

NEW BEGINNINGS

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Blessing Box

GIVE WHAT YOU CAN—TAKE WHAT YOU NEED

There is a new blessing box located in front of the Stratton Church of Christ. Anyone who would like to contribute or who is in need is welcome.

•**What is a blessing box?**

"A Blessing Box, sometimes also referred to as a "Little Free Pantry," is a community-supported outdoor pantry that operates on a "take what you need, leave what you can" system. This concept is similar to "little free libraries," but instead of books, they offer essential items like non-perishable food, personal care items, and toiletries."

•**What can I donate?**

- Non-perishable food items:** Canned goods, rice, pasta, cereal, nuts, seeds, granola bars, instant oatmeal packets, dried fruit, cake mixes, soup mixes, shelf-stable milk.
- Baby essentials:** Baby food, diapers, wipes, baby formula.
- Hygiene items:** Toilet paper, feminine products, soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant.
- Warm clothing (in winter):** Socks, mittens, hats, hand warmers, blankets.

•**I'd like to donate, but the pantry is full.**

If the pantry is full, items may be dropped off in the church lobby, just inside the front doors.

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace," Numbers 6:24-26.

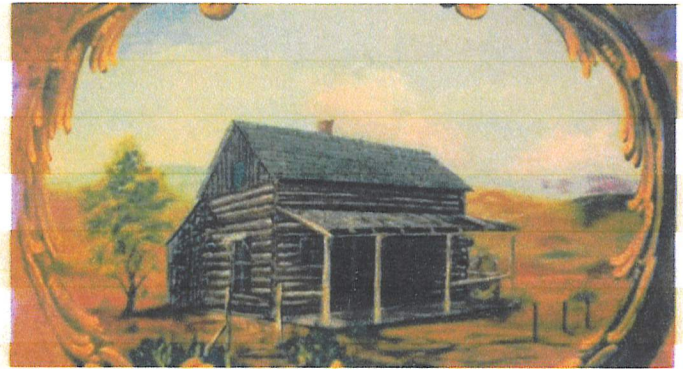
Upcoming Little House Museum Exhibit, Stratton

Theme: "Lumberyard Memories"

Sunday, July 6, 2025

Sunday, July 20, 2025

From 1:00 pm—5:00 pm



Come and see our new displays!

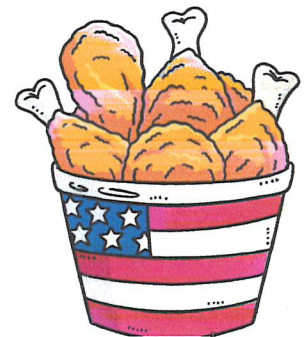
Pan Fried Chicken Dinner

July 6th and July 20th, 2025

At Grandview Events Center 11 am—2 pm

Please call to reserve your plate—308-276-2282. Tell us your name, how many dinners and if you would like white, dark, or mixed meat. Thank you for the great turnout!

We would also like to Thank our volunteers—we wouldn't be able to do the dinner without you. Thank you!!



**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!

FREE



Community

Breakfast

All Welcome

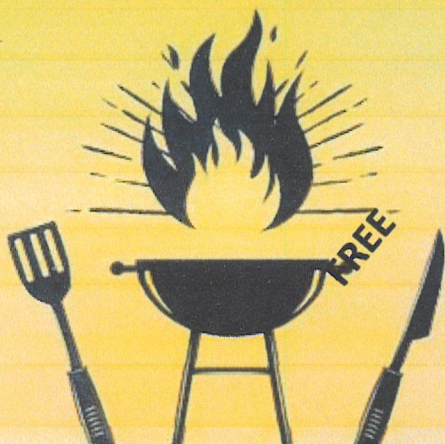
Christian Union Church

Third Sunday of the Month - June 15

8:30 am

DUNDY COUNTY HOSPITAL HOSTS STRATTON CLINIC SUMMER PARTY

**STRATTON
SWIMMING POOL**
911 HOWARD STREET



**THURSDAY
JULY 10TH**
6-8 PM CDT

SUMMERTIME

BBQ & SWIM PARTY

BRING YOUR FAMILIES & ENJOY THE EVENING WITH US!

Free-will donation



Richardson Industries Inc and Construction LLC

Contact Joel Richardson at 308-882-6984 or Richardson.industries14@gmail.com

Hours of operation—Monday through Friday—available on weekends for emergencies

Call for assistance with any of your building needs. They work on water, sewer, gas, electric, irrigation USDA pipelines, feedlot expansions and building construction! Richardson industries is also a storm shelter dealer.

If you are wanting to be part of their expanding team they are currently looking for a qualified Full-time secretary. Email or mail your resume today!



ARE YOU READY TO PLAY PICKLEBALL?!

New time for pickleball— Monday at **6:30 pm**. Everyone, of all skill levels, are welcome! We hope to see you all there!



The new park equipment is up and ready for everyone to enjoy! Stop by the park and play awhile, then go on over to the swimming pool to cool off! Thank you to the Hansen Foundation and [Stratton Community Foundation Fund](#) for making this possible!!



The Stratton Community Foundation Fund would like to congratulate the following individuals on their scholarships, and we thank you for your applications. We wish you the best of luck with the coming school year.

2025 Scholarship Recipients

- Kade Thiessen - \$1000
- Abbigail Whipple - \$1000
- Eduardo Enriquez - \$1000

As always, we would like to encourage those who reside within the original Stratton School District and are continuing their education, to apply for our annual scholarship. Please contact us for more details!

