

# NEW BEGINNINGS

November 2024

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*Let's  
Celebrate!*



## **JULIA DIEHL'S 100 BIRTHDAY**

**JULIA 'S FAMILY IS HOSTING AN OPEN  
HOUSE ON NOVEMBER 16**

**FROM 2:00-4:00 AT GRANDVIEW EVENTS  
CENTER**

*Best wishes for Julia may be sent to:  
71068 Road 353, Stratton, NE 69043*

## **Stratton Community Fund Drive**

It is once again time for the annual Community Fund Drive.

Each year the funds from the drive assist the organizations in our community. Your donation will help sustain the many organizations and will benefit the entire community.

We are counting on your support. Volunteers will be going door-to-door or packets will be mailed enabling you to contribute.

If you do not receive a notice and wish to donate, please send your donation to:

**Stratton Community Fund Drive'  
P O Box 42  
Stratton NE 69043**

**Happy Birthday  
Cliff**



**Cliff Prince  
celebrated his  
95<sup>th</sup> birthday**

**on October 31, (Halloween). Please  
wish him a belated Happy  
Birthday. A card can reach him  
at: 508 Nebraska Ave., Stratton, NE  
69043**

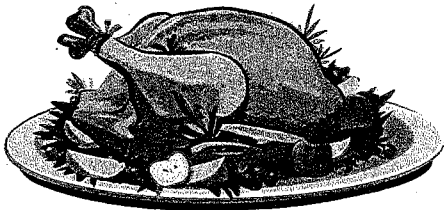
**FREE COMMUNITY DINNER**

Celebrating the  
Thanksgiving Season –

November 20<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:00

Turkey Dinner – Turkey,  
Mashed Potatoes, Green  
Beans, Rolls, and Pie.

All Welcome!



*Thanksgiving Day Dinner*

*November 28th*

*12:00 noon*

*Grandview Events Center*

*—Ham*

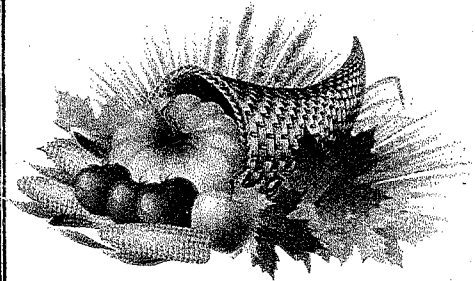
*—Cheesy Potatoes*

*—Green Beans*

*—Dinner Rolls*

*—Pie*

*Everyone is welcome to enjoy  
the meal and fellowship.*



We are honored to  
have your patronage  
and would like to  
express our sincere  
gratitude for your business and  
support of Stratton Country  
Market.

Kay & Jane Voss

Did You Know—

In 1886 the log house now located at the  
Little House Museum was used for the first  
post office and grocery store in Stratton,  
operated by Mr. Frank Bailey's father. That  
means that for the most part, Stratton has  
had a grocery store for over 138 years!!



**Hey Kids!!!**

**It's that time of year! Santa would love to hear from you. You can drop your letters in Santa's box at MNB Bank**

**December 1<sup>st</sup> - the 18<sup>th</sup>**



**Join Us For  
Breakfast**

**FREE Community Breakfast**

**All Welcome**

**Christian Union Church**

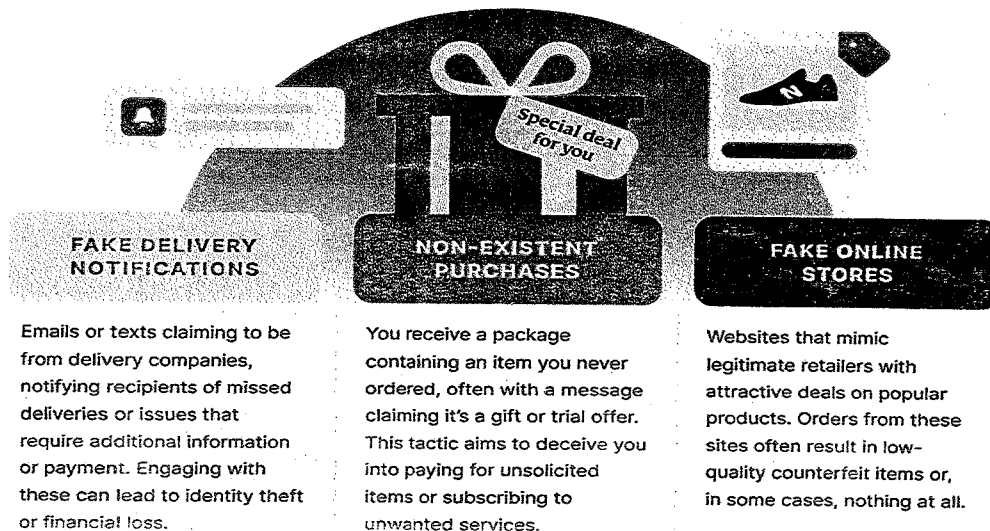
**Third Sunday of the Month - November 17th - 8:30 a.m.**

