

NEW BEGINNINGS

April 2025

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The family of Margie and Earl Denio are hosting an open house in honor of the couple's 40th anniversary. The Open house will be at the Grandview Event Center 903 Bailey Stratton NE on Saturday, [April 26th](#) from 2 -4 pm.

*If unable to attend, greetings can reach them at:
PO Box 312 Stratton, NE 69043.*



Easter Events

- Saturday, April 19th—1:00 p.m. Chamber of Commerce Easter Egg Hunt—Pitner Park
- Christian Union Church - Good Friday Service—7:00 pm
 - Easter Sunday Service —10:45 am
- Catholic Churches
 - April 17th, Holy Thursday - Liturgy of the Lord's Supper @ Benkelman Catholic Church—7:00 pm MDT.
 - April 18th Good Friday—Liturgy of the Lord's Passion @ Stratton Catholic Church—3:00 pm CDT
 - Saturday , April 19th-Easter Vigil Mass@ Benkelman Catholic Church - 8:30 p.m. MDT
 - Easter Sunday Service—8:30 a.m. @ Stratton Catholic Church
- United Methodist Church—Easter Sunday Service—9:30 a.m.
- New Hope Church of Max, Nebraska—7:30 a.m.—Easter Sunrise Service
- Grandview Events Center—Easter Sunday Fried Chicken Dinner (Call by Saturday at 5:00 for reservations, 308-276-2282. Leave a message for white or dark meat and how many of each.)





Saturday, April 19, 2025

1:00 pm

Pitner Park, Stratton

Open to children up to 6th Grade

Donations welcome and may be dropped off at the Village Office or MNB-Stratton by April 17th.

Hosted by the Stratton Area Chamber of Commerce



Easter Chocolate Lasagna

Oreo Crust:

- 36 Oreo cookies
- ½ cup unsalted butter-melted

Cream Cheese Layer:

- ½ cup unsalted butter-softened
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 8 oz cream cheese-softened
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup Cool Whip

Chocolate Pudding Layer:

- 2 (3.9 oz.) packages chocolate instant pudding
- 2 and ¾ cups cold milk

Topping:

- 2 cups Cool Whip
- 1 ½ cups crushed Oreo
- Peeps bunnies, Easter egg candies...

Instructions

1. In a food processor finely crushed Oreo cookies into fine crumbs. If you don't have a food processor, place Oreo cookies into ziplock bag and crush the cookies with a rolling pin.
2. Using a fork to mix crushed Oreo with melted butter, then press the mixture into the bottom of 9 x 13-inch dish. Place in the fridge to firm.
3. Beat cream cheese, softened butter, sugar and vanilla until it's light and creamy. Stir in 1 cup Cool Whip. Spread the mixture over the crust and place in the fridge.
4. In a medium bowl mix chocolate instant pudding with 2 and ¾ cups cold milk. Whisk for a few minutes until the pudding starts thickening. Spread the pudding over the cream cheese layer. Place in the fridge for 10 minutes.
5. Spread 2 cups Cool Whip on top and sprinkle with crushed Oreo. Refrigerate at least 4 hours before serving. Garnish with Peeps and Easter egg candies.




Women in Faith – Spring Guest Day

Women in Faith will hold their annual Spring Guest Day on Wednesday, April 30th at 2:00 PM CST. The event will be held at the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Stratton, NE. Please RSVP by April 24, 2025 to the following:

- Susan Crow (308-276-2636)
- Roberta Loescher (402-200-0049)
- Linda Zahl (308-276-2672)

We hope to see you here! Please bring good weather with you when you come!!!



Shop all things kids, for a fraction of the price!

Every *{little}* Thing

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SPRING CONSIGNMENT - SALE -

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Thursday 2:00 pm –6:00 pm (PreSale tickets required)

Friday 9:00 am-6:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am-4:00 pm

@ THE BARN
1701 N Hwy 83, McCook

Upcoming Event——

June 7, 2025

Community Wide Garage Sale

Call Tara at 308-830-2878 by June 5th to have your sale advertised. Maps will be available June 6th at MNB, Stratton Country Market, Village Office and posted on Stratton Facebook page.



