

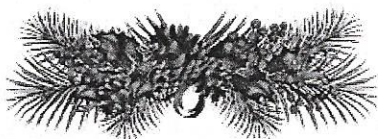
NEW BEGINNINGS

December 2019

Volume 28, Issue 7



**HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
GRANDMA'S TREASURE CHEST
DECEMBER 14TH
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**



Christmas Time in Stratton

Sat. Dec. 7—Craft & Vendor Show
at Grandview 4:00—8:00 p.m.

Sat. Dec 7—Little Village Daycare
Holiday Open House & Supply
Drive 4:00—8:00 p.m.

Fri. Dec 13—MNB Open House
11:00-2:00 pm CST

Sat. Dec 14—Open House at
Grandma's Treasure Chest 10:00—
4:00 p.m.

Sun. Dec 22—Southwest Nebraska
Holiness Church—Stratton—
Christmas program during morning
service.

Sun. Dec. 22nd—Christmas
Appreciation & Holiday Soup
Supper. Visit from Santa,
Drawings—V.M. Hall 5:00—7:00 pm
CST.

Tues. Dec. 24—Community United
Methodist Church—Stratton—
Christmas Eve Service in Stratton
6:30 CST. Benkelman -
Christmas Eve Service - 7:00 pm
MST **A Live Nativity will be on
display at the Benkelman Church
one hour before the Christmas Eve
Service.

Tues. Dec 24—Christian Union
Church—Christmas Eve Service—
6:00 pm CST

**Happy 80th
BIRTHDAY**

The family of Harold Potthoff wishes to honor him with a card shower to celebrate his 80th birthday. Cards of well wishes may be sent to Harold at:

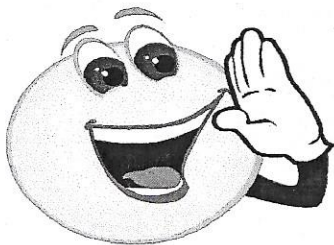
35807 Drive 358
Trenton, NE 69044

A Grandview Christmas
Come enjoy a night out in small town Stratton.

- ◆ **Soup & Cinnamon Rolls**
- ◆ **Local Craft & Food Vendors**
- ◆ **Door Prizes**
- ◆ **Live Music**

December 7th from 4-8 pm CDT
At 903 Bailey Street in
Stratton, NE

Come and go as you like!
Local People Supporting Local Businesses



A shout out to Greg & Denise Willhite and their helpers for hosting the Thanksgiving Day Dinner and Silent Auction. Great food and fellowship—THANK YOU.

ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

We are asking you to support the Community Fund Drive with a donation to our annual drive.

Each year funds from the drive assist the organizations in our community and without donations from individuals and businesses like you, this would not be possible. Donations help sustain our organizations and benefit our community.

We are counting on your support. Volunteers will be going door-to-door or packets will be mailed enabling you to contribute.

*The committee would like to **THANK** everyone for your support of the Community of Stratton.*

Our condolences
to the family &
friends of:

Doris McDonald
Ila League

Stratton Area Chamber of Commerce Christmas Sponsored Events
Christmas Appreciation & Holiday Soup Supper

Sunday, December 16th

At VM Hall—Stratton



5:00-7:00 pm Soup Supper

6:00 p.m. Santa Arrives

6:30 p.m. Drawing for prizes

-must be present to win

Santa Bucks

You can earn Santa Bucks by making purchases at Stratton merchants until Friday, December 20. You earn one ticket per \$5 spent up to \$100 per business per day. The prize drawings will be held on Sunday, December 22 at 6:30 pm; you must be present to win. Prizes include gift certificates from the Chamber to use at any local merchant (who then turns it into MNB Bank-Stratton for cash). Please sponsor our local businesses!

Outdoor Lighting Contest

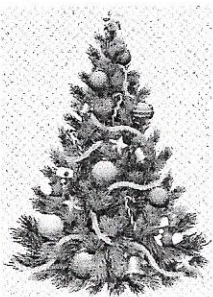
Judging will be Friday, December 20, 2019.