## Package delivery scams

Package delivery scams often spike during the holiday season, capitalizing on the excitement and anticipation surrounding online shopping. These scams are not confined to the festive season; they remain a prevalent issue, exploiting consumers' trust in delivery services and online retailers. A recent incident involving delivery company UPS underscores how these scams operate and their impact.

## Package delivery scams

Victims end up paying, with nothing in return



# Village of Stratton Fall/Winter Notice 2024

## PREPARING FOR WINTER

- RV/Campers/Boats need removed from streets to allow for snow removal as needed
- Trim Trees: Trees must be trimmed to at least 14 feet above the surface of the street and 8 feet above sidewalks
- Alleys: Please keep alleys clear. Ten feet from center of alley into your property should be kept clear for utility companies to access. Streets and alleyways adjoining property needs to be maintained (clear of weeds or debris) by the property owner. No vehicles should be parked in alleys, except to load/ unload.
- Snow or ice or other substances are not to accumulate or remain on the sidewalks. Usually within 24 hours of the latest snowfall, sidewalks should be cleared.
- Grass and clearing gardens/flowers/shrubbery: yard and/or garden waste needs to be taken to the tree dump; **DO NOT DISCARD IN DUMPSTERS**. Key can be checked out from the Village Office. At the dump: grass and other yard waste go in the gate to the left, tree limbs go straight forward through the gate.



## REMINDERS

**Dumpsters/ Trash Pick-up:** If your trash item cannot fit in the dumpster with the lid closed please make other arrangements for disposal. **DO NOT leave items on the ground by the dumpsters.** Please bag your trash and keep the lids closed on the dumpsters to prevent animals and weather from spreading debris around our town.

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*Village Board Meetings take place the third Monday (or following Tuesday if the Monday is a holiday) of each month at 7pm at the Village Office building. Next Meeting Dates: November 18, 2024; December 16, 2024; January 21, 2025; February 18, 2025; March 17, 2025. Everyone is welcome!*

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The Village Utility Department continues to install new radio read water meters in town. If you have recently had a new water meter installed in your home by Village employees you may be able to view your daily usage online! Contact the Village office for more information on registering to track and view your daily water usage.

**The Village is working to purchase and install new playground equipment at the Village Park to replace the damaged, outdated equipment currently there. If you would like to donate your time to assist with install or give a monetary donation please contact the Village office. You can also round up your utility bill to donate with one payment. Please include a note or let the office know to apply the extra payment to the Park Fundraiser!**

**Dog Tags:** Due January 1<sup>st</sup> every year and delinquent on January 31<sup>st</sup> 2025. Dog Tags are will be available at the Village Office for \$5.00 starting in November. Please provide proof of rabies vaccination with expiration date from your Veterinarian if the Village does not already have records.

If you have an ATV/UTV that is operated on the streets in the Village limits you need to register it annually at the Village office. To register you will need a copy of your liability insurance and \$25.00 registration fee. Information will then be given on rules and regulations for safety as well as receiving your proof of registration.

Stork Report



Ben and Kristin Morgan of Omaha are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Cooper Andrew born September 20, 2024. Cooper weighed in at 7 pounds fifteen ounces and measured 20" in length. Grandparents are Ron and Susan Crow of Stratton and Sara Morgan of Omaha.



