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Welcome to the Sixth Edition of *Some Assembly Required!*

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!



Items made in Shop 29 for the Stratton Library.
Matt Zier was the Sales Representative on this project.



Ogallala High School Athletic Director Desk - Made in Shop #29



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Questions With a CSI Employee - Keith Houfek, Buyer III

1. What was the most expensive product you've purchased for CSI and how much was it? The most expensive product to date that I have help to purchase would be the new Blanking line for the production of Nebraska license plates. The price tag was around \$597,375. This is only one part of the new equipment that will allow CSI to produce the new plates that will come out the end of 2022. We are in the process of making a larger purchase of eight box trucks which will be close to one million dollars, but we are not there yet. Long road to go!!
2. What was one of your favorite projects you've been a part of? The most fun part of the job so far has been meeting the challenge of all the item we were after trying to get personal protection equipment for staff and inmates at the onset of the pandemic, in addition to trying to procure all the parts to product PPE such as mask, gowns, sanitizer, face shields, etc.
3. What are you most looking forward to in 2021? With the coming of the new year, we are looking forward to finishing up some large projects and taking on new projects. In 2021 we will be finishing up the final two phases of the new license plate printing and ordering system and the delivery of our eight delivery trucks. In early 2021 we will be receiving eight new much need forklifts that will be going to various sites. We will be working on the purchasing of the equipment to set up the new canteen. We unfortunately we will be still dealing with supply chain delays and shortages in the areas of PPE and raw materials such as metals and fabrics.



Left: Department of Tourism 2021 Calendars, printed by Shop 23. Calendars were assembled with the help of workers in CSI's warehouse, inventory control, and office staff.

Fun fact these calendars have postcards attached to them with different landmarks from Nebraska.



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New License Plate Machine in Shop 51



Say hello to the new and improved license plate machine! Earlier this fall, Shop 51 installed a new license plate machine. CSI is the first in the United States to adapt this license plate printing process! Ed Poppert, Manufacturing Engineer at CSI, said that our blanking line is configured to produce one plate every second. We are excited to work with this machine entering the new year and will be anxiously awaiting the new plate design for 2022! (So be sure to stay tuned for that.) Thank you to all the CSI Staff who volunteered during the installation of this new machine and continued to fulfill plate orders.



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More photos from Shop 51 and the new License Plate Machine





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Items for the Cherry County Treasurer's Office - Made in Shop #39

EDITORIAL TOPICAL NEWS TOP STORY

The Good Life is for sale, and it is for everyone

Peter Saffar Nov 26, 2020 Updated Nov 27, 2020

SNAP! Subscribe for \$12/mo.



History Nebraska is selling a 1-foot-by-2-foot replica of the state's Good Life sign, like the one shown here on the Nebraska-Iowa border.

Associated Press file photo

CSI in the News

On November 26th, CSI was mentioned in a story in the Lincoln Journal Star. History of Nebraska has been selling miniature replicas of our state welcome sign, normally seen on our highways entering the state.

To read the full article check it out here: <https://csi.nebraska.gov/csi-news>