

## BOOTS BERRY'S 95<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY



**Immediate left:** Allison Hanners, an employee with Lafayette, and Boots Berry, our birthday celebrant, is presented a special card and pictures from the Free Lunch in honor of Boots's birthday. Our employees and staff all signed birthday cards for her as well.

**Immediate left:** Allison Hanners, her mother Alesia Roccia, development director for Lafayette, and Boots Berry, pose for this special picture.



On August 22<sup>nd</sup> Boots Berry turned 95. To those of you who know the history of Lafayette, Boots Berry and her friend, Julie Simpson, came every week to Lafayette as volunteers from the beginning of the workshop. For years they worked alongside one another till Julie's health didn't allow her to come any more. Boots kept on working until about 7 or 8 years ago when she couldn't do it anymore. This dedicated lady worked alongside the Lafayette employees, and enjoyed every minute of it. Boots was always the birthday card lady to us. She'd always come in smelling of rose perfume to get her list of the birthdays for the next month. She always made sure that she got any new employee's birthday, so when it came around, she'd celebrate it with a birthday card for their special day. Alesia Roccia thought it would be a great idea to celebrate Boots's birthday with cards signed by all of our employees and staff. They signed individual cards, but then they made a larger card for her to remember. We dedicated the Free Lunch to her, and they took pictures of different employees holding the card and giving her their biggest grins. The Free Lunch was a success of the previous month's successful meal – the wonderful hamburgers from Callier's Catering. We also got to celebrate Boots's birthday as well as have a wonderful meal. Boots, we know you had a very special birthday, but now Lafayette adds their special wish for many, many more.

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## **BOOTS BERRY'S 95<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY – CONTINUED:**



### **THANK YOU NOTE FROM BOOTS BERRY TO LAFAYETTE**

I can't tell you how truly touched I was to receive your cards, notes, photos and artwork to help me celebrate my 95th birthday. It was an honor to spend over 35 years of Tuesdays working alongside so many of you. I really miss those times.

It was always so much fun to bring birthday cards to you each month - and now to get wishes from you was quite a surprise! Thank you, Alesia Roccia and Alison Hanners, for delivering such wonderful gifts, and for representing such an amazing group of cherished friends.

Thank you, Lafayette Industries!

Love,

Boots Berry



### **WEST - CAUGHT BEING SAFE**

**– SEPTEMBER 2021**

**Immediate left:** Louis Barnhart, Carl Berger of United Healthcare and Amanda Schlueter



### **WEST - CAUGHT BEING**

**RESPECTFUL - SEPTEMBER 2021**

**Immediate left:** Joe Hagan, Carl Berger of United Healthcare and Mary Klevorn

**NORTH – CAUGHT BEING SAFE -- SEPTEMBER 2021**



**Immediate left:** Florica Gault



**Immediate right:** Lucretia Hardy



**Immediate left:** Telly Mays



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## EMPLOYEE FAMILY PICNIC – SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

On Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, Lafayette celebrated their picnic together for the first time in two years. It was a special occasion, and we had a good turnout — 394! This year was slightly different from past years because the pandemic is still in full swing. They set up the main pavilion for our families. They also set up an area of tables under large shade trees that provided the social distancing we still need to practice. Folks seemed to be wearing masks without a problem, but some who had received the immunization went without. When picnic attendees checked in this year, they were presented with several tickets – two were for food from the food trucks, and the third was for ice cream or a snow cone. There were a couple of food trucks for people to choose from, and then further down the sidewalk, they had a cart that offered ice cream and different flavors of snow cones. If you strolled around the grounds they had our usual popular toss-the-bean-bag-in-the-hole game. In another location were the balloon artists, who twisted and knotted balloons into different shapes. Folks would pick what they wanted from a chart. How they create these shapes without popping tons of balloons would have been a good question to ask one of the two guys. We also had an extremely tall gentleman walking around on stilts greeting everybody. It wasn't like other picnics we'd had in the past, but it was a good one. It allowed people to see those that they hadn't seen for a very long time. We hope you had a great time!









