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## STANTON

### Special fair section

A special section, complete with results, photos and feature stories from the 2020 Stanton County Fair, will be included in next week's Stanton Register.

### Back to school

Thursday, August 13, will be the first day of school. Classes will be let out at 11:35 a.m. with early dismissal.

Friday, August 21, is Sports Drink Scrimmage. Volleyball will start at 5:30 and football will begin at 7 p.m.

### Mobile food truck

There will not be a Mobile Food Truck delivery on September 5, 2020 because of the Labor Day Holiday weekend. The next Mobile Food Truck distribution will be on September 12, 2020 beginning at 9:00 am and will be held at the Stanton County Fairgrounds.

Because of the Coronavirus precautions, this will continue to be a "drive-thru" distribution. Please bring a copy of a bill showing your current physical address.

## WISNER-PILGER

### Back to school

The first day of school at Wisner-Pilger will be Thursday, Aug. 20. There will be an early dismissal.

## WOODLAND PARK

### Back to school

Half of all Norfolk K-12 grade students will start school on August 13. Half of all K-12 grade students will start school on August 14. All K-12 students will attend school together effective Monday, August 17.

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## County fair wines and dines with unique entertainment

By CARRIE PITZER  
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Grass skirts and leis aren't typical county fair attire, but there's nothing typical about the Stanton County Fair.

Among the many events unique to Stanton last week was the wine tasting on Thursday, which carried a Hawaiian theme. The fourth annual event drew a diverse crowd eager to sample wine from the five Nebraska wineries.

"It keeps getting bigger and better," said Bonnie Podany. "I thought having a theme would make it a

little more fun, and what's more fun than Hawaii?"

Podany welcomed back West Point winery, Native 32, who has been at every event Stanton County has hosted. New this year was Prairie Creek Vineyard and Winery, which is based in Central City.

"These guys become family," Podany said. "We have a great time with them and are so glad they continue to come back."

Keith and Dale Doerneman of Native 32 said it's been fun watching Stanton's event grow.

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PHOTO BY CARRIE PITZER

Bonnie Podany (left) has organized the wine tasting for four years. The event, she said, keeps getting bigger and better. This year she introduced a Hawaiian theme.



PHOTO BY CARRIE PITZER

Four-year-old Henry Daniel is all smiles with his grandmother, Barb Daniel, at his side. Saturday marked Barb's first trip outside of the Stanton Health Center since March 7. She remained inside the van while watching her family participate in Saturday's horse show. In the bottom photo, Gene and Kevin Daniel paid tribute to their late father, LeRoy, by leading a riderless horse through the arena.

## Back in the saddle: Stanton woman sees family after months of separation

By CARRIE PITZER  
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With her eyes fixed firmly on her grandson, Barb Daniel sat perfectly still, concentrating as she watched Henry ride during Saturday's horse show at the Stanton County Fair.

Then suddenly with a wave of her arms, the Stanton woman broke the silence with a shriek. "Go, Henry, go!" she shouted as a big smile spread across her face. "Great job, Henry!"

Sitting inside the van from the Stanton Health Center, Saturday marked the first time since March 7 — about three weeks after her husband's death — that the Stanton woman had been out of the nursing home due to the COVID-19 situation.

"I have goosebumps," said her daughter-in-law, Sarah Daniel. "Watching her today is like winning the lottery."

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COURTESY PHOTO

Engineer John Zwingman talks to Stanton business owners and community members about ways to improve the downtown area.

## Community peaks into future of downtown

By CARRIE PITZER  
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Dozen of people were treated to a sneak peak into the future of Stanton thanks to walk-through tour of the downtown area.

Hosted by the Downtown Business Coalition, the project's planner, engineer and architect were all on hand to discuss ways the area can improve if Stanton receives the \$400,000 grant later this year.

"We had a really good turnout and people are really interested in the future of Stanton," said Bobbi Pettit of Five Rule Rural Planning, who is working on the downtown revitalization grant. "Stanton continues to both surprise and impress me. People are very interested in improving it, and Stanton has a lot to offer."

Lowell Schroeder, a community planner with the Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District, said the planning stage is going well, and business leaders are working hard to put together a

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## New year, new plan as students return to school

By CARRIE PITZER  
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Things will look a little different at Stanton Community Schools — from a new superintendent to a new plan to deal with the COVID-19 situation.

Turn to page 8 to view Stanton's COVID plan.

"Our number one goal is to keep students in school and to make sure it is a safe environment for them to learn and socialize with their friends," said Darren Soucie, who

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PHOTO BY INEZ BARTH

With the start of the school year, the new teachers at Stanton were introduced to business owners and given a tour of the Stanton businesses on Thursday. Those on the tour were: Superintendent Darren Soucie; Annette Soucie, preschool; Matthew Reeves, math; John Schmidt, life science; and Stacy Hardy, guidance.

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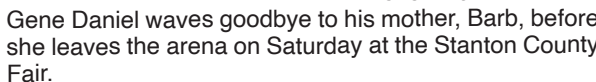
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# Saddle

Gene said it was the second time Barb had seen the bench. He showed it to her through the window at the Stanton Health Center before bringing it to the arena.



Thursday was sunny, and Gene said Barb remembers more on sunny days. She understood the bench was in memory of her late husband.

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"When she came to the window, the tears were rolling," he said, fighting back his own tears. "It was tough. You know, when we took them to the assisted living, we drove them in a team of horses. Horses and the fair mean a lot to us."

Saturday was partly cloudy, but Barb was alert and aware of everything happening, especially when Gene and Henry were in the arena.

Just 4 1/2 and the youngest grandchild, Gene said Henry and his mother had “an instant connection” when he was born.

Because he can't go inside to his grandmother, Henrys bring his toys and plays outside while she watches and visits with his parents.

Gene said Henry keeps asking when he can see his grandmother without the window.

"It's sad to see the two of them hug through a window," Gene said, choking up. "But she lights up when she sees Henry. Seeing her face when we get together — she's smiling, she's happy."

Gene said leaving the nursing home is the hardest part. They wave until they can't see one another.

"There's a lot I don't understand with this virus, and I'm frustrated," Gene said. "But there's nothing we can do. They're doing their best at the nursing home, and we are, too. I hope things change, but at least we got her out of there for the fair."

As Barb was getting ready to leave the arena Saturday, Gene rode over and waved to his mother. "Be good and have fun," he said.

"Oh, I am. I am having fun," she said, still smiling.

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"We have a great group of people working on this in hopes that Stanton can receive this grant," Schroeder said.

The \$400,000 grant must include a \$100,000 match, according to Schroeder. That match likely would be from the businesses receiving grant funding.

Pettit said the grant can be used for facade improvements and even for sidewalks. She said most of the interest from the community has been in facade improvements of the downtown district.

The downtown revitalization plan was to be presented to the Stanton City Council on Tuesday. Pending approval, the team will finalize the application in hopes of receiving the funds around November.

"If funding is received, that's when the fun part happens," Pettit said. "That's when business owners can really start planning for updates."

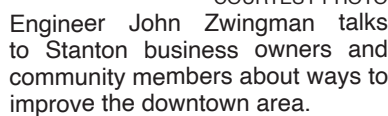
Schroeder said construction projects could start in spring 2021 with the community seeing an immediate impact.

Pettit said while the revitalization aspect is exciting, she said planning won't stop with

She said planning won't stop with updating buildings. She said they will be working on a strategic plan to identify and prioritize the "three Ps," which are projects, programs and policies. These

programs and policies. These, she said, cannot be addressed with a physical project but are vital to focus on to improve the community. Pettit said she anticipates that document being finalized in December.

“Stanton really has a lot going for the community,” she said.



"Yes, there are aspects that need improved upon, but the potential is there and people are very interested in what is happening."

Pettit said Stanton has the highest change in net taxables sales in the area. While Madison saw a 10 percent decrease and Plainview lost nine percent, Stanton grew by nine percent. That's higher than Norfolk's five percent and Pierce's four percent.

