

BakeWorks! offers new employment opportunities

Black Hills Works newest social enterprise is scheduled to open in June. BakeWorks! will provide employment to people with disabilities and a chance for them to learn food service and customer service skills in a real-life work setting. It will also offer the community locally-produced products made with good, wholesome ingredients.

Nine people are currently training for work in the bakery under the direction of Bakery Manager Theresa Dante. She says, “The workers-in-training are learning baking, decorating and preparing cafe food and drinks,” says Dante. They have also been creating sample trays for area businesses as part of a marketing effort to create commercial accounts. And BakeWorks! has provided baked goods for Black Hills Works events, such as art night and the Suzie Cappa Royal Tea as well as some community events, including the Day of Excellence.

Dante is originally from New York City where some members of her extended Italian family owned restaurants. She says she was raised on old world methods of baking and has carried this practice into BakeWorks! “We utilize pre-ferments, naturally-aged dough and starters instead of using chemicals as preservatives.” She has extensive culinary training, having studied in four culinary schools including the French Culinary Institute in New York City. And her work experience includes everything from volunteering in a soup kitchen to work with a high-end caterer which often served celebrity weddings and other events.

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Flutter shows off new home

The public had an opportunity to see the new home of Flutter Productions on Thursday, April 21 as well as enjoy performances debuting the work of Flutter's new choreographer, Sara Olivier. The Chamber of Commerce also did a ribbon cutting ceremony at the event and artwork by **Shawn Stratton** was featured.

Congratulations to performers Cindy Roan Eagle, Liz Warner, Ryan Freeland, Ana McKeehan, Molly McKeehan, Kate McKeehan, James Janice, Ordean Stevenson, Dean Baker, Rebecca Walsh, Justin Bruns, Shad Bebout, and Abbigayle Wells, Emerson Olsen, Heather Morris, James Janis, Rachel Grant, and Casey Pourier.

Flutter Productions got it's start in 2008, when fifteen performers from

Black Hills Works joined community members in bringing to life the tale of a butterfly in Flutter, an all-ability movement and dance piece. It was the first production of Flutter, which was founded by Heather Pickering while she was serving as the Education and Outreach Director for Black Hills Community Theatre (BHCT). The partnership continued through four productions: *Vita*, *Dakota Dreams*, *Quintessence*, and *Ascent*. Over 400 all-ability

performers have been featured in these pieces in Rapid City and Sioux Falls, and Flutter has received national recognition for its work.

Now Flutter Productions has become a full-time, year-round entity operating out of Black Hills Works. Flutter's mission is to continue to work with, create and produce work that reflects and includes historically marginalized groups including those with and without disabilities throughout the state of South Dakota as well as the surrounding region.



Cindy Roan Eagle and Liz Warner perform their poem, *What if Butterflies Were?*

Flutter Productions will perform *OSITY - A Journey through a Cabinet of Curiosities*, their 2016 all-ability movement-based performance piece in July (graphic on left.) Other plans include local and touring all-ability performances and a variety of theatre classes.

Bakery

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Dante says the bakery will carry a variety of products, from classic American baked items like chocolate chip cookie and brownies to European treats and breads. BakeWorks! will also be serving sandwiches and salads. And she is pleased it will be using produce from the Black Hills Works other social enterprise venture, a partnership with Gregson's Gardens hydroponic greenhouses. "We are very fortunate. That's a culinary dream to have fresh organic produce available to you."

BakeWorks! is located at 518 Mt. Rushmore Road, around the corner from the Suzie Cappa Art Center. It will be open weekdays, 7 a.m. – 6 p.m., Saturdays, 7 a.m. – 4 p.m., and Sundays 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. It features WiFi and four small meeting rooms with a capacity to seat up to 24 people. Rooms can be rented at discount rates with a food purchase.

Telling her story



Emmy Olsen presented her story at the open house of Flutter Productions on April 21.

Emerson Olsen was one of the performers at the open house for Flutter Productions on April 21. Emmy, who is 17, told the story of how she survived a pilocytic astrocytoma, a slow-growing childhood brain tumor and how she spent six years of her childhood in hospitals, doctor's offices and treatment centers.

