



STEVE AZAR CONCERT FOR LAFAYETTE – SATURDAY, JULY 9, 2022

On Saturday evening, July 9th, people from many different parts of the St. Louis region came to The Factory in Chesterfield for a private country concert. Doug Beckerle, father of Jeff Beckerle (Jeff is one of our great Lafayette employees), had worked very hard towards getting country star Steve Azar to do a private concert for Lafayette. Steve Azar is a talented singer-songwriter who lives in Mississippi, and he has charted on the country music billboard many times. He is the official Music and Culture Ambassador to Mississippi, and his song “One Mississippi” is the official song of Mississippi. We want to thank Kate Gregor, Vicky James and Rob Libera as well. Lafayette’s employees

and a family member or staff person were able to attend the concert free of charge. The concert began at 7:00p and ran for about 1½ hours. He sang, played and shared with the audience and filled every bit of the time. Becky Crump, a Lafayette employee said, “The concert on Saturday night was a good time. We all got to sing along to the song ‘Bad, Bad Leroy Brown’. We got to see other workers, and we got served with water and soda to drink.” It seems that this event made quite an impression on folks. Travis Nichols, another long-time Lafayette employee said, “I liked the music. I liked the songs and especially that guy in the back playing the bass. I liked seeing Louie. I liked that girl that sang at the beginning. It was just long enough.” Again, we thank everyone who had a part in making a magical evening for our workers. We know they’ve been talking about it ever since.



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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





PARTY ON,
LAFAYETTERS!!

Art classes are back!!!

Lafayette staff and Mayor Mike met in June and everyone agreed that the time is right to get our art classes up and running again. The first class will be Wednesday, August 24th. The class will begin right after the work day ends and goes until 4 pm. If you are interested, please complete the registration form below and turn it into Becky at the front desk. You must be able to provide transportation home from the class at 4p. Thank you all for your patience!



August Art Class Registration Wednesday, August 24th

3:00 – 4:00p

Register today for the August Art Classes!

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. *Please turn in your registration to Becky by Monday, August 15th.*

Questions: Call or email Becky Stillwell at bstillwell@lafayetteindustries.com or 636.227.5666 ext. 1100

Name of participant _____

Preferred Phone _____

Preferred Email _____

Contact name / phone number of person picking up art student at 4:00p (REQUIRED):



SAFETY THOUGHTS FOR AUGUST 2022

by Tom Heitert (The Safety Guru)

HOW DID HERCULES DO IT?

I will tell you how. By **BENDING HIS KNEES** when he was to lift anything! Well, probably.

This morning I was in a meeting with two carpenters and two independent truck drivers. And they were talking with the youngest about lifting techniques. A carpenter is expected to be able to carry a minimum of 7 2x4's at a time. Full length boards - Wow!! That's heavy AND awkward. The young man shared how they have regular safety meetings and demonstrations about lifting.

So here a few tips we preach on the Lafayette shop floors. They easily apply to all of us in our everyday lives.

- 1) Bend your knees when lifting heavy weights. Lift with your legs! The leg muscles are the largest muscles in our bodies. Use them!
- 2) Know where you are going **BEFORE** you lift the object.
- 3) Find a partner and lift it together.

There is nowhere found in the legend of Hercules anything about a bad back. He followed these tips, I'm sure.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR AUGUST FOLKS!!

NORTH

Stephanie	Esmond	4	Jerry	Phillips	22
Melinda	Proctor	4	Arianna	Kelly	23
Craig	Donaldson	5	Mariah	Moore	25
David	Sims	6	Willie	Verges	25
Shirley	Woodward	10	Nicoro	Jackson	26
Melvin	Cosey	12	Donald	Worsham	26
Florica	Gault	13	Byron	Nilges	27
Tracy	Minion	14	Margaret	Shaw	28
Anthony	Williams	17	Sandy	Humphreys	30
Anrico	Gaddy	21	Erica		

WEST

Michael	Branca	1
Angela	Gentile	2
Jerome	Butler	7
Amanda	Schlueter	8
Lisa	Swoboda	9
Scott	Carron	17
Diana	Hemkens	18
Boots	Berry	22
Debanjan	Bhowmick	26
Ryan	Grzelowski	26
Shelly	Radinsky	28
Suzanne	Covington	29
Michael	Owens	31



Happy Birthday to one of the hottest groups around – We'll be sizzling again soon (supposed to get hot again next week).

NORTH – CAUGHT BEING SAFE – JULY 2022



Jamika Jones – immediate left: After being called to the office, as Jamika was opening the lobby door another person using a walker was ready to leave the lobby. Jamika backed out of the doorway and said "Let me hold the door for you."

Laura Fortus – immediate right: Laura saw orange soda on the cafeteria floor. She got napkins to clean it up.



Samuel Sullivan – immediate left: Sam Sullivan takes safety very serious at work. He always keeps the pallets clear of all walkways and will pick up items that can become a trip hazard.

Jason Doss – immediate right: Jason Doss always has his safety glasses on when at work.



