

NEW BEGINNINGS

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Thank you for your support to flood relief in Stratton. A substantial sum of flood donations has been dispersed to the four households that were lost. There are still funds remaining. If you had a significant loss due to the flood and are in need of some assistance you can make a request at MNB Stratton or Christian Union Church (308) 520-4466. The rest of the funds raised will be dispersed soon.

Additional funds can still be left with MNB Stratton. Thanks again for your support.



Carrol, Chuck, Cynthia, Connie,
Craig, Chandra and families invite
you to:

MARILYN KADLECEK'S 90TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

July 1st 11:00 a.m. to 2:00
p.m.

Grandview Senior Center
903 Bailey St
Stratton

Pasta Bar-----Cake-----Cupcakes

EMT OPPORTUNITY

Have you ever wanted to help out your community and make a difference in someone's life?

Why don't you consider becoming an Emergency Medical Technician?

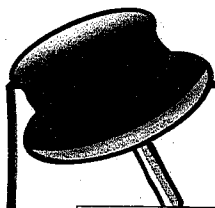
Classes begin August 2023 with two options available:

- An accelerated EMT Class which takes you through the training in just four months.

OR

- A standard EMT class which begins in August 2023 and concludes in May 2024.

For further information, please contact Rebecca at 308(737-8418 or talk to any Stratton EMT.



PLEASE NOTE-----

THERE WILL NOT BE A
COMMUNITY DINNER IN
JULY -SEE YOU IN AUGUST.

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

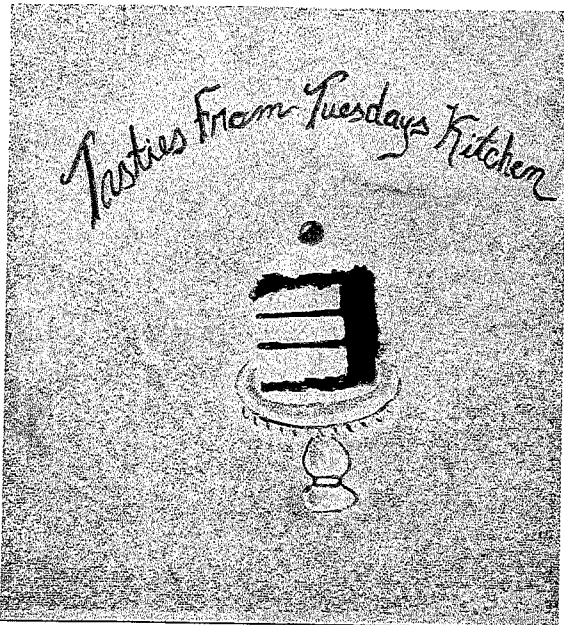
11:00 a.m. Church Services

Southwest Nebraska Holiness Church

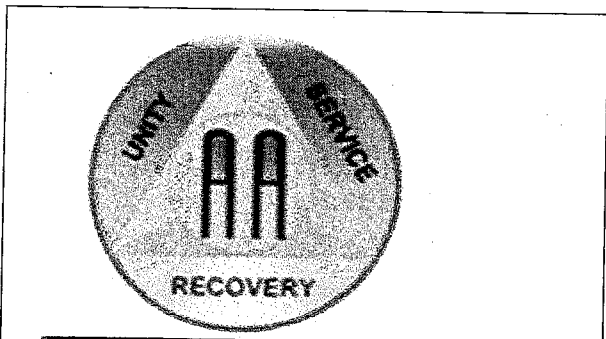
10:30 a.m. Sunday School

11:30 a.m. Church Services

7:00 p.m. Church Services



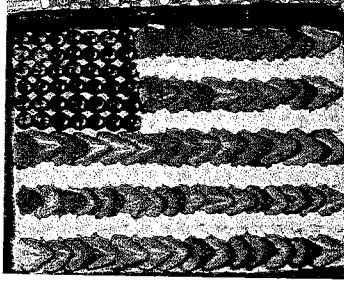
Baked goods to go. Treat yourself to a variety of baked goods from Tasties from Tuesday's Kitchen. Available Saturday mornings from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon at Jay Bird Express in Stratton



AA Meeting – Every Thursday -Grandview Eve Center – Stratton - 7:00 p.m.

Open to anyone interested in recovery for alcoholism.

