

# NEW BEGINNINGS

January 2020

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## VILLAGE OF STRATTON

### REMINDERS

ATV/UTV Licenses are due annually. Please bring proof of insurance and \$25 permit fee to Village Office to complete the application.

Dog Licenses are also due annually. Please bring proof of rabies vaccination and \$5 license fee to the Village Office to complete the application and get your 2020 dog tags.

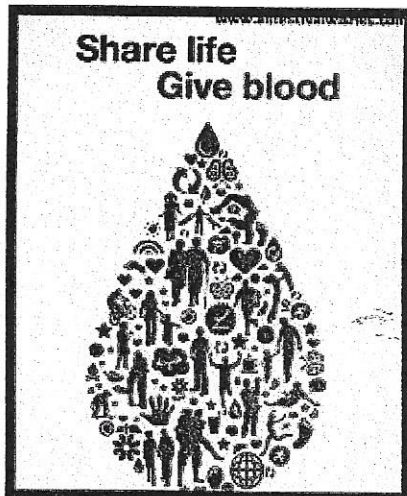
Reminder if interested the Village offers ACH withdraws, e-bills or online payments. We accept debit or credit cards online or in person in the office. Contact Tara with any questions or to set up any of these services.

### ***Bloodmobile***

***Tuesday January 28, 2020***

***11:30—5:30***

***VM Hall—Stratton***



**WALK-INS WELCOME.**

You may make an appointment online  
or by phone at: 276-2335



***We are still collecting funds for the new Library and Village Office building. You can round up your bill to help or purchase a donor plaque. You can have your name, your family's name or your business's name become a permanent part of the new building in your community. Plaques will be in the likeness of a book and will be placed in the entrance of the new facility. The cost of the donor "book" is based on the size of the book: 6" book-\$50; 8" book-\$100; 10" book- \$200. Complete the form attached here or come to the Village Office. Purchases are tax deductible. Thank you to those who have already contributed. Please contact the Village Office with any questions or for more information on the new building.***

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VILLAGE OF STRATTON  
PO BOX 332  
STRATTON NE 69043  
308-276-2184

Please indicate your preferred donation amount, complete the entire form, and return to the Village of Stratton with your donation.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Select a Donation Level for Book Plaque**

Books will be displayed in the entrance of the new Library and Village Office Building

- ☐ 6 inch for \$50
- ☐ 8 inch for \$100
- ☐ 10 inch for \$200

Other Amount: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate what you would like to have inscribed on the book. Please print clearly. Maximum of two lines. The final design of the book will be subject to size limits and approval of the Village of Stratton.

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## Burger Baskets and More!

**308-276-2155**

## Dine in/Take out

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

*January 2020*

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### 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***

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## Handmade Pizza's

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

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

## We will be Closed

**Wednesday January 1, 2020**

## In observance of the New Year



**Open 11:00am-8:30pm Daily**

**(Closed Tuesdays)**





## Thanksgiving Fundraiser

Greg and Denise Willhite, owners of Burgers, Baskets and More presented a check for \$1,811.00 to the Stratton Volunteer Fire Department and the Stratton EMTs. The funds were raised during the Community Thanksgiving Meal and Silent Auction held at Grandview on November 28. All of the donations and proceeds from the event went to the EMTs and Fire Department. The Willhites coordinated the event and prepared the main course of turkey, ham, and mashed potatoes. People who attended were asked to bring a side dish to share and their own plate service. The event was well attended and everyone enjoyed the event and the food.

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](mailto:rbernt@gpcom.net). Thank you to this month's donors:

**Stratton Community Foundation**  
**MNB—Use of Copier**  
**Penney Jolly**  
**Family of Ila League**



Congratulations to the 2019  
Christmas Lighting Contest  
Winners:

**Most Decorated:**

Rebecca Wassia

**Unique:**

Allison & Christopher Bowlin

**Religious:** Community United  
Methodist Church

The contest was sponsored by  
the Stratton Area Chamber of  
Commerce.



### ***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***



I would like to thank everyone who helped with the October Bloodmobile. We had 13 donors and collected 16 units of blood. Thanks to the following for calling, fixing food and working: Loretta Sandberg, Becky Faimon, Susan Riggs, Pat Stehno, Rachel Lorens, Beth Kollmorgen and Joanne Jones. I also want to recognize Chris and Paula Sandberg's kids for their help with past bloodmobiles. They are great helpers.

Thank you also to MNB—Stratton for donating the paper goods, juice and crackers. It is greatly appreciated.

Of course the real heroes are those who come in to donate blood. They were: Brett Johnson, Teresa Brown, Ashley Stehno, Ken Perkins, Edward Page, Sye Tecker, Ron Craw, Patrick Lorens and Dan, Susan, Nick and Dustin Ladenburger. Thank you all for taking time out of your busy day to donate.

