

Just in case you haven't heard Penquis has a new Facilities Manager - Sheree Brown. Sheree started with Penquis as the Office Coordinator in Dover-Foxcroft in December of 2007. While Sheree was hired as the Facilities Coordinator in the fall of 2023, she actually started working in the Facilities department in the summer of 2017. Back then, the Dover-Foxcroft office had reduced hours during summer months, and Sheree helped with maintenance and cleaning 8 hours each week. She also was instrumental, prior to becoming a full member of the facilities team, in coordinating the renovation of the Dover-Foxcroft office and the relocation of everyone at Bangor Rd.

As Facilities Coordinator, Sheree's first challenge was converting the lower level of our Harlow St. building into the temporary home for Bangor City Hall, which required moving several departments with lots of employees from the ground floor to the upper level of Harlow St. She followed that up with the monumental task of cleaning, reorganizing, and securing the records room. Next, she worked to relocate HR/Payroll and Rape Response Services. She then organized the conversion of the lower level to house the Davis Rd. Child Development Center. She developed the floor plan and life-safety plan, worked with the State Fire Marshal's Office and the City of Bangor on permitting and submitted change of use and certificate of occupancy applications. Her reward for successfully completing that arduous assignment...moving everyone and everything from Davis Rd. to Harlow St.

Sheree followed that up by moving the EMCC and Venture Way Childcares to our new Bright Beginnings Child Development Center and finished up by moving the Harlow St. center to Bright Beginnings as well.

Sheree says she actually enjoys organizing moves and she's very good at it, which is just one of the many reasons she is a perfect fit for the Facilities Manager's job.

In her spare time (What? She has time to spare?), Sheree started the Somerset Line Gazette, a local newspaper named after the Somerset Line Railroad. She enjoys hunting and thrifting and spending time with her first grandchild. She also is an avid gardener and has created a free fresh produce stand for members of her community.

Sheree is a truly remarkable individual.

Please join me in congratulating Sheree Brown on her promotion to Penquis Facilities Manager.

*Housing Development and Facilities Director Larry Rogers*