

RNI Chatter



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NCSC student chooses RNI, Inc. as practicum site

RNI, Inc. would like to welcome Reaghan Machin to our organization. Reaghan chose RNI, Inc. as her practicum site for North Central State College (NCSC). Her plan is to get a minor in Human and Social Work Services and a major in Hospital Administration. She is super excited to continue her hours here at RNI, Inc. She has learned so much already, not only about the field, but also herself. Reaghan appreciates and wants to thank her supervisor, Jen Holtz, Executive Director Amanda South as well LSA Marilyn Kukowski for helping her learn and for the opportunity to do good and perform good for her future. She also, "wanted to thank NCSC for letting her learn from such a hardworking establishment."

She has had the wonderful opportunity to work with Alvin on one of his outcomes, which is to participate in recreation activities. This will allow Alvin to become more physically fit and mentally stimulated. Shown here is Reaghan working with Alvin shooting hoops!



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RNI, Inc. participates in The Clothesline Project activity

RNI, Inc.'s Domestic Violence Awareness Discussion Group participated in The Clothesline Project. We decorated shirts with positive messages to support survivors, increase awareness and break the silence about sexual assault and domestic violence. The mission of The Clothesline Project is to educate students and the community that violence is a problem everywhere, help is available, and that there is hope and a path to healing. The Clothesline Project began in 1990 when members of the Cape Cod Women's Agenda hung a clothesline across the Village Green in Hyannis, Massachusetts with 31 shirts designed by survivors of assault, rape, and child sexual abuse.



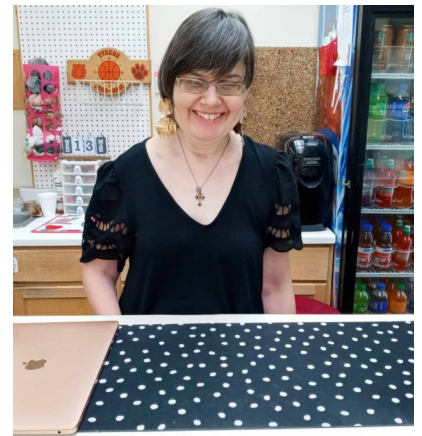
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March was Developmental Disability Awareness Month - Employment Spotlights

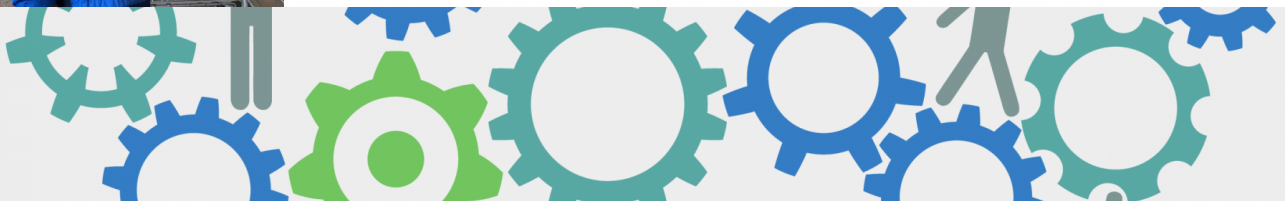


Nathan Black continues to be a valued employee of Cracker Barrel. Nate works in the Cracker Barrel store where he greets customers, helps display merchandise, and runs the cash register. Nathan consistently receives positive reviews from his supervisor and enjoys his job. Keep up the great work, Nathan!

Treeder's is the Snack Bar located in the Richland County courthouse and it is owned and operated by Tammi Black. Tammi has been a fixture in the building for 17 years and carries an assortment of drinks and snacks. She is always ready for a quick chat with building employees and visitors. If you find yourself in the area, be sure to stop by to grab a treat and visit with Tammi.



Isaac Calloway has been working as a Courtesy Clerk at Park Avenue Kroger for 5 ½ years. He is such a kind-hearted employee; he sometimes feels sad when elderly or disabled customers come in to shop alone. He just wishes they had someone to help them with their shopping and to spend time with them. When Isaac isn't working, he loves drawing and creative writing. He also noted that he loves experimenting with new recipes when cooking.



April Employee Anniversaries

Doug Huff	04/24/1998	26 Years
Penny Sunderland	04/01/2004	20 Years
Lori Judd	04/12/2010	14 Years
Robert Patton	04/06/2016	8 Years
Tom Clark	04/07/2016	8 Years
Bill Stephenson	04/02/2019	5 Years
JoAnn Winters	04/24/2019	5 Years
Jacquelyn Steele	04/01/2023	1 Year
Holly Dunn	04/10/2023	1 Year

Congratulations

Doug, Penny and Lori

THANK YOU for your
years of service to RNI, Inc!



