

# NEW BEGINNINGS

April 2022

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## EASTER EGG HUNT



**Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**

**1:00 pm**

**Pitner Park**

(Open to children 6<sup>th</sup> grade and younger.)

Volunteers are welcome to help prepare for the hunt.  
Please contact Tara at  
308-224-5507 or any Stratton Chamber member for  
more information or to donate your time or candy/eggs.  
Please drop donations off by April 13<sup>th</sup>.



**Community-wide Garage Sales** will be taking place on  
**April 23, 2022** starting at 9:00am.

Maps will be available the Friday before the garage  
sales at the following locations: MNB Bank lobby,  
Stratton Village Office and Stratton, Nebraska Facebook  
page.

Please contact Tara at 308-224-5507 or in person at the  
Village office, to be added to the list.



## REOPENED!!!

We are pleased to announce the  
reopening of Jaybird Express!

Hours:

8:30 am – 6:00 pm

Monday – Saturday

- Pop
- Candy
- Beer
- Liquor
- Baked Goods from Tuesday's  
Tasties

--Jay will be in the shop on Saturdays  
for tire repair and small mechanic  
jobs.

Stop in and welcome them back!

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, April 2, 2022

8:00 AM

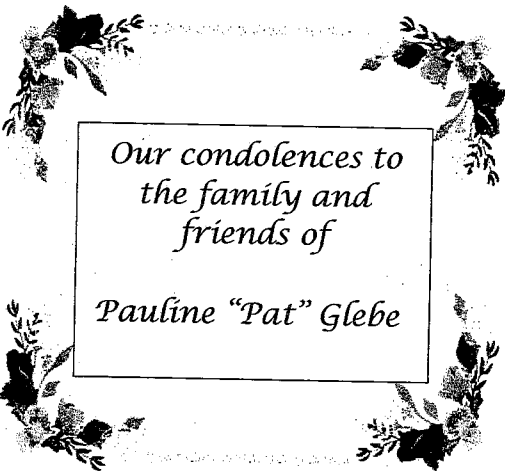
Stratton Catholic Church



All Men Welcome!

## HELP WANTED

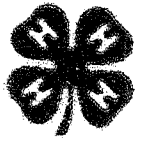
The Village of Stratton is still accepting applications for a Utilities Superintendent as well as all positions at the Swimming Pool. Please share with someone that may be interested! Applications are available at the Village Office.



"The very first Easter taught us this: that life never ends and love never dies."  
— Kate McGahan



## Freedom Go Getters



The Stratton Freedom Go-Getters 4-H Club is an active 4-H sub-club of Hitchcock County. Currently, there are 17 active youth members.

The club has at least one annual meeting (sometimes more) where we can learn formal and proper order of a meeting and discuss club activities. The Freedom Go-Getters participate in community service projects such as a highway trash clean up through the Department of Roads "Adopt a Highway Program". The club also collects recycled cans year-round in a bin located on the southwest corner of the Stratton Co-Op Building, plus other fundraisers.

These funds are applied towards member dues, club activities and projects, and Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) which is a week-long summer program in Washington, DC designed to teach high school students about government and citizenship. The club offers a first-year college scholarship to active members and also 4-H camp scholarships.

Most members participate in county fairs, which offers everything from showing livestock to exhibit hall projects, clothing, a fashion show, photography bowling, shooting sports and archery. *There is something for everyone* with the program's main focus being youth leadership. To get involved or for more information on our local 4-H Club, you may contact Kara McLain at 308-340-3810.

Many of the parents and family members volunteer their time and local business have supported the club through donations. *Freedom Go-Getters would like to thank the Community for continued support!*

Sincerely,

Freedom Go-Getters 4-H Club

# **Burger Baskets And More!**

308-276-2155

Beer-Cocktails-Wine (On/Off Sale)

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*APRIL 2022*



*We will be closed on Easter Sunday  
April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022*

*Have a very Happy Easter*

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## **DAILY SPECIALS!!!**

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**Fried Chicken Dinner every Sunday  
beginning at 11:00am**

**HANDMADE PIZZA FRIDAY AND SATURDAY  
(Take and Bake pizza all day-everyday)**

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## **HOURS**

**Wednesday - Saturday 11:00am - 8:00pm**

**Sunday 11:00am - 3:00pm**

**Monday & Tuesday - Closed**

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## DID YOU KNOW -----

**And it all began...** We have come a long way since we were a depot on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad. Our town was renamed for Mary Stratton, an original owner of the town site, and the first memories of Stratton took root!

