

LINKS FOR LAFAYETTE

Editorial note: The item below originally had an embedded link directly to our website and more information. Couldn't get the link to work when I put it into the newsletter. Apologies to all, but hopefully will learn in the near future how to do this process correctly. In the meantime, please visit our website at www.lafayetteindustries.com and check under Events section for more information on Links for Lafayette.

~ SEPTEMBER 12, 2019 ~

Whitmoor Country Club

REGISTER HERE

**BUILDING DREAMS & CREATING OPPORTUNITIES
SINCE 1976**



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Mission: The mission of Lafayette Industries is to provide employment opportunities to persons with developmental disabilities and to 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

WRITE A LETTER TO REP. ANN WAGNER!

I need your help on this!!

The issue is that Rep. Ann Wagner -- a known demonstrated supporter of workshops, she has been to Lafayette and was very impressed -- is the only Missouri representative that has not signed off on a bill in Congress titled "H.R. 3704". The bill is a Missouri-specific bill that allows the Special School District and other School districts to send their students to workshops — just like they used to do! --- to see if the workshop will be the best setting for them. If all the Missouri Congressional Representatives aren't "signed on", it has no chance of passing.

Rep. Wagner has the **biggest sheltered workshop population in the State.** We are just guessing that some influential groups must have convinced her staff not to support this Missouri-specific bill.

I believe she will get more support in her district by supporting this bill.

You need to write a letter along the lines as outlined below. Add in a personal touch about the impact it has made for your son/daughter/loved one, and the impact on your family, as they are very impactful.

"Dear Representative Wagner:

First of all, thank you for your service to our Country. I know you have made personal sacrifices of your time with your family to represent us, and I appreciate that.

I am writing to you to urge your support of, and to co-sponsor, HR 3704, the "Protecting Choices for Disabled Workers Act".

Missouri leads the nation in **choices** for employment for people with intellectual and cognitive disabilities; has always had competitive employment as the first priority; and we only get to the point of choosing sheltered workshop employment if there aren't any other options. Staying at home not only doesn't let the individual grow and give them a chance to contribute to society, and it costs tax-paying citizens about \$100 day — per person. Giving School Districts the ability to contract with sheltered workshops gives **professionals, families, and in most cases, the individual the ability to make their own decision for their future.**

Only 1.4% of persons with intellectual/developmental disabilities in the State are referred to sheltered workshops. Giving the Schools—professional educators--- the ability to have that person try employment in workshops as part of their curriculum gives evidence-- facts and data---that this is the best chance of success for their future. What's the difference between a sheltered workshop as a "work site" vs. other "work sites"? The same conditions apply.

This is a fundamental American right to be able to choose your own destiny. I'm sure you agree.

May we count on you to support this extremely important bill? Thank you."

Rep. Ann Wagner's local office information:

314-952-4266

PO Box 50

Ballwin, MO 63022

***Physical Street Address in Ballwin:**

301 Sovereign Court, Suite 201

Ballwin, MO 63011

Ph: (636) 779.5449

Hrs: M-F 9:00AM - 5:00PM

And email by going to her web page:

<https://wagner.house.gov/contact/email-me>



**3rd Annual
Klipsch Family
Pigeon Race**

**PROCEEDS BENEFIT
LAFAYETTE INDUSTRIES
EMPLOYEES**

September 14, 2019

981 Sappington Road

Sunset Hills MO

10:00 am

You can be a VIP and Sponsor a MVP (Most Valuable Pigeon)

Registrations available in Lafayette West Office

Contact

Charlie Klipsch

314.842.7867 or 314.406.0588

cwkfak@gmail.com

Thank you to volunteers, sponsors, and donors for making the Annual Employee Picnic a great success!
More than 480 employees and families attended for food and fun.

Plan to attend the 6th Annual Employee Picnic on June 7, 2020.

THANK YOU!

Cardinal Vending

Judy Miller-Registration Sherri Farmer-Food

Maria Lawrence, Kay Martinez & Erica Royal-Bingo & Prizes

Carl Miller & Becky Stillwell

(Photographers)

Jack Lawrence & Steve Martinez-Traffic/Parking

Volunteers and Staff

Clean Up Crew

National Vehicle Protection Services-Raffle Cardinal Tickets

Kristin Dietrich, Todd Carlson & Andy Niemeier-Raffle

Dream Builder \$1,000+

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Ken, Bob & Ethel Mcluen

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Champion \$300

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Mary Klevorn
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Stacie Waller & Family
Larry & Barbara Gaugh
Geraldine Good
Norma Dopuch

Thank you Sponsors!



