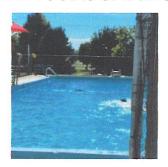
NEW BEGINNINGS

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YAY -THE POOL IS OPENING!!



The swimming pool is planning to open this summer and it is in need of a little TLC. A fundraiser group is working on some great ideas to help off—set the cost. Ideas for fundraising include a bake sale, bingo, raffle of meat and more. Look for these activities in the very near future.

Also, cash donations will be greatly appreciated and can be given to the village office. Any suggestions for fundraising ideas or if you like to volunteer you can contact Deb Clingan at (720) 642-0192.

Some of the ideas we are looking at to purchase would be a pool cover, new benches, tables with umbrellas and pool toys. Thanks so much Stratton Community.

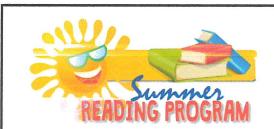


Congratulations to the 2025 Stratton graduates:

Kade Thiessen

Abbigail Lyn Whipple





Summer Reading Program - The theme is Color Your World so be prepared to enjoy many colorfully fun activities the first 4 Monday afternoons in June.

Please call the Library to sign your child up for the program. 276-2463.



The family of Margie Denio is requesting a Card Shower in honor of her 75th Birthday. Margie was born May 25, 1950.

Cards can reach her at Box 312 Stratton NE 69043



Please join the Stratton Area Chamber of Commerce in celebrating the Grand Opening of Johnny Whiskers Outdoors.

Ribbon cutting - Friday, May 16th at 11:00 a.m.

Help Johnny and Jen celebrate their new business in town.

Jonny & Jen will be serving Burgers & Hotdogs 11:30 am to 1:00 pm.

Door Prizes:

- Medium Action Jelly Rod
- Full Auto Water Pistol
- Knife



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ICE & OTHER COOL STUFF

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MINNOWS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

I had a plan: save money

Then I saw plants

Plants saw me.

We locked eyes

Next thing I know money was gone, plant was in my

hand and I had zero regrets.





Dear Residents of Southwestern Nebraska,

We are excited to announce plans for the expansion and renovation of our Rural Healthcare Clinic (RHC) in Stratton, NE. As the CEO of Dundy County Hospital (DCH), I am reaching out to our wonderful community for support in making this project a reality.

Our Stratton Rural Health Clinic has provided essential services to patients of all ages for decades. It is crucial that we continue to focus on providing quality healthcare in Stratton and surrounding areas through excellent, caring providers and staff, in addition to safe and modern facilities. Communities across Southwestern Nebraska continue to grow closer bonds. One milestone that has proven to be mutually beneficial was the addition of Stratton to the Dundy County school district. Bill Zahl, long-time Stratton Industrial Commission Director, businessman, and contributor to countless projects that have benefited the local community, stands united in our mission to improve access to high-quality healthcare in Southwestern Nebraska.

Why This Expansion Matters:

Improved Patient Care: The renovation will allow us to expand square footage, upgrade medical equipment, and create a safer and more comfortable environment for our patients. Improved facilities will also enable us to operate the clinic more days per week.

Community Well-being: A modernized clinic will help attract and retain skilled healthcare professionals in our area, ensuring that we have the expertise needed to address diverse health concerns. It will also foster a sense of pride and well-being in our community, knowing that we have top-notch healthcare facilities right here at home.

The Financial Challenge:

Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) like ours operate on extremely thin and often negative margins, making projects like this difficult to fund. Today, 50% of America's rural hospitals are operating in the red. This is the highest percentage of rural hospitals losing money in the past decade. Access to inpatient care continues to deteriorate as 167 rural hospitals since 2010 have either closed or converted to a model that excludes inpatient care. Between

2014 and 2022, 382 rural hospitals have stopped providing chemotherapy services. This financial reality underscores the importance of community support in maintaining and improving our healthcare facilities.

How You Can Help:

We are seeking to raise \$50,000 to fund this vital project. Your contributions, whether big or small, can make a significant difference. Here are some ways you can support:

Donations: Direct financial contributions can be made to the Dundy County Hospital Foundation, earmarked for the Stratton Clinic expansion. The Hospital Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, meaning that your contributions are tax-deductible. Please email dchfoundation@dchbenkelman.com or call 308-423-4677 to donate. For convenience, donations can also be given to Administration at DCH in Benkelman, NE. These will be routed to the Hospital Foundation as well.

