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Some Assembly Required: The CSI Newsletter

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Welcome to the Eighth Edition of *Some Assembly Required!*



Furniture made for Cambridge High School's Student Lounge. Made in Shops 29 (Wood Shop @ OCC) and 16 (Sewing Shop @ OCC)

Congratulations **NICE GOING!**
GREAT! *Way to Go!*
Yea! **FELICITATIONS**
CHEERS *Take A* **BEST**
BOW! **WISHES!**

Congratulations to Ed Poppert on being the Supervisor/Manager of the Quarter!

Congratulations to William Thiemann on 15 years of service (TSCI) and James Fowler on 5 years of service! (NSP)



3 Questions With a CSI Employee - Angel Mendoza - Warehouse Corporal

1. What is something rewarding about your position as a Warehouse Corporal? The most rewarding thing about the position of Cornhusker State Industries Warehouse Corporal is the relationships that you build with Full-time staff and Detail Workers. Though some of the staff is only here for a short 30-day stint, teaching people things about what is going on and what is needed from employees out in businesses for work in Lincoln brings me great joy.
2. What is the biggest challenge the warehouse had to overcome in 2020? The biggest challenge that the warehouse has had to overcome this year is Covid-19. Dealing with quarantine, both of staff and detail workers has been quite the obstacle. In the beginning, we had multiple tasks that were being completed to help the State deal with the virus. CSI made masks of various shapes and colors for all levels of need. We took care of our own needs here at NDCS and also the needs of CHI Health, from creation to shipment, we all pitched in. From the warehouse, we shipped over 20,000 to each of the Agencies of Nebraska via Interagency, and that doesn't include the amounts that have gone to the State and all the various Correctional Facilities in each of the counties. We made hand sanitizer initially, packaged, and shipped from the warehouse to include the University of Nebraska Lincoln - then eventually they completed the task for Nebraska and continue to do so now. We make gowns, face shields, visually impaired masks, etc. and those are all here in our warehouse for dispersal when needed. 2020 was a challenge, but we put ourselves to the challenge and feel as a team we took it head-on.
3. What is something you never expected to learn from your job, with leading a team of incarcerated individuals? Something that I didn't expect to learn from my job with incarcerated individuals was my ability to teach with a firm, fair, and consistent relationship with the Detail Workers. Teaching people to drive a forklift, or pick a load involves repeatedly doing the same tasks all the time, but with all different Detail Workers almost every other month. It's a good feeling to watch them be successful in society too, and I had not thought or imagined that when I took this job here at CSI.

Right: Probation Office in Hastings. The Desk, Cabinet, and Hutch all made in Shop 29 (Wood Shop @ OCC)





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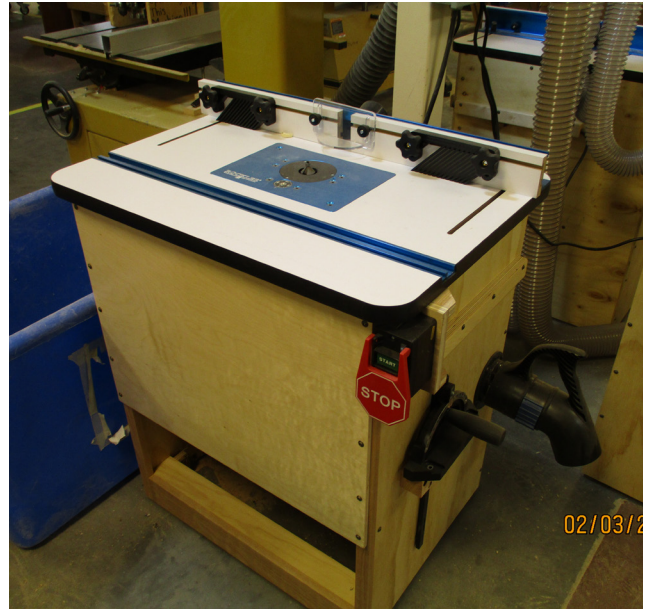
Furniture made for Butler Memorial Library in Cambridge. These products were made in Shops 16 (Sewing Shop @ OCC) and 29 (Wood Shop @ OCC)



Right: A picture from the large snowfall at the end of January!



New Equipment in Shop 61



Shop 61 (Wood Shop @ TSCI) finally has new router tables set up! They now have three set up for different purposes. One is set up for a round-over bit, one for a chamfer bit, and one set up for flush-trim bit. Now, instead of our builders having to take time to set up a router to do these processes, they can walk right over and use a present one, saving a lot of time in the setup process. Each table also has its dedicated router, so there is no lost time setting the routers up. The entire setup is also connected to our dust collector, making clean up easier!



Left: Truck load heading to Burwell. Thank you to our delivery drivers for bracing all the winter elements we've had the last few weeks!