Fried Chicken Dinner

Our next dinners will be April 6th, April 20th (Easter) and May 4th at Grandview Events Center in Stratton. We will be taking plate reservations again. Please call by Saturday night before 5:00 p.m. at 308-276-2282, if no answer please leave a message—state white or dark meat and how many of each.



Free Community Dinner



Wednesday, April 16th

5:30—7:00

At Grandview Events Center

Everyone Welcome!!



Saturday Night from 7-9
Bring your family friendly
games to
Grandview Events Center
Join the Fun, Everyone is
welcome!

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. or mailed to MNB Bank, PO Box 367, Stratton, NE 69043. Colored copies of New Beginnings are included on the Village of Stratton web site. Thank you to this month's donors:

- Bill Condon
- Stratton Community Foundation
- Mel & Virginia Campbell
- Sabrinna Morgan & Janet Nelson
- Erwin & Joyce Cushing
- Kit Ellis



The Village of Stratton is currently accepting applications for Swimming Pool Manager, Assistant Manager and Lifeguards for the 2025 season. Managers must obtain Nebraska Pool Operators Certificate. Lifeguards and managers must be current on certification and CPR/First Aid. Training is reimbursable to successful candidates. Contact the Village Office with any questions or to apply.

Phone: 308-276-2184 or 308-830-2878 Email: tara@strattonnebraska.com

Or stop by: 411 Bailey Street, Stratton

3RD ANNUAL MOST IMPROVED YARD CONTEST



Nominations are due by 4pm on May 1st (you can nominate yourself or someone else!) Entries will be evaluated on: maintenance, landscaping and overall general appearance. Winner will be announced during Stratton Days events in September and will be presented a Most Improved yard sign to proudly display in their front yard as well as a CASH prize.

Contact Tara at 308-830-2878

Most Improved Yard Awards are a recognition of the hard work and pride exhibited by Stratton residents. We are proud to have residents who strive to beautify their homes and neighborhoods in Stratton. This year will be the 3rd annual Most Improved Yard contest.

STRATTON MEDICAL CLINIC HOURS Central Time

Mon, Wed, Fri—Closed

Tuesday—10:30 am—12:00 pm 1:00 pm—4:30 pm

Thursday—2:00 pm—4:30 pm

Sat—Sun—Closed

Call for an appointment—(308) 423-2151

Walk-ins Welcome!

"Spring cleaning is like the annual event to clean everything except the one thing you set out to clean."



SPRING CLEAN UP & TREE LIMB PICK UP

May 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 2025

West of Pitner Park

**Bring us your items you can't fit in the regular dumpsters
NO Tires, metal, or liquids of any kind, nothing toxic/corrosive
Call us for help with heavy or large items- Limit of one pickup
load per residence.**

Items accepted until roll off is full!

**Put tree and garden waste in a pile next to the alley. MUST BE
PLACED ON THE LIST PRIOR TO MAY 1st FOR PICKUP! Limit
of one pickup load per residence. Must be accessible by the
backhoe. No branches longer than six feet in length. NO GRASS
CLIPPINGS OR PLASTIC BAGS! Pick up will take place as
employees are available during the following week.**

**Tree dump will be available for those able to haul their own
tree and garden waste.**

Call with any questions or to arrange pick up:

Mike: 308-340-0149

Tara: 308-830-2878

Office: 308-276-2184

The Village of Stratton is beginning the process to work with property owners in attempt to clean up properties that are in violation of Village nuisance ordinances. The program follows the ordinance as set by the Village Board. Both the ordinance and process are backed by state laws.

