

NEW BEGINNINGS

April 2026

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EASTER SCHEDULE

—Chamber of Commerce

-Saturday, April 4—Easter Egg Hunt—1:00 pm @ Pitner Park

—Christian Union Church—Friday, April 3—Good Friday Service—7:00 pm

-Sunday, April 5—Easter Sunday Service—10:45 am



—St Joseph Catholic Church

-Thursday, April 2—Liturgy of the Lord's Supper @ Stratton—7:00 pm

-Saturday, April 4—Easter Vigil Mass @ Stratton—8:30 pm

-Sunday, April 5—Easter Sunday Service @ Stratton—8:30 am

-United Methodist Church

-Friday, April 3—Good Friday Service—7:00 pm

-Sunday, April 5—Easter Sunday Service—10:00 am

-New Hope Church of Max , Nebraska—Sunday, April 5—Easter Sunrise Service—7:30 am CDT

—Grandview Events Center— Sunday, April 5—Easter Sunday Fried Chicken Dinner—11:00-2:00

****Call by Saturday at 5:00 for reservations, 308-276-2282. Leave a message for white or dark meat. All proceeds go to the Stratton Medical Clinic parking lot.**



Community Meal

April 15th at Grandview Events Center

5:30—7:00

All Welcome

Please note: This will be the last Community Meal until September.

NOTICE TO ACCEPT OFFERS ON THE FOLLOWING SURPLUS PROPERTY:

2009 Honda Big Red UTV

Said property shall be sold pursuant to law, sealed bids shall be received until April 20, 2026 at 10:00am. Items sold as is without any warranty of any kind. Said sealed bids shall be delivered to the Village Office located at 411 Bailey, Stratton, Nebraska. Said sealed bids will be opened at 10:30am on April 20, 2026. Said sealed bids shall be on the following terms:



1. The successful bidder shall be notified of the Village's acceptance of the bid at the Village Board Meeting starting at 7:00 pm on April 20, 2026.
2. The successful bidder shall pay for and make arrangements to pick up item by April 30, 2026.
3. The Village reserves the right to reject any and all sealed bids and to waive any irregularities in the bidding process.

Please contact Justin at 308-340-0149 or visit the Village Office for viewings or additional details on condition of operation.



Thank you to the community for supporting Lakeview Lodge, Inc. through the benefit pancake feed on March 18th. Your generosity helped the lodge purchase a much-needed riding lawnmower, and we are truly grateful.

A special thank you as well to the following volunteers who helped us pull off the pancake feed—we couldn't have done it without you: Larry Unruh, Sherry Terwilliger, Rich Bernt, Tom & Teri Faimon, Kent & Marilyn Lorens, Wyatt and Ariana Latta.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO BRUCE CAMPBELL,
WINNER OF THE STRATTON COUNTRY MARKET
DRAWING.**

VILLAGE STREET REPAIRS

The Village of Stratton wishes to inform residents and local businesses that scheduled **street repair and maintenance** will begin soon. The contractor will be Figgins Construction out of Red Cloud, NE.

We ask that residents PREPARE to remove any vehicles or equipment that are parked on the following streets. The start date will be determined by the contractor and information will be posted as soon as we have more detailed information.

Nebraska Avenue from Howard to Hitchcock

Scarber Avenue from Beaver to Bailey

Railway Street from Bailey to Bristol

Railway Street from Bristol to Howard

Bristol Street from Hamilton to school driveway

Hamilton Street from Bailey to Bonner

Barton Street from Railway to Howard

Once armor coating has been completed on a street, the street will be open for normal use.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work to improve our village's infrastructure. For updates or more information, please contact Utilities Superintendent Justin

McCorkle at 308-340-0149 or Clerk Tara Hedrick at 308-276-2184.

Please watch for more information and start dates posted on Village of Stratton Facebook page or www.strattonnebraska.com.



Our condolences to the
family and friends of

**Loren Egle
&
Mariquit "Kit" Ellis**

Stratton Public Library News April 2026

HOURS: MONDAY 12-7 THURSDAY 12-5

Share the Love of Reading and make another life richer in so many ways!

New Adult Selections: Pieces of Her- Slaughter, The Killing Hand-Holm, The Perfect Marriage & The Perfect Divorce- Rose, Crossroads- Box, Truth of Dare- Krentz, Heaven and Earth Grocery Store- McBride, Evil Bones- Reichs, Exit Strategy- Child, South of Nowhere- Deaver

Non-fiction: Challenger: the true story- Higginbotham, Welcome Home- Wicks, 3:16 The Numbers of Hope, Live Loved & Before Amen – Max Lucado

Juvenile Selections: Jim Ugly, Each little Bird That Sings , A Dog Called Kitty, The Magic Finger

Easy Selections: A Field of Horses, Bremen Town Musicians, Cottontails, Oh the Things You Can Do That Are Good for You, Easter Egg Farm, Eggs Mark the Spot, Earth Day,

Joke books: Little Critter's Joke Book, Very Nice Mice Joke Book, Wild West Riddles and Jokes, Rib Ticklers, The Silliest Joke Book Ever

Unearth a Story is the theme for the Summer Reading Program!