Spread the Word: Share this initiative with friends, family, and local businesses. The more people know, the more support we can garner.

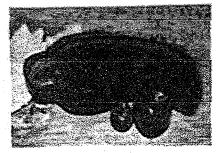
Together, we can ensure that our community continues to thrive with access to exceptional healthcare. Thank you for your unwavering support and commitment to the health and well-being of Dundy County.

Warm regards,

Jeremiah Hanes, Ph.D. CEO, Dundy County Hospital

References

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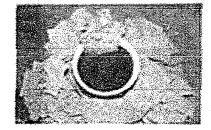
Come Join US!

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Grandview Community & Event Center 903 Bailey St, Stratton NE. 69043 For our annual Homemade Salsa Contest!

Bring Your Homemade Salsa On May 16th Starts @5 pm

Entry Fee; \$6.00 includes meal.



Deadline for entry is May 16, 2025 @ 4:30pm

Prizes: 1st place \$50.00, 2nd place \$25.00, and 3rd place \$15.00 certificate for Stratton Country Market

The first-place winner will be crowned and presented with a trophy for the year. The winner will be required to participate in the Stratton Days Parade in September.

We have four tables available for homemade craft venders to set up.

A meal will be available for Free Will Donation: Taste the entries! Smothered Burritos w/ Spanish Rice Lettuce, tomato, Sour cream

Hosted By Mary Pierson And Mindy Page
For additional information call or text me @ 785-302-0760
Asking for volunteers, if interested in helping please contact me...

Dundy County Hospital's Annual Health Fair

Discounted Health Fair Lab Dates Listed Below:

Patients that have their DCH patient portal setup will receive results when completed. Patients who do not want to set up a portal account or do not have a provider at DCH/QHC can still take advantage of the HF discounted lab draw. These results can be picked up at DCH Medical Records Department 24 hours after their lab draw, or can be picked up the day of the health fair. Our goal is to help patients maintain their health by taking advantage of these low prices, especially if deductibles have not been met.

This cannot and will not be billed to your insurance company or wellness plan.

Schedule your appointment for all locations by calling 308-423-2204.

DCH Health Fair, Friday, May 30, 2025, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM (MT) at the DCS High School 400 9th Av W Benkelman, NE

*Dundy County Hospital

1313 N Cheyenne St.

Benkelman, NE

Wednesday, May 7th, 6:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. (MT)

Wednesday, May 14th, 6:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. (MT)

Wednesday, May 21th, 6:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. (MT)

Wednesday, May 28th, 6:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. (MT)

*Stratton Medical Clinic

903 Bailey St.

Stratton, NE

Thursday, May 8th, 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. (CT)

*Wauneta Care & Therapy Center

427 W Legion St.

Wauneta, NE

Tuesday, May 13, 6:00 A.M. to 8:00 A.M. (MT)

*Haigler at the Golden Inn

217 Porter Ave.

Haigler, NE

Tuesday, May 20, 6:00 A.M. to 8:00 A.M. (MT)

*Trenton Ambulance Barn

333 Main St.

Trenton., NE

Thursday, May 8, 6:00 A.M. to 8:00 A.M. (CT)

Dundy County Hospital 1313 N Cheyenne St. Benkelman, NE 69021 www.dchbenkelman.com

"Caring for Our Community"

Check or cash only please!

Discounted labs include:

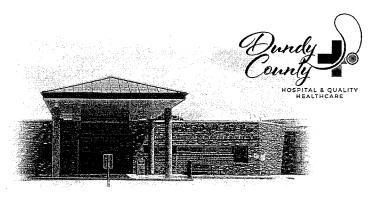
General Health Panel \$50 Included: CBC, CMP, TSH, Phosphorus, Magnesium, Uric Acid, Lipid Profile

PSA (Prostate Cancer Screen) \$15 A1C (Diabetes Screen) \$15

Indicate your preference for receiving lab results from Dundy County Hospital Health Fair by mail upon checking in.