American Flag Fruit Cookie Pizza



Ingredients

- 1 pkg 16.5 oz refrigerated sugar cookie dough
- 1 pkg 8 oz cream cheese, softened.
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup blueberries
- 3 cups strawberries

Instructions:

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
2. Spread a piece of waxed paper on your counter and then lightly flour the waxed paper. Roll out the sugar cook dough into a rectangle shape.
3. Take the waxed paper and invert it on top of the baking pan.
4. Bake the sugar cookie dough for 12 – 15 minutes or until it is a light golden brown.
5. Remove the pan from the oven to a cooling rack and cool for 10 minutes. Carefully loosen the cookie from the baking pan and allow to cool completely.
6. Slice the strawberries.
7. Combine the cream cheese and sugar in a small bowl and mix well.
8. Spread the mixture evenly over the top of the cookie. Arrange the strawberries and blueberries over the cream cheese mixture in the shape of a flag.

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:

- Scott & Peggy McDonald
- Tuesday Forch
- Dana Cox
- Richard & Delores Stahly
- Kevin & Loretta Ely

Stratton Public Library News

July 2023

Reading puts you a step ahead of everyone else!

What is new at the Library:

Adult: Owen: **No Easy Day** Firsthand Account of the Mission that killed Osama Bin Laden

Armstrong: **Murder at Haven's Rock** -spin off from the Rockton Novels

Ernshaw: **The History of Wild Places**, Jewel: **Then She Was Gone** and **The Night She Disappeared** Michaels: **Vendetta**

Juvenile: **Little Things, Your Future is Bright, My Heart, Jelly Donut Difference, Vroom Vroom Beep Beep, Kindness Grows, The Good Egg, 12 Days of Kindness,** Graphic Novels: **Just a Little Blue, Flying Lessons, Time to be Brave**

For the little older kids: **Pay It Forward, Gotta Warn the Unicorns, Worse, Worser, Wurst, Nobody Likes You Greta Grump, Maple Ridge the New Kid, Pranked, Grand Escape, Operation Bunny, Waiting for the Magic**

Summer Reading Program took place during the month of June!

We learned about Hedgehogs and read to get our hedgehogs moving throughout the woodlands. Enjoyable activities on Kindness and Cooperation as well as yummy snacks were enjoyed. Watch for a full write up listing top readers and info about some of the fun we had during the Summer Reading Program. So proud of those who took the time to support their Stratton Public Library. By making reading a priority during the summer you have chosen well. Academic Learning levels stay intact when you read during the summer...and what an extra fun way to do it when you can take part in socializing with your friends. AND you get to earn coupons to be used at the local businesses for your effort.

Coffee and Conversation will take up again after Labor Day

It is held every Thursday from 2:00-4:00. See you with lots to catch up on this Fall.

Thank You

Words can't express our gratitude to the community for the tremendous outpouring of help, assistance, kindness and sacrifice that has been shown to us since the flood.

We just wanted to publicly say "Thank You" to all of you (as there are too many names to mention) for your help and compassion.

God Bless you all,
Clyde, JoDee and Lily Stout

Thank You

I want to thank family, friends, and the community for all the amazing help and support during the flood. I cannot thank everyone enough for all the time, effort and hard work put into helping me. I am truly blessed to live in such an amazing community. Thank you!!

May God Bless you all

Sherrie Johnson

Thank You

My thanks and many, many Blessings to all, from the first responders, the ambulance crew, those who cared for me and my puppy and to those who are still helping.

There are so many, a whole blessed village, full of kind and generous people I Want to THANK.

You are all in my prayers.

Thank you,
Ruth Stout

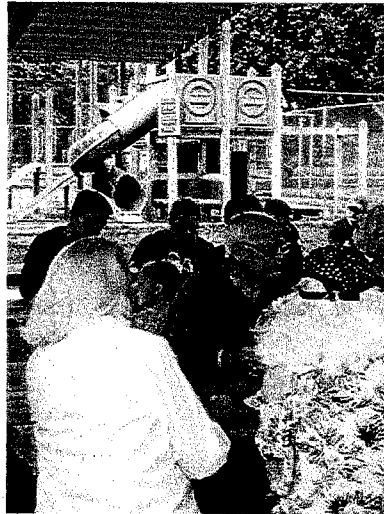
Thank You

On behalf of the Village of Stratton Board of Trustees we would like to thank everyone who volunteered and helped clean up the park after the recent flooding from the Muddy Creek. Also thank you to those who brought their trailers, dump trucks, and other equipment to assist with the removal of debris. There are still many repairs and clean up left but the help received put a huge dent in the amount of work to be done.

