



## **LAFAYETTE SELECTED AS GRAND MARSHAL FOR MANCHESTER HOMECOMING PARADE**

Lafayette is excited to announce that we have been selected as Grand Marshal for the Manchester Homecoming Festival and Carnival that is running from Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. We will be leading a parade through our Manchester neighborhoods and teaming up with other organizations to help support our local community. This year's theme is the Great Outdoors. There will be bingo, great food and music, and there will also be fun carnival rides, a petting zoo, a swimming pool and more. We are honored that the Mayor of Manchester, Mike Clement, visited us and gave us this wonderful opportunity. This event helps businesses, schools and nonprofits like Lafayette thrive, and you can come have a fun time knowing that everything is for a good cause. You are welcome to come march with us as well. Please contact Vicky James at 636-227-5666, ext. 1118, for more details as well as any questions that you may have. We are looking forward to seeing you all there and having a weekend to remember.



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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

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR SEPTEMBER FOLKS!!**

### **NORTH**

Christopher	Moore	2
Honey	Robinson	4
Kristina	Schrader	5
Cameron	Bransford	11
Joe	Clark	15
Tamara	Little	15
Erica	Pratt	15
Barbara	Richter	15
Jasmine	McCoy	19
Elizabeth	Moore	20
Robert	McCoy	21
Taylor	Bandsma	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
Kurt	Pfeiffer	17
Sean	Noonan	18
Kristine	Kuehl-Johnson	21
Aida	Przulj	21
Lillian	Kwok	25
Daniel	Johnson	28
Ryan	Snover	30

### **JEFFCO**

Jacob	Wynne	3
Grace	West	12
Michelle	Kirchner	15
Edward	Tidwell	16
Dirk	Williams	22
Lisa	Reichold	25
Cathy	Schmid	29





## INJURY REPORTING

I still recall my little league coach telling me to "rub dirt on it" after I scraped my leg sliding into second base. We all understand, the man REALLY didn't want me to RUB DIRT ON IT, but rather to suffer in silence. It was an old-school approach that was meant to teach toughness. Don't think it took with me actually.

However, this cannot be the approach in our workplaces. The injuries, large or small, must be reported. Why report injuries?

- 1) The injury may need more medical attention than you think. Even a minor injury can escalate into something more serious.
- 2) There may actually be a legal aspect to reporting them. It is possible that there are regulations requiring employers to report workplace injuries.
- 3) It will help the organization identify and address potential hazards in the future.

Be sure and notify the supervisor or safety committee as soon as feasible. They will treat the injury and record the incident. Then a follow-up of the incident will ensure the individual is taken care of, and any preventative maintenance has taken place.

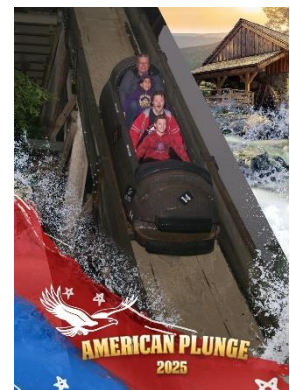
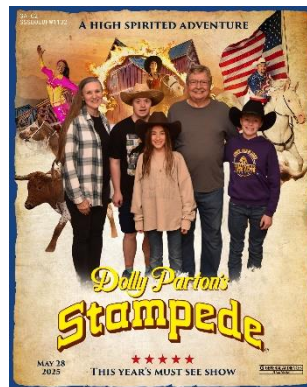
Finally, we must ensure a culture that encourages prompt injury reporting. All of this leads to a safer workplace.

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

## **CORY OWEN GOES TO BRANSON**

By Carolyn Owen (Proud Lafayette Parent)

Cory, along with his dad and mom and his nephew and niece, spent a week in Branson recently. It was a fun week with stops at Buccee's, going swimming in the hotel pool, Silver Dollar City, Branson Scenic Railway, Dolly Parton Stampede and the Promise Land Zoo.



## **TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE 2025 – ST. JOSEPH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #9522**

The Tootsie Roll Drive is getting ready to begin soon. The Manchester Highlands Walmart across from the West location is looking for volunteers to help. The store address is 201 Highlands Blvd Drive. This is one of the biggest drives that we have all year, and we could really use all the help that we can get. Below are the times that they will be conducting the drive. If you are interested in helping, please contact Tony Grinstead via email at [ajgrinstead@gmail.com](mailto:ajgrinstead@gmail.com). When you sign up, you'll get a reminder prior to the weekend so be sure to keep an eye on those inboxes and junk folders. Thank you in advance for your help.

### Friday October 3rd

10am-12pm  
12pm-2pm  
2pm-4pm  
4pm-6pm

### Saturday October 4th

10am-12pm  
12pm-2pm  
2pm-4pm

### Sunday October 5th

10am-12pm  
12pm-2pm  
2pm-4pm  
4pm-6pm



## **WEST - ART CLASS - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025 – 3:00-3:45p**



Register today for September 10<sup>th</sup>. 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, September 5<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 3:45p:

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**COME READY TO RELEASE YOUR INNER LEONARDO DA VINCI!!**

## MAPHABIT

During the Tech Thursdays meeting for this month, we discussed a new type of technology for individuals with developmental disabilities called MapHabit. The purpose of this technology is to help these individuals develop good habits while tailoring it to that iperson's specific needs by creating a specific road map for them to follow. There are step-by-step instructions that you can follow to help them reach their goal. This technology works well not just for those with developmental disabilities but also for those with dementia and Alzheimer's disease. If you would like to know more about MapHabit, feel free to email them at [services@MapHabit.com](mailto:services@MapHabit.com). If you have any questions about anything else in the world of assistive technology, please email me at [frontdesk@lafayetteindustries.com](mailto:frontdesk@lafayetteindustries.com) and I will bring it up at the next Technology Thursday meeting.

## CAUGHT BEING RESPECTFUL AND SAFE – JULY 2025



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**Immediate left:** Ronesha Pflederer, Jacob Huber, Heather Rice, Geoff Reusch.



## CAUGHT BEING SAFE – JULY 2025

**Immediate left:** Katie Brown, Lydia Orso, Stas Johnston.

**SEPTEMBER 2025**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 LABOR DAY  ALL WORKSHOPS CLOSED	2	3	4 North Free Lunch	5	6
7	8	9	10 PAY DAY	11	12 North Hot Dog Day (North Free Lunch)	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 West Hot Dog Day (West Free Lunch)	20
21	22	23	24	25 PAY DAY West Free Lunch	26 Jeffco Hot Dog Day	27
28	29	30				