



Some Assembly Required: The CSI Newsletter

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Welcome to the 21st Edition of *Some Assembly Required!*

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Welcome to the Team!
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- Tamra D'Andrea - Business Manager
 - Erika Meyerhoffer - Workforce Development Manager
 - Amy Freier - Inventory Control Supervisor
 - Nate Wolfgang - Warehouse Manager
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Right: Shop 28 (Sign Shop @ NSP) made a memorial sign for the late Sam Folz. Sam Folz Memorial Highway is a portion of Highway 56 (by Greeley, NE). Sam Folz was a punter for the Nebraska Husker football team. He tragically passed away in 2016.



FROM THE BACK OFFICE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Featuring CSI's newest Workforce Development Manager; Erika Meyerhoffer

Erika Meyerhoffer is our new Workforce Development Manager at CSI. Erika's role at CSI is to provide career and education services to the incarcerated workforce of CSI and manage the Prison Industries Enhancement Certification Program(PIECP).

Before her current position, she was a caseworker at both NSP and LCC and a Talent Development Specialist for the WIOA and TANF programs. She has a bachelor's degree in human relations. She is currently arranging Lean Six Sigma white belt and yellow belt training for all shop workers, to start in the next couple of weeks. Please contact Erika through your shop supervisor and/or inmate interview request form.



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3 Questions With a CSI Employee - Danielle Sanders, Shop 16 (Sewing Shop @ OCC) Supervisor

1. What is something no one knows about products made in Shop 16? **Most of the special products made in our shop have been reverse-manufactured. We take it apart to see how it was assembled. Using this technique we have made K9 harnesses', horse blankets, and backpacks, to name a few. I think the most underutilized area of our shop is the embroidery area where we have made patches and custom embroidery on table clothes, horse blankets, koozies, etc..**
2. What do you enjoy about supervising Shop 16? **I enjoy seeing the workers succeed and learning new things. I enjoy seeing them being better versions of themselves. Currently, workers will nominate their peers for doing a good job and they are presented with an "Awesome Citation" card for that recognition. Those peer nominations will also give a few extra points in the "worker of the month" where the individual that is awarded this certificate gets their picture taken and photoshopped into an approved picture.**
3. What is one of your favorite projects you've worked on in Shop 16? **I have a bit of an interesting fascination so my favorite project was the body bag prototype we were asked to make.**

Kansas Military Project Delivered!

The large project for the Kansas Military has been delivered! Most of the items were built in Shop 29 (Wood Shop @ OCC) were delivered to Nickell Hall, at the Kansas Training Center.

A huge shout out to Shop 29 for the great work, as well as Matt Zier and the warehouse team for staging the entire semi-load. Also Keith Houfek for helping deliver some of the items.

This was a team effort to help out a neighboring state, awesome job to everyone involved! Pictured to the right is the Kansas Correctional Industries truck loaded and ready to hit the road!





CSI Makes Sign for an Honorary Street in Sarpy County

Shop 28 (Sign Shop @ NSP) made a road sign for a new dedicated street. This street was named in honor of the fallen U.S. Marine Cpl. Daegan Page. Cpl. Page was one of the 13 service members that were killed in an August 2021 attack in Afghanistan.

“A portion of Gertrude Street from 157th and Emeline Streets to South 162nd Avenue and Harrison Streets now carries a “Cpl. Daegan Page Street” honorary designation.” according to the official Sarpy County press release. The sign unveiling ceremony took place on Thursday, June 30th.

Another great job was done by Shop 28!

Below are pictures of the sign and dedication ceremony.



*Ideas for future newsletters? Please contact Deidre Boyle via email or by phone!
This newsletter wouldn't be possible without the whole staff contributing. Any
ideas or information is appreciated. Thank you!*



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Mike Martin, CSI Business Manager Retires After 21 Years

On Friday, July 29th CSI celebrated the retirement of Michael (Mike) Martin, CSI Business Manager. Mike Martin was the Business Manager at CSI for 21 years. During the celebration, there was a bean counting contest, and memories were shared about Mike's time at CSI. Jeremy Elder (Deputy Director), presented Mike with a plaque made by Shop 23 (Print Shop @ RTC) and an Admiral of the State of Nebraska Navy recognition.

Congratulations Mike on a wonderful career at CSI and the State of Nebraska.

Happy Retirement!