"That really says a lot," Pettit said. "I cannot say enough good things about Stanton. The pieces are coming together."

The project architect put together multiple renderings to show how various buildings could be renovated with awnings, windows, masonry, and signage. Schroeder said it's important for businesses to remember these are only ideas.

"The building owners remain in control of their buildings," he said. "The decision on what do is theirs."

officially began his superintendent duties July 1. Soucie said he put together a "Return to School Committee" of teachers from each level, a parent, board member and administrators to develop a plan for returning to school.

Each building principal has a committee for their specific building plan and has used this

protocol to formulate a more detailed plan that works with their logistics.

“We are currently in yellow and will follow that protocol at this time, but that could change any day,” he said. “We have to follow the guidelines of the Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department and those guidelines may change at any time so we have to be prepared.”



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### STANTON

#### Sample newspaper

Every household in Stanton County is receiving a sample issue of the Stanton Register this week. While originally subscribers in the county were to receive two papers, all households received just one issue.

The sample is to show everyone what the Stanton Register hopes to look like in the future. Please enjoy your issue and consider supporting the newspaper through a subscription or advertising. Contact the Register at 402-439-2173.

#### Prom on July 18

Stanton's Prom has been set for July 18. The sophomore servers, juniors and seniors should have received a letter in the mail with details last week. The grand march will be live streamed on the Stanton Register's Facebook page.

#### Graduation on Aug. 1

Graduation for the Stanton Class of 2020 is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 1, at Stanton Community School. The ceremony will be live streamed on the Stanton Register's Facebook page.

#### Youth football camps

The Stanton Mustang football team will be offering two youth camp options in July. On July 27th and 28th, there will be a K-6th grade camp, and on July 30th and 31st, there will be a Junior High football camp. Camp will be from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Both camps will be free of charge to all that would like to join, just bring a signed waiver to camp. Email any questions to dstoddard@esu8.org.

#### Basketball camp

Stanton Youth Basketball Camp will be held July 14 and 16 in the gym. Incoming 3rd-5th graders will go from 5-6:15 p.m. and incoming 6-8th graders will go from 6:30-7:45 p.m. Email for more information gwegner@esu8.org or cbeebe@esu8.org.

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# Travel. Save Lives. Repeat.

## NURSING GIVES STANTON GRADUATES OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY

By CARRIE PITZER  
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Drew Molacek and Cody Carlson have also excelled in high-pressure situations.

Whether it was on the football field or in the classroom, the Stanton graduates always stepped up as leaders. Both have traded in their pads and cleats for scrubs and masks as they stand firmly on the frontlines of COVID-19 as traveling nurses.

Drew on the east coast and Cody on the west.

"It's stressful. Yeah, super stressful right now," said Drew, who has spent the last year in Los Angeles. "But it's rewarding, too. I definitely feel like I'm making difference."

Drew, who graduated from Stanton in 2006, may be making more of an impact than he realized. He's also serves as a mentor for Cody, who graduated from Stanton in 2014. Cody said he was inspired by Drew and his older brother, Zach Molacek, to earn a nursing degree and now travel.

"I always looked up to Zach and Drew," Cody said. "As I looked into being a traveling nurse, I asked Drew a lot of questions and he helped a ton. He's definitely been huge in me doing this."

#### Drew Molacek

Drew admitted he's always followed in his older brother's footsteps. Zach earned his undergraduate in applied human and sport physiology at Wayne State College.

"I've always done what Zach as done," said Drew, who is the son of Dan and Kim Molacek. "Nursing felt like it would be a good career for me, so I went for it."

But when Zach turned right to become a nurse anesthetist, Drew went left — literally — and spent two years working the pit with NASCAR legend, Hendrick Motorsports, in Charlotte, N.C.

He went to an NFL tryout in Omaha, where 85 athletes were invited to a tryout in Charlotte to be part of the NASCAR pit crew. Drew was one

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PHOTO BY CARRIE PITZER

Cody Carlson became a traveling nurse this spring, following in the footsteps of Drew Molacek (top photo). Both are graduates of Stanton.

## Inside-the-box thinking helps residents see their visitors

By KELLY MARBACH  
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Sometimes thinking outside the box is needed, but for Stanton Health Center, it's inside the box is working just fine.

Stanton Health Center and Westside Regency Assisted Living recently began Phase 2 of COVID-19 and constructed a A protective moveable room. The visitor box allows family and friends to visit their loved ones.

"We call the structure we built at the front the 'visitor box.' That's going to be our place to visit for the time being until we see how things are going to go in the state of Nebraska," Administrator April Johnston said last week during a meeting.

The room is on wheels and is moved away from the building to allow passage in and out for resident and staff supervisor.

During visitis Director of Assisted Living Carol Hegemann takes the temperatures and screens visitors. Once approved, she brings the residents across the grounds to the visitor box, securing the

room around herself and the resident. All visits must be scheduled and last up to 30 minutes. Everyone must wear face masks.

A meeting was held last week at the VFW for the families of residents with Johnston addressing the families directly regarding COVID-19 regulations and Phase 2.

After the limits and changes were explained, questions from families were addressed. Other key staff members were also in attendance to provide additional perspective.

Johnston started off the meeting explaining how the center is now answering to six agencies; some state, some federal, and some health organizations. Communication between the agencies, and with SHC, amounted to daily changes in procedures and protective measures. These daily changes have gone on for sixteen weeks, with the entire staff entering the same door, having their temperatures taken, answering questions about international travel,

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## Residents must limit water use

Officials of the City of Stanton have imposed a water restriction, effective immediately and until further notice, due to the lack of rainfall received in recent weeks.

All water customers whose street address ends in an even number shall use city water upon their premises for the purpose of watering lawns, gardens, trees or shrubs, filling pools and washing vehicles on even numbered days of the week only; and all water customers whose street address ends in an odd number shall use city water upon their premises for the purpose of watering lawns, gardens, trees or shrubs, filling pools and washing vehicles on odd numbered days of the week only.

The ordinance states, "during and following drought conditions, or due to equipment failure, the City of Stanton water supply may become significantly and seriously depleted so that there will not be a sufficient supply of water to meet all customary and usual demands. Under these conditions, the Water Commissioner, with the approval of the Mayor, may find a public Water Watch, during which times the above measures and provisions shall be in effect to produce an orderly and equitable reduction of water consumption until the Water Commissioner, with the approval of the Mayor, finds and declares the water shortage condition to be ended."

City officials said the diminishing level of water reserves are a concern, and they are asking for residents to cooperate. Those who do violate city ordinance for the water restriction may be given a fine. Any questions please call city hall 402-439-2119.

## Fireworks planned on Saturday

Stanton will celebrate the Fourth of July with a bang this year because the fireworks are a go Saturday, July 4. Fireworks will begin at about 10 p.m.

The public is encouraged to attend the fireworks at the Stanton County Fairgrounds. No parking areas will be marked. Those attending are asked to follow the current Directed Health Measure and to practice social distancing.

Those wanting to donate to offset costs may send a check to the Stanton Fire & Rescue at PO Box 20, Stanton, NE 68779.



PHOTO BY KELLY MARBACH

John and Carol Vaught, Kelly Voelker and Inez Barth visit Ella Voelker for the first time since March 7. Director of Assisted Living, Carol Hegemann, screened and supervised the visit, and assisted Ella inside the new visitor box.

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# Nursing

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of just a handful offered a job. “I knew about NASCAR, but I never dreamed I’d be given the opportunity to be on a pit crew. But it was lug nuts and changing tires,” Drew said. “They wanted athletes who could learn the job. Every second in the pit is 20 seconds off a lap, so speed is huge.” Drew said he loved the experience. Still, he had dreams of nursing and started applying at schools about 18 months into working for Hendrick. He was accepted into the Remington College of Nursing in Orlando. After graduation, Drew opted to become a traveling nurse, rather than a staff nurse.

