

NEW BEGINNINGS

December 2024

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CHRISTMAS SEASON EVENTS



December 1st- 18th- Kids, drop off a letter to Santa- located at MNB Bank

Beginning December 1st- Tags may be picked up for the Caring Tree at MNB (Presents must be returned by December 18th).

December 7th- Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:00 am @ Christian Union Church

December 7th- 2:00-4:00 Cookie Exchange @ Christian Union Church

December 8th- Pancake Fundraiser for David Sandmann 5:00-8:00 pm at Grandview Events Center.

December 14th- at Grandview Events Center.

- Kids Ornament workshop 4:30-5:30,
- Annual Soup Supper 5:30-7:00,
- Santa arrives at 6:30.

December 18th- Open House at MNB

Christmas Eve-

Christmas Eve Service at United Methodist Church- 5:30 pm

Christmas Eve Service at Christian Union Church- 5:30 pm

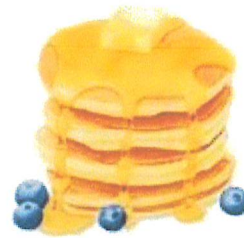
Christmas Eve Mass at Catholic Church- 10:00 pm

Christmas Season-

Holiday Light Pole Contest

Holiday Lighting Contest- Prizes for top 3 houses or businesses, if you live outside of town, please call MNB at 276-2166 to be placed on the list.

PANCAKE SUPPER FUNDRAISER



STRATTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
IS HOSTING A FREE-WILL DONATION PANCAKE
SUPPER TO RAISE MONEY FOR DAVE
SANDMANN WHO WAS RECENTLY DIAGNOSED
WITH BLADDER CANCER.

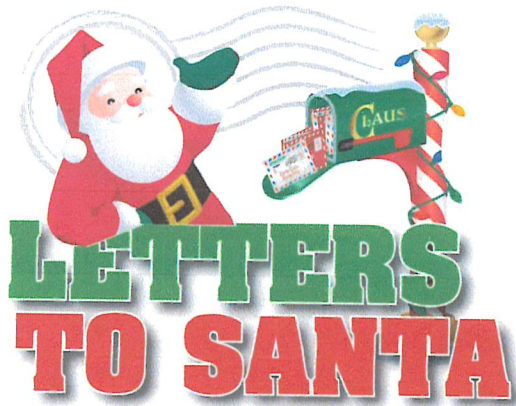
WHEN AND WHERE?

DECEMBER 8TH AT GRANDVIEW IN
STRATTON, NE

5PM—8PM



THERE WILL BE NO COMMUNIITY BREAKFAST AT THE
CHRISTIAN UNION CHURCH OR COMMUNITY MEAL
AT GRANDVIEW IN DECEMBER—SEE YOU AGAIN IN
JANUARY!



LETTERS TO SANTA

Hey Kids!!!

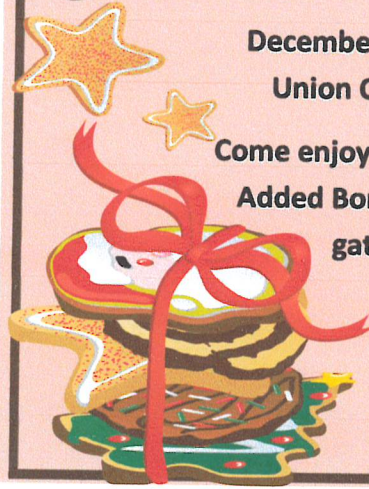
It's that time of year! Santa would love to hear from you. You can drop your letters in Santa's

Cookie Exchange

December 7th 2-4 pm—Christian Union Church—Stratton

Come enjoy food and fellowship. Added Bonus Treats for holiday gatherings.

Bring 3 dozen cookies bagged to try, share, and take home.



Stratton

Christmas On a Bailey Pole Decorating

Help make main street look festive! Call Tara at 308-830-2878 to reserve your pole.

