

NEW BEGINNINGS

May 2021

Volume 29, Issue 12



Congratulations 2021 Graduates!

Dundy County – Stratton

Travis Sandberg

Chole Latta

Hitchcock County

Connor Jones

Thank you

Teri Faimon & Dan Fox

for your years of service to our
students!

Little House Museum Raffle

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Don't miss out on a chance to win a beautiful
"Big Red Nebraska Quilt".

The quilt is on display at
MNB – Stratton.

Tickets are available at MNB or from any
Little House Museum board member.

\$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

*Congratulations,
Chloe Latta!*

Mid-Plains Community College will award honor cords to area high school seniors to wear at their graduation ceremonies this spring.

Chloe is one of six Dundy County – Stratton students to receive an honor cord.

"The cords are used to recognize students who have taken the initiative to pursue college credit while still in high school. To earn one, a student must have successfully completed 12 or more credit hours of college classes through MPCC."
(Benkelman Post)

Chloe is the daughter of Clint & Jody Latta.

COMING SOON – EVENTS YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS

STRATTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

- *Coffee and Conversation* – be watching for details.
- “Take Out” books available.

LIBRARY/VILLAGE OFFICE OPEN HOUSE

- Plan to view this beautiful new facility Saturday, May 29th, from 1:00 - 3:00 pm.

COMMUNITY MEMORIAL PROGRAM

- Monday, May 31st – 9:30 a.m.
- Grandview Senior Center
- Sponsored by the American VFW



**Thank you to the Participants of
the MNB Ag Week Coloring Contest!**



Congratulations Winners!

Toddler/Pre-K

- 1st – Wyatt Latta (age 5)
- 2nd – Barrett Riggs (age 2)

1st and 2nd Grade

- 1st – Raelee Forch (2nd grade)
- 2nd – Devontae Hill (1st grade)
- 3rd – Kazlyn Kier (1st grade)

5th and 6th Grade

- 1st – Scot Ladenburger (6th grade)
- 2nd – Avery Sutton (6th grade)
- 3rd – Evan Freed (5th grade)

Kindergarten

- 1st – Abygail McDaniel
- 2nd – Madison Kollmorgen
- 3rd – Hadley Forch

3rd and 4th Grade

- 1st – Kenedi Merklin (3rd grade)
- 2nd – Camdyn Chamberlain (4th grade)
- 3rd – William Wasson (4th grade)



Happy Spring from Little Village Daycare!!

As we welcome the warmer weather and sunshine, we wanted to give our community an update on happenings at Little Village Daycare. We currently provide full or part-time daycare services for approximately 12 area families, which totals approximately 16 children. Our awesome staff includes our full-time director, two part-time aides and three regular substitutes. We continue to be state-licensed and have proudly completed Step 2 of the Nebraska DHHS Step Up to Quality program.

With the generous support of our local communities, Grandview and local grants such as the Hansen Foundation, Stratton Community Foundation and Stratton Community Fund Drive, we continue to make improvements that greatly benefit our children and staff. **THANK YOU!!** Improvements in the last year include new flooring, new lighting, foam play set, equipment upgrades, additions to outdoor play area, new window treatments, outdoor bench and we are thrilled to have funding to install a new sun shade for the outdoor play area this spring.

As with all businesses, COVID impacted many facets of the daycare, but we are proud of our staff and families for adapting and helping us through what was hopefully the worst of the pandemic. As things begin to normalize more in our area, the Board is planning another FUN teddy bear workshop event and fundraiser which will likely occur this fall. Watch New Beginnings and our Facebook page for more details this summer!!

With much gratitude for supporting our Little Village,

LVD Board of Directors and Staff

Kid's Corner

It's the Giant Pumpkin Contest

Sponsored by Private Pantry

ALL Local Children 12 and Under are invited to compete.

Pumpkins will be presented at the Stratton Fall Festival for judging.

Private Pantry has purchased some *special* seeds that the children may choose to plant. They are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact Melissa Dailey at 340-1101 to get one of these special seeds. More details to come in the following months.



The Flower Pot Benkelman

Flowers, Hanging Baskets, Vegetables, Plants, Potting Soil, and Wrought-Iron Lawn Décor.

