

# NEW BEGINNINGS

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## Jay Richardson Benefit

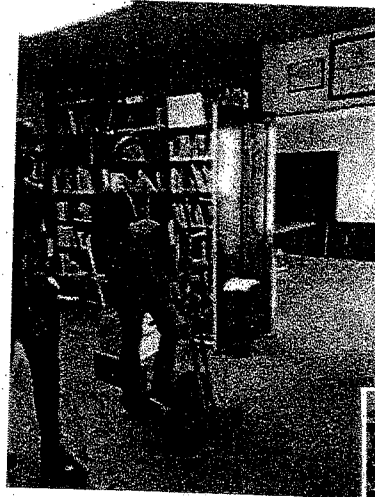
As most Strattonites know, Jay is currently experiencing some major health issues. In the past, the community was able to bond together and hold pancake feeds at the VFM Hall. However due to the COVID pandemic we will be unable to congregate and show our support for the family. Donations and cards to Jay and his family can given at MNB in Stratton. As always, thanks to everyone in advance for their continued support and generosity to one another during these very difficult times.

*A HUGE THANK YOU to the DCS students, sponsors, members of the community, and Village staff who assisted in moving the entire library — in just one day! This was a daunting task and we would not have been able to accomplish it without your help!*

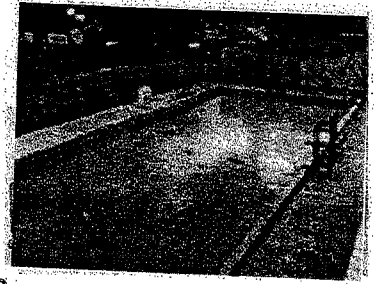
*While not all the books are on the shelves yet (we are awaiting the completion of the shelves) the library is open and we are eagerly awaiting your visit to this incredible new building*

## New at the Jewell

-The Jewell now carries a line of children's clothing as well as many new items.



## VILLAGE NEWS



The Village of Stratton is accepting applications for the positions of swimming pool manager, assistant manager and lifeguards at the Stratton Swimming Pool. Must have proper certification and training or be able to be obtained (reimbursed by the Village if hired). Applications will be taken until the positions are filled. Contact the Village of Stratton at 409 Bailey, call 308-276-2184 or visit [www.strattonnebraska.com](http://www.strattonnebraska.com) for more information or to complete an application.

The Village of Stratton is accepting applications for part time seasonal Park and Rec position. Responsibilities to include mowing and other seasonal maintenance duties. Applications will be taken until the position is filled. Contact the Village of Stratton at 409 Bailey, call 308-276-2184 or visit [www.strattonnebraska.com](http://www.strattonnebraska.com) for more information or to complete an application.



Have you gotten your DOG TAGS for 2021? As a reminder dog license are due annually and shall be delinquent after January 31st. License and tag fee is \$5/dog and please remember we will need certificate of current rabies shot.

As a reminder ATV/UTV's must be registered annually in the office of the Village Clerk. Registration will be issued upon submission of proof of current liability insurance coverage and payment of the \$25.00 annual fee.



Notice is given that the Village of Stratton is selling 502 Bailey (VM Hall) with closing to occur on or before April 30, 2021. Buyer and seller request that all Veteran's Memorial items, ladies Auxiliary items, and all personal property owned by any persons or groups to be removed from the premises prior to closing. Any items left in the premises after the closing date and time shall become property of the Buyer. If you believe you have items that need to be removed or relocated please contact the Village Office to make arrangements.

Hi my name is Ariel (Latta) Vandike and my husband is Kyle. We are looking to expand our family! Unfortunately, we have had many losses and cannot endure another heartbreak at the thought of losing another baby. We have tried multiple procedures and the cost is beyond our budget. My body is also exhausted. The Lord has laid it upon our hearts to pursue the adoption process. This being said the average adoption process is \$35,000 which includes expenses for home studies, adoption lawyers, travel and the unknown. Although we feel like this is an enormous expense we know God will be with us every step of the way. I am putting together a fundraiser in hopes that many of you will love and support us through the process of growing our family.

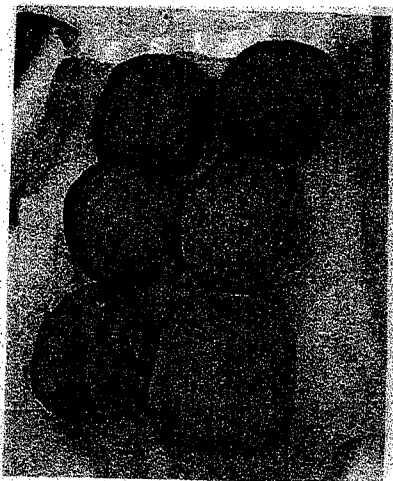
Here are ways you can help ... pray for us. Pray for the child God has intended for us to raise and grow in our family. Pray for the adoption process and birth families involved. Pray for the expenses to be met to match God's timing. Pray for our hearts as we take this leap of faith.