Prizes will be awarded for three categories—religious, most decorated and unique.

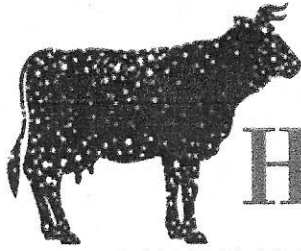


Caring Tree

Ornaments are available at MNB—Stratton after December 4th. The tree is located inside the Bank. Please return gifts prior to December 19th.



The Stratton Area Chamber of Commerce wishes everyone a Blessed Christmas and a Joyous New Year



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Order Now for delivery starting December 12th

Thank you so much for everyone's support of our business! We appreciate all the kind words & referrals to your family and friends.

Winter Delivery starts December 12th so you can have fresh, local beef for Christmas dinner or give a box as a thoughtful gift.

Gift certificates, special Christmas Gift Boxes, 30# boxes, standard quarters, & custom halves/whole available.

Dry-aged, grain-finished, restoratively-raised, all-natural Nebraska beef.

Nationwide shipping available and will arrive by Christmas if ordered by December 14th.

Upcoming deliveries: SPRING in March 2020 & SUMMER in June 2020

Order easily at www.HeritageAcres.net or just give us a call: 308.340.0408.

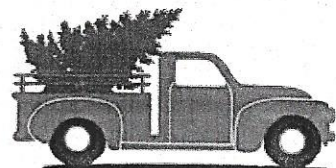
Thank you for choosing our family's farm to be your local source for beef. We LOVE raising it for you!

With Gratitude,
Chris & Paula Sandberg
& family

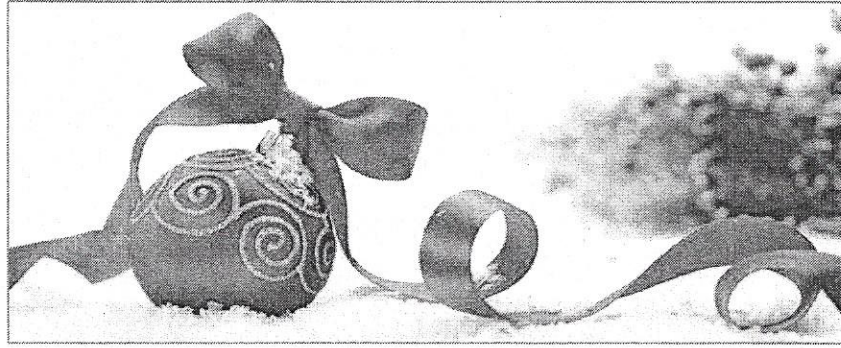
Follow us on Facebook & Instagram: @HeritageAcresFarm

Please Help

Stratton Businesses Owners: The Stratton Area Chamber of Commerce is looking for donations for prizes for Santa Bucks winners. Please contact a Chamber member to donate.



Noel



*Little Village Daycare
Holiday Open House & Supply Drive!
Saturday, December 7
4:00 – 8:00 PM
(during “A Grandview Christmas”)*

Stop by to check out the daycare and the new improvements made possible by local grants and YOUR donations!

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*Holiday Supply Drive Information*

As a non-profit daycare, we can always use a boost!  
See below for a list of supplies we regularly use and check out our  
Wish List on Walmart’s “Registry for Good”!

<https://www.walmart.com/registry/registryforgood/db1a14e0-5c80-4f09-af8b-b89f5e2b53a9/view>

- \*Paper Towels \*Toilet Paper \*Facial Tissue \*Grocery Store Gift Cards \*Stamps  
\*Ziploc Bags \*Dish Soap \*Hand Soap \*Clorox Wipes \*Disinfectant Spray \*Batteries

Donations may be dropped off at the Daycare, Grandview or MNB Bank!

