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# Some Assembly Required: The CSI Newsletter

November-December 2022

Welcome to the 23rd Edition of *Some Assembly Required!*



**Hastings Public Schools -  
Administration Building Project**  
Above and Left: Pictures from the Hastings Public Schools Administration Building. This project was quite large and had many shops involved. Shout out to Julia Wescott, Sales Representative, and the following shops: Shop 16 (Sewing Shop @ OCC), Shop 20 (Chair/Wood Shop @ NSP), Shop 23 (Print Shop @ RTC), Shop 29 (Wood Shop @ OCC), and Shop 39 (Wood Shop @ RTC).



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## 3 Questions With a CSI Employee - Jeremy Elder, Deputy Director

1. What have been the major highlights for CSI this past year? **The biggest challenge and highlight at the same time has been license plate production. With the implementation of new equipment and software, we only had about half of the normal time to produce plates. From purchasing materials to operating the shop seven days a week to delivering across the state, contributions of many team members were required to accomplish the goal.**
2. What is something you're looking forward to for CSI in 2023? **I look forward to getting operations back to full capacity. Many areas dealt with disruptions from staffing difficulties or challenges still unresolved from COVID in 2022. I look forward to a productive 2023.**
3. What message would you like to give to the CSI staff moving into 2023? **CSI is only as successful as our staff endeavor it to be. Thank you so much for being part of the CSI team and contributing to our success!**



Above and Left: Pictures from Araphaoe Public Library. The various items made were produced in the following shops: Shop 16 (Sewing Shop @ OCC), Shop 20 (Chair/Wood Shop @ NSP), Shop 29 (Wood Shop @ OCC), and Shop 39 (Wood Shop @ RTC).



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## December Plate Shop Update By Jessie Ball, Operations Manager

From June 1st until November 30th, CSI printed over 2 million license plates. Over the next 11 months, we will print close to another 1 million plates for the reissue.

I want to make sure some people get the recognition they deserve. I would like to give a huge shout-out to Dave Williams and Alan Wessel for covering the majority of the plate shop over time. Dave has come in at 0500 most days for the last 3 weeks, along with almost every Saturday and Sunday. He has pushed this shop to achieve success and challenged them to get better each day. Alan has stayed late most nights and come in almost every Saturday since we started working overtime months ago. Bruce Sejkora has also dedicated a lot of time to cover the plate shop when the sign shop is not working overtime. He put in many late nights and weekends. At one point I had to tell Bruce to take a day off so he wouldn't get burned out. Traci Gates stepped up and picked up a lot of Sunday shop coverage or printer coverage when there wasn't anyone else. This was instrumental in keeping the shop running and falling further behind. Andrew Wehrman and Deidre Boyle also stepped up and put in a few weekend days for overtime, both also learned how to run the printers and weren't afraid to get a little ink on their clothing. These last couple of weeks Greg Cudaback stepped up and came in at 0500 with Dave to open the shop, help bag, and cover the shop when needed.

Traci, Bruce, and Alan also took on the challenge of learning the Prism software that was implemented when we got our new printers. This was helpful so that on the weekends we could continue to crank out plates, without the weekend printing we would have been behind. Pat Stull was instrumental in getting all of the designs completed and ready to be printed. There are a few new designs for the 2023 series you will start to see, some of these Pat created completely based off instructions from the DMV. This was not an easy task to undertake.

Nate Wolfgang and Matt Zier were rockstars when it came to handling all of the pallets of plates the shop would ship over daily. They kept on top of all of the shipments and worked with Ann and the drivers to get all of the plates delivered by today. To those that help with delivery, thank you very much! At the end of the day, every county had license plates in their county to start issuing on December 1st. That is a success. It didn't always seem like we would get there, but we did.





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## **Welcome to the Team!**

Mary Howard - Inventory Control Tech  
Daniel Wendt - Delivery Driver  
Jennifer Fleury - Shop 16 Shop Supervisor  
Sam Busch - Manufacturing Engineer

## **Congratulations on Years of Service!**

Stephannie Cline, Staff Assistant - 5 years  
Frank James - Canteen Operations Manager - 10 Years  
Alan Wessel - Utility Supervisor- 15 years  
Phyllis Beaner - Laundry Supervisor - 15 Years

## **Congratulations - Team Member of the Quarter!**

Lauren Cabanas - HR/ACA/Safety Manager

## **Happy Retirement and Best Wishes!**

Kent Hanika - Delivery Driver

## **Special Shoutout!**

*"I would like to give a special thanks to all the individuals working in the shipping and receiving department for all the dedication, hard work, and willingness to be adaptable with all the issues we have had to navigate through. I am proud to have the team that we have and appreciate all the efforts to continue to push forward where things don't always go to plan."*  
-Nate Wolfgang, Warehouse Manager





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## Lexington Public Library

Below: Pictures from the Lexington Public Library. Multiple shops helped with this project. Shout out to the following shops: Shop 16 (Sewing Shop @ OCC), Shop 20 (Chair/Wood Shop @NSP), Shop 23 (Print Shop @ RTC), and Shop 29 (Wood Shop @ OCC)





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## CSI Holiday/Training Gathering

On December 14th, some of the CSI Staff came together for the annual holiday/training gathering. The morning started with everyone getting a chance to talk about what they or their shops have been doing this year. Then Deputy Director, Jeremy Elder recognized the efforts of the staff and their many accomplishments and those with years of service. The group also participated in a team building exercise involving a scavenger hunt, trivia, and holiday beverage competition.

