

NEW BEGINNINGS

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SPECIAL EVENT

Grandview Community & Event Center

It's a Salsa Contest

Bring Your Homemade Salsa
March 25th 6-8 pm

Entry Fee: \$5.00 includes meal
Dead Line for entry is March 21st

Winner will be crowned and presented with a trophy for the year. The winner will also be in the Stratton Days Parade this year in September.

We are including homemade crafts to be brought in for purchase. Tables will be in place for set up.

Meals available for purchase:
Beef, bean and cheese burrito - \$3.50
Burrito and Spanish Rice - \$5.00

Hosted by Mary Pierson
Please contact Mary with any questions
@785-302-0760



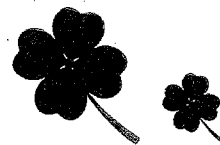
Saturday, April 16th

Witmer Park - Stratton

- Open to children up to the 6th grade
 - Donations are most welcome. Individuals or businesses may drop off their donations at MNB - Stratton or with any Stratton Chamber member.
- Please drop donations off by April 13th.

Stratton Chamber of Commerce

Presents:



**WEAR GREEN
WIN GREEN**

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Wear a **VISIBLE AMOUNT** of Green while shopping locally and you will be entered to win Prizes including **CHAMBER BUCKS!**



www.strattonnebraska.com



Welcome to DCS Preschool & Kindergarten

Kindergarten Roundup and Preschool Sign Up for **Benkelman** and **Stratton** Elementary

Parents/guardians are requested to contact the DCS Elementary sites in Stratton and Benkelman if planning to send your child to Kindergarten or Preschool for the 2022-2023 school year. Children must be five years of age on or before July 31, 2022 to be eligible to attend kindergarten.

Benkelman

Kindergarten Roundup will be Wednesday, March 16 from 9am to 10:45am (MT) for Benkelman Elementary. If you have eligible students, contact the school office at (308) 423-2216.

If interested in preschool, please contact Vicki Hanes or Principal Rotherham at the Benkelman Elementary office at 423-2216.

Stratton

If you have eligible students and are interested in enrolling them in Stratton Kindergarten or Preschool it is important that you contact the Stratton Elementary office before March 14.

Kindergarten Roundup will be Wednesday, March 16 at 1pm (CT) for Stratton Elementary. If you have eligible students contact the school office at (308) 276-2281

If interested in preschool, please contact Kati Ladenburger at the Stratton Elementary office at 276-2281 or Principal Rotherham at the Benkelman Elementary office at 423-2216.

Packets with enrollment, physical, and immunization information may be picked up prior to Roundup. You will need a copy of your child's birth certificate as well as current immunizations.

ATTENTION DOG OWNERS

I'm sure we would all love to spend our money spoiling our dogs rather than paying some fine to the Village. I've got good news! You can!

Come to the Village Office and get your dog licensed before March 31, 2022 and you will be entered to win a doggie gift basket that has been donated to the Village. Not only will you get treats and toys for your pet but they will also receive a pretty new charm (dog license) to add to your pet's necklace. Just come to the office with proof of rabies vaccination and \$5.00 and you will be entered to win.

Don't worry, if you are one of the several who have gotten your dog licensed already you will automatically be entered into the drawing.

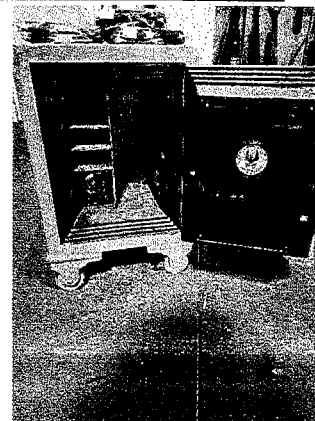
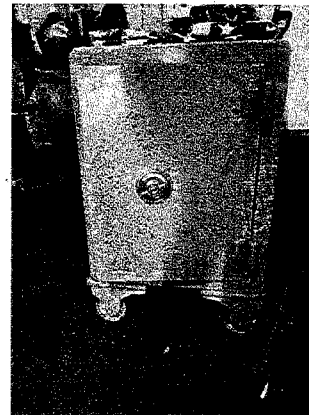


NOTICE TO ACCEPT SEALED BIDS ON THE FOLLOWING SURPLUS PROPERTY: VICTOR SAFE

Notice to accept sealed bids on the following surplus property: Victor Safe. Said property shall be sold pursuant to law, sealed bids shall be received until March 17, 2022 at 5:00 PM. Item sold as is without any warranty of any kind. Said sealed bids shall be delivered to the Village Office located at 411 Bailey, Stratton, Nebraska. Said sealed bids will be opened at 5:00 PM on March 17, 2022. Said sealed bids shall be on the following terms:

1. The successful bidder shall be notified of the Village's acceptance of the bid at the Village Board Meeting on March 21, 2022.
2. The successful bidder shall pay for and pick up item(s) by March 31, 2022 at 4:00 PM.
3. The Village reserves the right to reject any and all sealed bids and to waive any irregularities in the bidding process.

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



Stratton Public Library

A book – a bundle of paper and ink that can change your life!

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

Highlighted Book of the Month: Smitten Book Club – Book three of a light hearted fun read!

