

NEW BEGINNINGS

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BE PART OF THE SEPTEMBER 26, 2026
STRATTON DAY'S CELEBRATION!

We are preparing the official Stratton Days Schedule of Events, and we want to include all activities taking place during the celebration.

If your organization, club, business, church, community group or individually are planning an event, fundraiser, tournament, or other activity, please submit your event information to Tara at the Village Office or Shaila at MNB.

Please include: Event name, time, location and brief description.

Please submit your information as soon as possible so the schedule can be completed and shared with the community.

The Stratton Public Swimming Pool will remain open during its normal hours of 3:00 to 8:00pm, through Tuesday August 11th.

Weather permitting, we'll extend the season with the following additional hours:

Thursday August 13: 5:00 to 8:00pm

Fridays- August 14, 21 & 28: 5:00 to 8:00pm

Saturdays & Sundays- August 15-16 & 22-23: 3:00 to 8:00pm

Saturday August 29- Midnight Swim! 3:00 to 12:00am

Sunday August 30- Final Day of the 2026 season 3:00 to 8:00pm

END OF SEASON

POOL

Party!

AUGUST 29

3:00 – 6:00 PM

★ **KIDS GAMES!** ★

FUN FOR EVERYONE!

FOOD & TREATS!

-  SLOPPY JOES
-  MAC N CHEESE
-  CHIPS
-  DRINKS
-  DESSERT

**GOOD
FRIENDS,
GOOD FOOD,
GOOD TIMES!**



**MIDNIGHT
SWIM!**

**STAY FOR THE FUN
AS WE SWIM
INTO THE NIGHT!**

**LET'S MAKE A SPLASH
BEFORE THE SEASON ENDS!**

★ **COME HUNGRY. COME READY TO PLAY. COME READY TO SWIM!** ★


Sunrise Corner Café
GOOD FOOD. BRIGHT STARTS.

FRIDAY NIGHT
Pizza Night

EVERY FRIDAY ★ 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

— TAKE & BAKE ONLY —

Freshly Prepared • Ready to Bake at Home!

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CHOOSE FROM THREE GREAT VARIETIES!



FOUR CHEESE



PEPPERONI



SUPREME

14"
PIZZAS

\$19.99 EACH



CALL IN OR STOP BY TO PLACE YOUR ORDER

≡ BETWEEN 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ≡

≡ 308-206-7462 ≡

Skip the prep—we'll do it for you.

— Just bake and enjoy! —



101 Howard St., Stratton, NE

2026 Stratton Public Library Summer Reading Program

Unearth a Story was in full action at the Stratton Public Library during the month of June.

Week One: Study on soil layers and earthworms. After closely examining the different soil types, earthworms were examined and observed making for a wiggly wonderful exploration. Readers made a soil layer snack topped with gummy worms. Scientist Badges were made by the “official scientists” to continue in the Unearthing Activities!

Week Two: Study on dinosaurs and features that helped them survive. Readers danced using dinosaur movements then designed a dinosaur with selected features. All enjoyed making dinosaur bones using pretzels and marshmallows and cheesy tortilla dinosaurs.

Week Three: Our Paleontologists enjoyed dancing to the Dinosaur Stomp before moving into the fossil dig and unearthing some awesome dino fossils. After such great success with the fossil dig, they tried their expertise at snack time by excavating chocolate chips from cookies.

Book Reading Enjoyment included: Dirt-Scoop on Soil, Dirt Jump into Science, Wonderful Worms, Mad about Triceratops Trex, Fossils Tell Stories, Here We Go Digging for Dinosaur Bones along with a variety of fiction dinosaur books!

Week Four: Our summer reading program concluded with our traditional water party! The celebration included mud painting, digging for earthworms in the dirt, water relays, splash games and a whole lot of giggles and laughter.

Dino chicken nuggets, dino toes (bugles), strawberry volcanoes and lava punch were enjoyed by all.

14 Readers took part in the Stratton Summer Reading program at the library. There was a total of 216 books read during the program! Bella Bohochik and Philip Hedrick were the top two readers. Book prize winners were Harrison Renfro and Henry Cameron. I was super impressed to see the kids still checking out books even with the Summer Program concluding.

