

# NEW BEGINNINGS

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## Flight 2022 Instructions

Good morning and welcome to Flight 2022. We are prepared to take off into the New Year. Please make sure your Positive Attitude and Gratitude are secured and locked in the upright position. All self-destruct devices: pity, anger, selfishness, pride, and resentment should be turned off at this time. All negativity, hurt, and discouragement should be put away. Should you lose your Positive Attitude under pressure during this flight, reach up and pull down a prayer. Prayers will automatically be activated by Faith. Once your Faith is activated, you can assist other passengers who are of little faith. There will be NO BAGGAGE allowed on this flight. God, our Captain, has cleared us for take-off. Destination - GREATNESS! Wishing you a New Year filled with new HOPE, new JOY, and new BEGINNINGS! Stay Blessed! And welcome in 2022.



If you have ever thought about helping in your community, now is the time! It is the most rewarding thing I have ever done! Let's get you enrolled and make a difference.

## Accelerated EMT Course

At the Benkelman Ambulance Barn

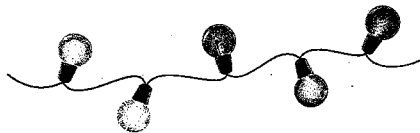
Classes start January 17<sup>th</sup> – May 12<sup>th</sup>

Monday and Thursday evenings 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm MT

And one Saturday per month 9 am – 5 pm MT

For more information

Call or text Rebecca @ 308-737-8418



## Congratulations to the Chamber of Commerce Lighting Contest Winners:

Lighting Contest: 1<sup>st</sup> – Grandview Apartments  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Bob and Joyce Forch  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Rod and Sharon Brown


Lighted Vehicles: 1<sup>st</sup> Bob and Joyce Forch  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Brian and Ashley Stehno  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Misha Constantine


## Little Village Daycare

### Local Job Opportunity



Little Village Daycare is looking for fun, energetic, nurturing people to add to our employee team!

 Part-Time Position - 2-3 days per week, NO weekends

 Substitute Providers - needed to assist during times when our regular providers are unavailable.

Facebook message or email us at [LittleVillageDaycare17@gmail.com](mailto:LittleVillageDaycare17@gmail.com) to request an application. Thank you!

## Welcome!

Recently, several people have moved into our little village from as near as Colorado and Kansas to as far away as Georgia, Arizona, New York, and many places in between. To all of you we say, "Welcome"! We locals are excited to have new families in town. It's uplifting to see new faces at our local stores, library, bank and to have new kids in school. We also smile, knowing that some of these newcomers – like generations of city transplants before them – have yet to discover the benefits of small-town living. The most crucial thing to understand is that the strength of every small town is in its people.

For example, our plumbers, electricians, and mechanics are essential. If your pipes freeze during a cold snap; or you are experiencing an electrical issue during the super bowl; or your "all-season" tires send you into the ditch during a snowstorm, these folks are your main line of defense between comfortable living and certain misery. In fact, these same folks often help run the town, for they are the volunteer Fire Department, Rescue Squad and Village Board. In a small town, you'll find allies in surprising places.

In our village, there is an unspoken rule; assume the person you're talking to is related to or knows the person you're talking about. We're all connected here, whether we feel that way or not. We share common interests by necessity, and we have learned the hard way that no one here gets by on their own. We help one another – for that is what Nebraskans do.

So, welcome to our little village. If you're not family, we hope you will soon feel that way. We are so glad to have you here!



Chadron State College has announced the names of 660 students who qualified for the institution's Fall 2020 academic honors lists.

The President's List contains 328 students with a 4.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Another 332 students met requirements for the Dean's List by earning at least a 3.5 grade point average.

To qualify for either list, students must be enrolled in 12 credit hours of coursework, be seeking their first bachelor's degree, and have no incomplete grades during the semester.

**Congratulations to Natalie Boyd for making the President's List!**

*Thank  
You*

Stratton Area Chamber of Commerce wants to thank everyone who helped make our Soup Supper a success. Special thanks to Grandview for letting us use their place, also to Sabrina Morgan for her help in the kitchen. If it wasn't for ALL of those who helped us with everything, it could not have been done. A great big Thank You to all. Happy New Year to all.