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From the bottom of our ♥s, THANK YOU for your support!!

Burger Baskets and More!

308-276-2155

Dine in/Take out

Beer-Cocktails-Wine (On Sale/Off Sale)

December 2019

Daily Specials

Sunday - Fried Chicken, Potato(Varies) Vegetable, Roll & Side Salad

Monday - Lasagna, Vegetable, Garlic Toast & Side Salad

Tuesday - Closed

Wed. - Hot Beef Sandwich, Mashed potatoes w/Gravy & Side Salad

*Thurs. - Country Fried Steak, Mashed potatoes w/Gravy, Vegetable,
Side Salad & Roll*

Friday - Shrimp, Vegetable, Baked Potato or Sweet Potato Fries, Side Salad & Roll

Sat. - Meatloaf, Potato (Varies), Vegetable, Side Salad & Roll

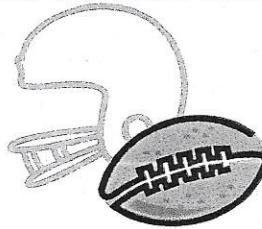


Handmade Pizza's

Friday and Saturday evenings 4:00-8:00pm

We also offer Take and bake all day... every day!

**Join us this season in watching the
Huskers Football Games!!!**



**Business Hours 11:00am-8:30pm Daily
(Closed Tuesdays)**

**We will be Closed
Wednesday December 25 2019
In Observance of Christmas**



New Years Eve at Grandview

Dinner at 6:00

Chili and Cinnamon Rolls
(No lunch will be served that day)

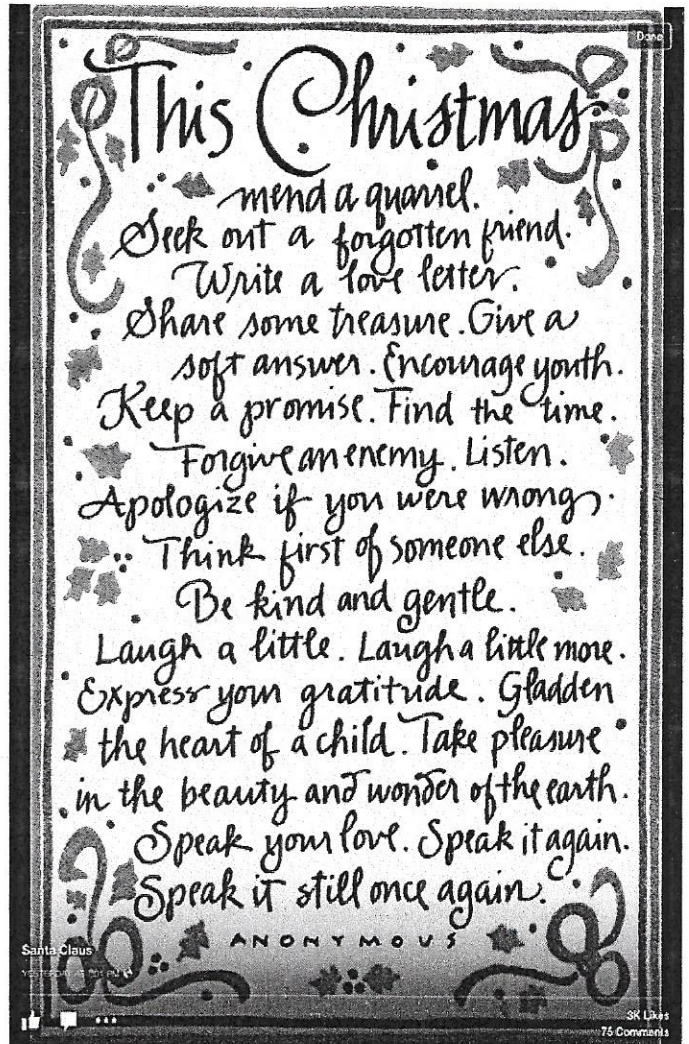
Bingo—Prizes

Gun Raffle:

Henry Golden Boy 17 HMR

1 Ticket—\$5 or
5 Tickets for \$20

For more information please call
308-276-2661



Stratton Quality Healthcare Clinic Hours:

Providers subject to change

Monday-Closed,

Tuesday: Dr Stonehocker- 10:30-12:00 & 1:30-4:30 CT

Wednesday: Jennifer Leiting- 9:00- 12:00 & 1:00-5:00 CT

Thursday: Dr. Jose Garcia-9:00 -12:00 CT

Friday: Closed

For appointments outside of these dates/times please call Quality Healthcare Clinic in Benkelman at (308) 423-2151



THE GIFT THAT GIVES FOREVER

We know you are asked to contribute to many worthy charitable causes, especially this time of year. We hope you will consider supporting the Stratton Community Foundation Fund's unrestricted endowment, an account that is helping our hometown address emerging needs, embrace new opportunities, and prepare for the future.

3 REASONS TO GIVE:

1. It's the gift the truly keeps on giving. A gift to Stratton's unrestricted endowment never stops giving. While Stratton Community Foundation Fund grants out a portion of the income earned by the endowment each year, the principal—and your gift—is never touched.

2. There may be tax advantages. You can put your assets to work with tax-efficient charitable strategies. Our affiliation with Nebraska Community Foundation allows donors the ability to give gifts of securities, real estate, retirement assets, ag commodities, and more.

3. You can help make Stratton even better. Every year Stratton Community Foundation Fund awards meaningful grants to local worthy causes and projects. Our Fund exists for one purpose: to make life in Stratton even better.

FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Betty Golding (308) 340-2310
Pat Egle (308) 276-2390
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Ann Sutton (308) 276-2691
Dustin Ladenburger (308) 276-2659
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Lisa Fox (308) 276-2318
Jane Voss (308) 276-2172



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

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

Stratton Community Foundation Fund is an affiliated fund of Nebraska Community Foundation.



Keep your holiday shopping merry and bright with an early gift from the Federal Trade Commission: tips to help you watch your wallet, shop wisely, and protect your personal information.

Make a list and a budget. Those impulse purchases (looking at you, cozy sweater) are less tempting when you have a game plan. Consider how much you're willing to put on your credit card, and how long it might take to pay it off. If money's tight, paying for a gift over time through layaway might help.

Do your research. Read reviews and recommendations about the product, seller, and warranties from sources you trust. If you're shopping online, check for reports that items were never delivered or not as advertised. Spreading holiday cheer by donating to charity or a crowdfunding cause? Look into it first to make sure it's legitimate.

Look for the best deals. Check out websites that compare prices for items online and at your local stores. Remember there may be shipping costs for online orders. Look for coupon codes by searching the store's name with terms like "coupons," "discounts," or "free shipping." To save extra money, keep an eye out for rebates.

Keep track of your purchases. Make sure the scanned purchase price is right, and save all your receipts. If you shop online, keep copies of your order number, the refund and return policies, and shipping costs. Then have your packages delivered to a secure location or pick them up at a local store. Treat gift cards like cash and keep them in safe place.

Give gifts, not personal information. Protect yourself online by shopping only on secure websites with an "https" address. Stick to shopping apps that tell you what they do with your data and how they keep it secure. Avoid holiday offers that ask you to give financial information - no matter how tempting. They might be trying to steal your identity.

The Village of Stratton is working to control Feral Cat population in town. Part of our efforts are to use live animal traps to capture feral cats and relocate them to a rural resident. However, these efforts are useless when the population continues to grow at a rapid rate.

The behavior of cat owners must be addressed in order to get the overpopulation problem under control. The number of feral cats would be significantly lower without careless or irresponsible pet owners who either purposely or inadvertently allow their unaltered cats to roam free or 'dump' them. Also, the potential for unaltered cats to reproduce in exponential numbers when supplied with a sufficient food source is staggering.

