

NEW BEGINNINGS

August 2025

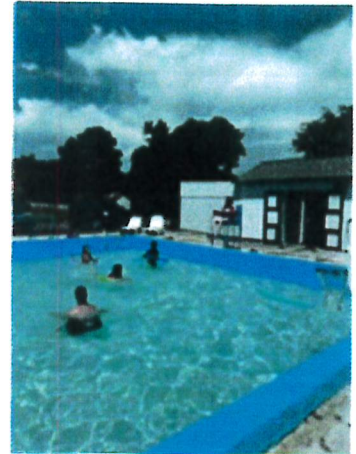
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IT'S THE END OF THE SEASON POOL PARTY to recognize our amazing staff and all the swimmers who supported our pool this season.

WHEN: August 16th from 2:00 to 4:00

WHERE: Of course our POOL!



Hot dogs, baked beans, chips, watermelon, drinks and dessert.

And, to add to the fun, there will be games for the kids and adults beginning at 3:00. There will be some fun prizes.

Plan on seeing you all at the pool one last time this season. I know we are already looking forward to next season.

Happy Anniversary



The family of Kerry & Cindy Krutsinger are pleased to announce Kerry and Cindy's 60th Wedding Anniversary **August 22**. Greetings and cards can be sent to the Krutsinger's at 154 Struthers Place, Seward, NE

Woman of Stratton Community

Beginning in October, the Stratton area churches will host a Women's Prayer Breakfast and short devotion.

—Starting October 18 at the Christian Union Church at 9:00 a.m.

Each month a different church will host and the rotation will be announced in the New Beginnings. This will continue once a month through May. All are Welcome. Please Come.

Questions call: Lenay Johnson: 308-529-8572



WELCOME ABOARD!

You may have noticed a new face working around town for the Village of Stratton. We have hired a new Utilities Superintendent, Justin McCorkle, to take over for Mike Petersen when he retires (again). We have been so grateful to Mike for stepping up and filling in while we searched for the best candidate to fill the position. Mike has been with the Village three different times for a total of over 22 years and will be training Justin with as much information as he can pass on before he leaves. Justin has lived in Stratton for the past two years and seems very excited to help make Stratton a great community to live in. If you see Justin around give him a wave and welcome him to his new position in the community!



Johnny Whiskers Outdoor
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- Batteries

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****Tune In & Chill Out**

- Speakers & Radios – Bring the party wherever you go
 - Ice – Keep it cool all day long
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**STRATTON MEDICAL
CLINIC HOURS**
Central Time

Mon, Wed, Fri—Closed

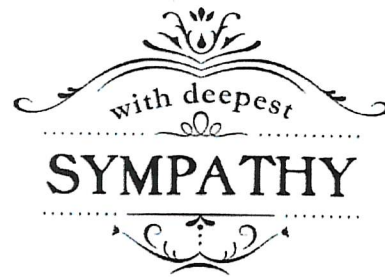
**Tuesday—10:30 am—12:00 pm
1:00 pm— 4:30 pm**

Thursday—2:00 pm—4:30 pm

Sat—Sun—Closed

Call for an appointment—(308) 423-2151

Walk-ins Welcome!



Our condolences to the
family and friends

Connie Rooney

Clint Lalonde

**Upcoming Little House Museum Exhibit,
Stratton**

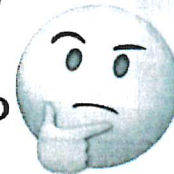
Theme: Variety Music

Sunday, August 17th

From 1:00 pm—5:00 pm



Is it just me
or did June
and July
last like
5 minutes?



Stork Report

Trever and Bryce Borchard are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Kysen Ray. Kysen was born July 24th at 2:29 pm, weighing 7 pounds 13 ounces and 20 inches in length. He joins big brother, Khallen Nash.

Grandparents are Jenny Jones and John Steen of Stratton and Karmen and Jeremy Borchard of Benkelman and Kent Jones of Maxwell. Great-grandparents are Pam Potthoff of Trenton and Peg and Ed Borchard of Benkelman.