Two Young Adult readers read a total of 2372 pages. Rachel Kollmorgen read 1591 pages and Joslyn Kollmorgen reading 781pages. Way to read girls!

Remember to keep reading for the rest of the summer! There just may be an extra treat for those who continue to read.



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HOURS: MONDAY 12-7 THURSDAY 12-5

When the heat of summer grabs you just grab a book and READ!

Adult Selections: **Five:** Bannister, **Capture or Kill:** Flynn, **One by One:** Ware, **First Sign of Danger:** Armstrong, **Purgatory Ridge,** **Apostle's Cove,** and **Lightning Strike:** Kruegar, **Hidden Pictures:** Rekulak, **The Kindness of Strangers:** Kittle, **The Memory Library:** Storey

Non-fiction: **Shameful Silence-What You Don't Know about Domestic Violence:** Lazano

Children's: **Magic Treehouse Dinosaurs Before Dark** and **The Knight at Dawn,** **Unicorn Academy:** Isabel and Cloud, Ava and Star, Scarlett and Blaze, and Sophia and Rainbow. **Graphic Novels:** **Babysitters Club** and **Babysitters Little Sister,** **Three Brave Women**

Juvenile Fiction: **Bound for Oregon,** **Kentucky Straight**

Non-fiction: **Fainting Goats and Other Weird Mammals**

We are always excited to have new or returning patrons at the Stratton Public Library!

If it has been a while since you have come in PLEASE come check us out!

THE MORE YOU
READ
THE MORE THINGS YOU WILL
KNOW
The more you
LEARN
Oh the places you'll
Go!

WELCOME
»— back to —»
SCHOOL

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

We are living in a difficult time. We are in a war with Iran, a country that, had they obtained a nuclear bomb or two they would have tried to destroy us and our ally Israel. We have people within our own country that are sympathizing with the enemy and would like to see us defeated. As a country we slipped up and let our schools be taken over by a bunch of people that have destroyed the history of this country and have been teaching socialism. We let them take Jesus out of our schools and have replaced Him with perversion and transgenderism and Johnny has two mommies. I can pray, but that's about all I can do.

There is a prophetic news program named "Flashpoint, headed up by a man named Gene Bailey. It comes on Roku, Victory Channel, Rumble and YouTube, at 7PM week- nights. It's a great program and they have chapters all over the country teaching people how to run for different offices, school boards, city boards county offices, etc. If we want to save this country, we are, first-of-all, to turn to Jesus. Second, pray for our government and our country. I truly believe that the only thing that is going to save this country is turning to Jesus and being His servant. That is what happened in the 1700s and that is what is going to have to happen now. Pick up your Bible and go to work.

Richard Stahly

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

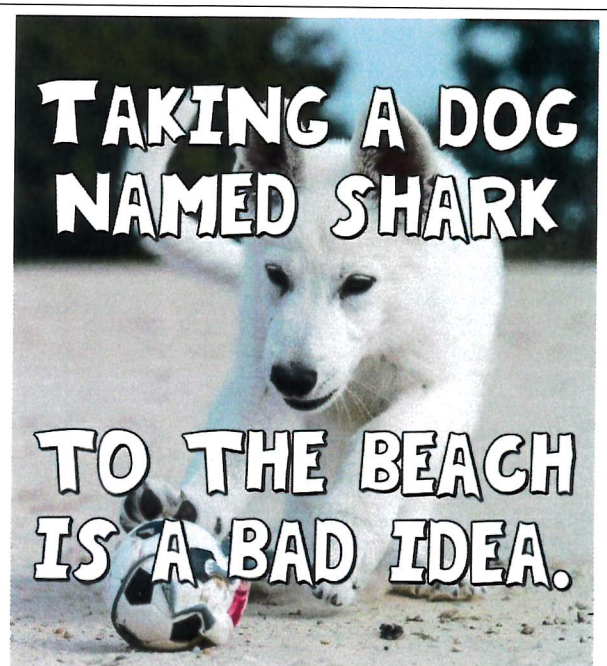
Church of Christ

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Church Services

Southwest Nebraska Holiness Church

10:30 a.m. Sunday School



Join Us!