For accuracy of your test results, you will need to fast (nothing to eat or drink except for water) 10-12 hours prior. Dundy County Hospital will collect payment when you come in for your lab draw.

We cannot accept debit or credit cards.





Thank you to the Stratton Country Market for all the wonderful donations towards the Sunday Pan Fried Chicken Dinners.

Our next dates for Sunday Fried Chicken dinners are May 18th and June 1st. Call 308-276-2282 for plate reservations.



FREE BREAKFAST

Every Thursday

At Grandview Events Center

Stratton

7:30—9:00

All Welcome

ARE YOU READY TO PLAY PICKELBALL?!

Pickleball is back for the second year of games at Pitner
Park every Monday at 6pm.
Everyone, of all skill levels, is
welcome! We hope to see you
all there!



—Upcoming Event—

June 7, 2025

Community Wide Garage
Sale

Call Tara at 308-830-2878 by
June 5th to have your sale
advertised. Maps will be
available June 6th at MNB,
Stratton Country Market, Village
Office and posted on Stratton
Facebook page.



Are you interested in local history? Please consider becoming a member of Little House Museum. To join or for more information:

Please contact Janet Felt (308) 276-2360.

Only one property is registered so far. We need some competition for the most improved yard this year! Don't let your yard miss out of getting bragging rights as well as a cash prize!



Most Improved Yard Awards are a recognition of the hard work and pride exhibited by Stratton residents. We are proud to have residents who strive to beautify their homes and neighborhoods in Stratton. This year will be the 3rd annual Most Improved Yard contest.



"House of Hair"

Contact Mary Sandberg

at 308-276-2126

410 Howard Street, Stratton

Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturdays from 9am to 5pm

No need to leave town for your hair needs! The House of Hair has been in operation for 38 years providing service to men, women and children! Call or stop by to schedule your haircut, perm, color, wash & set/ blow-dry."

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"Due to a planned employee retirement, the Village of Stratton is accepting applications for Utilities Superintendent. Please contact the Village Office with any questions or to submit your application. Please share with anyone who might be interested!"

Rhubarb Sticky Buns

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup cold butter, cubed
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 cup chopped fresh or frozen rhubarb, thawed
 BATTER:
- 1/3 cup butter, softened
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 large egg, room temperature
- 1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 cup milk

Directions

- 1. In a small bowl, cut butter into brown sugar until crumbly. Stir in rhubarb. Spoon evenly into 12 well-greased muffin cups; set aside.
- In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg. Combine the flour, baking powder, salt and nutmeg; add to creamed mixture alternately with milk and mix well.
- 3. Spoon over rhubarb mixture, filling cups three-fourths full. Bake at 350° until a toothpick comes out clean, 15-20 minutes. Cool for 5 minutes before inverting onto a serving





Thank you—To all that came to our
Anniversary Party and sent cards. What a
memory it will be with family and friends!
Thank you to our children and grandchildren
for making it happen.

Earl & Margie Denio

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!

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. emailed Articles may be rbernt@gpcom.net. or mailed to MNB Bank, PO Box 367, Stratton, NE 69043. Colored copies of New Beginnings are included on the Village of Stratton web site. Thank you to this month's donors:

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



FREE

Community

Breakfast

All Welcome

Christian Union Church

Third Sunday of the Month - May 18th
8:30 am



Saturday Night from 7-9
Bring your family friendly games
to

Grandview Events Center
Join the Fun

Everyone is welcome!

Thank you so much to everyone who came out Saturday to enjoy the Easter Egg Hunt! And special thanks to Johnny Whiskers Outdoors for their contribution and special treats. It was a great day thanks to everyone involved! Thank you to those who donated to the Easter Egg Hunt:

Mary & Danny Sandberg Chuck & Deb Clingan **Stratton Country Market** Charlene & Tuesday Forch Dale & Laura McAlister Margie & Earl Denio Jane Voss Julia Diehl Byron & Roberta Loescher Rich & Julie Bernt MNB Bank **Stratton Quilters** Dana Bermel Trae & Shaila Latta Johnny Whiskers **Daniel Brewer**





CAN RECYCLING BIN



Need to get rid of your beverage aluminum cans? A recycling bin, sponsored by the Freedom Go Getters 4-H club is located on the lot located across from Farmer's Co-op building in Stratton.

