

NEW BEGINNINGS

May 2023

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Congratulations 2023 Stratton Graduates!

Dundy County – Stratton High School

Annaleah Frizzle

Grant Rosseau

Holly Hylton

Hitchcock County High School

Peter Boyd

Kiara Lenihan

YOU ARE INVITED

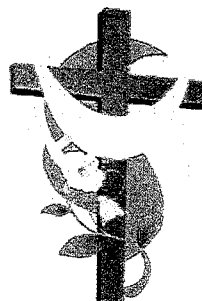
--to the Methodist Women's Guest
Brunch

on **Friday, May 5**

At the Stratton Community United
Methodist Church – Fellowship Hall
10:30 CDT

PLEASE COME!

RSVP To:
Linda-308-276-2672
Or
Beth-308-267-2367



Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, MAY 6th

8:00 a.m.

Methodist Church

ALL MEN!

Help Wanted

The Little Village Daycare continues to look for help. We have several part time/temporary staff for the summer that have stepped up. However, we are looking for someone who can commit long-term.

If the daycare doesn't have more employees, we will be forced to close our doors this fall. Please don't let Stratton lose this greatly needed service.

Spread the word to anyone who may be able or willing.

Call 308-830-2878.

2023 SPRING CLEAN UP

WHEN

May 12th 8am-4pm

May 13th 8am - 12pm

WHERE

**Ball Field- West of
Village Park**

Texas Avenue

**CALL WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR TO
VOLUNTEER WITH PICK UP:**

TARA: 308-830-2878

MIKE: 308-340-0149

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YOUR ITEMS
YOU CAN'T
FIT IN THE
DUMPSTER**

**NO TIRES
NOTHING TOXIC OR
CORROSIVE, NO
METAL, NO LIQUIDS
OF ANY KIND**

**CALL US FOR
HELP WITH
HEAVY ITEMS
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LOAD PER
RESIDENCE**

**ITEMS
ACCEPTED
UNTIL DUMP
TRAILER IS
FULL OR 12PM
VOLUNTEERS ARE
WELCOME- PLEASE
CALL TO MAKE
ARRANGEMENTS**

PRIDE *of the* PRAIRIE

June 3 9am-4pm



Scan me

*Hosted by
House Wife in the Good Life
Emily O'Byrne*

Registration is not complete
until payment is received!

Do you need a break? A chance to get off the farm or ranch for a day to nourish your soul with fellowship and perhaps learn something new. Pride of the Prairie is a retreat for like-minded women in ag that spend more time at home than away from it. Whether that's in the house or in a tractor or even only mentally. You know who you are. I'm hoping to create an outlet for women to be with other women who live and breathe this life. And to be able to celebrate, and commiserate, together what makes our rural, agriculture-based lives so darn awesome.

This wonderful event will be taking place on June 3rd at the Lakeview Lodge near Stratton, Nebraska. There will be a devotion to start the day as well as speakers on topics ranging from composting to mental health, and a couple hands-on activities too. Two meals will be served. Also included in the \$100 registration fee will be a t-shirt, a farm animal door hanger, take-home information booklet and a swag bag full of goodies!

Registrations are due by May 8th, with payments being mailed to Emily O'Byrne, 70565 Road 360 Trenton, NE 69044.

Tickets available at 3 Stratton businesses:

Jay Bird Express

Stratton Co-Op

JA Automotive

GUN RAFFLE

STRATTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

\$10 PER TICKET
\$50 FOR 6 TICKETS

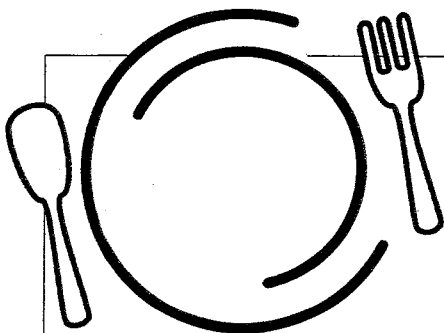
PLEASE ASK CASHIER TO PURCHASE TICKETS
DRAWING WILL BE HELD AT THE STRATTON FIRE DEPARTMENT POKER
RUN ON JUNE 17TH

50/50 RAFFLE

STRATTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

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\$5 FOR 6 TICKETS

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FREE COMMUNITY SUPPER

Wednesday, May 17th
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Grandview Events Center – Stratton

All are Welcome!

NEW LOCATION!!!

Most Improved Yard Contest has started!

