

THE LINE STOPPER

NEWS ABOUT MUELLER CO. EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES

JUNE 1988

LeMons Receives Certificate of Appreciation

Charles LeMons, a production Foreman in Department 70, is shown receiving a certificate of appreciation from the Decatur Area Vocational Center and Richland Community College for his participation on the Machine Tool Advisory Committee.

Members of the advisory committee help to develop realistic budgets and keep the curriculum correct with the present trends in industry. As a result of participation on this committee, Chuck worked with the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America and was selected as a statewide judge for the machine shop section.



Charles LeMons (l), Don Groenewould (r)

Little People Need Big People

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Macon County is an affiliated member of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America, which began the concept of a one-on-one relationship between an adult and a child in 1903 when Irwin Westheimer noticed a young boy rummaging through some trash outside a rear entrance of his office in Cincinnati, Ohio. Discovering that the child had no father, he befriended the boy and became his 'Big Brother'. He then urged his friends to do the same with other boys in father absent homes. Thus, the concept of a one-on-one relationship began, and since then has spread to agencies across the nation.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Macon County serves children between the ages of 6 and 16; who could benefit from a relationship with an adult because of a situation at home which causes minimal or no contact with one or both parents. Many of the children served come from single parent homes. Volunteers who become Big Brothers/Big Sisters give these children companionship, understanding, and serve as a positive role model. The goal of the program is to aid the child in becoming a healthy, productive adult.

One-on-one 'matches' are carefully selected by similar interests, special qualities in the volunteer and needs of the child. These matches are supervised by agency professionals throughout the relationship. Goals are set for the child's growth, and progress is assessed in regular conferences between the parent, child, volunteer, and agency staff. It is important for these individuals to be invested in the relationship between the child and his/her Big Brother/Big Sister.

Volunteers must be 18 or over and live in Macon County. Volunteers may come from a variety of walks of life including students, professional persons, and senior citizens. Applicants are carefully screened through an interviewing process which includes a police check and a home visit. It is not necessary for the volunteer to always plan special activities or spend a lot of money on the weekly outings. The volunteer should simply try to include the child in his/her life, sharing his/her interests and tasks with the child. The friendship that is developed is expected to last at least a year, however, many of the friendships formed may last long after the match is officially closed.

There are approximately thirty children in our community waiting for a Big Brother/Big Sister. Help a girl or boy to improve his/her lifestyle by being a Big Brother or Big Sister! Call TODAY for more information; 428-6606.

Plant Manager's Corner

By Bill Riner

The cost of health care cost is going through the roof. There is hardly a week that goes by that you do not see an article in a newspaper or magazine on the topic. Many times these articles come with eye catching graphics using hypodermic needles, stacks of hospital beds, or what have you. The message is always clear - the cost for medical care is increasing at a much higher rate than the general inflation rate and it is expected to continue.

The problem is many faceted and complicated with the government, industry, politicians, medical profession, and the general public all voicing their concern and expounding on the issues. It is enough to leave the average man shaking his head. A person is tempted to say, "what's the use, what can I do". I remembered a story which I had read from an article by Lloyd Darnell (Plant Manager in Albertville) concerning what winners do when they meet an obstacle. The story goes like this, it seems two small boys noticed two cans of milk setting on a loading dock. Being typical boys, they thought it would be fun to place a big old bull frog in each can. Well, Frog No. 1 surveyed the situation and thought to himself, "I can't get this lid off, neither can I punch a hole in the can." He thought a minute more and said to himself, "there's no way out," and gave up. He drowned in his milk bath. Frog No. 2 took a different attitude, he looked around, saw the same thing as Frog No. 1. He entertained the same thoughts as Frog No. 1, but instead of quitting he said to himself, "I'll do what I can and one thing I can do is swim!" So he swam and swam until he had churned up a lump of butter; he rested on this lump of butter until someone removed the lid, whereas he made an olympic style broad jump, returned to his lily pad and continued on.

Many of you who have read this article thus far are wondering what do mischievous boys and frogs have to do with health care costs? The point is that you can do something about most problems if you just don't give up.

In previous issues of the pipeline, we've talked about people's lifestyles and the impact of the way we live has on our health. In the 1920's most people died because of infections. Today most people die because of their lifestyle. They smoke, are overweight, don't get enough exercise, don't eat properly, etc. It's with these types of problems in mind that we formed a Wellness Committee last year; since then, the Wellness Committee has conducted stop smoking clinics, stress management classes, and a blood pressure screening program.

In another section of this newsletter the Wellness Committee is announcing the availability of Sensor Pads which cost only \$7.50. I normally don't use this article to make sales pitches; I believe an exception to the rule is warranted. I encourage each of you to consider the purchase of a Sensor Pad. Maybe give them as gifts. The pad may help detect breast cancer in its early stages.

