

NEW BEGINNINGS

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Learn how to make a delicious homemade sourdough bread recipe in your very own kitchen---

Whether a seasoned baker or just beginning, you will want to attend this

Sourdough Class -

January 18, 2025

Grandview Events Center in Stratton

From 1:00-4:00.

Focus will be on:

- The benefits of sourdough bread
- How to make the sourdough starter
- Other uses for sourdough discard

Registration is not required but preferred—please call Julie Stahly at 308-340-1364 for more information and to register. \$10.00 registration fee (to cover rent space at Grandview and a 5-pound bag of flour).

PLEASE NOTE: *You will need to bring a quart jar for your sourdough starter and a mixing bowl to take your first loaf home to bake.*



Wednesday, January 15th

5:30—7:00

At Grandview Events Center

Everyone Welcome!!



**Join Us For
Breakfast**

**FREE Community
Breakfast
All Welcome**

Christian Union Church

Third Sunday of the Month -

January 19th—8:30 am

Stratton Public Library News January 2025

HOURS: MONDAY 12-7 THURSDAY 12-5

New Selections: Adult : *The Devil's Work* by Edwards, *Shutter* by Emerson, *Lions of Fifth Avenue* by Davis, *Amish Christmas Letters* by Davids, *Christmas Homecoming* by Worth, *Angel Falls* by Hannah, *The Things I Do for You* by Carter, *Night Music* by Moyes, *Think Twice* by Coben, *Hard To Break* by Ledwidge, *Whisper Me This* by King, *Wild Blue* by Ambrose, *War and Remembrance* by Wouk, *Conviction* by Mina, *Winter* by Deighton, *Stand Off*, *Fiction*, *Deadline*, *Low Pressure*, *Hello Darkness* all by Sandra Brown.

Juvenile: *Snowy Day*, *Football Nightmare*, *Power Forward*

START YOUR NEW YEAR OFF WITH A READING GOAL...MAKING TIME TO READ HAS A MULTITUDE OF ADVANTAGES!

Coffee and Conversation takes place at the Library every Thursday afternoon from 2-4PM

Book Sale



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


25 CENT PAPERBACKS



Thank You! A big shout out of thanks for everyone who has helped us in our rebuilding since the flood.

A big shout out of thanks for those who have donated through "The Caring Tree".

Also, a big shout out of thanks to those who supported the family during the loss of Naomi Ruth Stout.

I reminded of a quote by Helen Keller, "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." That is just what the community of Stratton has done for us! 

Clyde, JoDee and Lily Stout

Happy New Year!

Cheeseburger Soup

- 1 lb. hamburger
- 3/4 cup chopped onion
- 3/4 cup shredded carrots
- 3/4 cup diced celery
- 4 cup diced potatoes
- 1/4 cup flour
- 8 oz processed American cheese, cubed
- 1 t dried basil
- 1 t dried parsley flakes
- 4 T butter or margarine, divided
- 3 cup chicken broth
- 1 1/2 c up milk
- 3/4 t salt
- 1/4 to 1/2 t pepper
- 1/4 c sour cream

In a 3 quart saucepan brown beef: drain and set aside. In same saucepan sauté onion, carrots, celery, basil and parsley in 1 T of butter until tender—about 10 min.

Add broth, potatoes and beef; bring to a boil and simmer 10-12 until potatoes are tender.

Meanwhile, in a small skillet melt remaining 3 T butter. Add flour: cook & stir for 3-5 min. or until bubbly; add to soup. Bring to a boil. Cook & stir for 2 min. Reduce heat to low.

Add cheese, milk, salt and pepper. Cook until cheese melts. Remove from heat and add sour cream.

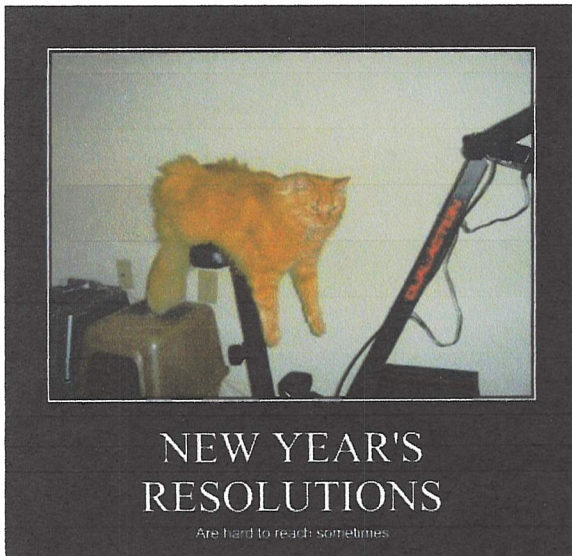


LAKEVIEW LODGE SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

Lakeview Lodge is located near the west edge of Swanson Reservoir, 3 1/2 miles from Stratton. The spacious grounds provide a scenic atmosphere for activities such as hiking, star gazing, hunting, fishing, horseshoes, volleyball, and outdoor games. The grounds adjacent to the lodge provide exceptional hunting for trophy deer, turkey, pheasant, and quail. The Lodge is an excellent facility for weddings, receptions, family gatherings, camps, and meetings of all sizes. The building includes a large commons area with banquet tables and chairs, heating and air conditioning, and television. The kitchen includes a commercial-sized refrigerator, stoves, microwaves, and freezer. An inside bathroom with shower is also located on-site.

