

NEW BEGINNINGS

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OCTOBER 26TH

7:30—10:00

**STRATTON REC CLUB
BUILDING**

-Watch for more details

MOST IMPROVED YARD

Congratulations to Jennifer Sage and Rick Moore at 506 Bailey Street. They were the winners of the 2024 Most Improved Yard. Please start thinking of your ideas for improving your yard for next year and join us again in 2025 for the most improved yard.



**Stratton Community
Foundation Fund**

Sunday, October 13th

2:00 CT, Grandview

**Help us envision our
future Stratton!**

See next page for details!



COMMUNITY VISIONING

***We want to hear your ideas
for the future of Stratton!***

WHAT:
**Stratton Community
Visioning Session**

*Facilitated by Nebraska
Community Foundation*

WHEN:
**Sunday, October 13
2:00 PM**

WHERE:
**Grandview Community
& Events Center
903 Bailey Street
Stratton, NE**

CONTACT:
**Dustin Ladenburger
dustinladenburger@gmail.com
(308) 340-1465**

What are your hopes and dreams for the future of Stratton? First-class amenities? More opportunities for local youth? A beautiful, welcoming community that young families are drawn to move or return to? We want to hear from you!

You are invited to join us for a community visioning session open to all who call Stratton home. Together we'll develop shared goals and priorities for the hometown we love... and enjoy some pie and ice cream in the process!

We value the role you play in our community and hope to see you there on October 13!

Sincerely,

The Stratton Community Foundation Fund Advisory Committee



LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR WORK!

www.nebcommfound.org/give/stratton-community-foundation-fund

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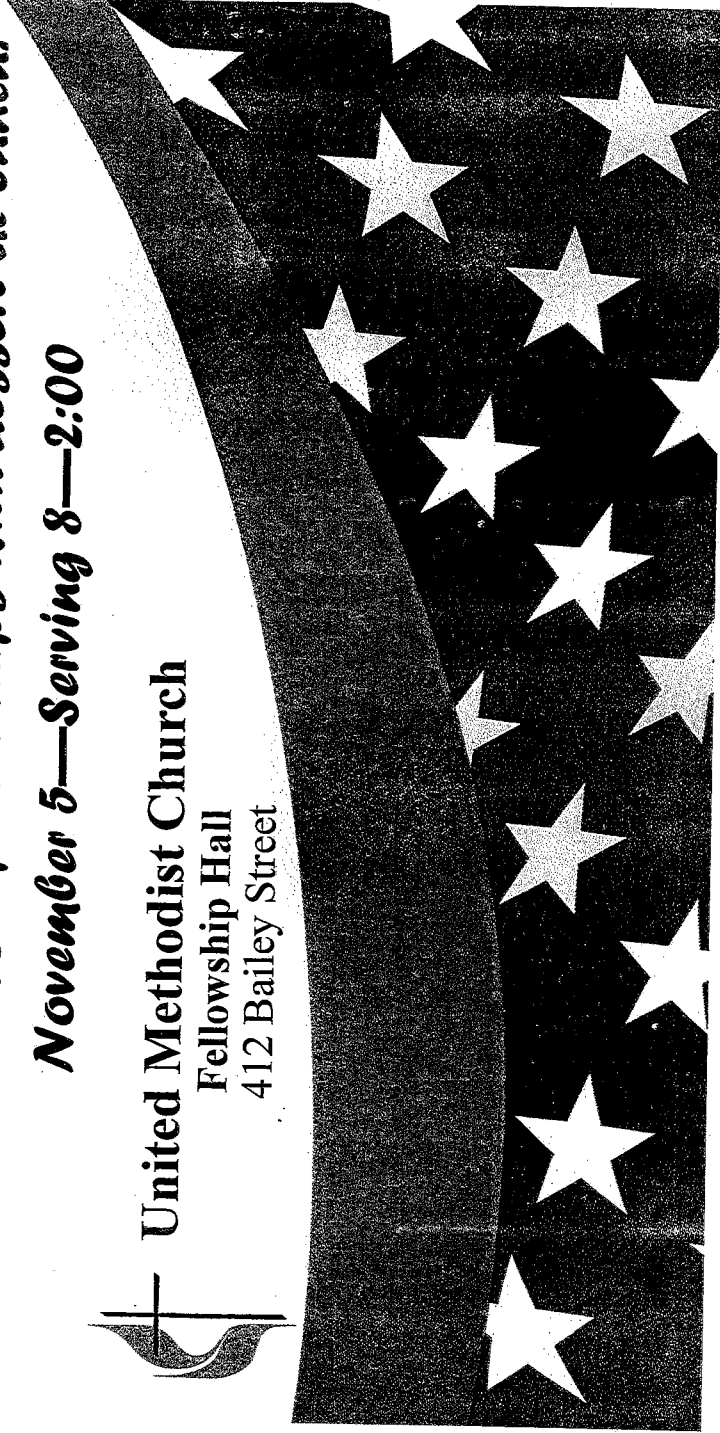
Serving on Election Day

