

BRIDGEWAY WEEKLY MONITOR
News Briefs from Human Resources – March 14, 2008

Expressions of Sympathy and Appreciation

By Sandy Wood

Our deep heart-felt sympathy is extended to the friends and loved ones of Victor Curi, former Bridgeway staff, who had an untimely and tragic death on Monday. Vic was a Rehabilitation Specialist at the Keokuk Rehab Center from 2002 – 2004 and continued to be a great supporter of our Iowa services through his involvement with Special Olympics and other activities. His contributions to Bridgeway will always be remembered.

Appreciation is also extended to the Bridgeway staff who provided support and exhibited a high level of professionalism during this critical time. Lisa Brammer, HCBS Outreach Worker, did an exemplary job in handling this crisis and Jane Riter, Therapist, rearranged her schedule on Tuesday to provide a much needed support group for staff and consumers. The Keokuk police department commended Bridgeway for their excellence in cooperating with authorities and helping manage this difficult event. The spirit of the Bridgeway family was certainly exemplified during this difficult week. Thanks to all!

MICHAEL'S HAIR SALON TO PAMPER MACOMB CONSUMERS

Michael's Hair Salon of Macomb, IL is once again teaming up with Bridgeway to offer some wonderful salon services to our Macomb consumers AT NO CHARGE! Salon Manager Tina Mahoney contacted Teresa Pender to set up something a little different than last year. For the year of 2008 Tina will be pampering one consumer per month based upon recognition of achievements. During their visit, each consumer will receive any and all of the following that they choose: hair cut, style, highlight or perm, and one spa service (such as a facial or massage, etc.). Most of our consumers have never had the opportunity to experience a spa treatment so this should be a wonderful treat! If it is something the consumer is comfortable with, Tina has also established with the Macomb Eagle Newspaper that a feature will appear in the paper for each consumer that receives this special recognition. Our first consumer is scheduled to be pampered on March 31st. Michael's has provided support to our consumers for the past few years and the services keep getting better. For all of you that know Tina, her mother Lydia the owner, or someone that works at Michael's Hair Salon, let's show them our appreciation and thank them when we see them!

Submitted by Teresa Pender

CONGRATULATIONS!

Mandi Shipman, Coordinator of Community Employment Services in Macomb, and husband Christopher had their baby Friday, March 7th Maicyn Grace Shipman. Maicyn weighed 8lbs, 10 oz.

Congratulations to Bev Brotherton HCBS Coordinator in Keokuk on the birth of her new Grandson Caden Michael Bails who was born on 2-19-08 8 lbs 12 oz 20 1/2 in long. Bev also wants to thank all her co-workers that helped cover while she was gone. Great Team work !!!

Congratulations to Karen Jorgensen, Therapist on getting her LCPC!

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Deepest sympathy to Tim Trinkle, Accountant Macomb on the loss of his grandfather Lyle E. Baker.

Deepest sympathy to Crystal Mixon, Residential Assistant Galesburg on the loss of her grandmother Vera H. Benjamin.

COMING . . .

Steve Coursey, Consumer Benefit Specialist Galesburg
Carrie Tingley, Residential Manager Madelyn Residence Macomb
Karen Coe, Residential Assistant Jefferson Lodge Galesburg
Misty Harris, Residential Assistant Jefferson Lodge Galesburg
Ginny Campbell, Residential Assistant Galesburg
Kris Wingo, SASS Case Manager Galesburg
Jessica Delgado, Pollock Residence/DD Macomb
Megan Goeden, Residential Assistant/DD Grant Street Macomb
Jeremy Rambo, Residential Assistant/DD Madelyn Residence Macomb
Lynnette Herrera, Family Support Worker Rock Island
Justin Ensinger, Behavioral Health Services Counselor Galesburg

GALESBURG CLUB BAKE SALE

Come find something sweet to snack on!!

When: Friday, March 21, 2008 from Noon – 2 p.m.