Hours: Mon. -Sat. – 9:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Sun. 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

For more information call: Judy Clark 308-737-8002 or Leigh Real 308-350-1416.



NOTICE TO ACCEPT SEALED BIDS ON THE FOLLOWING SURPLUS PROPERTY:

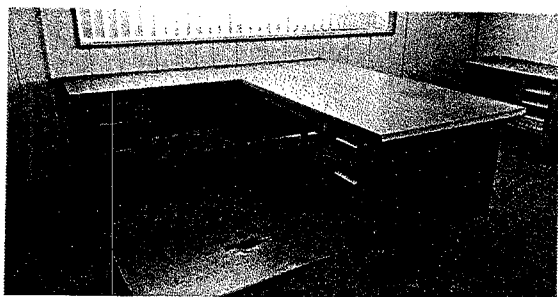
Five office desks- bid per desk (A-E), cork board shelf (F), file cabinet (G), metal storage cabinet (H), seven 3' x 9' tables and one 3' x 7' table- bid per table, specify how many you would like (I), locking metal cabinet (J), long shelf (K), small shelf (L), HP Laser Jet P3015 printer with new ink cartridge (M), hanging file frames (N), two shelves with doors (O), two 3 ½' x 9' tables on wheels- bid per table (P), Ford 800N Tractor (Q), and Six Class Four Electric Poles- bid per pole (No picture available).

Said property shall be sold pursuant to law, sealed bids shall be received until May 14, 2021, at 4:00 PM. Items sold as is without any warranty of any kind. Measurements are approximant. Said sealed bids shall be delivered to the Village Office located at 409 Bailey, Stratton, Nebraska. Said sealed bids will be opened at 4:00 PM on May 14, 2021. Said sealed bids shall be on the following terms:

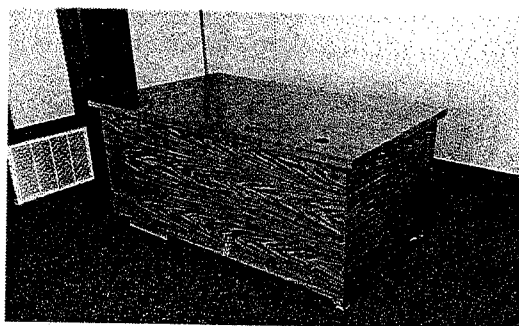
1. The successful bidder shall be notified of the Village's acceptance of the bid at the Village Board Meeting on May 17, 2021.
2. The successful bidder shall pay for and pick up item(s) by May 21, 2021 at 5:00 PM.
3. The Village reserves the right to reject any and all sealed bids and to waive any irregularities in the bidding process.
4. There must be separate bids for each item.
5. Indicate the letter number listed above each item on your bid.

Please contact Kevin League at 308-340-0149 or Tara Hedrick at 308-276-2184 for viewings, additional pictures or more information.