“I enjoy experiencing different places, towns, all the different foods,” Drew said. “I just get to experience a lot more places through this.”

Drew said being a “single guy with no pets” may make it easier for him for the profession since contracts are 3 months at a time. However, he’s spent the last year in L.A. and doesn’t plan to leave for a while.

“I was in the Bay Area, but I’ve been in L.A. now for the last year. I think I’m going to stay in L.A. for a while,” he said. “I love the mountain biking and hiking. I can drive two hours and be in the mountains for skiing.”

Drew said he leaves the stress at the ICU. The activities help him forget about his patient load, which he said is a very somber job because it includes the sickest of sick COVID patients. But on his off days, he can relax and enjoy life. With the current situation, he’s very cautious and wears a mask everywhere, except on the trails.

“I’m miles from anyone. It’s total isolation, which is great,” Drew said.

## Cody Carlson

Cody has spent the last few months as a traveling nurse, most recently at Stamford Hospital in Fairfield County, Connecticut and is preparing to move to the Pennsylvania to continue working on the east coast. He is the son of Dean Carlson and Jane Carlson and is married to Jaden Estes.

Cody went to the University of Nebraska-Kearney to study nursing and played football for two years before focusing on nursing.

“That was the most important,” Cody said. “It’s a tough program, so I played football for two years and then focused on nursing.”

Cody earned his nursing degree through UNMC and immediately began working as an ICU nurse at CHI Health Good Samaritan in Kearney. Like Drew, Cody wanted the opportunity to travel the country and work in the nursing field. Being a traveling nurse has also allowed both to have a higher income.

Cody said his contract this spring in Connecticut, which was his first as a traveling nurse, began as that area was just starting to see a decrease in COVID numbers, and by the time he left last week, the number of patients on ventilators had normalized. Ironically, he left Kearney just as that area was seeing an increase in cases.

“Being a traveling nurse has been a great experience,” Cody said. “I’d recommend the opportunity to others and encourage them to consider being a traveling nurse if it fits into their lifestyle.”

# County emergency deputy director retires

## SUBMITTED ARTICLE

For 32 years, Mike Kayton, or better known on the radio as 6539 and most recently 6531, has served Stanton County as one of the Deputy Director’s under Sanford Goshorn. He started in 1988 and remembers starting about 6 months after Sheriff Mike Unger started as a deputy with the county.

Kayton was involved in numerous community service projects, community education, as well as assisting our office and the sheriff’s office in radio communications. He was involved in many natural emergencies, emergency planning, and numerous search and rescue/recovery missions both in Stanton County and in Mutual Aid events with other communities. Kayton’s vast amount of knowledge and resource will be greatly missed by all of us in our area.

Kayton will be taking on a new mission in the Black Hills of South Dakota as he enjoys some time with his family. He plans on seeking out opportunities to serve that area with emergency management in communications or wherever they need a hand.



Mike Kayton



COURTESY PHOTO

Wind damage in Pilger was reported late Tuesday night to the Stanton County Emergency Management team. A downed power line due to tree damage was also reported to the Stanton County Public Power District.

## SHERIFF’S ROUND UP

### Maskenthine arrest

A 32-year-old Norfolk woman was arrested Thursday night by the Stanton County Sheriff’s office on outstanding felony warrants from three Nebraska counties.

Schuyler Calderon (Teboe) was taken into custody near Maskenthine Lake Recreation Area, north of Stanton around 6:30 p.m.

She was later jailed at the Madison County jail on felony warrants from Madison, Washington and Butler County. She was also cited for an alcohol violation at the recreation area.



Calderon

# Residents

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changes and other questions routine to the COVID-19 screening procedures. If staff answered yes to any questions, they were sent home and had to quarantine for 14 days.

“These 12 pages probably equal 150 steps. It’s like riding a roller coaster, like what is each turn going to bring us next,” remarked Johnston.

Johnston explained what the SHC staff has been doing since March 7.

Phase 1: No visitors, no families, no hospice, no vendors (unless emergency), food delivery personnel could not enter the building. Residents had to eat in their rooms, there were no activities and hallway bingo. Respiratory assessments and temperatures were checked every morning. Masks were worn by residents in hallways. “We had to dedicate a special part of our facility for any resident who needed to be quarantined for 14 days. If your loved one had to go to the hospital for an emergency, they could not go back into their regular room. They had to go into one of the designated rooms for 14 days,” Johnston said. Non-essential healthcare could not come into the building. Doctor visits were done by computer. Unnecessary health procedures, for example eye, dental, podiatrist, were not allowed. Medical emergencies only were allowed.

Johnston also explained how zones, designated by color, were assigned:

Grey - isolation 14-day quarantine, possible test pending

Green - All is good, do what you need to do, residents can eat in dining room

Yellow - potential exposure and residents

have to stay in their room

Red - positive in the building (no reds in 16 weeks) Johnston clarified, “We had no residents test positive, and we had no staff members test positive. We did have some staff tested in April, because at that time, any time you visited a doctor they started testing people, no matter what they went in for.”

### Visitor Box Rules

Johnson said visits must be scheduled. Visitors must wear masks, have their temperature taken and answer standard questions. Hand sanitizer will be provided and visits will be monitored.

The mount of visits may be limited, as there are 90 residents who will need to have their visits scheduled, she said.

Residents can eat in the dining room as long as the facility isn’t in a grey zone, provided residents don’t exhibit any COVID-19 symptoms. Two residents are seated per table, six feet apart. The seating arrangement is now first come-first serve, so some residents choose to eat in their rooms.

Group activities began June 23, once again, limited to 10 people.

Screening and taking temperatures still happens daily. Designated grey zones remain. Non-essential healthcare personnel are now at the discretion of the facility.

### Hair Salon Rules

Johnson said the hair salon is also reopening. “The biggest news of Phase 2 is that (hair stylist) Kim Spence can come back,” said

Johnston. “But she has rules to follow.”

Rules include the following:

- Cuts, colors, perms, rolling hair is allowed
- No blow dryers or hair dryers.
- One person in the salon at a time.
- She will start with one wing at a time. It will take a couple weeks to get to all residents.
- Spence and residents both need to wear masks.

### Non-Medical

Johnson said non-medical appointments are still not advised at this time. Isolation rooms are coordinated with patients who may have more urgent reasons to see a dentist or eye doctor, in order to make sure there is an isolation room available when they get back.

### Phase 3

Johnson said the next phase will also have many steps.

“There are six pages of guidelines that come with Phase 3,” she said. “One of the steps we have to do is baseline testing. They recommend that residents get tested, but it’s not mandated at this time. As a facility, we are not going to put the residents through that.”

The SHC staff also must be tested and coordinate with the state as to when, and how often. If there would be a positive result, the residents would then be tested.

“When you call and ask, when are we going to open, that’s why we can’t give an answer,” she said, “The test results will decide everyone’s future.”

