

NEW BEGINNINGS

December 2020

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A New Way to Celebrate the Holiday Season

Due to Covid, the Stratton Area Chamber Christmas Celebration will be somewhat different this season:

- * **Holiday Bucks** will again be available at your local businesses. Santa Bucks winners will be announced at 7:30 during Christmas Cruise Night—December 19.
- * **Lighting Contest**—Show your holiday spirit by decorating your home or yard. Call Shaila at MNB 276-2166 to add your house to the Cruise Night map.



1st place—\$100

2nd place - \$50

3rd place - \$25

- * **Christmas Cruise Night**—December 19th. Nothing will get you in the spirit more than a good Christmas Cruise Night. Decorate your car, truck, tractor, buggy—whatever you wish to cruise in. Join the fun and possibly win a prize: Line up will be at 7:15.

1st place—\$100

2nd place—\$50

3rd place - \$25



- * **Santa Drive By**

Even though the kiddos won't be able to sit on St. Claus's lap, good Old St. Nick will be driving through Stratton at 7:00 p.m. on December 19th so the children get a peek and wave to him. Goodie Bags will be handed out to the children on Bailey Street, Stratton.



There is no time more appropriate to say *Thank You* and wish you *Happy Holidays*.

Regretfully, MNB - Stratton will not be hosting a traditional Christmas Open House. Instead, this year, we invite you to enjoy a Christmas "take out" treat on us this December 16th & 17th.

Stop in— or use the drive-up to pick up your treat and register for our Christmas drawings.

Caring Tree —

What is the greatest gift you can give this **Christmas**? It's the gift of hope! Spread **Christmas** hope by choosing a name from the caring tree located just inside the lobby at MNB. Please return your gift by December 23rd.

Sponsored by the Stratton Area Chamber of Commerce

Attention Children

We know you won't be able to talk to Santa this year, so we are making a special Santa Mail Box at MNB to drop off your letters to Santa. We will make sure he gets your letter when Santa comes to Stratton.

Christmas CRUISE NIGHT

Stratton's Jolliest Event of the Year!

- Shopping
- Food
- Treats
- Visit from Santa
- Music
- Prizes

Cruise through Stratton to enjoy the Christmas lights

Maps will be available at MNB

Select businesses will be open late for holiday shopping

Impact Closet Boutique & Piglee Wiglee BBQ food truck will be parked at MNB

Hot cocoa and cookies by Little Village Daycare on Bailey Street

Santa goodie bags for the first 75 kids in front of the new library

Santa will ride through town at 7:00 on the fire truck- give him a big wave!

Prizes for most decorated vehicles- line up for judging at 7:15 on Bailey Street

Prizes for the lighting contest, vehicle contest, and holiday bucks
will be awarded at 7:30

Stratton, Nebraska **Dec 19th**

Saturday December 19th 6:00- 7:30pm

FOR MORE INFO LIKE STRATTON, NEBRASKA ON FACEBOOK

Burger Baskets And More!

308-276-2155

Beer-Cocktails-Wine (On/Off Sale)

December 2020

We will continue with TAKE OUT orders only
(No inside dining)

HANDMADE PIZZA

**Every Friday
And Saturday
Evening - 4pm-8pm**

DESSERTS

Pecan Carrot Cake
Coffee Cake
Cinnamon Rolls and Pies

NOTICE

***We will be closed December 24 through December 25, 2020
And December 31, 2020 through January 1, 2021
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.***

HOURS

Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri & Sat 11:00am - 8:30pm
Sunday 11:00am - 3:00pm
Tuesday - Closed

Local Delivery available up on request!!!!

EVERY SUNDAY IS FRIED CHICKEN DINNER!!



CRUISE NIGHT SPECIAL

PIZZA - \$2.00 PER SLICE

CUP OF CHILI & CINNAMON ROLL - \$5.00

Holiday Business Notes

- ◆ A select number of businesses will be open during Christmas Cruse Night. Check them out!

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- ◆ **Burger Baskets** will feature a **Cruise Night Special**: Pizza—\$2.00 per slice

Chili and Cinnamon Roll—\$5.00

- ◆ **Tasties from Tuesday** is featuring Christmas candy along with her other treats. Hours: Friday and Saturday from 9:00 to 5:00.

Tuesday is taking Christmas seasonal orders

Phone: 308-340-1467

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- ◆ **Private Pantry**

New Store Hours: Beginning December 9th

Wednesday 3:00—6:00

Saturday 12:00 -4:00

Now Available:

Mixed Fingerling Potatoes, Shallots, Onions,
Mushrooms

*Our Condolences to the
family and friends of:*

Don Henry

Donna Jesch

Harold "Perk" Perkins

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 either Penney Walter or Julie Bernt. Articles may be emailed to rbernt@gpcom.net. Thank you to this month's donors:

Stratton Community Foundation

MNB—Use of Copier

Jerry Wissink Family

An account has been opened by members of the community at MNB—Stratton. Your donation is greatly appreciated in helping to defray Jerry's medical costs.