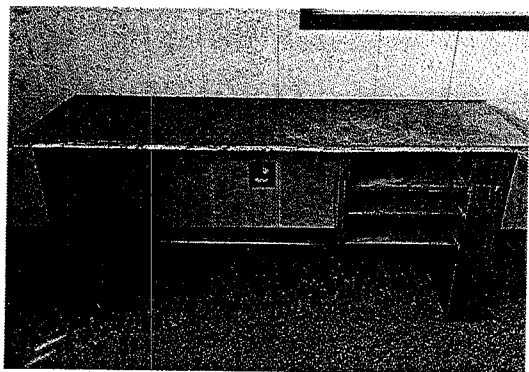
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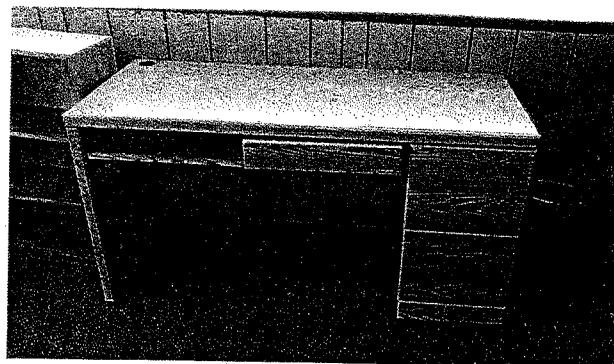
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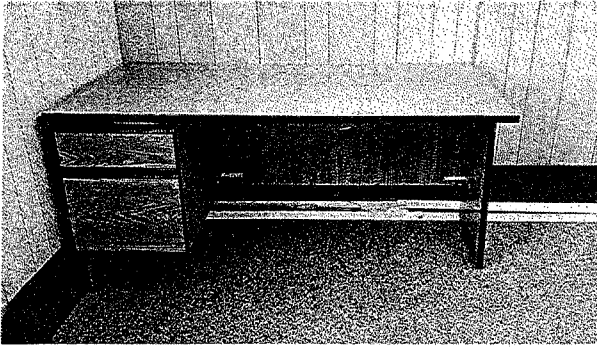
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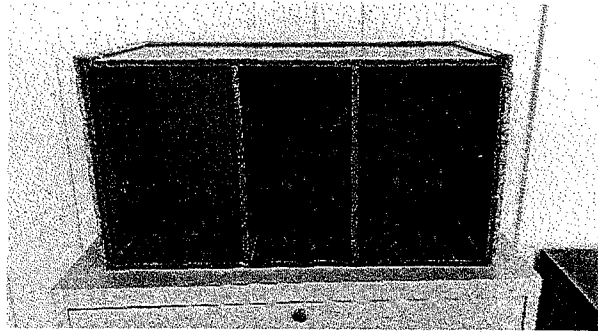
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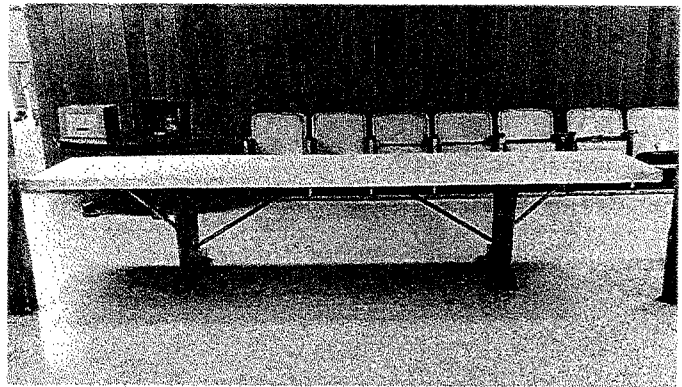
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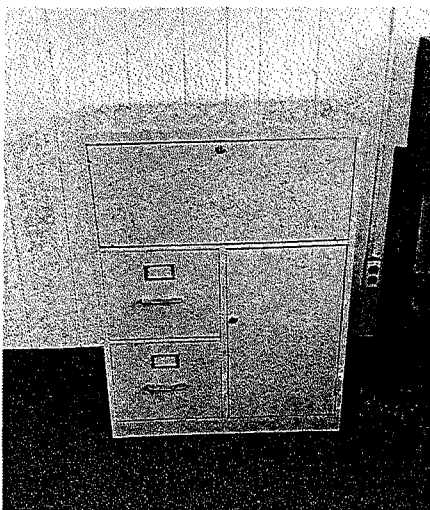
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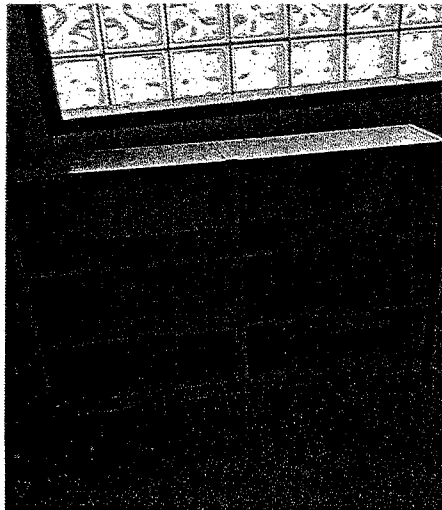