# STANTON COUNTY CITATIONS

## 6-22

Larry Johnson Ralston Speeding 97/65  
Carmen Hernandez 65 Norfolk Speeding 67/55

## 6-23

Nicholas Lutjens 25 Columbus Speeding 76/65  
Roosevelt Woodall 30 Stanton Stanton County Arrest Warrant (FTA)  
Patrick Millerd 40 Phoenix, AZ Speeding 81/70  
Lynette Dole 54 Omaha Speeding 79/65

## 6-24

Miguel Perez 39 Columbus Stanton County Arrest Warrant (F/C)  
Angelica Khan 19 Denison, IA Speeding 81/65, Driving During Suspension  
Jonathan Romero-Archion 38 Omaha Speeding 79/65, No Operators License  
Dylan Olson 26 Curtis Driving Left of Center, Driving During Suspension  
Gavin Banks 28 Omaha Speeding 77/65, Open Container of Alcohol Violation

## 6-25

Nicole Thompson 36 Omaha Speeding

## 76/65

Schuyler Teboe 32 Norfolk Madison County Arrest Warrant (FTA), Washington County Arrest Warrant (FTA), Butler County Arrest Warrant (FTA), Liquor Violation (Maskenthine Lake)  
Austin Swartz 26 Norfolk Speeding 71/60  
David Russert Montvale Speeding 82/70  
Eriq Gildea 17 Norfolk Speeding 75/65

## 6-26

Juan Alerto Rodriguez 35 Norfolk Drivng While Intoxicated (Above .150% BAC.)  
Bencao Ntela 63 Norfolk Speeding 79/65  
Jarod Bromwich 34 Norfolk Speeding 78/65  
Cassandra Harper 21 Columbus Lancaster County Arrest Warrant (F/C)

## 6-27

Kyle Kirstine 38 Homeless Protection Order Violation, Possession of Marijuana and Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine, Probation Violation)  
Debra Udell 59 Woodland Park Obstructing a Police Officer, Possession of Controlled

Substance (Methamphetamine) and Drug Paraphernalia

Colby Napier Woodland Park No Valid Registration (Expired)

Ethan Anderson 21 Norfolk Speeding 72/60

Alex Sotelo Jr. 19 Norfolk Stop Sign Violation

17 year old Female Norfolk Minor in Possession/Consumption of Alcohol

16 year old Female Norfolk Minor in Possession/Consumption of Alcohol

Merrix Denn 19 Norfolk Minor in Possession/Consumption of Alcohol

Alexzandrea Matteo 18 Norfolk Minor in Possession/Consumption of Alcohol

## 6-28

Russell Brandt 59 Omaha Speeding 77/65

Hillarie Fernau Stanton Speeding 87/70

## 6-29

Michael Sullivan 62 Pierce Speeding 86/65

Tahashaye Canty-Neely 30 Norfolk Driving During Suspension, Possession of Marijuana

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## STANTON

### Closed Memorial Day

Due to Memorial Day, the office will be closed on Monday. The deadline for both news and ads will be Friday at 5 p.m. due to the holiday.

Reminder: New office hours (except for holidays) will be Monday and Thursday mornings 9 a.m. until noon. However, staff will be accessible Monday through Friday by calling toll-free 1-888-673-1081 or 402-439-2173.

Staff can be reached via email at either [stantonregister@stanton.net](mailto:stantonregister@stanton.net) or [news@stantonregister.com](mailto:news@stantonregister.com).

Ads and news items are typically due by 5 p.m. each Monday to be included in that week's publication.

### Community survey

Stanton residents are encouraged to fill out a community survey, which is necessary for the community's application for several hundred thousand dollars in grants to help revitalize the downtown. Fill out the survey online at [www.downtownstanton.com](http://www.downtownstanton.com) or pick up the survey at Emmet's Foodtown or Stanton True Value Hardware. Surveys were also mailed out as well.

### Summer food program

Stanton Community School will provide meal delivery for children age 1-18 until May 20. The summer food program will be open June 1 through July 31 at Stanton Elementary for children age 1-18. There is no cost to the child. Pickup only will be available from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Hot lunch and breakfast for the next day will be offered at this time. Social distancing will be observed while picking up meals. One child from the family may pick up meals. Please use the East Gym to enter the building.

### Maskenthine to open

Lower Elkhorn NRD is opening Maskenthine Lake for RV camping on May 20. Campers can check the Lower Elkhorn NRD's website for updates.

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## WEEKEND WEATHER

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Low: 39	Low: 40	Low: 35
Precip: 0%	Precip: 40%	Precip: 10%

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## Telecom welcomes third generation

Paden family strives to continue technology advances

Bob and Colleen Paden stand outside Stanton Telecom with their son, Nick, who is the third generation at the company.



By KELLY MARBACH  
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Strong family ties and love of community have made Stanton Telecom a three-generation company.

Owners Bob and Colleen Paden welcomed their son, Nick, back to the community a couple of weeks ago. Bob said he plans to retire and Nick is training to take over as manager.

Bob said, "I'll play it by ear until Nick has his feet firmly on the ground, maybe several months."

The Padens have two children, Nick and Bobbi. Nick graduated from Stanton High School in 1997, and attended Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln. Bobbi, who graduated in 1992, lives with her family in Lenexa, Kan.

Nick and his wife, Cari, have four daughters — Ella 10; Kennedy, 9; Scarlett, 6; and Autumn, 3. The

family purchased a home in Norfolk.

"My parents already have in place the next steps, which will be the demand for more and more broadband," Nick said. "The back office is where the magic happens with expansion now."

Nick said he sees "fiber to field" with precision as key steps for Stanton Telecom as "the next technological area of growth."

Bob and Colleen Paden moved to Stanton in 1980 from Greeley, Colo., when Bob was to become the "manager-trainee" at the telephone company. His parents, Bernard and Leona Paden of Fremont, purchased the company from R.G. and Maxine Deardorff, who had been the previous owners for some 30 years, according to an article in the *Stanton Register*.

- Please see **TELECOM**, page 3

## THIS WAS MY FIRST VIRTUAL RACE

Situation doesn't stop Stanton nurse from competing

By JENNY HIGGINS  
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Her running shoes were laced up and ready to go.

As the morning sun broke through the clouds, she looked at the newly-mapped race route ahead. There were no waves of runners crowding the starting line or excited conversations buzzing around her.

It was quiet as she started off on her run.

At first, her own breathing and the rhythmic sound of her shoes crunching the gravel below were her only companions. Although nothing was quite the same, she was determined to finish the race — even if it was a virtual one.

Carin Van Pelt of Stanton created her own half marathon course earlier this month, running a virtual version of the 2020 Lincoln Half Marathon that was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"This was my first virtual race," the 42-year-old registered nurse said. "I ran my race on May 3 which was the original date of the half marathon."

She will still receive a shirt and a medal for participating in the virtual format. Van Pelt admitted that she missed the race atmosphere she was accustomed to in Lincoln, but was thankful for the encouragement she received running closer to home.

"I had family and friends along the way to hand out water, Gatorade and cheer me on," she said.

Some friends ran and walked with her throughout the 13.1-mile run.

Starting off at 7:20 a.m., Van Pelt ran the Cowboy Trail, starting at South 1st Street in Norfolk and ran 7 miles west and turned around and ran back to Tahazouka Park on Highway 13. She used an Apple watch to track her run.

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COURTESY PHOTO

John Eberly, a 1964 graduate of Stanton and president of the Stanton Educational Foundation, was recognized with the distinguished alumni award.

## Eberly receives distinguished alumni award

By CARRIE PITZER  
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J.B. Eberly quickly names who he thinks is more deserving of the Stanton Distinguished Alumni award.

From the first person who donated to the Stanton Community Education Foundation to a large donation they hope to announce soon, Eberly credits those individuals for the improvements at the school.

"I think they overrated me," Eberly said with a chuckle. "They did this behind my back. We've really been successful the last few years."

Eberly, a 1964 Stanton graduate, was a founding member of the Stanton Community Education Foundation and has served as president since its inception in 1989.

Superintendent Michael Sieh said Eberly has been a great leader over the years and focuses on student achievement.

"He puts the students first," Sieh. "Before the foundation spends any money, he always asks how it will impact students."

- Please see **ALUMNI**, page 3

## Back to work for those in hair care

By KELLY MARBACH  
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Hair stylists returned to work recently in Stanton County after the Directed Health Measure restrictions were eased.

Jay and Kim Spence, who own Shear Country in Stanton, said business has picked up since May 6 when local restrictions were loosened due to COVID-19.

"We took chairs out to keep people six feet apart, and barbers and clients must wear masks," Jay Spence said.

Bobbie Vomacka of Bobbi's Salon agreed she was excited to get back

to work. Before she opened again, Vomacka said she bleached everything, and removed the pens from her desk.

"With owning your own business, you still have to pay your expenses," she said. "I used to book clients every half hour. Now, I book every hour to sanitize everything."

Per the new health measure, both staff and clients are required to wear a mask at hair salons and barber shops.

