

NEW BEGINNINGS

September 2021

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Stratton Days!

8:00 am – 11:00 am: Breakfast burritos available for purchase at Grandview

8:30 am: Just for Fun 5k, registration begins at 8:00 am at Grandview

11:00 am – 1:00 pm: Children's Games at Pitner Park

11:30 am: Corn Hole Tournament at Pitner Park, contact Chrissy Latta at (308) 737-0337 or Terry Latta at (308) 737-7523 with questions. Registration begins at 11:00 am

12:00 pm: Dan Boon Memorial Mud Bog west of Pitner Park, \$3 admission fee, concessions available, registration 9:00 - 11:00 am

1:00 pm: Pie Contest at Grandview, pie entries due at noon, winner will receive \$50 cash prize

1:30 pm: Bingo tournament at Grandview, pies from contest will be served

4:00 pm: Music by Old Time Pickers on east side of VM Hall

4:30 pm: Parade on North Bailey Street, 3:30 line up, parade theme is "Run Away with the Circus"

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm: Free Barbeque on South Bailey Street

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm: Free Desserts and Pies served by MOPS

7:30 pm: Talent Show at The VM Hall, \$1 Admission Fee

8:30 pm – 12:30 am: Street Dance on South Bailey Street

10:00 pm: Recreation Club Raffle Drawings, beef & cooler

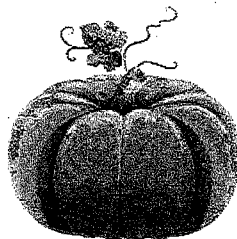
Sponsored by Stratton Recreation Club & Stratton Area Chamber of Commerce

Quilt Raffle

Stop in at MNB – Stratton for a sneak peek at the beautiful Nebraska quilt. This quilt will be raffled off during Stratton Days – September 25th.

Tickets are 6 for \$5 or \$1 each. Tickets available at MNB or from any Little House Museum member.

BENEFIT TO LITTLE HOUSE MUSEUM



Don't forget to get your pumpkin registered for the

Giant Pumpkin Contest

During Stratton Days, September 25th.

Please call Melissa Dailey (308-340-1101) to register by September 24th. Information regarding contest times and location will be provided to those who register.

Fresh produce available for all your canning needs!

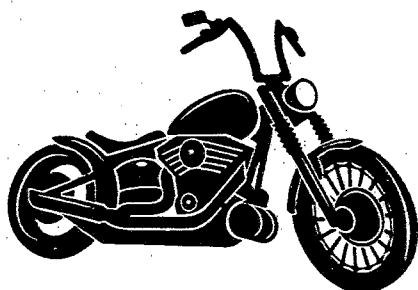
Store Hours:

Private Pantry

Monday & Wednesday 1:00 – 5:00

Stampede Supply

Saturday 9:00 – 11:00



Please join us on September 11, 2021 for a Poker Run with proceeds to be donated to the Stratton Swimming Pool for needed maintenance and new equipment. Sign in starts at 10:00 am at the Stratton Village Office, 409 Bailey St, and bikes will be leaving at 11:00 am. The ride will end at the Benkelman Volunteer Fire Department BBQ contest. Each hand for the run is \$20 and \$5 for additional hands. There will be a 50-50 raffle and many great door prizes. ALL VEHICLES ARE WELCOME! If you have questions or wish to make a donation, please contact Kevin @ 308-340-0149 or Tara @ 308-224-5507.

Cowboy Church & Bluegrass Gospel Music

Featuring an inspirational message from cowboy pastor John Sexson and followed by a meal and the musical magic of the Paul Family Bluegrass band

Date: September 18th, 2021

Time: 5:00 p.m. Mountain / 6:00 p.m. Central

Place: Community Center/ Park in Max, NE (Take Highway 34 to Max, NE, then turn North on 4th Street. The Community Center / Park is on the left.)

Questions? Call /Text Joni Petersen 1-308-830-3157

Sponsored by the Max United Methodist Church

Come and Enjoy a spiritual evening with us in the park, feel free to bring you favorite lawn chair if desired.



John Sexson is a man of witty humor, an easy smile, a love of horses and the great outdoors. He's a dedicated Christ follower, husband to his High School sweetheart Rebeka, and father to their 3 children. John loves and lives a working cowboy's lifestyle as a ranch hand and founder and head pastor of Lonestar Cowboy Church of North Platte, NE.



