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Plans Underway For 4th Annual

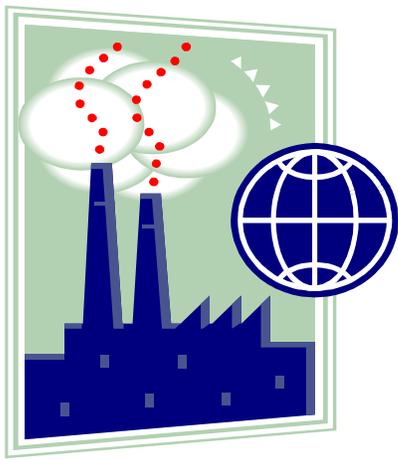


The Annual MSI Open House will take place again this year!! Dates have been set for **Wednesday, July 14th, and Thursday, July 15th**. The Open House event is a great avenue to showcase our products to MDOC, State Agencies, and Non-Profit organizations. MSI intends to make this year's event even more successful than the past. We currently have a new e-mail listserv group on our website. Customers can now subscribe to receive automatic updates and information on new product reviews, product updates, price changes, upcoming events and much more. Luanne Peeper our Inside Sales Rep has added over 600 customer e-mail addresses to the group, and more will be included.

Flyers will be e-mailed to all employees during the month of June. We ask that you circulate and post them on your facility bulletin boards if possible. More details will be forthcoming. Factories are asked to notify the Sales/Marketing Dept. of any specific customers they feel should receive the flyer, and also any special products they would like displayed. We will be offering a continental breakfast along with a grilled assortment of meat products provided by our MSI Meat Factory.

We are encouraging our entire MSI staff to remember the visions and values of "Teamwork" and "Inclusion". Please assist us in anyway that you can to help make this event one to remember!!





Factory Talk - Bellamy Creek

Each issue of the Insider will feature various factories in our "Factory Talk" section. It is really good to know what new and exciting projects our factories are involved in. Each factory's contribution can be seen in the quality products they produce. Let's take a look inside and see some of this great work!!

Our Wood Furniture Operation at Bellamy Creek CF has been producing wood office furniture for years. They are now expanding the furniture line to include Church Furnishings. St. Mary's Cathedral in Gaylord, MI is one of the first churches to receive over 162 new pews for their beautiful cathedral. The pews were made of solid oak veneers with solid oak wooden legs and trim. Dan Savoie, Superintendent, and the entire supervisory production staff did an excellent job on this project!!



Factory Staff- Installation



Pew alignment - perfect!!



Cathedral -final overview



Pew placement -begins



Protective covering removed



Chapel communion room



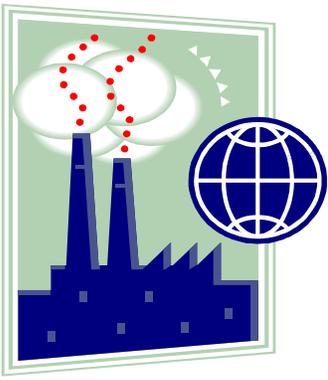
Final pew placement



Kneeling attachments



Cathedral ready for service



Factory Talk - Ionia Refurbishing

The Ionia Refurbishing Operation recently completed a new mailroom unit for **Michigan State University**. The project has opened doors for potential future business with MSU. The MSU staff was extremely pleased with the new unit, and as a result they have placed an order to have additional units made.

The refurbishing operation does more than refurbish furniture. They have proven that creating new products is also their specialty. MSU would like to thank the entire design team and installation crew for their hard work!! Randy Duell, Superintendent. Installation Crew: Curtis White, Dallas Rairigh, Jerry Devenbaugh.



Ionia Refurbishing Creates Partnership with Habitat for Humanity



The I-Max Operation has teamed up with Mike Green, Prison Build Program, to provide products for Habitat for Humanity homes. Products provided will consist of doors, molding, walls, and cabinets. I-Max will also assist with trucking deliveries. A recent delivery of walls was shipped to the Greenville Area, Habitat for Humanity Project. Additional projects are under construction in Roscommon Township. More information and pictures of the completed homes will be provided in the next issue of the MSI Insider.



From Left: Randy Duell, Supt., Dave Simon, I-Supv, and the Greenville Area Habitat Staff.



I-Max refurbishing will provide walls for Habitat houses under construction.



Walls will be shipped and delivered using MSI trucks.

Kinross CF creates Historical Fashions



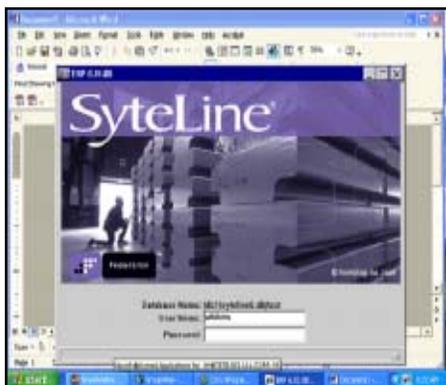
Joyce Cram, Superintendent of the Kinross Garment Operation, and Staff designed fabulous fashions for the Soo Locks 150th Anniversary celebration. The historical event will take everyone back to the rich history of Michigan's oldest city, Sault Ste. Marie. The celebration begins the weekend of June 24th, and ends with a grand finale on Sept, 2nd. All outfits are made to order, with various styles to choose from. We would like to commend the supervisory, and inmate staff on a job well done!! Event schedule will be posted on the MSI bulletin board.