We recommend for your pets to be spayed or neutered to prevent them roaming or adding to the feral cat population.

We are asking the community to help eliminate the overpopulation of feral cats by limiting their food supply. Feral cat colonies thrive where there is a human-supplied food source and eliminating the source will limit the population. Make sure trash containers are closed and secure and do not feed feral cats. If you feed your pets outside make sure their food is protected and limit the amount of food to prevent food being left for feral cats to eat.

As a reminder Ordinance 93.10 states:

It shall be unlawful for any person to hinder, delay, or interfere with a police officer or animal control officer who is performing any duty enjoined upon that person by the provisions of this chapter or to break open, or in any manner directly or indirectly aid, counsel, or advise the breaking open, of the animal shelter, any ambulance wagon, or any other vehicle used for the collecting or conveying of animals to the shelter.

Please help the Village of Stratton to control the overpopulation of feral cats in the area and keep our own pets safe and prevent the effects of feral cats from becoming a larger problem. If you have any questions please contact the Village Office at 308-340-0149.

Stratton Public Library News

Adult Fiction

Against All Odds by Steel
Hunter's Moon by Caputo
The Night Fire by Connelly
Winter In Paradise by Hilderbrand
The Guardians by Grisham
The 19th Christmas by Patterson
Robert B. Parker's Buckskin by Knott
Lethal Agent by Flynn
Wolf Pack by Box
Bloody Genius by Sandford
A Mrs. Miracle Christmas by Macomber
Noel Street by Evans
Blue Moon by Child
A Minute To Midnight by Baldacci



Non Fiction

Sam Houston & The Alamo Avengers
By Brian Kilmeade
Murder, Lies, And Cover-ups by Gardner
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Behind The Scenes

Juvenile Fiction

Tales From A Not-So-Best Friend Forever by Russell
Clara & Clem Under The Sea by Long
Backyard Campout by Nolen
A Wish To Be A Christmas Tree by Monroe
Humphrey's First Christmas by Heyer

"Come join the cool characters that you love.
Have the adventures to new places through the pages."

Thank you to this
month's donors:
Melissa Dailey
Susan Ladenburger
Anonymous



Thank you! Thank you!

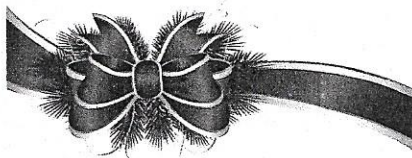
To everyone who came to the Thanksgiving Dinner up at Grandview and all the good food that was brought. What a great turn out with Great people in a great community. A special thank you to Earl Denio, Penny Jolly, Donita Clark & Rodger Crow for all the extra you all put into making this day a success—it couldn't have happened without all of you.

I also want to thank everyone who stuck around and cleaned up with us, thank you.

Thank you to ALL the Silent Auction donators, this was a hit!

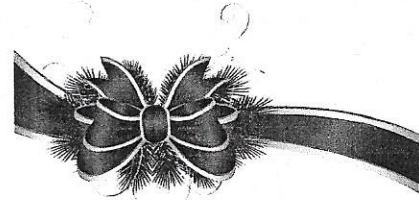
Thank you to Grandview for the use of the Center, Kitchen, the extra tables and chairs.

All the proceeds collected will be presented in a check to the EMT/Fire Department on the 14th of December 2019.



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 either Penney Walter or Julie Bernt. Articles may be emailed to rbernt@gpcom.net. Thank you to this month's donors:

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Jerry & Brenda McDonald
Scott & Peggy McDonald
Nancy Fasano
Julia Diehl & Family



We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Randall Raile family for their recent donation to the Hitchcock County Senior Center at Grandview in Stratton. It is through the generosity of people like you that organizations like ours are able to continue to provide our services to the local communities.

