



# NEWS AND VIEWS

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## YES! SPRING IS HERE!

It's Spring (FINALLY!) and Happy 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday to our "Annual Hole-in-One Shootout!" Again this year, we are kicking off our raffle ---- with the **Grand Prize of \$1,000.00 --- on March 17, St. Patrick's Day.** (Second prize is one week's stay in a condo in Naples, Florida; third prize is to be determined). Raffle tickets remain at \$5 a piece and are available from employees, parents, Staff; and at the front desk at the workshops.

You will be receiving a letter this month with details and the raffle tickets. Who will be the Raffle King this year? Two-time defending Champion Tim Sitek has been preparing ---and prospecting! ----all winter! The person who sells the most tickets will receive a **cash award** — and the "Raffle King" trophy! The Golf Shoot-out will again be held at **Family Golf and Learning Center at 3717 Tree Court Lane, in Kirkwood, from 9 a.m.–6 p.m. on Saturday, May 21, and from 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 22.** The Sunday event for workers, family and friends will be from 12:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

This is our key fundraising event of the year. All proceeds directly benefit our workers! With a little help from all of you by perhaps encouraging your co-workers, your favorite restaurant, or gathering place to buy tickets, we will be able to sell more tickets and provide more opportunities for our folks. I'm sure there are a lot of people out there who would like a chance to win one of the fabulous prizes — and support our shop with their tax-deductable tickets at the same time!

Prize donations are always needed for our drawing. Donations of time are also important, including event assistance, and asking your friends to come out and try to win \$1,000,000 or one of several other golf related prizes. **We need volunteers ---- any and all times! -- To help that weekend! Please call Gloria at 636-256-3976.**



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**Mission:** The mission of Lafayette Industries is to provide employment opportunities to persons who are developmentally disabled / mentally retarded and persons with other disabilities who are 18 years or older.

**Goals:** ♦ To provide a meaningful and productive work experience to persons who are disabled ♦ To maintain a safe and pleasant work environment ♦ To teach and to train persons with disabilities to acquire better work habits ♦ To enhance self-worth and dignity through employment ♦ To provide high-quality business service through packaging, light assembly and commercial mailings ♦ To operate the center in a professional, fiscally responsible manner ♦ To provide fair wages and good benefits

## GREAT ICE STORM OF 2011



Ice sparkling in the trees



Yet another round of snow to shovel



Icicles draped off of everything

There was no escaping winter this year. No matter what part of the United States that you lived in, winter was big, bad, mean, ugly and in your face. It brought us about every kind of weather there is - bitterly cold temperatures, sleet, freezing rain, srain (snow and rain), row (rain and snow) and endless amounts of snow all by itself. Both Lafayette locations were even closed for two days straight - a first in Lafayette's history. If you have watched television, you have seen sledders, people making snow men, people making up snow ice cream, ice skaters, deer stuck on ice, dogs stuck on ice, people shoveling snow with a weary look on their face and every other type of winter scene. By the first of February and after two months of the endless winter, most folks were ready for winter to be over. They were tired of winter and wanted spring. Just about the time when cabin fever was at its "fever pitch", we got the January thaw a month later than usual. It was great to have temperatures other than zero. We're now smack dab in the middle of our thaw, with our lawns breathing a sigh of relief and people out frolicking in the meadows or wherever they can find to frolic. Let's hope that the groundhogs were right and that winter has a shortened lifespan this year. Once it's spring we'll probably long for winter again. That's life in the Midwest and everywhere. But whatever it's been to you - hassle or wonderful, let's hope those daffodils and jonquils come bursting up soon through the cold, frozen ground.

**DID YOU KNOW ANY OF THESE:** 1) Foggy Windshield? - Hate foggy windshields? Buy a chalkboard eraser and keep it in the glove box of your car. When the window s fog, rub with the eraser! Works better than a cloth! 2) Reopening envelope: If you seal an envelope and then realize you forgot to include something inside, just place your sealed envelope in the freezer for an hour or two. Voila! It unseals easily. 3) Get Rid of Ants: Put small piles of cornmeal where you see ants. They eat it, take it "home", can't digest it, so it kills them. It may take a week or so, especially if it rains, but it works and you don't have the worry about pets or small children being harmed!



