

SAVE THE DATE

We have a lot of fun events planned! Save the dates—hope to see everyone there!



MARCH

14  MOUSE RACES-NEW CHURCH!

28 RAISE THE ROOF TRIVIA NIGHT FOR JEFFCO

REGISTER HERE!

MAY

16 EMPLOYEE PICNIC
DETAILS TO COME

FEBRUARY

25 LIFE@LAFAYETTE VIRTUAL
ZOOM LINK INSIDE

JUNE

5 LAFAYETTE NIGHT AT THE
BALLGAME
TICKETS ON SALE SOON!



Stacey Elster
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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR FEBRUARY FOLKS!!

NORTH

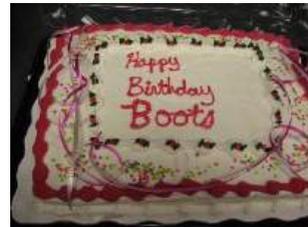
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Raynal	Bell	5
Orin	VanOstran	5
James	Bateman	8
Janay	Edwards	8
LaTosha	Young	8
Jim	Bianchi	12
Henry	Anderson	16
Ty'Rece	Walton	22
Anthony	Tull	23

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Charles	Pfeil	1	Mark	Grosch	9
Emma	Seyffert	2	Will	Bolster	11
Henry	Shelton	3	Bradlee	Nolan	12
Roman	Pfieffer	5	David	Vanek	14
Cory	Owen	6	Sarah	Bolton	16
Nolan	Woodall	8	Mike	Gaglio	27

JEFFCO

Kevin	Douglas	10
Donna	Dowdell	11
Timothy	Douglas	17
Melissa	Rule	23



14th Annual Mouse Races



NEW LOCATION! SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026

↓ Doors open at 6:30 pm • First Race at 7 pm
First Free Church • 1375 Carman Rd, Ballwin, MO 63021

\$25 PER PERSON / \$20 PER LAFAYETTE EMPLOYEE

TABLE OF 8 FOR ~ \$200

SPONSOR A MOUSE ~ \$25

SPONSOR A RACE ~ \$100

Additional Games

- MOUSE ROULETTE WHEEL
- GIFT CARD GAME
- RAFFLES
- HEADS OR TAILS

TICKET PRICE INCLUDES SNACKS, BEER, WINE AND SODA.

YOU MAY BRING YOUR OWN FOOD

Name: _____

Type of Ticket	#	Cost	Total
# of Lafayette Employees		\$20 each	
# of Additional Attendees		\$25 Each	
# of Tables		\$200	
# of Sponsored Mice		\$25	
# of Sponsored Races		\$100	

Pay by Check and mail to:
Lafayette Industries
Attn: Mouse Races
179 Gaywood Drive
Manchester, 63021

Total:

Register on our Website!

QUESTIONS? CALL VICKY JAMES (636) 227-5666 X 1118



14th Annual

Mouse Races

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026

Sponsorship Opportunities

MOUSE HOUSE EVENT SPONSOR **\$1,500**

- Signage at Event
- Shout Out on Facebook
- Front Cover of Program

CATCH ME IF YOU CAN SPONSOR **\$500**

- Sponsor a Raffle Prize
- Signage at Event
- Shout out on Facebook

DON'T GET TRAPPED **\$500**

- Sponsor Gift Card Raffle
- Signage at Event
- Shout out on Facebook

SCURRY ON SPONSOR **\$250**

- Signage at Event
- Shout out on Facebook

Scan QR code or go to our website:
lafayetteindustries.event-donate



Bring Snacks to share with your table

Raffles! Prizes! Auctions!