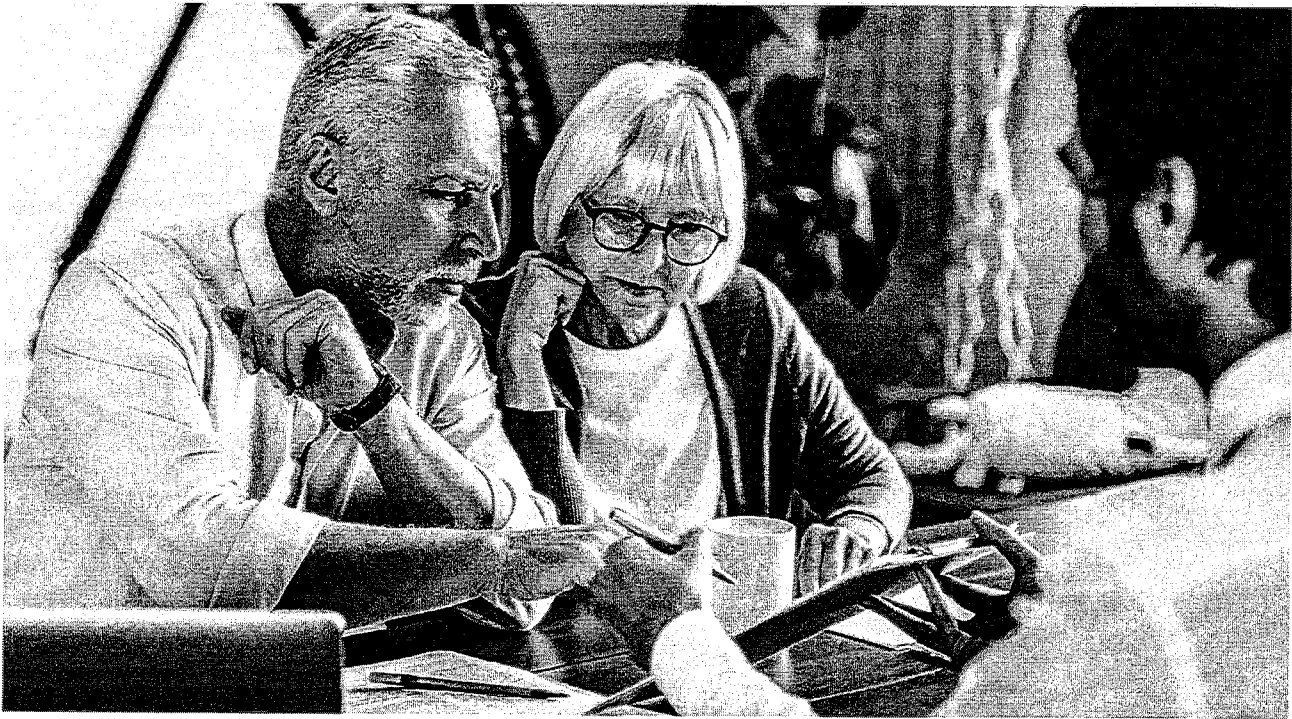
The Nuisance Process:

- Step 1: Initial Property Reviews and Courtesy Letters Sent
- Step 2: Second Assessment
- Step 3: Declared Nuisance by the Board
- Step 4: Third Assessment
- Step 5: Five Day Notice via certified mail
- Step 6: Fourth Assessment
- Step 7: Abatement

This process is taking place Village wide and is not complaint driven. The entire Village is being reviewed in an attempt to clean up and bring all properties into compliance with Village Ordinances. If you have any questions regarding any letter you receive or the items described in your letter, or wish to dispute any determinations, please contact the Village Office for clarification or to request a hearing. We want to work with property owners to resolve any nuisance issues before the issue gets brought to the Village Board for abatement procedures. The goal of the program and Village Board is NOT to abate. Communication is helpful and often extensions to complete the work are granted.

Nuisance Officers do not get out of their vehicle and only travel on public roadways and alleys and do not go on private property to take pictures. Cameras used have zoom lenses. If you are aware of any violations on your property, please take the initiative to come into compliance prior to receiving a letter. If you need assistance with clean up, contact the Village Office to be put into contact with volunteers or for access to the Village tree dump. If you would like to volunteer your time or equipment please contact Tara to be connected with those requesting assistance or no access to needed equipment.