## WEST – 25 YEAR GOLD WATCH RECIPIENTS



**Jason Marx**



**Jon Munoz**



**Mark Grosch**



25-year gold watch recipients Jason Marx, Jon Munoz and Mark Grosch with their families

Far left, back row is Bill Florent, President of the Board of Directors.

Far right, back row is Rob Libera – CEO and Executive Director of Lafayette Industries

There were three 25-year gold watch recipients from West who were honored this year. Jason Marx, Jon Munoz and Mark Grosch received their gold watches on Sunday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, at the Employee Family Picnic. Their families came and watched while the special watches were presented to them. It represents what you don't see that much in business any more, if ever – a whole working lifetime devoted to solely one employee. Congratulations to them, and may they have many more years of working at Lafayette.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR OCTOBERITES!



### NORTH

Dahnyel	Walters	4
Veronica	Quinn	5
Tony Denise	Bridgett	9
Georgia	Ross	9
Anita	Hightower	10
Krystle	Conroy	19
John	Hope	22
Videll	Killiebrew	22
Steven	Johnson	29
Chaunda	Harris	30
Paul	Baker	31
Darrius	Roberts	31

### WEST

Michael	Siddle	2	Andrew	Zivnaska	13
Stacie	Waller	2	Kathleen	Moore	19
Doug	Miller	5	Maureen	Teschner	19
Alicia	Rutherford	6	Dana	Thebeau	19
James	Riester	7	Colleen	Kelly	21
Jesse	Brooks	8	Louis	Barnhart	22
Mark	Kinney	8	Daniel	Rechtien	22
Julie	Tennenbaum	8	Tracy	Meyer	23
Adam	Birdsong	9	Rob	Libera	25
Jamie	Bovyn	9	Cary	Bankendorf	27
Kurtis	Sharpe	11	Stephen	Keller	29
Abigail	Weseloh	11	Crystal	Vail	31
Rebecca	Crump	13			



## **RAFFLE KING TIM SITEK**

This is the time of year that belongs solely to the realm of the Raffle King. We are talking about Tim Sitek. It is a title he bears proudly and gets excited about. His family and he put a lot of hard work into it, but in the end there can only be one Raffle King. All the figures have been tallied, and the final results are in:

\$5,315 – Total amount of raffles sold  
60 / 100 – 60% Response Rate

\$89.66 – Average gift

Congratulations, Raffle King, on these phenomenal results! We appreciate your enthusiasm, but most of all we appreciate having you as a fellow colleague at Lafayette. You work hard and add a lot to everybody's everyday lives. Thank you, Raffle King (aka Tim Sitek Jr.).

## **RAFFLE WINNERS**

This year marks the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Raffle. First Prize was \$1,000 cash. Second Prize was lunch each month for a year at Pioneer Café (value \$240). Third Prize was an Amazon Fire Table & Smart Home Wi-Fi Outlet (value \$100). The drawing took place on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. The winners are as follows:

**First Place** - Christy and Sean Prudence

**Second Place** - Jan Haines

**Third Place** – Keenan Retzlaff

The raffle raised over \$14,000. We also have the added bonus of getting pictures of the first and second place winners being taken with our very own Raffle King. We appreciate the Raffle King's parents, Tim Sr. and Debbie Sitek, taking these pictures and sending them to us.



**Far left:** Christy and Sean Prudence are presented 1<sup>st</sup> prize by Tim Sitek (aka Raffle King).

**Immediate left:** Christy and Sean Prudence shows their 1<sup>st</sup> place prize while Tim Sitek (aka Raffle King) looks on.