Stratton Public Library News August 2025

HOURS: MONDAY 12-7 THURSDAY 12-5

New Adult Selections: Pro Bono by Perry, Missing Pieces , The Hidden Things, & The Weight of Silence by Gudenkauf, Last Day & Shadow Box by L.Rice, I Will Ruin You by Barclay, Strangers in Time by Baldacci, Saint Justice by Grist, Behind Her Eyes by Pinborough, One by One by R. Ware, Sycamore Gap by Ross, Lock Every Door by Sager, Two Good Dogs by Wilson, Lady's Mine by F. Rivers, At First Sight by Nickless, On the Line by Michaels, The Last Letter by Yarros, A Death in Cornwall by Silva, Zookeeper's Wife: A War Story by Ackerman, Local Woman Missing by Kubi-ca , Readers Digest World War II .

Juvenile Selections: Around the World in Eighty Days, American Girl: Shadows on Society Hill, Life As We Knew It, Confectionately Yours Save the Cupcake, 13 Gifts, Small Steps, Cowboy Ghost, Rescue Josh McGuire, Lemony Snicket: Slippery Slope & The Grim Grotto

Easy Selections: I Am a Big Sister, Mouse Shapes, I Went Walking, Tower: Story of Humility.

Are there any interested preschool kids that would like to attend a Storytime at the library?

If so, please give me a call at the library during hours at 276-2463.



You are braver than you
believe, stronger than you
seem, and smarter than you
think." — A.A. Milne

Stratton Public Library Summer Reading Program

Color Your World summer reading program found the kids incorporating color through different means of learning. The first week kids learned how emotions and colors work together. They made paint blown color monsters after reading The Color Monster and then built monsters from rice Krispie bars while discussing emotions. The next week found the kids learning how animals use camouflage as prey or predator. They enjoyed the book Secrets of Animal Camouflage. They had to go on an M&M hunt through a camouflage habitat and hunt for hidden moths throughout the library. Then came the fun of building a camouflage trail mix. Week three involved reading the book Eating the Rainbow. They connected pictures to a poster showing which part of the body benefits from different colors of foods. This was followed by making fruit waffle pizzas and doing an experiment with M&Ms to make a beautiful rainbow. Week four was the annual celebration of reading. The kids enjoyed a water party and root beer floats.

A total of 169 kids books were checked out and the Young Adults read a total of 3102 pages!

The students learned slug facts as they moved their slug down the path for each book read during the month. We had a good attendance during the month, and the kids are still checking out books! Coupons to be used at local businesses as well as prizes for their reading accomplishments were awarded at the end of the Summer Reading Program.

Top Prize Winners: PreK-K ...1st Bella Bohochik , 2nd Philip Hedrick, 3rd Warren Renfro

1st -2nd ...Harrison Renfro, 2nd Krewe Riener, 3rd Jana O'Obyrne

3rd -6th ...1st Rylan Arthur Young Adult...Joslyn Kollmorgen

I would like to thank the parents for taking time in their busy summer to get the kids to the Summer Reading Program. Keeping your children reading during the summer months is a precious commitment to helping them retain their reading level once school starts back up. Let's see our parents using the library and setting a strong example of books and literature for their watchful children. A child that sees reading as role modeled by all family members builds a sense of the value of books and reading as a lifetime skill.



THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Ephesians 6: 11-13. "Put on the armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."

As Christians, when we make Jesus our Lord and Savior, He gives us a peace that never leaves us. We are His and through His word He gives us all the tools we need to do battle with the enemy and the enemy is Satan and his demons. In the next few verses of Ephesians He describes the armor that we can take up and how to use it so we don't succumb to Satan's temptations.

We need to know our enemy and we need to know ourselves so we can be successful in our journey through life with Jesus. In the Old Testament, in the book of Ezekiel, Chapter 28, verses 12 thru 19, there is a description of Satan and we find that he is a beautiful cherub, the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty, covered with precious stones and having musical timbrels and pipes in him. His downfall was pride in himself, so he was cast out of heaven and he took a third of the angels with him. He is not the red imp that you see in the cartoons, but a beautiful angel who rages and hates God so much he is trying to tempt you and me and everyone that he can into sin, so he can take us to hell and God can't have us. In Revelation 12 he is also described as a dragon who was trying to destroy Israel so the Messiah (Jesus) would not be born. He accuses us and lies about us before God day and night and whispers in your ear that you have not been forgiven.

