

# THE Leavenworth CONNECTION



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## EFFORTS FOCUS ON INCREASING TISSUE CAPACITY

From vendor visits exploring new static eliminators, to eliminating variation in our poly widths, and researching different types of rollers/belts, the Tissue team is working on solving problems! Every day the team experiences issues that result in equipment downtime.

**Why eliminate downtime?** Because our customers **WANT** tissue and **MORE** than we can currently produce on our 2 lines. This results in the need to outsource packaged tissue that we want to produce internally.

During the Kaizen event the team identified over 40 ideas that we will systematically work to review, resolve, and improve. Even seemingly small issues, such as splices that were causing web tears/breaks caused further exploration. The root cause? The splice tabs/spoilage tabs used at Printco had excess adhesive on the top side, which unfortunately was just enough to cause both sides of the tab to stick. Switching to a different tab vendor has eliminated this problem. Although, this problem with the splice tabs was not the biggest contributor to downtime on the tissue line, resolving it will reduce downtime and increase uptime. And minutes add up to hours, and hours add up to days!

We have also spent time writing and reviewing many different Standard Operating Procedures. SOP's will allow for consistency on how the equipment is maintained and run. It sets the basis for future improvements to be evaluated and implemented. **Stay tuned for future updates!**



## GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COLLEGE GRADUATES:

**COURTNEY WISE**, daughter of Margie Wise, University of Kansas-May 15th

**TAMARA MILLER**, daughter-in-law of Pat Miller, University of Colorado w/B.A. in Elementary Education-May 13th

### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

**TRISTEN MEZA**, granddaughter of Larry Meza, Tonganoxie High School-May 14th

**JADON LARUE**, nephew of Ramon LaRue, Riverside High School-May 15th

**CASANGELA HALL**, granddaughter of Diane Huseby, Lansing High School-May 21st

**AMANDA WISTUBA**, daughter of Travis Wistuba, Jefferson County North High School-May 21st

**DEVIN BRUNE**, grandson of Brenda Brune, Lansing High School-May 21st



# Spring Into Exercise Challenge

## May 9 - June 5

- Recruit a team of two to five Hallmarkers. One member creates a team name at [healthrewards.hallmark.com](http://healthrewards.hallmark.com).
- Have each team member register on the portal under the team name
  - Log your daily exercise.
- Top ten teams overall will enter a grand prize drawing. Each winning member receives a \$50 Premier Choice Award. Teams must exercise an average of 600 minutes per person during the challenge to be eligible for the grand prize drawing.
- Each registrant automatically earns 15 Hallmark Health Rewards points.



Form a Team... Join the Action



### Sporting KC Ticket Winners

Occasionally we have drawings for Sporting KC Soccer games with 3 lucky winners of 2 tickets each. Please note that these tickets are intended for your use as a Hallmark employee, along with your family or friends. If you find that you are unable to personally attend this event, please be sure to return the tickets to Lisa Allen, ext. #21504, so that another employee can enjoy them.

### BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Gloria Darrow
- 01 Jack Jennings
- 01 Walt Parr
- 08 Roger Darrow
- 10 Annette Pollard
- 11 James Morris
- 12 Russell Farr
- 12 Connie Poe
- 13 James Matzeder
- 14 Jim Snider
- 15 Allen Ard
- 15 Bill Skahan
- 16 Johnathan Lovejoy
- 17 Russell Pendleton
- 19 Greg Ledford
- 22 Ed Keys
- 23 Susan Loftus
- 26 Joann Alspaugh



### ANNIVERSARIES

- 10<sup>th</sup>** Jennifer New  
May 15, Production Control
- 15<sup>th</sup>** Barrett Damron  
May 14, Bow Making
- 35<sup>th</sup>** Greg Fischer  
May 26, Roll Wrap

### CARD SHOP



Don't forget Mother's Day is Sunday, May 8th, you still have time to visit the card shop.

Purchase that perfect card just for her and a small extra gift in addition to say... flowers, dinner and a movie!



The month of May typically means graduations, the card shop has several gift ideas to make their day even more memorable. If you can't find a gift make the card special by making it a money or gift card holder!