

THE CLOTHES LINE

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AUGUST IN ACTION

Hello CLS Team Members:

August is here and summer is going by fast!! There is only one month left before the kids go back to school so take advantage of your paid time off. Michigan has so many adventures to explore outside such as camping, bike riding, beaches, lakes, and the list goes on. Outstanding natural beauty and many historical sites have earned Michigan its reputation for spectacular road trips. There is plenty to be discovered; enjoy it while you can!

REFLECTION TIME

The phrase **"Our people are our business"** recognizes a simple but profound truth: every product, service, and customer experience begins with people. CLS is a "people" business through and through. Our buildings, trucks, product, equipment, and processes all have value, but they only become meaningful through our Team Members.

We are reminded of how many amazing Team Members we have here at CLS during the month of July. It is a month filled with Fundraising Picnics at every location. Laughter filled the air at each Picnic as our Teams shared food and fun together. The comradery that is shared within each Team is the reason CLS is a strong company. Ultimately, CLS does not succeed because of what we own—we succeed because of who WE are. Our people are not simply part of the business; YOU are the business!



On August 3, 2026 we will be hosting our 11th annual Ted Vander Meer Memorial Golf Classic. Our vendors and supplier partners are getting involved by purchasing sponsorships and golfing to support the cause. Ted Vander Meer, our founding family member, was an avid golfer and supporter of the American Cancer Society.

We have all experienced cancer - in our families, our friends, and our communities. Together we are making a difference in the fight for the cure.

Thank you for your support.

We are CLS!! - Sarah, Kurt, Ron



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

The American Cancer Society means a lot to the CLS family and each year we put forth efforts to raise money to help their cause. Thank you to all who donated, every dollar counts towards their mission below:

- Fund cancer research to improve prevention, detection, treatment, and survivorship.
- Support patients and caregivers by providing information, transportation to treatment, lodging for those traveling for care, and emotional support.
- Promote cancer prevention through education about healthy lifestyles, tobacco cessation, screenings, vaccinations (such as HPV), and early detection.
- Advocate for public policies that improve access to cancer prevention, treatment, and quality care while reducing barriers to healthcare.
- Advance health equity by working to reduce disparities in cancer outcomes among different communities.
- Its overall vision is to end cancer as we know it, for everyone by combining scientific research, community support, and public policy efforts.

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Dana Duncan	38 Years
Bryan Mueller	23 Years
Fidel Martinez Lopez	19 Years
Ruben Guerra Veral	19 Years
Elena Guerra Veral	19 Years
Lasheena Daniels	15 Years
Franklin Rodas	5 Years
Laura Torres Mendez	5 Years
Wade McKinney	4 Years
Gabriela Hernandez Matus	4 Years
Reyna Arriaga Lazaro	4 Years
Nicholas Percival	3 Years
Melissa Wiers	3 Years
Joshua Lesley	2 Years
Rafael Little	2 Years
Kevin Smith	2 Years
Isa Sanchez	1 Year
Samantha Trejo Colorado	1 Year



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Ty Booms	August 1st
Hunter Erickson	August 3rd
Samuel Duthler	August 4th
Ma Larez	August 6th
Sven-Erik Naeset	August 7th
Alejandro Villegas	August 8th
Albert Galvan	August 9th
Krikor Mouradian	August 10th
Ronald Vander Meer	August 13th
Aurora Paulino	August 13th
Elena Guerra Veral	August 13th
Mirian Garcia	August 13th
Araceli Arcos Gomez	August 15th
Chad Gentry	August 19th
Victor Ortiz Alvarado	August 19th
David Clayton	August 21st
Frederick VanDyke	August 23rd
Scott McSweeney	August 24th
Brandon Curtis	August 25th
Monica Garcia Vasquez	August 27th
Amanda Heywood	August 27th
Naydelin Quevedo	August 27th
Matthew McKalko	August 29th
Kory Keegan	August 29th
Franklin Rodas	August 31st

WELCOME NEW HIRES!

- Jim Benton
- Andrew Colyer
- Luis Dilbert Castro
- Cory Elzinga
- Judith Lucas Castro
- Carment Mina Cardona
- Laura Rodriguez



JULY MEMORIES

A huge thank you to all of our team members for bringing such incredible energy to our Picnics with a Purpose fundraisers! We couldn't be prouder of how our team comes together to make an impact!



Grand Rapids Team



Alpena Team



Kalamazoo Service Team



Cadillac Team



Livonia Team



Saginaw Team



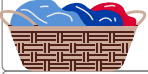


TOTALS RAISED:

Kalamazoo	\$1,910.00
Livonia	\$935.00
Alpena	\$635.00
Saginaw	\$609.00
Kalamazoo Service	\$600.00
Cadillac	\$510.00
Grand Rapids	\$360.00



AUGUST

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International Linen and Uniform Service Day 	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 	Water Bottle Flippin' Challenge Covington 20	Water Bottle Flippin' Challenge Manchester  21	22
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

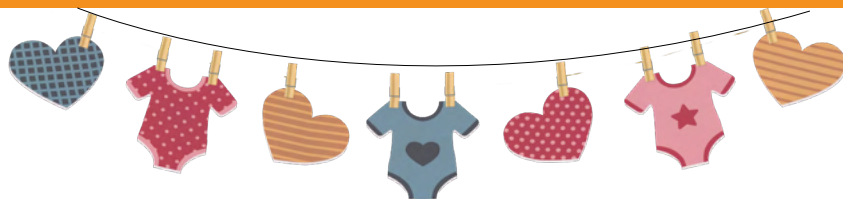


★ Kalamazoo

August 20 & 21 - Water Bottle Flippin' Challenge

Join us outdoors during lunch for the CLS Water Bottle Flippin' Challenge on Thursday, August 20 (Covington) or Friday, August 21 (Manchester) to flip for fun or battle in team tournaments!