*MSI Staff from left: Darlene Jensen, I-Supv
Patsy Castagne, I-Supv, Joyce Cram, Supt.
Charleen Scott, I-Supv, and Wendy
Skinner, I-Supv.*



*From left: Jim Howie, RUM, HTF, Joyce
Cram, Supt, Fred Hancock, DW, KCF,
Wanda Hancock, Randy Haas, ADW, KCF
Linda Metrich, Warden, KCF, Charleen
Scott, and Patsy Castagne.*



SyteLine / Multi-Site Update

Syteline core team meetings continue to take place once every two weeks to discuss the implementation progress. Topics covered in the meetings include technical support, equipment needs, issues updates, and factory on-line status. Factories that are currently using the Multi-Site platform have reported very few problems at this time.

Carl Peterson, President of Nexus Software, Inc. will be assisting various departments with issues relating to the Multi-Site software. Carl's prior experience with the SyteLine platform will be an asset to all of us. The following factory implementations have been scheduled: (Dates are subject to change).

- Jackson Laundry online as of April 1st. No problems reported.
- Brooks, Chippewa, and Thumb Laundries - scheduled for June 1st.
- Sign Shop online as of April 1st. A few issues have been reported.
- Agribusiness/Meat - scheduled for June 1st.
- Jackson Dairy - scheduled for August 1st.
- Metal and Textile - scheduled for mid-September or October.



Upcoming Events Scheduled

MSI Hosts Annual Superintendent's Meeting



The Superintendent's meeting has been set for May 24-25, 2005. The meeting will be held at the Mt. Pleasant Holiday Inn. MSI managers and superintendents will have the opportunity to discuss issues relevant to their departments. An agenda will be forthcoming with dates and times for speaker presentations and group sessions.

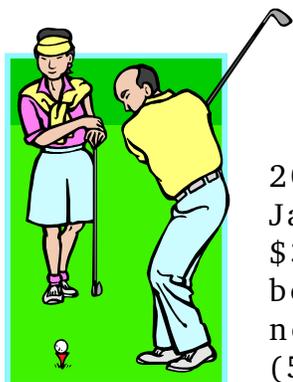


3rd Annual Vinni Children's Charities Golf Outing



Cary Adragna, MSI Sales Manager, will be hosting a very special children's charity golf outing at the Fieldstone Golf Club in Auburn Hills, MI. The event is scheduled for Thursday, June 9th 2005. Shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. The club is located at 1984 Taylor Rd (off Lapeer Rd, just South of I-75). Please contact Cary if you are interested in sponsorship opportunities for this very important event. All proceeds directly benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Detroit and the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, Michigan Chapter.

Golf Anyone?? MSI 2nd Annual Golf Outing



The MSI 2nd Annual Golf Outing will be held Thursday, May 19th, 2005 at the Sparrow Hawk Golf Course, located at 2618 Seymour Rd, Jackson MI. Shotgun start at 10:00 a.m. (best ball). Cost per person is \$38.00. Cost includes 18 holes with cart, 2 hot dogs, 1 non-alcoholic beverage, and a sleeve of MSI golf balls. Must have a partner, but does not have to be an MSI employee. Please contact Scott Pelham at (517)780-6169 for further details. Just a reminder that there is still time to submit your fee by Wednesday, May 18th. See you on the green!!



Customer Testimonials

Michigan State Industries received letters of appreciation along with quite a few e-mails from customers expressing their feelings about the great service and products that we provide. We have a wonderful team of employees in our bureau, and they should be commended and recognized!!

St. Mary Cathedral - *Rev. John E. McCracken expressed the following: "The pews built by workers at the Bellamy Creek Furniture Factory are a beautiful addition to the cathedral. The pews will always be a testimony to the high quality work that is being done in Ionia for many years to come. May God bless you with His peace and joy.*

Selfridge Military Air Museum - *Lt Col Louis J. Nigro wrote: "To Bill DeHart, I was just admiring the letterhead that Michigan State Industries produced for us. The lettering is crisp, the paper quality is excellent (the watermark is a nice touch), and the price is outstanding. Please pass on my thanks to the MSI Print Shop.*

Straits CF - *G. Rairigh, Inspector wrote: "To Nan Akkanen, Sgt. Dale Beaulieu began working on a new tool inventory system at KTF. A lot of time and effort went into the endeavor because all the tools inventories had to be converted from 16 different formats into one format. Sgt. Beaulieu asked you to do a lot of the transferring of information on to the new computer generated format. You as well as several other staff took on this task. The project has now been completed and appears to be working very well. The annual Inspector's audits should be much easier and take much less time.*

MSU, Lansing - *Patricia Hampton, Office Supervisor e-mailed: "MSU is very pleased with our custom mail room unit. MSI did a wonderful job making the unit. MSI did such a great job that I currently have them making additional units for our department. I was extremely pleased with the professionalism that Curtis White displayed during this whole process. If I had a question, he would respond promptly. I want to also thank Dallas Rairigh, and Jerry Devenbaugh for their assistance with the 3rd floor mailroom installation. They were very friendly and represented MSI very well*

St. Francis Xavier Church - *Sheila at St. Francis Church said: "To Dave Simon, I-Max Refurbishing, I was very pleased with the whole experience thus far, from timely and courteous pickup and delivery, to the "beautiful appearance" of the end product. John Carlson, MSI Sales Rep said: "It is nice to hear those kinds of positive comments from customers.*

Huron Valley Center - *Miles F. Pattison e-mailed: "Dale Baum and Staff: Gentlemen, I want to thank you once again for your outstanding performance in helping us out of a difficult spot. We are very appreciative of your concern to meet our needs. You came through like champs for us and we thank you. Keep up the good work.*