Stratton residents showed how much a small town can come together and help each other in the face of devastation. People pitched in with donations, brought food and water or came to lend a hand or equipment to clean up the homes of those who lost most of their possessions. The Village Board of Trustees would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who helped with the cleaning of the residences on Railway Street after the flooding at the end of May. This was a great start for those who are now trying to finish the clean up and put their lives back together and rebuild.

As a reminder, donations are still being accepted at MNB Bank

A complete list of volunteers is available at the Village office.



Pictures of the park during the flood in May to a community dinner held in June. What a transformation!

At the end of May, Stratton was dealt a major blow with a devastating flood, but Stratton responded in a huge way!

Thank you to the fire and ambulance crews, the Village of Stratton and all the amazing volunteers. There has been an outstanding outpouring of donations and support by the community and the surrounding area to the flood victims who have lost so much. Thank you also to Bob & Julie Stahly who hosted the community dinner (pictures above) with a free will donation taken for flood victims. Stratton is truly a "Good Place to Grow".

Scam Alert!!!

The "IRS" is on the phone. They're saying you owe back taxes and need to pay immediately using cryptocurrency, or you'll be arrested. You reach for your wallet but then think — WAIT — is this really the IRS? Or is it someone impersonating the IRS?

According to the latest FTC data, impersonation scams were the top reported scam in 2022. The FTC got more than 700,000 reports about impersonation scams, with one in five including loss of money.

So, what do impersonation scams usually look like? Someone may call, tell you they're from a government agency, and say you owe taxes or a fine. Or they may pretend to be a family member or friend in trouble, who needs money right away. They may pose as someone from a tech support company and claim there's a problem with your computer. Or pretend they're a love interest who needs an expensive medical procedure.

What's the common theme? They're not who they say they are, and what they really want is your money or personal information.

Here's how to avoid impersonators:

Don't give your personal or financial information to anyone who contacts you out of the blue. Government agencies won't call, email, text, or message you on social media to ask for personal information, like your Social Security or bank account numbers.

Know how scammers tell you to pay. Never pay anyone who insists you pay with cryptocurrency, a wire transfer service like Western Union or MoneyGram, or a gift card.

Don't trust your caller ID. Your caller ID might show an actual government agency or company's name or phone number. But caller ID can be faked. It could be anyone calling from anywhere in the world.

Don't click on links in unexpected emails or text messages. And never give remote access to your computer to anyone who contacts you unexpectedly.

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

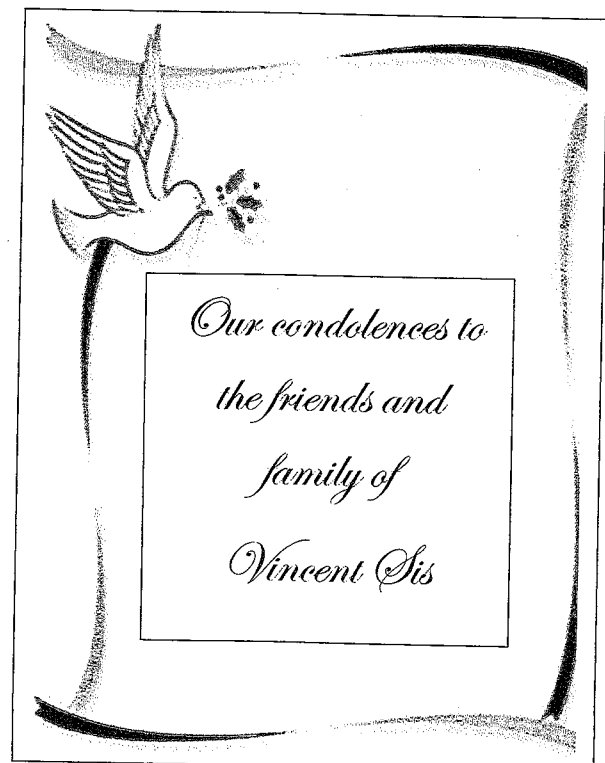
Thursday

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.

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Stratton, NE 69043
www.dchbenkelman.com

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