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 & 1:00-5:00 CT

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

Friday—Closed



Little Village Daycare

Holiday Supply Drive



LVD is once again seeking supply donations! Last year's generous donations were SO helpful throughout the year! Each and every donation, small or large, is valuable to our program and the children/families we serve.

Please see below for a list of items we use regularly. You may also donate cash or gift cards to be used toward the purchase of supplies or toy/equipment upgrades.

***Paper Towels *Toilet Paper *Facial Tissue *Stamps *Printer Paper
*Batteries *Ziploc Bags *Dawn Dish Soap *Clorox Wipes
*Disinfectant Spray *Colored Duct Tape *Stickers *Sidewalk Chalk
*Water-Based Paint (washable) *Laminating Paper
*Tide Free & Gentle Laundry Detergent *13 Gallon Trash Bags**

Donations may be dropped off at the Daycare, Grandview, MNB or at our hot cocoa/cookie "drive thru" during Stratton's Christmas Cruise Night in Downtown Stratton on December 19, 2020!

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*From the bottom of our ♥s, THANK YOU for your support!!*

## Still Available

### Stratton Public Library News

#### Adult Fiction

A Time For Mercy by Grisham  
The Englisher by Lewis  
Devoted by Koontz  
The Evening And The Morning by Follett

#### Non-Fiction

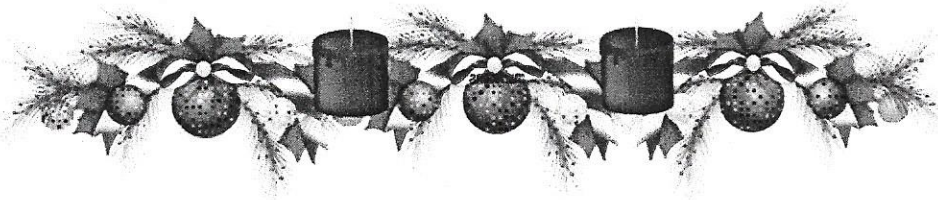
Simple Truths by Hersley  
Cut In Stone, Cast In Bronze by Barnes

#### Juvenile Fiction

Lizzy Legend by Smith

Would you be interested in "buying" a shelf or a complete unit in your name or in memory or honor of a family member? There are still units or bookshelves needed.

For more information feel free to contact Beverly Henderson at the library or visit with a library board member: Janet Felt, Julie Bernt, Roberta Loescher, Ashley Stehno or Joyce Cushing.



LINCOLN, Neb. (KOLN) - A Malcolm woman nearly lost \$30,000 out of her bank account after a scammer accessed her laptop and bank information.

The Lancaster County Sheriff's Office said a 66-year-old woman from Malcolm got a voicemail saying a \$350 purchase had been made on her Amazon account and if she didn't authorize that purchase, she needed to call a number and speak to a representative.

The woman told LSO she called the number and spoke to a man who talked her into allowing him to access her laptop. Investigators said while she was watching, the man accessed her bank account and her balance went from \$30,000 to zero in seconds.

LSO said the woman called the bank and the scammer hadn't withdrawn the money yet, so thankfully the woman didn't suffer any financial loss but she was within minutes of losing that money.

Deputies are warning that scams like that are extremely prevalent and continue happening to unsuspecting people.

If you get a call that's similar, do not follow the caller's instructions. Instead, LSO said hang up and do your own research. If it is Amazon, get the number of their website and call their customer care team and ask questions.



## THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

An election that I'm disappointed in is over, Thanksgiving to our Lord is over, Christmas, our Savior's birthday, is coming and I've been struggling with; What am I going to write about? Then a flyer called "Action Magazine" came today and then I knew. Action is about a group called "Men For Missions" that I was associated with for many years. There is an article written by Warren Harding, who was Director in the USA and then International Director and is now retired as Global Ambassador. He traveled the world over many times and as he traveled he was always ready to share the gospel with whoever he could. It might be a large or small group of people, someone beside him in an airplane, the stewardess and many more.

Warren started out as a "Good Ol' Boy" with a big gun collection, golfer, etc. and was led to Jesus in a small Men for Missions meeting that changed his life. As he looks at the church culture in the 21<sup>st</sup> century he believes, (as I do) instead of the church changing the culture the culture is changing the church. Most churches are afraid to share the life changing gospel of the saving grace of Jesus because they think it will drive people away. Some might leave, but many more are looking for the peace that only Jesus can give. Those of us that go to church and know Jesus should know how, and be ready to share the gospel at any time or place we are given that opportunity. I'm afraid many people who consider themselves Christians don't know how to share Jesus. I know that Warren always kept himself "Prayed Up" so that he would be ready. Sharing what Jesus has done for you is a good place to start and sharing Romans Chap.10: Verses 9, 10 and 13.

It's just a matter of introducing people to Jesus.

When you accept Jesus you don't lose anything but you gain so much more. Eternal life in heaven, not hell, peace that never leaves you and so much more.