Element of Art Studio/Gallery Schedule of Events

Element of Art is open to the public Monday-Friday 8:30am-3pm. Classes with our contracted artists are currently in session. To schedule a class, give us a call at 419.522.2965, or email gyockey@rniinc.com

Our recurring events/classes are open to the public:

Mixed Media - (Every Monday) \$15/class

Acrylics & Watercolor - (Every Tuesday) \$15/class

Ceramics - (Every Wednesday) \$30 Must attend two classes (building & glazing).

Jewelry - (Every Thursday) \$15/class

Art 101 - (Every Friday) \$15/class

ON THE MOVE!



RNI Bucks issued for the month of April

Tom Kyler and Scott Heschel received RNI bucks for driving during the eclipse (RNI was closed).

Darlene Loughery for volunteering to job coach on Easter at Walmart in Tiffin.

SAFETY starts with S, but begins with YOU...

RNI Safety TOPIC for April is: Distracted Driving

Distracted driving has become a deadly epidemic on our roads. While drivers texting behind the wheel tops what seems like an endless list of distractions, other risky actions include talking - whether it be on the phone or to others in the car, setting your navigation, adjusting what you're listening to, drinking coffee, applying makeup, and more. By driving distracted, you're robbing yourself of seconds that you may need to avoid a close call or deadly crash.

In 2020, [distracted driving](#) killed 3,142 people. Young drivers seem more prone to using their phones while driving. According to NHTSA research from 2017, drivers 16 to 24 years old have been observed using handheld electronic devices while driving at higher rates than older drivers have since 2007. But make no mistake: It isn't just young people who are driving distracted, since drivers in other age groups don't lag far behind.

Drive Responsibly

April, which is national Distracted Driving Awareness Month, is a good time to regroup and take responsibility for the choices we make when we're on the road. Follow these safety tips for a safe ride every time:

- Need to send a text? Pull over and park your car in a safe location. Only then is it safe to send or read a text.
- Designate your passenger as your "designated texter." Allow them access to your phone to respond to calls or messages.

Do not scroll through apps, including social media, while driving. Cell phone use can be habit-forming. Struggling to not text and drive? Put the cell phone in the trunk, glove box, or back seat of the vehicle until you arrive at your destination.

The Consequences

During a portion of Distracted Driving Awareness Month, from April 4 through 11, you may see increased law enforcement on the roadways as part of the national paid media campaign [U Drive. U Text. U Pay.](#) This campaign reminds drivers of the deadly dangers and the legal consequences - including fines - of texting behind the wheel. Also, on April 7 state highway safety offices and law enforcement agencies across the country will take part in Connect to Disconnect, a 4-hour national distracted driving enforcement and awareness initiative. The goals: to demonstrate a nationwide commitment to enforcing texting laws in a fair and equitable way, and to reduce traffic crashes caused by distracted drivers, ultimately preventing injuries and deaths associated with cell phone use and texting while driving.

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RNI, Inc. Team: Let's increase our presence on social media and increase our LIKES on Facebook. LIKE or FOLLOW or SHARE us on Facebook to invite your friends to LIKE us too. UPDATED 5/15/24; we are at:

City Garden Café is at 524 LIKES, can we get to 750 LIKES, 226 LIKES to go?

Element of Art Studio/Gallery is at 2020 LIKES, can we get to 2500 LIKES, 480 LIKES to go?

Richland Newhope Industries is at 2052 LIKES, can we get to 2500 LIKES, 448 LIKES to go?

Trillium Event Center is at 1100 FOLLOWS, can we get to 1500 FOLLOWS, 400 FOLLOWS to go?

Help us increase our social media exposure by liking and sharing our four (4) Facebook pages. City Garden Café, Element of Art Studio/Gallery, Trillium Event Center and Richland Newhope Industries, Inc!



WE ARE HIRING



Locations:

150 East Fourth St. Mansfield, Ohio 44902
1650 E. Southern Ave. Bucyrus, Ohio 44820

Our Mission:

“Empower people with developmental disabilities to live their best life by fostering innovative opportunities through community engagement.”

Do you want to make a difference in people's lives?

Ready for a Change....Join our Team!

WE ARE HIRING

A listing of open positions can be found at

www.rniinc.com

or by stopping in at one of our locations

Benefits:

- Flexible Schedules!
- Health, Dental, and Vision (full-time positions)
- Life Insurance (full-time positions)
- Retirement Plan
- Paid Holidays, Vacation and Sick time
- Paid training including First Aid & CPR, Defensive Driving