We look forward to everyone's anticipated compliance and the rewards of having a beautiful community for current residents to enjoy and to draw future residents to the area!



MAKE A PLAN

Seventy percent of American adults don't have a will. Are you among them?

Finally getting your estate in order is one of the simplest and most impactful things you could do this year. Many generous Nebraskans have opted to include not only their heirs in their plans, but also the community they call home. Some make plans to benefit their communities or favorite charities to relieve the people they love from inheriting tax-burdensome assets. For others, it's their way of saying thank you to the hometown where they spent their youth, raised their kids, or started a career or business.

Interested in learning more? Contact any member of the Stratton Community Foundation Fund Advisory Committee listed below.

STRATTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FUND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE APRIL 15!



FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Ann Sutton	(308) 276-2691
Lisa Fox	(308) 276-2318
Jen Moore	(303) 941-9056
Dustin Ladenburger	(308) 276-2659
Terra Riggs	(308) 737-9868
Rachel Lorens	(785) 821-1728
Ashley Stehno	(308) 340-5100
Sandy Renfro	(970) 630-0575

Stratton Community Foundation Fund | PO Box 5 | Stratton, NE 69043

Stratton Community Foundation Fund is an affiliated fund of Nebraska Community Foundation.



We are extremely grateful to the Stratton Fire Department and the men and women of this community who have supported us during this difficult time. Your assistance has been an encouragement.

We are blessed to call Stratton our home.

Erwin & Joyce Cushing



Thank you for all your participation with the Sunday Fried Chicken meal! We want to give special thanks to: Melissa Dailey, Carrol Kadleck, Cheryl Brennan, Marjorie Shepard and John Sullivan for all their hard work.

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5:00 p.m. at 308-276-2282, if no answer please leave a message—state white or dark meat and how many of each.

All the proceeds go to replenishing and replacing supplies in Grandview Events Center dining room and kitchen. We are hoping this will encourage our community to utilize Grandview Events Center for their future functions and get together.

Thanks again for your support,

Sabrinna Morgan, Janet Nelson

Stratton Public Library News April 2025

HOURS: MONDAY 12-7 THURSDAY 12-5

New Selections: **Adult_WWII Generation Speaks** by Rozell, **Reclaimed & Blue Columbine** by Rodewald, **Accident** by Barclay, **Swan Song** by Hilderbrand, **Tale of the Body Thief** by Rice, **The Wisdom of Morrie** by Schwartz, **Battle Mountain** by Box, **To America** by Ambrose, **Come and Get Me** by Norman, **Things That Keep Us Here** by Buckley, **The Boy & Bad Liar** by Hoag, **The Last Exit** by Kaufman, **Red Light Hand** by Holm, **Light in Shadow** by Krentz, **Chain of Events** by Olsson

Juvenile A Lantern in her Hand, Listen, Midnight in Lonesome Hollow, Most Valuable Players, Airborne, Night Hoops, The Lemonade Trick, The Barn, Runt, Never Say Quit, Our Only May Amelia, Goose Girl, The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind, Babysitters Club several books added to the collection. Several added selections to the Nancy Drew Mysteries

Picture Books- Billy and the Big New School, My Family is Forever, Orca Song, Train Song, Prairie Primer A to Z

April Challenge: Help the Librarian celebrate 50 years out of high school! See if together as a reading community we can check out books with the copyright of 1975 – 2025! If you complete a book with the copyright within that date range, you will be entered into a drawing for a prize! Let's try and hit every year. Come join the fun!!!!

SUMMER READING PROGRAM will run from June 2-23. The activities will be on Mondays at 2:00. Please notify the Library if your child will be participating this year. This helps me gather supplies for the correct number of children. More details will follow in the May New Beginnings.

Coffee and Conversation Thursday afternoon from 2-4 at the Library. Be sure to wish Pat Egle the best as she moves from our community. I will certainly miss such an avid library user!