"Even though I was struggling, to help myself I kept reminding myself that, there were others in the world who have it worse," says Emmy. Having goals also helped. "In my case I want to work in the performing arts. I keep my eyes on that goal and do everything that I can to achieve it. It keeps me going! Everyone should have a goal."

Emmy now presents her story to classrooms and other groups. Her message is helpful for those going through major struggles, dealing with mental illness or lacking confidence. But she also tackles tough issues like making smart choices and bullying. Her presentation is informative, entertaining, and very inspirational. If you know of a classroom or other group that could benefit from Emmy's presentation, contact Heather Pickering at Flutter Productions, (605) 718-8338.

Putt-n-Pub held New job at Colonial House

The Black Hills Works Foundation hosted its fourth annual Putt-n-Pub on Saturday, March 12. Forty teams played a nine-hole mini-golf course, with one hole in each of nine businesses in downtown Rapid City. Prizes were awarded for top and worst team scores, best costumes, and holes-in-one.

Holes were located at Rushmore Hotel & Suites (formerly Adoba eco Hotel) Sanfords, Thirsty's, Murphy's Pub, 445 Lounge, Paddy O'Neill's Irish Pub & Grill, Suzie Cappa Art Center, Independent Ale House, the VFW and Press Start Retro Arcade Bar. Proceeds from the event will go toward renovating the Black Hills Works gymnasium to be better suited for Special Olympics.



The O'Shananigans had the best team score at the Putt-n-Pub.

Xavier Long loves his new job at the Colonial House. Amanda Harvey, job developer, says Xavier is always eager to get to work and has impressed his boss so much that the owner, Kevin Beshara has started to add more tasks for him to do. "Xavier picks up everything so quickly and is eager to please everyone. He said that he really enjoys the food. He is so excited to be working again, and being a part of the community." Great job Xavier on doing your very best.



Xavier Long at his new job at Colonial House.

Year 14 for clean-up crew

Tina Turner, Stephanie Beard, Derrick Boegel, Mike Turner, and Rich Maxwell volunteered to clean on Range Road again this year during Rapid City Clean-Up Day April 23. Stephanie joined the group two years ago, but the rest of the team has cleaned Range Road on the city-wide clean-up day every year for 14 years.



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A nontraditional nursing job



Nurse Amber Abernathy with Clarence "Corky" Leach.

Nine nurses support the health needs of the more than 650 people we serve. Nursing Supervisor Kimberly Tollman, who has worked in many other settings including pre-op surgery, recovery, the surgical floor, and pain management, says this is the most interesting, challenging and rewarding of all the jobs she's had. "This is a nontraditional nursing job." She says BHW nurses

coordinate the basic requirements that must be met by funding organizations, including ensuring the people have their annual physicals, dental and vision checks and pharmacy and nutritional assessments. They also carry out a variety of treatments, wound care, dressing changes, insulin injections, assessments, and other traditional duties. But there are things that make the job unique. For one thing, people supported use physicians throughout the community. Many have dual diagnoses requiring nurses to coordinate care. And nurses must be able to differentiate between medical and behavioral issues.

All of these unique challenges require special skills. Kimberly says BHW nurses must be particularly good at communicating with a wide variety of people from physicians and pharmacists, to people supported, their families, and the state. They must also be able to train staff to carry out medical treatments.

Flexibility and the ability to handle change are vital because issues arise throughout the day. "You have to be very organized and be able to prioritize to succeed as a nurse in this job," says Kimberly.

Lions long history of support

The Black Hills Works Pancake Breakfast has been a tradition for 55 years, but when its previous sponsor disbanded in 1998, its future was in question. That's when the Rushmore Lions Club stepped in, and the event has continued without a break since.

This year's breakfast event was held on February 28 at Black Hills Works with funds benefitting Flutter Productions. In the past, the Lions efforts have raised money for an assortment of adaptive and recreational equipment as well as for the sun room and accessible park area behind the Learning Institute.

Planning for the event begins in the fall and for the next few months, Lions club members solicit supply donors, sell tickets, and promote. On the day of the event, members volunteer their time to cook, serve, bus tables, and sell tickets.



Lion Stan Anker makes pancakes at the annual Rushmore Lions pancake breakfast.

The breakfast is not only a great fundraiser, it is an annual get together for friends of the Works with more than 500 people attending each year. Our thanks to the members of Rushmore Lions club for carrying on this wonderful tradition.