The last few years our number of donors has decreased by quite a bit. If we want the Red Cross to continue to come to Stratton with 3 nurses, they need us to collect a minimum of 18 units. So, if you have donated in the past but have quit, please consider coming again. If you have never donated blood before, we desperately need new donors. We would love to have some first-time donors at every drive. You really can save a life when you give blood!

Our next bloodmobile will be **Tuesday, January 28 from 11:30 to 5:30 at the VM Hall—Stratton.** Walk-ins are welcome. You can make an appointment online or by calling me at 276-2335.

Marilyn Lorens

Thank you Stratton Chamber of Commerce for the delicious soup supper. I really appreciate the twenty-five Stratton Bucks that I won.

Thank you,  
Penny Jolly



Thank You From the  
Sandmann Family

You know who you are and  
what you did!

Thank you and God Bless



A BIG thank you has been  
forgotten

Margie Denio's name was left out of the thank you's for the Thanksgiving Day Meal and Auction last month, so sorry.

Margie was one of the BIGGEST helpers I could have asked for so

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THANK YOU MARGIE FOR ALL  
YOUR HELP!!!!

Denise Willhite

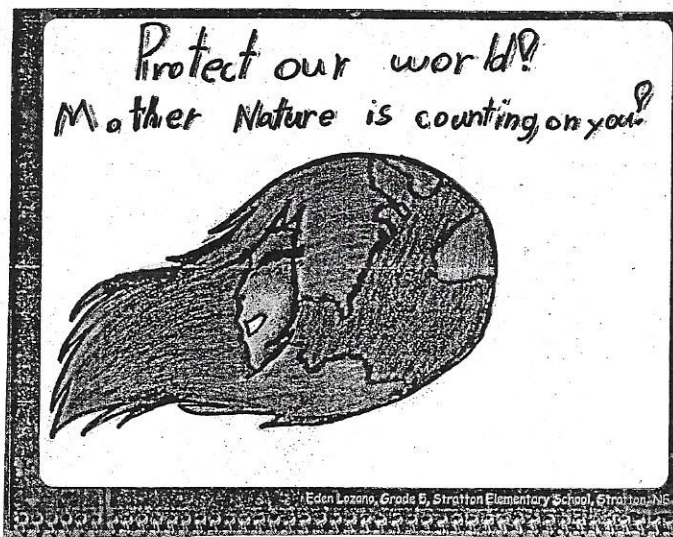


Congratulations to the Dundy County Stratton Mock Trial Team. The team won the region three competition and qualified for the Nebraska Bar Foundation State competition. Team members from Stratton include: Lillian Wiese, Philip Boyd and Layne Sutton.

### Contest Winner

Stratton Elementary third through sixth graders entered the "Nebraska: Don't Waste It" Calendar Contest. This contest is sponsored by the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy.

There were more than a thousand entries from across the state. The winners are showcased in the 2020 calendar. Eden Lozano's entry is featured in the month of November. Eden is the daughter of Richard and Melissa Lozano of Stratton.



### What is the Definition of a Cow?

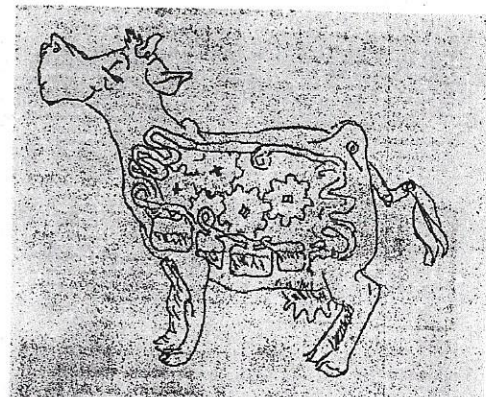
*This article was printed in the September issue of the 1966 American Red Angus.*

A big city school boy describes a cow something like this:

A cow is a completely automatic milk manufacturing machine. It is encased in untanned leather and mounted on four vertical, movable supports, one on each corner. The front end contains the cutting and grinding mechanism, as well as the headlights, air inlet and exhaust, a bumper and foghorn. At the rear is a dispensing apparatus and an automatic fly swatter.

The central portion houses a hydrochemical conversion plant. This consists of four fermentation and storage tanks connected in series by an intricate network of flexible plumbing. This section also contains the heating plant complete with automatic temperature controls, pumping station and main ventilation system. The waste disposal apparatus is located at the rear of this central section. In brief, the externally visible features are: two lookers, two hookers, four stand-uppers, four hanger-downers and swish-wishy.