RAISE THE **ROOF** FOR


Lafayette
JeffCo

Trivia Night

Saturday, March 28th

Free Beer

@Sunnyhill

Free Soda

6555 Sunlit Way

Dittmer, MO 63023

Lafayette Industries is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing **meaningful employment, enrichment and educational programs** for adults with developmental disabilities across multiple locations in St. Louis and Jefferson Counties. Our services empower individuals to **gain independence, build skills and lead fulfilling lives.**

Doors open @ 5 pm/Trivia begins @ 6

Table of 8 \$240

Register at lafayetteindustries.com/events-donate or using QR code





RAISE THE **ROOF** FOR

Lafayette
JeffCo

\$1,500 – ROCKSTAR DONOR With VIP Access & Swag Bag

Includes a dedicated server for your table, tickets for table of 8 to the event, \$160 worth of raffle tickets AND swag bag for EACH of your 8 players, UNLIMITED advertising for an entire round of questions, Facebook Shout-Out, AND a Custom Looping slide.

\$750 – ROCKSTAR DONOR

Includes tickets for table of 8 to the event, \$40 worth of raffle tickets for table, UNLIMITED advertising for an entire round of questions, Facebook Shout-Out, AND a Custom Looping slide.

\$250 – SPONSOR A QUESTION

PLUS Facebook Shout-Out, AND a custom looping slide.

\$150 – FACEBOOK SHOUT-OUT

PLUS a custom looping slide.

\$100 – CUSTOM SLIDE

Loops for a captive audience all evening.

Ask us for more unique ideas that will set your business apart! In addition to the above recommendations, we have opportunities to sponsor areas of the event, prize baskets, games, raffles and more!

Purchase sponsorships and tickets at lafayetteindustries.com/events-donate

Checks are made payable to Lafayette Industries and can be mailed to

Lafayette Industries
179 Gaywood Drive
Manchester, MO 63021

For questions, contact Scott Shelton at (314) 608-8600 or Vicky James at (636) 227-5666 x 1118.

We wish you success now, and in the years to come. Your generosity is so very much appreciated.

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Pictured above (from left to right): Vicky James (staff) Tim Casey, Claire Gardiner, Bob Burger, Stacey Elster (staff)

LIFE @ LAFAYETTE

We are hosting our semi-annual Life @ Lafayette zoom meeting on Wednesday February 25th at 4 pm. We cover a short update on Lafayette's current affairs and a topical segment which varies. This is virtual, hosted via Zoom, so it is accessible to all employees and families. The duration is approximately 30-45 minutes. We hope to see you all there! The link is below and will be sent out via our Alert Media system in the week prior.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83059526459>

It's TAXES Time!

Our friends at AARP are once again generously volunteering their time to help with tax preparation. They will be on-site every **Thursday beginning February 12th through April 2nd**. We can accommodate **six appointments each Thursday**:

- Two at **9:00 AM**
- Two at **10:30 AM**
- Two at **12:00 PM**

These appointments are available to **Lafayette employees, staff, and their families**, and will be scheduled **on a first come, first served basis**.

To sign up, please **click [this link](#) to email Bill** or email him directly at **frontdesk@lafayetteindustries.com**.

Because time slots are limited and multiple requests may come in at once, **please include your top three preferred time slots** in ranked order.

Appointments are **not guaranteed** until you receive a confirmation email. We are grateful to our AARP partners for offering this valuable service once again!

MARX AND ESTHER CLINCH BRONZE IN STATE SPECIAL OLYMPICS

By Ellen Esther (Proud Lafayette Parent)

Jason Marx and James Esther brought home the state bronze medals for Lafayette West in Men's Doubles Bowling on 3/18/2026 in St. Charles. Congratulations guys!



LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION PROJECT WEBINAR

Heads Up: 2026 Legislative Education Project!

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DISABILITY

LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION PROJECT
WEBINARS

REGISTER ONLINE

<https://tinyurl.com/GCD-LEP>

Learn about the legislative process in Missouri and how to become active in creating positive public policies for people with disabilities.

<https://disability.mo.gov/gcd/LEP.htm>

The new legislative session is here!

Have you ever wondered about the best ways to advocate to your government about disability issues? We can help you out! !

