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Bollinger Enterprises, Inc.

BEi-LINE

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Happy Holidays 2018

Lead Story

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**On behalf of the BEi Board, Employees and Individuals,
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

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Founder's Day Celebration



On December 12th, 2018, Bollinger Enterprises individuals celebrated Christmas with a party at Praise Fellowship Church in Russell. The event was DJ'd by Dennis Viglo and the Youth Connection Choir sang Christmas Carols at the event with the Individuals of Bollinger. BEi would like to thank Kondak's Market for catering the event.



Pictured is from Top Left, BEi Individuals at Praise Fellowship in Russell. Top Right, Bill Dies and Holly Bonavita. Lower Left, Colleen Heeter, Carla Johnson, and Kelsey Sutton. Lower Right, Youth Connection Choir.



 **BEi**
Barber National Institute Affiliate

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

For more information, call BEi at (814) 723-8431 or visit www.beiwarren.com

Dedication

In Fall 2017, BEi management applied to Trees Trust for funding to build a pole barn. In late December 2017, management was notified of a \$50,000 grant award and began construction on the Pole Building in Summer 2018. During the construction, discussions were taking place of the best way to honor Jeff DePetro, who retired from BEi in June after 18 years of service. Since Jeff handled the production at BEi, naming the new warehouse after Jeff DePetro made sense. At the BEi client Christmas party, Jeff was presented with the name plate that has been placed on the building. The wood for the name plate came from the previous shed that was built in early 1900's. Students from the Warren County Career Center designed the wooden plate and Allegheny Memorials and Engraving donated the plate.



Pictured L to R: Dr. William Clark,, Jeff Depetro, and Ron Heinrich

Craft & Vendor Show 2018



On December 8th, BEi held the annual Craft & Vendor Show. Over 30 Vendors and Crafters participated selling a variety of unique items. Items were also sold from our BEinspired Art Program.

Many local businesses supported the event with donations for our silent auction table. Also, the event was supported by the Pittsburgh Steelers, Pittsburgh Pirates and The Pittsburgh Penguin's Foundation .

There was hot lunch served, homemade soups, chili and items donated by Shur Fine of Warren. The event had a spectacular turnout with people shopping for last minute gift ideas.



Pictured: Natalie Mashensic

All proceeds raised will benefit the Building and Equipment Fund.



Bob Klebacha Award 2018

Congratulations to Jim Farnsworth for his hard work and dedication! Mr. Farnsworth has been part of Bollinger Enterprises, previously known as the ARC, family for 46 years. He continues to be a valued employee within our facility, but it wasn't until this past year that Jim expanded his labor into the community performing multiple cleaning contracts with BEi. He is a team player for his coworkers, and is respected by all who interact with him.



Pictured : Jim Farnsworth, Ron Heinrich & Dr. William Clark

Warren County Courthouse



It has been over a year since BEi started cleaning at the Warren County Courthouse. Recently, services were expanded to shredding documents. Each week, a job coach and one individual empty secure document bins that BEi placed in the courthouse mailroom and the Adult Probation office. The courthouse staff generously offered BEi the use of their shredding machine. At this time, everything is going well, and the individuals take great pride in each job they complete. They have demonstrated an interest in this service, and would like to do more.

Pictured left, Tyler Haner

Bollinger Enterprises & Barber National Institute Affiliation Platform Changes

The affiliation between BEi and Barber National Institute (BNI) started in January 2018. Over the past year, BEi has seen a variety of changes which not only improve infrastructure operations but also expanded services for BEi clients. During the month of August, the BEi website was refreshed and staff started to use Teletime for time keeping. In October, IT infrastructure was completed and included internet updates, new devices/printers, network access and security, email conversion and Kronos was implemented which is an employee demographic data system. During the month of November, financial reporting was changed from Quickbooks to MS Dynamics and Laserfiche software was implemented to support Accounts Payable processing. Also during November, staff started to enter electronic health records into CareLogic. Looking forward to January 2019, BEi Client payroll will be processed through Interact and employee payroll will be completed through Kronos. BEi staff is thankful for the continuous support from BNI as these new processes are being put into place.

4th Quarter Outstanding Employee

Jon Wood has been chosen as 4th Quarter Outstanding Employee. Jon epitomizes the attitude and work ethic of an outstanding employee. He is eager to assist with any job, and is proud of the work that he does. Jon enjoys earning money, and will attempt any job at least once. Jon has worked very hard to get where he is today, and staff have noticed.



Pictured Right, Jon Wood

Halloween Dance 2018

The Halloween dance was celebrated on October 26th at the Jefferson DeFreese building in downtown Warren. Everyone had a good time. If you were not there you missed a fun evening of music, dancing and snacks. Several people dressed up as Bat Man, Super Man and even our own Ron Heinrich got into the action with his costume as a Ninja Turtle. Beyond the su-



per heroes, we had a lot of really good costumes to look at for the contest. We were able to pick three winners for the costume contest, but what a challenge that was with so many wonderful costumes. This year's winners for the costume contest, in no particular order, were Clifford Van Tassel, as Court Jester, John Wood as Darkness of Death, and Brandon Berardi as a lion. Congratulations to these individuals and all the others



New Hope Assistance Dogs

New Hope Assistance Dogs, Inc. is an incredible resource in Warren County. It is a nonprofit which trains dogs to provide assistance to individuals with a disability. An assistance dog can bring greater independence and joy to an individual with either an emotional, mental, or physical disability. In order for these dogs to provide service to their owners, it is important that they are aware of and comfortable in many different social environments. Since the Fall of 2016, our ATF individuals have been volunteering with the puppies, providing them with social interaction and human contact, which is an important part of the training process. Our individuals value the time spent with the puppies and are grateful for the opportunity. To show our gratitude, the proceeds from BEi's annual Oktoberfest were donated to New Hope Assistance Dogs, Inc.



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October

Ralph
Carl
Melissa
Greg
Mary
Clifford

November

Jarrod
Susie
Andrew

December

Mike M.
Priya
Jim
Kevin
Mike H.

Holiday Celebration

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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!



Founders Day Celebration

It's that time of year when Bollinger Enterprises Inc. is able to celebrate another successful year and report being in operation for 46 years. It was November 15th, 1972 when ARC Enterprise Inc. (Now known as Bollinger Enterprises Inc.) was first incorporated into a Sheltered Employment Program.

There were 12 people initially being serviced at the first location on Conewango Avenue. It took a lot of hard work, by a lot of dedicated people to make this happen. As BEi continued to grow and improve, they outgrow their first building on Conewango Avenue, and needed more space for their operations and partnerships within the community.

Fast forward 46 years to 2018 and Bollinger Enterprise Inc. is now on 44 and 48 State Street in North Warren still proudly serving the community as it did back in 1972.

This year recipients of Proclamations of Partnerships were given to the Warren County commissioners, Dairy Queen of Warren and Youngsville, Audubon Community Nature Center and the St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church.

Congratulations to these caring members of our community.



*Pictured : From Left to Right Amanda Goldner
Commissioner Jeff Eggleston, and Dr. William Clark*