

NEW BEGINNINGS

April 2024

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You are invited to the
Stratton United Methodist Ladies
Guest Day

Date: April 16th, 2024

Time: 2:00 pm

Location: Stratton United
Methodist Church

412 Bailey St., Stratton, NE

Please RSVP by Thursday, April 11th.

Call: Roberta—402-200-0049, Susan—308340-0559;
Linda —308-340-9851



FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH

5:30—6:30 P.M.

GRANDVIEW EVENT CENTER

EVERYONE WELCOME!!

Beginning April 21st

—Free Breakfast

Every 3rd Sunday

8:30-9:30 CDT

Christian Union Church

All Welcome





SPRING CLEAN UP & TREE LIMB PICK-UP

May 10th, 11th, and 12th, 2024

Lot West of Pitner Park by the Baseball Field.

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.**

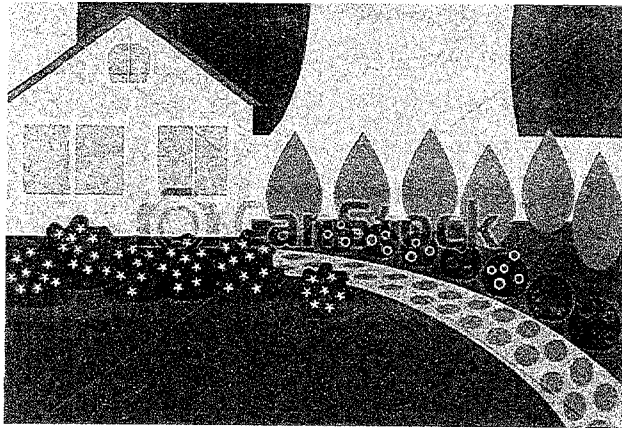
Items accepted until roll-off is full!

**Put tree and garden waste in a pile next to the alley. MUST BE
PLACED ON THE LIST PRIOR TO MAY 8TH FOR PICK-UP! 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.**

**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



MOST IMPROVED YARD

The most improved yard contest is back for its second year! Take one picture of your yard by April 15th to submit as your before picture. Clean up, plant, water and decorate all season! Take one picture by September 16th to submit as your after picture. More information to come on voting. Prizes will be awarded for the most improved yards! Winners will be announced during Stratton Days events.



Mark your calendars for a BBQ,
Saturday, June 8th

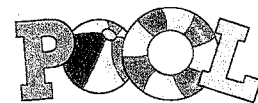
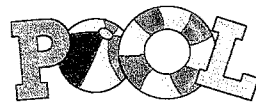
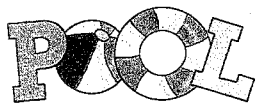
To celebrate the
30th Anniversary of
The Stratton Community Foundation
--Details to come.



SWIMMING POOL EMPLOYEES WANTED

The Village of Stratton is currently accepting applications for Swimming Pool Manager, Assistant Manager and Lifeguards for the 2024 season. Managers must obtain Nebraska Pool Operators Certificate. Lifeguards and managers must be current on lifeguard certification and CPR/First Aid. Training is reimbursable to successful candidates at the end of the season. Contact the Village Clerk at 308-276-2184 or 308-830-2878 or stratton@gpcom.net to submit your application today! Positions open until filled.

Help Provide Stratton with a Swimming Pool This year!



Church At The Lake

Enjoy a special worship service at Lakeview Lodge, June - 10:30 am

—Please bring a salad and your lawn chair. Enjoy the peacefulness of an outdoor service (in case of inclement weather the service will be held inside the lodge.).

Everyone is Welcome!!!



—Hosted by Stratton United Methodist Church

Stratton Public Library News April 2024

Spring Into a Good Book!

HOURS: MONDAY 12-7 THURSDAY 12-5

Book Sale Starts in April

Help out your local library by buying books during April.