Is there anything else we can do? Yes, and we all have heard them before — use generic drugs, avoid weekend admissions to the hospital, get second opinions before elective surgery, get tests done before you go into the hospital. Ask your doctor questions; be a good consumer.

So you can see that there are some things that everyone can do to reduce the burden of health care. Like the frog that didn't give up we can do something about our problem. Take better care of ourselves, be a good consumer of health care, and shop wisely. I almost forgot, check your medical bills, remember you get 50% of any error you find.

Cores - The Hole in the Doughnut

"This is dedicated to the men and women, past and present, that worked in the Core Room - so that their efforts may be recognized as well as appreciated." Thanks.

Cores are most commonly used as inserts in molds to form design features which would be difficult or impossible to produce by direct molding. For castings of hollow form they provide the means of forming the main internal cavities (holes in the castings).

Cores are made in coreboxes of wood, plastic, and metal. They are capable of long life under exacting conditions. Coreboxes contain a cavity with the shape of the desired core. A prepared sand is hand compacted or blown into the corebox from a machine. The core is then stripped or separated from the corebox, and then baked in an oven or gassed until hardened or cured. Then, after filling to remove any rough spots the core is inspected, and ready to be used in a mold to produce a casting.

The various types of core processes that are used are:

CO - hand coremaking, gassed, manually . . . requiring no baking.

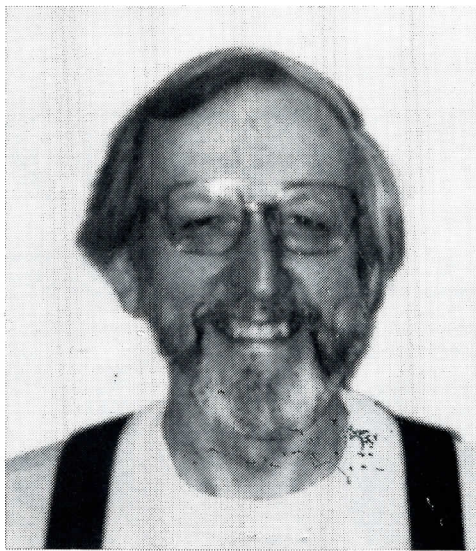
Shell - resin coated sand that is heated and cured in the machine.

Di-electric - oil sand cores, baked in di-electric ovens (predecessor of the microwave oven) . . . used in high volume applications.

Cold Box - LAEMPE Core Shooter (the newest process) or the core is gassed, not baked.

The present Core Room occupied the old Crown Cork building in October of 1953. In this four story building the second and third floors are used for coremaking.

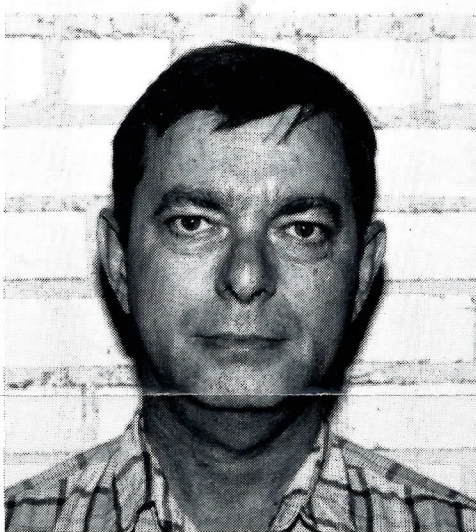
At one time the Core Room employed as many as 60 people who produced cores by hand. Currently the Core Room employs 27 people spanning two shifts. These people produce between 40-50,000 cores daily of use in the foundry. Without cores, there would be no holes in the doughnuts . . . we mean castings.



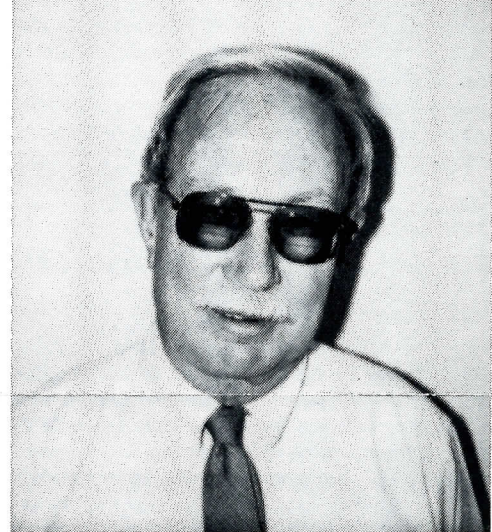
Vern Brunner



John Hackl



Leo Chase



Stan Metz

Mueller Blood Donors Recognized

Each month employees are asked to donate blood to help replenish the supply for the Red Cross Blood Bank. Mueller Co. employees have participated in this program since June, 1958. In this issue we'd like to recognize several employees who regularly make a donation that most of us take for granted . . . human blood. While researching this article we learned that Vern Brunner, Jr., (Core Room) has donated 116 pints of blood (he began giving blood in 1958) and is the employee who leads in the blood donations. He is followed by John Hackl (Pattern

Shop) with 115 pints; Leo Chase (Shipping) with 112 pints; and Stan Metz (Accounting) with 102 pints.