Vomacka ordered several patterns of masks online while Kim Spence made masks for Shear Country. Both of their clients brought their own masks to their appointments.



PHOTOS BY KELLY MARBACH

Bobbi Vomacka cuts Lou Calhoon's hair at Bobbi's Salon in Stanton. Calhoon said she had been patiently waiting for the salon to reopen.



Jay Spence cuts Jeff Chase's hair at Shear Country in Stanton.



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The foundation gives more than \$20,000 per year in scholarships. It also has been key to other high-dollar improvements, such as the track and playground equipment. Among the more recent projects was interactive digital display boards for several classrooms.

Eberly, who was a member of Stanton's state championship

basketball and football teams his senior year, rarely misses any of the Mustang football games. He also attends as many other school events as possible.

"He's a great guy," Sieh said. "He's very active in what the school is doing and really cares about the quality of education, as well as the community and town."

Eberly is also president and

chairman of the board of directors for Stanton State Bank and was recently recognized for 50 years in the banking business. The bank has been in the Eberly family for 140 years.

Eberly has been active within the Nebraska Bankers Association and a former volunteer firefighter. He's also a member of the Norfolk Noon Kiwanis Club.



This 1980 photo from the Stanton Register shows Robert and Colleen Paden outside the Stanton Telephone Company with Nicholas, 18 months, and Bobbie, 6. At right were Leona and Bernard Paden.

Telecom

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Bob and Colleen said they've been discussing Nick's return for five or six years. But last year, the conversation became more specific and Nick, who had been working as a lobbyist in Lincoln with legislation and policies for small telecom companies, returned to Stanton in late April.

Bob said he has seen "massive changes of technology regarding overall telecommunication" during his time with the company.

"Between 1981 and 1982, we upgraded the community from party lines to underground copper lines, and introduced touch tone phones from rotary," he said. "In 1996, broadband was a major player in upgrades."

The Paden family has been active in the Stanton community. Colleen was a two-term mayor.

"I think everyone needs to run for an office to see what it's like on the other side," she said.

Bob said he has many fond memories of the last four decades, especially with providing the community with technology upgrades like television and the Internet. Some of the most important times

came during the COVID-19 situation.

"Just recently we provided 130 homes a free broadband increase to help out families with students at home," he said. "Keeping this little part of the country connected. Nick will continue that. That's our mission."

He added, "It was gratifying to know our services were important, consistent, day in day out. We always provide 24/7 service. Ready to go out nights and weekends, myself included."

With retirement, Bob said he intends to continue his sports photography, which he submits to the Stanton Register to help serve the community.

Colleen said she hopes to offer computer workshops for older citizens to become more comfortable with new technology.

Stanton Telecom has a modern conference room, which she said is perfect to host these computer workshops.

Currently, Stanton Telecom welcomes residents to bring their computers to their office to correct slow processors, or help them find a solution for a more enjoyable computer experience.



Thank you for your outstanding service to the students of the Stanton Community Schools! You are appreciated!

RETIREMENT



Bob Chilcoat



Nadine Ernesti



Lindy Fernau



Kim Hoehne



Teresa Paxton



Michael Sieh



Linday Woolsey

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Mary Beth Hoen



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Nadine Ernesti



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Linday Woolsey

20 YEARS



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Bobbi Jo Domogalla



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**5-12**  
Sara Melia-Garcia 22 Norfolk  
Speeding 89/70  
Zachary Suing 33 West Point  
Speeding 76/65  
Mollie Young 44 Wayne  
Speeding 62/50  
Brendon Clement 26 Omaha  
Speeding 77/65

**5-13**  
Larry Luedke 62 Wisner  
Speeding 82/65  
Joshua Pickinpaugh 34  
Wayne Speeding 74/50  
Michael Adams 41 Norfolk  
Speeding 117/50  
Billy Chappell 20 Norfolk  
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Adrienne Arroyo 24 Omaha  
Speeding 80/65  
Andrew Herley Neligh  
Speeding 72/60

**5-14**  
Alexia Heaton 19 Waverly  
Speeding 71/60  
Todd Fields 26 Fayetteville,  
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Driving on The Shoulder  
Darrell Wounded Shield  
51 Omaha Drinking on Public  
Roadway, Open Container of  
Alcohol Violation

Cody Hein 20 David City  
Speeding 70/50  
Rebecca Lewis 56 Spring Hill,  
FL Speeding 79/65  
Annette Lord 60 Denver, CO  
Speeding 80/65  
William Abler 20 Norfolk  
Speeding 90/50  
Omar Serrano Ramirez  
16 Norfolk Speeding 80/65,  
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**5-15**  
Andrew Hoffman 41 Atkinson  
Speeding 92/70  
Eduardo Delatorre 34 Omaha

Driving During Suspension,  
Window Tint Violation

Salvin Morales 43 Brooklyn  
Park, MN Speeding 76/60

Matthew Brausey 30 Stanton  
Driving During Suspension

Dakota Lundy 23 Scribner  
Speeding 83/70

Angela Tauber 50 Winnetoon  
Speeding 74/50

**5-16**  
Keely Black 22 Norfolk  
Speeding 77/65  
Sauan Chaudari 19 Des  
Moines, IA Speeding 85/70  
Jose Escoledo 28 Tulsa. OK  
Driving During Suspension

**5-17**  
Tyler Kelso Glenwood, IA No  
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**WINTER SPORTS**  
Stanton's basketball and wrestling teams kicked off the season last week.

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### Reading challenge

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### Watch sports online

Home games are limited to household members of the players only. Masks are required. Varsity games will be available to stream on [www.NFHSnetwork.com](http://www.NFHSnetwork.com).

### Support one-act

The Stanton Community Schools One-Act team will perform at the Johnny Carson Theatre for state competition. Stanton will give its performance at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. Tear off Page 10 in this week's paper and hang it in your window to show support.

### Teacher card shower

Send a card to Stanton Community Schools, c/o Teacher Card Shower, PO Box 749, Stanton, NE 68779. When they're having a rough day, all they will have to do is read a couple of cards and feel the community's support.

### Santa letters due

Parents are encouraged to email their children's letters to Santa Claus to the *Stanton Register* at [news@stantonregister.com](mailto:news@stantonregister.com). Letters from youth are due by Dec. 15 to be included in our special Christmas issue.

### Blood drive set

The next Stanton blood drive is set for January 6 at the Stanton Congregational Church. To make an appointment, call Norma Loughtenschlager at 402-439-5163.

As the number of COVID-19 cases continues to rise, so does the need for convalescent plasma. The American Red Cross urges eligible COVID-19 survivors to sign-up to give now to help ensure patients battling the virus have continued access to all potentially lifesaving treatments.

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## Employees 'shocked' by support after COVID strikes local facility

By CARRIE PITZER  
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LaWanda Novotny's voice cracked with emotion. It's been a tough year, and it became even more difficult at Stanton Health Center when COVID-19 officially breached its perimeter late last month.

"This is rough on families," said Novoty, who has been an LPN at the facility for 20 years. "This isn't the way it's supposed to be at the end of their loved one's lives. You're supposed to be able to come in and say your goodbyes. They're not able to do that, so this is rough."

The positive cases of the coronavirus continue to rise in Stanton County. Monday's numbers from the Elkhorn Logan Valley Health Department indicate there are currently 222 active COVID-19 cases and 372 total positive cases since March.

Public numbers show there have been no deaths in the county related to the virus. But many say that's not accurate.

*"The support of the community makes a big difference in staff morale. When you feel like someone out there cares about what you're going through, it means so much."*

LAWANDA NOVOTNY  
STANTON HEALTH CENTER LPN

As the virus continues to force a quarantine at the Stanton Health Center, employees need a morale boost, according to the center's board. That's why they reached out to the community for help.

"After fighting hard to keep COVID out for 9 months, it has reached our building," the board

said in a statement. "Our employees are giving their all to help our residents get the care they need and deserve. They are putting in extra hours and putting their own health at risk."

