



## **KEN MCLUEN RETURNS TO VISIT**

By Bill Taylor (Proud Employee)

On Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, one of our retirees, Ken McLuen, came by to visit Lafayette and worked with us for the day. We like when retired employees come to visit us, and this visit was extra special. Ken McLuen has been with Lafayette Industries since its founding in 1976. This makes him the longest working employee in Lafayette's history. He got to reunite with some friends, and he received his Baseball Buddy shirt before Friday's Cardinals game. We thank Ken for coming to see us, and for his years of tireless and hard work. We would not be where we are today if not for him.

**Immediate left:** Ken McLuen (far left) with sister, Stephanie Miserocchi and Rob Libera



**Immediate left:** Ken gets presented with a special Baseball Buddy shirt before the Cards game by Stacey Elster.



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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

## LAFAYETTE NIGHT OUT AT THE CARDINALS GAME

By Bill Taylor (Proud Lafayette Employee)

With the weather getting warmer, it's a great time to enjoy some baseball and this year is no different. On June 7<sup>th</sup> a large group of people from both Lafayette North and West workshops got to see the Cardinals beat the Rockies 5-1. Thankfully it didn't rain, and we were all very happy that the weather cooperated with us. We even received a giveaway item in the form of a Cardinal-themed Hawaiian shirt. Everyone had an amazing time, and they stayed cool in the shade. Being able to go to the ballpark is always a fun time, and we are grateful that we got to go. That night at the ballgame certainly provided everyone with a memorable night jam-packed with fun-filled memories, good friends and a great win!! Go Cards!!

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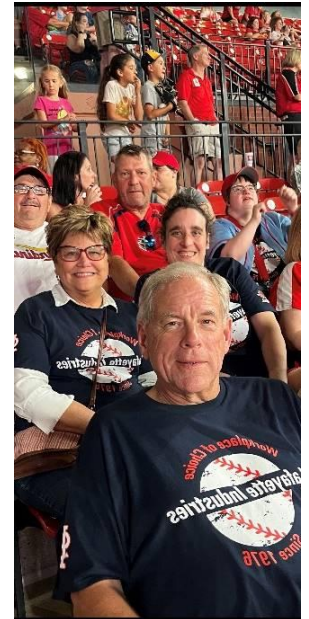
Fun on the Jumbotron

### Middle right:

Everything's better with balloons

### Farthest right:

Rob Libera, Vicky James and Mary Klevorn representing Lafayette in their Baseball Buddy shirts



Far left: Relaxing and enjoying a fun ball game with Timmy Sitek, the Raffle King!

Immediate left: Even more staff and employees enjoying themselves!

**COME JOIN THE FUN NEXT YEAR!**



## WEST – CAUGHT BEING RESPECTFUL AND CAUGHT BEING SAFE – MAY 2024



### CAUGHT BEING RESPECTFUL

**Immediate left:** Pam Walsh, Lillian Kwok, Heather Rice (staff), David Dust, Bill Hawn.

### CAUGHT BEING SAFE

**Immediate right:** David Pfeiffer, Vicky James (staff), Teresa Cline, Colleen Kelly, Ralph St. Leger.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR JULY FOLKS!

### NORTH

Jerome	Binder	3
Brittany	Sudin	4
Melissa	Jordan	5
Mary	Willenborg	8
Joseph	Cain	13
Lucretia	Hardy	15
Marie	Ball	17
Shawn	Flaherty	17
Colten	Lee	20
Brandon	Poindexter	20
Dion	Austin	26
Abibat	Akinola	31

### WEST

Nicholas	Altmeyer	8
Steven	Smith	8
John	Langley	9
Kathryn	Luckey	12
Nathan	Schiera	14
Tyler	Skarstad	14
William	Hawn	15
David	Kendall	15
Zach	Adams	18
Bradley	Jandro	21
Claude	Turner	24
Diane	Hoferlin	26
Jason	Marx	28
Tommy	Michael	30
James	Nash	31



### SUMMERTIME

By Pam Gardner (Proud Lafayette Employee)

Summertime  
 Hot sun  
 Cool water in pool  
 Family get-togethers  
 Bees gathering pollen  
 “Bee” careful – don’t get stung!

