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Just a little extra good news from LARC

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Noel Acadien au Village Lights Up for LARC

The theme was "30 Years of Sights, Songs & Santa," and what a spectacular year it was!

Organizers are calling it the best year yet! Associate Director of Acadian Village Deborah Pierce said, "This year's NAAV was a tremendous success! Not only because of the increased amount of revenue generated but because of the team spirit that was involved. Everyone did his or her part to help make this year fantastic! The credit goes to our whole team."

Last year (2009) brought seven nights of rain to the Lafayette area. Those seven nights meant Noel Acadien au Village was closed and LARC lost those nights of fundraising.

"This is our major fundraiser, losing seven nights last year was a major hit to our efforts...this year definitely made up for it!" said LARC Director of Community Relations Susan Nini.

Noel Acadien au Village is manned by volunteers...hundreds of them. This event could not be possible without their help. Thank you volunteers for all you do! And of course, our sponsors....Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

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Ladies of Vern Deliver Hand Puppets to UMC

The ladies of the Vern Home once again spent a few days showing off their creativity. Thanks to Vern Home Manager Rose Mouton, the ladies used their leisure time to make hand-puppets out of paper bags. But, instead of keeping them for themselves, they donated them to the Pediatrics Department of UMC (University Medical Center).



Nurse Mardell Berard was so excited to receive the gifts. She commented how nice it was for the ladies to do such a thing. The children were especially appreciative because the handmade gifts came with sweet treats also.

LARC Individual Donates TV to Guidry Home



(L) Guidry Home Manager Cathryn Mouton poses with Jason Kinney, Guidry employee Maxine Walker and Jason's mom Peggy Stelly at the LARC Client Christmas Party.

Guidry Home Manager Cathryn Mouton and co-worker Maxine Walker were surprised to find a brand new 42 inch flat screen television waiting for

them one morning in the Residential Department. The television was an early Christmas present which was donated on behalf of LARC individual Jason Kenny.

The television came as a great surprise...especially because Ms. Cathryn was sure she was going to receive a set of new pots....something she has been dropping hints about for some time now.

According to Director of Residential Services David Batiste, the Guidry Home was in need of a new set. The one the men currently share was going to be replaced soon.

Thanks Jason for making the guys... and ladies of Guidry happy!

Vern Trahan Home Renovates Covered Parking Area

The Vern Trahan Home recently received a renovation to its parking area. A wider carport was installed along with a covered entryway.

The existing carport will become a covered patio area in the near future.



Happy Birthday!



Patricia Andrus 1/12
Kenneth Barnes 1/14
Dayne Escijette 1/8
Melinda Faulk 1/5
Melanie Goins 1/20
Dale May 1/24
Oscar Thaddeus 1/25
Shane Seaux 1/16
Abbot Tellis 1/6
Micahel Walker 1/26
Dani Washington 1/19
Lacy Broussard 2/15
Stephan Falgout 2/66
Ricky Landry 2/4
Andrea Lee 2/21
Raylan Melancon 2/25
Julia Palmer 2/1
Gregory Richard 2/28
Donna Shaw 2/4
Kasha Shelvin 2/15
Tiffany Taylor 2/25
Steven Denais 3/21
Patrice Ernest 3/25
Christopher Evans 3/22
Gregory Leblanc 3/18
Dennis Lograsso 3/5
James McGlorie 3/31
Ricky Melancon 3/1
Junior Moore 3/19
Kalonie Nelson 3/3
Jay Randall 3/25
Robert Romero 3/2
Frankie Smith 3/19

2010 Treats at the Village Deemed Spooky Success

The 5th Annual 2010 Treats at the Village was once again a spooky success for organizers, volunteers and visitors. Sponsored by LARC and Families Helping Families, the event offers a safe place for persons with disabilities to trick-r-treat with their families.

It's growing every year, and both non-profits (LARC and Families Helping Families) could not do this without their help. Speaking of help.... Thank You, Thank You and Thank You volunteers.

Tons of volunteers, including area high school clubs and other organizations come out and issue treats to all those in attendance. This includes multiple organizations that work with persons with disabilities.

LARC Director of Community Relations Susan Nini said, "Over 1,000 people walked the grounds of Acadian Village and enjoyed the scenery and treats." Nini added that they gave out the same amount of hamburgers, tater twisters and Coke products, which would not have been possible without Lafayette Men's Civitan Club, Civitan ACTION Krewe and Coca-Cola Bottling Company.