The first library in Nebraska Territory was established during the winter of 1856-57 in Omaha. The first Traveling Library in our State was sent to a barbershop in Loup City in December of 1901. On March 16, 1923, the Stratton Women's Club was organized. A traveling library was one of the clubs first projects. The books were kept in Elmer Martin's shop. Early traveling libraries allowed only one book per borrower. The books could be kept for 2 weeks with a 1 cent fine per day for overdue books.

In 1925, the plans to build the Veterans Memorial Hall began. By 1926, the library was moved to the VM Hall. The Women's Club canvassed the town and collected 191 books, then added \$100 worth of new books. The library at the VM Hall was dedicated on Aug. 7, 1926. The library was then transferred from the Women's Club to the Village of Stratton in 1930. The VM Hall Library was 950 sq. ft. In 2021, it was evident that the women of Stratton (The Stratton Library Board) were still working hard to bring books to Stratton, as a new Library opened with 3,800 sq. ft.

Our Stratton women have much to be thanked for – from Mary Stratton, who brought us our name, to the women from the first Stratton Women's Club, to all of the women who have served on our Library Board and our past librarians.

Our Stratton Women have been very productive on wanting the opportunity for books to be available to the residents of our area. Please help honor these women by stopping into the Stratton Public Library during the Month of April, which celebrates National Library Week April 3<sup>rd</sup> -9<sup>th</sup>.

Books can still be checked out for 2 weeks and the fine amount has gone up from 1 cent to 5 cents. Talk about a low inflation rate – Free books...Low fines...AND the opportunity to honor all of those who make our Stratton Public Library possible. Come See Us – we are very fortunate to have such a beautiful Library in our town of Stratton!

### **Stratton Medical Clinic**

(308) 276-2411

903 Bailey St.

Stratton, NE 69043

[www.dchbenkelman.com](http://www.dchbenkelman.com)

Provider subject to change.  
Closed Saturday, Sunday, Monday.

All times are CT:

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

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Thank you to this month's donors:  
**Nebraska Community Foundation**  
**Bill Condon**  
**Little Village Day Care**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**THE CORRECT PHONE NUMBER FOR  
DON MERRILL IS:**

**402-858-4735**

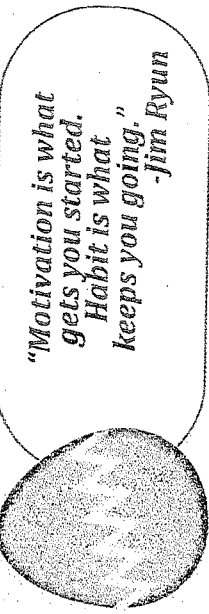
# APRIL 2022

## Dundy County Stratton Schools Activities Calendar

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

MC REP. 2022

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



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10:00 am Track @ Perkins

"Motivation is what gets you started. Habit is what keeps you going."  
-Jim Ryun

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State FFA - Lincoln, NE - April 3, 4, 5  
State FFA - Lincoln, NE - April 6, 7, 8

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MAP Testing 9th Grade  
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FBLA State Leadership Conference - Kearney, NE - April 11, 12, 13  
TBD Chase Co. Golf Invite  
9:00 am DCS Golf Invite  
11:45 am DCS Track Invite  
6:00 pm Musical Practice  
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Jr. High Music Contest @ Cambridge  
10:00 am McCook Paint In @ McCook  
Prom Decorating  
5:00 pm PROM

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Senior Luncheon by Methodist Church Women  
12:00 p.m. Jr. High Track @ Creek Valley - Chappell  
Senior Open House at Pinnacle Bank  
9:00 am Golf @ Chase County  
9:00 am Golf @ Southwest @ Cross Creek Course  
District Music

24 25 26 27 28 29 30  
5:30 pm FBLA Officer Interviews  
9:00 am Golf @ Garden County  
2:00 pm Track @ St. Francis  
6:00 pm Musical Practice  
9:00 am State Quiz Bowl @ Hastings  
9:00 am JH Track @ Chase County  
9:00 am RPAC Golf Hosted by Southern Valley  
9:00 am RPAC Track @ Bertrand  
6:00 pm JH/High School Spring Concert  
6th Grade Career Day  
6:00 pm Musical Practice

\*\*\* All dates and times are subject to change. Please check the DCS School Calendar on the school home page at [www.dcsfigers.org](http://www.dcsfigers.org), or FOLLOW us on Twitter -@dcsfigers #dcsfigers\*\*\*