We would also like to acknowledge our recent grant recipients:

- Village of Stratton
Playground Equipment for Pittner Park
- Village of Stratton
Swimming Pool Improvements
- Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)
National Leadership Trip Expenses

For more information about our scholarship and grant requirements, please email strattoncff1994@gmail.com.



Meet for Breakfast

FREE BREAKFAST

Every Thursday

At Grandview Events Center

Stratton

7:30—9:00

All Welcome



Saturday Night from 7-9

**Bring your family friendly games
to**

Grandview Events Center

Join the Fun

Everyone is 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. Articles may be emailed to 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 website.** Thank you to this month's donors:

- Bill Condon
- Stratton Community Foundation
- Mel & Virginia Campbell
- Richard & Delores Stahly
- Bill & Linda Zahl



Thank you to everyone who has donated or participated in the fundraising efforts to help get our swimming pool going this summer. The beef raffle winners were Logan McCorkle and Pat Stehno. Along with the bake sale and other individual donations there was a total of \$1863 raised to go towards upgrades and supplies for the swimming pool this summer. And feel free to keep those donations coming, our wish list for the pool isn't complete yet!

Pool hours:

Mon-Sat. 1:00-5:00

Adult Swim—Monday-Friday 5:00-6:00 pm

Evening Swim—Monday & Saturday 6:00—8:00

Let's Face It

My hair is curly where there is some
My head is shiny where there is none.
My eyes are sore for squinting and scratching.
My ears are shot from shooting and shouting.
My nose knows everything that's cooking or
stewing. It even knows when trouble is brewing.
My voice varies whenever I choose—high to call a
Goose, or low to sing the blues.

Danny

Life is like an Hourglass --

Thank goodness when it gets
turned upside down.

Danny B



THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Mark 9:35; And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of and servant of all". Mark 10:45; "For even the Son of man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

As a boy I looked forward to the 4th of July with much anticipation, because for \$4.95 enough firecrackers, silver salutes, torpedoes, Arial bombs, roman candles and rockets could be purchased to last me all day and into the evening hours. What a day. It was much later in life when I began to realize the real significance of the day. Of the men that signed the Declaration of Independence, about half were lawyers, the others were farmers and merchants, all were well educated, many had families and were considered wealthy. They all knew that by signing this document they were laying their lives on the line. Many did die penniless, their families scattered and killed; they sacrificed much. They believed in freedom from tyranny and loved liberty.

Down through the years many have died to defend that freedom. The civil war was fought to free this country from slavery. World War I and World War II were fought because our leaders knew that if they didn't fight in Europe and Asia that tyranny would eventually try to come here. As we celebrate Independence Day let's remember the reason we are able to celebrate; It takes shed blood to have freedom. Many of us take our freedom for granted, but remember, you always have to fight to keep it. God gave us this country so we could worship in freedom. He gave us His Son Jesus, who shed His blood that we could be free from sin and Satan's temptations. Don't let us forget!

Richard Stahly

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

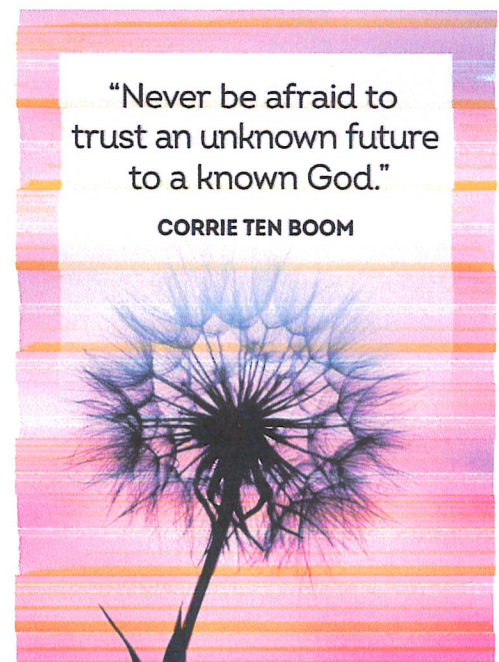
11:00 a.m. Church Services

Southwest Nebraska Holiness Church

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

11:30 a.m. Church Services

7:00 p.m. Church Services



Stratton Public Library News July 2025

HOURS: MONDAY 12-7 THURSDAY 12-5

New Selections: **Adult Fiction** : Vanishing Edge by Kells, Bitter Past by Borgos, Only Survivors by Miranda, You Don't Own Me by Clark, The Art of Mending & Home Safe by Berg, Spring Came on Forever by Aldrich **Adult Nonfiction**: Next Day by Melinda French Gates, Pearl Harbor Story by William Rice, The Winter of 1890 Wounded Knee by Don Huls, Great Photographs of WW II by Readers Digest

Juvenile : Pizza Pie Slugger, Pictures of Hollis Woods, Homecoming, Stepping on Cracks, Thief Lord

Picture Books: Micawber, Best Friends, Mole Music, Pigs Aplenty, Pigs Galore

Summer Reading is ending for 2025! We had 12 kids sign up for the Monday Activities and 5 Young Adult readers. Each week brought different activities connecting to the Color Our World overall theme. Week One: Colors and Emotions, Week Two Camouflage, Week Three Eating a Rainbow of Colors for Your Health, and Week Four water party and ice cream floats were enjoyed by the summer readers. Watch for the results and more details from this wonderful summer program in next month's New Beginnings.

Mark your calendar for next year! Activities take place each Monday in June. Kids aged 4-6th graders are welcome. Young Adult program for the older kids.

Fifty Years of Published Books challenge will be concluding soon. We only have 1983, 1986, 1989, 1992, 1993 left to have covered the past 50 years!!!! Come check out a book from one of those years to get your name into the drawing for a prize.