Originally from Florida, The Paul Family Bluegrass band is a family of seven that operates a 12,000 tap, 260 acre maple syrup farm in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. As the snow melts and spring returns, the Paul family load up into their 45' tour bus and excitedly look forward to their busy "tour season". With a profound ear towards traditional Gospel and Appalachian bluegrass music, widely acclaimed Paul Family Bluegrass purposefully and skillfully blend together six acoustic stringed instruments combined with tasteful harmonies resulting in a sound and performance that only a family can deliver. To learn more about the Paul Family visit www.paulfamilybluegrass.com



Stratton Blood Drive

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
Basement

Friday, October 1, 2021
11:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

--Grab & Go Snacks
Masks Required

Please contact Marilyn at 276-2335
or go online to redcrossblood.org
Enter code: strattonne

Walk-ins Welcome

NOTICE

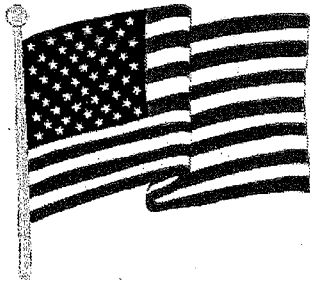
The Jewell will be open
Saturdays only from 9:00 –
5:00 until further notice.



Stratton's Got Talent

There will be a talent show as one of the activities during Stratton Days on September 25 at the VM Hall at 7:30. Plan to be one of the talent contestants or just come to enjoy the entertainment. There will be cash prizes for first-\$30, second-\$20, and third-\$10 places in both the youth category (16 and under) and the adult category (17 and up). Maybe you can sing a song or a duet, play an instrument, juggle, or do rope tricks. You could lip sync, do a dance routine or do stand-up comedy. The sky is the limit – just keep it a family friendly and 3-to-5-minute act. Sign up by Wednesday, September 22nd with a phone call to Beth Kollmorgen at 308-340-8591. \$1 Admission. Proceeds will go to the Stratton Ambulance and Fire Departments.

The Village of Stratton utility department would like to ask you to please make sure we have all your correct contact information including NAME, MAILING ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER. We have been unable to contact some residents due to incorrect or outdated information. We also have several accounts with improper or deceased contact person listed. PLEASE update this information before there is an emergency reason to be contacting you. THANK YOU!



The Village of Stratton would like to help you properly dispose of retired American Flags. You can drop off your retired American Flag anytime during normal business hours at the Village Clerk's Office and we will ensure that it is disposed of properly with a group that is familiar with flag retirement protocol.

The Village Board is striving to keep Stratton "a good place to grow," which includes enforcing ordinances to beautify our village. Village Ordinance 91.24(B) and (C) states: **(B) The owner or occupant of any lot or piece of ground within the village shall keep the lot or piece of ground and adjoining streets and alleys free of any growth of 12 inches or more in height of weeds, grasses, or worthless vegetation. (C) The throwing, depositing, or accumulation of litter on any lot or piece of ground within the village is prohibited.** There are several properties in town that are in violation of these ordinances. If you are one of these violating properties please make an effort to come into compliance with the ordinance. If you are unable to do this please reach out to the Village and let us know what would be beneficial to help make all of our town beautiful again!



The Village Board would like to remind all residents that Ordinance 50.23 states: **It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully or carefully break, injure or deface any building, machinery, apparatus, fixture, attachment or appurtenance of the Municipal Water Department. No person may deposit anything in a stop box or commit any act tending to obstruct or impair the intended use of any of the above mentioned property without the written permission of the Utilities Superintendent.** If you are needing any repairs, disconnection, or otherwise to your homes water system please use your shut off valve in your home or contact the Village to arrange for the water to be shut off at the Village curb-stop by an authorized employee. This is to prevent any unnecessary damage or contaminations to our Village water system that could affect the entire town's drinking water.

Stratton Public Library

Have you ever wanted to take a trip but you can't afford it? Well – come on in to the Stratton Public Library, and find a book that will take you on a vacation through words. If you haven't taken a trip to our new library, come and pay us a visit. You will be extremely pleased by our huge book selections!