*What an honor it was for me to be Grand Marshall along with Janet Felt for the Stratton Days Parade. I enjoyed all the activities of the day celebrating 50 years of Stratton Days. I am very proud and blessed to live in a community that works so well together and cares about each other. A big thank you to all the volunteers and community members who worked so hard to make Stratton Days a huge success.*

*Thank you and God Bless you.  
Julia Diehl*

*Help Make Someone's Christmas Special. Caring Tree nominations are being accepted at MNB Bank. To make a nomination contact Shaila at 308-276-2166 by November 18th.*





# Family GAME Night

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

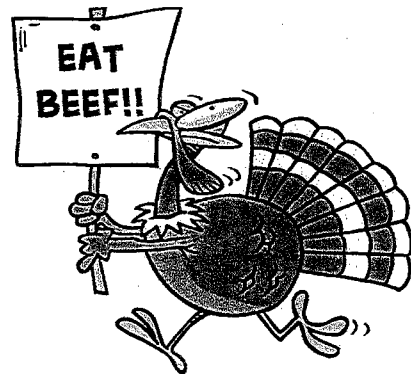
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- Bill Condon
- Stratton Community Foundation
- Julia Diehl
- Anonymous
- Mel and Virginia Campbell
- Richard & Beth Kollmorgen



*with  
Sympathy*

*Our Condolences to the  
family and friends of:  
Loretta Sandberg*



Note: Pickleball times on Monday have been moved up from 6:00 pm to 5:00 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

Stratton Public Library News November 2024

**HOURS: MONDAY 12-7 THURSDAY 12-5**

**Gobble Gobble...come GOBBLE up a good read at the Stratton Public Library!**

**New Selections:** *Adult:* *Son of Old Jules* by Sandoz, *Pennies from Heaven for Kevin* by Hyde, *The Memory Thief* by Colin, *Dark Fall* by Koontz, *Fallen Creed & Hidden Creed* by Kava, *Good Sister* by Hepworth, *15 Seconds* by Gross, *Shrink Rap* by Parker, *Mr. Mercedes*, *Finders Keepers*, *End of Watch*, & *Revival* by King, *The Next Always*, *The Last Boyfriend*, *The Perfect Hope* by Roberts

**Juvenile:** *The Witch Goes to School*, *The Little Scarecrow Boy*, *Amazing Bats*, *Autumn*, *Purple Picke Juice*, *Crow Call*

**Book Count update:** Our Books Read Challenge has ended. We had 623 Juvenile Books, and 942 Adult Books checked out of Stratton Library from October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024. We did not surpass last year's numbers of 701 Juvenile and 1331 Adults BUT we did beat the 2021-22 counts of 401 Juvenile and 670 Adults checkouts. Thanks to all who support our Stratton Public Library. It is very much appreciated!

As I am entering all our books into the computer to update the old card system, I am finding so many names of people who have checked out books in the past. How about considering becoming a STRATTON LIBRARY READER once again? Come in and see what an amazing selection of books we have right here in Stratton.

**NOTICE:** Book Fines have been 5 cents per library day for years and years when you have an overdue book. Since my experience shows that the longer a book is out the more likely the chance it will get lost. SOOOOO...the new policy is the regular fee of 5 cents per library day plus an added fee of \$2.00 per book if the books are overdue by 30 calendar days. You can always drop your books and late fee in the book drop if you cannot catch me on an open day.

**Coffee & Conversation!** Come visit and enjoy a coffee from 2-4pm every Thursday. Drop in for a few minutes or stay the whole time.



## THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

James 1: 13-15. "Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death."

God gave us ten commandments to guide ourselves with and if we use them for guidance and obey them, our lives will be a lot happier. Satan, in our moments of weakness, will throw temptations right down in front of us and if we are not ready he will trip us up. God gives us more equipment to do battle with temptation in the book of Ephesians; Comparing it to the armor of a Roman soldier. Girding your waist with truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shoes of the gospel of peace, the shield of faith, helmet of salvation and using the sword of the Spirit which is the Bible and praying always in the Spirit.

I believe that government, city county, state and federal, can be run using those same principles. In the past, we have used these principals in government and for the most part we have succeeded against evil, but, there has been so much corruption and greed for power come in that we are on the verge of it being, "fully grown and bringing forth death".

