



BRI FYI

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From the Director's Desk

It is that time of year, when we begin to count our blessings and look around to see the true gifts we have been given. BRI is one of those gifts that we can rarely put into words. In trying to explain the pride and joy that come from our service to others, I often find myself looking for the perfect words. It is the words of the families we serve that often impress me most. Pointing out the little things that help make life amazing. The first smile after months of uncertainty. The well deserved break from around the clock care giving. The first job. The friendship. The completion of a new task. A new apartment. Respect for each person. The little things in life that BRI makes possible are true blessings for all of us. Please take time this season to remember our mission of service and how undeniably miraculous service can be. Thank you to all of our staff, employees, friends, and families for the blessings you bring each day.

BRI has a new look! We thank you all for your input and wonderful praises as we have been working on the service brand for BRI. We are so blessed to have such great supporters and team members that care about who we are and the services we provide. This new branding, that has come from the heart of BRI, will help show new families our service side. We will always be Black River Industries providing great production work and industrial assistance, now we will also be Bridging Resources for Independence providing quality personal services. Our fresh new logo carries our amazing history with us as we plan to be a superior provider for individuals with disabilities long into the future. Thank you to everyone for making BRI an amazing place for people to work and live!

The Store at BRI is open! Thank you to all of the staff and employees that have worked very hard to make our store a success. Everyone has put a lot of time in to make the store so very special. Many community members and supporters have said wonderful things about all of your hard work. Our BRI spice baskets have been noticed by local business owners and you may also find our baskets at The Gilman Corner Store! Tell your family and friends to stop in here Monday -

The Store Hours:

*Monday through Thursday
8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.*

*Saturdays until Christmas
10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.*

The perfect gift for anyone on your list!



Happy Birthday

Jacob A.	12/8
Monte B.	12/9
Jacqueline R.	12/9
Lisa N.	12/16
James C.	12/18



Anniversaries

John B.	14 years	12/13
Laurie D.	3 years	12/16
Bill F.	10 years	12/18
Diane K.	9 years	12/14
Jeff M.	2 years	12/12
Donovan P.	25	12/20

Thank you for your years of service!

Leslie A. 18 years 11/27
I mistakenly listed Leslie as 8 years in the last newsletter, sorry Leslie!
Thank you!!

Upcoming Closures

Christmas:
Monday, December 24th &
Tuesday, December 25th

Please note!!!

We are open and working
Monday, 12/31/2018.



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Plenty O'Production, with Sue W.

It is so hard to believe that Christmas is around the corner. It seems like it should still be fall weather. Next week is our Christmas Party in Stetsonville at the Centennial Hall. It should be a fun time! They always have such good food to serve us and then a DJ to dance to. Can't beat the good times!

Production has been super busy. We even had some carts to load for Phillip Plastics. It is kind of a nice change for some of you guys. I know Donovan enjoyed it, as did Monte and John B. We loaded three carts this week. Let's hope they keep them coming. We are also still busy working on Return Springs. Everyone is doing a good job getting the orders out on time. TBK has sent us an order for the middle of January. It will be nice to get that up and going again. Sheryl and Barb, be ready to do some labeling! We finally got them for the 1025's so we will be busy getting the order going. Sierra Pacific sent us a good size order of Vinyl to cut this week. Thanks to Bill and Justin, they got the order done in a day! Wow, there were a lot of boxes! The shred room is still busy. Mike, Kasey and Kyle H. all have been busy. Thank you guys for all the shredding you do.

I hope you all have a good weekend. Don't forget to get your dancing shoes ready for next week's Christmas Party!

Spice Up Your Life, with Tammy

Filling spice bottles has not slowed down. Everyone has been working very hard to make sure that the orders are getting shipped. Thank you to Jayda for coming in on her school break and helping me get the shipping done. A HUGE shout out to all of you who have worked extra hours and extra hard to help get the 1,200 jars filled for our new spice store. As of this morning we were at 1,142 little jars filled. You guys are all amazing. Special thank you to Deb S., Bernie J., Bill F., Teri D., and Sue W. Without you guys we never would have gotten these done. Enjoy your weekend!

Day Services Happenings

Day Services has been working very hard these last couple of weeks getting ready for Christmas. We got our Christmas presents painted at Clay Art Studio in Wausau. We had a great time making cut out cookies, decorating pine cones, and making Christmas ornaments.



BRI Employee Christmas Party

Next Thursday is our BRI Christmas Party at the Stetsonville Centennial Center. The work day will run as normal. We will head to Stetsonville during the afternoon and employees will enjoy a delicious meal at 12:30 p.m., with music to play during and after the meal. We will dance the afternoon away and plan to be back to BRI to load buses at the end of the day. Thank you to everyone for turning in your slips. We will see you next week!

BRI T-Shirt Available for Order

Take a look at the new BRI t-shirts! These are the t-shirts you will be receiving if you entered our "What does B.R.I mean to you?" contest. If you did not enter for a free t-shirt, you may still purchase one for \$10. Orders will be taken by Danette in the front office until Tuesday, December 11th. Please see her with any questions you might have. Thank you!