Richard Stahly

## Church Worship Service Schedule

### Comm. United Methodist Church

|            |                |
|------------|----------------|
| 9:00 a.m.  | Church Service |
| 10:15 a.m. | Sunday School  |

### Christian Union Church

|            |                  |
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| 9:30 a.m.  | Sunday School    |
| 10:30 a.m. | Church Services  |
| 7:00 p.m.  | Deeper Life Hour |

### St. Joseph Catholic Church

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| 8:30 a.m. | Mass |
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### Church of Christ

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| 10:00 a.m. | Sunday School   |
| 10:30 a.m. | Church Services |

### Southwest Nebraska Holiness Church

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| 10:30 a.m. | Sunday School   |
| 11:30      | Church Services |
| 7:00 p.m.  | Church Services |

### Saturday Night Launch

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| 7:30 p.m. | Held at Church of God<br>202 Main St.—Trenton<br>308-340-5273 Or<br>737-0901 |
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# DECEMBER 2020

## DUNDY COUNTY STRATTON ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

| SUN                                                                                                                                            | MON                                                                                                                                                 | TUE                                                                           | WED                                                                                                        | THU                                                                                                                                                           | FRI                                                                                        | SAT                                                                            |
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| <b>November 2020</b><br>Su Mo Tu We Th Fri Sat<br>1 2 3 4 5 6 7<br>8 9 10 11 12 13 14<br>15 16 17 18 19 20 21<br>22 23 24 25 26 27 28<br>29 30 | <b>January 2021</b><br>Sun Mo Tue We Thu Fri Sat<br>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9<br>10 11 12 13 14 15 16<br>17 18 19 20 21 22 23<br>24 25 26 27 28 29 30<br>31 | <b>1</b><br>7:25am Mock Trial Prep<br>3:30pm Winter Sports Photos             | <b>2</b><br>3:00pm FBIA Chapter Meeting                                                                    | <b>3</b><br>7:25am Mock Trial Prep<br>1:00pm Wrestling @North Platte St. Pat's<br>6:15pm CISD Food Pantry Scavenger Hunt                                      | <b>4</b><br>12:00pm Wrestling @Elwood                                                      | <b>5</b><br>5:30pm G/BBB @Goodland                                             |
| <b>6</b>                                                                                                                                       | <b>7</b><br>4:30pm JV G/BBB @Chase Co.<br>6:00pm Cheer Practice<br>6:30pm Benkelman Elementary Christmas Concert                                    | <b>8</b><br>7:25a<br>TBD G/BBB                                                | <b>9</b><br>8:30am ASVAB Testing for Juniors                                                               | <b>10</b><br>7:25am Mock Trial Prep<br>3:00pm Jr. High GBB Vs. Perkins County                                                                                 | <b>11</b><br>2:00pm Wrestling @North Platte St. Pat's<br>TBD G/BBB<br>Cattle Trail @McCook | <b>12</b><br>TBA G/BBB<br>Cattle Trail @McCook                                 |
| <b>13</b>                                                                                                                                      | <b>14</b><br>Lion's Club Mobile Screening<br>TBD Jr. High GBB @ Southwest<br>TBD JV BBB @McCook<br>6:00pm Cheer Practice                            | <b>15</b><br>7:25am Mock Trial Prep<br>4:00pm G/BBB vs. Rawlins Co.           | <b>16</b>                                                                                                  | <b>17</b><br>7:25am Mock Trial Prep<br>1:00pm Jr. High G/BBB @Wauneta-Palisade<br>3:00pm JV Wrestling @McCook<br>5:00pm Stratton Elementary Christmas Concert | <b>18</b><br>Teacher After School In-Service                                               | <b>19</b><br>9:00am Wrestling @Sutherland<br>4:00pm JV/V G/BBB vs. Perkins Co. |
| <b>20</b>                                                                                                                                      | <b>21</b>                                                                                                                                           | <b>22</b><br>7:25am Mock Trial Prep<br>4:00pm JV/V G/BBB Vs. Wauneta-Palisade | <b>23</b><br>1st Semester Ends<br>Early Dismissal<br>2nd Semester Begins January 4                         | <b>24</b><br>TBA<br>Merry Christmas                                                                                                                           | <b>25</b><br>Merry Christmas                                                               | <b>26</b>                                                                      |
| <b>27</b>                                                                                                                                      | <b>28</b><br>6:00pm Jr.-Sr. High Christmas Concert                                                                                                  | <b>29</b>                                                                     | <b>30</b><br>No SCHOOL—December 24 to January 3, 2021<br>Second Semester Begins January 4, 2021 at 10 a.m. | <b>31</b><br>NEW YEAR'S EVE                                                                                                                                   | <b>1</b><br>JANUARY<br>Happy New Year!                                                     | <b>2</b>                                                                       |

All dates and times are subject to change. For current information check the School Calendar on the dcsd.org web site. Follow us on Twitter and Facebook. #dcsd



**Call 276-2661 by 10:30am each day to reserve your meal.**

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