Join us for the **2026 Legislative Education Project (LEP) webinars**—they're packed with helpful info on how the legislative process works, tips for talking to legislators, and updates on state bills

related to disability.

Here's the scoop:

- Each webinar covers the basics (legislative process + communication tips), so no worries if you can't make them all.
- The only difference? The bills we'll chat about might change from session to session.

Mark your calendars:

- **Thursday, February 5, 2026** | 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
- **Thursday, March 5, 2026** | 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
- **Thursday, March 26, 2026** | 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM **Registration is required**—sign up through the [LEP Registration link](#).

Need accommodations? Please register at least **two weeks before** your chosen date so we can make sure everything's ready for you. Want to learn more about LEP and grab extra resources? Check out the **LEP web page** for all the details.

SUNNYHILL TRIP DATES

Need a quick getaway?? Sunnyhill has some trips lined up for 2026. Save the date for the trips you want to take and get ready to have lots of fun and enjoy yourselves. Any questions can be directed to Sunnyhill, (636) 274-9044.



SUNNYHILL ADVENTURES
2026 CAMP & TRAVEL

2026 CAMP DATES

- ADVENTURE CAMP
JUNE 14 - 19
- SUMMER SOUNDWAVE
JUNE 21 - 26
- EVERY DAY IS A HOLIDAY
JUNE 28 - JULY 3
- OLYMPIC CAMP
JULY 5 - 10
- ADVENTURE CAMP
JULY 19 - 24
- DISNEY CAMP
JULY 12 - 17
- ADVENTURE CAMP
JULY 19 - 24
- GAME SHOW MANIA
JULY 25 - 31
- ADVENTURE CAMP
AUGUST 2 - 7
- SUPERHERO CAMP
AUGUST 9 - 14



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2026 TRAVEL DATES

- LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY**
APRIL 10-12, 2026
- LAKE OF THE OZARKS**
MAY 8-10, 2026
- MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN**
SEPTEMBER 11-13, 2026
- GALENA, ILLINOIS**
OCTOBER 9-11, 2026
- COLUMBIA, MISSOURI**
NOVEMBER 6-8, 2026
- BRANSON, MISSOURI**
DECEMBER 4-6, 2026

CARDINALS BALL GAME DATE FOR 2026

It's getting close to time to start thinking about the Cardinals game for 2026. Right now, the only things we can reveal are the start date and time which is June 5th at 7:15 vs Cincinnati. Everything else will be revealed soon so please keep your eyes peeled in the coming months for further details. It should be a good time. We hope you can make it!



SAFETY THOUGHTS FOR FEBRUARY 2026

By Tom Heitert (The Safety Guru)

MR. NEGATIVE

What had I done to be given THAT title last weekend? My lovely wife came home with a large bag of balls for our grandson. The little kind. Little round things that have faces printed on them and bounce. Shall I say bitesize? My immediate comment was, “That’s a choking hazard!” I just think like that. I have also been guilty of telling the child not to play on stairs while wearing only socks. Too slippery. And of course, new toy guns all shoot projectiles. Well, you can imagine my comments on that.

I believe that it’s safe to consider these things and not negative. In fact, we all should practice preventive safety. We cannot undo accidents. So, all of us, including staff, employees, and guardians, should keep an eye on every aspect of the shop. The lunchroom, the offices, the meeting rooms, the shop floor, the warehouse, and the parking lots.

We have an excellent Safety Committee that will take all suggestions seriously. Understand that they can’t respond to everything either immediately or ever, but your suggestion will be considered.

SAFETY IS NO ACCIDENT - MORE LATER!

FREE LUNCH CALENDAR UPDATE

I’d like to offer a quick update regarding free lunches. Starting this month, you will no longer see free lunches on the main calendar. Do not worry, we will still have free lunches. However, the lunch schedule for your shop will be in the Just in Time newsletters rather than the main one. Thank you for understanding.

FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 PAY DAY	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day
15	16 President's Day No OATS or JC Transit Lafayette OPEN!	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 PAY DAY	26	27	28