

NEW BEGINNINGS

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Date: June 8, 2024

Call/Text Tara at 308-830-2878 by June 6th to have your sale advertised on the map to be distributed. Maps will be available at MNB Bank, Stratton Country Market, Village Clerks Office and posted on Stratton Facebook page the Friday before the sales.



Mark your calendars for a BBQ,
Saturday, June 8th 5:30–7:00 at the
Stratton Park

To celebrate the
30th Anniversary of
The Stratton Community Foundation!
Come for burgers and fixings. Drinks
provided.

Be sure to bring a lawn chair.

In the event of inclement weather, the
BBQ will be held at the Grandview Events
Center.



5th
Sunday
Sing

Sunday, June 30th

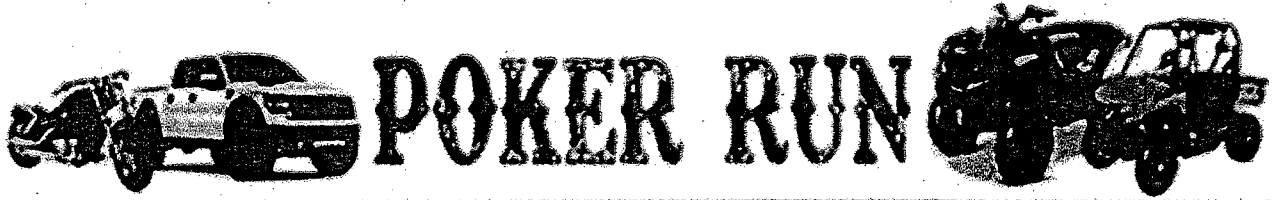
Time: 3:00 pm

At Lakeview Lodge

—Finger Food Potluck following

All Welcome!

STRATTON FIRE DEPARTMENT



SATURDAY JUNE 15TH

START AND FINISH AT THE STRATTON FIRE STATION

7:30 REGISTRATION/ 9:00 AM START TIME

FEE - \$15 HAND / \$5 PER EXTRA HAND / \$2 BUY BACK

HIGHWAY CHECKPOINTS

1ST STRATTON FIRE STATION

2ND BENKELMAN FIRE STATION

3RD WAUNETA FIRE STATION

4TH PALISADE FIRE STATION

5TH TRENTON FIRE STATION

END AT STRATTON FIRE STATION

OFFROAD - ATV/DIRT BIKES/SXS

1ST STRATTON FIRE STATION

15 MILE LOOP

3 STOPS

LEAD BY FIRE DEPARTMENT

END AT STRATTON FIRE STATION

PAYOUT - 50%

TOP HAND RECEIVES 30%

WORST HAND RECEIVES 20%

(TIE BREAKER DRAW TOP CARD)

LUNCH FOLLOWING EVENT TO BE SERVED AT STRATTON FIRE STATION

50/50 RAFFLE

GUN RAFFLE

**CALL OR TEXT AUSTIN JENSEN AT 308-737-8940 TO PURCHASE TICKETS OR
FOR MORE INFORMATION**

EVENT TO BENEFIT

STRATTON FIRE DEPARTMENT - EQUIPMENT UPDATING

Stratton Public Library News June 2024

HOURS: MONDAY 12-7 THURSDAY 12-5

New Selections: Adult: Without Fail-CHILD, Desperate Creed-KAVA, The Neighbor-GARDNER,, Lost Light-CONNELLY, Ghost Orchid-KELLERMAN, The Women-HANNAH, Hunting Time-DEAVER, No Second Chance-COBEN, The Hunger Games-COLLINS Juv.: Watch for many new books coming during the Summer Reading Program

SUMMER READING Program is Happening Now!!!! The Summer Reading Program is being held June 3rd -28th. Activities and Snacks will be on June 3,10,17,24 at 2:00.

The program is for kids 5 years old to those entering 6th grade this coming school year. We also have a Young Adult Program for you Jr. High and High School Kids....stop in for details.

