



## **PETER LASALLE, DEDICATED TAX PREPARER**

By The Editor

If you were around Lafayette West for the past 10 years or so, then you have had the good fortune to meet Peter LaSalle. We first met him when he joined our long-term tax preparer Dick Kallemeier. Peter had a knack for numbers, and he used that skill to help make the world a better place by helping to prepare taxes for those who might not have had the kind of money to pay for their taxes to be prepared by one of the outlet stores that do it for a fee (and usually at a hefty cost). Those who are mathematically challenged or just not understanding taxes in general, having your taxes done by those who were up-to-date on the IRS code was the best thing yet. It took a burden off your shoulders. Peter also went several other places to do other's taxes as well. When Dick moved up to Iowa to be closer to his kids and grandkids, we knew that replacing him was not going to be easy. However, we had a hard-working, dedicated man in Peter, and he came to the aid of Lafayettters when it got harder and harder to have even a candidate for the tax program. This year, however, when Peter went on vacation, he became very ill. He eventually made his way back to St. Louis, but his health was declining. He came to have much more serious health challenges as his liver failed, followed by his kidneys failing as well. On August 14<sup>th</sup> he went into hospice, and he died on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Because he was selfless, he gave his body to Washington University School of Medicine so that they would be able to further their medical knowledge. On Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, there is going to be a memorial service, for him. The details are pending, but we'll keep you posted as we receive more information. Peter, you were a man of faith and you were a man who always wanted to help others. You have done that, and we are that much richer for knowing you.

Andy Miller was the one that alerted Lafayette West that Peter had passed on. Andy helped us through a pinch last year, and provided services for our employees and their families when it looked like we'd have to close the program down for the year before it even got started. He was also quick to assure us that they'd continue to provide the same quality tax service to the folks at Lafayette for this upcoming tax season. Let's dedicate this year's tax season in honor of Peter and what he meant to those of us who used his services. Rest in peace, my friend.




**Rob Libera**  
 CEO & Executive Director  
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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



## TRACEY MEYER RETIRES

Tracey Meyer retired on Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. What is remarkable is that this wonderful lady worked for 27 years at Lafayette. She always had a smile on her face for everyone around her. She also had a father who always brought her to the West's Christmas party. Her family and staff came out to support her on her last day at work, as she said goodbye to her friends and to her team. FYI, she always asked how Rob Libera was doing. Truly she loved what she was doing, and the people with whom she was working.

## WEST – RESPECTFUL AND SAFE – JULY 2023



**Far left - Respectful – left to right:**  
Steve Dolan and Jeanene Adelsberger

**Immediate left - Safety – left to right:**  
Grace Quinn and Angad Jangi

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR SEPTEMBER FOLKS!

### NORTH

Christopher	Moore	2
Kristina	Schrader	5
Dorothy	Gilmore	8
Cameron	Bransford	11
Paul	Klutho	12
Joe	Clark	15
Tamara	Little	15
Erica	Pratt	15
Barbara	Richter	15
Jasmine	McCoy	19
Elizabeth	Moore	20
Robert	McCoy	21
Stanley	Parciak	24
Taylor	Bandsma	27
Kathleen	Branson	27
Chabrielle	Muse	27
Andrew	Causey	30

### WEST

Shad	Burnett	2
Allison	Pfeiffer	9
David	Dust	11
Ralph	St. Leger	11
Robin	Corpora	16
Stephan	Dolan	16
Carol	Sax	16
Kurt	Pfeiffer	17
Kristine	Kuehl-Johnson	21
Aida	Przulj	21
Lillian	Kwok	25
Ryan	Snover	30



## NORTH - CAUGHT BEING RESPECTFUL – AUGUST 2023



### Immediate left -

**Front row:** Christopher Moore, Dalana Graves, James Bateman

**Back row:** Cece Brown, Tyrius Fox, Anita Hightower, Lamont Jackson, Antwaune Williams

## CAUGHT BEING SAFE



### Immediate left -

Leonna Shadwick, Michael Sweeney, Raynell Bell, Mike Terry

**GOOD JOB TO OUR FOLKS AT LAFAYETTE**

**NORTH - KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!**



## 2020-2021 WEST ATTENDANCE AWARDS



**MOST WORKED HOURS (some are pictured above):** Mark Becker, Logan Weber, DJ Williams, John Woerner, Sheri Cooley, Stacie Waller, Ben Kaufmann, Joyce Klipsch, Will Bolster, Lisa Swoboda.



**MOST TRAINING HOURS (some are pictured above):** David Reardon, Suzanne Myers, Jon Munoz, Shelly Radinsky, Angad Jangi, Sarah Bolton, Bill Hawn, James Riester, Claude Turner, Lisa Cendekowitsch.



