

RiverBend's Got Christmas Cheer!

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Listen closely at RiverBend Industries this season and you just might hear the beat of reindeer hooves, the jingle of bells or the singing of Who's.

And its all due to a creative and fun contest proposed by a team of HR and staff members to "Deck the Doors." Each department throughout the office and plant was challenged to decorate their door, showcasing Christmas spirit and talent.

"Everyone decorated in their own way and provided their own designs and props," said General Manager Bill Collins.

A total of 20 doors have been decked out, ranging from simple to elaborate. There are snowflakes and grinchies, reindeer and sleds, blinking lights and even a Santa with a welding helmet.

"Its really got everybody into an upbeat mood and raised morale throughout the building," said Collins, adding that its been such fun they hope to decorate the doors next year too.

Judging was done by Duke and

Susan Wilgenbusch, of Victor, who admitted they had a hard time picking just one winner each, in the office and production plant.

"It's really too bad we had to pick only one," said Duke, "Everyone did such a nice job."

Despite attempts to bribe by candy canes, the Wilgenbusch's were able to choose the winners:

In the office, it was the engineering door which showcased the theme of "The Night Before Christmas" and featured a handdrawn sleigh design, wooden skis and antique toys.

In the plant, the Quality Control office won, featuring presents and lights and handdrawn "portraits" of office members. A sign above the door summed up their thoughts: "Quality is time spent with family and friends."

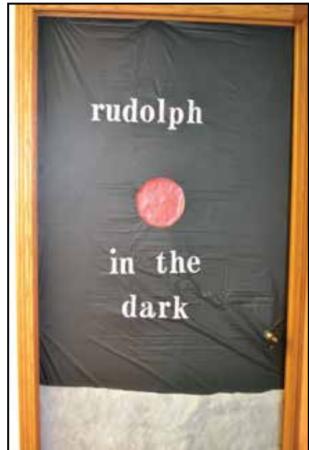
The winning departments each receive a pizza party but Collins said everyone would probably be treated for doing such a great job of spreading the Christmas cheer throughout RiverBend this year.



The Engineer's Office door was chosen as winner in the Office Dept.



Quality Control's door was chosen as winner in the Production Plant.



"Very clever," remarked judge Duke Wilgenbusch about General Manager's Bill Collins' door.



The Maintenance Dept. door included Santa in a welding helmet.