## Stratton Public Library

Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body...start the New Year off finding exercise material at the Stratton Public Library!

**Hours: Monday 12-7pm Thursdays 12-5pm**

Highlighted Book of the Month: Make Your Own Sunshine by Janice Dean

Inspiring stories that will lift your spirit and touch your heart!

New Books on the shelf just waiting to be checked out.....

Adult:

The Book Charmer by Hawkins  
Three Sisters by Morris  
The Law of Innocence by Connelly  
The Jailhouse Lawyer by James Patterson  
Apples Never Fall by Moriarty  
Going There by Katie Couric  
A Gambling Man by Baldacci  
Tell No One by Coben  
Christmas Stories by Lucado  
The Christmas Promise by Evans

New Movies:

Grumpy Cat's Worst Christmas Ever  
Coat of Many Colors  
Croods  
Rango, Charlotte's Web, Barnyard (3 set)

Juvenile:

The Whole Hole Story by McInerney  
Pony by R.J. Palacio  
Santa in the City by Jackson

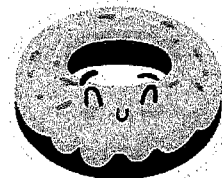
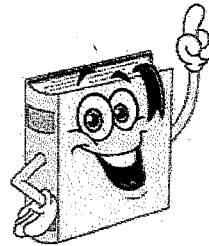
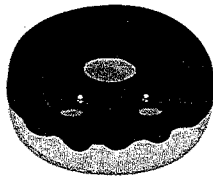
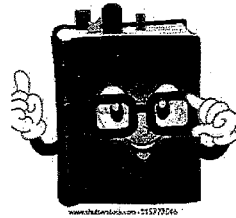
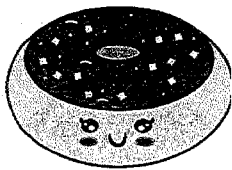
BOOK REVIEW by Jan Felt, Little Heathens by Mildred Armstrong Kalish

This small book takes place during the depression of the 1930's on an Iowa farm. The family built character with book learning, religious training, growing their own food, everyone having chores, having an outhouse, and gathering enough wood for the range to last all year. It has some of her mother's and grandmother's recipes (how about marshmallows). It has several laugh out loud episodes. If you were raised on a farm or in a farm community, maybe your parents or grandparents had some of these experiences. A Good Read!

Pick a Book, Read a Book, Love a Book! – Theme by Ady Leighty

**Reading Challenge Winners: Adult – Jane Voss Child – Henry Kollmorgen**  
**Thanks to everyone that took part in the challenge...hope you enjoy your surprising surprise!**

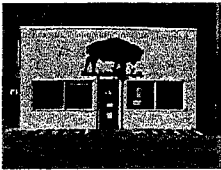
**Watch for coming challenges in the New Beginnings!**



**READ FOR A DONUT .....at the Stratton Public Library!**

There will be 10 books on the donut list. Come check out a book and find out if it is on the DONUT LIST....if so, you will receive a free donut coupon from Sehnert's Bakery!

Children and Adults are welcome to join in the fun. See you at the Stratton Library!



**ONLY IN NEBRASKA ---**

### **Filled With Artifacts And Jewelry, There's No Other Gallery Like Stones & Bones Gallery And Emporium In Nebraska**

The tiny town of Hershey, Nebraska is home to about 660 citizens, a few local businesses, and one of the most unusual galleries in the state. Stones and Bones Gallery and Emporium is filled with interesting artifacts, unique collections, and even handmade jewelry.

You can tell that the little shop with the big bison on the front is going to have something awesome inside. And you'll be proven right once you go in. Everywhere you turn, there's something interesting to look at. This family-owned business is run by lifelong collectors who specialize in Native American artifacts, rocks, Western art, and collectibles.

The "stones" part of the store's name is reflected in the large collection of stone tool artifacts. Native American arrowheads, scrapers, knives, and more fill the display cases. If you're a history buff, this collection will be a treat to look through. The store's owners go on frequent excursions to find more objects to add to their assortment of artifacts. These antique traps were all manufactured between the 1800s and the 1930s. Now, they make up a unique display inside Stones & Bones.

It's not all stones and bones, though. There's this huge collection of harmonicas, for example, which you'll want to spend plenty of time looking over. Many of the gallery and emporium's objects are part of a privately-owned collection, but there are also plenty of great things for sale.