A Wish List tree has been placed at First Nebraska Bank and Stanton Hardware with ornaments for the employees. Community members can select an ornament from the trees and show appreciation to the workers through their wish list, which may include a favorite snack or another minor, yet very meaningful, tidbit about them.

Community members are asked to drop off the wish list items to Stanton Hardware by December 21.

As expected, Stanton is answering the board's call to rally around the health care workers and embrace them with support. Dozens of ornaments have already been claimed.

Novotny said she never expected the - Please see **SUPPORT**, page 3



PHOTO BY CARRIE PITZER  
A tree filled with ornaments sits inside both First Nebraska Bank and Stanton Hardware with ornaments for employees of the Stanton Health Center.

## CHAMPIONS AGAIN

### Stanton qualifies for state one-act

By CARRIE PITZER  
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Devin Farrier walked around Stanton's gymnasium using his guitar as a microphone, interviewing his castmates about breaking the curse and qualifying for state one-act.

"How do you feel about winning districts and going to state?" the lead actor asked Trey Elbert, who played along with Farrier and answered question after question, much to the delight of director Brittney Lechner.

"It was really cool to see them being so silly because they did it. They accomplished their goal," Lechner said, giggling over her students' excitement. "To see them celebrating and living in the moment was incredible."

After three straight years of second-place finishes, Stanton will return to state one-act on Thursday, where they will perform "That's Not How I Remember It" in the Class C1 competition.

A popular comedy, the script will also be performed in Class D1 by Bertrand. But that doesn't bother Jordan Gartner, who said Stanton freshened up the script to fit their cast. He even switched where the foreign exchange student was from to better suit them.

"We kind of 'Stantoned' the script. For those who have seen it done before, this is different. This is our version of it," the senior said.

Farrier, who wasn't originally cast in the lead but stepped up for the role, agreed and said he tried to bring as much energy as possible to the performance, especially in the fight scenes.

"At our pre-show talk, I told them I was going to go out and be as wild as I could," Farrier said. "I told him that order for us to be successful, they would have to match my energy. Everyone did that really well."

Mollie Spotanski said she was excited to step into a key role as just a sophomore and has tried to bring her own energy to the mean girls, matching Farrier's excitement.

"I really like being able to be somebody else as a mean girl. It's a lot of fun to be sassy and mean," she said.

Lydia Hilbers said she loves playing a ditz character and works hard to be more dramatic.

"I love the humor in this production. We have the perfect people for each role, so this was really made for Stanton," Hilbers said.

New this year at districts was the tech award, which went to Stanton's Connor McCarthy, who has taken his role to heart. The music is one of the biggest keys to the show. To stay in tune, McCarthy said he actually says each line with the actors as they perform.

"I know every line. That's what has helped me," he said. "That's how I don't miss a beat."

Citing his favorite song of the production as "Another One Bites The Dust," McCarthy said he hopes Stanton can do just that one more time as they aim for another title — this time a state title.

"That would be perfect," he said. "We have a great cast and a great crew, so it could happen."



Stanton will perform Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the state one-act competition in Norfolk.



PHOTOS BY CARRIE PITZER

## Governor thanks Nebraskans for helping to slow spread of COVID

By WHITNEY RITTSCHER  
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We're not in the clear yet.

Governor Pete Ricketts held a press conference Monday to provide an update to Nebraska's response in regards to the coronavirus. Ricketts reported that Nebraska's COVID hospitalizations have decreased from Nov. 20 to 768, compared to its peak of 987. However, Nebraska still remains in the orange phase, which includes limiting the number of people in attendance at public events.

"Thank you to all Nebraskans for working to slow the spread of the virus. It has helped to protect our hospitals and healthcare workers," Ricketts said.

In a previous press release, Ricketts announced new guidelines for long-term care facilities to designate "essential caregivers" for their residents. Stating that these caregivers could be family members, friends, or volunteers who provide regular support to the resident. This new guideline, allows more regular interactions

for those assisting residents during this time of restrictions.

On Dec. 3., Ricketts shortened the length of quarantining in the state of Nebraska following new CDC updates. A person may discontinue quarantining with the proper testing if seven days have passed since close contact exposure or if their test was negative if collected no earlier than five days since last exposure.

However, a person could discontinue quarantining without being tested if at least 10 days have passed since exposure, or if no coronavirus symptoms have developed. The CDC recommends wearing a facial covering through the fourteen days.

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services recommends avoiding the three Cs — crowded places, close contact and confined spaces.

"Let's all keep doing our part to slow the spread so that we can protect our hospitals and help our healthcare workers," Ricketts said.

## FIRST VICTORY



PHOTO BY JEROMY VAUBLE  
Cole Bebee celebrates during the Mustangs' win Saturday, which was his first at the helm of Stanton's boys basketball program.



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Rave reviews for Chicken Pesto Pasta

By JENNY HIGGINS  
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My search for a tasty and easy pasta recipe didn't disappoint. I buy a lot of chicken breasts to grill and eat — or to add to recipes. When I made this Chicken Pesto Pasta, I started by grilling the chicken breasts. (Note: I did season them with Sandhills Seasoning, a great mix of spices that I use on nearly every meat that touches our grill.) I undercooked them just slightly, cubed them up and sauteed them in olive oil as the recipe recommends. I probably used closer to a 1/2 c. of pesto because

I wasn't sure what my family would think of it, but next time, I will go all in. It was delicious and had only rave reviews. Much to my surprise, no one complained about the artichokes in there either. I did rinse them well with water and drain them well before cutting them into smaller pieces. An addition I made: mushrooms. This was never part of the original recipe, but I like them and loved them in this pasta dish. One last variation: I didn't have basil, so I just sprinkled on a little bit of Italian seasoning. If you have fresh basil on hand, I bet it would be even more flavorful. Enjoy!

**CHICKEN PESTO PASTA**  
**Ingredients**  
1 1/2 pounds of chicken breasts, cubed  
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12 oz. penne pasta  
1 c. pesto  
1 c. cream  
14 oz. artichoke hearts, quartered  
1 c. shredded parmesan  
Fresh basil, julienned  
Salt and pepper

Heat olive oil in a pan, add cubed chicken. Give the chicken a liberal seasoning of salt and pepper and brown. Remove chicken from the pan. Boil pasta according to package directions. Add pesto and cream and stir until well mixed. Add chicken to pasta and stir in artichoke hearts. Mix in shredded parmesan, stirring until melted. Top with julienned basil.

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their doors to the public, her residents continuously offer encouragement and appreciation for the efforts.

"When you sit down at the dining table to visit and a resident looks at you and says, 'You've done a hell of a job kid. You've kept us safe,'" that says a lot," Johnston said.

She said the State of Nebraska gives longterm care facilities direction and makes the "rules" on how to re-open. Johnston said she understands the frustrations

felt by families, which is why she is grateful to have such support within the Stanton community.

"We thank you for trusting us in a such a critical time. Please pray for the safety and health of every resident, every team member, and each other's families," Johnston said. "We also agree that people should be heart. Just ensure the right people are listening. Elderly lives matter Write your local senators, congress, CMS."

Support

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parents and school doesn't go unnoticed.

"Stanton is a big football town," he said. "We have crowds no matter what the situation is, and it shows how Stanton feels about our school in general. The community backs our school, and we appreciate it."

Beside the new camera and replay, Pohlman said the smartboards have been an incredible asset the last several years as well. They allow players to freeze film and draw on the boards.

"If we can draw on it, we can see the different passes or runs that we could have done," Pohlman said. "You can physically see the difference in what we should have done to make us even better."

Stoddard coaches both junior high and high school. He said the team watches game film on the smartboards and can stop the play and use the wand to write on the boards, rather than old fashioned Xs and Os on a whiteboard.

"You can literally draw right on there and show where to down block," he said. "It's really helped the junior kids understand the film."

Stoddard said Stanton is continuing to move forward in the right direction with technology. After 20 years at the school, the longtime teacher and coach said the efficiency gained with technology has been incredible. He could coach without an end zone camera, instant replay, smartboard and having film on his phone.