No decorations over 8 feet high, please do not obstruct view of traffic or the sidewalk, and please remove all decorations by January 10, 2025

Sponsored by Stratton Area Chamber of Commerce

Made with PicMonkey.com



Show off your holiday spirit and decorating skills by decorating your home or yard this season. Please call Shaila at 308-276-2166 or

Tara at 308-830-2878 to be placed on the entries list.

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

MNB Stratton
403 Bailey Street
Christmas Open
House

December 18th 10-3

MERRY
Christmas

**Cookies,
Chex Mix,
Cider,
Coffee**



The Caring Tree is up at MNB. If you would like to pick a tag, please stop in, or message [Shaila Latta](#) for arrangements. Please wrap and return all gifts to MNB by December 18th. Thank you for helping make someone's Christmas special!



Stratton Public Library News December 2024

HOURS: MONDAY 12-7 THURSDAY 12-5

New Selections: Adult :Regretting by Hoover, Perfect Love Song by Callahan Mommie Dearest by Crawford, She Rides Shotgun by Harper, Web of Angels by Nattel, Glass Butterfly by Marley, Special Circumstances by Sheldon, My Sister's Voice by Carter, Shelter Me by Fay, The Art of Saying Goodbye by Bache, Belong To Me by delos Santos, Proof by Michaels, False Positive & False Friend by Grant, Lethal, Smash Cut & Outfox by Brown, Winter's End, Lost Hours & Dark Night by Shelton, Imagine Heaven by Burke, Day to Remember A Novel of Alzheimer's by Ezaki, Recovering Charles, Christmas Jars & Christmas Jars Reunion by Wright, Innkeeper's Wife by Wilson, Unfinished Gift by Walsh, Jacob's Bell by Synder, and additional Christmas books to get you in the Christmas Spirit!

Juvenile, Sisterhood Everlasting by Brashares Bat 6 by Wolff, Anna Is Still Here by Vos, Sleeping Ugly by Yolen, Encyclopedia Brown's Second Record Book of Weird and Wonderful Facts by Sobol Last Shot:A Final Four Mystery by Feinstein, Hank the Crank by Coleman, Little Red's Christmas story by Ferguson, Disney 5 Minute Christmas Stories plus a variety of Christmas Stories to connect with your child in a wonderful reading experience over the holidays! Thanks so Sally Stewart for the donation of the book The How and Wow of the Human Body. It is a very nice addition to our Children's section!

READ READ READ READ READ READ READ READ READ READ READ READ READ

Coffee and Conversation takes place at the Library every Thursday afternoon from 2-4 how about bringing your favorite holiday cookie recipe to share with the group...even a taste test would be yummy if you want. Nothing better to build some true and tried recipes for your holiday traditional cookie tray!

TAKE NOTE – NO COFFEE AND CONVERSATION ON DECEMBER 26TH

BOOK SALE HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY – COME CHECK IT OUT!



SOURDOUGH CLASS

1:00—4:00

—January 18, 2025

At Grandview Events Center

Be watching for more details in the January newsletter.



THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way that he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it."

I'm not sure when the public schools quit using the Bible to teach from, but when they did it was a big mistake. The so called "progressives" wanted it removed, but there were denominations that also wanted it removed. It's a good book for ancient history and an excellent book for reading. Beings that the schools don't use the Bible, parents need to be teaching it at home.

Maybe you have never cracked a Bible. You say I don't know how, I don't know where to start. There are some good help books you can get at the Bible Book Store, or find them on line. There is a web site that I use all the time. It's a nondenominational church out of Virginia and it's Cornerstone Chapel.net When it comes up, click on teachings, I use the midweek service and they have about every book of the Bible. It's taught by Pastor Gary Hanrick and he teaches a chapter at a time. If you don't know where to start use the book of John, which is about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Then go to Genesis which is the early history of the world. You can use the bible study, then teach it to your kids. Pastor Gary will give you different opinions of what a passage might mean and what different denominations might teach.