You need to know yourself and you need to know your enemy if you are going to protect yourself. Know your weakness so you can guard against the temptations that he puts before us. In the New Testament in the book of Romans, Chapter one, there is a list of the sins that we fall with, and we all have our weak spots. We probably know what they are, but sometimes we get caught off guard. The Bible and prayer are our offensive weapons to do battle with and we need to be familiar with both. We have a God that loves us very much, so much that He gave His Son for us and His Son defends us day and night. Rejoice!

Richard Stahly



A new Bible study for ladies will begin on **August 26th at 7:00 PM**, held **every two weeks** at **Christian Union Church** in Stratton, Nebraska. The focus of this study will be on the **Holy Spirit**.

All ladies are welcome to join in this time of faith and fellowship.

Church Worship Service Schedule

Comm. United Methodist Church

10:00 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

No-Bake Salted Caramel Cookies*

****Ingredients:****

- 2 cups granulated sugar
- - 3/4 cup butter (1 1/2 sticks)
- - 2/3 cup evaporated milk
- - 3.4 oz instant butterscotch pudding mix
- - 3 1/2 cups quick oats
- - Dash of salt, to taste
- - 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- - 1/2 cup toffee chips
- Sea salt flakes, for sprinkling

****Instructions:****

1. Prepare a baking sheet by lining it with parchment or wax paper. Measure out your quick oats and set them aside. Place the chocolate chips in the freezer to keep them firm for later.
 2. In a medium saucepan, combine the sugar, butter, and evaporated milk. Bring this mixture to a rolling boil over medium heat, stirring frequently, and let it boil for about 2 minutes.
 3. Remove the saucepan from heat and quickly stir in the instant butterscotch pudding mix, salt, oats, toffee chips, and chilled chocolate chips. Mix everything together until fully combined.
 4. Using a spoon or cookie scoop, drop dollops of the mixture onto the prepared baking sheet.
 5. While the cookies are still warm, sprinkle a pinch of sea salt flakes over each one. The salt perfectly balances the sweetness and adds a lovely texture.
- Let the cookies cool and set at room temperature for at least 15–30 minutes before enjoying.

One step can start
a journey.

One song can change
a moment,

One smile can start
a friendship,

One hug can lift a soul,

One candle can wipe
out darkness,

One life can make a
difference,

One word can start
a prayer.

One hope will lift a spirit,

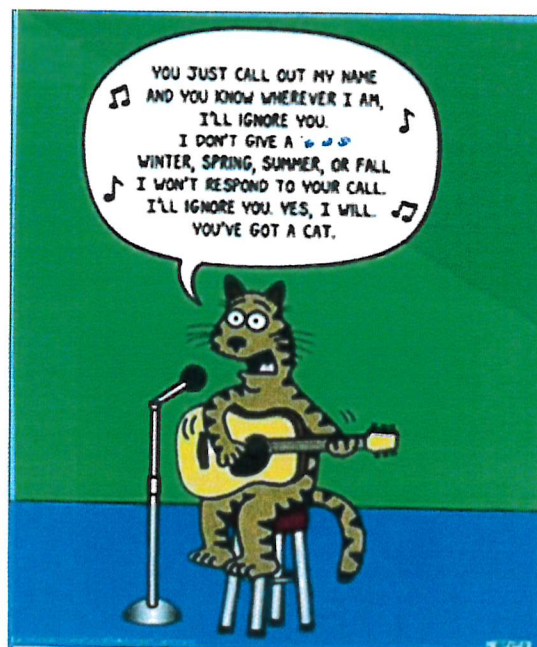
One touch can show
you care.

Be that one today...



Krewe Riner earned prize money at Summer Reading Program and instead of buying treats wanted to donate to the Stratton Volunteer Fire & Ambulance.

"Atta Boy Krewe for your generosity—we are proud of you!!"





Meet for Breakfast

FREE BREAKFAST

Every Thursday

At Grandview Events Center

Stratton

7:30—9:00

All Welcome

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



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

Grandview Events Center

Join the Fun

Everyone is welcome!

PICKLEBALL

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



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