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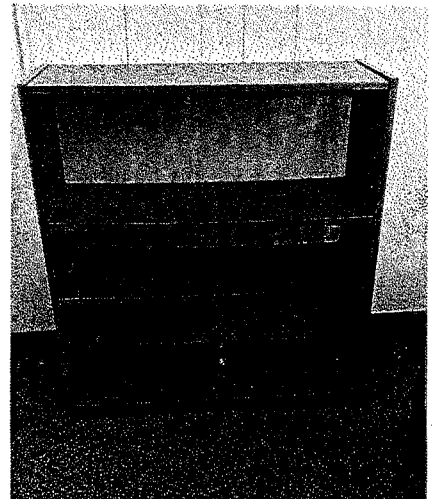
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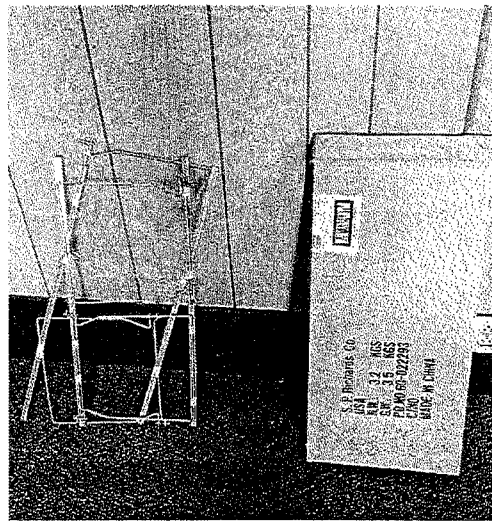
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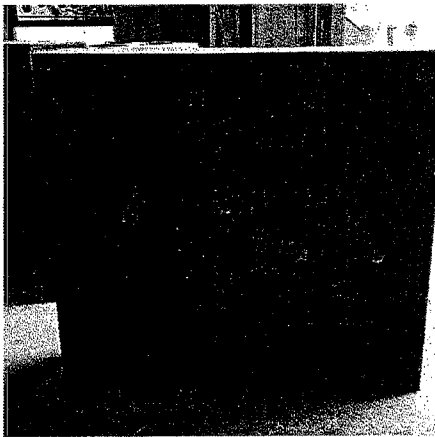
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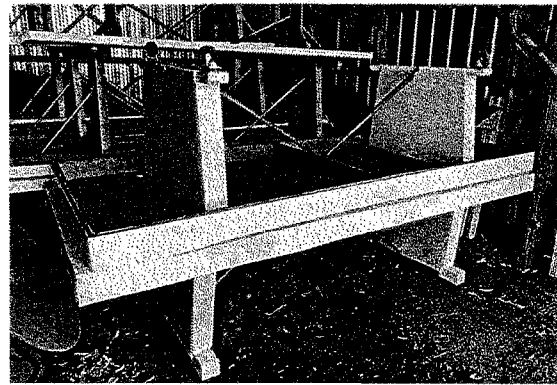
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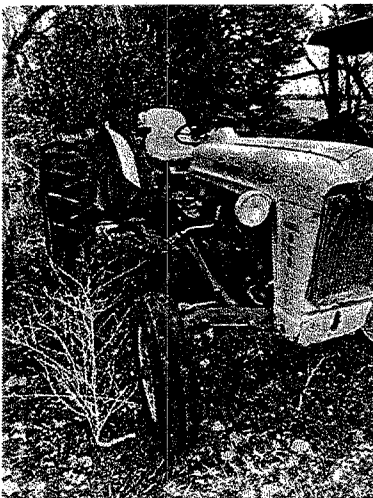
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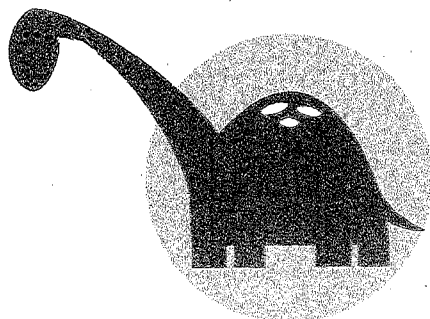
**The Stratton Community
Foundation proudly announces
the THREE 2021 \$500
Scholarship winners.**

