

BICERA BEACON

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WHAT'S NEW AT BICERA VALVE?

There's always something new at Bicera Valve. Here's the latest scoop!

And just like that, summer is gone and fall is here. But it seems like fall is already gone because we have received our first dusting of snow, and the current forecast has me thinking about buying handwarmers on my way home from work.

The past couple of months have been very interesting here. The stucco and painting have been progressing, and seeing the changes in the appearance of our building over this time period has been stunning to say the least. We've made so many changes in the past three to four years to the exterior of our building that I have to look at the before pictures to fully appreciate the transformation. It turns out, the new windows were just an appetizer. The stucco and paint are the main course and dessert. I have heard so many compliments from people around town about the appearance of our building. It truly looks like a new

building. With the front of the building almost finished, the cold weather has all but ended the work until spring. At that time, work will begin anew to finish the rest of the building.

One other thing that we have started doing is collecting all our plastic bags, case wraps, bubble wrap, and other similar items for our local Lions Club chapter. They are trying to collect 500 lbs. of recyclable plastic for a new bench for our town. The old wooden bench has been removed from the front of the historic Troy Civic Building, which is now a bank. Once the club has collected the required amount of plastic, they'll send it to Trex, which will recycle it into a new bench. Want to learn more about this program? Want to enroll your organization, too? Please visit www.trex.com/recycling for more details.



Contest Corner

Do you like to receive packages? Do you like free stuff? Then read on!

This month, we will send a prize package to 10 readers who can tell us what the acronym BICERA stands for. Email your answers to sales@penntroy.com. Winners will be contacted for shipping details.

*No names and/or locations will be published. No entries will be used in future issues without consent.

► Employee Recognition Corner



Dan Baillie

Painter

How long have you worked at Penn-Troy?

4 months.

What is your position, and what are your common daily duties?

Painter. I also help out in other areas around the shop when needed.

What do you like most about your job?

I like the people and doing different jobs.
Never the same job.

What are your hobbies?

Older cars.

Do you have a vacation ritual or location?

No.

What is your favorite movie?

Stand by Me.

Any bucket list item(s) you care to share?

Finish restoring my 1969 Lincoln 2-door.

Do you have any hidden talents?

No.

Family?

Three children on their own with their own families, doing well, and seven at home and into sports.

How do you unwind outside of work?

The kids are into sports like football, baseball, cheerleading, softball, track, and basketball. That keeps me really busy.

▶ A Message from the President

Welcome once again to the *Bicera Beacon Journal*. Now that the weather is officially below freezing here in Troy, our industry is beginning to look to the next construction season. Similarly, we had our own project this summer doing building repairs, stucco work, and painting.

Our building is over 100 years old, and inevitably our contractors were amazed that it was still standing. After a long season, I am proud to say that our building has gone from being an “eyesore” to a prime example of living history.

Please take a look at the pictures in this newsletter. Our goal is to show our employees, our town, and most important, our customers that we plan to be around for many years to come. What does that mean for you? Perhaps the next time you need a valve with a service life of many years, you can take comfort in knowing that, with our 60-year history and our commitment to the future, we'll be around to support you.

Thank you for your business, and I wish you and yours a Happy Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

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