DUNDY COUNTY CANCER WALK



GRAND PRIZE
DRAWING!



*Together, we can
make a difference!*



*You could
be the
lucky
winner!*



WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 23, 2026



DUNDY COUNTY HOSPITAL
1313 N CHEYENNE ST. • BENKELMAN, NE
REGISTRATION BEGINS ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE HOSPITAL



5:00 PM PRE-REGISTRATION BEGINS



5:30 PM GUEST SPEAKER
Jeanne Hansen, Cancer Survivor
An inspiring message of hope.



FOLLOWED BY WALK
Join us as we walk together in support
of local area cancer patients.



AFTER THE WALK REFRESHMENTS & COOKIES
We'll end back at the hospital
with treats and fellowship!



FOLLOWED BY DRAWINGS & GRAND PRIZE DRAWING
Multiple prize drawings and the
Grand Prize Drawing for one lucky winner!



Everyone is welcome!



WANT TO JOIN OR PURCHASE
A T-SHIRT?

T-shirts are available for \$30.
Orders end Friday, September 4.
See our separate T-shirt flyer for details.



PLEASE NOTE

Must be 19 years or older to be
included in the drawings.
Purchase a T-shirt or pay the equivalent
amount to be entered.



**PIGLEE
WIGLEE**
will also be joining us
WITH THEIR DELICIOUS
MEAT!



All proceeds benefit the
Dundy County Cancer Fund,
administered by the
Dundy County Hospital Foundation.
Used to help patients of Dundy
County Hospital & Quality
Healthcare Clinics.



Every step we take brings hope.

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



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Berkelman, NE

STRATTON
903 Bailey St.
Stratton, NE

WALNETA
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Waneta, NE

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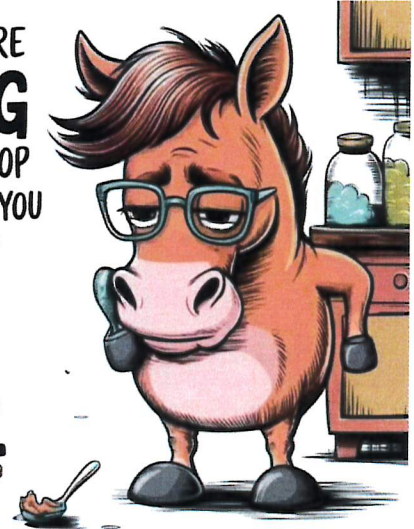
Our condolences to the
family and friends of
Philip Goodenberger
Susan Sis
Gary Beavers

Be Part of the Sweetest Parade Ever!

This year's Fall Festival Parade is stepping into **Candy Land**, and we want YOU to join the fun! Create a float, decorate a vehicle, gather a walking group, or dress up as your favorite candy themed character.

Gumdrop Mountains, Peppermint Forests, Lollipop Woods — let your imagination run wild. Help us make this parade colorful, creative, and unforgettable!

WHEN YOU'RE
YOUNG
AND YOU DROP
SOMETHING, YOU
**JUST
PICK
IT UP.**



When you're older and you drop something, You
stare at it for a while, wondering if you actually
need it anymore.

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



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 Center
Parking Lot



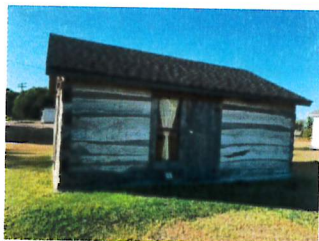


Saturday Night from 7-9
Bring your family friendly
games to
Grandview Events Center
Join the Fun

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LITTLE HOUSE MUSEUM



Open the **1st and 3rd Sundays**

1:00–5:00 PM in August

Step back in time and explore our community's history. **New items—
Enjoy our vintage newspapers
dating from 1936 – 1970.**

Come visit, discover, and enjoy an afternoon at the Little House Museum.

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.