SAVE THE DATE

SIGMA DELTA'S ANNUAL LUNCHEON

Saturday, October 5, 2019

Details to follow

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR FLU VACCINATION CLINICS: Please mark October 10th for North and October 17th for West for flu vaccination clinics at both locations. We will have further details after we finalize the plans with Walgreens. We'll be asking for copies of insurance cards to go on the forms that Walgreens will provide, and we will get these forms to you as soon as we receive them.

LAFAYETTE TRAVELS ON THE ROAD



pictures of your vacation time. We know you can do it. We will make sure that you get your 15 minutes of fame, while at the same time seeing who had the best trip decked out in their Lafayette fashion statements.

Above is a picture of Rob and Peggy Libera taking a boat tour of San Francisco Bay. Behind them is the Golden Gate Bridge and the Bay itself, showing off a picturesque sailboat in the background. Their boat circled Alcatraz, but as you can see they didn't go ashore to explore the notorious prison during this outing. It is a beautiful day and a beautiful location for a sightseeing trip.

This picture and article about Rob and Peggy's tour was put on Facebook (revised) to "get the ball rolling". We wanted to see if anyone would take Rob up on his challenge. We had our first response earlier in July on Facebook, but no further challengers have come forward. Don't forget - you have to have on your Lafayette gear and it has to be visible in the picture. Let's see what we can come up with.



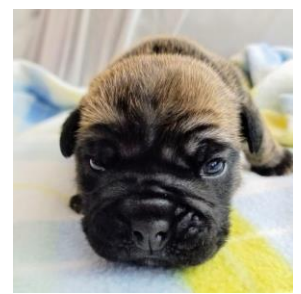
HOW TO AVOID A PROBLEM

By Dahnyel Walters and Darryl Mullen
(Proud Lafayette Employees)

- Walk away from the person that is upsetting you.
 - Don't listen to He said, She said.
 - Don't get into anybody's business.
 - Don't gossip.
 - Don't put yourself in any drama.
 - Don't cuss.

DALTON BROWN'S DOG HAS HER PUPPIES

In June, Dalton Brown's family announced that their bulldog, Bella, was going to have a litter of puppies. The new puppies represent a new experience for the human family. Bella had her puppies on July 2nd, and now her human family is learning what they need to do in order for these puppies to grow up healthy and strong. We expect that the puppies will be lots of work for them. Michelle, Dalton's mother, sent us pictures of Bella before the puppies came, and then pictures of them after they had been born. Bella and her new furry family are doing fine. They're at home, and apparently growing rapidly. Congratulations to Dalton, his family and to all those new faces in the world. These puppies are seriously cute, and we hope that all of them will get good homes when it's time to find a forever home.





**AUFDENSPRING
FAMILY IN VP
PARADE IN
DOWNTOWN
ST. LOUIS**

By Barb Aufdenspring
(Proud Mother
and Daughter)

Since this is the 75th anniversary of D-Day, Julie Aufdenspring's grandfather, Gene Harmack, was honored for his service in D-Day and The Battle of the Bulge. He, Julie and her family (her sister, Laura, and her family came in from Chicago) were asked to be in the Fourth of July VP parade. They rode on an antique fire truck in the parade. It was a heartwarming experience as the crowd cheered and applauded her "Papa", who is 99 years old. Needless to say, all the family had a once in a lifetime experience!



THE CORPORA FAMILY

By Jane Corpora (Proud Mother)

This picture was taken on our vacation to Austria last October. You can see Bill is sporting the Lafayette logo. It actually led to a conversation with a man from Australia (not Austria) who worked for a similar not-for-profit there.

**This is the first article that is a response to Rob's challenge. Good job, Bill, representing Lafayette! Thanks, Jane, for getting it to us. **



SECOND GRANDSON BORN INTO THE LIBERA FAMILY

Mike and Molly Libera welcomed their first child, a son, into the world on Friday, June 28th. George William Libera was born that day in California. He weighed in at 8 pounds, 7 ounces and was 21½" long. Congratulations to the new parents! Also congratulations to Rob and Peggy, as this grandson represents their second grandchild born within two years.



I just thought I'd touch base with Lafayette to let you know that all is well with Jesse! He is having a wonderful summer, filled with water, sand, sun, family and friends! Jesse often thinks of his work friends, and he will often ask me to send a picture. So, I am finally getting around to it! See you soon!