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

Adult:

19 Yellow Moon Road, Blindsided - by Michaels

Out of Range by Box Best Friends Forever by Hunt The Marsh King's Daughter by Dionne

One Good Deed, A Gambling Man by Baldacci

Secrets in Death, Dark in Death, Brotherhood in Death, Vendetta in Death by Robb

Non-fiction:

Miss Independent (Investments) by Lapin Confluence (Bio of J. Gottschalk) by Ayoub

Juvenile:

Tracks in the Snow by Bledsoe

Cat Kid Comic Club by Pilkey

I Spy Fly Guy, Fly High Fly Guy, Ride Fly Guy Ride, Hooray for Fly Guy,

There's a Fly Guy in my Soup

Book Review of "Wild Times and True Tales on the High Plains" by Matt Vincent

This "read it in two days" book has many stories of the High Plains from several stories of the Army, including Custer to Indian wars to wild towns to outlaws and prairie fires. Did you know that Custer spent time in the area? Do you know how the west was surveyed? Think of a 66 foot chain and the "English mile" of 5280 feet. Good local area history book. Are you ready to check it out?

Matt was raised in Yuma Colorado. His dad was my boss in Yuma. Ed and I and our boys took Matt fishing with us at Stalker Lake just west of Wray when he was about 12. His bio can be found at Matt Vincent Yuma Pioneer story. (Review written by Janet Felt)

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

Irish Soda Bread

4 cups all-purpose flour
4 tablespoons white sugar
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 tablespoon baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
½ cup margarine, softened
1 cup buttermilk
1 egg
¼ cup butter, melted
¼ cup buttermilk

-Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Lightly grease a large baking sheet.

-In a large bowl, mix together flour, sugar, baking soda, baking powder, salt and margarine. Stir in 1 cup of buttermilk and egg. Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface and knead slightly. Form dough into a round and place on prepared baking sheet. In a small bowl, combine melted butter with ¼ cup buttermilk, brush loaf with this mixture. Use a sharp knife to cut an 'X' into the top of the loaf. Bake in preheated oven until a toothpick inserted into the center of the loaf comes out clean, 45 to 50 minutes. Check for doneness after 30 minutes. You may continue to brush the loaf with the butter mixture while it bakes.

For those of you who would like to contact Don Merrill, a long-time resident of Stratton, his new address is:

Don Merrill
Yankee Hill Village
8401 S 33rd St. Apt 129
Lincoln NE 68516
402-858-4237

Congratulations

--to the following University of Nebraska
-- Lincoln students - Philip Boyd and Abigail Schoup, named to the UNL Deans List for the fall semester of the 2021-22 academic year.

--To Dundy County Stratton Boys Basketball team for qualifying for the state tournament.

Stratton Medical Clinic

(308) 276-2411
903 Bailey St.
Stratton, NE 69043
www.dchbenkelman.com

Provider Subject to change.
Closed Saturday, Sunday, Monday
Central Times listed:

Monday-Closed

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

Wednesday- Tammi Cawthra- 2:00-5:00 CT

Thursday- Dr. Jose Garcia- 8:30-12:30 CT

Friday-Michelle Koppie-09:00-12:00 CT

For appointments outside of these dates and times please call Quality Healthcare Clinic in Benkelman, NE

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

Thank you to this month's donors:

**Nebraska Community
Foundation
Bill Condon
Steve & LeAnn Kollmorgen**

Dundy County Stratton School Activities Calendar

MARCH 2022

| February 20, 2022 | | | | | | | April 2022 | | | | | | |
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| 27 | 28 | | | | | | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 Discovery Days @Curtis Bus Time: 6:15 a.m. Early Dismissal 1:00pm DI-2 District Basketball Final 5:00pm DCS BBB vs. Johnson-Brock @Kearney High 6:30pm Musical Practice | 2 FFA District CDE @Curtis Bus Time: 6:00 a.m. | 3 District Speech @Wallace Bus Time: 6:30 a.m. | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 1st Round, Class D1 Boys State Basketball 6:30pm Musical Practice | 8 | 9 3rd Quarter Ends 2nd Round, Class D1 Boys State Basketball | 10 6:30pm Musical Practice Spring Break NO SCHOOL | 11 Class D1 3rd Place Boys State Basketball | 12 |
| 13 | 14 12:00pm Quiz Bowl @Maywood 6:30pm Musical Practice | 15 EARLY DISMISSAL 10:00-11:00am Practical Test for all students | 16 8:00am-1:00pm Job Shadow Day @Dundy County Hospital | 17 12:00pm UNK Track Invite @Kearney | 18 State Speech @Kearney | 19 |
| 20 Winter Park Music Festival @Winter Park, Co | 21 8:00am Pre-ACT Sophomores 3:00pm Elementary Quiz Bowl @Maywood 6:30pm Musical Practice | 22 12:00pm RPAC Instrumental Clinic @Southwest 6:00pm RPAC Instrumental Concert @Southwest | 23 12:00pm Track @Cambridge | 24 6:30pm Musical Practice Winter Park Music Festival @Winter Park, Co | 25 | 26 |
| 27 Winter Park Music Festival @Winter Park, Co | 28 Northeast Jazz Festival Bus Time: 5:00 a.m. | 29 3:00pm Elementary Quiz Bowl @Southwest 6:30pm Musical Practice | 30 9:00am Golf @ Cambridge | 31 6:30pm Musical Practice | April 1 TBD Perkins Co. Track @Grant | April 2 |

** All dates and times are subject to change. Please check the DCS School Calendar on the school homepage at www.dcsstigers.org, or FOLLOW us on Twitter - @dcsstigers #dcsstigers****