

# Christie Lane Industries May 27, 2016 Update

LOOK OUT FOR CLI SURVEY-- COMING SOON!

And now-- for John's usual excuses & apologies:

by John Schwartz

Big month coming up! July 1st is CLI's official spin-off date from HCBDD. We're going to be sending a really simple survey out next week to ask folks about what they like & what we can change to make things better. Questions like-- would you like your Christie Lane day to start a little bit later in the morning? Maybe a little earlier? How important is paid work to you? How often would you like to participate in small group community groups? What would you like to do more of? Stuff like that.

Speaking of CLI's small community groups, we're working on ways to push out a calendar of activities a week ahead of time so that people have a little more time to consider each activity and talk about it with people at home. We also want to figure out an easy way to communicate exactly what we've been up to with your people at home every day.

I have been getting some comments about CLI's new big Nissan 12 passenger van. Mostly people like it, but we know that we need a running board on the passenger side to help people step up into it. I should have thought of that when we bought it. We have ordered one for it and will get it installed as soon as we get the part. In the meantime, staff will have a small step stool on board to make it a little easier if anyone needs that.

I know that the pick-up and drop-off routes have been a little hippy-skippy in terms of never knowing for sure exactly which smiling driver's face you are going to see behind the wheel. This is beginning to settle in. I appreciate everyone's understanding with this.

Please keep the questions and suggestions coming!

*Check Out [www.christielane.com](http://www.christielane.com) for old newsletters, the CLI calendar, and new pictures!*

**Thanks to everyone that came to the Christie Lane (Both CLI & HCBDD) Open Houses on Monday, May 23rd, 5pm - 7 pm!**

## - SHOP TALK - With Jen Swicker

Ok Gang - The shop has been steady with work and the future looks to be much of the same.

Borgers Crew is scheduled to be up and running by Monday, June 6th. The crew has doubled in size and will be working from 8:30 am - 12 pm. The crew will then decide to come back to CLI to work some more and finish their day or you can choose a fun activity to do for the rest of the day with your co-workers. Either way the choice is yours. Please pass along any and all ideas and suggestions you might have for things to do around the area. Also, anyone interested in working on the Borgers crew let Jen know asap. The crew is currently fully staffed but we can always use subs to help us cover when others are sick or cannot make a day.

“Priority Work Group” You have been hearing me talk about this and now it’s time to start figuring out out who wants to work and who doesn’t. Who wants to make money and who doesn’t. Letters will be going out to those who have indicated to me or their SSA that work is important to them and they need to make money. If you have not talked to Jen or John about this, please plan to get to one of us within the next 2 weeks so we can answer questions or so you can get your name on the crew. Remember those in this group/crew will be paid an hourly rate for any and all work performed throughout their day.

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## Getting Out and About by Holly Binkley



Shea and Deanna are stirring the soap to melt it

The Mercy Willard Hospital group is currently working on a fundraising project in which they are making homemade soaps. The soaps are a goats milk and coconut oil base scented with a variety of scents that are great for sensitive skin. The proceeds from the soap will be donated to an organization called “Teen Challenge.” Teen

Challenge provides residential treatment for teens struggling with drug and alcohol addiction. The center based in Willard works primarily with women over age 18. The Mercy Willard group has been working out of their space and has already created several batches and will be ready to start sales soon.

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