

NEW BEGINNINGS

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Chicken Dinner



YAY

We have had a great response to the survey of Pan-Fried Chicken dinner.

At Grandview Events Center we will be featuring 2 pieces of chicken, mashed potatoes with cracklin gravy, vegetables and a dinner roll with butter. Drinks will also be available

March 16th

We will start serving at 11:00-2:00.

Bring your appetite!

Adults—\$10.00

Children under 8 yrs—\$7.00

To Go's—\$10.00

You must call 308-276-2282 to reserve your plate.

Thank you,
Sabrinna

Sourdough

Class -



Julie Stahly &

Natalie Thiessen will be teaching another sour dough class —

March 15th

From 2:00-5:00.

Focus will be on:

- 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 of bread or focaccia bread home.



Wednesday, March 19TH

5:30—7:00

At Grandview Events Center

Everyone Welcome!!

VILLAGE OF STRATTON

Notice to Village residents please trim or remove trees or branches **prior** to them becoming an interference or threat to the electric system lines. If trees are close to the electric system notify the Utilities Superintendent prior to starting any work. It is unlawful for any person removing trees or branches to disrupt or damage the lines. If trees or branches are not removed by the property owner the Village whenever it becomes necessary to protect the lines or property of the electrical system shall have the power to cut and remove any overhanging branches or limbs

The Village of Stratton is currently accepting applications for Swimming Pool Manager, Assistant Manager and Lifeguards for the 2025 season. Managers must obtain Nebraska Pool Operators Certificate. Lifeguards and managers must be current on certification and CPR/First Aid. Training is reimbursable to successful candidates. Contact the Village Office with any questions or to apply.

Phone: 308-276-2184 or 308-830-2878 Email: tara@strattonnebraska.com

Or stop by: 411 Bailey Street, Stratton



NOTICE TO ACCEPT OFFERS ON THE FOLLOWING SURPLUS PROPERTY: PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

With the help of grants and donations the Village of Stratton has purchased new playground equipment for Pitner Park! We are very excited to have the opportunity to upgrade this area for the children of our community to enjoy. The new playset will be installed at the location of the current playset at Pitner Park.

The old playset has been declared surplus and is sold as is without any warranty of any kind. Offers will be accepted at the Village Clerk's Office 411 Bailey, Stratton, Nebraska until March 17, 2025, at 5:00pm. The Village reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any irregularities in the bidding process. The purchaser will be responsible for organizing the demo and/or removal of the playset by April 1, 2025. Please contact the Village Office at 308-276-2184 with any questions.



I would like to thank the firemen who came to put out a fire on my yard. I am truly grateful to you. May God Bless you.

Becky Faimon



We would like to thank Shawn Hanes and Mike Petersen for getting our electricity back on at 3:00 am, last week when it was below zero!

Thanks guys,
Jerry & Brenda McDonald



**Daylight saving time
starts at 2 a.m. Sunday,
March 9.**



The moose in Maine stays mainly on the loose
The main moose in Maine
Like standing in the rain
Most the moose in Maine
Are glad they're strong and able
And not next to a greasy goose on
Sunday's Dinner Table.

Daniel Brewster

Friendly reminder—March has surprise snowstorms. Thank you to all the school bus drivers that survived the dangerous cold spell.

History Note: A March 26, 1931 spring blizzard brought tragedy to Pleasant Hill near Towner, CO
The **Pleasant Hill bus tragedy** happened on March 26, 1931, near [Towner, Colorado, United States](#), when a spring [blizzard](#) caused the death of five school children and their bus driver, while the rest of the students had to wait 33 hours for rescue. Full story—[Denverpost.com](#).

STRATTON MEDICAL
CLINIC HOURS
Central Time

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!

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- Bill Condon
- Stratton Community Foundation
- Dana Bermel
- Becky Faimon
- Jerry & Brenda McDonald



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



**Join Us For
Breakfast**

**FREE Community
Breakfast
All Welcome**

Christian Union Church

Third Sunday of the Month - March 16th

8:30 am

Stratton Public Library News March 2025

HOURS: MONDAY 12-7 THURSDAY 12-5

New Selections: **Adult:** Five Days in Summer-**Pepper**, Margaret Truman's Deadly Medicine-**Bain**, Rainbow's End- **Hannon**, Dances with Wolves- **Blake**, Family for Carter Jones- **Seymour**, The Silent Patient- **Michaelides**, Invisible- **Buckly**, Town With No Roads- **Siple**, Place Called Wiregrass- **Morris**, Last Letter-**Shoop**, Changing Habits- **Macomber**, The Last Letter from Your Lover- **Moyes**, Overboard- **Parretsky**, Quiet Tenant- **Michallon**, Mother-Daughter Murder Night- **Simon**, Beware the Woman- **Abbott**, Sisters Under the Rising Sun- **Morris**, Spek of the Devil- **Wilding**, Last Sinner-**Jackson**, Edge- **Baldacci**, Bring Me Back- **Paris**, Now You See Her- & The Woman Left Behind- **Howard**, Dumping Billy- **Goldsmith**, Last Exchange-**Martin**, House Party- **Cameron**, Counting Miracles- **Sparks**, Wedding Letters- **Wright**, Return of Ellie Black- **Jean**, The Stolen Hours- **Eskens**, Honest Illusions & Worth the Risk- **Roberts**