Hitchcock County Senior Center at Grandview Board of Directors

I wish to thank my dear family for having a birthday card shower to help me celebrate my 95th birthday. I also want to thank my friends, near and far, for the beautiful cards that I received. It was so much fun opening the cards and I appreciated the loving thoughts.

May God bless each of you with good health and happiness. My love to you all.

Julia Diehl

Dundy County Stratton Activities Calendar

DECEMBER 2019

November 2019

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fri	Sat
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

January 2020

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fri	Sat
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 5:45 pm CTSO Food Pantry Scavenger Hunt 6:00 pm Cheer Practice	3	4 SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKES	5 1:00 pm Wrestling @ Maxwell HS 6:00 pm Stratton Elementary Christmas Concert	6 12:00 pm Wrestling @ Elwood 6:00 pm GBB V Tournament @ Kimball vs. Kimball 7:30 pm GBB V Tournament @ Kimball vs. Kimball	7 District One Act @ Sidney TBA G/BBB V Tournament @ Kimball
8	9 State Mock Trial Competition @ Lincoln 4:30 pm G/BBB JV vs. Chase County 6:00 pm Cheer Practice	10 Cattle Trail Tourney @ McCook Community College 2:30 pm DCS Girls vs. Arapahoe 7:00 pm DCS Boys vs. Decatur Comm @ McCook Community College	11	12 4:00 pm Girls JH BB @ Perkins County 7:00 pm Benkelman Elementary Christmas Concert	13 2:00 pm Wrestling @ NP St. Pals Cattle Trail Tourney @ TBA 2:30 pm DCS Girls vs. TBA @ TBA-McCook Sr. High OR MCC 7:00 pm DCS Boys vs. TBA @ TBA-McCook Sr. High OR MCC	14 Cattle Trail Tourney TBD DCS Girls vs. TBD @ TBA-McCook TBD DCS Boys vs. TBD @ TBA-McCook
15	16 2:00 pm Girls JH BB vs. Southwest @ McCook 3:00 PM JV G/BBB @ McCook 6:00 pm Cheer Practice	17 Rawlins County Basketball 5:00 pm G/V & B/JV @ Rawlins County 6:30 pm G/JV & B/V @ Rawlins County	18	19 TBD JV Wrestling @ McCook HS 2:00 pm JH G/BBB vs. Wauneta 6:00 pm HS Christmas Concert	20 End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester Teacher After School In-Service	21 9:00 am Wrestling @ Sutherland 4:00 pm G/BBB JV/V @ Perkins County
22	23	24	25 Merry Christmas!	26	27	28
No School: December 23 to January 5— Christmas Break						
29	30	31	January 1 2020 Happy New Year	2	3	4 3:00pm G/BBB JV/V @ Wauneta

All dates and times are subject to change. For current information check the School Calendar on the dcsingers.org web site. Follow us on Twitter and Facebook. #dcsingers

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

The bible is the number one best selling book of all time. It is the most accurate history book since the beginning of mankind. God created this world, this universe, out of nothing. He spoke it into being. He created us, men and women in his likeness and he gave us free will, to either follow him or to follow Satan. He created Satan, a beautiful angel who wanted to be above God, so he rebelled. God threw him and a third of the angels who rebelled with Satan out of heaven and earth is where they landed (Isaiah 14:12-15, Rev. 12:7-9). They go about trying to tempt us into sin so we will rebel against God.

In the Jewish religion in the Old Testament, the redemption for sin was a blood sacrifice. You brought an animal to the temple once a year to be sacrificed for your sin. It had to be done every year. So God sent his son Jesus, once and for all time, to be a blood sacrifice for all mankind. All we have to do is confess that he is our Lord and that God raised him from the dead, and we will have eternal life with Him.

This month we celebrate the birth of Christ. We give each other gifts; some are superfluous, some are sacrificial. We celebrate in some strange ways, too. A man in a red suit, a sled and eight reindeer. Commercial promotions. Competition with house decorations, etc. I find it odd that we celebrate his birth more than we do his bloody death on a cross and his resurrection, the very act that saves us to eternal life. When Easter rolls around let's celebrate---that through his death and resurrection we will live forever.