The Red Cross and the Blood Program Volunteers would like to say a special "Thank you" to all of these employees who have made giving blood a regular part of their life for the past 30+ years. The next time you see notification of a blood drive, consider becoming a regular contributor. Area residents depend on these donations. What better gift can you give than a pint of blood.

National Dean's List

Douglas Reynolds and Stephanie Small, students at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois, have been selected to the National College Dean's List.

Douglas is the son of Ann and Charles Reynolds. Ann is a Sorter in the Brass Foundry.

Stephanie is the daughter of Harold and Wilma Small of Shelbyville. Harold is a Foreman in the Brass Foundry.

Congratulations to the students and their families.

Square Dance Club

Larry and Joyce Holub have been elected co-presidents of the Decatur Promenaders Square Dance Club for the 1988 club year.

Larry is the Manager of Safety and Employee Relations.

Anyone interested in learning to Square Dance, feel free to contact Larry in the Personnel Office.



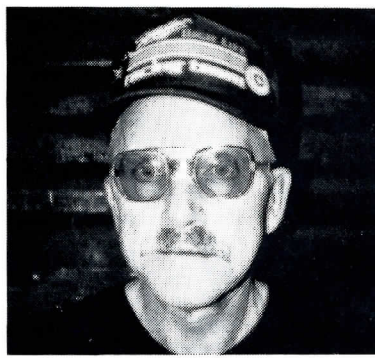
Service Awards

5 YEARS

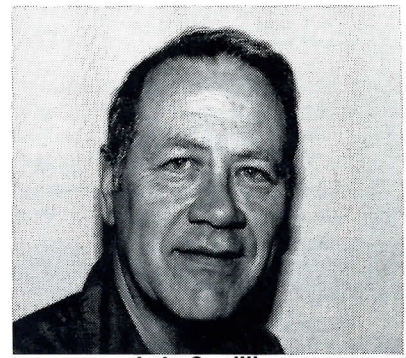
Pat Stewart
Gayle Ruffner
Cristy McEldowney
George Wylie
Dennis Moore



John Hall
40 years



Ben Willhouse
35 years



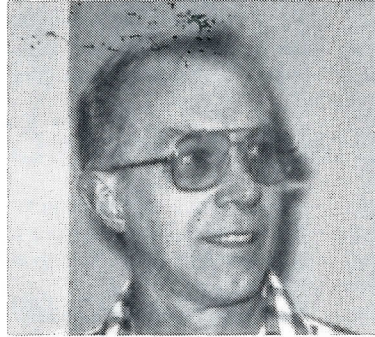
Luis Gordillo
35 years

10 YEARS

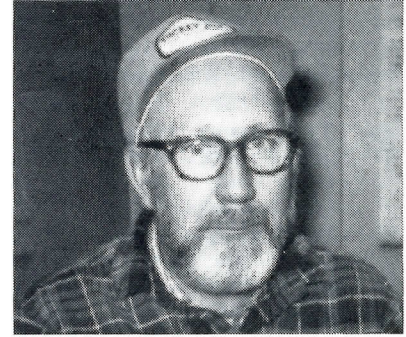
David Wilderman
Frances Reynolds
Earl Riddle
Rodney Karasch
Pierre Conley
David Kinney
Robert Johnson
Carl Dupont
Terri Delbridge



Bob Nelson
35 years



Paul Bollhorst
35 years



Charles Snoke
35 years

15 YEARS

Harvey Baker
Henry Wilson
Gary Bordner
Dan Barnett
Geoffrey Kreuger
Eddie Brown
Walter Watson
Brad Emery
Jim Hackert
David Berner
Bruce Caylor
Bill Sloan
Sally Severe



Jane Miller
30 years



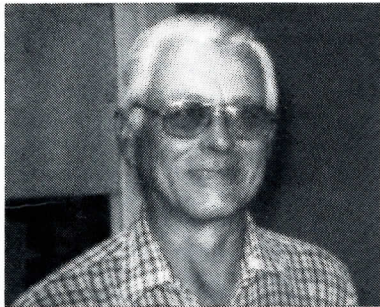
Juanita Ferguson
30 years



Arnold Jones
30 years

20 YEARS

Ivan Porter
Dale Flaugher
William Lienhart
Carl Klaus
Garey Hodges
Steve Holsapple
Clinton Taylor
Richard Lazell
Oscar Sands
Leonard Morr
Lyle Galvin
James Nicholson
Mary Ann Lutes
Bob Minks
Marilyn Rankin
Ray Kaufman