First World War: A Complete History, - Gilbert, **Buffalo Trail**- Guinn, **We Were Soldiers once...and young**- Moore, **Walden; On Life in the Woods**- Thoreau, **Under the Wire Cowboy Humor**- Hodgson

Juvenile: The Curse of Ravenscourt, Runaway Friend, Harry Potter Order of the Phoenix, On Point, Night of the Living Dummy, Encyclopedia Brown Shows the Way, Babysitters Club-Logan Likes Mary & Cludia and the Phantom Phone Calls & Mystery #2, Boxcar Children- Castle Mystery & Blue Bay Mystery, Navigating Early Moon Over Manifest, The Land, The Haunted Cabin Mystery, Mystery of the Purple Pool, Mystery of the Lost Village

Easy Children: Get Well Good Knight, Good Night Good Knight, A Cold Winter's Good Knight, Whoever You Are

Coffee and Conversation takes place at the Library every Thursday afternoon from

2-4PM

March on into the Stratton Public Library!

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

John 3: 16,17. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

I believe that it is very difficult for us to comprehend how much God loves us. He created us, put in us the freedom to make choices; we could either do the right thing or do the wrong thing and then He turned us loose. We know instinctively, in our hearts, what is right and what is wrong, but we seem to have a tendency to do what is wrong. We don't have to teach our children to disobey, they do that all by themselves. Our job is to teach them to be obedient and we do it out of love because we don't want to see them grow up and do all the wrong things.

We are in a constant battle; on one side we have Jesus calling us, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." John 8: 12. On the other side we have Satan tempting us and Jesus says, "I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave to sin." John 8; 34. It's a spiritual problem. You wouldn't think it would be hard to walk away from slavery, but we dream up a lot of excuses to do that very thing. We seem to think that slavery is freedom and following Jesus is slavery. We can't do all those fun things like drinking and drugs, fornication and adultery etc. etc. After I made Jesus my Savior I couldn't believe the freedom and peace I experienced. I had known the difference between right and wrong, but it was my right to do what I wanted. Didn't realize what a prison I was putting myself into. I am so thankful that Jesus loved us so much that He sacrificed Himself for us, became our sin, that we might be able to live in freedom. Hallelujah!

Richard Stahly



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

April 5, 2025

8:00 am

--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

Dundy County Stratton Activities Calendar

MARCH 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>"The earth has its music for those who will listen."</i></p>						
2	3 10:24am Southeast Community College Rep Visit 3:00pm Quiz Bowl 6:00pm Play Practice	4 8:00am CPR Training 9:00am Spelling Bee 10:15am Northwest Kansas Technical College Rep Visit 3:00pm Esports vs. Kimball 6:00pm Play Practice	5 8:00am Science Fair	6 8:00am Blood Drive	7	8 8:00am Speech Meet @ Maxwell
9	10 6:00pm Board Meeting 6:00pm Play Practice	11 8:00 am FFA District CDE @ Curtis	12 8:00am Western Regional Science Fair @MPCC-North Platte	13 3:30pm E-Sports 6:00pm Play Practice	14	15
<p>HOSA State Leadership Conference @ Creighton University-Omaha</p>						
16	17 6:00pm Play Practice	18 3:30pm Esports Playoffs 6:00pm Play Practice 8:45am AAPL Testing	19 8:00am District Speech @ Cambridge	20 8:00am Soprano/ Alto Workshop @ Kearney 8:00am Job Shadow Day @ Dundy Co. Hospital 3:30pm E-Sports Practice 6:00pm NHS Induction 6:00pm Play Practice	21	22 8:00am Cheer Tryouts 8:00am District Speech Meet @ Cambridge
23 HS Gym Closed For Front Decorating March 23—March 28	24 6:00pm Play Practice	25 12:00pm RPAC Instrumental Music 3:30am E-Sports Playoffs 6:00pm Play Practice 6:00pm RPAC Concert—Culbertson	26 3:00pm ESU15 HS Quiz Bowl @Southwest	27 3:30pm E-Sports 6:00pm Play Practice	28 8:00am State Speech @ Kearney 11:00am Track @ Southern Valley	29 8:00am UNK All State Class D Band
30 11:00am Post Prom Clean Up	31 6:00pm Play Practice	1 APRIL 9:00am Golf @ Creek Valley 3:30pm E-Sports Playoffs 6:00pm Play Practice	2	3	4	5 7:00am 5th-8th Grade Music Contest @ Arapahoe 10:00am Track @ Perkins Co.

