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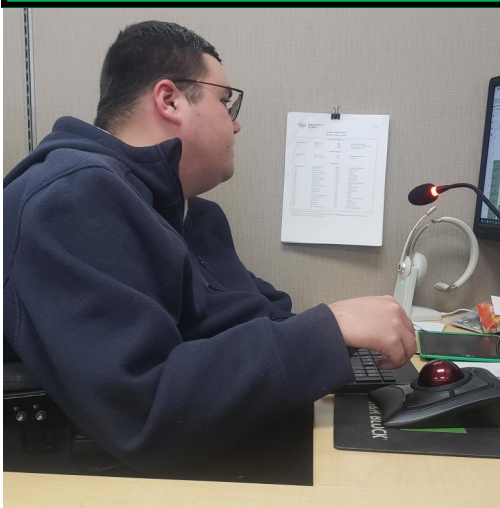
RNI, Inc. participates in Clothesline Project

The Longview Avenue Document Imaging group recently participated in the Clothesline Project. The t-shirts they created were displayed at OSU Mansfield in support of Domestic Violence Survivors. Participants were Joey Valerio, Chris Orr, Heather Picking, Tiffany Swank, Daniel Luster, Tammy Wilcox, and Cheron Middlbrook. Sarah Beaudoin, Connie Orr and Support Specialist Heather Gibson also participated in the project, but are not pictured.



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Employee Spotlight: Aaron Farnsworth



Aaron Farnsworth is a Tax Professional who is wrapping up his second year at H&R Block. In 2023, Aaron completed all of the courses required to meet his goal of becoming a tax preparer. His strong work ethic combined with his team's support, made it possible for Aaron to reach his goal. A few adjustments were made at his desk to accommodate his power chair and then he was set up with a wireless headset, a talk-to-text program, and an oversized trackball mouse to increase his independence at the worksite. Aaron continues to be just as focused now as when he began and still loves his job. When not working, Aaron loves cheering for the Ohio State Buckeyes Football team.

Having a GREAT time in the month of April!



April Employee Anniversaries

Penny Sunderland	04/01/2004	21	Years
Lori Judd	04/10/2010	15	Years
Robert Patton	04/06/2016	9	Years
Tom Clark	04/07/2016	9	Years
Bill Stephenson	04/02/2019	6	Years
JoAnn Winters	04/24/2019	6	Years
Jacquelyn Steele	04/01/2023	2	Years
Holly Dunn	04/10/2023	2	Years
Christine Queen	04/01/2024	1	Year

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

Additional pictures from April FUN!



RNI Bucks issued for the month of April

Matt Cole - Thank you for saving RNI, Inc. a considerable amount of money by rebuilding the motor on the ZTR mower (Kevyn Morehead)

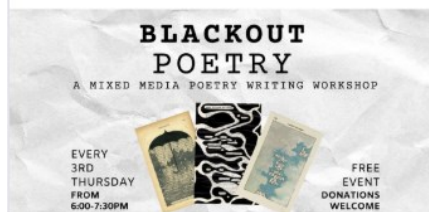
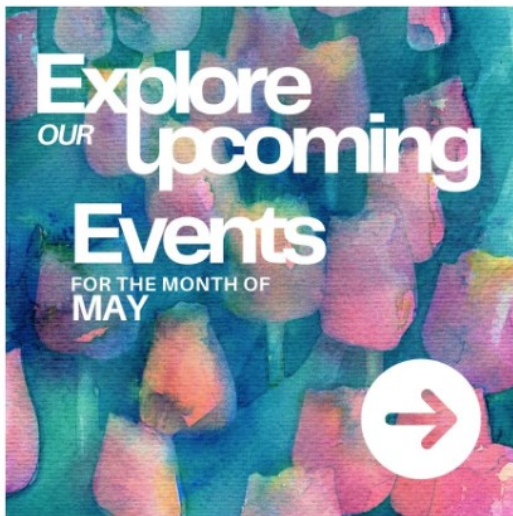
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CCBDD held 7th Annual Crawford County Unified Exhibition Basketball Game

The Crawford County Board of Developmental Disabilities, in collaboration with local schools held its seventh annual awareness and inclusion event on Friday, March 28, at 7 p.m. at Bucyrus High School. The event was held in March during Developmental Disability Awareness Month, and featured a basketball game where high school varsity athletes from across Crawford County teamed up with Special Olympics athletes. This year, the cheerleaders from local high schools joined the Special Olympics pep squad. Admission to the event was free, but attendees were encouraged to bring non-perishable food items for a local food pantry. The event also had a 50/50 raffle and a “throw for dough” fundraiser, with proceeds benefiting the food pantry, Special Olympics of Crawford County, and Chargers for Change, the local self-advocacy group.



Element of Art Studio/Gallery Community Events



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.

RNI Chatter

Please **LIKE, FOLLOW** and **SHARE** all of our social media pages!

RNI, Inc. (2 locations)

150 East 4th Street
Mansfield, OH 44902
419-774-4400

1650 East Southern Avenue
Bucyrus, OH 44820
419-563-2180

Like Us On
facebook

RNI, Inc. Friends: Let's increase our presence on social media and increase our LIKES on Facebook. LIKE, FOLLOW and SHARE us on Facebook to invite your friends to LIKE us too. UPDATED 5/1/25:

City Garden Café is at 695 FOLLOWERS, can we get to 800 FOLLOWS, 105 FOLLOWERS to go

Element of Art Studio/Gallery is at 2230 FOLLOWERS, can we get 2500 FOLLOWS, 270 FOLLOWERS to go

RNI, Inc. is at 2390 FOLLOWERS, can we get to 2500 FOLLOWS, 110 FOLLOWERS to go

Trillium Event Center is at 1252 FOLLOWERS, can we get to 1500 FOLLOWS, 248 FOLLOWERS 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 RNI, Inc!



WE ARE HIRING RICHLAND AND CRAWFORD COUNTY LOCATIONS



Locations:

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

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



Our Mission:

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

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