The program will run during the month of June with activities on Mondays

Please give the library a call if your child plans on participating this summer.

Ages 4 – young adult

276-2463

Having a count of the number of kids and their ages helps me get things planned.

Coffee and Conversation is happening at the Stratton Public Library every Thursday from 2:00-4:00. Stop in for a few minutes or stay the whole time.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

2nd Thessalonians 2: 6-8. "And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming."

The mystery of lawlessness; It began when Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit and has continued ever since that time. Man can't seem to keep his hand out of the cookie jar and if it wasn't for the Holy Spirit it would be a lot worse. There will come a time when the Holy Spirit will be taken away and sin and lawlessness will be much worse. It will be the time of the tribulation and the Bible tells us that Christians will be gone. In that time of tribulation people can and will be saved from eternity in hell, but they will be martyred for their faith in Jesus. The Good News is, as I write this, Easter is just around the corner and we will be celebrating the death and resurrection of Jesus. If you accept Him as your Lord and Savior you don't have to worry about going to hell when you die. Then you need to share your salvation with others. If you found out that you had terminal cancer and were suddenly healed with a new medicine, would you tell others that had cancer about the new medicine? It's the same way with salvation, only that's about living for eternity in heaven instead of spiritual death in hell forever. Remember Easter is about the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ, not a rabbit that lays boiled eggs.

Richard Stahly

Women's Prayer Breakfast

April 18th—9:00 am

Host: Christian Union Church

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

April 4—8:00 am

Hosted by Church of Christ

May 2nd—8:00 am

Hosted by Methodist Church

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

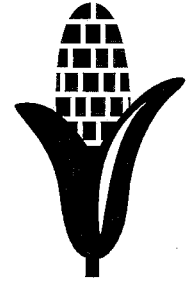
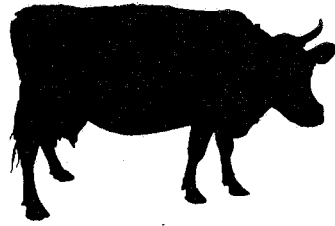
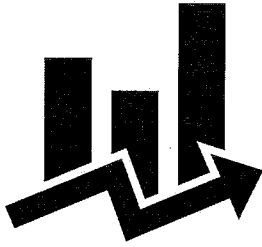
11:00 a.m. Church Services

Southwest Nebraska Holiness Church

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

11:30 a.m. Church Services

7:00 p.m. Church Services



HOW TO GIVE BACK TO YOUR HOMETOWN

... it doesn't always have to be cash

When asked to make a gift to support the causes near to our hearts, most of us wouldn't hesitate to reach for our wallets. When it comes to making a larger gift, however, thinking beyond cash can help us make an even greater impact on the communities and causes we care about ... not to mention provide tax benefits.

Here are ten assets for outright charitable giving (that don't involve writing a check):

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| 1. IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER | 5. REAL ESTATE |
| 2. APPRECIATED STOCKS OR MUTUAL FUNDS | 6. CLOSELY HELD STOCK |
| 3. GRAIN | 8. COLLECTIBLES (AND OTHER TANGIBLE PROPERTY) |
| 4. LIVESTOCK | 10. PAID-UP LIFE INSURANCE POLICY |

For more information on these and other tax-wise charitable giving solutions, visit:
Nebcommfound.GiftLegacy.com



Stratton Community Foundation Fund
PO Box 5, Stratton, NE 69043

MEET OUR FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE!

Our advisory committee meets on the third Sunday of each month to review grant applications and evaluate the long-term goals for the Fund.

Dustin Ladenburger, *Co-Chair*
Lisa Fox, *Co-Chair*
Rachel Lorens, *Treasurer*
Ashley Stehno, *Secretary*

Brad Forch
Austin Jensen
Brian Kollmorgen
Jen Moore

Sandy Renfro
Terra Riggs
Ann Sutton

Learn more and donate: www.nebcommfound.org/give/stratton-community-foundation-fund

FRIED CHICKEN DINNERS

EVERY 1ST AND 3RD SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH

GRANDVIEW EVENTS CENTER

11:00—2:00

CALL BY SATURDAY AT 5:00 FOR RESERVATIONS,
308-276-2282. LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR WHITE OR
DARK MEAT AND HOW MANY OF EACH.

\$10.00 PER PLATE

Proceeds go to the Stratton Medical Parking Lot



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
- Sabrina Morgan
- Janet Nelson
- Bill Brott

Blessing Box

Located in front of the Church of Christ

Take what you need, leave what you can. Donations may include—Non-perishable food items: Rice, pasta, cereal, nuts, seeds, granola bars, instant oatmeal packets, dried fruit, cake mixes, soup mixes.

Baby essentials: Diapers, wipes, baby formula. Hygiene items: Toilet paper, feminine products, soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant. Warm clothing: socks, mittens, hats, hand warmers, blankets.