**Harleigh Wissink plans to
attend Mid Plains Community
College.**

**Cloe Latta plans to attend
McCook Community College.**

**Philip Boyd is attending the
University of Nebraska in
Lincoln.**

CONGRATULATIONS



Hello from McCook,

Having read Kent Lorens' input (in the last issue), touched my heart. It brought memories of my children, Garth, Christy and Garret and their growing up years in the Stratton community and schools. All three were born in Stratton and have said, "We had the best childhood ever." From kindergarten through high school, they were tended to by good teachers and principals, and our one and only Mrs. Felt. School lunches were the best; my kids never thought of taking their lunch. Just saying, our "Go Big Blue" were the best days of childhood, and the Stratton people all looked out for our children. Thank you and a good future to all kids attending Stratton Schools.

Sincerely,

Vera Hardy-Hanson

Thank you for all the cards, phone calls, and best wishes on our 60th wedding anniversary. AND to our kids for the special video they made for us. It made for a very special day. We are so blessed.

Leland and Sharon Maris

Thank You

A BIG THANK YOU to the EMT's and volunteers for your care during the two trips to the ER in McCook in two days. Also, thanks to Penney & Julie for the time and effort over the years in continuing New Beginnings.

Thanks,
Dana B



Moving Sale
Watkins Products

50% off on Remaining Inventory

506 Hartford St, Stratton

-Luella Heilbrun

Help Wanted

The Village of Stratton is accepting applications for the positions of swimming pool manager, assistant manager, and lifeguards at the Stratton Swimming Pool.

Must have proper certification and training or be able to be obtained (reimbursed by the Village if hired). Applications will be taken until the positions are filled. Contact the Village of Stratton at 409 Bailey, call 308-276-2184 or visit www.strattonnebraska.com for more information or to complete an application.

The Village of Stratton is accepting applications for a part-time, seasonal Park & Rec position. Responsibilities to include mowing and other seasonal maintenance duties. Applications will be taken until the position is filled. Contact the Village of Stratton at 409 Bailey, call 308-276-2184 or visit www.strattonnebraska.com for more information or to complete an application.

Health Fair Lab Draws

We ask that if you are feeling ill the day of your appointment that you please do not come in.

General Health Panel

\$40

Included: CBC, CMP, TSH, Phosphorus, Magnesium, Uric Acid, Lipid Profile

PSA (Prostate Cancer Screen

\$10

A1C (Diabetes Screen)

\$10

Colorectal Screening Kits

FREE UPON REQUEST

Where: Stratton Medical Clinic in Stratton, NE

WHEN: Wednesday, May 12

TIME: 6-8 AM Central Time

Where: Trenton at the El Dorado Manor Assisted Living Entrance

WHEN: Thursday, May 13

TIME: 6-8 AM Central Time

Where: Haigler, NE at the Golden Inn

WHEN: Thursday, May 20

TIME: 6-8 AM Mountain Time

Call to schedule at least one day in advance! Appointments will be limited.
Further instructions will be given when making your appointment.

308-423-2204

Payment will be collected at the time you come in for your testing. We cannot accept debit or credit cards. Check or cash only please! This cannot and will not be billed to your insurance company or wellness plan.

For the accuracy of your test results you will need to be fasting (nothing to eat or drink except for water) for 10-12 hours.

Dundy County Hospital
1313 N Cheyenne St.
Benkelman, NE. 69021
www.dchbenkelman.com



"Caring for Our Community"

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

We live in a time of great unrest. We have just been through a pandemic and we lost many of our freedoms. Our government's imposed limitations on us that have done much more harm than good. It's been proven the mask doesn't help us. I see many people with one on, their nose is out or it gaps at the side, the material is no good, etc. Just one more imposition on freedom of choice. We are being threatened by Russia and China, trying to break into our cybersecurity, also military concerns. Where would we be with supplies, as China makes most of the materials we use in everyday living. Our country has borrowed so much money it's on the verge of bankruptcy. Many are talking about a cashless society. I could go on and on but you see what I mean about times of unrest.

John, the disciple of Jesus, was given a vision of things to come and he wrote it all down. We know it as the book of Revelation in the Bible. I'm sure that he didn't understand much of what he saw and heard, but, in obedience he recorded it. In chapter 5 he saw a scroll sealed with seven seals and heard an angel asking, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and loosen the seals?" No one could be found to open and read the scroll. John began to cry, because he knew justice would come when it was opened. But an elder by the throne of God told him not to weep, because, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, the Lamb who was slain, JESUS, was worthy and present and He took the scroll to open it.