You'll even find custom-made jewelry here. If you can dream it up, there's a good chance these folks can make it a reality. They also offer demonstrations of flint knapping, which is shaping stone into tools, much like the Native Americans did long ago.

Stop in the next time you're in Hershey to explore the fascinating artifacts and maybe even buy a few new pieces for your own collection. The folks behind Stones & Bones are also antique dealers, and you never know what you'll find!

Stones & Bones Gallery and Emporium is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day of the week, but the owners suggest you call before you visit: (308) 368-7400. There is no fee to see the collections on display in the museum. Visit the gallery's [Facebook page](#) or [website](#) to find out more about this remarkable small-town gem.

**Alcoholics Anonymous – There is a Solution**

New Group Starting January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Time: 7pm (CST)

Location: Grandview Community & Events  
Center,  
903 Bailey Street, Stratton, NE

Meetings will be held weekly on Thursdays.

For more information call Dave @ (308) 737-8725

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

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**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

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

**New Year's Resolutions**

--I promise to buy a brand-new scale, because my mind keeps reading the same old numbers.

--I'm gonna go on a diet and exercise every day. I will definitely lose weight this... oh wait, is that cake?

--I will drive by the fitness center at least once a week to pay my respects

--I will use my treadmill for something other than hanging my jacket.

--May the New Year bring you the courage to break your resolutions early!

--I was going to quit all my bad habits for the new year, but then I remembered that nobody likes a quitter.

# **Burger Baskets And More!**

308-276-2155

Beer-Cocktails-Wine (On/Off Sale)

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## ***JANUARY 2022***

*HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR*

*Come on in for a delicious meal  
We've got something for everyone*



*ENJOY OUR FRIED CHICKEN DINNER  
EVERY SUNDAY 11am-3pm*

**DAILY SPECIALS  
AND  
HANDMADE PIZZA FRIDAY AND SATURDAY  
4:30pm – 7:30pm  
(Take and Bake pizza all day everyday)**

**HOURS**  
**Wednesday - Saturday 11:00am - 8:00pm**  
**Sunday 11:00am - 3:00pm**  
**Monday & Tuesday - Closed**

**HAPPY HOUR DAILY 2PM - 4PM**



Our condolences to the family  
and friends of  
Kenneth "Kenny" Priddy



Thank  
you for the Holiday  
Bucks I won at the  
"Christmas in  
Stratton" event.

Marjorie Denio



A BIG thank you to all who  
gave Christmas gifts to my  
family through the Caring Tree  
and to the Stratton  
Community Fund Drive for the  
generous gift certificate to  
Stratton Country Market! We  
really appreciate your  
thoughtfulness and  
generosity. Thank you again.  
We feel so blessed to live in  
Stratton!

Rebecca Wasia  
and family



**Thank you to the family  
of Helen Brannan for the  
memorial money  
donated to our Stratton  
Public Library in her  
honor!**

*Helen was a cherished member of  
our community for many years.  
She was active in many areas of*

*our community and enjoyed visiting with others. She enjoyed  
reading and we all enjoy seeing her name pop up on many of the  
check-out cards. It is always so appreciated when our community is  
remembered by those who loved it so much!*

### Cheeseburger Soup

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|-------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| 1 lb ground beef        | 1 tsp dried parsley flakes     | 2 c. shredded cheddar or cubed Velveeta cheese |
| 3/4 c. chopped onion    | 4 T butter, divided            | 1-1/2 c. milk                                  |
| 3/4 c. shredded carrots | 3 c. chicken broth             | 3/4 tsp salt                                   |
| 3/4 c. diced celery     | 4 c. peeled and diced potatoes | 1/2 tsp pepper                                 |
| 1 tsp dried basil       | 1/4 c. all-purpose flour       | 1/4 c. sour cream                              |

1. Brown the ground beef in 3-quart saucepan. Drain and set aside.
2. In the same saucepan add 1 T butter and add onion, shredded carrots, parsley flakes, basil and celery. Sauté until tender.
3. Add the broth, potatoes and beef and bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer 10-12 minutes or until potatoes are tender.
4. In small skillet melt remaining butter (3 T) and add the flour. Cook and stir for 3-5 minutes or until bubbly. Add to the soup and bring to a boil. Cook and stir for 2 minutes. Reduce heat to low.
5. Stir in the cheese, milk, salt and pepper. Cook and stir until cheese melts. Remove from heat and blend in sour cream. Enjoy!