Take note...April 10th will be the last Coffee and Conversation until Fall.



1000 Men and a Baby

Based on the true story about the men aboard the U.S.S. Point Cruz who break all of the rules in order to save an Amerasian infant abandoned in front of an American Army supply depot, in 1953. Knowing that the baby boy will not survive in Korea, the men sneak him aboard their ship, nurse him back to health and find a way to get him to America so that he may be adopted in time for Christmas. This remarkable movie "Narrow Escape," may be found at the Stratton Public Library –check it out!



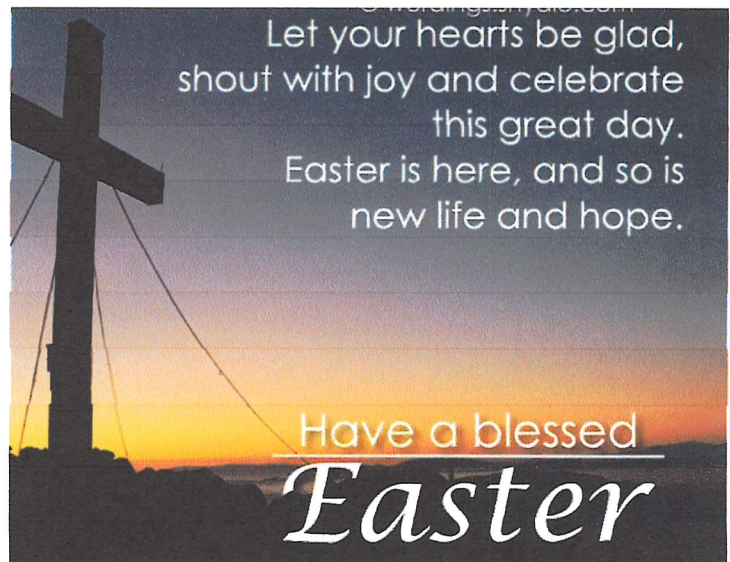
Danny Keenan, front row, center, was just a baby when he was brought upon the USS Point Cruz during the Korean War. Sailors on the ship and Keenan met in Branson for a reunion.

Dan Kelly, standing on the left was born in Omaha, Nebraska. 90 years young, he now hangs his hat in Casper, Wyoming

I ♥ Game Shows

I've searched everywhere
for fame and fortune,
Now I watch the Wheel
of Fortune,
I've searched everywhere
for a higher knowledge.
I've searched everywhere
for an E-Z college,
I'll never be on Jeopardy,
It's E-Z- to be nice
in this friendly little town,
You could be next
to "Come on Down".

Danny Boy



THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

True=adjective (truer, truest) 1. in accordance with fact or reality. 2. rightly or strictly so called; genuine: true love. 3. Real or actual. 4. Accurate and exact.

John chapter 14 vs 6. Jesus said to him, "I Am the way, the truth, and the life, no one comes to the Father except through Me."

Pilate, the one who condemned Jesus to death, asked "Are you a king then?" Jesus answered "You say rightly that I Am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." And Pilate says "What is truth?" I have heard it said that Pilate could not recognize truth, even when it stood right in front of him.

I have relatives that live in retirement centers in two different cities and they tell me that many of the people in those centers refuse to seek or recognize the truth, whether it be political or spiritual, they are comfortable in being deceived.

There is a widespread sect that has rewritten the Bible so it will read the way they want it to. They spend a lot of time trying to prove Jesus is not God. How about ourselves, are there areas in our lives where we deceive ourselves? Are there areas we avoid because the truth might not be what we want to hear? If we are not honest with ourselves, how can we be honest with others?

We need to realize that Jesus is truth and the Bible is His book and that if we want truth, the Bible is the best place to start. We also need to recognize that Satan is the great deceiver and he and his demons will lay traps for us everywhere and my telephone just rang and it was a deceiver in the receiver. What better timing? As AI (artificial intelligence) becomes more common, we will need to be more careful. Deception has always been with us, but now we need to pray and ask God to give us direction, give us wisdom and give us discernment so we will not fall into the trap of being deceived. I thank God that we can wrap ourselves in His truth.