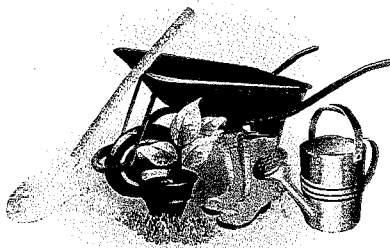
Yards participating include:

- Sherri Terwilliger at 408 Nebraska
- Christina Reagan at 507 Hamilton
- Alexis Windecker at 509 Hamilton
- Sabrina Morgan and Janet Nelson at 610 Bailey

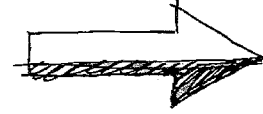
Keep an eye on the improvements at these properties, and YOU will get a chance to vote on which yard you think is most improved. Watch the Stratton, Nebraska Facebook page for more information and pictures.

Did you miss your chance to enter your yard in the contest? Don't worry, you could always win as a write in!

Most improved doesn't always mean the greenest yard! Take advantage of the Stratton Clean Up Days to help clear out your yard of unwanted items. See the Clean Up Days flyer for more information.



GARAGE SALE



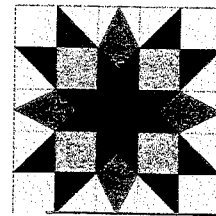
Mark your calendars!

Stratton Area-Wide Garage Sales

June 3, 2023

Call/text Tara at 308-830-2878 to have your garage sale advertised on the map to be distributed.

SPONSORED BY THE STRATTON AREA CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE.



COMPETITION AND QUILT SHOW

Saturday, May 20th

10:30 am to 5:00 pm

@ Grandma's Treasure Chest – Stratton

Register your quilt by calling Marilyn Criger at:
308-276-2642

Let her know as soon as possible because
entries are limited.

Winner will receive a \$50 gift card from
Grandma's Treasure Chest – all participants will
receive a thank you gift.



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I'll Help With The Grounds of Your Home!
Sabrina



Mom,

My Mother's Day message to you:

Thank you for letting me rent your body for 9 months — and wreck it for a lifetime.

I now know that losing the pregnancy weight is just one *tiny* thing on a massive list of bodily changes pregnancy brings. I'm sorry for my contribution towards creaky hips, stretch marks, and any nervous feelings your bladder may experience when you have to cough or sneeze. (To be fair, there is blame to be shared here. My brother was a bigger baby and overdue, but I digress...)

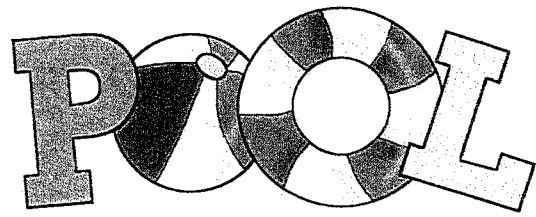
Thank you for not knocking me out of my seat when I complained about the "disgusting" dinner you cooked. Rather than treating me like the ungrateful wench I was and telling me to starve, you continued to prepare meals daily.

I appreciate all that time you spent cooking that you could've spent far more happily watching TV, reading a magazine, or literally doing anything else because cooking dinner for kids is the worst.

Thank you for telling me my face would "freeze like that" when I made this one truly God-awful face. No, my face technically wouldn't have frozen like that. However, I'm at the age now where my wrinkles are really starting to show. I am SO darn grateful that *those* particular lines are not among the ones permanently etched into my face.

Thank you for sacrificing your evenings at home to drive me to 21,948,735 things. As a kid, I didn't realize that we had practices and activities eleven times per week. But now, as a parent? Oh, I know. And this was before there were entertaining things like iPhones and podcasts to help pass that driving time. All you had was me and my DELIGHTFUL self for company (plus that newfangled 6-disc car CD-player). Bless you.

Thank you for waiting up for me. Right now, my kids go to bed at 8:00 and I am DEAD at that point. The thought of having to physically stay awake past 9:00 PM is a travesty. When I have a "Girl's Night Out" that lasts until midnight, I have to binge caffeine all day in preparation and rest and recover for two days afterwards. Now I get why you were always sitting up on the couch, clinging to consciousness like a character from *The Walking Dead* when I came in at 11:59:59999999 PM for my midnight curfew. Thanks for sacrificing your sleep to make sure I wasn't lying



Accepting Applications

The Village of Stratton Swimming pool is accepting applications for Swimming Pool Manager, Assistant Manager and Lifeguards for the 2023 season.

Managers must obtain a Nebraska Pool Operators Certificate. Lifeguards and managers must be current on lifeguard certification and CPR/First Aid. Training is reimbursable to successful candidates.

