

Christie Lane Industries February 8th Update

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

by John Schwartz

Christie Lane Industries (CLI) has completed our first round of staff hirings. As everyone knows, the Huron County Board of DD (HCBDD) is not allowed to provide direct services as we move forward. In order to make sure that people can still pick "Christie Lane" for their services, the CLI Board has agreed to hire staff over the next six months. This is a big deal for staff, but probably won't be too noticeable to the people we support. In December my paycheck came from HCBDD. In January it came from CLI.

On a related topic-- there is lots of discussion around the state about "integrated day" vs. "segregated day" services. This is a topic that everyone needs to pay attention to, because it is going to have much more of an impact on how and where services are provided. We (CLI staff) work for the people we serve. We will do our best to help our clients balance what the state-wide system wants with what our clients want. There is no clear guidance from the state yet. Integrated day services will be a feature in most of these biweekly newsletters because everyone needs to know what's happening at the state level. It will impact us here in Huron County.

Thanks!

NEW CLI POSITIONS!

OK-- we know it's confusing-- but CLI will be interviewing/selecting HCBDD staff over the next 6 months to get ready for July 1st. This date is important because that is when CLI will begin providing direct services without any staffing assistance from HCBDD. Call John if you want the history and/or how it worked before.

We will feature the staff chosen by CLI in these newsletters each month. Sometimes their new CLI positions will be the same as what their current HCBDD positions are, sometimes it will be something completely new. It is important that CLI positions itself for the changes that will come over the next couple years as the state begins to push more integration.

Vocational Team Leaders-- Donna Scheid & Rhonda White





New (ish) CLI Shred, Recycling & Community Employment Crew

Pictured Left to Right:

Community Recycling Coordinator-- Margaret Reffner

Community Employment Coordinator-- Glenda Foster

CLI-Based shred/recycling Coordinator-- Mandy Walkup

Community Document Destruction Coordinator-- Kristi Green

MORE OF THE SAME FROM JEN

by Jen Swicker

Hoping everyone is enjoying the weather and getting out and about.

Work at the shop has slowed down slightly but not to worry as Easter and Strawberry season are just around the corner so expect an increase in our Bucket assembly for Berry Plastics.

Couple of new jobs: We have ventured into an agreement with Brogers to do some work for them at their plant. 2 individuals have started work there this month and we hope that if all goes well we will have more work in the future. Precision Automotive has contracted with us to perform another small packaging job for them which starts this month as well.

We still have recycling coming in everyday for folks to sort and bale as well as all of our usual ongoing jobs from Bores Mfg., American Colors, Americraft, Autogate, Help Me Grow, Humanetics, NORWECO, Oglesby Construction just to name a few.

On a side note: Your BEARS have posted an 8 and 6 record and are finishing up on their regular season play. We have 3 home games slated for Feb. 4th, 8th and 11th. All game are being played at Norwalk High School, 6 pm. The BEARS move into tournament play starting Thursday, Feb. 18th vs. Morrow County, @ Seneca County, game time 7 pm. If the team wins we will play on Saturday, Feb. 20th, in Seneca County, game time: 12:15 pm. For more information contact Jen or your favorite Community Recreation Coordinator Jaimie Perry. Get behind your BEARS and root for a VICTORY! GO BEARS!

Getting Out and About by Holly Binkley



For those folks who are not as vocationally inclined, Christie Lane has a variety of options to provide to keep you involved. Each day, there is at least one group of folks based out of the Workshop who venture out into the community to explore a variety of opportunities available outside of the Workshop walls. If you have a specific interest or place within the community that you would like us to help you explore please let me know! Most recently this crew lead by the fearless Mandy Walkup explored the Toledo Museum of Art and had a great time doing so!

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