Harold Dingman
30 years



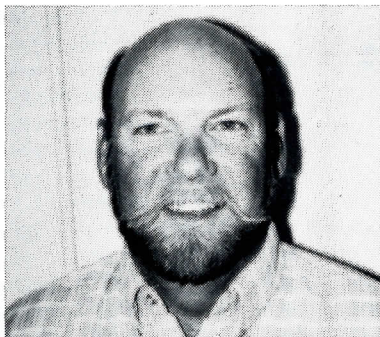
Jim McDermith
25 years



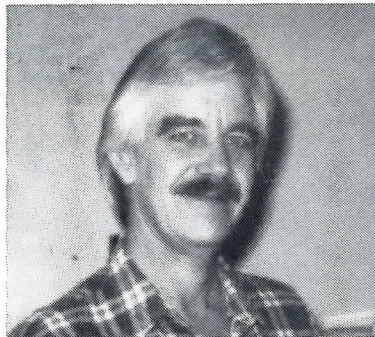
Norma Wellwood
25 years

35 years

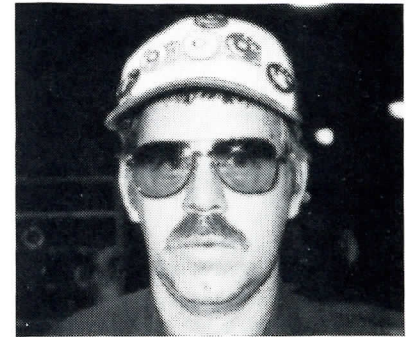
Don Page



Ron Chaney
25 years



James Poling
25 years



Robert Helm
25 years

Decatur City Limits Country Music Show

This fast paced, high energy, live country music show proves to be entertaining for the whole family. Speaking of family, Merle and Bonnie Howell's daughter, Juanita, and her husband Todd Raymond are the founders and stars of the show. Merle is a Millwright in Department 37 on 1st shift. Uncle, Raymond Howell, is also a Millwright in Department 37 on 1st shift.

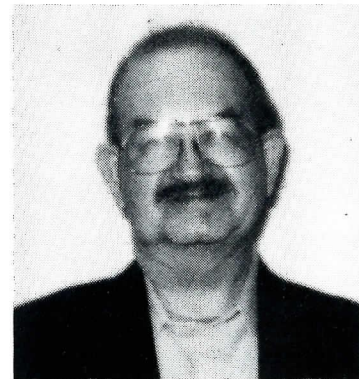
At the age of 4, Juanita started showing an interest in singing around the house. By age 12 she started playing the guitar and advancing in her singing abilities. At age 15 she had her first singing job at Lakelander's Country Opry. Since then, she has made guest appearances throughout Central Illinois.



Todd and Juanita sing some of the best harmony you will ever hear. Since November of 1987, the Decatur City Limits have had 3 shows at the Decatur Civic Center, and shows are booked at least through June of 1988. With the great response they have had from Decatur and area fans, their show proves to be a great asset to Country Music.

If you have any questions about the show, ask Merle or Raymond. We all wish them the best of success in their careers.

Retirements



William Lienhart
20+ years

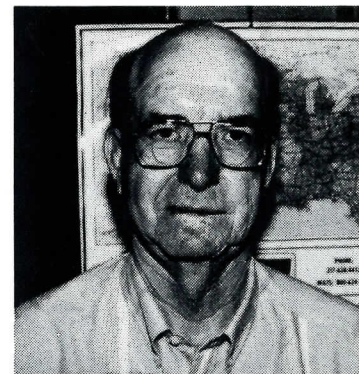
Sensor Pad Offered Through Wellness Committee

In recent months there have been several newspaper articles as well as television coverage about Sensor Pads, a product developed by a local company. The Sensor Pad was developed to help women conduct regular examinations of their breasts so that lumps can be detected early. While no one is suggesting that Sensor Pads be used in place of a regular checkup by a physician, the pad can be used for self examinations between visits.

This year 135,000 cases of breast cancer will be detected, (80% of these will be found by the woman herself) 42,000 of them will be fatal. In other words, 1 out of every 10 women will

develop breast cancer sometime in their lifetime. The earlier the discovery of a lump or thickening, the more likely the chances are that the woman will survive.

The "Sensor Pad" is a 9 1/4 inch round latex rubber pad filled with a food-grade lubricant and air. The Pads are being sold through Doctors office's and area hospitals for \$14.95 each. The Wellness Committee has purchased a supply of Sensor Pads and is able to offer them to employees for only \$7.50. If you would like more information about the Pads or would like to purchase one, contact one of the Nurses in First Aid.



Derle Smith
34+ years

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