But he doesn't want to, especially because of the extra time it provides families. Long gone are the Saturday mornings when coaches would meet one another with game film from the night before. Now they have it on their phones without the travel time.

Tiedtke said staying ahead of the technology curve is important to her as a parent and is important to many others in the community.

"It's very important to have that goal in mind," Tiedtke said. "We want to build a great program and have a school to go to that people look up to. I graduated from Stanton, so having my kids go to school there now, we have a lot of pride for it. We want that kind of community."

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### No football game

Friday night's football game between Stanton and Wisner-Pilger is cancelled due to a COVID-19 issue. As of press time, Stanton was still looking for a potential opponent to play as a replacement.

### Parents Night

Parents Night for Stanton cross country will be Oct. 1 at Elkhorn Acres Golf Course. Volleyball is set for Oct. 8, and football will be Oct. 16.

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Stanton's Annual Memory Tree committee is seeking helpers. Anyone is welcome to join in remembering the loved ones that have passed. For more information, please go to Stanton's Annual Memory Tree Facebook page.

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Ballots will be mailed to all registered voters of Stanton County between October 12 and October 23. There will not be any poll sites available on election day. The County Clerk's office is a poll site for Early Voting. Registered voters who will be absent from their residence during that time may apply for an Early Voting Ballot or appoint an agent to personally pick up your ballot before the initial mailing date of October 12.

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## Clarkson woman giving away her legacy — her prize garden

By CARRIE PITZER  
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As Vlasta Zrust points out the different varieties of flowers in the gardens surrounding her rural Clarkson home, the 93-year-old has a story or two to accompany each one.

"People say I talk too much, but I guess I just have something to say a lot," Vlasta says with a chuckle. "Oh and here's a crab grass. I can't just walk by. I have obsessive compulsive disorder, so I have to pick it."

With a cane in her right hand, Vlasta bends down to give the weed a yank with her left hand. Her cane is as colorful as the Czech woman's personality.

"I keep a Jitterbug in my pocket and a ribbon tied on my cane. If I fall, I can call someone and lift this up, and they can look for the ribbon to find me. Ha, ha," Vlasta says, emphasizing her joke.

A former Master Gardner, Vlasta sent a

handwritten note to the Stanton Register late last week asking for help in giving away her garden. "Give away, you dig," she wrote. "I am 93 and can't take care of my huge garden anymore because of aches and pains of old age. I dread just to plow under all those beautiful flowers."

From iris and peonies to lilies and tulips, Vlasta cares for thousands of flowers each year, most of which she plants time and again, raising them from seeds. Even now, she drags hoses across her yard each morning to water her gardens.

Among her favorite flowers is what her grandmother called a Skyrocket. She died at 93, and Vlasta said she saved some of her grandmother's seeds and has been planting and replanting Skyrockets every year.

A widow since 2007, Vlasta lives by herself in the

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PHOTO BY CARRIE PITZER

At 93, Vlasta Zrust said she has too many aches and pains to take care of her large garden and is inviting people to take some of her flowers, including the Red Zinnias, which are her favorite.

## Protest targets rules, not facilities

By CARRIE PITZER  
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Troy Hahlbeck made it clear: He's protesting the rules regarding nursing homes in regard to COVID-19 — not the facilities, and especially not Stanton Health Care Center.

As he prepared for a protest last Wednesday afternoon outside of the Stanton Health Care Center, Hahlbeck praised his local nursing facility for their efforts, especially the care provided to his 82-year-old mother.

"The Stanton nursing home does a fantastic job," Hahlbeck said. "This protest isn't about them at all. It's about the rules that govern nursing homes. I could have this same protest in Valentine, where Sen. Fischer lives, but it's here in Stanton because I live here."

While many other facilities across Nebraska have reported internal COVID-19 cases, the Stanton Health Care Center has not had any positive cases, according to administrator April Johnston.

"Every day there is new guidance or new hoops that a facility must jump through," Johnston said. "Stanton Health Care Center is more than willing to jump those hoops, just at a slower pace. We can proudly say we have not had a positive case of COVID for staff or residents in this building. As we discuss jumping the next hoop, we watch as facilities around us open and then go back to being closed. We watch as families call our residents and say that a family member is in the hospital dying from COVID."

Hahlbeck said he understands all nursing homes must abide by the rules set forth by the government, which is why he phoned Sen. Deb Fischer at her home a few days ago, complaining about nursing homes in Nebraska not allowing visitors inside due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It was Fischer who suggested the protest," Hahlbeck said. "I'm protesting the rules that govern all nursing homes. I want them to open up and families to be able to see their loved ones who are there."

At the Stanton Health Care Center, multiple rules are in place to protect their residents. They've also found ways to provide an increased communication during this trying time, including by constructing a portable visitor's center. While Johnston said nothing is as ideal as opening their

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PHOTO BY CARRIE PITZER

Stanton football coach David Stoddard reviews a play on his iPad from the sidelines at a recent Mustang game. Footage taken from an end zone camera is fed to his tablet, providing instant replay. Stanton's youth program helped purchase some of the new technology and equipment.

## Community and youth support key to Stanton football team's success

**Editor's Note:** This is the second of a multi-week series on innovation at Stanton Community Schools.

By CARRIE PITZER  
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They wore their orange and black jerseys on Friday at school — just like their heroes do on game day.

And when their names were read over the loud speaker, the 24 boys of fall in grades three through six, proudly walked onto the track to receive applause from the Mustang faithful.

"I remember that day when I was their age. It meant the world to me to be on the field with the high school team," said senior Sutton Pohlman, who led Stanton to a 42-20 win Friday night with 234 yards rushing. "The youth program is very important to the future of Mustang football. We need them and appreciate their support."

Sutton said the support works both ways. While he and his teammates volunteer hours for coaching, officiating and mentoring the youth, the program in turn helped the Mustangs purchase a new end zone camera and upgrade its technology.

Coach David Stoddard said Stanton was one of the last teams in the area to have the camera, but they are one of the few utilizing its instant replay feature through Hudl, allowing coaches an immediate bird's eye view of what didn't work on a play.

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The youth football players in grades three through six were recognized Friday before the start of the high school game. The tradition has become as important to the youth as it is to the varsity players.

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- ☐ Time cards
- ☐ Work reports

ENVELOPES

- ☐ Business, all sizes
- ☐ Personal (variety of colors)
- ☐ Return
- ☐ Thermographed
- ☐ Travel expenses

FEED YARD/MILL FORMS

- ☐ Contracts
- ☐ Feed tickets
- ☐ Pellet report
- ☐ Ration forms

FLYERS

- ☐ One or two sided
- ☐ Variety of paper colors

FOLDERS

- ☐ Documents
- ☐ Presentation
- ☐ Rotary file card folders
- ☐ Specialized to your business
- ☐ Welcome

LABELS

- ☐ Bumper stickers
- ☐ Customized to your needs
- ☐ Decals
- ☐ Holiday
- ☐ Late payment
- ☐ Shipping

LETTERHEADS

- ☐ Many paper samples

MEMOS

- ☐ Credit memos
- ☐ Memo letters
- ☐ Phone memo books
- ☐ Reply letters or memos

NEWSLETTERS

- ☐ You pick the style, form

POST CARDS

- ☐ Singles, one or two sided
- ☐ Reply type (double post cards)

POST IT NOTES

- ☐ Variety of colors/sizes

Programs

- ☐ Church
- ☐ Special events

Register Forms

- ☐ Several sizes
- ☐ Wide variety of forms

Rental Forms

- ☐ Rental agreements

Repair Forms

- ☐ Appliance repair orders
- ☐ Auto repair orders
- ☐ Estimate and repair orders
- ☐ General repair orders
- ☐ Repair estimates/orders
- ☐ Repair Tags
- ☐ Work orders

Rubber Stamps

- ☐ Notary stamps
- ☐ Pre-inked stamps, custom
- ☐ Pre-inked stamps, stock
- ☐ Specialty stamps
- ☐ Standard rubber stamps

Signs

- ☐ Magnetic
- ☐ Real Estate
- ☐ Screen printed
- ☐ Banners
- ☐ Campaign signs

Stationery

- ☐ Business letterheads/envelopes
- ☐ Matching business cards
- ☐ Half sheet letterheads
- ☐ Second sheets
- ☐ Thank yous

Tags

- ☐ Blank
- ☐ Printed

What Can The Stanton Register Print For You?