It's [Christmas](#) this month and this might be the best [Christmas](#) gift you could give your kids. A strong philosophy to grow up on. There are a lot of young people seeking direction in this world and finding it in all the wrong places. Give your kids something to hang on to. Merry [Christmas](#) and may next year be a good one.

Richard Stahly



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

January 4th—8:00 a.m.

--HOSTED BY--

Church of Christ

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

Thank you! *What a wonderful celebration I had for my 100th birthday. Thank you to all the friends and family who were able to attend the open house at Grandview Event Center. It was a perfect venue for this occasion. Also, I have had such fun opening the many cards I received from people near and far. The cards brought back many memories. May God Bless You All.*

Julia Diehl

Thank you! *Thank You to the Stratton Rec Club for the money I won at the Stratton Days drawing.*

Earl Denio



Stratton Christmas Services

United Methodist Church—Christmas Eve Services—5:30 pm

Christian Union Church—Christmas Eve Services—5:30 pm

Catholic Church— Christmas Eve Mass in Benkelman - 5:00 pm CMT

Christmas Eve Mass in Stratton - 10:00 pm CST

Christmas Day Mass in Stratton –8:30 am CST

Christmas Day Mass In Benkelman—10:00 am MST

"Christmas is the spirit of giving without a thought of getting. It is happiness because we see joy in people. ... Let us keep Christmas beautiful without a thought of greed" – Ann Garnett Schultz



CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

Over the last 15 years, 59 college students in the Stratton school district have received \$35,000 in scholarships and \$108,000 in grants have been awarded to non-profit, charitable, educational, local governmental and emergency services, including . . .

- Stratton Fire & Rescue
- Little House Museum
- Stratton Public Library
- Lakeview Lodge
- Freedom Go Getters 4-H Club
- Dundy County Stratton School
- Village of Stratton
- Stratton Industrial Commission

The Stratton Community Foundation Fund Advisory Committee would like to thank all the donors past and present. We continue to grow our endowment and encourage everyone to consider investing in their hometown with a donation of any size. Contributions are tax deductible and are used to enhance, grow, and support Stratton for future generations.



2024 SCHOLARSHIPS

- Hope Sandmann \$1,000
- Nathan Kollmorgen \$1,000
- Taylor Hubl \$1,000



2024 GRANTS

- Community Builders – *New Beginnings printing supplies*
- Stratton Ambulance – *Radios*
- Little House Museum – *Floor repair*
- Lakeview Lodge – *Folding tables*
- Stratton Rural Fire Dept. – *Light bars*



LEARN HOW TO GIVE AND GET INVOLVED

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

Stratton Community Foundation Fund
PO Box 5, Stratton, NE 69043

Join our movement and help make the next 30 years even better!

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Stratton Community Foundation Fund is an affiliated fund of Nebraska Community Foundation.



*with
Sympathy*

*Our Condolences to the family
and friends of:*

Carolyn Hardy



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



Stratton Post Office

Has a new phone number:

1-877-364-1626

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. Or mailed to MNB Bank, PO Box 367, Stratton, NE 69043. Thank you to this month's donors:

- Bill Condon
- Stratton Community Foundation
- Rita Crose
- Rich & Beth Kollmorgen
- Tom & Connie Henry
- Earl & Marjorie Denio
- Art Hawkinson



DECEMBER 2024

DUNDY COUNTY STRATTON
ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

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November 2024

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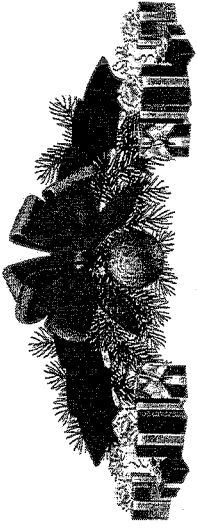
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