

NEW BEGINNINGS

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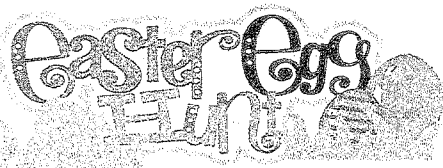


FREE COMMUNITY
DINNER

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY
21ST 5:30—7:00 P.M.

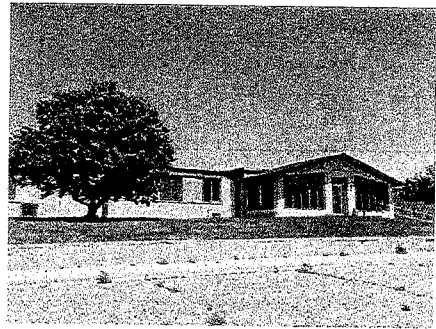
GRANDVIEW EVENT
CENTER

EVERYONE WELCOME!!



The annual Easter Egg hunt will be held Saturday, March 30th at Pitner Park. Donations of non-chocolate candy or cash are very welcome to help out the Easter Bunny! You may drop donations off by March 15th. Watch Stratton Community Facebook page for more information to come

Invitation to Volunteer

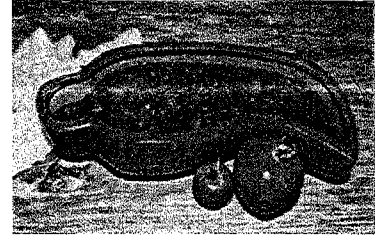


The Stratton Industrial Commission, Inc. is seeking additional board members. SICI manages the Grandview Community & Events Center, Hitch & Hay Public Transit and the rental of residential and other occupancies. The SICI Board currently meets at 5:30 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of every other month. To express interest or questions, call or text president, Bill Zahl (308) 340-5601 or administrator Larry Unruh (308-520-4466).

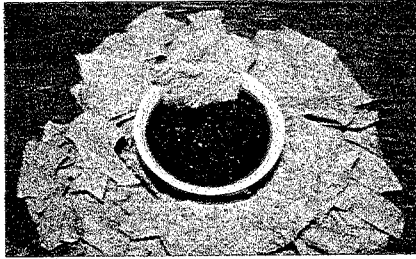


Come Join Us!

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Grandview Community & Event Center
903 Bailey St, Stratton NE. 69043



It's a Salsa Contest
Bring Your Homemade Salsa
On March 22nd
Starts @6:00 pm
Ending @ 8:00 pm

Entry Fee; \$6.00 includes meal.

Deadline for entry is March 22, 2024 @ 5:30

Prizes: 1st place \$50.00, 2nd place \$25.00, and 3rd place \$15.00 certificate for Stratton Country Market

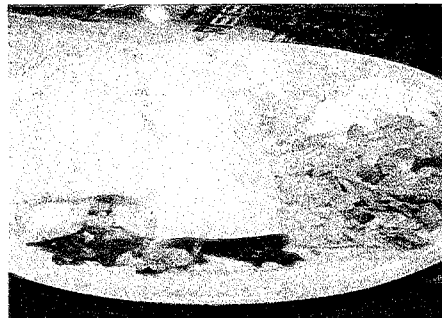
The first-place winner will be crowned and presented with a trophy for the year. The winner will be required to participate in the Stratton Days Parade in September.

We have four tables available for homemade crafts vendors to set up.

A meal will be available for purchase:

\$6.00

**Smothered Burrito
w/ Spanish Rice
Lettuce, tomato,
sour cream**



Hosted By Mary Pierson

For additional information call or text me @ 785-302-0760

Asking for volunteers, if interested in helping please contact me...

Stratton Public Library News February 2024

Are you bored with this cold weather?

Come into the Stratton Library to find a GOOD read!