STANTON COUNTY CITATIONS

**CALLS FOR SERVICE: DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2020**  
**Stanton County Calls For Service:**  
**111**  
**City of Stanton Calls For Service:**  
**79**  
**Woodland Park Calls For Service:**  
**29**  
**Village of Pilger Calls For Service:**  
**4**  
**TRAFFIC CITATIONS AND WARNINGS ISSUED DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2020**  
**Citations Issued: 74**  
**Warnings Issued: 203**  
**11-28**

Keenan Ketteler 22 Grand Island Stop Sign Violation, Driving While Intoxicated-2nd offense (Above .150% BAC.), Open Container of Alcohol Violation  
Alexis Eifert 25 Ponca Open Container of Alcohol Violation  
Peggy Strong 64 Schuyler Speeding 61/50  
Yanetsy Riveron 36 Norfolk Speeding 80/65  
Carol Unger 69 Norfolk Speeding 76/65  
Scott Brogren 44 Wayne Speeding 71/60  
Viridiara Rocha 35 Norfolk Speeding 84/70  
Amy Waggerman 40 Norfolk Speeding 77/60  
Katelyn Lammers 32 Hartington Speeding 85/65  
Ralph Davis Jr. 54 Fayetteville, GA Speeding 86/70  
Shanel Atwood 27 Albion Speeding 77/60  
Emmalee Nelson Fremont Speeding 78/65, No Valid Registration (Expired)  
Ben Bokemper 36 Norfolk Speeding 71/60  
Kadeyn Fernau 19 Stanton Speeding 79/65  
Kristina Beyer 50 Norfolk Speeding 72/60  
Luz Cabrales 42 Grand Island Speeding 95/65  
Juan Jaimes 34 Bellevue Speeding 78/65  
Bryana Erickson 21 Lincoln Speeding 75/65

**11-29**  
Daniel Palomeque 28 Pilger No Valid Regitration (Expired)  
Faith Brayerton 43 Stanton No Operators License  
Mark Walkenhorst 60 Wahoo No Valid Registration (Expired)  
Martin Quinones 20 Norfolk Speeding 77/65  
Dustin Stowe 20 Sioux City, IA Speeding 78/65  
Jonathan Walter 41 Bloomfield No

Operator License  
August Heller III 41 Pilger No Valid Registration (Expired)  
**11-30**  
Todd Bonge 32 Omaha Speeding 78/65  
Gerald Kizer 63 Norfolk No Valid Registration (Expired)  
Mary Hill 59 Stanton Disurbing the Peace, Possession of Marijuana and Drug Paraphernalia  
Luis Morales 18 Wayne Speeding 62/50

**12-1**  
12-1 Martin Smith 46 Neligh Speeding 79/65  
Mary Sohler 66 Stanton No Valid Registration (Expired)  
Derrick Johanson 37 Gretna Speeding 77/65  
James Jenkins 60 Independence, MO Driving on Shoulder

**12-2**  
Brandon Noel 26 Papillion Speeding 77/65  
Randy Craft 71 Omaha Speeding 84/65  
Joshua Fleischmann 26 Laurel Speeding 77/65  
Richard Bernardon 40 Allentown, NJ Speeding 82/65  
David Radford 53 Norfolk Speeding 72/60  
Jacob Hoppe 38 Omaha Speeding 77/65

**12-3**  
Kelcie Kmiecik 24 Norfolk Speeding 85/65  
Wesley Eisenmann 29 Plainview Speeding 84/70  
Larina Leon 22 Fremont Speeding 82/65

**12-4**  
Vickii Reikofski 58 Elkhorn Speeding 80/65  
John Lewis 58 Norfolk Speeding 78/65  
Roman Thompson 27 Omaha Speeding 80/70, No Valid Registration (Expired), No Proof of Insurance  
Jessica Figueroa 31 Norfolk Speeding 79/65  
Damian Featherstone 34 Council Bluffs, IA Driving During Suspension  
Josue Ocampo-Degante 21 Omaha Speeding 88/70  
Paula Fruedenburg Norfolk Speeding 80/65  
Alissa Hanna Norfolk Speeding 75/60  
Kevin Ma 26 Ann Arbor, MI Speeding 88/65  
Bounthanh Phonhrath 47 Fort Worth, TX Speeding 79/60  
Gaston McGhee 55 Norfolk Speeding 88/70  
Autumn Poland 42 Omaha Speeding 84/70

Bill Debolt 63 Long Pine Speeding 71/55  
Ma Acuna-Carbajal Vancouver, WA Speeding 87/70  
Brayden Rabbass 27 Norfolk Speeding 37/25  
Kacie O’Conner 24 Sundance, WY Speeding 72/60

**12-5**  
Kipp Polston 42 Elgin Speeding 88/65  
Geneva Blackburn 32 Norfolk Speeding 78/65  
Lucas Daily 34 Norfolk Window Tint Violation  
Shannon Jahnke 48 Norfolk Speeding 71/60  
Kimberly Denker 50 Hubbard Speeding 73/60  
Andrew Lopez 27 Elkhon Speeding 85/65  
Tonja Wesson 56 Omaha Speeding 78/65  
Gary Putrino 73 Glenwood, IA Speeding 78/60  
Douglas Stratton 61 Norfolk Speeding 72/55  
Marcel Sudbeck 57 Norfolk Speeding 80/65  
Anthony Mailbot 28 Omaha No Valid Registration (Expired)  
Riley Carlson 21 Pierce Speeding 83/65  
Jared Scheppers 21 Omaha No Valid Registration (Expired)  
Michael Tobin Jr. 48 Bellevue Speeding 77/65  
Zulfa Mohamed 19 Lexington Speeding 84/65  
Katie Geary 30 Norfolk Stop Sign Violation, Driving on Shoulder, Driving Whiel Intoxicated-2nd offense (Above .150% BAC.), Open Container of Alcohol Violation  
Ronald Oltman 55 Pappillion Speeding 77/65  
Bryan Manzer 21 Osmond Speeding 83/65

**12-6**  
Eric Ramaekers 44 Stanton Disturbing the Peace  
Lisa Dreyer 31 Stanton Disturbing the Peace, Child Neglect  
Tomas Grave-Ciprian 46 Speeding 80/65, No Operators License  
Jairo Nieto 18 Fremont Speeding 90/70, No Operators License  
Ethan Manley 27 Laurel Speeding 89/65  
Brennan Klassen 53 Elkhorn Speeding 84/65  
Trina Myers 28 Neligh Speeding 77/65

Support

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community to reach out like they have to support the staff, but she appreciates the kindness now more than ever.

“I was shocked when I heard the community was doing this,” she said. “It’s really tough right now, and we appreciate everyone’s support and understanding, especially the families. They have been very supportive.”

Beth Petersen, who is in accounts receivable at the facility, has worked at the center for nearly 22 years. She was quick to say others at the facility who need the support more than she. Still, Petersen admitted the situation is tough for all employees, and she, too, appreciates the kind words and

support of the community.

“I spend time in the office and stay distanced from people,” she said. “It’s been difficult for everyone, and we’re always thinking about it. This is a very nice thing the community is doing for staff.”

Novotny, who has lived in Stanton County her entire life, said having both families and the community support them during this very difficult time means so much more than anyone knows.

“Times are rough right now, and we’re doing our best,” she said. “The support of the community makes a big difference in staff morale. When you feel like someone out there cares about what you’re going through, it means so much.”



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