**LEAST AMOUNT OF ABSENCES (some are pictured above):** Sheri Cooley, John Woerner, Logan Weber, DJ Williams, Lisa Swoboda, Stacie Waller, Steve Keller, Ben Kaufmann, Robyn Zerillo, Matt Berry.

**CONGRATULATIONS, EVERYONE!**

## WEST - ART CLASS - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023 – 3:00-4:00p



Register today for October. You have to register each month for each Art Class!!

Volunteers will give personal instruction for each project. Everyone attending the Art Class will have the chance to participate in each Art Station. ***Please turn in your registration to Becky S. by Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.***

Questions: Call or email Vicky James [vjames@lafayetteindustries.com](mailto:vjames@lafayetteindustries.com) 636-227-5666, ext.1118

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Name of Participant \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Email \_\_\_\_\_

Contact name/phone number of person picking up art student at 4p.

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**West:** The date of next month's Art Class will be Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-4:00p. After November's art class, it'll be time for the December Art Concert. We hope you'll join us for these last few art classes. There have been some really creative projects, and I know that this talented group of artists has even more special projects ready to surprise our own talented artists. There is still plenty of time to sign up for September's class. The deadline for it is Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. Don't forget!

## **FELICE CUORES PARTY TIME**

*A party for adults, age 18 and older with special needs who are physically handicapped or are developmentally disabled*

**St. Clare of Assisi School Cafeteria**

**15642 Clayton Road**

**Ellisville, MO 63011**

*3½ miles West of Hwy. 141; ½ mile East of Clarkson Road*

7:00 – 10:00p

\$5.00 includes SounSational DJ / snacks / soda / door prizes

### **2023**

September 9, October 14, November 11, December 9

*September – Welcome Back*

*October – Halloween Party – wear your costume*

*November – Thanksgiving*

*December – Christmas Party with Santa and Mrs. Claus*

### **2024**

January 13, February 10, March 9, April 13, May 11

*January – Welcome in the New Year*

*February – Valentine Party*

*March – St. Patrick Party – Wearin' o' the Green*

*April – Celebrate the Cardinals with FredBird*

*May – Patriotic Celebration – Wear your red, white and blue*

### **For additional information call:**

Bill or Jan Lukas (636) 537-9801 or (636) 226-6822

Gary Smith (636) 256-6786

*Sponsored and chaperoned by the Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliaries in West Louis County in cooperation with St. Clare of Assisi parish*

**In the event of inclement weather, call: 636-537-9801 or 636-226-6822 or 636-256- 6786 or 314-570-5261 for cancellation information. DO NOT CALL THE CHURCH RECTORY.**

**\*\*You need to send in a registration form if you plan to attend. Call one of the people listed above if you need one. This was sent out in a packet of information to those who usually attend the dance.\*\***

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## **REMINDER TO NORTH AND TO WEST ABOUT NOTES**

A reminder to everyone on the newsletter mailing list that we are approaching September, last month of Lafayette's fiscal year. September is the last month of Lafayette's fiscal year. It's also marks the beginning of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2023. A reminder to everyone that when we reach the end of 2023 in December, vacation hours won't be able to be used after 12/31/2023. We are really pushing for everyone to use up your vacation time. It makes no sense to lose that time because you didn't take time off. One further notation to our folks at West – **PLEASE** be sure that when you write a note for time off that you put down whether it's vacation time or unpaid time. It saves a lot of wasted time when you do indicate it. Then we don't have to write another note to find out what you want to do. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.



## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVES**

It is time for the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drives for several of our supporting Councils. We pointed out in the not-too-distant past that it's really important for us to step up and help support them in these drives. Our numbers from Lafayette have declined steeply in recent years, and we are not sure of the reasons. We hope you will consider signing up for a shift because it's a way to pay back those who have supported us. Rob has said that staff and employees can go during the day and get paid for it. Right now we have two Councils that have lots of opportunities for you. We will be publicizing the other Councils in between newsletters, as we get dates and locations. Stay tuned. The shifts for these Councils last two hours, and there are a number of places offered where you can do your shift. We thank you in advance for giving us a helping hand.

### **ST. JOSEPH – KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MARIAN COUNCIL #9522**

[bandsaw363@charter.net](mailto:bandsaw363@charter.net) – Store captain for Twin Oaks Schnucks (Hwy. 141 & Big Bend Blvd.) –

Dates of drive – October 13, 14 and 15.

Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> – 4:00-6:00p, 6:00-8:00p;

Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> – 10:00a-12:00p, 12:00-2:00p, 2:00-4:00p, 4:00-6:00p.

Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> – 10:00a-12:00p, 12:00-2:00p, 2:00-4:00p, 4:00-6:00p. Again, this is one store captain.

There will be other opportunities, and we'll let you know when those become available.

### **ST. CLEMENT – KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #13604**

Tom Daly is the coordinator of the St. Clement Tootsie Roll Drive. No two Councils do things the same way when it comes to Tootsie Roll Drives. Tom has used SignUp.com for a number of years now, which is a program that allows volunteers to sign themselves up for shifts. You can see what's available from the get go. Those who didn't get a note from Tom about the upcoming dates for the Tootsie Roll Drives from Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>-Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> and again Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>-Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, should contact him to get a link. His email is [thomaspdaly@hotmail.com](mailto:thomaspdaly@hotmail.com) but there is another email address for the Knights, we'll get that to you. We hope that you will take some time to see if you might be able to do more than one shift.

Thanks to everyone, and appreciate your consideration. Now onward and upward.

**We hope you can  
join us!!!!**



**LIGHTING AND SAFETY**

Do you know why pirates wear eye patches? So that when they go below deck, one eye has already adjusted to the darkness below deck. Otherwise there would be a lot of knots on heads from not knowing when to duck under low-hanging beams. Needless to say, a flashlight concession on the docks of that time could have done well.

The pirates were too early for some of the many improvements that were soon to come. Improvements continue to this day. Several years back the Lafayette West shop changed every fixture on the shop floor, and both warehouses. They were exponentially brighter. We also put white sound padding above them which contributed to the brightness. Finally the walls were painted, and they too were lighter colors. The change was remarkable. Visibility improved dramatically.

Emergency lighting at the shop was replaced with better-featured lights. They are over shop aisles, over every door, and in the warehouse stairwell. They are tested monthly by members of the Safety Committee.

Security lighting at the shop has improved with outside lights at each door, the parking lots, the loading docks and the dumpster area.

Now let's turn our attention to the home. As regards security, outside lighting is essential. There are a lot of great products out there, many of them inexpensive. Make sure your lights cover all doors, vulnerable windows, driveway and exterior buildings. If you're in an apartment, report ALL lights not working to management immediately.

A problem that is becoming more common is the power outage. They are being caused by storms, accidents, and high usage. Generators are great if you can afford them, but also have some flashlights with plenty of GOOD batteries.

Yes, lanterns and candles help, but they bring with them their own safety issues.

Hope this column continues to be helpful and informative.

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, KENNY MCLUEN!!**



Kenny, we all miss you here at Lafayette Industries, and we hope you are enjoying your retirement. These cards were from all sorts of different Lafayette folk, but their wish is the same..... They wish you well and HAPPY BIRTHDAY!! Please extend a very cordial best wishes to your lovely mother and to your sister. We hope you had the best birthday ever, and have you ever gotten this many cards before for your birthday??!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU, KENNY!!!**



## **BEN KAUFMANN'S LAKE OF THE OZARKS VACATION**

By Heidi Kaufmann (Proud Mother)

Ben and his dad and I took our annual trip to Lake of the Ozarks. There they met up with various family members who came from out of state to enjoy some quality time together.

Each July Ben spends a week there with his brother Dan, sister-in-law Jordan, nephew Andrew and niece Karlie - who flew in from California to join us - along with some aunts, uncles and cousins ... and even random friends who may have shown up!

The week was filled with boating, tubing, swimming in the cove, eating out and just relaxing with family. A great time was had by all!



Ben on the boat



Closeup of Ben on the boat



Ben with his brother Dan



Ben tubing on the lake



Ben on the "lily pad" in the cove



## **CORY OWEN AND CHALLENGER BASEBALL TEAM**

By Carolyn Owen (Proud Mother)