FAREWELL FOR NOW

By Eric Klein (Proud Soon-to-Be Retired Lafayette Staff)



I'm completing 15 years at Lafayette. I have been lucky enough to work at West and North. I have worked with many special people with amazing abilities who have taught me a lot about life. I will never forget them.

My greatest memories are Hot Dog Days, Christmas parties, picnics and hugs in the morning! Where else can you work when your workers are so happy to see you?!

I would like to thank the Staff, both West and North, for supporting me over the years, especially Charlie Weaver.

Mary and I plan on traveling, camping, diving, and biking. Best wishes to all my friends and Lafayette Industries.

I found this saying years ago and I thought of Lafayette. I've had it hanging over my desk for years...

"Life may not be the party we hoped for...but while we are here we might as well dance!"

FLU SHOTS

We got a call from the Walgreens who earlier in the month. They said that in order to hold flu clinics on-site, they have to have 50 people signed up. We're going to make contact with them early in August to see what they can tell us about how this would affect Lafayette Industries flu shot clinics. Walgreens has done our shots for the past 8 years or so, and we'd like to have them continue to be our service provider for regular flu shots. Having the flu shots on-site at both Lafayette North and Lafayette West is a time saver, if you choose to do it. Stay tuned, we'll let you know when we have something concrete in place. If we don't have the 50 people at either location or people drop out, so that we don't have enough, Walgreens will cancel that on-site clinic. Keep your fingers crossed.

WINNERS OF THE LINKS FOR LAFAYETTE GOLF TOURNAMENT – MONDAY, JULY 18TH

1st Place A Flight: Jeff Etter, DJ Hrebec, Mike Franklin, Dan Simmons

1st Place B Flight: Brian McCook, Matt Rose, Shawn Dryden, Mark Polesak

2nd Place A Flight: Luke Mraz, Andy Mraz, Rick Mraz, Billy Gossett

2nd Place B Flight: Jeff Watson, Brad Stonecipher, Ray Gardiner, Jay Pettlon

PICTURES FROM THE LINKS FOR LAFAYETTE



TEXAS ROAD TRIP

By Lillian Kwok (Proud Employee)



We left St. Louis on Thursday, July 7th for College Station, Texas, for my nephew's 100 days birthday. It was close to an 800 mile journey.

According to the Chinese tradition, we celebrate each newborn baby on his / her one-month birthday. As times change, most people think one month is too early and too hard for the baby and the mother to get in front of lots of people, the tradition was

changed to celebrate on the baby's 100 days birthday. My new nephew, Asher Kwok was born on April 3, 2022, at College Station, Texas, the home of Texas A&M University, where my brother Andy teaches. Asher is my fourth nephew.

We arrived my brother's house on Friday around noon. My brother, Andy, my niece Madelyn, my nephew Silas and my sister-in-law Michelle were holding Asher and greeting us at the door.

Asher is fun to play with. He makes all those funny baby sounds. He loves for me to hold him and to tickle him. I also have fun playing and trading Pokémon cards with Madelyn and Silas.

We spent rest of the week touring and shopping at Houston. One night we had a delicious Chinese banquet dinner in a fancy Chinese restaurant to celebrate Asher's 100 days birthday.

We picked the hottest week to visit Texas. It was 110 degrees outside. I felt my skin was burning under the sun. It was over 90 degrees even in the evening. We spent most of our time indoors, playing with Madelyn, Silas and Asher.

During the stay we visited President Bush Museum. We shopped at the famous Buc-ee's Travel Center. We played miniature golf with my cousins. We had our lunch in a revolving sushi restaurant.

We drove back to St. Louis on Friday, July 15th. It was a fun trip. I enjoyed the time with my niece and nephews. I enjoyed all the delicious food that we had in Texas.

But still, I can't wait to go back to Lafayette to see all of my friends.

ANOTHER "GREAT" ADDITION TO MY FAMILY

By Pam Gardner (Proud Great Aunt)



Allow me to introduce to you my newest great-niece, Ellie Renee Gardner. She was born on July 1, 2022, weighed 8 lbs., 2 oz., and was 20" long. She is the first child of my nephew, Cody, and his wife, Hannah, and the first grandchild of my brother, Mike, and his wife, Cindy.



WEST – JUNE 2022 – CAUGHT BEING RESPECTFUL AND CAUGHT BEING SAFE



Caught Being Respectful – left to right: Emily Prado, Travis Nichols, Allison Pfeiffer



Caught Being Safe – left to right: Scott Royal, Mary Klevorn, Ian Bagley



COLLEEN KELLY AT CAMP

By Ann Kelly (Proud Mom)

Camp Barnabas is by Purdy, Missouri, just west of Springfield. Campers and volunteers come from all over the country.

Colleen said Annie Morrissey and Samantha Behlmann from her team also went, but she has not seen pics of them yet.

She's loving it.

AUGUST 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5 Lafayette Night at the Baseball Game – 7:15p starting time – Cardinals vs. Yankees – Go Cards!	6
7	8	9	10 PAY DAY	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Board meeting 6:00pm	18 North Free Lunch	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 PAY DAY West Free Lunch	26	27
28	29	30	31			