*We will have for sale rolls and coffee in the morning
and a sandwich, soup and chips with dessert at lunch.*

November 5—Serving 8—2:00



United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall
412 Bailey Street



BRING THEM TO CHURCH

Saturate their lives with the Word of God. Even if they lay on the floor. Even if they need 437 goldfish and a sucker to be quiet. Even if you stand in the back swaying back and forth holding them. Even when it's hard. Even when your row looks like a small hurricane just came through. Bring them to church. Let them see you worship. Let them see you pray. Let them see you running toward the Savior ... because if they don't see and learn these things from you, who are they going to learn them from?

The world will teach them it's not a priority. The world will teach them it's okay to lay out, not to pick up their Bibles. The world will direct them so far off course, confuse them, and misinform them that just being "good" is enough. The world won't teach them about Jesus. That's our job.



Wednesday, October 16th

5:30—7:00

Grandview

All Welcome!!

FREE Community Breakfast

All Welcome

Christian Union Church

Third Sunday of the Month

at 8:30 a.m.

October 20th



Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy the events and participated in the festivities Saturday and over the past 50 years. All of you have made this the 50th successful Stratton Days! Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers that made this happen and we look forward to continuing for the next 50 years!

Parade Winners:

Business: 1st—MNB Bank	2nd—Stratton Medical Clinic
Organizations—1st—Stratton Ambulance	2nd—Salsa Queen
Children & Family—1st—Kadence & Kinley McLain	2nd—Ella Baker & Paisley Poppert (Tie)
Vehicles—1st Tracy Duvel	2nd—Jeremiah Unger

Grand Prize for Theme “Stratton’s Golden Celebration” - Stratton Melodrama

Drawing Winners

Stratton Rec Club Drawings

Cooler of Various Meats—Dan & Susan Ladenburger

Family Fun Pack—Janet Felt

\$50.00—Earl Denio

Little House Museum Quilt Drawing—Mike Lee of Madrid, NE

Talent Show Winners

Hats off to you, Stratton!!! You proved that Stratton does have talent!! The show on Saturday night was great. The 3rd place Youth winners were the McLain/Forch lip sync girl group. 2nd place went to Iona Windecker with her vocal solo and 1st place was the JMR Band (Kollmorgen cousins) singing their original piece “Wild Horses”. 3rd place in the Adult category was Larry Hubl. Second place went to Danielle Stewart and the 1st place winner was Josh Henderson with his original music.

Thank you to all the participants and to the judges Pastor Larry Unruh, Pat Forch and Susan Ladenburger. The admission collected at the Talent Show went to the Stratton Ambulance Fund in the amount of \$221.00

Pickleball Tournament Winners—Larry Unruh and Kara McLain

Stratton Public Library News October 2024

HOURS: MONDAY 12-7 THURSDAY 12-5

Soon the evenings will get shorter and the days cooler...what better time is there to enjoy some reading!