Saturday Night from 7-9
Bring your family friendly
games to
Grandview Events Center
Join the Fun

SMART HEALTH: TOOLS FOR MANAGING HYPERTENSION



Are you living with hypertension (HTN) or high blood pressure?
Are you concerned about developing HTN or caring for someone
with HTN?

This course is for you!

*Join us for a FREE 4-week series aimed at improving
Hypertension management.*

Topics include: basics of hypertension control, nutrition, physical
activity, tobacco cessation, medication management, stress
management, and creating action plans for success.
You will receive class materials at the first session!

*Class size is limited!

When?

Thursdays:
May 7, 2026
May 14, 2026
May 21, 2026
May 28, 2026

What time?

9:30-11:30am CT

Where?

Stratton Public Library
411 Bailey St
Stratton, NE 69043

Register by April 24 via QR code, or by calling the
Hitchcock County Extension office at 308-334-5666.



Baleigh Lashley, Nebraska Extension
Mary Castillo, Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department



Stratton Medical Clinic

NOW OPEN **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**



Dr. Lori Stonehocker, D.O.

Tuesday's

10:00 AM to 4:00 PM (CT)

Closed 12:00 to 1:00

Walk-ins Welcome



Laken Vrbas, APRN

M - W - Th

8:00 AM to 4:00 PM (CT)

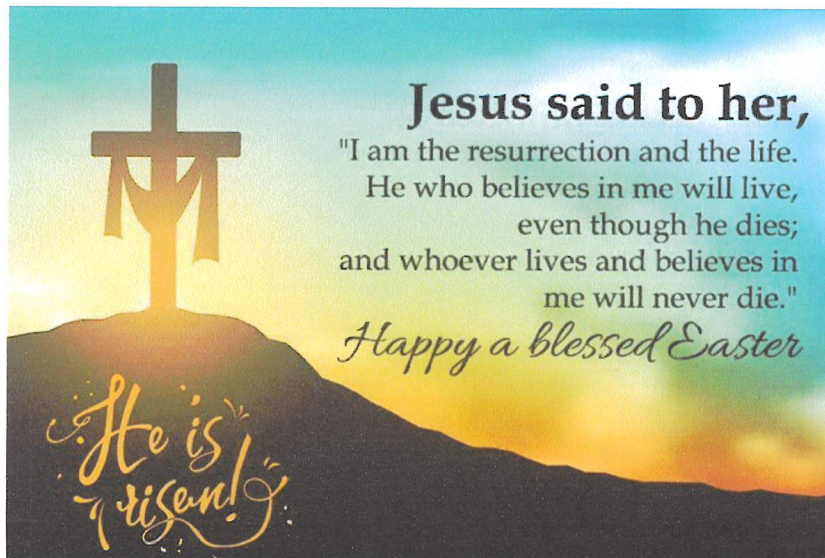
Call to schedule your appointment:

308-423-2151

903 Bailey St.

Stratton, NE., NE 69043

www.dchbenkelman.com



APRIL 2026



SUNDAY

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THURSDAY

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SATURDAY

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NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK

9:00 am Golf @Benkelman Golf Course

9:00 am Track @DCS

TBA Senior picture

9:00 am JH Track @DCS

7:00 am FFA - Ag Ed Dairy Tour @McCarty Farm
8:00 am Art Paint-In
8:00 am JH Music Contest @Cambridge

NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK

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8:00-1:30 pm 7th-8th Job Shadow Day at Dundy County Hospital
1:15 pm Elem & JH Quiz Bowl @Southwest
6:00 pm Board Meeting

8:00 am 11th grade ACT
12th grade Seminar
9:00 am Golf @Enders

9:00 am JH Track @Perkins County
12:00 pm Senior Luncheon @Methodist Church

8:00 am 7th NSCAS
8:30 am Golf @Arrowhead Meadows Golf Course - Curtis

8:00 am 8th NSCAS
8:30 am Track @Sutherland

State FBLA @Kearney - Younes Center

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9:00 am Track @CCS
10:00 am Golf @Pheasant Run Golf Course - Grant
12:07 UNL Engineering College Rep

NO SCHOOL IN SERVICE
9:00 am JH Track @Chappell

8:00 am District Music @CCS
11:00 am Track @Lexington

8:00 am RPAC Golf @Arrowhead Meadows Golf Course - Curtis
9:00 am JH Track@CCS

Promenade 5:00-6:00 pm
Dinner 6:30-8:00 pm
Dance 8:30-11:30 pm

Prom Night

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12:00 - 3:00 am Post-Prom

4:00-8:30 pm FFA Officer Interviews

9:00 am Golf @Oshkosh Country Club
6:00 7-12 Spring Music Concert @High School

4:00-5:00 pm Senior Open House @Pinnacle Bank

9:00 am RPAC Golf @Arrowhead Meadows Golf Course - Curtis
9:00 am JH Track@CCS

9:00 am District Music @CCS
11:00 am Track @Lexington

Prom Night

