

# Working with You Working for You

Bollinger Enterprises, Inc.

## BEi-LINE

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## Competitive Employment

### Lead Story

### Warren Tire

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Warren Tire has been in business for over 40 years, and has been a supporter of BEi every step of the way. Owner, Corky Fry, has allowed BEi to perform job samplings working alongside his crew. Mr. Fry approached BEi when he had a job opening, and BEi had the perfect candidate for his team. Rodney Thomas has been part of BEi pre-vocational training program since October 1, 2013. He has earned a reputation for being an exemplary employee. Rodney is always eager to please and enjoys helping out in any way that he can. Due to his strong work ethic and skills, Rodney earned the position as a material handler at BEi. Through the years, Rodney continued to improve his quality of work which proved he was ready to move on to the next level. When the Warren Tire position opened and was presented to Rodney, he was excited. Rodney said that he loves being around cars, and was willing to, "Give it a try." BEi knew it was a good fit for Rodney, and BEi was comfortable sending him to the supportive Warren Tire team. Rodney began his new position at Warren Tire on September 25, 2017. After a pair of follow-up visits in October, everyone agrees that Rodney is doing great.

## Donations Received

William & Gina Clark  
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## BEi Services:

### Educational Opportunities

Pre-Employment Transition Services  
 for Youth

### Employment & Skill Building

Pre-Vocational Services  
 Transitional Work Services  
 Supported Employment

### Community Living & Learning

Life Skills Training  
 Adult Training Facility  
 Therapeutic Activities Program

### Support for Families

Information Sharing

### Recreational Activities

BE inspired Community Art Program  
 Wellness Activities  
 Community Events

### Business Outsourcing Opportunities:

Packaging or Repackaging of Materials  
 Hand Assembly Work  
 Quality Control Inspections  
 Shrink Wrapping of Products  
 Light Industrial Work  
 Custodial Contracts

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[www.beiwarren.com](http://www.beiwarren.com)

## Business to Business Challenge

BEi participated in the Business to Business Food Challenge again this year. Three individuals from BEi traveled to Allegheny Valley Elementary School to assist volunteers from the Rouse in gathering and weighing food items that were dropped off. Last year, BEi donated 105 lbs. of food and \$209 to the challenge. Our goal this year was to beat last year's amount collected by 10% (115.5 lbs. of food and \$230). We came up short of with only 60 lbs. of food collected but exceeded the cash collected which was \$500. Thanks to everyone who participated in this worthwhile event.

## New BEi Board Members



Hello! My name is Gregg Heinold. I am 63 years young. I am married with one daughter and three grandchildren. My one grandson is autistic and is active in the Special Olympics program in Warren County. I have been living in Warren since 1994 and have been the volunteer coordinator for Warren County Special Olympics for about 8 years now. I am from the Mechanicsburg area, but have been moving around western Pa with Verizon Communications in my 30 year career. I am now retired. I grew

up in a family of 7 children, one of which was Steven, my down syndrome brother. We were very close and active with Special Olympics in the Mechanicsburg area. Steven also worked in a sheltered workshop called CIT in the Mechanicsburg area. I hope BEi can find some of my insights useful in their pursuit of helping those with disabilities.



Kelly Johnson—I was born and raised in Warren, and there is nowhere else I could imagine being. I enjoy spending time outdoors kayaking, hiking, and camping. In the winter months I tend to be a bit of a homebody as I am not a real fan of the cold. I am a firm believer in family first, and enjoy spending time with my family and friends. I also have two dogs, Turbo and Ellsi.

I had started my career at Northwest Savings Bank, where I developed my passion for working and helping people and our community. I ended my career with Northwest as a personal Banker in April of 2016 and joined the Human Resources Department at Whirley-DrinkWorks! in September. I have been involved in numerous community programs such as Operation Overcoat, National Child Passenger Safety Week, and am on the board for the Allegheny Reservoir and River Clean-up, and most recently have joined Leadership Warren. I am truly looking forward to this opportunity and to work closely with you and your team.



Sandra Wilks—I am currently working as the Executive Director of the St Bonaventure Dual Enrollment Program here in Warren County in cooperation with the Warren County School District.

I retired from the Warren County School District in June 2015 after 30.5 years of service. While at the district I was employed as a special education teacher, school psychologist and special education supervisor. My career gave me the opportunity to work with many of the clients currently employed by BEi. I have enjoyed watching them grow and

lead a productive life here in the community. I have also participated in the local Transition Council working with local agencies on the employment and post secondary education of our special needs high school population. It is through my work with the transition age high school students that I have had many opportunities to work with and tour the BEi facility. I also had the pleasure of working with Marilla Norton on various work study programs for our high school special needs students. I welcome the opportunity to serve as a board member for BEi to learn more about the organization and support the employees and clients.

## Celebrating 20 Years



Shirley Petko is celebrating her 20th year as an employee of our local CVS Pharmacy on Pennsylvania Ave. and Market St. Her main job is to stock the candy and keep it neat. She said her busiest time is, "During every holiday since people love giving it as gifts it tastes delicious." She loves doing her job because she gets to work with customers. BEi staff meet with Shirley's CVS manager periodically throughout the year as part of our supported employment service.

## 3rd Quarter Outstanding Employee for 2017

Natalie Mashensic has been with BEi for 30 years.

She began working at BEi, when it was the ARC in February 1987. She spent 28 years in the Pre-Vocational Program, and then transferred into the Adult Training Facility in October 2015.

Natalie has become very active in the community. Some of her favorite community participation activities are shopping for supplies, being active at the YMCA, and taking walks at local parks. She also enjoys spending time volunteering at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Youngsville and at the Jamestown Audubon Nature Center. With her enthusiasm, Natalie has become a good role model. She always makes an effort to encourage her peers who may be more reluctant to participate in the community.

Natalie is pictured with BEi Board President Laura Bierbower.



## Oktoberfest



On October 20th, we held our annual Oktoberfest luncheon. Hot dogs, sauerkraut, and pretzels for all! Typically all of these proceeds are given to a local non-profit, but this year was a little different. A member of our BEi family had their home destroyed by a fire, and all of our earnings were donated to her and her family. A very big thank you goes out to all of those that helped us make this a worth while event.

Pictured is John Pearson and Justin Allen enjoying the Oktoberfest.

## Halloween Dance

We celebrated this year's fall season with our annual Halloween Dance. Our annual event was held at the Jefferson DeFrees Family Center on Friday October 27th. Everyone danced to the music provided by DJ Denny, and ate too many snacks during this fun filled evening. Everyone had good costumes, but only three top prizes were given for the best. This year's winners are Greg Bonavita, Jennifer Kersey, and Rose Lank. Congratulations! Thank you for all who participated, and Thank you to those who donated to make this a free event for everyone



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**Mission**

To Enrich the Lives of People with Disabilities

- \* **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!

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**SAVE THE DATE!**



***BEi Holiday***

***CRAFT AND VENDOR SHOW***

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2017**

**9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

**44 N. STATE STREET  
NORTH WARREN, PA**

*Free  
Admission*

*Hot  
Food*