MISSOURI REAL DRIVERS LICENSE AND REAL NON-DRIVERS ID

Starting in 2020 we will be hearing a lot more about the REAL driver licenses and REAL non-driver IDs, as they become required by every American state and territory as of October 1, 2020. If you don't get the REAL driver's license or REAL non-driver's ID, you'll still be able to use another form of ID that meets Federal requirements, such as a valid passport. If you don't have the REAL driver's license or REAL non-driver's ID or don't have the proper form of other valid ID, then you'll be unable to board domestic flights, go into Federal facilities, military bases or Federal courthouses. What does this have to do with our Lafayette folks and their families? Everything. If you have a regular driver's license or a non-drivers ID, you'll need to figure out what you want to do before October 2020 gets here, when everything becomes mandatory. We will have more on this item in the January newsletter. The REAL driver's license or REAL non-drivers ID is trying to improve things for Americans supposedly. It's supposed to focus on protecting us from fraud, anti-terrorism and provides security for drivers licenses and non-drivers IDs. We will see how the changeover goes. It's going to be a huge deal, so we wanted to alert everyone it's coming.

MEDAL WINNERS

By Phyllis McCarver (Proud Mother)



This past winter two of Lafayette's employees, Collin Gage and my son, Arthur McCarver, once again brought home the gold and silver. In January these two traveled to Snow Creek Ski area outside of Kansas City, Missouri. Each skied in the Downhill, Slalom and Giant Slalom, where they each received two gold and one silver. Arthur and Collin have been skiing for the past six years at Hidden Valley with the DASA (Disabled Athletic Sport Association). They would love to see some others join them on the slope next January and February.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR AUGUST FOLKS!

NORTH

Stephanie	Esmond	4	David	Stafford	20
Melinda	Proctor	4	Anrico	Gaddy	21
Craig	Donaldson	5	Jerry	Phillips	22
David	Sims	6	Dale	Reuber	25
Shirley	Woodward	10	Nicoro	Verges	25
Melvin	Cosey	12	Donald	Jackson	26
Florica	Gault	13	Byron	Worsham	26
Tracey	Minion	14	Margaret	Nilges	27
Beatriz	Trejo	16	Sandy	Shaw	28
Anthony	Williams	17	Erica	Humphreys	30
Michael	Dauge	19	Charles	Brefford	31
Andrea	Becker	20			

WEST

Michael	Branca	1
Angela	Gentile	2
Darick	Gaugh	5
Jerome	Butler	7
Amanda	Schlueter	8
Lisa	Swoboda	9
Stephan	Dolan	16
Scott	Carron	17
Kenneth	McLuen	19
Boots	Berry	22
Debanjan	Bhowmick	26
Shelly	Radinsky	28
Suzanne	Covington	29
Michael	Owens	31



PLEASE UPDATE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS(ES) FOR LAFAYETTE'S NEWSLETTER

We need to update all of our email addresses for the newsletter such as the current or ones that have become outdated or incorrect. If you receive the newsletter, please go ahead and enter your information and return the slips to either Becky at West or Jerry at North. Be sure to double-check your email address before sending it, so that we know it is as correct as we can get it. If you don't want to receive the newsletter any more, then please indicate that as well.

Name (Full Name, please!!) _____

Email _____

Please continue to email the newsletter to me. _____

Please don't email the newsletter to me anymore. _____

Thanks in advance for your assistance in getting these lists updated!!



WEST – JUNE '19 CAUGHT BEING SAFE

Left: Cary Bankendorf, Courtney Guenther, Charlie Bright, Zach Leeker, Sherri Farmer.



WEST – JUNE '19 CAUGHT BEING RESPECTFUL

Left: Craig Marek, Kim Lamb, James Riester



COLORADO HIKE

By Scott Schmitz (Proud Lafayette Employee)

Our final hike of our Colorado trip was a successful Twin Sisters Peak summit attempt. This photo was taken from the main summit at 11,428 feet looking toward Long's Peak, and the other Twin Sisters Summit, which sits 15 feet lower than the main summit. The main summit scramble was a difficult class 2, with a possible class 3 crux move near the summit. Yes, we did both Twin Sisters Peak summits today too.

A-TEAM MISSOURI HEADS TO WASHINGTON, D.C.



From Rob Libera on July 17, 2019:

Early morning in our nation's Capital - getting ready to lobby for our wonderful workers!

Beautiful morning in D.C. Heading over to the Capitol ... A-Team Missouri is literally "in the House".