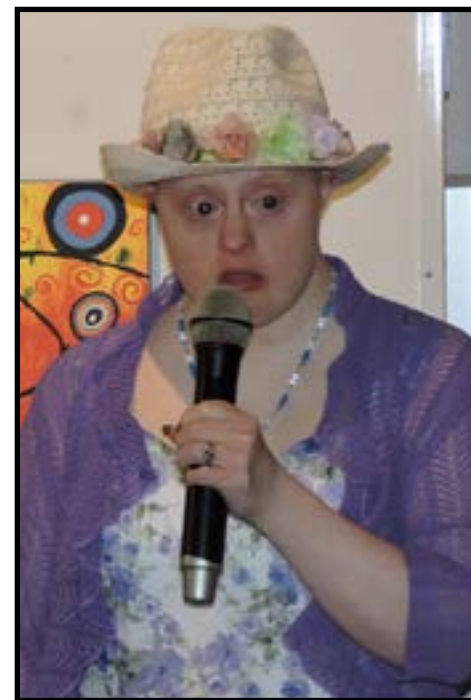
Artist of the Year honored

Artist Jill Holien, the Suzie Cappa Art Center's 2016 Artist of the Year, was honored at the Suzie's Royal Tea on May 1 with 132 guests in attendance.

Those attending sat at tables beautifully decorated by their hostesses. Each table's decor was designed to complement a different piece of art by a Suzie Cappa artist.

Jill, a full-time artist at the center, has worked in a number of mediums including painting, needlepoint and basket weaving, but she's best known for her colorful sculptures made with Styrofoam heads, which she paints then adorns with colored pipe cleaners, yarn, and other materials. Jill's sculptures have been purchased by people from around the world.

Jill has participated in theater and dance productions through Flutter Productions and Barefoot Dance Studio and continues to take classes through both organizations. The Artist of the Year is chosen by the Suzie Cappa Art Center Advisory Committee and honored at the annual Suzie's Royal Tea. Proceeds from this year's tea will benefit Flutter Productions.



The 2016 Artist of the Year, Jill Holien, accepts her award at Suzie's Royal Tea May 1.

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Echo-Works hosts open house



Echo-Works, our new electronic recycling division, held an open house and ribbon cutting on Wednesday, March 30. Above Randy Sheppard, Echo-Works supervisor, cuts the ribbon surrounded by Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors and other visitors.

Keven Moulton receives national honor

Keven Moulton has received the 2015 SourceAmerica® Tom Miller Award for Advocacy. The award is presented annually to an employee with a disability who has demonstrated outstanding achievement and remarkable passion for self-advocacy on a local and/or national level. Keven was formally recognized at an awards banquet April 27, 2016, in National Harbor, Maryland during the National Training and Achievement Conference.

Among his many advocacy efforts, Keven is president of the People First group and has led the group in doing employment presentations around the state. He is a member of the Choices Financial Work Group, a Person Centered Thinking Coach, a presenter for People Planning Together, and an Alumni of Partners in Policy Making. He's serving his second term as a member on the Family Support Council, appointed by Governor Dennis Daugaard.

Keven, who works at Raider Café on Ellsworth Air Force Base, played a leading role in conducting Grassroots Advocacy at the South Dakota state and federal government levels. He has met with every South Dakota lawmaker in the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate and not only speaks out regularly about policies that impact employment opportunities for people with disabilities but trains others to do the same. He helped to convince U.S. Representative Kristi Noem to become an AbilityOne Program Champion.

Because of his experience in advocacy work Keven has become a very good public speaker and an excellent listener. He has genuine care and concern for other self-advocates and takes pride in teaching others how to become more independent.

The award was named for Tom Miller, whose lifelong service

on behalf of people with disabilities earned him recognition locally and nationally. Tom started working on the BH Services contract at the Bandit Inn (now Raider Cafe) in 1990. He served on the board of directors of SourceAmerica®, as well as on the BHW Board. In 2012, Tom's avocation as an advocate became his career when he took the role as Disability Advocacy Specialist, a position he held until his death in August of 2013.



Keven Moulton (right) had the opportunity to meet Senator Mike Rounds while he was in Washington, DC to receive the SourceAmerica Tom Miller Advocacy Award in April.

