

Spring 2021

Statement on Covid-19

In response to the spread of Covid-19, Malcolm Eaton Enterprises continues to follow recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and the Illinois Department of Public Health.

This Spring, due to loosening Covid-19 restrictions, MEE has begun to increase the number of individuals we serve on site. We will continue to increase the number of people we serve as regulations allow.

The safety of the people we serve, and our staff, continues to be our primary focus. We will continue to observe social distancing recommendations, and the use of masks.

We appreciate the continued patience of individuals receiving services, and their family members and guardians, as we slowly return to a more traditional service schedule.

We are all in this together!



Safety First!

As more consumers return to MEE this Spring, we are continuing to follow guidelines from the Illinois Department of Public Health including mask wearing and social distancing.

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Our Mission

Malcolm Eaton Enterprises encourages and assists people with disabilities, and those who touch their lives, by promoting informed choice and creating opportunities which foster independent community living, work and play.



Jeff Cummins, Spirit Paper Conversion Supervisor, poses in front of the paper packaging line. Cummins has supervised the Spirit production line since 2008.

Cummins Retires after 17 Years

After 17 years of employment, our Paper Conversion Supervisor, Jeff Cummins, retired from Malcolm Eaton Enterprises in May.

Jeff joined Malcolm Eaton Enterprises in 2004 as a Maintenance Specialist before becoming the Tissue Production Supervisor in 2008. While his job title has changed a number of times since then, his responsibilities have largely remained the same.

Each day, Jeff is responsible for running the paper conversion machine, paper core machine, and both the paper and plastic roll wrappers.

Prior to working at MEE, Jeff worked as an electronics technician for Honeywell. While the two jobs are different, Jeff says the skills he used as an electronics technician have come in handy while working on the paper conversion machine.

For example, the commercial bathroom tissue that we sell to the state of Illinois uses a different paper and has different sheet dimensions than our Spirit retail product. In order to switch between one product and the next, Jeff needs to change the gearing of the machine and adjust several settings on the paper conversion machine's computer. Thanks to his many years of experience, Jeff is typically able to switch from one product to the next in as little as 20-30 minutes.

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This came in handy last year during the nationwide bathroom tissue shortage. While many areas across the country ran short of toilet paper, Jeff was able to make sure that all of Spirit’s bathroom tissue customers, both State contracts and retail stores, had enough product to get them through.

In his spare time, Jeff enjoys going fishing with his family. He also, along with his wife Diane, enjoys making decorative wood crafts. The two sell the items at various craft shows in our area under the name Cummins Crafts.

We want to thank Jeff for his many years of dedicated service on the Spirit bathroom tissue line, and we want to wish him well in retirement. Congrats, Jeff!

Robert Patrick and Chad Johnson Take on New Challenges in 2021

Following the retirement of our Paper Conversion Supervisor, Jeff Cummins, two Malcolm Eaton Enterprises staff members will be stepping into new roles.

Robert Patrick will be working as our new Production Manager. He will be responsible for managing our production floor and coordinating our work contracts.

Robert began working at MEE in 2016 as a Production Supervisor, and has almost five years of experience supervising consumers and managing production contracts.

Chad Johnson will be taking over as the new Spirit Paper Manager. He will oversee the production, storage, sales and distribution of Spirit bathroom tissue.

Chad Johnson joined the MEE team in 2019, and already has extensive experience working with the sales and distribution of Spirit Paper.

We want to congratulate Robert and Chad on their new roles, and wish them well in the future!



Robert Patrick
Production Manager



Chad Johnson
Spirit Paper Manager



LIVE MUSIC AND FOOD



Eats & Beats!

Freeport Area

FRIDAY and SATURDAY
AUGUST 27&28 | **FREEPORT, IL**
AT THE CORNER OF
SPRING & CHICAGO

Partners



Staff Anniversaries

35 Years

Pat Kittoe celebrated her 35-year anniversary in May. Pat is a vital part of our accounting department, and plays an essential role in the daily financial operations of Malcolm Eaton Enterprises. Pat began working for the agency in 1986 when we were known as the Stephenson County Association for the Handicapped. We want to thank Pat for her many years of exceptional service.

5 Years

Mark Veach celebrated his 5-year anniversary in April. Mark has worked on the Spirit Paper line, and in our transportation department. As a member of our transportation department, Mark is responsible for safely transporting consumers to and from services each day.



We want to thank you for your interest in Malcolm Eaton Enterprises.

Sincerely,

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