Where: the Kitchen Wing 6 Galesburg

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO CLUB TO HELP CONSUMER'S TAKE A SUMMER DAY TRIP!!

Compliance Corner

by Mary Fran Freeman

KEY REQUIREMENTS OF PROGRESS NOTES

When we write progress notes, we have to fulfill two basic requirements:

High Quality & High Productivity

We must place a major emphasis on maintaining high productivity, including prompt documentation within two days. This is a high priority in order for us to maintain a fiscally healthy organization.

However, we must put an equally high priority on producing quality notes that document clearly the services provided to consumers and are compliant with all the requirements of our funders.

Quality and productivity must go hand in hand!

BTS ACTIVITES

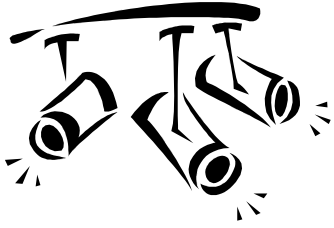
From Tom Colclasure

The following people have been hired as mail sorters or drivers to handle the IDRS contract.

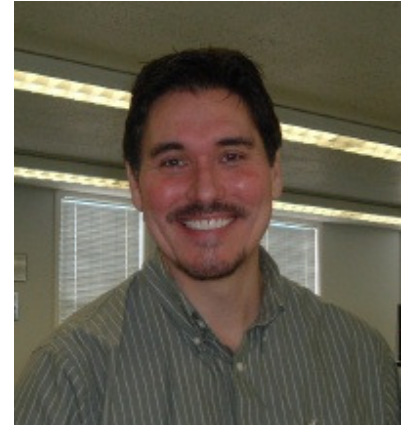
Jessie Lozier	Raymond Boos	Mark Lusk	Joe Wimsatt Sr.
Barb Trego	Sam Anderson	Nic Gutierrez	Brian Bloomer
Matt Bloomer	Hannah Burgland	Pam Dawson	Derek Keel
Austin Majeske	Cherie Miller	Tiffany Skinner	Matt Nelson
Tiffany Bellinger	Darrin DeJaynes	Pat Tucker	Melvin Talbott
Earl Peachey	Imogene Allen	William Camper	Jeff Marty
Ann Swanson	Diane Walker	Betty Shaw	Mike Powell
Katrina Tatro	Brad Edwards	Leatha Wood	Megan Baker
Pam Bellar	Tyler Henderson	Chelsy Legg	Michelle Moore
Betty Pullen	Suzie Skinner	Karen Schwieter	Helen Stewart
Pat Nelson	Brandon Steiner	Raven Icaza	Darius Johnson
Ryan Maxwell	Diane Walker	Annie Johnson	Tracey Quinn
Tori Morris	Candis Wade	Sharon Cooper	Brittany Chorman
Diane Early	Jacob Vogler	Caroline Anderson	Zach Kaniewski
Terry Copeland	Mike Myers	Carol Hager	Doris Fisher
Brittany Chorman	Robert Thompson	Bev Pendleton	Adam Pacheco
John Sharp	Linda Lamm	Jerone Kellum	Jeff Olin
Nicole Roberts	Ron Seiver	Linda Stinson	Bonnie Swanson
Terri Cavanah	Tralise Mixon		

We would like to thank everyone who assisted in this hiring process.

- Over 400,000 IL-1040 forms have been opened, sorted, labeled, bundled and delivered to the Illinois Department of Revenue. That quantity of processed forms is just the beginning of the almost 2 ½ million that must be processed in the short time frame of just the next few weeks. The number of employees working on this contract has increased; however, many more mail sorters are still needed!
- The additional conversations that occurred this week with the Tinley Park Mental Health Center provide a very promising outlook that BTS will be contracting to be it's transcription provider for fiscal year 2009, which begins in July.
- The janitorial crew successfully bid on and was awarded a contract to strip and wax large areas of hard floor surfaces for Getz Manufacturing. The work will be performed this weekend.
- Getz Manufacturing is one of our newest contractors for confidential document destruction. Containers to receive their documents will be placed at Getz this next week.
- Document destruction was performed this week for AG Edwards & Sons Inc.
- The Macomb workshop completed the assembly of 12,000 jam jacks for Pella Corp.
- Materials for packaging smoker fuel are being delivered to the Macomb and Pekin workshops next week. This will employ additional workers at these sites and assist the Keokuk workshop in meeting increased production quotas for Dadant & Sons.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT



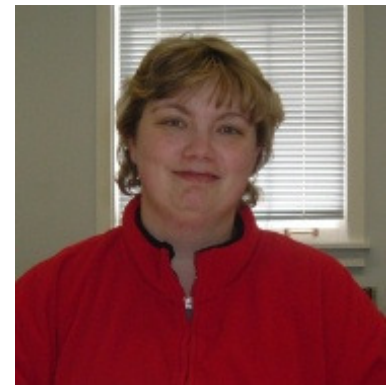
Name: Michael Eskridge
Title: Prevention Specialist
Location: Galesburg
Years with Bridgeway: 2 and 1/12 years

Hobbies, family & other interesting things about you: *I love to sing, I sing in my church choir, and the Galesburg Community Choir. I am a huge Chicago Bears and Cubs fan. I live by myself in Galesburg in a historical district. I have lived in the same location for fifteen years. I really like getting a good cup of coffee at Innkeepers. I am also a Nationally Certified Licensed Massage Therapist.*

What do you like most about working at Bridgeway? *I like eating with my lunch buddies.... they know who they are! Seriously, I love working with students. I facilitate a drug prevention program called Project Alert. I have great satisfaction helping our youth stay drug free.*

Memorable Bridgeway Moment: *I was working as a RSA Case Manager at the time. I was trying to coordinate dental services for a consumer. The consumer was suffering unbearable pain. I just decided to take the consumer to my dentist. I still remember standing at the dentist office with tears in my eyes thinking without Bridgeway some of our consumers would have no one to be their advocate. I will never forget that moment.*

Name: Tina Gummerson
Title: Prevention Specialist
Location: Galesburg
Years with Bridgeway: 6 yrs in July



Hobbies, family & other interesting things about you: *I have a husband, Doug, we've been married 4 years in May. We have one daughter, Madison, who just turned 2 in September. I work in drug prevention, but Doug and I met while I was bartending, at the American Legion in Abingdon. He played on the dart league. (I had to do something while attending school at WIU to get my Bachelor's in Psychology.) I commuted from London Mills to Macomb. In a previous life I was also an EMT and Health Director at Ingersoll Boy Scout Camp outside of London Mills.*

What do you like most about working at Bridgeway? *Being able to work with a diverse group of people here at Bridgeway and in the communities we serve.*

Memorable Bridgeway Moment: *In prevention we are always trying to help communities see the dangers of using alcohol and other drugs. One big event we sponsor every year is the Knox County Be Real (Be Drug Free) Teen Idol*

Contest. We always have fun watching the youth sing their hearts out and promote a drug free message. I was ecstatic last year when Sean Thomas, a young man we had watch grow up in the competition, won.

JOB OPENINGS

Rehabilitation Trainer – Keokuk, Iowa

Program Support Specialist I - Galesburg

Benefit Specialist - Galesburg

Residential Manager - Macomb

Case Coordinator - Keokuk Workshop

Residential Coordinator - Galesburg

Employment Specialist – Kewanee

Nurse Clinician - Kewanee

HCBS Team Leader - Keokuk

BTS Data Entry Production Clerk - Macomb

HCBS Outreach Worker-Keokuk

Family Support Worker (Pooled Position) – Various Work Locations

Residential Assistants – Kewanee (Pooled Position)

Residential Assistant/DD - Macomb and Pekin

Residential Assistants, (Pooled Positions) – Bridgeway Residential Facilities