New Selections: Adult: Toxic Prey-Sandford, Cilka's Journey-Morris, Amazing Grace-Steel, The Old Place-Finger, Damaged-Scottoline, Someone To Watch Over Me- McaNaught, Small Great Things and Change of Heart-Picout, The Seventeen Second Miracle-Wright, Rock Bottom-Michaels, The Long Walk-King, An Evil Heart and The Hidden One- Castillo, Reilly's Luck-L'Aamour, When Our Grown Kids Disappoint Us-Adams

Juvenile: A Gift for Nana, Drop the Water Cycle, In Our Garden, Baby Builders, Wonder Walkers

Book Count update: As of the end of August we have checked out 569 Juvenile Books and 955 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 has started back up. Come visit and enjoy a coffee from 2-4 pm every Thursday. Drop in for a few minutes or stay the whole time.



Note: Pickleball times on Monday have been moved up from 7:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

All ages and experience levels. From experts looking to practice or teach others to play, to those who have never even heard of Pickleball, and everyone in-between! Contact Deb at 720-642-0192 for more information or stop by the park to play anytime.



Thank You!

Stratton Ambulance members would like to thank the Stratton Community for making our 50-year Anniversary celebration so special! We deeply appreciate all of the generous donations from so many of you! Thank you! We are proud to live in this great community and we are honored to serve the community as EMTs!

Thank you to the Stratton Days parade judges for awarding Stratton Ambulance first place in the organization category and for the prize check that accompanied the award! You helped make our 50-year celebration even more special!

Stratton Fire and Ambulance would like to thank Beth Kollmorgen and all who supported the talent show for the generous donation. We deeply appreciate your support!

Chicken Tortilla Soup

2 whole boneless, skinless chicken breasts	3 cloves garlic, minced
1 Tbsp. olive oil	1 can (10 ounces) Rotel Tomatoes & Green Chilies
1 1/2 tsp. cumin	32 oz. low-sodium chicken stock
1 tsp. chili powder	3 Tbsp. tomato paste
1/2 tsp. garlic powder	4 c. hot water
1/2 tsp. salt	2 cans (15 ounces) black beans, drained
1 Tbsp. olive oil	3 Tbsp. cornmeal or masa
1 c. diced onion	5 whole corn tortillas, cut into uniform strips around 2 to 3 inches
1/4 c. diced green bell pepper	Sour cream, diced red onion, diced avocado, pico de gallo or salsa, grated Monterey Jack cheese and/or cilantro, for garnishing
1/4 c. red bell pepper	

1. Preheat the oven to 375°. Mix cumin, chili pepper, garlic powder, and salt. Drizzle 1 tablespoon olive oil on chicken breasts, then sprinkle a small amount of spice mix on both sides. Set aside the rest of the spice mix.
2. Place chicken breasts on a baking sheet. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes, or until chicken is done. Use two forks to shred chicken. Set aside.
3. Heat 1 tablespoon olive oil in a pot over medium high heat. Add onions, red pepper, green pepper, and minced garlic. Stir and begin cooking, then add the rest of the spice mix. Stir to combine, then add shredded chicken and stir.
4. Pour in Rotel, chicken stock, tomato paste, water, and black beans. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to a simmer. Simmer for 45 minutes, uncovered.
5. Mix cornmeal with a small amount of water. Pour into the soup, then simmer for an additional 30 minutes. Check seasonings, adding more if needed—add more chili powder if it needs more spice, and be sure not to undersalt. Turn off heat and allow to sit for 15 to 20 minutes before serving. Five minutes before serving, gently stir in tortilla strips.
6. Ladle into bowls, then top with sour cream, diced red onion, diced avocado, pico de gallo, grated cheese and/or, cilantro if you have it! (The garnishes really make the soup delicious.)



with Sympathy

*Our Condolences to the
family and friends of:*

Robert Bob Brennan

Marilyn Kadlecek

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- Bill Condon
- Stratton Community Foundation
- Mel & Virginia Campbell
- Julia Diehl

Thank you

We would like to thank the Rec Club for the assorted meats and cooler which we won at the Stratton Barbeque. It was a great surprise! Also, thank you to all the members for their efforts making the supper and day a success!