Board Chairman Bill Florent and Rob Libera are photographed above with Missouri Senator Josh Hawley, in Washington D.C. discussing the Missouri sheltered workshop model.

Editorial Note: There is a Facebook page that is called Dignity Has a Voice. There you can follow the activities and events of A-Team Missouri. If you Like the page then you will get notifications about them in your Facebook newsfeed. It will keep you up-to-date with their efforts to help keep sheltered workshops as a viable choice of employment for themselves and many others in Missouri. Thanks, A-Team Missouri!



Mary Ann Moorhouse wrote a note that all of the men pictured to the immediate left and listed below played hockey for her husband.

Left: Chris Wideman (Ottawa Senators), Joey Vitale (Pittsburgh Penguins), Donald Moorhouse, Pat Maroon (St. Louis Blues), Cam Janssen (St. Louis Blues) and Scott Mayfield (New York Islanders)

HOCKEY COACH TO HOCKEY PLAYER

By Donald Moorhouse (Proud Father)

About 50 years ago as my hockey career ended, I was approached to begin coaching youth hockey. Eventually ending in St. Louis, I coached for the Missouri Delta Hockey Club along with many others over the years. Having had a number of players achieving success, there was still one very important goal left on my Bucket List.

Around the 2004 / 2005 season a young, strong-skilled young man joined the St. Louis AAA Blues Midget Program. I was fortunate enough to be on that coaching staff, under the guidance of Head Coach Scott Sanderson. This young man had a great amount of talent with a future no one of us could predict. As he progressed, through his hard work and dedication, many opportunities began opening up for him. He was selected by the St. Louis Bandits Junior Team of the North American Hockey League, where he thrived for two years under the then Head Coach John Cooper. For those of you who don't know, it is the same John Cooper that has successfully coached the Tampa Bay Lightning of the National Hockey League.

The next step in his career was being drafted by the London Knights of the Ontario Major Junior Hockey League. The team is owned by the Hunter Brothers, who both played in the NHL, and is an extremely successful franchise. Based on his success, the player was selected in the National Hockey League Draft by the Philadelphia Flyers. Over the next few years he played for the Anaheim Ducks, the Edmonton Oilers, and the New Jersey Devils. While having success, he never reached the goal of winning the Stanley Cup.

Enter the St. Louis Blues who offered him a contract for the 2018 / 2019 season. He had other offers, but decided playing in his "Home Town", would be best for him and his young son. The season started out poorly, but after a coaching change and some roster moves, the Blues began having a great amount of success. Believing in yourself and having confidence in the team are two of the most important facets a winning team must have. The Blues developed the genre that allowed them to become not only a Stanley Cup competitor, but a long shot to win the whole thing.

I'm sure that you long ago figured out the player I'm referring to is **PAT MAROON**. His career path and eventual success is a product of hard work, dedication, and attitude. There is an old expression that goes, "You can't have a winning streak until you have one in a row." We have the one in a row, now let's not be satisfied with the one, but keep the streak going. Not "Let's go, Blues!", but "LET'S KEEP GOING, BLUES!!".

LET'S KEEP GOING, BLUES!!!



WEST SEPTEMBER ART CLASS –

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH – 3:00-4:00 P.M.

Volunteers will give personal instruction for each project. Everyone attending the Art Class will have the chance to participate in each Art Station, including Poetry. You may attend one Art Class or both classes. **Please turn in your registration to Becky by Thursday, September 5th.**

Questions: Call or email Alesia Roccia at aroccia@lafayetteindustries.com or (636) 227-5666, x1118

Name of participant _____

Preferred Phone _____

Preferred Email _____

Contact name / phone number of person picking up Art Student at 4:00 p.m.:

SAFETY TIP FOR AUGUST 2019

By Tom Heitert (Safety Guru)



A little used but salient feature of the safety program is the eye wash station.

Our safety glasses program has diminished in its use, but there have been instances. Sometimes our own fingers can create a problem.

The stations are inspected regularly.

SAFETY IS NO ACCIDENT! - **MORE LATER!**

AUGUST 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 PAY DAY	0
11	12	13	14	15	16 North Free Lunch	17
18	19	20	21 6:30p – Board of Directors meeting	22 West Free Lunch	3	24
25	26 PAY DAY	27	28	29	30 North Only: closing ½ hour early for the holiday. Today (the 30 th) is the last day of the Summer Schedule for West – normal hours will resume on Tuesday – 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	31