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Local Company featured on cable television

Sargent and Greenleaf will be featured on the popular television program Made in America on Dec. 27. Hosted by John Ratzenberger, known as the mailman Cliff on the old sitcom "Cheers," Made in America highlights companies from all across the United States that manufacture products in America.

Back in August, the TV star spent the day inside the S&G factory, meeting employees and also working on the production lines. He then took a guided tour of the company's newest products, including the biometric keypad, an innovative device that controls safe locks by fingerprint. Ratzenberger also looked at the company's collection of historical locks, some dating to the 1860s.

In his interview for The Jessamine Journal in August, Ratzenberger said his impressions of Sargent & Greenleaf and Nicholasville were better than he expected.

"It's been one of the iconic lock companies in America since the Civil War, and everybody here is so knowledgeable," he said.

Gil Isenstein, spokesperson for the company, said that Ratzenberger's visit made a big impression on the employees.

"He's a major celebrity," he said. "He came on site, the employees got to meet him, and it was a special treat for them" he said.

During the same week, the famous host also profiled several other companies in the region, including Wilson Footballs in Ada, Ohio, Maker's Mark Bourbon Whisky in Loretto, Ky., and American Printing House for the Blind in Louisville.