That scroll holds some really hard times and they will come to pass. Some believe Jesus will come and get the believers before the tribulation and some believe he won't come until it's over. It will be a rough time, but, if you have Jesus as your savior it doesn't make a lot of difference because, when you have Jesus in your heart, you have the only peace that can be found. So, in these uncertain times, make sure Jesus is with you.

Richard Stahly

Church Worship Service Schedule

Comm. United Methodist Church

9:00 a.m. Church Services

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

Christian Union Church

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Church Services

St. Joseph Catholic Church

8:30 a.m. Mass

Church of Christ

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Church Services

Southwest Nebraska Holiness Church

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

11:30 a.m. Church Services

7:00 p.m. Church Services

Saturday Night Launch

**7:30 p.m. Held at Church of God
202 Main St. – Trenton**

308-340-5273

-or-

308-737-0901

New Beginnings is published monthly by the community Builders Academy. In order to assure a timely issue, articles must be submitted by the 25th of the month to Julie Bernt. Articles may be emailed to rbernt@gpcom.net.

Thank you to this month's donors:

Rita Crose
Vera Hanson
Daisy Jensen
Stratton Community Foundation
MNB – Use of Copier

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY, JUNE 12TH

STRATTON FALL FESTIVAL

--MOVED PERMANENTLY TO THE
LAST SATURDAY OF SEPTEMBER.
THIS YEAR - SEPTEMBER 25TH.

STRATTON QUALITY HEALTHCARE CLINIC HOURS

Providers subject to change.

Monday – Closed

Tuesday – Dr. Stonehocker – 10:30-12:00 & 1:30-4:30 CT

Wednesday – Jennifer Leiting – 9:00-12:00 CT Tammi Cawthra – 2:00-5:00 CT

Thursday – Dr. Joe Garcia – 9:00-12:00 CT

Friday – Closed

For appointments outside of these dates/times, please call Quality Healthcare Clinic in Benkelman at (308) 423-2151.

Stratton Public Library

Adult Fiction:

Good Neighbors by Langan
A Week At The Shore by Delinsky
Stargazer by Hillerman
Big Lies In A Small Town by Chamberlain
The Four Winds by Hannah
Missing and Endangered by Jance
Three Missing Days by Coble

Juvenile Fiction:

Three girls from the Stratton Kindergarten Class have generously donated 8 books to the Stratton Public Library. The books given are as follows:

The Story of Snow by Cassino
Red by Hall
Dinosaur Dig by Berenstain
If You Ever Want to Bring A Piano to The Beach, DON'T! by Parsley
We Are Growing! by Keller
Kind by Scheffler
Planet Earth by Goldsmith
Little Kids First Big Book of Why by Esbaum

Abygail McDaniel, Madison Kollmorgen, Emery Ladenburger and Mrs. Faimon hope that you enjoy reading as much as they do!

The Library Board and Staff appreciate the wonderful gift which these girls have given to our Library and the Community!

The Contest Theme

Ady Leighty won the theme contest with her theme:

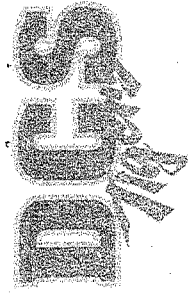
Pick A Book

Read A Book

Love a Book!

She received \$10 dollars and a book for her winning theme. Her theme will be in the *New Beginnings*, with the Library News each month for the coming year.