# Dundy County Stratton Activities Calendar

# January 2022

December 2021

Su	Mo	Tue	We	Th	Fri	Sat
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February 2022

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27	28					

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 ● 4:00pm JV/V GBB/BBB vs. Chase County CTSO Cake Raffle For Nancy Mossburgh Scholarship	5	6 ● 2:00pm JH GBB/BBB vs. Chase County	7 12:00pm DCS Wrestling Invitational	8 TBD Wrestling @ Gardner County BUS TIME 5:00 AM ● 2:00pm JV/V GBB/BBB @ Wray
9	10 7:00pm Musical Auditions	11 ● 4:00pm V/JV GBB/BBB vs. Hitchcock County CTSO Cake Raffle For Nancy Mossburgh Scholarship	12 QUIZ 12:00pm RPAC Quiz Bowl @ Hitchcock County	13 ● 2:00pm JH GBB/BBB vs. Hitchcock County ● 6:00pm V GBB vs. Medicine Valley	14 Show Choir Competition @ Elair BUS TIME 10:00 AM	15 TBD Wrestling Tournament @ Chase County
16	17	18 ● 3:00pm JV/V GBB/BBB @ Wallace	19 12:30pm Art Contest @ Cambridge	20 ● TBD JH GBB/BBB @ McCook St. Patrick's vs. Cambridge ● 4:00pm JV/V GBB/BBB vs. Cambridge CTSO Cake Raffle For Nancy Mossburgh Scholarship	21 12:00pm RPAC Wrestling @ Alma	22 ● RPAC Tournament GBB/BBB @ Hayes Center
23	24 ● 2:00pm JH BBB @ McCook ● TBD RPAC GBB @ Waineta	25	26	27 ● TBD RPAC GBB @ Maxwell	28 TBD Wrestling @ Medicine Valley	29 ● RPAC Championships Girls & Boys Basketball @ TEA
30	31 No School Teacher In Service @ Goodland	1 1:00pm Wrestling @ SouthWest	2 FFA District CDE @ Curtis	3 ● TBD JH G/BBB @ Chase Co. ● 3:00pm JV BBB @ Goodland vs. SouthWest	4 ● TBD RPAC BBB @ Maxwell	5 9:00am Wrestling @ SouthWest ● 3:30 V/JV GBB/BBB @ Hensley



## THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Matthew Chapter 10, Verses 32 and 33. "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before my Father who is in heaven."

We attended a grade school Christmas program this year, the first program in many years. It was all about Santa Claus, his Elves and his reindeer and the kids performed well and at the end, they did sing Merry Christmas. Other than that, the person that the birthday party was for was never mentioned.

About halfway through the program, my mind wandered back to another time in a one room country schoolhouse and a Christmas program. The teacher had strung wire across the room and hung up sheets to make a stage of sorts. We practiced for several days before the night of the program and we had little plays about shepherds and angels, wise men and a baby born in a manger. We sang Christmas carols like, "Silent Night", and "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear". We sang "Up on the Rooftop", too. Santa did come and passed out sacks with candy and peanuts and an orange. Everyone had a good time.

The big difference in the two programs was this: In that program so many years ago, we didn't deny who the birthday party was for. Today, we are afraid someone might complain if the name of "Jesus" is mentioned. Many of our kids are growing up never hearing about the one person that changed the world forever. He can also change each individual if they make Him their Lord and Savior. It's time to realize the danger of denying Him here on earth, because He will deny us there, in Heaven, on judgement day.

Richard Stahly

## Church Worship Service Schedule

### Comm. United Methodist Church

9:00 a.m. Church Services

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

### Christian Union Church

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Church Services

### St. Joseph Catholic Church

8:30 a.m. Mass

### Church of Christ

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Church Services

### Southwest Nebraska Holiness Church

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

11:30 a.m. Church Services

7:00 p.m. Church Services

### Saturday Night Launch

7:30 p.m. Held at Church of God

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Trenton, NE

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