Lakeview is actively seeking new board members to help with making decisions on operations as well as future projects. We usually meet two to three times a year. If interested please call MNB and ask for Sharla, Shaila, or Julie, or call 308-276-2237. Thank you in advance for helping to keep Lakeview viable.

Remember to call for information or to reserve the lodge—all rental fees are used to cover the cost of operation and maintenance of the lodge. The more rentals—the more improvements can be accomplished. Thank you for your support!



STRATTON MEDICAL CLINIC HOURS Central Time

Tuesday - Dr. Lori Stonehocker, D.O.
Thursday - Michelle Koppie, APRN

Mon, Wed, Fri—Closed

Tuesday—10:30 am—12:00 pm 1:00 pm—4:30 pm

Thursday—2:00 pm—4:30 pm

Sat—Sun—Closed

Call for an appointment—(308) 423-2151

Walk-ins Welcome!



NEW YEAR, TIME TO MAKE A PLAN

More than half of American adults don't have a will... are you among them?

Make 2025 the year you finally get an estate plan in place, or revisit current plans to ensure they still represent your wishes. Many generous Nebraskans are including both their families and their hometowns in their estate plans—you can provide for both, too.

Remember, not all assets are created equal—some are best left to children, others to charity. Stratton Community Foundation Fund works with generous Nebraskans and their professional advisors to determine the best ways to leave a legacy that benefits the people and places you care about most.

This is your opportunity to enrich Stratton's future. Nebraska Community Foundation suggests leaving just five percent of your assets to your favorite hometown. This collective act would result in tens of millions of dollars to be used to better our community for generations to come. When we all leave five, Stratton thrives!



LEARN HOW TO GIVE AND GET INVOLVED

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Chaplain's Corner

Romans 13: 1. "Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God." We as Christians, are under our government authorities and must pay our taxes and obey those who are put in power over us. "The function of government is to restrain evil and to maintain, uphold, and protect the sanctity of life and property." (Quote R. C. Sproul) If our government directs us to do things that go against God's word, we must not obey those directions. Our first allegiance is to God and His word. I find it strange that if government is supposed to protect the sanctity of life, that one party promotes the abortion of babies.

As Christians who do not have a job in government, what are our responsibilities to government beside obedience to laws and paying taxes? I'm writing this to me as much as I am to you because I've been pretty lax in doing this. We should always determine which person or law to vote for. We should keep watch of the laws that our senators or legislative representatives vote for. If you see a law that needs support or needs rejected, e-mail or call your representative and let them know what you think. Keep track of what your city board and your county commissioners to see what they are doing. See what your local school board is doing. Check on the curriculum and see if it is about learning or, indoctrination. If your children are attending, you need to know what they are learning.

Last, but not least, you need to be praying that these people have the wisdom and discernment to make the decisions they need to make. If the jobs are done right, none of them are easy tasks and your job is just as big as theirs. For too long, we have sat back and not paid attention and look where it has got us. We need to do our job too.

Richard Stahly



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

February 1st

8:00 am

**--HOSTED BY--Community United
Methodist 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

A farmer named Clyde had a tractor accident. In court, the trucking company's fancy hot shot lawyer, was questioning Clyde. "Didn't you say, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine,'" asked the lawyer.

Clyde responded, "Well, I'll tell you what happened. I had just loaded my favorite cow, Bessie, into the..."

"I didn't ask for any details", the lawyer interrupted.

"Just answer the question, ...please. Did you, or did you not say, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine!'"

Clyde said, "Well, I had just got Bessie into the trailer behind the tractor and I was driving down the road..."

The lawyer interrupted again and said, "Your Honor, I am trying to establish the fact that, at the scene of the accident, this man told the Highway Patrolman on the scene that he was just fine. Now several weeks after the accident he is trying to sue my client. I believe he is a fraud. Please tell him to simply answer the question."

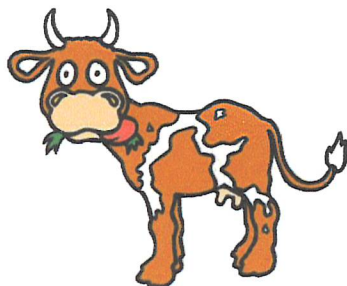
By this time, the Judge was fairly interested in Clyde's answer and said to the lawyer, "I'd like to hear what he has to say about his favorite cow, Bessie".

Clyde thanked the Judge and proceeded. "Well, as I was saying, I had just loaded Bessie, my favorite cow, into the trailer and was driving her down the highway when this huge semi-truck and trailer ran the stop sign and smacked my John Deer Tractor right in the side. I was thrown into one ditch and Bessie was thrown into the other.

I was hurting, real bad and didn't want to move. However, I could hear old Bessie moaning and groaning. I knew she was in terrible shape just by her groans.

Shortly after the accident a Highway Patrolman came on the scene. He could hear Bessie moaning and groaning, so he went over to her. After he looked at her, and saw her fatal condition, he took out his gun and shot her between the eyes. Then the Patrolman came across the road, gun still in hand, looked at me, and said, "How are you feeling?"

"NOW TELL ME, WHAT THE HECK WOULD YOU SAY?"



SMILE & SHINE

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



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