I'm writing this on October 26 and many of you will be reading this after the election. I personally don't see this election as one of Democrats versus Republicans, but an election of good versus evil. By reading the back of the Bible we know that in the end good will win out, but there could be some rough times getting there. I pray that God give us the wisdom to make good choices.

Richard Stahly



## MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

—8:00 a.m.

—HOSTED BY—

Church of Christ

December 7th, 2024

### 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



# Dundy County Stratton Activities Calendar

# NOVEMBER 2024

October 2024

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fri	Sat
1	2	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	31		

December 2024

Su	Mo	Tue	We	Th	Fri	Sat
1	2	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	31				

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
3	4 10:30 am Art Club Cookie Sales Begin  3:00 pm Quiz Bowl @ Maywood (Bus Time: 12:50) 3:30 pm One Act Practice 5:30 pm Show Choir Practice	5 7:15 am Mock Trial Prep  TBA—A&P Class Field Trip To Imperial 6:30 pm 7-12 Pops Concert @ DCS High School Gym	6 7:15 am Mock Trial Competition @ McCook  11:32 am JH Quiz Bowl Practice  3:30 pm One Act Practice	7 7:15 am Mock Trial Prep  2024 NSAA State Volleyball Championships—Pinnacle Bank Arena—Lincoln 1:30 DCS Jr. High Wrestling Invite	8 7:15 am Mock Trial Prep  2024 NSAA State Volleyball Championships—Pinnacle Bank Arena—Lincoln 1:30 DCS Jr. High Wrestling Invite	9 7:00 am Show Choir FFA Fruits & Meats Fundraiser Sales Begin 8:30 am Polish Your Pearls Bentleyman Elementary  2nd Round Football Playoffs 4:00 pm DCS vs. Lourdes Central Catholic	2 7:00 am Show Choir Competition Scotsbluff Bus Time 7:00 am  Volleyball District Final 1:00pm DCS vs. Amherst @Amherst
10	11 10:00 am DCSHS Veterans Dignity Program 1:00 pm 5th-8th Quiz Bowl @ Maywood (Bus Time: 12:50) 3:30 pm One Act Practice 5:30 pm Show Choir Practice 6:00 pm Board Meeting	12 7:15 am Mock Trial Prep  10:00 am Southeast Community College Talk 2:00 pm JH Wrestling @ Heirsley  6:00 pm One Act Dress Rehearsal	13 8:00 am to 4:00 pm FFA/Art Club Blood Drive  NO SCHOOL Teacher In-Service 3:30 pm One Act Dress Rehearsal	14 7:15 am Mock Trial Prep  8:00 am One Act RPAC Competition @The Bassel—Holzberg (Bus Time: 6:30 am) 12:00 Jr. High Wrestling @ Hitchcock County	15 7:15 am Mock Trial  2:30 pm One Act Dress Rehearsal  Semi-final Football Playoffs	16 8:00 am One Act Set Work	
17	18 8:00 am Mock Trial Competition @ Red Willow County Court Room—McCook 10:30 am Art Club Cookie Sales Due 2:00 pm Jr. High Wrestling @ North Platte St. Patrick's 3:30 pm One Act Dress Rehearsal 5:30 pm Show Choir Practice	19 7:15 am Mock Trial Prep  3:30 pm Esports	20 5:00 am FFA District LDE #1 @ Curtis  3:30 pm One Act Dress Rehearsal	21 7:15 am Mock Trial Prep  8:30 am Hamilton Field Trip Music students to Denver  3:30 pm Esports	22 8:00 am HOSA Bryan Discovery Day 9:00 am Jr. High Wrestling @ Medicine Valley (Bus Time: 6:30 am)  2:30 pm One Act Dress Rehearsal	23 8:00 am One Act Set Work	
24	25 1:30 pm Jr. High Wrestling @ Perkins County 3:30 pm One Act Dress Rehearsal 5:30 pm Show Choir Practice  2024 Class of Football State Championship	26 7:15 am Mock Trial Prep  6:00 pm One Act Dress Rehearsal	27 No School—Thanksgiving Break	28 Happy Thanksgiving  No School—Thanksgiving Break	29	30	

All dates and times are subject to change. For current information check the School Calendar on the dcsdiggers.org web site. Follow us on Twitter and Facebook. #dcsdiggers

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