## **SOMETHING NEW AND FUN AT LAFAYETTE NORTH!!**

By Sheila Zigrye (Proud Lafayette North Staff)

We have started our 1<sup>st</sup> Washer Tournament. Due to the summertime vacations we have to postpone the finals until July. But here are some action shots so far.



Marcus Allen / Adrian Robinson



Krystle Conroy / Tony Tull



Telly Mays / De'Marco Bean



John Hope / Cece Brown /  
Donovan Denunzio



India Stewart / Patty Cornell



Florica Gault / Marina Raskin



Donna Love / Erica Pratt / Sheila



Mike Terry / Marcus Allen



Leona Shadwick / Jamy  
Pietrowski- Welch





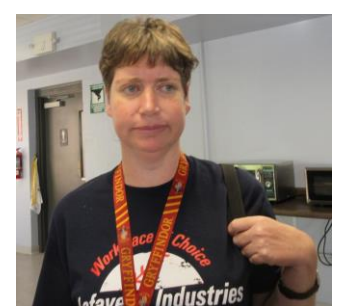
## LAFAYETTE NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

By Julie Bauer (Proud Mother)

What a fun night with family and co-workers at the Ballpark!! *Awesome seats!!*

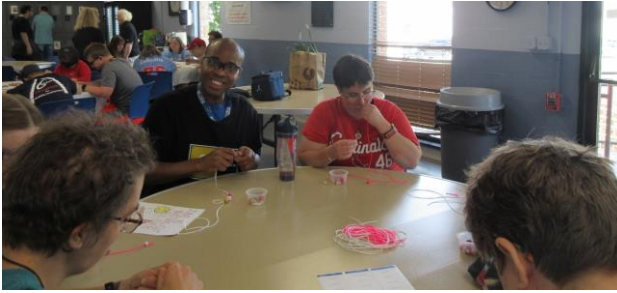
**Immediate left – modeling the new Baseball Buddy shirts – from left to right:** Petra Bauer (Lafayette employee) and Kelly Baker (Lafayette staff).

## 6.12.2024 WEST ART CLASS (IN PICTURES)



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**6.12.2024 West Art Class (In Pictures) – continued:**



**SEE YOU, WEST, NEXT FALL (IN SEPTEMBER)!**

**SUNNYHILL ADVENTURES FOR WEST EMPLOYEES**

Dear Lafayette West Employees,

Lafayette Industries is pleased to announce that Sunnyhill Adventures has designed programs that will be fun and adventurous to use for your vacation days. Use your vacation time for free fun at Sunnyhill Adventures. You must put in for your PTO day at Lafayette Industries in order to participate in the program. After your PTO day is approved, you will register for your fun day at Sunnyhill by their registration procedures. How will you get to Sunnyhill? On the day you are registered to attend Sunnyhill you will ride your regular mode of transportation to Lafayette Industries. Sunnyhill will provide transportation from Lafayette West to Sunnyhill. The bus will leave Lafayette at 8:30a and return to Lafayette West at 2:30p for you to catch your transportation back home. If you need additional information regarding the program or registration, please call Sunnyhill Adventures at (636) 274-9044. Registrations are limited – sign up today.

**See the information for the Sunnyhill Adventures on the next page!**



## LAFAYETTE DAYS AT SUNNYHILL!



### ADVENTURES WITH SUNNYHILL

Join your friends at Sunnyhill for a day of excitement and adventure! Eager adventure-seekers will experience the thrill of our zipline, Alpine tower and enjoy fishing and paddle boating lakeside!

**Date:** September 10, 2024

**Time:** 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM



### HALLOWEEN AT SUNNYHILL

Calling all witches and ghouls! Join us for classic Fall fun like pumpkin decorating, caramel apple making and more to capture the spirit of Halloween!

**Date:** October 23, 2024

**Time:** 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM



### FRIENDSGIVING AT SUNNYHILL

Gather 'round friends! Kick off the holiday season at Sunnyhill and enjoy creating your own personalized apron before teaming up to prepare a Friendsgiving meal to remember.