Dan & Susan Ladenburger

Family GAME Night

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

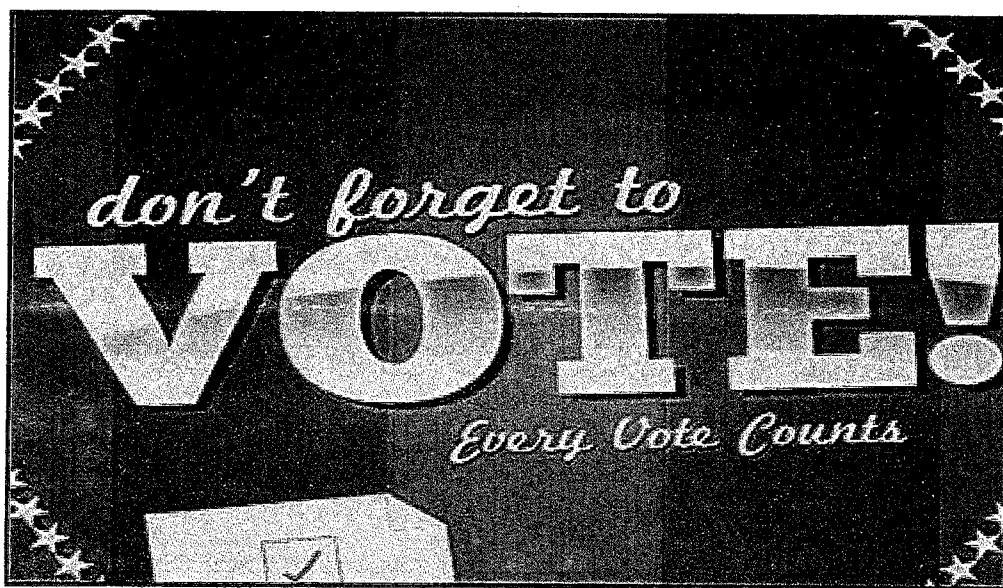
*Thank
you*

A big Thank You to all who purchased tickets to the Rec Club and Little House Museum raffles. These monies help sustain organizations in our communities. After all the fun all day, my ticket was drawn on the Rec Club's "family basket ". More fun! Games, movie tickets, candy, glow sticks and a fuzzy blanket filled the basket.

Mike Lee of Madrid won the Husker quilt. When I called him Saturday night he said his sister was in Stratton for the street dance and was staying at the Airbnb. So I walked across the street and in 3 minutes it was delivered.

All in all it was a really good day. Thanks again and we will see you next year.

Janet Felt



NOVEMBER 5TH

(BE SURE TO
BRING YOUR ID
WITH YOU)

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

II Chronicles 7: 14; "If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will forgive their sin and heal their land." This was a word given to King Solomon by God, about 950 BC, when they were dedicating the new temple. God said that when He had shut up the heaven and there was no rain, or he had commanded the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among His people.

On September 22 of this year there was an event that took place that I am sure rocked this country and not many people knew about it. For three hours that Sunday there was a group of 110 million prayer intercessors, around the world, praying for the USA. This scripture was quoted many times. These people know that this country is in serious trouble, financially, politically, and spiritually and if we don't turn back to God and turn our back on socialism and the things of Satan it will affect the whole world. We all need to be praying daily for this country. There is a website, gdop-America.org and it gives you a list of things to pray for. You can also watch the whole three hours. We need to continue to pray, it's the most powerful tool we have. We need to repent, which means we need to turn away from our sin. We have embraced abortion, pornography, pedophilia, prostitution, drugs and alcohol and so much more. We are not enforcing our laws, closing our borders, our schools have not been teaching our kids how to read, about our history, etc., its about sex and transgenderism, we are committing national suicide.

There have been many times in our past when the President and Congress have called for a day of fasting and prayer. Several times during the Revolutionary War there was a call to prayer and fasting. In the war of 1812 and the Civil War and both world wars. There have been calls by our Government in peace time too. It seems that we have forgotten that our nation was founded on freedom, freedom to worship, freedom of speech, freedom to bear arms that we might protect ourselves from our government when it is misused.

We need to set aside a time each day, whether it be a minute, five minutes or an hour that we pray for our country. Realizing that when you are praying for our country that you are really praying for people, your family, your neighbor, your county, your city, state and country. We have a wonderful country, let's keep it.

Richard Stahly



**MEN'S PRAYER
BREAKFAST**

November 1st

--8:00 a.m.

--HOSTED BY--

St. Joseph Catholic 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

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