There is a similar machine known as a bull, which should not be confused with a cow. It produces no milk, but has other interesting uses.





## THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Well, Christmas and New Years are over and we are into January. Seems like a long time until spring. For many of us Christmas was a good time with family and/or friends. There are many memories, most are good, some are bad, but for the most part we have a good time celebrating Jesus' birthday. I had one woman tell me that her family gets up on Christmas morning and sing happy birthday to Jesus. Christmas is what you make it.

Some years back there was a gentleman that I did business with for a few years. He was a cattle buyer and he was a conservative man, one you could trust. We were eating lunch together one day and out of the blue he tells me, "In whatever you do, always put Jesus Christ first". I was a little surprised because I didn't realize he was that bold about his faith.

His death came suddenly and was a shock to all of us who knew him because he seemed healthy, but he had an aneurism and when it ruptured he only lasted a few minutes. His funeral was large for he had many friends. His pastor told a story about the previous Christmas when they were doing their Christmas program in their church and they were taking requests for Christmas carols and singing them. This gentleman requested "Just As I Am, Without One Plea". Not a usual request for a Christmas Carol but as the congregation sang it they realized how great a gift Jesus gave us.

### The first verse goes

Just as I am, without one plea,  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And Thou biddest me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

The baby in that manger grew up, became a sacrifice for all of us, and is the King of this world. We will all stand in front of Jesus on judgement day and the only defense we will have is if we have accepted his shed blood. If we have, we have all eternity with Jesus ahead of us.

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

"I've learned that people will forget  
what you said, people will forget  
what you did, but people will never  
forget how you made them feel."

-- Maya Angelou



## Stratton Public Library

### Adult Fiction

Christmas In Winter Hill by Carlson  
Christmas From The Heart by Roberts  
Unsolved by Patterson  
Robert B. Parker's The Bitterest Pill by Coleman

### Juvenile Fiction

The Christmas Miracle Of Jonathan Toomey  
By Wojciechowski  
Construction Site On Christmas Night  
By Rinker  
The Year Of The Perfect Christmas Tree  
By Houston

The Staff and Board of the Stratton Public Library would like to express our appreciation to the staff of Engineering International for the Christmas gift of 3 delightful juvenile books about .

The Most Magnificent Thing by Ashley Spires  
Rosie Revere, Engineer by Andrea Beaty  
Awesome Engineering Activities for Kids by Christina H. Schul

Thank you for thinking of our children and designing a beautiful new building for our Library!

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

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

## IRS Imposter Scams



IRS imposter scams occur when someone contacts you pretending to work for the IRS. The imposter may contact you by phone, email, postal mail, or even a text message. There are two common types of scams:

- **Tax collection** - You receive a phone call or letter, claiming that you owe taxes. They will demand that you pay the amount immediately, usually with a prepaid debit card or wire transfer. They may even threaten to arrest you if you don't pay.

**Verification** - You receive an email or text message that requires you to verify your personal information. The message often includes a hyperlink phrase which reads "click here." Or, you may see a button that links you to a fraudulent form or website.

### How to Report IRS Imposter Scams

Contact the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) if you believe that an IRS imposter has contacted you. Report IRS imposter scams online or by calling TIGTA at 1-800-366-4484. Forward email messages that claim to be from the IRS to [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov).

### How to Avoid IRS Imposter Scams

There are things you can do to protect yourself from an IRS imposter scam.

#### Do:

- Beware if someone calls claiming to be from the IRS. The IRS will always contact you by mail before calling you about unpaid taxes.

Ask the caller to provide their name, badge number, and callback number. Then call TIGTA at 1-800-366-4484 to find out if the caller is an IRS employee with a legitimate reason to contact you. If you confirm that the caller is from the IRS, call them back. Otherwise, report the scam call to TIGTA.

Become familiar with what fraudulent IRS email messages look like. Review a sample IRS phishing email.

Verify the number of the letter, form, or notice on the IRS website.

Be suspicious of threats. The IRS won't threaten to have police arrest you for not paying a bill.

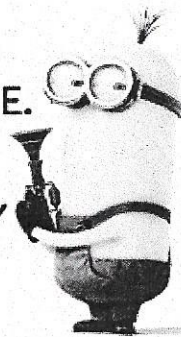
#### Don't:

- Don't give in to demands to pay money immediately. Be especially suspicious of demands to wire money or pay with a prepaid debit card.

Don't trust the name or phone number on a caller ID display that shows "IRS." Scammers often change the name that shows on caller ID using a technique called spoofing.

Don't click on any links in email or text messages to verify your information.

I JUST STEPPED  
ON A  
CORNFLAKE.  
NOW I AM  
OFFICIALLY  
A CEREAL  
KILLER.