New Hours:

Mondays 12-7pm Thursdays 12-5pm



Recognition goes out to a special lady...

Bev Henderson! She has shared her love and knowledge of books with our Stratton Community for 29 years as the librarian. She started the Summer Reading Program and provided years of adventures as our Stratton

kids moved around varying paths to mark off their reading success. Bev was a listening ear and great conversationalist to those coming into the library in search of a great read.

As Bev retires, I am privileged to have had her mentor me in the library business. We have shared many hours working towards building the best small town library in Nebraska. I would like to thank Bev for her years of service, friendship and showing me the behind the desk responsibilities of running a library. I could not have made an attempt to fill her shoes without all she has taught me.

Enjoy your retirement Bev and have a life-long love of books! When you see Bev, be sure and thank her for her many years of service. Enjoy your retirement and your gift certificate from the Library Board. You deserve a treat!!!

- Teri Faimon

I would like to give a huge shout out to Ron Craw for his technology expertise. The Stratton Public Library could not run smoothly without his caring support. So glad we have people like Ron as part of our community. Thanks tons, Ron!

- Teri Faimon

New Books in our Library:

Adults

Saving Sofie by Ronald Balson
The Dry Flat Iron Books by Jane Harper
Bittler Pill by Fern Michaels
Triple Chocolate Cheesecake Murder by Joanne Fluke
The Baker's Secret by Stephan Kiernan
Dark Sky by C.J.Box
A Reasonable Doubt by Philp Margolin
Killing the Mob by Bill O'Reilly
Fallen by Linda Castillo
Return from Siberia by John Shallman

Juvenile

Fuzzy Wuzzy by Sidell
Frog Meets Dog by Trasler
The More the Merrier by Martin
The Froggies Do Not Want to Sleep by Gustavson
The Grand Canyon This Place Rocks by Mattern
Awesome Friendly Spooky Stories by Kinney
Play in the Wild by Judge
Pablo by Rascal
My Furry Foster Family by Florence
Saving the Tasmanian Devil by Patent
National Geographic The Photo Ark by Sartore

Pick a Book,
Read a
Book, Love
a Book

— Theme by
Aly Leig



We wish Bev the warmest congratulations on her retirement. We will miss her positive and professional manner in providing the best service for the Stratton Public Library.

Thank you for all you have done for the community of Stratton, especially our young readers. We wish you the best retirement ever. New horizons are awaiting and we hope every second is enjoyed with your new-found freedom.





*Our Condolences to the Family
and Friends*

of

Paul Jamie Forch

&

Michelle Unger Grier

Thank You

A special Thank You Stratton friends for pulling weeds around Vern's sign. SO MUCH APPREICATED! Thank you to my special friends.

Pat Glebe

Thank You

Thank you to the many kind souls who have reached out to Kevin and I, as I have been dealing with health issues this past season. I am so grateful to our neighbor Mrs. Mary Casement, I never thought she would be the one to call and share God's Word, but she has, and what a blessing she had been!

I want to especially thank Christian Union Church as the church has done so much for us. Sending cards, flowers, words of encouragement, tasty meals and fresh garden vegetables, you have been so faithful and so good to us, praying steadfastly for my healing. Thank you! The church in action! Thank you also to Deb and Chuck our good friends! I'm sure I'm forgetting something but I just want you to know I appreciate you all and look forward to the day we can be back together again!

Thank you also to the Methodist Ladies Bible Study for allowing me to study from home, and last but not least to FROGS, thank you for your phone calls and well wishes!

Thank you all for even the smallest prayer, I'm sure God hears.

Sincerely,
Lorretta Ely

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 dates/times, please call Quality Healthcare Clinic in Benkelman at (308) 423-2151.

SOMETHING
NEW!!!

Coffee and friends
Make the perfect
BLEND

COME AND JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

THURSDAYS from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

AT OUR NEW STRATTON LIBRARY

The Stratton Public Library has a new activity.

We are offering coffee (or tea) and conversation to any
and all community members.

Those of us who have been in the area for years would
like to meet with newer members to the area.

All men and women are welcome.

Bring someone with you if you wish, share a hobby you
enjoy or a talent to tell another about. Or just come
and meet people and visit!

