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AM-PM Gets Billboards

In this issue you will find:

- A special article on AM-PM's new billboards and where to find them
- Special events happening in the Fall months
- Important Information on our procedures on attendance and timesheets.
- A Pumpkin Carving Contest Form

In all of AM-PM's 41 years in business, we have never purchased a billboard. It might sound odd, but it is just something we never tried. Our staff regularly has meetings to share ideas and this one came up.

We are proud to say we did recently get, not one billboard, but two.



The first of the billboards is located in Luling on Hwy 90 across the street from Sydnie's. The other is in LaPlace on Airline Hwy near the Mini Storage.

If you are cruising down Hwy 90 or Airline Hwy and happen to see our signs, let us know. We are proud to be AM-PM and hope to have a big billboard with our boss's face one day!

“Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all.” ~Stanley



Fall Happenings

October
12th– Columbus Day
16th– National Boss's Day

November
1st– Daylight Savings Ends
11th– Veterans Day
26th– Thanksgiving Day

ABSENTEEISM– The Bottom Line

We can all relate to the saying, “no work, no pay”. That's just what happens when we don't report to work. We rob ourselves of the opportunity to make money.....and it shows in our paycheck. Absenteeism has become a chronic illness. More and more people are robbing themselves by using flimsy excuses for not reporting to work.



Many times it is those same individuals who cannot make ends meet and expect their rate of pay to climb. It's simple math.....you

make less money if you work less hours. A pay increase will not offset the money you could have made had you worked a full schedule in the first place. So, please stop robbing yourselves. Go to work every day unless you or a dependant is ill or there is a death in your immediate family. Also, if you have a doctor's appointment or other important appointment that does not require you to be there for the entire day, then go to work before or after the appointment. Quit robbing yourself of money.....a precious commodity. Absenteeism is

one of the main reasons that someone is released from an assignment. Our clients expect dependable people. If you are unable to report to work, it is mandatory that you call AM-PM AND your immediate supervisor on the job.

Timesheets – We Can't Do Without 'Em

Getting timesheets in on time is primarily your responsibility. Email, fax or drop off your signed time sheet by the end of the work

TRICK OR TREAT

Ever wonder when the tradition of "Trick or Treating" came into existence?



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The act of giving out candy on Halloween has its roots as far back as the middle ages. Back then poor people would go around on Hallow-mas (Nov. 1) and beg for food in exchange for prayers for the dead on All Souls Day (Nov. 2). Other sources say that food was left out on the front step as offerings to the dead who wander the streets trying to return to their homes. They were afraid the spirits would get angry and haunt them if they didn't do so.

Several years back, candy was given out to ward off tricks and vandalism done by children if they don't get treats. This vandalism can be a sim-

ple toilet papering of the persons house, throwing eggs, to more violent actions like, breaking windows or starting fires. Some teenagers go out and do these things for fun whether the recipient has candy to hand out or not. The earliest mention of trick-or-treating in North America was in a newspaper in Kingston, Ontario. They said that it was getting more popular for children to go out and expect candy from homeowners and shops between six and seven o'clock. Although it started out as people giving out food, and candied apples, it became more popular to hand out candies as they started becoming more readily available.

There were rumors however in the nineteen seventies and nineteen eighties, that children were susceptible to ingesting razor blades and poisons in their Halloween candy due to

tampering. Although it started as a few rumors it became a widespread panic as the media began to emphasize it and blow it out of proportion. By nineteen eighty five over sixty percent of parents were scared their child was going to die from poisoned candy.



Many hospitals allow parents to bring their child's candy in to get x-rayed and most of these are free of charge. There are also some malls that have "safe" trick or treating so that a parent can be sure to get poison or razor blade free candy. Although, I believe that if people would take the time to go out with their kids on Halloween and check all the candy themselves before letting their kids eat it, we wouldn't have to worry about this.

Why Turkey?

Although juicy and tender butterball turkeys are the main cuisine of today's Thanksgiving celebrations, these birds were NOT the most popular centerpieces on the first Thanksgiving tables.

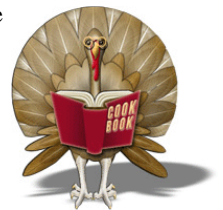
In 1621 when the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Indians celebrated the first Thanksgiving, they were gobbling up many more foods than just turkey. Since lobster, goose, duck, seal, eel, and cod were plentiful during this time, these foods were most likely the main courses of this first feast. Deer meat and wild fowl are the only two items that his-

torians know for sure were menu of this autumn celebration.

So how did the turkey become the main mascot of modern-day Thanksgiving if we don't know for certain that turkeys were at this first feast?

One story tells of how Queen Elizabeth of 16th century England was chowing down on roast goose during a harvest festival. When news was delivered to her that the Spanish Armada had sunk on its way to attack her

beloved England, the queen was so pleased that she order a second goose to celebrate the great news. Thus, the goose became the favorite bird at harvest time in England. When the Pilgrims arrived in America from England, roasted turkey replaced roasted goose as the main cuisine because wild turkeys were more abundant and easier to find than geese.



CARVE A PUMPKIN CONTEST

This Halloween AM-PM wants you to take a picture of your carved pumpkins and send us a copy by dropping it off, emailing it to Kristi@ampmstaffing.com, or by faxing a copy.

All pumpkin pictures submitted to AM-PM will be judged on November 6, 2009 and winners will be selected. So, get in the Halloween Spirit and carve a pumpkin this Halloween!