**Date:** November 14, 2024

**Time:** 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM



### 'TIS THE SEASON!

Celebrate the magic of the season with Sunnyhill! Join in the holiday cheer by making your own tree ornaments, decorating Christmas cookies and maybe even visit with the big guy himself!

**Date:** December 9, 2024

**Time:** 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

GO TO [HTTPS://SUNNYHILL.CAMPMANAGEMENT.COM/CAMPERS](https://sunnyhill.campmanagement.com/campers) TO LOG INTO YOUR DASHBOARD AND SIGN UP TODAY!

DON'T HAVE AN ACCOUNT? CLICK [HTTPS://SUNNYHILL.CAMPMANAGEMENT.COM/ENROLL](https://sunnyhill.campmanagement.com/enroll) TO CREATE YOUR PROFILE!

*\*\*Must be over the age of 18 years old and able to attend at a 1:5 support ratio to be eligible to enroll for this program*



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## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

### **COUNCIL #9522 (ST. JOSEPH'S)**

### **GOLF TOURNAMENT – JUNE 14, 2024**

By Rob Libera (Proud Lafayette Staff)

Thanks to all who donated beer, water, Gatorade and donations to buy such. Thanks to Marcie Sanderson, Beth Goodwin and the Lafayette families who sponsored holes! The tournament was a success, and your support will enable the St. Joseph's Knights Council #9522 to support Lafayette even more, as well as the monthly dances the Knights organize for our people as well as those in the area.

Thank you so much!

## **CELL PHONE POLICY REMINDER**

THE USE OF CELL PHONES IS NOT ALLOWED ON THE PRODUCTION FLOOR. This is policy for both staff and employees. Cell phones must be kept secure in an employee's locker during their scheduled worktimes. Phones may be used during breaks and lunches within the lunchroom or outdoor employee spaces. Photographs are not allowed at any time. If bringing a cell phone to work becomes a distracting issue, you will be asked to leave it at home.

It is unprofessional to leave your work assignment to make personal calls. You must use your break and lunchtime to use your phone. If your family/guardian/staff person needs to contact you in case of emergency, please inform them to call the front office. Lafayette is not responsible for the damage, loss or theft of cell phones.

We appreciate your support in reviewing this policy with our Lafayette employees!





## **SAFETY THOUGHTS FOR JULY 2024**

by Tom Heitert (The Safety Guru)

### **FIREWORKS SAFETY**

You folks are not going to like this, but the National Fire Protection Association says, “The only safe way to view fireworks is to attend a professional show. It is important to know that fireworks are not safe in the hands of consumers. Fireworks cause thousands of injuries each year.”

I know that was hard to read, but my experience says it is true. One youngster from my neighborhood lost his index finger to an M-80 explosion. I personally saw a simple bottle rocket blow out a car window. Boy, was THAT guy mad.

Have you heard this one? Sparklers burn at 1200 degrees Fahrenheit. Water boils at 242 degrees Fahrenheit. Wood burns at 575 degrees Fahrenheit, and glass melts at 900 degrees Fahrenheit. Those are the fireworks the children are supposed to be safe with. They account for 25% of the emergency room fireworks injuries. How about THAT?!

Here comes more bad news. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission says that 19,500 reported fires are started by fireworks annually. One-third of the fireworks injuries seen in emergency rooms were to the eyes or other parts of the head. One-third!

The NFPA doesn't wish to be a stick in the mud, so they have come forward with a few replacement ideas:

- 1) Use glow sticks instead of sparklers.
- 2) Have your own birthday party for the USA, and remember the cake.
- 3) Have an outdoor movie night.

My friends, let's be careful out there!!

**SAFETY IS NO ACCIDENT!-**

**MORE LATER!**

**HAPPY**  
**INDEPENDENCE**  
**DAY!**

## JULY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 North will dismiss early at 1:00p for the Holidays.  West will dismiss early at 2:30p for the Holidays.	4 <u>Independence Day</u> – Both Workshops are CLOSED!	5 <u>Independence Day</u> - Both Workshops are CLOSED!	6
7	8	9	10 PAY DAY	11 North Free Lunch  West Free Lunch	12	13
14	15	16	17 NO Board meeting	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 PAY DAY  North Free Lunch  West Free Lunch	26	27
28	29	30	31			