**TRY SOMETHING "NEW" FOR THIS NEW YEAR:** These days the buzz words that you hear are trying out new things and going paperless. The idea behind this is sometimes to save money and to stop using up so many of the world's depleting resources. We use lots of paper, lots of toner, lots of effort in getting our communications out where the world can see them. More and more that world is turning to the internet to help us communicate about our businesses, etc. We are trying to think of ways that we can help Lafayette Industries move into this medium while saving a little money at the same time. Here is what we are thinking - a revised website will be up and running in the near future. Mary Beckerle and Karen Van Berkel have worked especially hard to revise, write text, get pictures and organize the "new" website. We will have the newsletter online as we do now. What will be *new* for us is that they have plans to archive old copies of the newsletter. At the same time the newsletter editor is proposing this idea: think about the possibility of going online for your newsletter. If you need to print something out, it will be right there alongside your printer. It has the added bonus of all of the pictures being in color and not being late, as we have been victims of a delayed delivery time from the post office these past few months. I download the newsletter to our folks and they post it online the first of the month. So if you think you are ready to go paperless, then please contact Becky S. at (636) 227-5666, x1100. If you want to try paperless for a month or two, you can always go back on the mailing list if you don't like it. However, you will never know without trying. So please think about it, and give me a call if you want to be adventurous. Take care and hope to be hearing from you.



## MARCELLA BOEDICKER - MOTHER OF JASON BOEDICKER



Marcella Boedicker, mother of Lafayette North's Jason Boedicker, passed away on December 25, 2010. Marcy was a long-time caring friend of Lafayette North's parent group, Friends of ITE. She was always there for us whenever we needed anything that had to be done. She made sure that it got done. She was the first to volunteer, and she could be counted on to complete the job. It didn't matter what the job was. She loved our "kids" and they loved her. Her passing has left a void in all of our lives. Thank you, Marcy, for all that you did. We will miss you.



## CARL BUCHANAN SR. - BROTHER OF CHARLES BUCHANAN

Mr. Carl Buchanan was born 3/18/1951 in St. Louis, Missouri. He was one of five children born to Cecil and Carline Buchanan. Carl's brother, Charles, works at Lafayette North. Carl distinguished himself in the United States Army and retired with honors. He was married to Cora, and they were parents to four children - three girls and a boy. He also had four granddaughters, three grandsons and two great granddaughters. His three brothers and his sister all live here in St. Louis, along with his mother. He also has lots of other relatives and friends. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

## ODDS 'N' ENDS

Every so often we like to throw out reminders to keep everyone's memory fresh on things we might need for our employees or to remind them of other important items:

- 1) We are always in need of plastic spoons and forks. So if you have unused plastic utensils that are taking up precious space at your house, think of giving them to Lafayette.
- 2) We always try to remind everyone that you need to only bring \$1.00 or \$5.00 to work. Please leave the \$10's and \$20's at home. Though our change machines are set up to handle these, it means that someone else won't get change if someone keeps putting big bills in it.
- 3) Please be sure that you keep a change of clothing in your locker. We all have instances where we might need a change, so it would be good to keep one there.
- 4) The date for the Cardinals game for this year has been set - Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. Yes, Travis, we are going as of now.
- 5) A reminder that this is your newsletter. However, there are a few basics that we need from you to make sure you get your article and pictures get into the newsletter in the best form possible. First, if you give us pictures you can always email them to us in .jpg form. This is the preferable way. If you have a hard copy of a picture, be sure that it's good quality, so if we scan it in it will still be viewable. On the article we need the basics at least - who the article is about, what event the article covers, why we are writing the article, where the event took place and when the event took place the article is covering. If you have ideas for things for us to write about, please let us know and we will consider them. As always, we do have deadlines. If we let you know the deadline, then please know that we will stick to it. So please be sure that we get the stuff on time. Look forward to hearing what comes in the months ahead.



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 Saturday, March 19 <sup>th</sup> - Purim		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 MARDI GRAS 	9 9:00 a.m. - Friends of ITE meet - Lafayette North  Ash Wednesday	10 PAY DAY 	11 North - Knights of Columbus Dance at Valley Ind. - 7:30-10:00 	12
13 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS 	14	15	16 7:00 p.m. - Executive Committee 7:30 p.m. - Board of Directors	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY 	18	19 West - Knights of Columbus Dance - St. Clare of Assisi School - 7:00-10:00 
20  The First Day Of Spring	21	22	23	24	25 PAY DAY 	26
27	28	29	30	31	 Saturday, March 19 <sup>th</sup> - Full Moon	