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Free Coffee Day!

To celebrate those employees with Birthdays in June (see Birthday Listing on page 2), there will be **free coffee** from the vending machine starting early AM on June 17th through early AM on June 18th. ENJOY!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!

Improvement Idea Winner

By Scott Wagner, Plant Mgr.

Congratulations ~ Brian Wingate, 1st Shift Material Handler, for being the improvement Idea winner for the month of May.

Brian's idea was to install a latch to keep the back freezer lid open. As of now, the lid falls on our heads and/or customer parts, especially when the parts are heavy and you need both hands to lift.

A total of **8** improvement ideas were submitted in the month of May. Brian Wingate submitted a total of 4 ideas. Others contributing one idea each were: **Mike Townsend, Greg Smith, Greg Bruno, and Derek McAlarney**. Thank you, everyone, for letting us know your ideas for improvements here at Rex.



The next Improvement Idea spin will be held on Monday, June 17, at 3:10 PM in the Induction area. Brian will be drawing the name of one lucky employee for the "Employee Appreciation" spin. Could be you!

Write your ideas down on a slip of paper and drop them into the box outside of the Production office. Your idea could win you a spin on the Rex Wheel of Chance!

Monthly Winners

By Scott Wagner, Plant Mgr.

Our Improvement Idea winner for the month of April was **Chuba Blaze**, 2nd Shift Furnace Operator. Sid Heflin, Evelyn Chmielewski, Mike Townsend and Sarah Mansuetti, who also put in improvement ideas in April, received a "Thank You" pin and a \$5 lottery ticket.



Chuba Blaze (left), the Improvement Idea winner, is congratulated by Scott Wagner, Plant Manager.

Before he took his spin, we had Chuba draw a name for the "Monthly Employee Appreciation" reward. That lucky winner was **Adrian Rivera**, 1st Shift, Utility Worker. When Adrian took his spin, he won a reward of **\$125**.

Out of all the correct guesses submitted for **The Rex Riddle**, one name was drawn to receive a \$5 instant lottery ticket. That winner was **Gregory Smith**.



Adrian Rivera (left), the Employee Appreciation winner, is congratulated by Scott Wagner, Plant Manager.

Adrian drew 5 names from a bucket that contained the names of all Rex employees, and the winners each received a \$5 instant lottery ticket. Those 5 lucky winners of lottery tickets were **Theresa Scargill, Mike Townsend, Tim Plaughter, Maria Monje, and Mike Davis**.



On hand was Mike Townsend who received from Scott Wagner, Plant Mgr. a "Thank You" pin and lottery ticket for his improvement idea.

When **Chuba** took his spin, he won a reward of **\$250**.

For refreshments everyone enjoyed an assortment of cookies and free hot beverages from the vending machine.



Come to the spin next month. You may be the lucky employee who is chosen as the Employee Appreciation winner. It could be your turn to take a spin on the Rex Wheel of Chance!



Tim Plaughter (23 yrs.) and Ron Makos (not Pictured) (9 yrs.) received their anniversary gifts from Scott Wagner.



Maria Monje, Mike Townsend, Tim Plaughter, and Mike Davis were 4 of the 5 lottery ticket winners seen here receiving their ticket from Scott Wagner.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Employees celebrating a birthday in **June** are listed below. Let's wish them a happy day.

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1 Kris Hunsicker | 4 Nancy Gardner |
| 7 Brian Wingate | 8 John Sherman |
| 11 Victor Lopez | 18 Don Wiggins |
| 24 Terry Copenhaver | 26 Jim Stewart |

Summer is a great time to ride your

Bicycles

In 1817, Karl von Drais, a German baron, invented a horseless carriage that would help him get around faster. The two-wheeled, pedal-less device was propelled by pushing your feet against the ground. The machine became known as the "draisine," and led to the creation of the modern-day bicycle.

The term "bicycle" was not introduced until the 1860s, when it was coined in France to describe a new kind of two-wheeler with a mechanical drive.

Orville and Wilbur Wright, the brothers who built the first flying airplane, operated a small bike repair shop in Dayton, Ohio. They used their workshop to build the 1903 Wright Flyer.

