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Wellness Fair

▲ In our continued commitment to our Team’s Health and Wellness, and in conjunction with National Public Health Week, we held a Wellness Fair on Wednesday, April 7th.

Several area wellness partners were invited to attend and set up outside our Team Center where Team Members could check out the information being presented. Attending were representatives from Groskopp Chiropractic, The Community Blood Center, Be’s Vending with a new offering of Bevi Water, and KOR Nutrition. Vanessa Mommaerts who is our Wellness Coach from Prevea Health was also on hand to get to know more of our Team and explain what she is able to offer on her monthly on-site visits.



Wastewater Capacity Gains

▲ With more production hours being ran in all departments, we saw a need to increase the capacity within our wastewater system. Adding capacity would allow us to be more efficient in processing water before sending it to the City sewer system.



Over the course of the past several months, an additional tower for batch treatment and an additional sludge press were installed and fitted into the existing equipment. The benefits of this continuous improvement project are already being seen in reduced labor and chemical costs and will help increase efficiency for many years to come.

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▲ Those two words are what Brillion High School 2021 Salutatorian Brynn Williams wanted not only her fellow graduates to take into the next chapter of their lives, but they are words for all of us to live by.

Williams spoke of the loss of her older brother many years ago and the unprecedented changes to her life during COVID-19 as being catalysts that have affected her personal outlook on life. In her salutatorian speech she said "Don't wait for tomorrow, do it now! As you start the next chapter of your life, pursue that dream career, take on that challenge you always wanted to do, and be bold".



Professional Plating is very proud to have awarded a \$5,000 scholarship to Brynn Williams as this year's Salutatorian at Brillion High School.

Brynn is the daughter of Tammy and Andrew Williams, and will be attending Wisconsin Lutheran College in Milwaukee to pursue a degree in Nursing, with plans to become a Nurse Practitioner.

Congratulations, Brynn!

How Does your Garden Grow?

▲ American Journalist Doug Larson is quoted as saying "Life expectancy would grow by leaps and bounds if green vegetables smelled as good as bacon". Many of us can relate to that! As a society that is bombarded with food advertising that influences our (sometimes poor) eating behaviors, it is increasingly important to give the same amount of exposure to healthy options and good nutrition.

It is with that thought in mind that Professional Plating is once again supporting the "Gardens of Hope" at the Salvation Army of Calumet County, Bread of Life Assistance Center in Chilton.

The primary goal of these garden plots is to provide a well-balanced diet to the families served by the Salvation Army. The other goal is to give local businesses, families, and organizations the opportunity to adopt garden space to plant, grow and harvest fruits and vegetables to donate to the food pantry.



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Team Member Spotlight



Carl Weber,
Maintenance Manager

▲ I have been employed by Professional Plating and the Endries family since 1981. At that time, there were just a hand full of employees and one plating machine in a 12,000 sq. ft. building. I have seen and been a part of many changes over the years, seeing the installation of eight new machines and the facility growing to over 220,000 sq. ft.

I feel very fortunate to work for a family owned company that has no reservations about reinvesting back into the company, the community and the employees; people who I consider family and friends.

I live in the small community of Forest Junction and enjoy living in a rural area surrounded by farmland and other small communities. I am very involved in the community, helping to care for our local park for the last 50 years and being a member of the volunteer fire department for 46 years, serving as Fire Chief for the last 34 years. Earlier this year, I was nominated by the Calumet County Fire Chiefs Association and had the Honor of being selected as the 2021 Wisconsin State Volunteer Fire Chief of the Year.

As I look toward retirement, I can look back and say I have had a large part in growing this company to what it is today.

Editor's note: Carl's dedication to both Professional Plating and the FJFD goes well beyond the definition of dedication. Being recognized on the State level was a well-deserved award and Carl's family at Professional Plating couldn't be more proud on his receiving this recognition.