## Nebraska Trivia

### True or False:

1. Experts believe that what is now Nebraska was at the bottom of an inland ocean during the Cretaceous period
2. There are sweeping bends along the Platte River classified as temperate rain forests.
3. The salt creek tiger beetle occurs only in saline wetlands near Lincoln..

3. True
2. False
1. True

Answers:



# Dundy County Stratton Schools Activities Calendar January 2020



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<b>26</b> DCS Youth Wrestling Tournament	<b>27</b> 3:30PM Jr. High BBB @McCook TBD GBB RPAC Tournament @ Maywood-Hayes Center	<b>28</b> TBD BBB RPAC Tournament @ Maywood-Hayes Center	<b>29</b> TBD Wrestling Triangular @ Medicine Valley TBD GBB RPAC Tournament @ Hitchcock County	<b>30</b> TBD Wrestling Triangular @ Medicine Valley TBD GBB RPAC Tournament @ Hitchcock County	<b>31</b> TBD Wrestling @ Medicine Valley TBD BBB RPAC Tournament @ Hitchcock County	<b>FEBRUARY</b> G/BBB RPAC Championship @ Graff Event Center																																																																													

\*\*\* All dates and times are subject to change. Please check the DCS School Calendar on the school homepage at [www.dcsdistigers.org](http://www.dcsdistigers.org), or FOLLOW us on Twitter-@dcsdistigers\*\*\*\*

# Hitchcock County Senior Center @ Grandview

## Fundraiser - January 2019

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

Customer Name	Phone Number	Address	City

**Rolls: 1 Dozen**

Carmel Rolls  
Carmel Pecan Rolls

**Pizza - Take'N'Bake**

**Small (12 in.) - Single Topping**

Beef  
Pepperoni  
Sausage  
Cheese

**Small (12 in.) - Specialty**

**Supreme** - Beef, Pepperoni, Sausage, Onions,  
Peppers, Mushrooms, Black Olives, Cheese  
**Meat Lovers** - Beef, Pepperoni, Sausage,  
Cheese

**Large (16 in.) - Single Topping**

Beef  
Pepperoni  
Sausage  
Cheese

**Large (16 in.) - Specialty**

**Supreme** - Beef, Pepperoni, Sausage, Onions,  
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Cheese

Price	Quantity	Total
\$ 15.00		
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\$ 17.00		
\$ 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

## January - 2020

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
			<b>1</b> No Noon Meal	<b>2</b> No Noon Meal	<b>3</b> No Noon Meal	<b>4</b> CARD PARTY 7:00PM 
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> No Noon Meal	<b>7</b> Beef Cubed Steak w/ Mushroom Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Steamed Carrots, Dinner Roll & Peach Cobbler	<b>8</b> Biscuits & Gravy, Hashbrowns, Eggs, Strawberries & Vegetable Juice	<b>9</b> BBQ Pork Ribs, Sweet Potato Casserole, Baked Beans, Applesauce & Cornbread	<b>10</b> No Noon Meal	<b>11</b> CARD PARTY 7:00PM 
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> No Noon Meal	<b>14</b> <u><b>Birthday Meal</b></u> Chicken Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Steamed Carrots, Dinner Roll & Peaches	<b>15</b> Shrimp Basket, Tator Tots, Side Salad, Dinner Roll & Apple Snicker Salad	<b>16</b> Chicken Fried Steak, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Dinner Roll & Fruit	<b>17</b> No Noon Meal	<b>18</b> CARD PARTY 7:00PM 
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> No Noon Meal	<b>21</b> Ham Balls, Mashed Potatoes, Corn Casserole, Dinner Roll & Fruit	<b>22</b> Pot Roast, Roasted Vegetables, Dinner Roll & Butterfinger Banana Split	<b>23</b> Grilled Chicken, Au Gratin Potatoes, Side Salad, Dinner Roll & Fruit	<b>24</b> No Noon Meal	<b>25</b> CARD PARTY 7:00PM 
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> No Noon Meal	<b>28</b> Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Dinner Roll & Apple Crisp	<b>29</b> Pizza, Side Salad & Fruit	<b>30</b> Swedish Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Red Cabbage, Dinner Roll & Fruit	<b>31</b> No Noon Meal	

### Special Events

FROGS will be every Tuesday and Friday @ 10 AM

from **"Community Builders"**  
(MNB Postal Permit)  
**STRATTON NEBRASKA**

**PRST STD**  
**U.S. POSTAGE**  
**PAID**  
**STRATTON NE 69043**  
**PERMIT NO. 9**

**WSS**

**POSTAL CUSTOMER**  
**STRATTON NE 69043**