If you are willing to support us we would be very appreciative of any prayers or monetary gifts that would fully go towards this process. We are baking and selling varieties of Runzas to raise the required funding. Runzas they will be available for \$25 a dozen or two dozen for \$45.

We also selling T-shirts. They are \$20 plus \$5 if they need to be shipped.

Thank you for loving and supporting us through this journey. We are so thankful that you have chosen to be a part of our child's new journey.

To place orders for Runzas, T-shirts or for additional information you may call Ariel at 308-340-8675 or Kyle at 308-340-3481.



# ADOPTION FUNDRAISER

**\*CHOOSE YOUR SIZE \***  
**\*CHOOSE YOUR COLOR\***  
**THESE SHIRTS ARE \$20 EACH**  
**AND \$5 FOR SHIPPING IF YOU**  
**AREN'T LOCAL. ♪**



**TEXT**  
**ARIEL**  
**308/340/8675**

**OR**  
**MAIL**  
**TO**  
**P.O. BOX 37**  
**STRATTON**  
**NEBRASKA**  
**69043**



With every passing day, the news on COVID-19 vaccine distribution seems to change. One reason is that distribution varies by state and territory. And scammers, always at the ready, are taking advantage of the confusion. Besides a big dose of patience, here are some tips to help you avoid a vaccine-related scam, no matter where you live:

**Contact a trusted source for information.** Check with state or local health departments to learn when and how to get the COVID-19 vaccine. You can also talk with your health care provider or pharmacist.

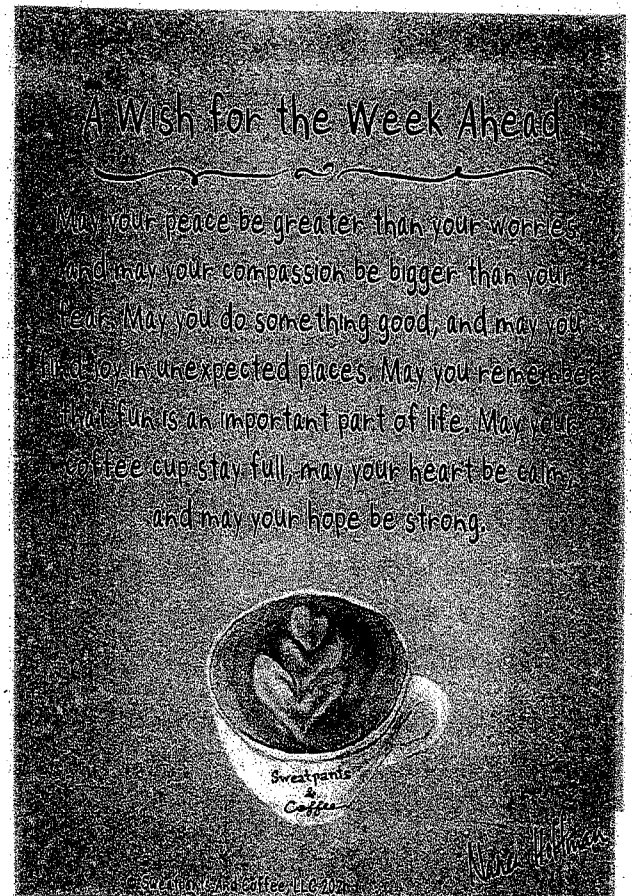
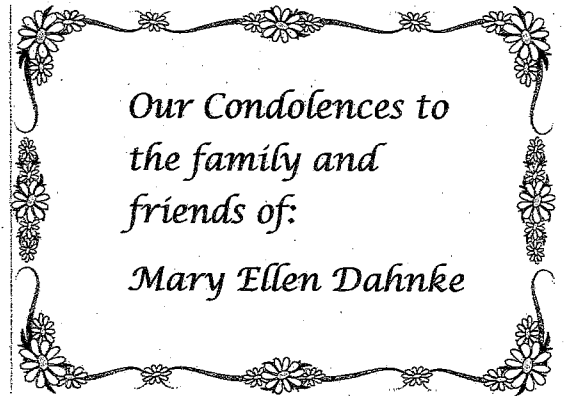
- **Don't pay to sign up for the vaccine.** Anyone who asks for a payment to put you on a list, make an appointment for you, or reserve a spot in line is a scammer.

- **Ignore sales ads for the COVID-19 vaccine.** You can't buy it – anywhere. The vaccine is only available at federal- and state-approved locations.