New Selections: **Adult:** **Armstrong:** Boy Who Cried Bear, **Albom:** Little Liar, **Box:** Three Inch Teeth, **Forman:** Where She Went, **Grisham:** The Exchange, **Jackson:** Third Grave, Afraid To Die, Expecting To Die, Willing To Die, Paranoid, Girl Who Survived **Kellerman:** Half Moon Bay, **Picoult:** Tenth Circle, **Shelton:** Of Books and Bagpipes, Lost Books and Old Bones, The Loch Ness Papers **Sonnenberg:** Her Last Death: A Memoir

Juv.: Really Truly, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Congratulations to Phyllis Medrano for winning the State Author Book Challenge!

Jane Voss and Candy Briles tied for the most books read in the challenge.

A total of 36 books were read during the challenge. We had authors represented from 35 different states! Thanks to everyone that took part in this challenge. Keep your eyes open for future challenges.

Mark the Calendar!!!!

April 20th at the TCDC Building in Trenton, Ne. from 1:30-3:00 you will be able to attend a very interesting program put on by Charlotte & Kevin Endorf. **No Time on My Hands: The Story of Grace Snyder** Grace was born on April 23rd and lived to be 100. She moved to Nebraska with her parents from Missouri when she was only three. Grace had three wishes and dreamed three dreams. At the time, it seemed impossible that any of her dreams could ever come true. Come listen to the true stories the Endorf's share of Snyder after many hours of study. Enjoy the display Charlotte & Kevin have compiled of this woman clearly ahead of her time.

Book Count update: As of the end of February we have checked out 192 Juvenile Books and 466 Adult Books. The goal is to beat the previous goal from last year of 701 Juvenile and 1331 Adult books checked out. **Are you helping with this goal?**

Come check out a book and be part of this amazing group of readers from

Stratton!

Thank You

The family of Jim Faimon would like to thank everyone for the overwhelming outpouring of support at the time of Jim's death. Every bite of food, paper goods, stamps and monetary gifts, cards and calls were deeply appreciated. A special thank you to those who removed the snow, and to those who braved the nasty weather to be with us for his services! God bless you for your kindness. We will never forget it!

Mary

Our Condolences to
the family and
friends of

Berenice Caress

Melody Pierce



Thank You

The Stratton Area Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the following individuals and businesses for donating to the annual Easter egg hunt.
Stratton Quilters

John and Deb Glasco
Margie and Earl Denio
Charlene Forch
Rich and Julie Bernt
Dan and Mary Sandberg
Sally Stewart
MNB Bank
Byron & Roberta Loescher
Stratton Country Market
Trae and Shaila Latta
Wes and Dolores Burk
Brad and Tammi Jesch
Bob and Joyce Forch

Thank you to everyone who helped stuff, hide, and collect eggs as well. Without your help, none of this would be possible! Thank you for making Stratton a great place to live and work!

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
- Earl & Majorie Denio
- Julia Diehl
- Jerry & Brenda McDonald



Family GAME Night

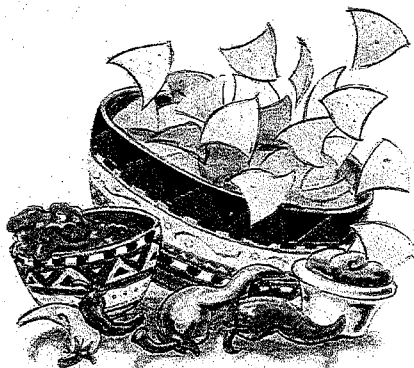
Saturday Night from 7-9
Bring your family friendly games to
Grandview Events Center
Join the Fun Everyone is welcome!

Homemade Salsa Contest Winners

1st Place—Lenay Johnson

2nd Place—Toni Beavers

**Thank You For Your
Participation!!**



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

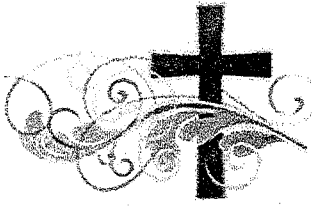
Thursday

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

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MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

May 4 8:00 A.M.