Fred A. Birchmore, 25, circled the globe by bicycle in 1935. The entire trip, through Europe, Asia, and the United States, covered forty thousand miles. He pedaled about 25,000 miles. The rest was traveled by boat. He wore out seven sets of tires.

Americans use their bicycles for less than one percent of all urban trips. Europeans bike in cities a lot more often—in Italy 5 percent of all trips are on bicycle, 30 percent in the Netherlands, and seven out of eight Dutch people over age 15 have a bike.

Bicycle Moto Cross (BMX), an extreme style of bicycle track racing, became a sport in the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing, China.



A LITTLE HUMOR

THAT WAS FAST

A man dialed 9-1-1, terrified after his assault.

"I was entering my back door," he reported, "when I was struck on the head. Thankfully, I made it into the house and locked the door. Please send help!"

The dispatcher told him to stay calm then sent an officer to investigate.

The officer soon returned to the station with a large knot on his head.

"That was fast," said the chief. "How did you do it?"

"It was really pretty easy," replied the officer. "I stepped on the rake too."



Welcome Aboard!

Andrew Hood

Shift Supervisor

Yearly Work Anniversaries

The following employees are celebrating their Work Anniversaries in **June**

1 to 5 Years

John Moss (2)

Over 10 Years

Victor Carrasquillo (13)

You will receive your annual gift at the monthly spin.

Did You Know?

In 1849 a 20-foot chunk of ice fell out of the sky over Scotland. No one knows why.



A lightning bolt strikes so fast that it could circle the globe eight times in a second.

Male patients fall out of hospital beds twice as often as female patients do.



Western diamondback rattlers bite more people in the U.S. than any other venomous snake.

Most frequently recycled items before the 20th century: bones.



In the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, an estimated 15 million gallons of wine were destroyed.



Largest single source of added sugar in the American diet: soda.

Australian McDonald's restaurants offer the McOz, a cheeseburger with beets.



Stimulus? Hallmark sells a line of "encouragement" cards for people who lost their jobs.

Dom Perignon is named for the blind monk who invented champagne.



Blueberries help fight cancer.



SAFETY SLOGANS:

IF IN DOUBT, CHECK IT OUT—SAFETY FIRST!

BE ALERT—ACCIDENTS HURT.

MACHO DOES NOT PROVE MUCHO.
DO IT SAFELY.

Answer to Last Month's Riddle

There are three playing cards in a row.
Can you name them with these clues?

There is a two to the right of a king. A diamond will be found to the left of a spade.
An ace is to the left of a heart. A heart is to the left of a spade.

Now, identify all three cards.

Answer: Ace of Diamonds, King of Hearts, Two of Spades.



"THE NAVIGATORS"



The Navigators News We are still in dire need of volunteers with new ideas and a willingness to put them into action! If you are a Rex Heat Treat Employee, won't you please consider joining our team? Contact Nancy Gardner for more information.



ICE CREAM!

In the first century AD, the Roman Emperor Nero developed a taste for a frozen dessert. He ordered runners to pass buckets of snow from the mountains along the Appian Way down to Rome. The snow was flavored with red wine and honey to be served at banquets.

The Chinese may have been the inventors of ice cream. In the first millennium AD, Marco Polo returned to Venice from his trip to the Far East, with ancient recipes for concoctions made of snow, fruit juice and fruit pulp.

In 1984, President Ronald Reagan officially designated July as National Ice Cream Month and the third Sunday of the month would be celebrated as National Ice Cream Day. More ice cream is sold on Sunday than any other day of the week.

Wall's was the first company to sell ice cream from tricycles. In 1924, this new marketing concept was launched with the slogan "Stop me and buy one." To "equalize the seasonality," the Wall's company would complement their summer ice-cream season with a winter sausage one.

The top five most popular ice cream flavors in the U.S. are vanilla, chocolate, Neapolitan, strawberry, and cookies n' cream, in that order. Vanilla accounts for nearly 1/4 of all sales.

In 1924, the average American ate eight pints of ice cream a year. According to the International Dairy Foods Association, the figure had jumped to 48 pints a year by 1997.

