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Cemetery headstones being restored

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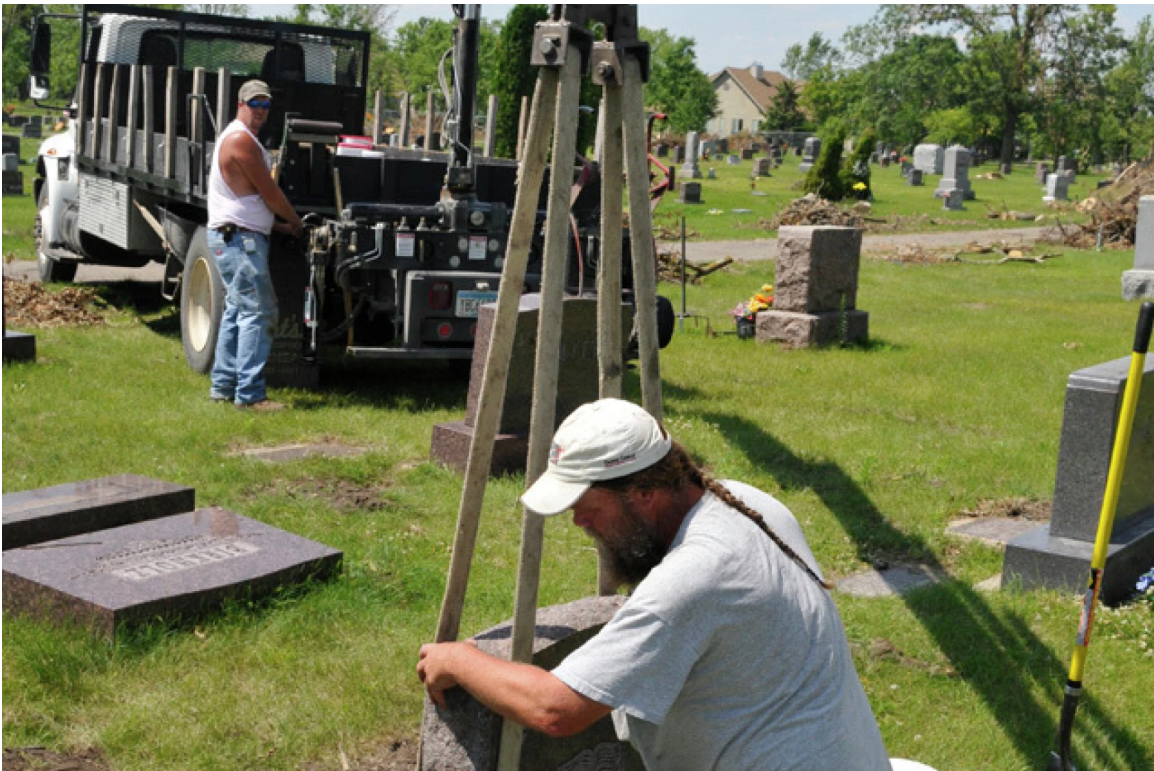


Photo by Brian Hansel Randy Drechsel and Bruce Albjerg of Fergus Monument were resetting headstones Monday afternoon in Wadena. The Fergus Monument crew had 325 monuments to reset in the Wadena City Cemetery and 206 in the Calvary Cemetery after an EF4 tornado hit the city June 17.

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The city cemetery has 325 monuments that are tipped, separated or slightly off their foundations. There are 206 monuments in Calvary that need attention.

The process of restoring the two cemeteries is under way but is expected to take a lot of time, effort and patience to accomplish.

Two tablets, one from the Wadena Cemetery and the other from Calvary, are missing and are believed to be somewhere on the outskirts of Wadena. Both are two feet in length, two feet high and six inches wide.

Fergus Monument has had a crew on site but it is hoped that other monument companies will also donate their time.

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