--HOSTED BY--

Community United Methodist Church

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**

What kid hasn't played hide and seek. I remember playing it when I was a kid and I remember playing it with my kids. Sometimes I refused to play. I was "too busy" or just didn't feel like it. Sometimes I would put my whole heart into it and make it fun for the kids and myself as well. Other times I would say I'll play, start counting while the kids hid and never leave the couch to look for them. Everyone plays one of these roles in regards to God.

When it comes to seeking God, most people refuse to play. He's not hard to find. He is like the three-year-old that jumps up as soon as the seeker is done counting. Romans 3:10-11 tells us "None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks God." This is true of most people; they don't seek God.

Many people say they are playing, but never actually apply themselves. This person is a liar. They claim to be a believer, but never get in the game. This person goes to Church for show, position or power. They try to look good to others and even to look good to God by doing good things. These good works are doing them no good; they are doing them out of pride and ego.

Some get into the game and engage with it. This is the Christian who lives as God intended. This person lives "by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." (Galatians 2:20) this person lives with the knowledge that Christ is living within them and through them.

Mankind has been hiding from God since the beginning. Genesis 3:8 says, "and they heard the sound of the Lord walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden." Jesus not only seeks us, He pursues us. He came from heaven to earth; "at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly." (Romans 5:6) "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8) I would urge you to get in the game and engage today by accepting Jesus as your Lord and Savior

From the Desk of Larry Unruh
Pastor, Christian Union Church

Dundy County Stratton Schools Activities Calendar

March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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
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April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
APRIL SHOWERS Bring MAYFLOWERS	1 No School	2 9:00am DCS HS Golf 9:00am DCS HS Track	3 10:24am FCCLA Chapter Meeting 12:00pm School Board Meeting	4 9:00am DCS Jr. High Track	5 9:00am Track @Cambridge	6
7	8 8:00am Jr. High Job Shadow Day @ Dundy County Hospital	9 9:00am Chase Co. Golf @Enders 4:00pm Elem & Jr. High ESU Quiz Bowl @ Southwest	10 No School Staff Professional Development Day	11 9:00am Med Valley Golf @ Curtis 9:00am JH Track @ Perkins Co.	12 8:00am Paint In @ McCook 9:00am Track @ Sutherland	13
14	15 10:00 am Kindergarten Round-Up 4:00pm FFA Officer Interviews 6:00pm Board Meeting	16 9:00am Perkins Co. Golf @ Grant 1:00pm JV Golf @ Goodland	17 9:00am JH Track @ Creek Valley-Chappel, NE 10:24am FBLA Chapter Meeting 11:30am Senior Luncheon	18 6:00am District Music @ McCook 7:30am Nebraska State Science Fair @ Lincoln 6:00pm FFA Banquet	19 TBD Southwest Golf @ Cambridge 11:00am Track @ Lexington	20
21	22 5:00pm FBLA Officer Interviews	23 9:00am Garden Co. Golf @ Oshkosh 12:00pm Jr. High Track @ Wilcox-Hildreth 4:00pm Senior Open House @ Pinnacle Bank	24 8:45am NSCAS Testing For 7th & 8th Grades	25 8:45am NSCAS Testing For 7th & 8th Grades 9:00am RPAC Golf Hosted By Southwest 10:00am RPAC Track @ Arapahoe	26	27 <i>Play Night</i> 7:00pm-7:30pm Formal Pictures 5:00pm Promenade 6:30pm Dinner 8:30pm Dance
28	29 6:30pm 7th-12th Spring Music Concert	30 9:00am Hitchcock Co. Golf @ Heritage Hills-McCook 12:00pm Jr. High Track @ Cambridge	1 MAY 8:45am NSCAS Testing For 7th & 8th Grades	2 8:00am Elementary Safety Day 5:30pm FBLA & FCCLA End of Year Celebration	3 12:30pm DCS Twilight Track Meet	4 7:00am Art Club Trip to Denver Museum of Art



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