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Bollinger Enterprises, Inc.

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Lead Story

BEi Supports Troops

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Bollinger Enterprises, Inc., (BEi) has made a \$250 donation to the John Gertsch Memorial Home Association of Warren Post 77 of Veterans of the Vietnam War. The money will be used to purchase items for “Care” packages to be sent to active personnel in the United States Armed Forces. The funds were raised at BEi through t-shirt and sweatshirt sales and through in-house fund raisers such as an Oktoberfest celebration. Every Friday, BEi employees are encouraged to “wear their colors;” a red BEi sweatshirt or t-shirt with a symbolic “support our troops” ribbon. Three BEi Staff have sons currently serving in the military and the contribution was made in their honor. Joby McAulay (third from left in the photo above), representing post 77 accepts the contribution from these BEi Staff (from Left to right) Leisa Edwards, Jennifer Slack, and Sally Lord.



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Current servicemen are:

Senior Airman Justin Slack, in the US Air Force, son of BEi Comptroller Jennifer Slack. Justin is assigned to Weapons Standardization and is stationed at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona.

Specialist Brandon Lord, in the US Army, son of BEi Production Supervisor Sally Lord. Brandon is assigned to Field Artillery 1-6, and is currently stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Brandon has served one overseas deployment.

Sergeant Mark Collins, US Army Ranger with the 75th Ranger Regiment, son of BEi Secretary/Bookkeeper Leisa Edwards. Mark is currently stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia, and has had five overseas deployments.

McAulay reported that 70 Care packages were sent out over the recent holidays and that Post 77 is seeking more names and addresses of active service personnel to add to their mailing list. This information should be sent to jpmcaulay@verizon.net

Contributions:

Dean & Lisa Huya
Fred & Vicki Venal
Barbara Jacobs in honor
of Dr. & Mrs Endres
Warren Forest ARC

Grant Received

A grant has been received from the Edith L. Trees Charitable Trust to replace the heating and air conditioning (HVAC) systems in one of BEi's facility buildings. The three HVAC systems, to be installed in early 2012, will replace the current aging systems that are near the end of their useful life. This improvement project was a priority in the "Facilities Improvement Plan" developed by the Board of Director's Facility Committee that identified and prioritized improvements and capital expenditure needs over the next 10 years

Annual Oktoberfest Raises Funds to Support Community Projects

BEi's Annual Oktoberfest is a food festival featuring sauerkraut, soft pretzels, and hot dogs with the intent to raise money for worthwhile community projects. In the past proceeds from the event have benefitted the United Fund of Warren County and the Salvation Army; this year the John Gertsch Memorial Home Association Fund. Good food and good fun for a greater good!



Some Fun Times in Addition to Work



A Halloween Party on October 28th brought out a crowd and also some great costumes! This party was a memorial dance for three fun loving BEi workers who passed away in 2010: Richard Regina, Duane Fry and Eddie Griffith. The party was free to all thanks to memorial contributions received for the specific purpose of funding such events. On November 30th a group attended an evening performance at the Struthers Library Theatre of the holiday production "A Candle in the Window" by the Warren Jack-In -The-Box Players. Good reviews the following day! Dancing shoes were put on again for the annual BEi Workshop Christmas Party at the North Warren Fire Hall on December 16th. DJ Dr. Vig provided the music and a catered beef on weck lunch with all the sides followed by punch and cookies with a visit by Santa highlighted the afternoon.

BEi Workers Double as Bell Ringers for the Salvation Army

For the third year, several BEi workers have had an after work job to do: Ringing bells and manning red kettles for the Salvation Army at Thornes Bi-Lo Market and at the Warren Mall during the Christmas season. All had a good time ringing the bells, raising funds for a worthwhile cause, and meeting the public. Bell ringers this year were Shawn Buttram, Dustin Gorton, Casey Haner, Tyler Haner, Brenda Huya, Patty Johnson, Jim North, and Katie Russ.



BEi Holiday Craft Show a Success



A full house of vendors and customers and good weather contributed to the success of the Fourth Annual BEi Holiday Craft and Vendor Show on December 11th. In addition to the silent auction, vendor fees, food sales, and bake sale, a 50/50 drawing added to the net proceeds which benefitted the BEi Equipment Fund. The Warren-Forest Arc also supported the show with a \$1,000 contribution to this fund! Special thanks to all staff, Board members and families who made the event successful by volunteering and helping with the planning, preparation, show day logistics, and donating baked goods and auction items.

United Fund of Warren County and BEi Support Each Other

BEi is a member agency of the United Fund of Warren County receiving an annual grant to help fund BEi services such as the Life Skills Program. The United Fund's annual "Torchlight Campaign" to raise funds for year 2012 held a kick off breakfast on September 29, 2011, and an agency fair for business and industry on November 1, 2010, with BEi participating in both events. BEi staff support the United Fund campaign through contributions made through a payroll deduction plan. This year, BEi staff contributed the highest total ever recorded for BEi through their payroll deduction pledges for 2012!



BEi Accepts WCCBI Award



BEi had a good representation of Board members, staff and workers at the annual awards gala of the Warren County Chamber of Business and Industry (WCCBI) held on November 3, 2011, at the Struthers Library Theatre in Warren. Bob Klebacha, Executive Director, accepted the award on behalf of BEi on stage at the theatre which was set up in the theme of the Academy Awards for motion pictures. BEi is proud of this achievement and recognition and as Klebacha noted in his acceptance speech: "Receiving the Chamber Award is a good way for BEi to kick off our 40th Anniversary celebration!"

Board of Directors and Trustees Elect Officers

The Annual Joint Meeting of the Boards of Directors and Trustees of BEi was held on December 20, 2011, at the Jefferson DeFrees Family Center in Warren. The officers elected and board members serving in 2012 are as follows:

Board of Directors

Jasen Diley, President
 Kris Whitaker, Vice-President
 Dean Huya, Treasurer
 Matt Franklin, Secretary
 Todd Betts
 Jane Dunshie
 Juliet Hajec
 Sandra Pearson
 Betty Sanford
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 Thomas Walker



Jasen Diley

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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**



Attorney Rene Heilman Johnson Presents “Key Concepts about Guardianships”

Over the past few years BEi has been offering educational meetings to families of individuals with disabilities for informational and planning purposes. Topics have ranged from “How do I select a provider for the supports I need?” to “What is a Waiver and how do I get one?” This series of meetings continued on November 21, 2011 when Attorney Rene Heilman Johnson, from the firm of Swanson, Bevevino, and Gilford P.C. and current Solicitor for Warren County Human Services gave her presentation on guardianships. Many families had requested such a presentation to further clarify differences between guardianships and power of attorney and the rights and responsibilities of parents and their family members. Contact BEi at 723-8431 for a copy of Attorney Johnson’s fact sheet “Key Concepts about Guardianships” or contact Ms. Johnson at 723 -2080 if you want to engage her services .