

LOFTON LAGNIAPPE

MONTHLY EMPLOYEE NEWS



Yard Work Safety

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Every spring, people from across the country abandon their winter hibernation to work in their yard. Yard work enhances the environment of your home and provides a way to get fresh air and exercise. However, there are hazards associated with yard work that you need to consider to ensure your safety. Below are a few tips on staying safe while working in your yard.

- Avoid wearing loose clothing or jewelry that could be caught in moving parts of lawn equipment like lawn mowers and electric trimmers.
- Wear appropriate footwear based on the terrain and tasks being performed.
- Eye and hearing protection may be needed at times, depending on what chore you are tackling.
- Gloves should be worn when pulling weeds or using equipment to avoid burns.
- It is best to pick up any objects in the yard, such as sticks, glass, rocks, or metal that could become a projectile if caught inside motorized lawn equipment.
- Make sure electrical tools are inspected and properly functioning. Be sure equipment such as trimmers are unplugged before making any adjustments.
- All equipment should function properly and all electrical cords should be in good condition. Any cords that are frayed should be replaced before use.
- It is important to watch for small children and keep them away from moving equipment. Never allow small children to operate or ride with you while operating equipment.
- You should not overexert yourself while doing yard work, especially on hot days. Stay hydrated during extremely warm weather to avoid heat exhaustion or heat stroke.
- NEVER reach into lawn equipment to remove debris while the equipment is in use.



Officer Kudos

Big shout-out to four officers that went above and beyond during Snowpocalypse 2021 in Little Rock, AR. **Officers Carson Griggs, Robert Collins, Wolf VonKindberg and Michael Elcan** each stepped up in a huge way.

During the week of heavy snowfall, they established a rolling 12+/- on and 12+/- off scheduled to maintain coverage without a break in service. Carson came early when the first flakes started falling. Big thanks to Robert for doing a shuttle run with his 4WD to a local hotel so the officers could sleep on a mattress and take warm showers. All four officers volunteered to stay on a rotating duty till their next shift from Sunday night/Monday morning until Friday or Saturday, non-stop.

It is this kind of dedication and commitment to their jobs, to the company, and to the community that make these officers stand out. Thank you again for everything you do to provide exceptional service!

Did You Know?

- Lofton has social media pages on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, and LinkedIn. In 2020, we posted over 650 jobs across all companies! Those 650 jobs are only a FRACTION of jobs available through Lofton.
- Lofton employees are eligible for Refer-a-friend bonuses. For each person referred that is put to work*, you can earn a BONUS! Share those jobs on social media. Not only will you earn extra cash, but you will also help a friend find employment.
- Lofton's mobile-friendly website enables employees to: Mark availability, View paystubs, View open jobs on the job board, and Apply directly.
- You can leave a five-star review on Google to help others find employment with Lofton, too!

**Restrictions apply. See website for details.*

MARCH 2021

MARCH 14

Daylight Saving Time Begins



MARCH 17

St. Patrick's Day



MARCH 20

First Day of Spring





"Live Like You Were Dying"

By: Glenda Lofton, Ph.D.

Because of the COVID virus and more time spent at home, I decided this would be a good time to go through all the "stuff" I've collected over the years. To my delight, I found things I'd forgotten I had. One was a book published in 2004 titled, *Live Like You Were Dying*, by Tim Nichols and Craig Wiseman. The book included a CD of the song by that title sung by Tim McGraw. In the foreword, the authors said, "From the second we began writing, the song took over. We talked on the phone at midnight to finish the second verse because the song would not wait." And they added "Tim McGraw said it would be the first song on his next record," and it was! In the foreword to the book, Tim McGraw, a native of Louisiana, noted that "a lot of people assume that I recorded this song because of the passing of my father, Tug McGraw." (Tug McGraw was a well-known and highly successful professional baseball player who died in 2004.) "But," Tim adds, "my passion for this song goes a lot further...I believe everyone who hears it will have their own unique reaction to it...I hope this song can provide inspiration for all of us to stop and take time to appreciate all the blessings in our lives--from the smallest things to the biggest dreams." And he closes with: "God Bless," and his signature, "Tim McGraw."

As I read the introduction to the song, and the book, it touched me (maybe because I'm turning 80 this month), and I felt like it was also very appropriate for the life we all are experiencing now with the COVID virus, the severe weather conditions, the controversial presidential election, and the current attacks on America's reli-

gious heritage by the "Freedom from Religion Foundation" and other groups. Below is the song, and, as Nichols and Wiseman concluded in their introduction, "Maybe this has come to you right when you needed it most and now it is time for your life to be touched by this song as it has touched ours."



Live Like you Were Dying

*He said
"I was in my early forties,
With a lot of life before me,
When a moment came that stopped me on a dime.
And I spent most of the next days
Looking at the x-rays
Talkin' 'bout the options,
Talkin' 'bout sweet time."*

*And I asked him
When it sank in
That this might really be the real end.
"How's it hit you
When you get that kind of news?
Man, what'd you do?"*

*He said,
"I went skydiving;
I went Rocky Mountain climbing;
I went 2.7 seconds on a bull named Fuman-chu.
And I loved deeper,
And I spoke sweeter,*

*And I gave forgiveness I'd been denying."
And he said,
"One day I hope you get the chance
To live like you were dying."*

*He said,
"I was finally the husband
That most of the time I wasn't.
And I became a friend a friend would like to have.
And all 'a sudden going fishin'
Wasn't such an imposition
And I went three times that year I lost my dad.*

*And I finally read the Good Book and I
Took a good, long, hard look
At what I'd do if I could do it all again...
And then*

*I went skydiving;
I went Rocky Mountain climbing;
I went 2.7 seconds on a bull named Fuman-chu.
And I loved deeper,
And I spoke sweeter.
And I gave forgiveness I'd been denying."
And he said,
"One day I hope you get a chance
To live like you were dying."*

*Like tomorrow was a gift
And you've got eternity
To think of what you did with it...
What you did with it...
What did I do with it?*

As I read the lyrics of this song, it reminded me once again of the System of Beliefs on which Lofton Staffing was founded, particularly the following: (1) Remember...life is a temporary assignment. (2) Learn to love Mondays. (3) Have a good day. You won't get it back. (4) Why we do what we do...for the joy of it.

E-mail Notices

E-mail is one of the best ways for friends and family to stay in touch, but what about employers? Many online job boards, like Indeed and CareerBuilder, utilize e-mail announcements for potential jobs. Lofton also uses email to communicate with our candidates. If you are not receiving emails from Lofton, or other potential employers, there may be a few reasons why.

SPAM FILTER. Your mail server may be blocking e-mails and marking them as spam. Be sure to check your spam folder and mark Lofton (and others) as an approved e-mail so you can stay on top of any announcements.

OLD E-MAIL ADDRESS. If you have changed your primary e-mail address, be sure to update your records with Lofton and other potential employers.

INCOMPLETE E-MAIL ADDRESS. Everyone is human, your e-mail address may have been entered into the system incorrectly. If you have not received any announcements, log into your Lofton account to verify your address, phone, etc.

MAILBOX FULL. Be sure to delete old messages from your inbox to keep your box below the limit. Don't forget to empty the Trash folder too. Too many emails in the Trash folder can slow down your phone and/or computer system.



Let others know about your experience with Lofton. Go to Google and leave a 5 star review!

Don't forget to share those job postings on Social Media too!

Earn extra cash for each referral you put to work at Lofton!