Welcome to the Team!



Congratulations to **Mike Milliman** on his newest arrival! We can't get enough of this adorable little one repping the CLS logo.





CLS CORE VALUE RECOGNITION WINNERS

TEAMWORK IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY

During the late-night hours of July 11, a fire occurred at our Manchester production facility when a sling of clean bar towels hanging on the overhead rail system spontaneously combusted. Fortunately, our fire suppression system worked exactly as designed and quickly extinguished the fire, limiting the damage.

Several pieces of production equipment sustained water damage from the sprinkler system. Our Maintenance team and electricians immediately began inspecting motors, control boards, and other critical components to safely restore operations. The large-piece folder on Ironer #7 was deemed a total loss, and its replacement is not expected to arrive until the end of the year. Other equipment continues to be closely monitored for delayed water-related issues.

Despite these challenges, our Maintenance and Production teams worked tirelessly to minimize disruptions and keep production moving. Their quick response, teamwork, and determination allowed us to continue serving our customers.

This incident also reinforces the importance of fire prevention in our industry. We regularly maintain our fire suppression systems, remove lint from equipment, monitor dryer temperatures, properly separate and store products, inspect equipment, review production processes and provide ongoing fire prevention and emergency response training.

We are incredibly proud of how our Team responded. Moments like these remind us that our greatest strength is not our equipment or our facilities. It is our people.

Thank you to everyone for your hard work, flexibility, and unwavering commitment.



JULY

Cristina Ramirez Jose Hernandez Santos
Sofia Gusman Alicia Santiago Martinez
Ma Larez Martha Santiago Martinez
Antonio Toledo Licon Kevin Smith
Luis Lopez Garcia Jaime Martinez
Laura Sanchez Susana Matzar
Leticia Santos Garcia

A huge thank you to the 13 dedicated team members who came in on Sunday following the fire! They spent their day helping clean up and preparing the production facility so we could resume operations on Monday. We are so grateful for their incredible teamwork and willingness to step up when it mattered most.

Albert Galvan

- Albert has shown and amazing level of commitment with the amount of effort he is willing to put into hard work and making sure we keep moving despite challenges.



SUBMIT A NOMINATION HERE:
<https://forms.gle/QwSFqFnMVojB5QAt8>

Great work doesn't go unnoticed at CLS. Nominate a coworker who's living our Core Values

- Weekly winner gets \$25.
- Submit by Sunday at 11:59 PM.



Exciting Growth News for CLS!

We are pleased to announce that CLS has reached an agreement to acquire a group of customers from **Genesee Textiles** in Flint, Michigan, with the transition scheduled to take place on **August 3, 2026**.

This acquisition represents another positive step in the continued growth of our company and will be a great addition to our Saginaw service territory. The new customers will compliment our existing operations and create additional opportunities for growth and service expansion throughout the region.

Thank you to everyone involved in making this opportunity possible. We look forward to welcoming these customers to the CLS family and continuing to build on our strong tradition of service excellence.

The future is bright, and we're excited about what lies ahead!



Safety First!

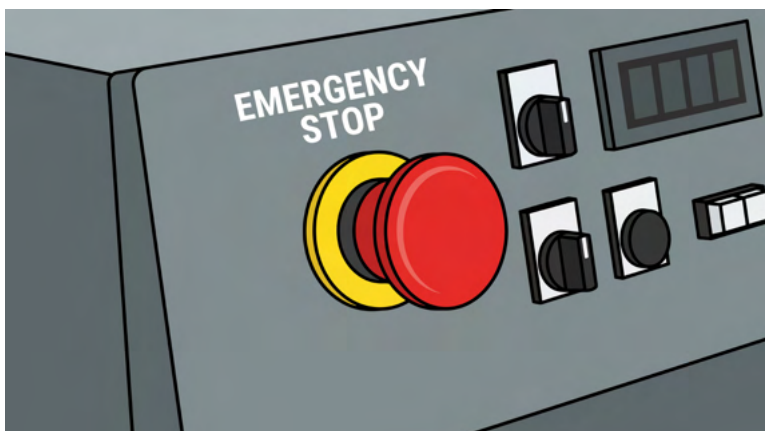


E-Stops: Know When to Use Them

Have you ever noticed the large red Emergency Stop (E-Stop) buttons on our equipment? Hopefully, you'll never need to use one—but if an emergency happens, knowing when to press it could prevent a serious injury.

An E-Stop is designed to immediately stop a machine when there is an immediate danger to a person or equipment. If someone's clothing or hand becomes caught, a person is at risk of being injured, or a machine is creating an unsafe situation, don't hesitate to press the E-Stop. Your first priority should always be protecting yourself and your coworkers.

At the same time, an E-Stop should not be used as a normal stop button. It isn't meant for clearing routine jams, ending your shift, or stopping equipment for convenience. Using an E-Stop when it isn't necessary can interrupt production, require equipment to be reset, and sometimes create additional maintenance work.



If you ever need to use an E-Stop:

- Make sure everyone in the area is safe.
- Notify your Supervisor immediately.
- Do not restart the equipment unless you have been instructed to do so.



Safety is everyone's responsibility. Take a few minutes to look around your work area and identify where the E-Stops are located before you ever need one. In an emergency, every second counts, and knowing where that red button is can make all the difference.

Remember: We can replace equipment and recover production time, but we can't replace a person. If someone's safety is at risk, don't hesitate; use the E-Stop.



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