- **Watch for unexpected or unusual texts.** If your health care provider or pharmacist has used text messages to contact you in the past, you might get a text from them about the vaccine. If you get a text, call your health care provider or pharmacist directly to make sure they sent the text. But scammers are texting, too. So don't click on links in text messages – especially messages you didn't expect.

**Don't open emails, attachments, or links** from people you don't know, or that come unexpectedly. You could download dangerous malware onto your computer or phone.

- **Don't share your personal, financial, or health information** with people you don't know. No one from a vaccine distribution site, health care provider's office, pharmacy, or health care payer, like a private insurance company or Medicare, will call, text, or email you asking for your Social Security, credit card, or bank account number to sign you up to get the vaccine.



#### 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. Joe Garcia—9:00-12:00 CT

Friday—Closed

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

## THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Tonight, as I write this, I feel as if this country is a ship without a rudder. It is as if nobody is at the wheel and we are headed for the rocks, full speed ahead. Our forefathers, who designed and wrote the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, knew that if the majority of the people who were in control of our country had no respect for God, our Constitution and our Bill of Rights would not be any good. It looks as if that is where we are right now.

Instead of prayerfully casting our ballots for people who were willing to serve our country in a Godly way, we have been voting for people who would line their pocketbooks and ours. It looks like we are going to pay a heavy price for that.

Nobody comes to leadership without God letting it happen. Many Christians believe that God is going to take us through a very rough time. He's trying to bring people to Jesus. A majority of the people in this country (and this world) have turned their backs on Jesus and have refused to accept Him and serve Him. I know, your afraid of what your friends might think. You won't have any fun any more. I've been there. They might not be as good of friends as you might think, and you have a lot more fun and you don't have to get up in the morning with a headache.

If we got what we deserved we would be in Hell. But God gave us, who believe in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, this promise in Ephesians Chapter 2, verses 4-5:

"But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)."

Repent, (turn away from your sin) and be saved.

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 Services

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 Services

### Southwest Nebraska Holiness Church

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

11:30 Church Services

7:00 p.m. Church Services

### Saturday Night Launch

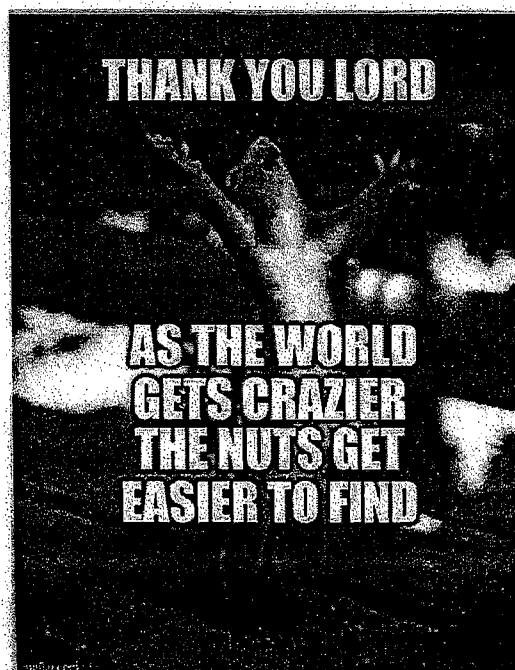
7:30 p.m. Held at Church of God  
202 Main St.—Trenton

308-340-5273 Or

737-0901

## Proverbs to Live By—

- \* If you're too open minded your brains will fall out.
- \* Before you criticize someone, walk a mile in his shoes. That way, he will be a mile away—and barefoot.
- \* Going to church doesn't make you a Christian anymore than going to a garage makes you a mechanic.
- \* Artificial intelligence is not match for natural stupidity.
- \* A closed mouth gathers no feet.
- \* A clear conscience is usually the sign of a poor memory.
- \* For every action , there is an equal and opposite government program.
- \* It's easier to get forgiveness than permission.
- \* A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel good.
- \* My idea of housework is to sweep the room with a glance.
- \* Not one shred of evidence supports the notion that life is serious.
- \* If you look like your passport photo, you probably need the trip.
- \* No husband has ever been shot while doing the dishes.



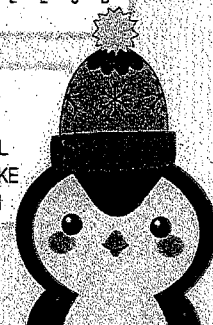
## Kid's Corner



### WINTER WORD SEARCH

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BLIZZARD	ICY	SHOVEL
FROSTY	IGLOO	SLED
FROZEN	JACKET	SNOWBALL
HOT COCOA	MITTENS	SNOWFLAKE
ICICLE	SCARF	SNOWMAN



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

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**STRATTON NE 69043**