A huge thank you to Walmart and the Western Library System for the donation towards our Summer Reading Program.

Book Count update: As of the end of April we have checked out 256 Juvenile Books and 633 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?**

Coffee & Conversation will start back up in September. Have an enjoyable Summer building lots of memories and experiences to share with everyone this Fall.

Thank you



The Stratton EMS would like to thank all who attended our Memorial Day Dinner. Also, many thanks for the cash donations, the delicious salads and desserts, and to those who aided us in a successful dinner.

Stratton EMS sincerely appreciated all the support from our community.

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
- Rich & Beth Kollmorgen
- Earl & Marjorie Denio

Our Condolences to the family and friends of

Ruth (Jean) Nunamaker



PLEASE NOTE— — — —

There will not be a Community Dinner in June, July and August.

See you all in September

Flag Day-On June 14, 1885, Wisconsin school teacher Bernard Cigrand originated the idea for an annual observance to be celebrated across the country. He lobbied year after year in an attempt to have an official National Flag Day established by the United States government.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson declared June 14 as Flag Day. In 1937, Pennsylvania was the first state to observe the day as a legal holiday. It wasn't until August 3, 1949, that Congress designated June 14 as National Flag Day, which is celebrated in correlation with the U.S. Army's birthday.

Though not an official holiday across the spectrum, Flag day is important on many different levels.

"Flag day is an honor and tradition that displays the national flag with pride and happiness," said Anniston Army Depot Sgt. Maj. Happiness Brown. "It is an annual observance which reminds us of the dedication and sacrifices made by our military service members. It's also a time to pray for our troops, those at home and abroad."

The Little House Museum in Stratton's



Pitner Park is located inside a historic home. Exhibits here preserve the area's history. The Bailey Cabin, the first

cabin built in Stratton, was moved to the museum site in 2012. The cabin, which has previously been used as the town's post office and a general store, has been moved twice since it was built in 1879. It was recently restored using logs harvested from the same spot on Muddy Creek where the original wood came from. Little House Museum is open the first and third Sundays, beginning in June through the summer months. View new items and watch for special exhibits throughout the summer!

REMINDER
Rose Hill Cemetery Flower/Other Items
Notice

Floral items (fresh-cut, silk, or plastic) may be displayed in permanent vases (those attached to a monument) at any time, providing proper measures have been taken to secure items.

Floral items (fresh-cut, silk, or plastic) are allowed for placement on graves during the following holidays:

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- Easter
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- Memorial Day
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- 4th of July
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- Veterans Day
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- Thanksgiving

Floral items may be placed for a period of ONE week prior to and TWO weeks following said holiday. Items left in place after such time will be disposed of.

Christmas wreaths, blankets, and floral items are permitted on graves during the Christmas season, starting December 1, and shall be removed no later than January 10 of each year.

Statues, vigil lights, balloons, toys and stuffed animals may be displayed as long as they are secured, and do not interfere with maintenance or mowing.

All floral items will be removed when they become unsightly.

Permanent plantings are not permitted on graves at any time.

The display of breakable objects is not permitted at any time.

Unauthorized items found on grave sites will be removed and disposed of by cemetery personnel.

Please be aware that Rose Hill Cemetery is not responsible for maintaining or safeguarding floral or other items placed on grave sites.

Thank you!

Stratton Medical Clinic

903 Bailey Street
Stratton, NE 69043

Phone: (308) 423-2151

Fax: (308) 276-2415

Stratton Clinic Hours starting May 1st:

10:30 a m to 4:30 p m CT

Tuesdays Dr. Lori Stonehocker

Thursday afternoons:

Michelle Koppie 2:00 p m to 5:00 p m CT



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

The lake communities at Red Willow and Swanson lakes in Southwest Nebraska have felt for the past several years that our marinas and recreation areas and Lakeview Lodge would be more efficiently operated if given local control. There have been grassroots efforts underway to transfer the control of these areas to our local counties for the past several years. This transfer of assets would greatly enhance the future local tax base.

