

## Deepwood Industries—Community Employment Services

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## From The Director

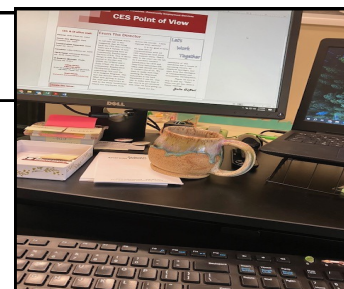
Welcome winter!

As I write this article we are experiencing an arctic blast of frigid temperatures and some snow. It is my hope that you all had a wonderful holiday season and are embracing the winter that is upon us.

We recently sent home a memo addressing practices to keep everyone healthy and safe. Please refer to that information and be sure to keep Job Coaches informed of

illness or other reasons that you may miss work. While we always want you to make good decisions about coming to work or staying home due to symptoms, we do count on each of our employees to help us provide quality work at each of our sites. It is our hope that our employees remain healthy and ready to work!

The Deepwood Industries Board purchased t shirts for all employees of



Deepwood Industries. These shirts were passed out early in January. I encourage you to wear the shirt to work and around town with pride. CES and Deepwood Industries is a great place to work!

Stay warm!

*~Julie O'Neil*

## Employer Spotlight— LAKETRAN

**CES is fortunate to have many amazing employers! One employer will be highlighted each quarter.**

Our employer of the month is Laketrans!

Laketrans has been the provider of transportation for most of our individuals for more than 30 years. Five years ago we were awarded the contract to clean all Laketrans busses and their building. This partnership has only grown over the years and now with the expansion and renovation of the Laketrans building, we will be able to hire more individuals and

expand our scope of work. Deepwood Industries individuals clean the entire fleet of vehicles, including the Dial-A-Rides, Commuter and fixed route busses. Recently Laketrans has started to convert its local, fixed route busses to electric, which will be easier on the environment and also help save money. The Laketrans building is part way through a more than \$20 million renovation and expansion, updating every facet of the building as well as the bus garage. As Laketrans increases ridership in Lake County,

their needs also increase and they are committed to a state of the art facility and fleet, as good stewards of the communities tax dollars.

**"Our relationship with Deepwood Industries has been fantastic and anybody who is looking into developing a relationship with them, I would encourage them to come look at Laketrans." - Ben Capelle, CEO, Laketrans**



Deepwood Industries and  
Laketran...a great match!!



Deepwood Industries staff actively  
networks throughout Lake County  
on behalf of our employees!



## TRANSPORTATION

This TRANSPORTATION column is meant to keep you up to date on transportation news and to provide seasonal reminders.

New CES Magnets with our updated logo and easy get to numbers for help and cancellations/call offs are coming home soon!

We want you to know that Laketrans Dial a Ride is a door to door service,

meaning drivers walk all their customers that they transport to and from the door.

We continue to collaborate with Laketrans to arrange trips for students attending The Pathways to Careers program held at Auburn Career Center.

Now that winter is approaching, please

have driveways and sidewalks clear. It is also important to have outside lights on when needed. These efforts help to make the transportation run smoothly and you get to and from work without incident!

Can't make it to work??  
Call CES Call Off line  
at (440) 918-1050 ext.  
3115.

## COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT

Community Employment continues to roll on into 2024! While things tend to remain constant or slow down around the holidays, January picks up and many of our employers are looking to fill additional positions. Laketrans is expanding and renovating their building, which provides us an opportunity to hire another individual there, and then as the year progresses, we will add

an additional person in our Laketrans Fleet site. We are working with AWT Think Manufacturing to expand our footprint in manufacturing this year and we have welcomed several new individuals into the department who are working at various sites. Welcome Sharon, Maritza, Dan and Matthew to CES. They are doing a great job and their job coaches are very

happy with their training and work ethic. Last but certainly not least, we are trying to expand into Geauga County and have been working with Laketrans and Geauga ParaTransit to facilitate a pilot program to transport our individuals into Geauga County for work. Laketrans took over Geauga ParaTransit last year and are eager to work with us.

## Holiday Party at Round 1

**CES staff and employees enjoyed the food, games and each other!**

On January 9, 2024, staff and employees of CES/Deepwood Industries gathered at Round 1 in Mentor to celebrate the holidays! Attendees enjoyed pizza, soda, cupcakes, and arcade games all while hanging out together. As they say...Work Hard. Play Hard.