HOURS: MONDAY 12-7 THURSDAY 12-5

New Selections: **Adult:** **The Boys on the Boat** by Brown (Have you seen the movie yet?) **The Crush, Tough Customer** by S. Brown. **Autopsy** by Cornwell. **No Plan B, Sentinel** by Child. **Lies** by Logan. **Wonder Boy of Whistle Stop** by Flagg. **Leave the World Behind** by Rumaan. **Two Nights in Lisbon** by Pavone. **Redemption Point** by Fox. **Eyes Wide Open** by Gross. **Tom Lake** by Patchett. **Vortex** by Coulter. **Never Tell** by Gardner. **My wife is Missing, The New Husband** by Palmer. **Dead Man's Wake** by Doiron. **Little Face** by Hannah. **An Amish Reunion** by Ellis. **Firehole River Murder** by Kieft. **Family Upstairs** by Jewell. **One Good Thing** by Milne. **Cellar** by Preston. **River of Earth** by Still. **Close Range Wyoming Stories** by Proulx

Juvenile: **Just Add Magic Potion Solvers**

Don't forget our Map Challenge going on at the Stratton Library...come in and check out a book from an author residing in the United States to help clear our map! We have removed 23 states so far! Drawing for those who participate at the end of the challenge! Come join the fun!!!!

If you have an author that you love and think others will enjoy, come on in and visit with me...I just might be able to order the book you are looking for.

DID YOU KNOW THAT WE HAVE COOKING MAGAZINES AS WELL AS NEBRASKALIFE AND NEBRASKALAND MAGAZINES FOR CHECK OUT.

Coffee & Conversation Thursdays 2-4

We have the Hitchcock County and Benkelman Post newspapers. Come on in and check out the local news.

Coffee & Conversation Thursdays 2-4

Come on in and get to know someone new.

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:

- Bill Condon
- Jerry & Brenda McDonald
- Katherine Bullard
- Greg & Denise Willhite
- Richard & Delores Stahly

New Hours Starting in January, 2023

Stratton Medical Clinic

To schedule an appointment
call (308) 423-2151.

Provider Availability Subject to Change.
Closed Saturday, Sunday, Monday & Friday

Central Times listed:

Tuesday

Michelle Koppie, APRN 9:00 - 12:00 / 1:00 - 4:30 PM

Wednesday

Tammi Cawthra, APRN- 2:00 - 5:00 PM

Thursday

Lori Stonehocker, D.O. 10:30 - 12:00 / 1:30 - 4:30 PM

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

903 Bailey St.
Stratton, NE 69043
www.dchbenkelman.com

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!

Thank You Stratton Ambulance Crew for helping us out on a very cold January night. Your service is greatly appreciated.

Richard & Delores Stahly



**Family
GAME
Night**

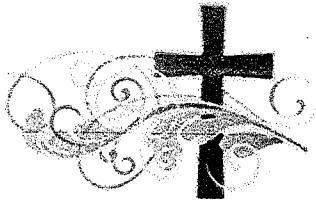
Saturday Night from 7-9

Bring your family friendly games to
Grandview Events Center

Join the Fun Everyone is welcome!

Thank you to the everyone who braved a foggy night to attend the Founders Day Pancake Feed. Your support of Lakeview Lodge was greatly appreciated!

A special thank you to the volunteers who assisted the lodge board : Marilyn Lorens, Melissa Dailey, Sharla Unruh and Julie Stahly. Special thanks also go to Joyce Forch, Beth Kollmorgen and Sally Hudson for sharing their incredible musical talent to the evening—a very special touch!



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

March 2, 8:00 A.M.

--HOSTED BY--

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

Chaplain's Corner

Father God:

We come to You, praising You, for You are worthy, You are worthy of all glory, power, honor and all praise. We come thanking you for your Son Jesus Christ whom You gave up as a blood sacrifice for us; That we might have eternal salvation through Him. We thank You for Your Holy Spirit, who guides us and comforts us in times of trial. We thank You for your Word, The Bible, that guides us in how to live and gives direction and wisdom. We thank You for the love that you pour out on us and for helping us through the hard times that we sometimes face. You provide us the things we need, so that, if we rely on You there is never anytime or anything that we need to worry about. We are thankful that. Anytime we have a need we can step into Your throne room and ask. If we see a need for others we can petition for them.