**Immediate left:** Jan Haines shows her 2<sup>nd</sup> place prize presented to her by Tim Sitek (aka Raffle King).

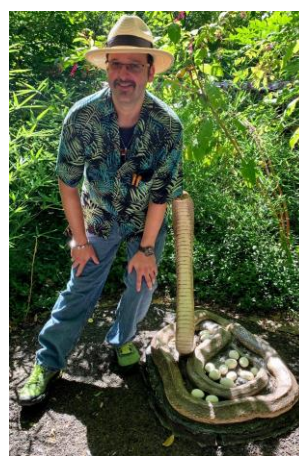
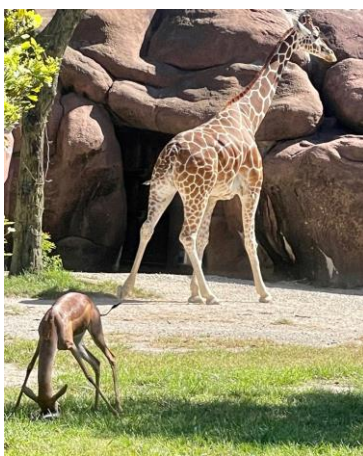
**SEE YOU AT NEXT YEAR'S RAFFLE??**



## UNCLE DREW

By Cheryl Pinkston (Proud Mother and Proud Grandmother)

On Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, Drew Pinkston went to the zoo with his nephew, Julian. Julian Pinkston is the son of Drew's brother, Dan, and his sister-in-law, Sylvia. He was born earlier than expected, on April 9<sup>th</sup> at St. Luke's Hospital in Chesterfield. As you can tell from the pictures that Drew is absolutely crazy about his nephew. Congratulations, Drew on becoming "Uncle Drew".



Immediate left  
are pictures of  
Drew's trip to  
the zoo on 9/8.



## OUR FIRST GRANDCHILD

By Sheila Zigrye  
(Proud Lafayette Staff and Proud Grandma)

Our first grandchild was born on Wednesday, September 15, 2021. My husband, Ed, works at West in the warehouse. I worked at West, and now work at North. We have welcomed our first granddaughter into the family. She weighed in at 6 lbs., 14 oz., and was 21" long. Her name is London Jo Zigrye, and her parents are Brittany and Kurt Zigrye. Kurt is our youngest son. We are so excited to have this little one.





## BRADLEY JANDRO AT PGA GOLF TOURNAMENT

By Linda Jandro (Proud Mother)



**Left to right:** 1) Bradley on 18 with ball and hat signed by Ernie Els. 2) Bradley with signed ball from Lee Janzen's caddie because they are from Vancouver, like hockey and saw that Brad was a hockey fan too. 3) Bradley with golf flag under Arch. 4) Bradley with Ozzie Smith.

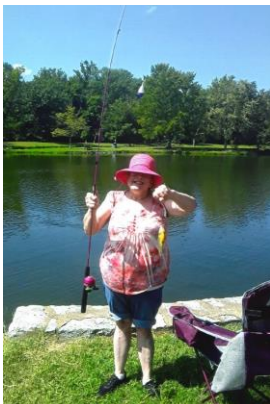


**Left to right:** 5) Bradley with Ernie Els 6) Bradley with V J. Singh 7) Bradley with Lanny Wadkins

Bradley Jandro and his family attended the senior PGA golf tournament at Norwood Hills Country Club, September 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. Bradley met players, received some autographs and took pictures. He was on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole to see Dicky Pride tie Dave Toms resulting in a playoff for first place. Mr. Toms won. Lee Janzen gave him a signed ball, as he is from Vancouver and saw Bradley was a hockey fan. The players were gentlemen, and it was a fun experience. The weather was perfect, and it was not as crowded as Bellerive in 2018. The tournament will be played for three more years at Norwood Hills, and Bradley plans on attending.

