop or a smart phone. | RYAN PAGELOW-RPAGELOW@STMEDIANETWORK.COM

'This technology now becomes personal. With your child or elderly parent carrying the device, there is no place on earth where they might go where the parent or guardian can't track them.'

JOHN KRUCKMAN,
owner, Allpoints Global Tracking

place on earth where they might go where the parent or guardian can't track them," said the new business owner, who last worked for Lebiton Mfg. Co. in Melville, N.Y., as a national account manager operating from Libertyville.

Kruckman, a 1975 graduate of Libertyville High School, said that when he learned how the GPS technology could be used to track children he "felt a great opportunity to have it in the Chicago area." He said he acquired rights to the technology from a company

that he declined to name, and started the business from his home with a Web site: www.allpointstracking.com.

According to Kruckman, engineers who developed the device tested its capability by sending a test subject into the jungles in the Philippines. They were able to view the exact location and motion of the person to within 15 feet on a Smart-phone in Clearwater, Fla.

He said that with All-Points tracking capability, you can pinpoint your child's



Kruckman holds examples of his company's tracking devices, which use GPS satellite technology and cellphone towers to locate whomever is carrying the devices to within about 10 feet.

whereabouts anytime with the use of your computer or a laptop. The information is updated every two minutes, said Kruckman. In addition, you can go back in time to find out where your child or an employee's vehicle has been.

The tracker costs from \$169 and up, plus a monthly service charge from \$29 and up — depending on features and the length of contract.

Kruckman launched the business in May. Like any start-up, he is aware it takes time and patience to build it up. But he is confident that because of the unique technology and the service All-points offers, it'll take off.

"There's a great need out there to have security and peace of mind of where your loved one is. My business addresses that need," he said.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Name	Last	Daily Chg
Abbott Labs (ABT)	50.88	-0.16
Allstate (ALL)	31.18	+1.21
Apple (AAPL)	318.27	+5.47
British Petroleum (BP)	43.91	+1.54
Bank of America (BAC)	12.13	+0.61
Baxter (BAX)	51.47	+0.77
Brunswick (BC)	16.50	+0.41
Cardinal Health (CAH)	35.69	+0.35
CareFusion (CFN)	24.14	+0.36
Caterpillar (CAT)	83.18	+3.30
Comcast (CMCSA)	21.06	+0.39
Disney (DIS)	37.03	+0.74
RR Donnelly (RRD)	18.50	+0.24
Exelon (EXC)	41.17	+0.42
First Midwest Bank (FMBI)	11.10	+0.52
Ford (F)	15.86	+0.68
General Electric (GE)	16.51	+0.45
Grainger (GWW)	126.34	+2.26
Hospira (HSP)	59.59	+0.11
Integrus (TEG)	53.70	+0.40
Manpower (MAN)	57.51	+1.24
McDonald's (MCD)	79.18	+0.68
Microsoft (MSFT)	27.14	+0.11
Motorola (MOT)	8.10	+0.05
Northern States (NSFC)	1.70	+0.23
Sara Lee (SLE)	14.80	+0.18
Sears Holdings (SHLD)	74.32	+2.91
US Steel (X)	47.33	+1.66
Walgreen (WAG)	35.95	+0.77
WalMart (WMT)	55.36	+0.45
Zebra Technologies (ZBRA)	38.60	+2.07