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**BEi To Re-
ceive Award**

BEi Selected to Receive Excellence in Special and Community Services Award

**BEi Services
Expanded**

The Warren County Chamber of Business and Industry (WCCBI) has chosen BEi as recipient of an “Excellence in Special and Community Services Award” which will be given at the WCCBI’s Annual Celebration of Excellence Gala that will be held on Thursday, November 3, 2011, at the Struthers Library Theatre in Warren. BEi is pleased and honored to be selected for this award which recognizes the hard work and dedication of the BEi workforce, staff, and Boards of Directors and Trustees.

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BEi Services in Forest County Expanded

Therapeutic Activities and transportation services for people in Forest County have been expanded in the new fiscal year which began on July 1, 2011. Daily, several individuals are now being transported from the western sections of Forest County to and from work at the Venango Training and Development Center near Oil City, PA. Therapeutic Activities services are being provided or have increased for other individuals in the County from the Tionesta, Cooksburg, West Hickory, and Marienville areas.

Contributions:

United Fund of Warren County
Arthur and Susan Stewart
Carolyn Randas
James R. & Romaine L. Barrett
Memorial Fund
TRC Foundation
Karen Yourchisin
Elizabeth Jones

Staff News

Tammie Martenson recently joined the BEi staff as a Production Supervisor. Tammie had previously worked for BEi as the lead production worker and quality control specialist for maintaining ISO 9001:2000 standards on contracts with OSRAMsylvania. In addition to her extensive manufacturing production background, Tammie has also worked in the social services field; experience that is beneficial to working at BEi.



Bollinger Receives Donation

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Recently the Warren Kmart employees played bingo to see who would win the front porch tent that had been a display at the mall. Shawnie Siliano was the winner, and she graciously donated the tent and s'more fixings to BEi's Therapeutic Activity Program. Shawnie got the idea of donating the tent from a fellow employee, "Valerie," who is pictured with some of the participants in the BEi program.



Summer Fun Enjoyed by Many



BEi workers and participants in our Life Skills and Therapeutic Activities programs took advantage of the good weather over the summer and early fall to learn some new skills, have some fun, and get some physical exercise. Warren's CAR pool was used by many in Life Skills and Therapeutic Activities for some healthy swimming exercise. The BEi after work Walking Club kept up the pace until the early fall after which with many walkers enrolled in an indoor yoga class that started in late September. Some fun trips included a Sunday picnic at a Jamestown Jammers baseball game and a trip to Waldemeer Park in Erie. To raise funds to cover costs for the trip to Waldemeer, both the Warren and Forest County Therapeutic Activities groups sold hot dogs at the Thorne's Bi-Lo Market "Weenie Wagon" on several occasions. In addition to earning money to pay for the trip, the experience provided good training for dealing with the public.



Warren County Fair Provides Venue For Showcasing BEi

BEi had a presence again this year at the Warren County Fair from August 8th through August 13th with an informational booth in one of the Fair's commercial buildings. BEi staff and participants in our Therapeutic Activities Program manned the booth throughout the week distributing informational brochures and answering questions from many visitors. Hundreds of fairgoers participated in our free drawing giveaways which included a \$50 Kwik Fill gas card, a \$25 Walmart gift card, and free boat rental coupons for the BEi concessions at Chapman State Park.



John Pearson's Art Show a Success



BEi's John Pearson has made a name for himself in local and regional art shows displaying his talents for photography and artwork done in other mediums. His latest show, titled "Bits and Pieces," was at the 3rd-on-3rd Gallery in Jamestown, New York, running from August 12th through August 19th. BEi staff, Ron Heinrich and Kim Nowell accompanied a group of John's friends and co-workers from BEi to his show's opening on August 16th where they enjoyed refreshments while visiting with John and viewing his art.

Safety Committee Stays Active

The Safety Committee of BEi, re-certified annually by our workers' compensation carrier, Highmark Insurance, continues to meet monthly to ensure BEi's excellent safety record and a safe working environment. Seven committee members from all departments at BEi review facility and operational needs and make recommendations to address safety concerns and to initiate safety improvements. Todd Betts, member of the BEi Board of Directors and Safety Director at Betts Industries, Inc., in Warren, recently conducted an annual inspection of BEi's physical plant, safety practices, and safety records. Todd's inspection included measuring decibel levels in the various production areas to determine needs for ear protection for workers. His inspection report included various recommendations for improvement which were implemented by the Safety Committee.



North Warren Trash and Treasure Sale



BEi became a participating community member in the Annual North Warren "Trash and Treasures" Community Sale Day on Saturday, August 20th. Surplus and retired BEi equipment and supplies and donated goods were offered for sale to the throngs of crowds that visit and hunt for bargains at the scores of yard and garage sales in North Warren. BEi opened its warehouse "garage" for the sale and traffic was brisk. In addition to raising several hundred dollars, many community members expressed interest and inquired about BEi operations. BEi's Therapeutic Activity Program also participated selling hot and cold drinks to raise money for a field trip to Waldemeer Park in Erie. Several staff and Board members volunteered their time to make the event a success.

United Fund of Warren County Kicks Off Torchlight Campaign

BEi, as a member agency, actively participates in the Torchlight Campaign of the United Fund of Warren County, which is held each fall. Board members and staff attend the Kick-off Breakfast, an internal staff employee fundraising campaign through payroll deduction is held, and staff also participate in community fundraising by serving in one of the campaign's fundraising divisions. Radio ads featuring BEi staff are run as well as a news article about BEi in the **Warren Times Observer**. The allocation from the United Fund is used to support BEi programs such as Life Skills Training. (Visit our FaceBook page to find the link to the article).



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Mission

The mission of Bollinger Enterprises, Inc., (BEi) is to enrich the lives of people with disabilities by being the most innovative provider of vocational, life, and social opportunities through a caring and dedicated staff by:

- * **B**ringing opportunities to people with disabilities for independence at work, at home and at play!
- * **E**nhancing self-worth and enjoyment in life!
- * **i**nvolving the community to make it happen!

**Check out our website at
www.beiwarren.com**



****SAVE THE DATES****

Memorial Dance: Friday, October 28, 2011

BEi will hold a Halloween Party and Dance on Friday, October 28, 2011, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Jefferson DeFrees Family Center in Warren for BEi employees and others interested in attending. The event will be a memorial dance for Duane Fry, Richard Regina, and Eddie Griffith who loved to have fun! Since several memorial contributions for them were received which were designated for such events, the dance is FREE with no admission charge. Prizes will be given for the scariest costumes!



BEi Holiday Craft Fair: Saturday, December 10, 2011

The Fourth BEi Holiday Craft and Vendor Show will be held Saturday, December 10, 2011; from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. A variety of vendors will be selling crafts and commercial items that are perfect for your last minute shopping! New this year is a 50/50 Drawing; tickets cost \$3.00 each. If you are interested in being a vendor or purchasing 50/50 drawing tickets, call us at 723-8431.