Fresh Salsa

- 2 - 8 oz cans tomato sauce
- 2 - 8 oz cans El Pato hot tomato sauce
- 1/2 tsp cumin
- 2 tsp garlic, minced
- 3 medium tomatoes, chopped
- 1/4 to 1/2 red onion, chopped
- 7 stalks green onions, chopped
- About 1 T. salt (or less, to taste)
- 1/4 c. cilantro, chopped

Combine all ingredients.
Refrigerate at least 4 hours before
enjoying.

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This is the *Day*
that the Lord has made,
let us *Rejoice*
and be glad it in it.

Psalm 118 24

**SOME DAYS I
AMAZE MYSELF.**

**OTHER DAYS I PUT
MY KEYS IN THE FRIDGE.**

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Reading the third chapter of John today and in the 17th verse Jesus says:

"For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." The world always says Christians are judgmental when they tell others about sin and how Jesus can save them. The scripture continues on: "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil."

Christians are people that in their sin, their rottenness, addiction, drunkenness, etc., have come to the end of their rope and asked Jesus for forgiveness and asked him to come into their lives. When Jesus comes into your heart, He changes you. That's the reason Christians tell others about the saving grace of Jesus, is because they have experienced the light, forgiveness and the agape, (unconditional) love that only God has. It's like breaking through the surface of the water when you are about to drown and taking that first gasp of air and realizing you have been given a new lease on life. Jesus is not about condemnation and death, He's about freedom and Life. Life forever. You don't have to worry about death and eternal hell. As we live our lives, we know that sooner or later we are going to die. Today, tomorrow, a year from now, maybe years from now; we just don't know. But we can know where we are going to wind up. It will either be knowing the joy of being in heaven with Jesus forever, or, the terror of being in hell with Satan forever.

God has given us the freedom to make the choice. What will you do?

Richard Stahly

Church Worship Service Schedule

Comm. United Methodist Church

9:00 a.m. Church Services

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

Christian Union Church

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Church Services

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 a.m. Church Services

7:00 p.m. Church Services

Saturday Night Launch

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

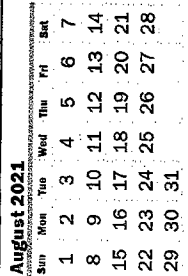
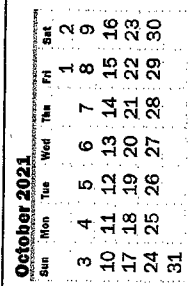







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September 2021

Dundy County Stratton
Activities Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
August 2021 	October 2021 					
5 	6 LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL	7 9:00am Golf @ Goodland 4:00pm VB Tri. @ North Platte St. Pats vs Cambridge/ North Platte St. Pats	8 	9 TBD VB @ Medicine Valley 3:00pm JH FB vs. Perkins County 3:30pm XC @ Chase County	10 7:00pm FB vs. Perkins County	11
12 	13 4:00pm JV FB vs. Sedgwick 4:00pm JH VB @ Chase Co.	14 4:00pm VB Tri vs Brady / South Loup	15 	16 11:00am DCS Golf @ Benkelman Course 3:00pm JH VB / FB @ Hitchcock Co. 4:00pm XC @ McCook 4:00pm VB Tri vs Goodland / Norton	17 6:00pm FB vs. Hitchcock County	18
19 	20 2:00pm JH VB Dual @ Wauneta-Palisade 4:00pm JV FB vs. Hitchcock County	21 9:00am Golf @ Ogallala	22 	23 8:00am Golf @ Holdrege 2:00pm JH VB vs. Perkins Co. 3:30pm XC @ Hayes Center	24 6:30pm FB vs. Maxwell	25 9:00am VB Tournament @ Sutherland
26 	27 TBD XC @ UNK 5:00pm JV FB vs. Hyannis	28 8:00am FBLA Fall Leadership Conference @ Kearney 4:00pm VB @ Wauneta-Palisade	29 8:00am Student Council Workshop @ McCook Community College 9:00am DCS Golf @ Benkelman Golf Course	30 2:00pm JH VB @ Sedgwick Co. TBD JH FB @ Sedgwick Co. 3:00pm XC @ Gothenburg 4:00pm JV VB vs McCook	October 1 6:30pm FB @ Elwood/ Eustis-Farnam	2 Marching Band @ Grand Island 9:00am DCS HS VB Tournament

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

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