Richard Stahly

Church Worship Service Schedule

Comm. United Methodist Church

9:00 a.m. Church Service
10:15 a.m. Sunday School

Christian Union Church

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Church Service
7:00 p.m. Deeper Life Hour

St. Joseph Catholic Church

8:30 a.m. Mass

Church of Christ

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Church Service

Southwest Nebraska Holiness Church

10:30 am Sunday School
11:30 a.m. Church Service
7:00 p.m. Church Service

Saturday Night Launch

7:30 p.m.
Held at Church of God— 202 Main
St. Trenton
308-340-5274 or 737-0901
experiencelaunch.com



Believe

Hitchcock County Senior Center @ Grandview Fundraiser - December 2019

Orders may be called in or delivered to the office (308) 276-2661

Customer Name	Phone Number	Address	City

	Price	Quantity	Total
Rolls: 1 Dozen			
Cinnamon Rolls - Frosted (Peanut Butter or Regular)	\$ 15.00		
Carmel Pecan Rolls	\$ 15.00		
Pizza - Take'N'Bake			
<u>Small (12 in.) - Single Topping</u>			
Beef	\$ 10.00		
Pepperoni	\$ 10.00		
Sausage	\$ 10.00		
Cheese	\$ 10.00		
<u>Small (12 in.) - Specialty</u>			
Supreme - Beef, Pepperoni, Sausage, Onions, Peppers, Mushrooms, Black Olives, Cheese	\$ 13.00		
Meat Lovers - Beef, Pepperoni, Sausage, Cheese	\$ 13.00		
<u>Large (16 in.) - Single Topping</u>			
Beef	\$ 14.00		
Pepperoni	\$ 14.00		
Sausage	\$ 14.00		
Cheese	\$ 14.00		
<u>Large (16 in.) - Specialty</u>			
Supreme - Beef, Pepperoni, Sausage, Onions, Peppers, Mushrooms, Black Olives, Cheese	\$ 17.00		
Meat Lovers - Beef, Pepperoni, Sausage, Cheese	\$ 17.00		
Grand Total			

*Please make checks payable to Hitchcock County Senior Center upon delivery or pickup.







Contact Hitchcock County Senior Center @ 308-276-2661 with any questions.

Hitchcock Co. Senior Center Lunch Menu @ Grandview

December - 2019

Call 276-2661 by 10:30am each day to reserve your meal.

Milk is available upon request for home delivered meals

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	No Noon Meal	Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit & Dinner Roll	Cream Cheese Chicken Enchiladas, Refried Beans, Side Salad & Apple Crisp	Waffles, Breakfast Casserole, Hashbrowns, Vegetable Juice & Fruit	No Noon Meal	A Grandview Christmas 4-8 PM 
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	No Noon Meal	Teriyaki Chicken, Sauteed Vegetables, Side Salad, Rice & Fruit	Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli Cauliflower & Grape Salad, Fruit & Dinner Roll	Pizza, Side Salad & Apple Snicker Salad	No Noon Meal	CARD PARTY 7:00PM 
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	No Noon Meal	Swedish Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Red Cabbage, Fruit & Dinner Roll	BBQ Pork Sandwich, Potato Salad, Baked Beans & Butterfinger Banana Split	<u>Birthday Meal</u> Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Fruit & Dinner Roll	No Noon Meal	CARD PARTY 7:00PM 
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	No Noon Meal	CLOSED 	CLOSED	No Noon Meal	No Noon Meal	CARD PARTY 7:00PM 
29	30	31				
	No Noon Meal	No Noon Meal				CARD PARTY 7:00PM 

Special Events

FROGS will be every Tuesday and Friday @ 10 AM
Dec. 7th - A Grandview Christmas Vendor & Live Music Event from 4-8 PM

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