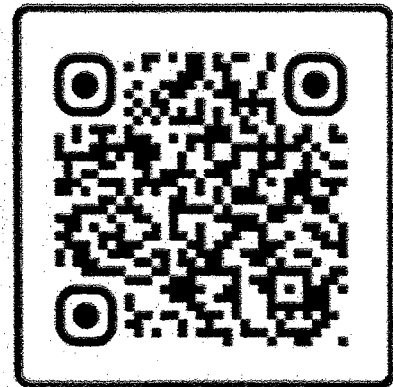
Through years of hard work and dedication from several people, most notably United States Senator Deb Fischer, and her Nebraska Congressional colleagues, Senator Ricketts and Congressman Smith, we now have a lifeline to transfer the control of our local areas from the Bureau of Reclamation to Frontier County at Red Willow Lake and Hitchcock County at Swanson Reservoir near Trenton. The County Commissioners in these counties have approved the land transfers. We genuinely appreciate their support.

Bills are currently in committee at both the United States House of Representatives, H. R. 8413 and the Senate, S. 4347 for the property transfer.

Please use the QR code to show your support for these property transfers. After entering your name, address and email, it will be automatically sent to your elected Congressional representatives. It only takes 30 seconds. More importantly, send this document and links to as many friends and family members as you can. Bipartisan Congressional support from every state in our great country is absolutely essential to get this through the Congressional Committees.

Thank you for taking time to assure that our marinas and lake communities will be here for future generations to enjoy.

Help the Owners of Swanson & Hugh Butler Reservoirs Save Their Homes.



SCAN ME!

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Luke, ch. 4, v. 18, 19. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

This is a prophetic message about the Messiah written by the prophet Isaiah about 750 years before Jesus read it from the book of Isaiah in the Synagogue in His home town and then declared that it was about Himself. The people became angry and were going to kill Him by throwing Him off a cliff, but He escaped.

This scripture was used in a meeting that we were in a short time ago. I have read and heard this scripture many times, but this time it jumped off the page and planted itself in my heart. For the believer it should be a powerful verse. Jesus Christ lives in us and through us, and we should be filled with that same power. When John the Baptist baptized Jesus he then saw the Holy Spirit, like a dove, land on Jesus. Not only was Jesus baptized with water, but He was baptized in the Holy Spirit and filled with the love and power that only the Holy Spirit can give.

As Christians, if we have been baptized in the Holy Spirit, we should have that same love for people that Jesus had and when called on by God we have that same power to proclaim the saving grace of Jesus to the unsaved, and to heal those who are suffering.

If, as Christians, we are going to save our country from the Godless socialism that is rampant, we are going to have to take a firm stand against the junk that the left is trying to load us up with. Transgenderism, LGBTQism, abortion, homosexual marriage, border-less country, antisemitism and etc. You need to read that verse and claim it as your own so you can stand against what Satan is trying to do to our nation and to our churches. Pray and ask God to show His glory. We are in a very, very serious battle and it's going to take Christians who are armed with God's word to pray, and to stand, and to fight. You have a story of what Jesus has done in your life. Tell it!

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

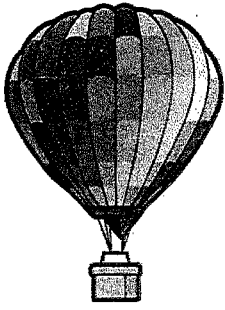
Southwest Nebraska Holiness Church

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

11:30 a.m. Church Services

7:00 p.m. Church Services

Happy
Father's
Day



Hot Air Balloons Will Be Soaring At Nebraska's Annual Old West Balloon Fest

Is there anything more delightfully whimsical than the sight of colorful hot air balloons filling the sky? Every summer, hot air balloon pilots and enthusiasts gather in Scotts Bluff County for one of the nation's favorite ballooning events. The Old West Balloon Fest is an entire week of activities that include watching balloons take off and other family-friendly activities! This hot air balloon festival in Nebraska is full of photo-worthy moments for all ages, and it's sure to become your family's new favorite annual tradition. The festival takes place August 7-10, 2024 and you don't want to miss it!