Richard Stahly



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

May 3, 2025

8:00 am

--HOSTED BY--

United Methodist Church

Church Worship Service Schedule

Comm. United Methodist Church

9:30 a.m.

Church Services

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



APRIL

Dundy County Stratton Activities Calendar 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<div>MARCH 2025</div> <div>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</div>	<div>MAY 2025</div> <div>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</div>	1 9:00am Golf @Cambridge 3:30pm Open Esports Practice 6:00pm Play Practice	2 State FFA - Lincoln 7:00am Show Choir Practice 3:30pm Open Esports Practice 6:00pm Play Practice	3 State FFA - Lincoln 9:00am DCS JH Track Invite 3:30pm Open Esports Practice 6:00pm Play Practice	4 State FFA - Lincoln 7:00am Show Choir Practice 6:00pm Play Practice	5 5 th -8 th Grade Music Contest 7:00am 10:00am Track @Perkins Co.
6 State FCCLA - Lincoln 3:00pm JH Quiz Bowl @Southwest 5:00pm Show Choir Practice 6:00pm Play Practice	7 State FCCLA - Lincoln 3:00pm JH Quiz Bowl @Southwest 5:00pm Show Choir Practice 6:00pm Play Practice	8 State FCCLA - Lincoln 9:00am DCS Golf Invite 9:00am DCS Track Invite 3:30pm Open Esports Practice 6:00pm Play Practice	9 NO SCHOOL Teacher In-Service	10 State FBIA - Kearney 9:00am DCS JH Track Invite 3:30pm Open Esports Practice 6:00pm Play Practice	11 State FBIA - Kearney 7:00am Show Choir Practice 6:00pm Play Practice	12 State FBIA - Kearney 9:00am Track @Cambridge
13	14 8:00am 7 th & 8 th Grade Job Shadow Day @DCH 4:00pm FFA Officer Interviews 5:00pm Show Choir Practice 6:00pm Board Meeting 6:00pm Play Practice	15 8:45am 7 th & 8 th Grade NSCAS 9:00am Golf @Chase County 3:30pm Open Esports Practice 5:15pm FFA Trash Pickup 6:00pm Play Practice	16 7:00am Show Choir Practice 9:00am JH Track @Perkins Co. 11:30am Senior Luncheon @Methodist Church 2:30pm Show Choir @Grade School	17 8:45am 7 th & 8 th Grade NSCAS 9:00am Golf @Medicine Valley 9:00am Track @Sutherland 3:30pm Open Esports Practice 6:00pm Play Practice	18 NO SCHOOL Easter Break	19
20 Happy Easter	21 NO SCHOOL Easter Break	22 9:00am Track @Chase County 10:00am Golf @Perkins Co. 1:00pm JV Golf @Goodland 3:30pm Open Esports Practice 6:00pm Play Dress Rehearsal	23 7:00am Show Choir Practice 9:00am JH Track @Creek Valley	24 8:45am 8 th Grade NSCAS 9:00am Southwest Golf @Cross Creek-Cambridge 3:30pm Open Esports Practice 6:00pm FFA Banquet	25 8:00am District Music @Chase County 10:00am Track @Lexington 6:00pm Play Dress Rehearsal	26 Spring Play Performance SHOW TIMES 2:00 pm 7:00 pm
27	28 8:00am 6 th Grade Orientation 5:00pm Show Choir Practice 6:00pm CTISO Awards Night FBIA, FCCLA, & HOSA	29 9:00am Garden Co. Golf @Oshkosh Country Club 3:30pm Open Esports Practice	30 7:00am Show Choir Practice 9:00am State Quiz Bowl @Hastings 4:00pm Senior Open House @Phinade Bank	<div>MAY 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</div>	2 7:00am Show Choir Practice 9:00am RPAC Track @Sutherland	3

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