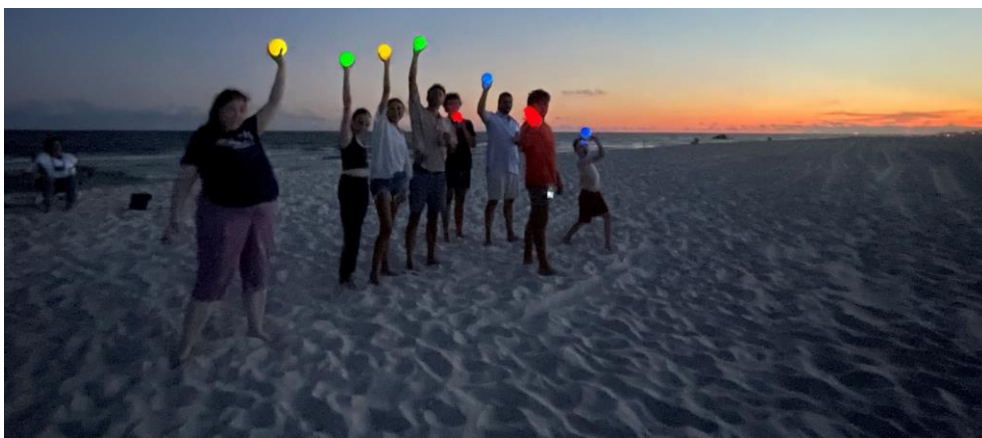
Cory Owen, with his Challenger baseball team, were invited to watch batting practice on the field, on Tuesday August 15th at Busch stadium. They all received a free ticket to the game, hot dog / soda voucher, a gift bag with Lars Nootbar Cardinal T-shirt, a picture and Cory also got a baseball used in batting practice. The Cardinals won the game that night against the Oakland's. Everyone had a great time.

**Picture at immediate left – Challenger baseball team:** Cory is second from left holding banner.



## GULF SHORES VACATION

By Jackie Sanderson (Proud Mother)



Marcie Sanderson went to Gulf Shores, Alabama for the first time to vacation with her family - cousins, aunts, sister, nephews and nieces, etc. We stayed in a rented house on the beach. There were lots of jellyfish that prevented us from going in the ocean, but our pool was a great safe substitute! In the photos above: Marcie went shopping at a Crocs outlet store; the house had an elevator for people with old knees; Marcie, myself and her aunt walked on beach to see jellyfish; at night we played Bocce Ball with light-up balls; everyone posed on the stairs to the white, sandy beach; and Marcie's sister

tried to get her kids to stand still and smile at the same time. It was wonderful.

## BUTTERFLY HOUSE IN FAUST PARK



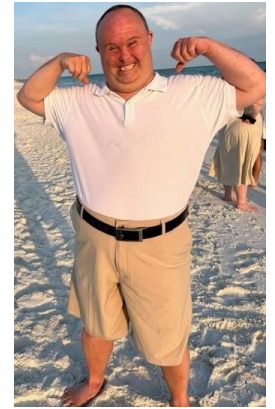
In early August Becky Crump, Joyce Klipsch and Travis Nichols got a chance to visit the butterfly house in Faust Park. It was a hot day, so the butterflies were flying lower than they usually do, trying to escape the heat. Our intrepid explorers got to see some true creepy crawlies before they finally stepped in to the main room to see some much prettier insects. Even if you are afraid of insects, you might take some time out to go see the memorable butterflies of Faust. They aren't scary at all. It's something that you'll remember for a long time afterward, when see them floating around in front of the glass wall. Just ask our three adventurers what they thought of all those critters.



## MARK CARLSON'S VACATION

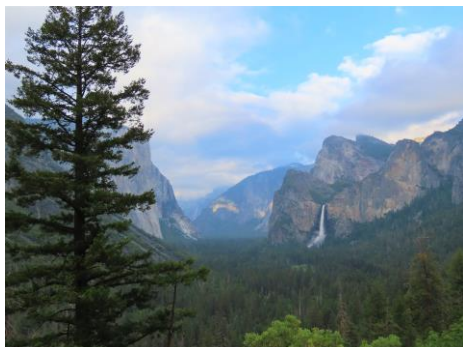
By Ed Carlson (Proud Father)

Mark Carlson wanted to show you in pictures about his trip to Santa Rosa Beach, Florida.



## POST-COVID DELAYED VACATION TRIP

By Karen Van Berkel (Retired Lafayette Staff)



Sandy Scott and Karen Van Berkel, retired Lafayette staff, finally completed their California road trip after 3 years of Covid postponements! Starting in Los Angeles where Sandy lives they visited LA, Yosemite National Park, Incline Village and Lake Tahoe and then down part of Highway 1 to Hearst Castle, Solvang and various beaches.



## SEPTEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 North dismisses early at 1:00p for the holiday	2
3	4 <b>LABOR DAY –</b> Both Workshops are closed!	5	6	7	8	9 K of C Dance – St. Clare of Assisi School Cafeteria - 7:00 – 10:00p – Welcome Back – wear your costume!
10	11 <b>PAY DAY</b>  Lafayette Golf Tournament  Patriot Day	12	13	14	15	16 <b>Rosh Hashanah</b>
17	18	19	20 Board meeting 5:30p at North	21 North Free Lunch	22	23 Fall begins
24	25 <b>PAY DAY</b>  Yom Kippur	26	27	28 West Free Lunch	29	30