<u>A REMINDER</u> —- Please place <u>ONLY ALUMINUM BEVERAGE</u> <u>cans</u> in the bin—no other aluminum cans as these cans have a special coating in the can that will not be accepted by the collection center in McCook.

Also, PLEASE DO NOT PLACE TRASH in the bin.

Thank you for your help in recycling and supporting our local 4-H club.

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Stratton Public Library News May 2025

HOURS: MONDAY 12-7 THURSDAY 12-5

The Merry Month of May is a Marvelous Month to Visit the Stratton Public Library

New Selections: <u>Adult</u>: Hemlock Island, Known to the Victim, Cold As Hell by Armstrong, Beartown, Us Against You by Backman, Creatures of the Kingdom by Michener, False Witness, Girl Forgotten, Undone, Criminal, Broken, Tripych by Slaughter, What Have You Done? by Lapena, The Revolutionary War by McDowell, Wild West by Brown, Framed by Grisham, Black Echo by Connelly, The Lost Girls of Willow brook by Wiseman, The Final Wish of Mr. Murry McBride by Siple, Lakespur Road by Gregory, Killing Floor & Tripwire by Child, Purple Hibiscus by Adichre, The Godmother's Series - Breaking News, The Scoop, Classified by Michaels, The Wife Upstairs by Hawkins, What We Keep by Berg, I Know What You Did Last Summer by Duncan, The Rogue by Dailey, Orchard Valley Brides, The Heart of Texas & Mr. Miracle by Macomber.

Juvenile: Secret of Sagawa Lake, Not My Dog, Titanic Crossing, The Distant Enemy, Esperanza Rising, Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy, Bounce Back, Shane, Reaching Your Goals.

Reminder to mark your calendars!

Summer Reading Program - The theme is Color Your World so be prepared to enjoy many colorfully fun activities the first 4 Monday afternoons in June.

Please call the Library to sign your child up for the program. 276-2463.

Our 50 Years of Published Books Copyright Challenge is going strong!

We are trying to get books checked out with copyright dates between 1975 and 2025.

We are still trying to get 1975, 1978, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1982, 1985-2000, 2006, 2009, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2020. Come help us out during the month of May.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Last month The Corner was about truth and deception and how we need to be careful and not let deception overtake us. We have just been through the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and was watching a pastor on television as he read a passage of scripture about deception and I wondered about the real cost of the lies. The scripture was; Matthew 28: 11-15. The angel had rolled away the stone that covered the tomb and the Roman guards had fainted; the tomb was empty. The guards told the priests what had happened and the priests paid them a large sum of money to lie and say that the disciples had stolen the body. That story is believed by the Jews even until today. As I heard that scripture, I wondered about the true cost of that deception. Not just the money, but how many souls are there that are not in heaven because of that one lie. The Jews have continued to believe that lie for 2000 years.

Truth is absolute, not relative to the situation. There is an adage that is centuries old that says "All paths lead to God", but Jesus says in John 14: verse 6, "I Am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except by Me." That's really exclusive. Muslims worship Allah, who originally was the moon god Sin, the head god of 360 gods worshiped at Mecca in the Sinai wilderness. Buddhism has no god, it's practices, many inducing pain, are to improve yourself. Hinduism, has so many different things it's hard to describe. As one person described it, it has a caste system, reincarnation and karma. They are the four leading religions of the world. Christianity is the only religion where you don't have to earn your way to salvation. All the other sects, even the ones who call themselves Christian you have to do something extra to get to heaven.

In Judaism the atonement for sin was to give a lamb or goat to the priests, they would slaughter it, sprinkle the blood on the altar and that would cover you for a year, then it had to be done all over again. Then God sent himself as the man Jesus to be the blood sacrifice for the sins of whoever would believe in Him. Romans chapter 10: Vs 9-10, "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." You don't earn your way into heaven. You just need to believe in Jesus. Not with your head, but in your heart.



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

<u>Southwest Nebraska Holiness</u> <u>Church</u>

10:30 a.m.

Sunday School

11:30 a.m.

Church Services

7:00 p.m.

Church Services

Richard Stahly