The event also offers a chance for visitors to get into the full swing of the Halloween spirit with, of course, a Costume Contest! Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to everyone who participated. Another big thanks to our judges and Buffy Massey for donating his DJ spinning skills!

"Our sponsors are really the ones that make this happen."

Thanks Everyone... See You Next Year!



Membership Has Its Privileges

Annual LARC Membership Drive
Going on Now-March

Support LARC
Membership Starting at \$25 Per Person
Receive Newsletters, Promotional Items
Tickets to Acadian Village!

Visit www.lafayette.larc.org
for an Application

or Call Susan Nini at 337-988-9885 for more Information.

Sts. Leo-Seton School Volunteers

The seventh-grade class of Sts. Leo-Seton has been busy since they've started their year! Busy at LARC and LARC's Acadian Village that is.



LARC and its Acadian Village were chosen for the class to complete their service project. Each month around 30 students, along with chaperones, travel to LARC and The Village to volunteer with the individuals we serve.



"They are having a great time," said LARC Director of Community Relations Susan Nini. She added, "We have their entire year planned out. They'll be helping pack Mardi Gras beads, clean the Village with the LARC mobile crew, help with our Spring Fling, and much more."

The project runs through May, 2011.

Residential Individual Remembered for Smile, Jewelry

For 27 years, Christy Dauterive lived with the ladies of the Vern Trahan Home. It was there that she was to make lifelong friends that would become extended family.

It was no wonder those ladies were very sad to learn she would be leaving the community home in October to live with family members due to medical reasons.

Christy was able to join her friends for one final party at Treats at the Village. Dressed with her signature smile and jewelry, everyone could tell she was truly enjoying herself. It was evident the ladies were just as happy to see her too.

Sadly, Christy passed away on December 26 surrounded by her family.



(L to R) Christy Dauterive shares a laugh with Sandy Johnson at the 2010 Treats at the Village.

"She was always smiling, and we're really going to miss that. I feel lucky to have known such a wonderful person," said Director of Residential Services David Bailey.



Colin Codina, LARC's nominee for Employment Development Services (EDS) Worker of the Year, poses with Crew Supervisor Gail Wilkins.

Based on both his work ethic and personal values, Colin received Honorable Mentor at the luncheon in December.

Congrats to Colin and all the nominees!



(L to R) Lacey Broussard poses with Lafayette City Parish President Joey Durel as he presents Lacey with the 2010 Outstanding Individual with a Disability Award for Lafayette Parish!

Lacey was nominated by the LARC Vocational Services Department. The award is given out each year during October, which is also known as Disability Awareness Month.

LARC Tries Out Sam's for a Day

Over a dozen individuals from LARC were invited to Sam's Wholesale Club to shadow employees.

The morning was part of Sam's Shadowing Day for Persons with Disabilities.

LARC, along with a couple of other agencies, was invited for a couple of hours to learn certain jobs.

Our individuals spent the morning learning about Sam's and it's mission. Some of the jobs they shadowed were packaging cookies in the bakery, learning about electronics, along with stocking shelves and other jobs.

"I had a great time, it's somewhere I would like to work," said LARC individual Jarvis Landry.

That was the purpose of the day...



(L to R) Colt Harrison, Jarvis Landry and Brandon Matthews pose with a Sam's bakery employee. The group spent a few minutes packing cookies and other "goodies."

to possibly employ individuals with disabilities.

The Vocational Department is currently keeping in contact with representatives from Sam's for possible employment.

Congratulations to Our Raffle Winners!

Congratulations to the Annual LARC Raffle Winners for 2010. Held in conjunction with Noel Acadian au Village, the raffle always has fabulous prizes. Only 5000 tickets were printed and we sold nearly 4500!

A special thanks to Lafayette Chapter Credit Unions for selling the raffle tickets before the start of Noel/Acadian au Village and continuing to sell until the last possible minute!

The following winners were pulled by a volunteer from the audience on December 23 at 7pm under the Cox Pavilion.

Plans are underway for more fabulous prizes in 2011.... Good Luck!



(L to R) Acadian Village Associate Director Deborah Pierce poses with Raffle volunteer Madison. Madison randomly chose the winners. Good job Madison!

\$5000.00 to Mr. John Ashton

Tag Heuer Watch from Paul's Jewelry to Mrs. Jerice Williams

iPad from The Orchard to Mr. Mark Richard

**Family Set of Bicycles from Academy Sports + Outdoors to Mrs. Janice Hollier
Golf/Spa Package from Paragon Casino to Mrs. Christopher Barras**



LARC celebrates Christmas