*** All dates and times are subject to change. Please check the DCS School Calendar on the school home page at www.dcschools.org, or FOLLOW us on Twitter-@dcschools #dcschools***



A current scam targeting Americans nationwide involves a text demanding payment for unpaid tolls, federal and state officials warn.

"Whether you've driven through a toll recently or not, you might've gotten a text saying you owe money for unpaid tolls. It's probably a scam," the Federal Trade Commission stated Tuesday in a consumer alert. "Scammers are pretending to be tolling agencies from coast to coast and sending texts demanding money," the FTC cautioned.

The deceit involves texts demanding immediate payments for unpaid tolls, some showing a dollar amount for what is supposedly owed, coupled with a link that takes unsuspecting victims to a page to enter their bank or credit card information, the federal agency relayed.

"Not only is the scammer trying to steal your money, but if you click the link, they could get your personal info (like your driver's license number) — and even steal your identity," the FTC said.

E-ZPass and Tolls by Mail never send texts or emails asking for personal information such as a credit card, birthday, Social Security number or other personally identifiable information, the governor's release stated.

The scams regarding debt for road toll services is nothing new. The FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) last April said it had received more than 2,000 complaints from at least three states regarding road toll collection "smishing" — a combination of "SMS" or "short message service" and "phishing," a term for fraudulent emails that trick people into handing over personal data. "IC3 complaint information indicates the scam may be moving from state to state," the FBI said in a public service announcement.

The fake texts claim the recipient owes money for unpaid tolls and contain almost identical language, and the link within the text impersonates "the state's toll service name, and phone numbers appear to change between states," the

FBI stated.

"Fraud activity continues throughout the nation with scam artists sending fake messages claiming you have an invoice, violation, or a bill from using Minnesota EZPass or another EZPass facility," the state's Department of Transportation said in an alert urging residents to "not reply and delete" such messages.

Tips for avoiding smishing scams:

- Don't reply to text messages from unknown numbers.
- Don't click on links in texts from unknown senders to try to access a website through the text.
- Delete and report the message using your phone's "report junk" option.
- Block the sender's email address or phone number.
- If you are unsure of the legitimacy of a text message, don't engage with the sender.
- Clicking a link may let scammers: gain access to personal information including passwords, credit card numbers, banking PINs, etc., to take out loans or credit cards or perform other fraudulent financial transactions using your identity.



Cell Phones vs Bibles

I wonder what would happen if we treated our Bibles like we treat our cell phones?

What if we carried them around in our purses or pockets?

What if we turned back to go get them if we forgot them?

What if we flipped through them several times a day?

What if we used them to receive message from the text?

What if we treated them like we couldn't live without them?

What if we gave them to kids as gifts?

What if we used them when we traveled?

What if we used them in case of an emergency?

What if we upgraded them to get the latest version?

Isn't this something to make you gohmmm...

Where is MY Bible?

Oh and one more thing...

Unlike our cell phones, we don't ever have to worry about our Bibles being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill!



I Wish I Were a Bear

I wish I were a bear,
If you're a bear, you get to hibernate.
You do nothing but sleep for six months.
I could get used to that.



And another thing; before you hibernate,
You're supposed to eat yourself stupid.
That wouldn't bother me either.

If you're a mama bear,
Everyone knows you mean business;
You swat anyone who bothers your cubs.
If your cubs get out of line, you swat them, too

Your husband expects you to growl when you wake up.
He expects you to have hairy legs and excess body fat.
He likes it.

I wish I were a bear.

IRISH STEW

Ingredients

2 lb boneless, beef chuck roast cut into 1-inch cubes
¼ cup unbleached, all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon black pepper
2 tablespoon olive oil
1 onion finely chopped
½ cup beef broth
1 bay leaf
2 cup baby carrots
4 russet potatoes peeled, and cut into 1-inch chunks

Place the beef cubes, flour, and salt and pepper in a large zip-top bag or bowl. Seal and shake to coat all cubes with flour or stir gently.

In a large skillet, heat oil until shimmering. Add the beef cubes and brown on all sides. Do not crowd meat in pan. Do this in batches if your pan is not large enough to accommodate all the meat at one time. As the meat browns, remove it to crockpot.

Add the onions to the drippings in skillet and sauté until tender. Add the onions to the crockpot.

Stir in the beef broth and bay leaf. Cover and cook on LOW for four hours.

Add the carrots and potatoes and stir gently to combine. Cook on LOW for another two to four hours or until meat and vegetables are tender.

Adjust the seasonings with salt and pepper to taste.