If watching balloons soar sounds like your idea of a great time, you've got to check out this cool balloon festival in Mitchell.

The event features around 80 colorful hot air balloons in Nebraska. It's an entire week devoted to the fun of watching the balloons as well as the skill it takes to fly them.

The most exciting events are those where the audience gets to see dozens of balloons "glowing." Pilots light up the evening with the balloons' flames, creating a spectacle that will wow you no matter how many times you've seen it.

This exciting event filled with the best Nebraska hot air balloons isn't just fun for locals. It also happens to be the U.S. Nationals Competition and determines which balloon pilots will go on to compete in the National Balloon Festival.

On two days of the festival, competitors fire up their balloons and take off into the air for the "mass ascension." The launches begin in the wee hours of morning at various locations, and throughout the day you can look to the skies to see up to dozens of balloons slowly gliding by. Keep your camera ready!

Most of us don't realize that hot air balloon piloting is a sport that takes tremendous skill to master. Navigating a floating aircraft using nothing but air currents takes a long time to learn, and this Nebraska balloon festival is where talented pilots come to show off their skills.

The competition side of the festival rates the pilots' skill in ascension, navigation, and landing. Pilots must demonstrate a variety of maneuvers to show their prowess, and the winners go on to compete at a national level.

In addition to hot air balloon watching, the festival offers food and merchandise vendors, a cornhole tournament, wiener dog races, a craft fair, and even special entertainment guests.

The festival wraps up with the closing Night Glow at Five Rocks Amphitheater. This spectacular sight caps off a whole week of magical events; it's the perfect close to a memorable festival.

Whether you visit the festival every single day, or just one, these massive balloons are absolute show-stoppers!

Have you ever been to this nationally recognized hot air balloon festival in Nebraska? Or, have you gone hot-air ballooning in Nebraska, or elsewhere? The sight of colorful hot air balloons against the backdrop of the beautiful Scottsbluff area is truly a can't-miss experience!

Note that visitors must pay for an event pass, but the price is very reasonable and allows access to the entire week's events. Learn more about this unique Nebraska hot air balloon festival on the Old West Balloon Fest website and keep up with the dates and locations of the event on the Old West Balloon Fest Facebook page.

Nebraska Attorney General's Office Issues Consumer Alert Regarding Scam Text Messages for SunPass Toll Roads

Posted:

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

The Nebraska Attorney General's Office is issuing a **Consumer Alert** involving a text scam concerning toll roads that is circulating in Nebraska.

Nebraskans are receiving texts claiming they must pay an outstanding balance for a SunPass toll road to avoid a \$50 penalty. The text contains a link to make a payment. **Do not** click on the link.

Please note that the Nebraska Department of Transportation verifies that there are no toll roads in Nebraska. Nebraskans may have traveled to other states for work or holidays where there are existing toll roads, but be alert to a *false* text message.

To protect yourself:

Don't click on links or download files provided in unsolicited messages.

Verify the source by contacting the organization directly through information provided on their website. Do not provide personal or financial information in response to unsolicited messages, emails, or phone calls.

Block the number sending the text and delete the message.

If you clicked any link or provided personal information, make sure you dispute any unfamiliar charge and take efforts to secure your financial accounts.

The technique is known as "smishing," a combination of "SMS" ("short message service" or what is commonly known as text) and the scam technique known as "phishing"—smishing attempts to trick people into downloading malware, sharing sensitive information, or sending money to cybercriminals.

Contact the Attorney General's Consumer Affairs Response Team at 402-471-2682 or visit our consumer website at ProtectTheGoodLife.Nebraska.gov.

Sample

Text Message
Today 6:08 AM

Nebraska toll services:
We've noticed an outstanding balance of \$11.69 on your record. To prevent a late fee of \$50.00, please visit <https://sunspass-tollsservices.com> to settle your invoice.

The sender is not in your contact list.

Report Junk

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