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"May the Force be with You"

▲ "May the Force Be With You" was a phrase in a Star Wars movie, used to wish an individual good luck or good will. That iconic phrase has morphed into a meme "May the Fourth be with you" and celebrates "Star Wars Day" on May 4th each year.

Professional Plating took the opportunity to use "May the 4th be with you" as the theme for a fry out and Spring Bucket Raffle Day on May 4th! It was a fun day with several Team Members dressed up in Star Wars costumes.

Shown below from left to right are Renee Larson both as Han Solo encased in carbonite, and then in more work-friendly Star Wars attire, and Sara Bartel with her friends R2-D2, C-3PO and Darth Vader.



Everyone enjoyed the food offerings of grilled brats and burgers, along with deep fried onion rings, cheese curd, mozzarella sticks and potato wedges.



Professional
Plating
Legacy Fund

Some would challenge that the highlight of the day was the food, but it was the opportunity to "nourish the soul" that had everyone feeling great at the end of the day!

Historically we have had great success with our bucket raffles to be able to donate the proceeds to a specific cause. The raffle we held on May 4th however, was for a "Professional Plating Legacy Fund" to be used as opportunities arise to help out a fellow team member or charitable cause. As always, the Team was very generous in their support!

Where Winners Finish

▲ **Metal Finishing...it's what we do!** Many years ago, we incorporated the phrase "Where Winners Finish" into some of our marketing campaigns.

In recent years, the phrase has taken on new meaning in our sponsorship of several area Sprint Car Teams, burning rubber on local race tracks and entertaining a growing number of race fans (fanatics even) on any given night or weekend.



PPI Motorsports is a proud sponsor to Sprint Cars, #10 Mike Reinke, #24M Adam Miller, #25T Travis Arenz, #26R Preston Ruh, #30 Doug Wondra, #73 Scotty Thiel, and #98 Brandon McMullen.



These race teams are well known among the local fans and are finishing in Victory Lane on a regular basis. If you are not already a fan, we encourage you to check out some sprint car racing at a track near you!

Relay for Life

The American Cancer Society's Annual Relay for Life of Calumet County took on a different look this year as the uncertainty of public gatherings and social distancing prevailed.



The change this year was a scaled-down version that featured luminaria bags placed on a beautiful trail adjacent to a new outdoor event venue called Stone Prairie, located just outside of the city limits of Brillion. The public was encouraged to then walk the trail and give quiet thought to those being honored on the luminaria bags.

Professional Plating purchased luminaria bags for Team Members to decorate to honor someone in their life who has been touched by cancer; a life taken by cancer, a survivor of cancer or in support of someone still fighting the disease.



Shown are some of the bags decorated by PPI Team Members that later lit up the trail at the Relay for Life event.



Quality Management System

▲ Professional Plating is certified to ISO Quality Standard 9001:2015 and must go through a recertification audit every three years. In the years between the recertification audits, a surveillance audit is done for the purpose of affirming that the management system really works in everyday operations and will focus on issues that may have been noted as weak during the recertification audit.



Due to Covid restrictions on the part of our accreditation body, our surveillance audit was done remotely for three days in early June. There are advantages and disadvantages to a remote audit. On the plus side, documentation and procedures could be reviewed much faster by sharing a computer screen, and meetings with department managers were held without excess movement or distraction. On the downside however, the auditor misses the opportunity to stray off of the agenda and question procedures he may observe.

At the conclusion of the audit, Bob Zipperer, Professional Plating Engineering and Quality Coordinator reported "We once again passed our audit with flying colors!" By definition that translates to "*To win, achieve, or accomplish something exceptionally well or very successfully.*" The Team at Professional Plating is very proud of this accomplishment!

To celebrate the successful conclusion of the audit, a taco bar, catered by Braun's Deer Run in Brillion was provided. General Manager Larry Dietz summed things up with the words on the shirt he wore that day, "Let's TACO-bout how awesome my team is"!

