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# Some Assembly Required: The CSI Newsletter

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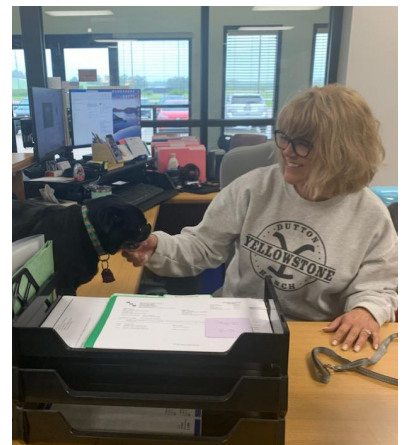
Welcome to the Twentieth Edition of *Some Assembly Required!*

## 2023 Nebraska License Plate Design Revealed



Left: Governor Pete Ricketts and First Lady Susanne Shore revealed the new Nebraska Licenses plates on May 31st. The design is a mosaic pattern depicting the “Genius of Creative Energy” and is based on the artwork inside the State Capital, according to the official press release. Shop 51 (Plate Shop @ NSP) will be busy over the next few months getting these ready for the general public.

Below are photos from Bring Your Pet to Work Day - May 25th, 2022!





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## 3 Questions With a CSI Employee - Sam Palin, Inventory Control Supervisor

1. Can you describe your position as Inventory Control Tech and what is something no one knows about your position? *Where to begin. IC processes most of the raw materials that come and goes through the warehouse that is requested by all the shops. Inventory and non-inventory items. We order, receive, transfer, ship, and confirm shipments. There are several ways of doing each so you need to know the products and vendors. IC processes Shop orders, Sales Issues, and Work Orders. These are all material requests like fabric, laminate, wood, etc. Also, IC orders all chair kits, file cabinet kits, table kits, etc. Most of the chair kits are sent to Shop 20 (Chair/Wood Shop @NSP) for upholstery and assembly, IC does some assembly. Most of the table kits go to Shop 30 (Wood Shop @ RTC) and IC does some assembly. The file cabinets are all assembled in IC. These then are shipped to the customer through Ann and the warehouse. I tried to keep this brief but the amount of products that go through here daily is amazing.*
2. What has surprised you the most about working in Inventory Control? *The amount of assembly that is done IC. That is so much more than Inventory Control.*
3. What has been your favorite memory working at CSI throughout the years? *My favorite memories working for CSI are from the time I was a Shop Supervisor in Woodshop 61 at TSCI. One is when Director Frakes and the Governor came to inspect the shop. They recognized the effort and effectiveness of the new Safety Program and all the effort that had gone into it. The best part was the look on the worker's faces when the Governor's security entered armed. The other one that stands out is after the "disturbance" of Mother's Day 2015 the workers finally got to come back and worked very hard to catch up while still turning out great quality. They really pulled together.*

Right: Embroidered tablecloth made for CSI Sales team to take to conferences and other events. Shop 16 (Sewing Shop @ OCC) also made embroidered table runners.







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## CSI Staff Members Attend NCIA Conference!

Cornhusker State Industries (CSI) had representatives attend the National Correctional Industries Association's (NCIA) Annual Conference in Louisville, Kentucky.

CSI is a member of the NCIA. Attendees had the chance to learn about other correctional industries across the United States and industry trends. Through various training sessions, a large exhibit hall, and fun networking opportunities all attendees enjoyed their experience. Deputy Director Jeremy Elder presented at the conference. The workshop was titled "Recruiting, Engaging and Supporting the Hidden Workforce to Succeed." This presentation gave an overview of CSI's partnership with Metropolitan Community College's 180 Re-Entry Assistance Program. Brian Koch also was awarded the NCIA Honor Roll Award. Below are photos from the conference.



*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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## CSI Participates in the State Campaign Against Hunger Fundraising Event - April/May 2022

Thank you to everyone who donated to the State Campaign Against Hunger Fundraising Event. It was another successful year! We raised **\$1,220.01** for the Food Bank of Lincoln and Food Bank of the Heartland. Throughout the campaign, we had two themed days:

Neon Day and Sports Team Day. To celebrate the end of the campaign we had our Tailgate to End Hunger cookout. Ben Leseberg was our lucky winner of the Gatorade splash! Also, the facility that raised the most money was RTC!

Again, a huge thank you to everyone who donated to the campaign and made the fundraising events fun! Check out some pictures from the campaign below:







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• **Congratulations!** •  
• Congratulations to Matt Zier - •  
• Quality Assurance Manager on •  
• 25 years of service! •  
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Right: Warehouse is stocked! A large shipment of boxes ready to go over to Shop 24 (Chemical Shop @ NSP).







## Earth Day Cleaning Activities at Shop 16

Shop 16 (Sewing Shop at OCC) celebrated Earth Day by cleaning up the shop! The workers deep cleaned the bays within the shop during the morning. Then in the afternoon, everyone participated in team-building exercises. Certificates were awarded to the winners of each game and the winners of the cleanest bay in the shop.

Below are some photos from the cleaning day activities.

