

Champions

State Champs!



We are proud to share that Brock Lauvray, who has been with KEP for 19 years, has led the Lady Tigers Strasburg softball team to their second consecutive Division IV State Championship Title! With this state-run in 2023, the Lady Tigers have made 19 state appearances in their total 38 seasons. We are thrilled that a KEP team member has been able to carry on this legacy in Strasburg.

History Of The Lady Tigers
Brock joined the Lady Tigers team in 2018 as a batting coach. At the time, the team was led by the beloved Coach Bud Weisgarber, who eventually stepped down in 2019. Bud started the Lady Tigers Softball team in 1986 and secured 7 state titles in his tenure with the team. When he decided to retire from coaching, the town of Strasburg was nervous that their softball days had come to an end. However, a new coaching team, led by our very own Brock Lauvray, stepped up to ensure the Lady Tigers' legacy didn't fade.


Back-to-Back State Titles
Upon the start of the 2023 season, Brock warned his team of how hard it would be to repeat the state victory that they secured in 2022. They knew they'd have to work even harder to get back to the state championship. But the team showed up and showed out at every lifting session, practice, game, and tournament. Through pure grit and determination, they secured the 2023 state championship!

The KEP Way
The perseverance, commitment, and work ethic Brock displays as a coach and teaches to his team are exactly what makes him such a great KEP team member. You can trust that our KEP employees take their jobs seriously when they display so many of our core values in their personal lives – especially when they teach them to others! Taking time to perfect the basics and putting in hard work is simply the KEP way.

Please join us in congratulating Coach Brock Lauvray and his team on their amazing accomplishment. We can't wait to see what the 2024 season holds!

Team & Partnership Wins


Every Win Is A Team Win



Our greatest success stories are never completed by one person. Our work with LEAN training and regular Kaizens allow every voice to be heard, taken seriously, and involved in the problem solving processes. We know that every employee has something valuable to contribute, so we do everything we can to involve them. Every win is a team and partnership win – that's what makes KEP different!

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What Our Customers Say




"Kent Elastomer has always been responsive to our needs and meets or exceeds our expectations. It has been a pleasure to do business with them over the past several decades and watch the evolution of this company."

Chris H.
Owner
Hardware and Industrial Supplies Company

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Abigail Whaley
Since 2022
QC Plant Chemist
Quality, Regulatory,
and Technical
Services

Abigail started as a QC Plant Chemist in the Quality, Regulatory, and Technical Services Department in May 2022 with KEP. In her role, she ensures we manufacture high-quality, consistent products while also working with our research and development teams to improve and create new material formulations. Her goal is to make sure our products meet your company's needs – including passing the test for quality and compliance. That's service that every industry can see!

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Anniversaries

A TEAM WORTH CELEBRATING




This June, we are proud to have 22 KEP work anniversaries to celebrate! **Charles Brady** is finishing up 41 years with our team, and **Bradley Walker** just hit the big 4-0 milestone. Thank you to **Cindy Franks** and **Dixie Marchand** for 25 years of dedication and hard work. **Haley Buchanan** has completed 5 years with us and we couldn't be more thankful for her service! Finally, we would like to congratulate **Alicia Castro Aillon** for her first full year with KEP – she's making a huge difference already!

Charles Brady – Kent – 41 years on 6/1
Bradley Walker – Kent – 40 years on 6/6
Nancy Miller – Winesburg – 38 years on 6/26
Datiene Miller – Winesburg – 36 years on 6/29
Clarissa Fashbaugh – Winesburg – 35 years on 6/27

Melanie Pope – Winesburg – 34 years on 6/28
Kelli Miller – Winesburg – 31 years on 6/16
Cindy Franks – Winesburg – 25 years on 6/11
Dixie Marchand – Winesburg – 25 years on 6/8
Kimberly Stiemmer – Winesburg – 17 years on 6/19
Deborah Slinger – Mogadore – 14 years on 6/8
Leo Maxfield – Mogadore – 8 years on 6/1
Donna German Schultz – Winesburg – 7 years on 6/27
Melody Renner – Winesburg – 6 years on 6/27
Natasha Myers – Mogadore – 6 years on 6/27
Haley Buchanan – Mogadore – 5 years on 6/12
Maxwell Siglow – Kent – 2 years on 6/21
Melody Dunn – Mogadore – 2 years on 6/21
Samantha Washburn – Winesburg – 2 years on 6/22
Branden Aisept – Winesburg – 2 years on 6/29
Alicia Castro Aillon – Winesburg – 1 year on 6/14

Meet Our Team

MEET Doll Sanchez!



Meet Doll Sanchez, a valued KEP employee who has been with us for the past year! She currently works in Bulk and Lacing Inspection and has also helped with training/translating for new employees.


When at work, Doll values good communication with her supervisors because she knows that makes the day run smoothly. A good day at work is one where the tubes come out correctly and without a lot of scrap – we can get behind that! Her advice for new employees? Don't stress too much if you don't know something, you will get there in time!

When not at work, you can probably find Doll hanging with her sons and watching them play soccer. Thank you for all you do at KEP, Doll. We appreciate your hard work!

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Q: What do you call a snowman in June?
A: A puddle



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