We come now, asking for salvation for those that don't know Jesus as their Savior. We come asking that You might raise up righteous men and women to lead our churches. That You would raise up righteous men and women that care about our schools, that they might take positions on school boards and others that would teach our children reading and math, history and geography, civics and correct biology and so much more. That you would raise up righteous people who would lead our government for the sake of our country and not to pad their own pockets and not have a greed for power. We have fallen on hard times spiritually and we desperately need Your help and guidance. Help us, Lord. We are so thankful that we can come to You and that You will hear us. Thank You, again. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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

10:45 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

DUNDY COUNTY STRATTON SCHOOLS ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

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Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is up to 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine. It is a major contributor to fatal and nonfatal overdoses in the U.S.

There are two types of fentanyl: **pharmaceutical fentanyl** and **illegally made fentanyl**. Both are considered synthetic opioids. Pharmaceutical fentanyl is prescribed by doctors to treat severe pain, especially after surgery and for advanced-stage cancer.

However, most recent cases of fentanyl-related overdose are linked to illegally made fentanyl, which is distributed through illegal drug markets for its heroin-like effect. It is often added to other drugs because of its extreme potency, which makes drugs cheaper, more powerful, more addictive, and more dangerous.

Illegally made fentanyl (IMF) is available on the drug market in different forms, including liquid and powder.

Powdered fentanyl looks just like many other drugs. It is commonly mixed with drugs like heroin, cocaine, and methamphetamine and made into pills that are made to resemble other prescription opioids. Fentanyl-laced drugs are extremely dangerous, and many people may be unaware that their drugs are laced with fentanyl.

In its liquid form, IMF can be found in nasal sprays, eye drops, and dropped onto paper or small can-

Fentanyl and other synthetic opioids are the most common drugs involved in overdose deaths. Even in small doses, it can be deadly. **Over 150 people die every day from overdoses related to synthetic opioids like fentanyl.**

Drugs may contain deadly levels of fentanyl, and you wouldn't be able to see it, taste it, or smell it. It is nearly impossible to tell if drugs have been laced with fentanyl.

When the history of the fentanyl crisis is written, 2023 may be remembered as the year Americans woke up to an unprecedented threat scouring communities - and a deepening cultural divide over what to do about it. For the first time in U.S. history, fatal overdoses peaked above 112,000 deaths, with young people and people of color among the hardest hit. Drug policy experts, and people living with addiction, say the magnitude of this calamity now eclipses every previous drug epidemic, from the 1980s to the prescription opioid crisis of the 2000s.

"We do have fentanyl that's dangerous, we have xylazine that's poison as quoted by a current user. "We've had an entire community swept away. I can't even think of all the people I know who have died. My daughter died. Our mentors are dead. It is Public health experts say fentanyl, a synthetic opioid far more powerful than heroin, is responsible for the majority of drug deaths. But the supply of illegal drugs is increasingly complex and perilous.

Americans using drugs recreationally, or caught up in more serious addiction, face an unpredictable cocktail that often includes fentanyl, methamphetamines and fast-changing mix of new chemicals. The latest threats include the horse tranquilizer xylazine, which causes lingering flesh wounds in users, and nitazenes, synthetic opioids that appear to be even more potent than fentanyl.

Often Mexican drug cartels press these chemicals into pills, which are counterfeited to resemble pharmaceutical-grade medications for depression, pain and ADHD. "This is why it's so important for you to understand that you cannot just simply pick up a drug and go ahead and use it," said professor Bonnie Halpern-Felsher, head of Stanford University's REACH Lab, which focuses on understanding, preventing and reducing teen and young adult substance use.

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