Contact the Village Clerk at 308-276-2184 or stratton@gpcom.net or submit resume to PO Box 332 Stratton, NE 69043. Position open until filled.

At this time, the pool will not be opening for the 2023 season unless we have lifeguards apply. Please help spread the word!

in a ditch somewhere.

Thank you for letting me live despite the things that came out of my mouth. It turns out, you were not actually "the worst." You did not actually "not know anything." And you, shockingly, were not attempting to "ruin my life." When I look in the mirror and see that I still have all my teeth, thanks for that. I doubt anyone would've blamed you for knocking a few of those out during my teen years.

In short, thanks for being my mom.

Love, your favorite child.

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

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Community Game Night at Grandview!

Saturdays from 7:00-9:00 PM

**Bring your family-friendly games
and join the fun!**

**If an unforeseen cancellation is
necessary, a note will be posted
on the door.**

Dessert Crepes

4 eggs, lightly beaten 2 T sugar

1 ½ cups milk ½ tsp salt

2 T butter, melted

Whisk together eggs, milk, flour, melted butter,
sugar, and salt in a large bowl until smooth.

Heat a medium skillet or crepe pan over medium
heat. Grease the pan with a small amount of
butter or oil applied with a brush or paper towel.

Using a serving spoon or small ladle, spoon about
3 tablespoons crepe batter onto the hot pan,
tilting the pan to evenly coat the bottom surface.
Cook until golden brown, 1 to 2 minutes per side.

Serve warm with fillings and toppings, such as,
blueberries, strawberries, raspberries, bananas,
cool whip, cream cheese whipped cream, lemon
curd, Nutella chocolate hazelnut spread, toasted
coconut, or toasted almonds.

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THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

How do we know when God is speaking to us. Sometimes, (speaking for myself) we just think God doesn't hear us praying, because we aren't listening. Maybe it's a scripture that you have read before that jumps off the page and you have a new understanding of it. It could be a thought that pops into your head and you think, "where did that come from?". Couple of days ago I was in the Post Office and a friend and I were discussing the condition of our country. He saw my Bible in my walker and he asked for it and pointed out a verse. 2nd Corinthians Chapter 3, Vs 17: "Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." That one small verse describes those of us who have Jesus in our hearts, it described our country for many years and it describes our country now. It also describes those who have not taken Jesus as their Savior.

Most of the men that founded our country were Christians. They founded our country on Christian principals. For years men fought to keep our country free, because there were men who were not Christians that wanted to take that freedom away. I don't think that those who wanted to remove our freedoms realized it, but, they had an advocate to help them; Satan himself. Today much of our country's leadership are not Christians and they are fighting at every level that you can imagine to make this into a socialist, communistic country that takes away every vestige of liberty we have ever had. You say, "What can I do about it"? I'm a nobody; I have no power to fight. Do you know that 2 or 3 people together can have an immense power in this country, even around the world. In Matthew chap.18: vss. 19,20 Jesus says "Again I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them." A prayer meeting of just a few people has immense power. Even if you have to do it on Zoom you still have that power. Our praying to God the Father, the Son, and the Spirit may be the very thing that saves this country.

Richard Stahly

Church Worship Service Schedule

Comm. United Methodist Church

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| 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

- | | |
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| 8:30 a.m. | Mass |
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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 |

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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

MAY 2023

Dundy County Stratton Schools Activities Calendar

June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>7</p> <p>3:00pm Baccalaureate @ Methodist Church</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:00am JH RPAC Track</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00am Cattle Trail Golf @Cirtfis</p> <p>5:00pm Snow Choir Auditions</p>	<p>10</p> <p>12:00pm District Track @Cambridge</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:00pm Athletic Banquet</p>	<p>12</p> <p>1:30pm Kindergarten Graduation</p>	<p>13</p> <p>2:00pm Graduation For the Class of 2023</p>
<p>14</p> <p>HAPPY MOTHERS DAY</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:00am District Golf @Cambridge</p> <p>9:00am Elementary Track Meet K-3 Morning Session 4-6 Afternoon Session</p>	<p>16</p> <p>5:00pm Snow Choir Auditions</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL</p> <p>Early Dismissal</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Teacher Workday</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>8:00am Alumni Banquet Setup @DCSHS Gym</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>2:00pm Alumni Banquet Setup @DCSHS Gym</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:00pm Alumni Banquet @DCSHS Gym</p>
<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Memorial Day</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>JUNE 1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:00am Dundy County Hospital Health Fair</p>	<p>3</p>

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