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25	26	27	28	29	30	



Dundy County Stratton Activities Calendar

MAY 2021



June 2021						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	Fr	Sa
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>Never stop learning because life never stops teaching.</div>						
2	3 10:30am K Field Trip 5:00pm Spring Concert @Stratton Elementary 6:00pm Musical Practice	4 9:00am Golf @Hitchcock County 1:45pm HS Track @Decatur 2:00pm JH Track @Cambridge 6:00pm Musical Practice	5 10:00am Musical Performance For Elementary 6:00pm FFA Banquet	6 10:00am Musical Performance For Jr-Sr High 6:00pm Musical Practice	7 12:30pm DCS Twilight Track Meet 5:00pm Musical Dress Rehearsal	8 6:00pm Musical Performance @DCS HS
9 HAPPY Mother's Day	10 9:00am JH Track @DCS 5:30pm Cheer Tryout Practice 5:30pm Stratton Kindergarten Graduation 6:00pm FBIA Honors Night	11 9:00am Boys Golf @Med Valley	12 9:30am District Track @Bertrand	13 6:30pm Spring Jr-Sr. Music Concert @HS Gym	14 1:00pm Benkelman Kindergarten Graduation 5:30pm Cheer Tryouts 7:00pm Baccalaureate	15 6:00pm Musical Performance @DCS HS
16 2:00pm Graduation	17 TBD District Golf @McCook 8:00am Elementary Track Meet @HS	18	19	20 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL Early Dismissal	21 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Teacher Workday	22 State Track
23	24	25	26 State Golf	27	28	29 Alumni Banquet @HS Gym
30	31 MEMORIAL Day	June 1	2	3	4	5

How Can Identity Theft Affect Me?

Identity theft can damage your finances, credit rating, and reputation, and complicate many areas of your life. Identity thieves might:

- drain your bank account.
- make purchases with your credit cards.
- open new accounts (bank, cell phone, utility, credit card, etc.) in your name.
- get identity and government documents issued with your name and their photos.
- receive medical care under your insurance.
- take out loans in your name.
- create a false criminal record for you by using your identifying information when investigated or arrested by the police.

Another growing problem is tax-related identity theft. Using your Social Security number, an identity thief might:

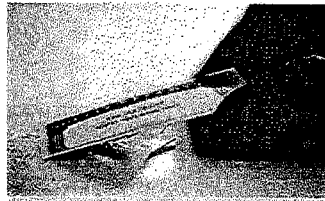
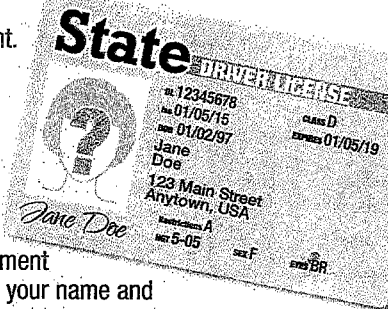
- file a false tax return and collect a refund.
- get a job and have earnings reported as your income.

Identity theft can create havoc in your life, so it is very important to know how to:

PROTECT yourself.

DETECT warning signs.

CORRECT problems that arise if your identity is stolen.



Beware of Traditional Tactics

Identity thieves continue to use simple, time-tested methods to steal your identity. Avoid these everyday dangers.

MAIL THEFT

- Use a locking, security mailbox if possible, or consider renting a P.O. box at your local post office.
- Put outgoing mail into a postal mailbox.

DUMPSTER DIVING (TRASH THEFT)

- Shred unwanted documents containing personal information and all unsolicited credit card or loan offers.
- Invest in a high-quality cross-cut shredder. Thieves can piece together papers shredded into horizontal strips.

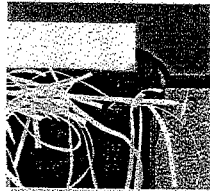
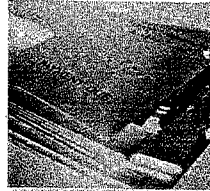
SHOULDER SURFING

"Shoulder surfers" observe your actions or eavesdrop to steal personal information. They look over your shoulder or stand close by and may use a camera phone to record you.

- Shield keypads with your hand or body before entering PINs, passwords, or card numbers.
- Avoid sharing personal information over the phone in public. If you must, use a low voice and shield your mouth.

PURSE OR WALLET SNATCHING

- Minimize what you carry in your wallet, especially payment cards.
- Never carry your Social Security card unless absolutely necessary.
- Don't carry PINs or account passwords with you; memorize them or keep them safely locked up at home.



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WE SHOULD ENJOY TODAY
WHILE IT'S HERE....
BECAUSE SOMEDAY
TODAY WILL BE
A LONG TIME AGO!

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