

# Real Work for Real People



## A Decade at Green Mill

By Shelly Cherry, Riverfront Alma

Bridget Lange celebrated her 10-year anniversary at Green Mill restaurant this fall. Since beginning work in October of 1999, Bridget has consistently kept a positive attitude and pleasant demeanor as well as been an efficient, self-starter—she knows what needs to be done and does it! Over the course of a decade, Bridget and her co-workers have created special relationships such that they hosted a party in her honor to celebrate her anniversary. “We truly enjoy having Bridget here at the Green Mill. She has done a great job over the past 10 years and we look forward to many more to come,” says Daneya Severson, floor manager.



Bridget working at Green Mill

## Dream Job at Best Buy

By Greg Sheehan, Riverfront La Crosse

An internship quickly evolved into permanent employment for Logan Borst, Riverfront participant now working as a part-time stocker at Best Buy. Longtime lover of music and movies, Logan has achieved his dream job as has had always wanted to

work at Best Buy. Logan is ever eager to discuss the latest movies and offer opinions about new bands—this being one of the many reasons Karen Horth, Logan’s supervisor, loves having him at Best Buy. “He has a positive influence on his co-workers,” she says. In fact, everything about Logan is positive—his mannerism, smile, personality, and attendance.



Logan with Karen Horth, supervisor at Best Buy

## Goodwill Hires a Great Employee and Fulfills their Mission

By Debra Rimmel, Riverfront Janesville

When asking Goodwill store manager, Brian Schroeder, about Jill Gant, Riverfront participant and one-year seasoned sales floor associate at Goodwill, he replied, “Jill is an amazing role model to others.” Brian explains “she comes to work happy, full of life, and has fun at work.” With Jill’s positive nature, she is good at going with the flow, avoiding frustrations, and always wears a smile on her face. Even though Jill is one who has fun while at work, she is also a hard worker with an eye for detail. “She pays excellent attention to detail,” Brian says. Jill is a great employee who, according to Brian, “fulfills the mission of Goodwill.”



Jill [center] with Meredith Hoekstra, assistant manager, and Brian Schroeder, store manager at Goodwill

### Happy Trails Diner Values Diversity

By Kristine Tock, Riverfront Tomah

Chad Monty, owner of Happy Trails Roadside Diner, understands the importance of workplace diversity such that he contacted Riverfront to learn about their employment programs. Three months later, Loretta Beach, Riverfront participant, has proven to be an efficient, hard worker as she assists the diner with their dishwashing and food preparation needs three nights a week. Loretta loves her job and is proud of the work she does, often going above and beyond what is outlined in her job description. Loretta's willingness to assist others, many of whom she considers friends as well as her second family, and seek out additional duties surely adds to the positive atmosphere. "We all enjoy working with Loretta. She is doing a really good job," says Tabby Horn, manager.



Loretta working at Happy Trails Roadside Diner

### Walmart Employee of the Month

By Kathy Leffingwell, Riverfront Black River Falls

Only two months after starting employment with Walmart, Tyler Wood was awarded "Employee of the Month." Another four months and he was promoted from cart retriever to an associate in the electronic department, a department he had longed to work in due to his extensive knowledge of electronic devices, games, and computers. Along with this promotion and move to full-time employment, Tyler signed up for health insurance, something he never had the opportunity to do before. According to Tyler's supervisor, Scott Linn, "Tyler is an outstanding employee and was given employee of the month [as well as his promotion] due to his helpfulness and kindness to the customers and his fellow co-workers." Now, nearly a year and a half later, Tyler continues to be a reliable, hard working electronics associate.



Tyler working in the electronics department at Walmart



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