First ride of the season



Wyatt Wolfe enjoying his first ride of the season at SunCatcher Therapeutic Riding Academy.

SCAC artist's work chosen for brochure



Congratulations Colleen Romano whose work has been selected for the cover of the upcoming National

Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS) conference brochure. The brochure will be used at the organization's mid-year conference, which will be held in June in Kansas City.

New job at Servall

Congratulations Chuck Wright who is now employed at Servall Uniform and Linen Supply. Job Developer Amanda Harvey says Chuck works weekdays, 11-3

p.m. on a machine called Mr. Bundle. "The function of this machine is to fold smaller bar towels and put them in groups. After so many are folded and piled, they travel down a belt that takes them into another machine that ties them together."

Amanda says Chuck is doing an amazing job and that he enjoys having a community job that is, as he calls it "my job." "All of Chuck's coworkers are very supportive of him and have welcomed him into the business," says Amanda.

Thank you Servall for the opportunity.



Brothers going places

Nicholas and Jacob Gonser "are growing into such great young men. They both work so hard and do their best at whatever they do," says Job Developer Amanda Harvey.

She says on the third day of his new job at Pizza Ranch, Nicholas was given more hours and a raise. He now works Monday-Friday and is the "main chicken guy," says Amanda. He also preps pizza and potato wedges in the morning. "Nick knows how to do everything in the back of the house. His boss Steve is very happy with him and has said this summer he would like to give Nick more hours."

Nick's brother Jacob, has been a janitor at the Salvation Army since July. He also helps on the loading dock and after the store closes on Wednesdays, he cleans the floor with the floor machine. "They love him there and he is a big part of the Salvation Amy Family," says Amanda.

She says together the boys are an unstoppable team. Recently, they applied for the Rural Development House program, and they were approved to buy their own house. By fall, they will have everything they need to start looking for their home! They are growing independent men and we are so very proud of both of them."



Nick and Jacob Gonser

BH Services celebrates 35-year partnership with EAFB

The BH Services Board of Directors and staff hosted a luncheon with the Military Affairs Committee on March 17 to celebrate the 35-year partnership Black Hills Works has had with Ellsworth Air Force Base. In 1981, the EAFB Contracting Division became one of the first air bases to contract with a rehabilitation facility. The contract marked a turning point across the country; it was the first time people with severe disabilities performed services within high security areas. Today, 66 people with disabilities work on contracts BH Services has at EAFB.

Keven Moulton, who is employed at the Raider Cafe was also recognized during the luncheon. Keven is the 2016 recipient of SourceAmerica's Tom Miller Advocacy award.

Getting around town

Several months ago, Black Hills Works partnered with the Division of Developmental Disabilities and AbleLink Technologies to implement a pilot program to help six people we support learn to use Rapid City's public transit system. Using a smartphone paired with the Wayfinder application, people are able to navigate the city bus routes with GPS tracking triggers and step-by-step audio and visual instruction.

Sam Garcia, one of the people selected for this pilot program, has several part-time jobs which are very important to him. Connie Melvin says that before the Wayfinder, he would ride his bike to and from work, no matter what the weather conditions. Sometimes this meant putting his safety at risk. "Using the Wayfinder, he is now successfully getting to get to and from his community-based jobs using Rapid Ride independently. Not only does this technology offer increased independence, it prevents him from standing out from others, something that he really finds important!"



Sam Garcia uses his Wayfinder application on his smartphone.

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The Road Ahead

The Suzie Cappa Art Center hosted a reception for the traveling collaborative art show, *The Road Ahead*, on May 13. The show features the work of 16 artists from the Suzie Cappa Art Center and three other art programs around the country who represent people with disabilities. The year-long show began in September of 2015 in San Diego, CA. and will end November in Flagstaff, AZ. The collected artwork will be displayed and for sale at each of the four galleries. Along with the Suzie Cappa Art Center, the other galleries are Sophie's Kensington Gallery of San Diego, Project Onward of Chicago, and Hozhoni Foundation of Flagstaff.

Suzie Cappa artists whose work appears in the show include Heather Morris, Barb Heagy, Sean Sipes, and Maureen Conley. *The Road Ahead* exhibit can be seen at the Suzie Cappa Art Center, 722 St. Joseph Street in downtown Rapid City through July.



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