## FISHING OUTING – AUGUST 28, 2021

Pictures by Rod Goelz (Proud Lafayette Retiree)

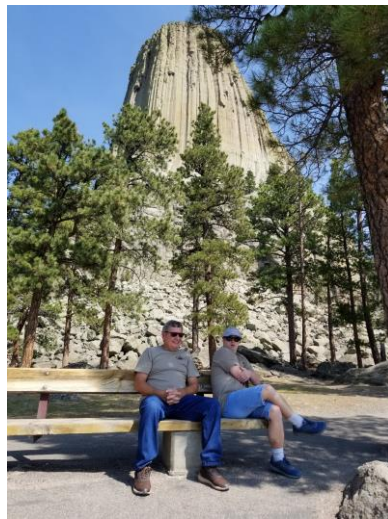


**Far left:** Debbie catches a sunfish.

**Middle:** Debbie catches a catfish

**Immediate left:** Group enjoyed the outing – first time in 3 years





### **CORY OWENS' VACATION**

By Carolyn Owen (Proud Mother)

Cory and we two parents had a jam-packed week of fun recently in South Dakota. From the hotel pool, with a nearly three story water slide that started inside then went outside and then back inside again, hayride, chuck-wagon dinner, and an old steam engine train ride. We hiked and visited Badlands National Park, Black Hills National Forest, Jewel Cave National Monument, Wind Cave National Park, Devil's Tower National Monument (in Wyoming), Mount Rushmore National Park, Crazy Horse Monument (staying for closing ceremonies and laser show too) , and Custer State Park. We even made time for two well-known tourist trap stops, the Corn Palace and WalDrug. It was a great vacation!

### **SAFETY THOUGHTS FOR OCTOBER 2021**

by Tom Heitert (The Safety Guru)

#### **HERO DAY**



October 8<sup>th</sup> is National Heroes Day. The fact is there have been plenty of heroes amongst you all year long. There was not much known about the Corona virus a year and a half ago, and the Executive Director, the Development Director, the Receptionist, the Executive Assistant, the EDP Department, and the Production and Warehouse crews were here every day. Believe me, it must have been frightening, but there they were, every day.

They carefully mapped out safety procedures that would work to allow Lafayette Industries to keep their doors open safely all year. No small feat. Most manufacturing plants closed across America, at least temporarily. Not at Lafayette. Proud to know them. So should you be. Be sure and thank them when you see them.

Be careful out there.

**SAFETY IS NO ACCIDENT**

- **MORE LATER!**

**Editorial note:** The Editor adds her voice to Tom's, and specifically thank our employees that showed up every day to make sure that Lafayette stayed open. Day in and day out, they proved they were what most of us already knew – Lafayette has one of the hardest-working groups of folks around. They checked on each other and were pretty good about taking the precautions that the CDC asked. They were and are getting temperature-checked, wearing masks, washing their hands as well as using hand sanitizer. They are truly a dedicated group that deserves our deepest gratitude for the great job they did. Thanks to you all, and thanks to all those who gave us great safety procedures to keep us as safe as we could be.

## **EMAIL CHECK FOR NEWSLETTER**

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### **SPECIAL NEEDS MASS AT SACRED HEART**

Submitted by Janet Gardner (Proud Mother)

The Pro Life Committee will be hosting the annual Special Needs Mass on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30a. All are welcome to join Sacred Heart Parish in celebrating Mass with individuals and families with special needs and abilities. Following Mass, a luncheon sponsored by the Sacred Heart Pro Life Committee will take place in the Church Hall. If you wish to attend the luncheon, please RSVP with the number of guests who will be attending to [Khams@att.net](mailto:Khams@att.net) . We hope to see you there.

## **OCTOBER 2021**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Deadline for getting flu vaccination forms in for North Flu Clinic – give form to Jerry P.	2
3	4	5	6	7 North Flu Vaccination Clinic - 9:00 – 11:00a	8 Deadline for getting flu vaccination forms in for West Flu Clinic – give form to Becky S.  PAY DAY	9 K of C Dance – St. Clare of Assisi School Cafeteria - 7:00-10:00p – Halloween Party – Wear your costume!
10	11 Columbus Day Banks are closed!	12	13	14 West Flu Vaccination Clinic - 9:00 – 11:00a	15	16
17	18	19	20 Full Moon  6:00p – Board of Directors meeting	21 North Free lunch	22	23
24	25 PAY DAY	26	27	28 West Free Lunch	29	30
31 Halloween						