

NEW BEGINNINGS

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RE-OPENING SOON

We're back ---we are pleased to announce that Burgers Baskets and More will reopen November 3rd. Looking forward to seeing you then!
Greg & Denise Willhite

LET'S GET
Spooky!

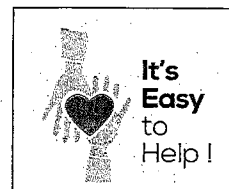
Fall Fright Night

Trunk or Treat
Costume Contest
Pumpkin Carving Contest
Games
Face Painting
Photo Booth
Corn Pit
Sack Races
Skeleton Relay
Haunted House

Saturday, October 30th
starting at 5:00pm
Stratton, Nebraska
Fun for all ages!

Like Stratton, Nebraska on facebook for more details
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See next page for schedule details.



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. Without donations from individuals and businesses like you, this would not be possible. Your donation helps 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.

FALL FRIGHT NIGHT

OCTOBER 30TH

5:00 – 5:15 **Costume & Pumpkin Carving Contest**

Register your goblins and ghouls in front of MNB Bank. Prizes will be awarded after Trunk or Treating.

5:15 – 5:45 **Trunk or Treat**

Stratton residents and business owners will park in the MNB parking lot for trick-or-treating from your car trunk! Prizes will be awarded for the best decorated trunk!

6:00 – 7:45 **Carnival Games**

Games, Barrel Train Rides, Photo Booth, Face Painting, Corn Pit, Cupcake Walk

6:00 – 7:45 **Concessions**

Pulled pork baskets and carnival snacks will be available!

7:15 – 7:45 **Sack Races & Skeleton Relay**

Register in front of the Methodist Church. Prizes will be awarded by age groups.

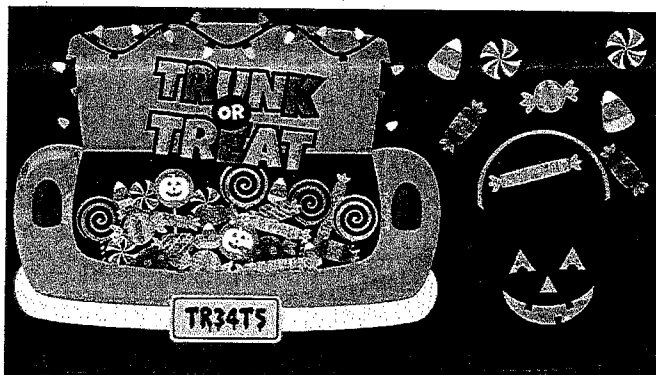
8:00 – ??? **Haunted House**

Located inside the Stratton Rec Club Building
For more details, like "Stratton, Nebraska" on Facebook

What is trunk or treat?

You may have heard about something called "trunk or treat" and wondered what it is. This activity is a great addition to the traditional trick or treat for Halloween. Think of trunk or treat as a Halloween tailgate party! Instead of kids going door-to-door to get candy, they walk through a parking lot and go trunk-to-trunk. The trunk of your car becomes your front porch. These events are usually hosted by groups, such as a church or school, but can be community organized as well. Participants will usually decorate their trunks or cargo areas with Halloween décor and some will even create games or activities where the kids can win prizes in addition to candy, of course.

We are excited to try out trunk or treat in Stratton this year on October 30th in the MNB parking lot! This will be an excellent opportunity for our community members who may not usually get trick-or-treaters at their house! We need your help to make the event a success. Please park in the MNB parking lot, trunk or treating will kick off at 5:15! Decorations are encouraged, but not required!



THANK YOU!

Little House Museum would like to send a big thank you to Joyce Cushing and Sharon Maris for their help in quilting the Husker quilt that was raffled off during Stratton Days!

Thank you to all our friends and neighbors for your words of comfort, cards, food and memorials in our time of loss.

*John and Fay Unger
and family*

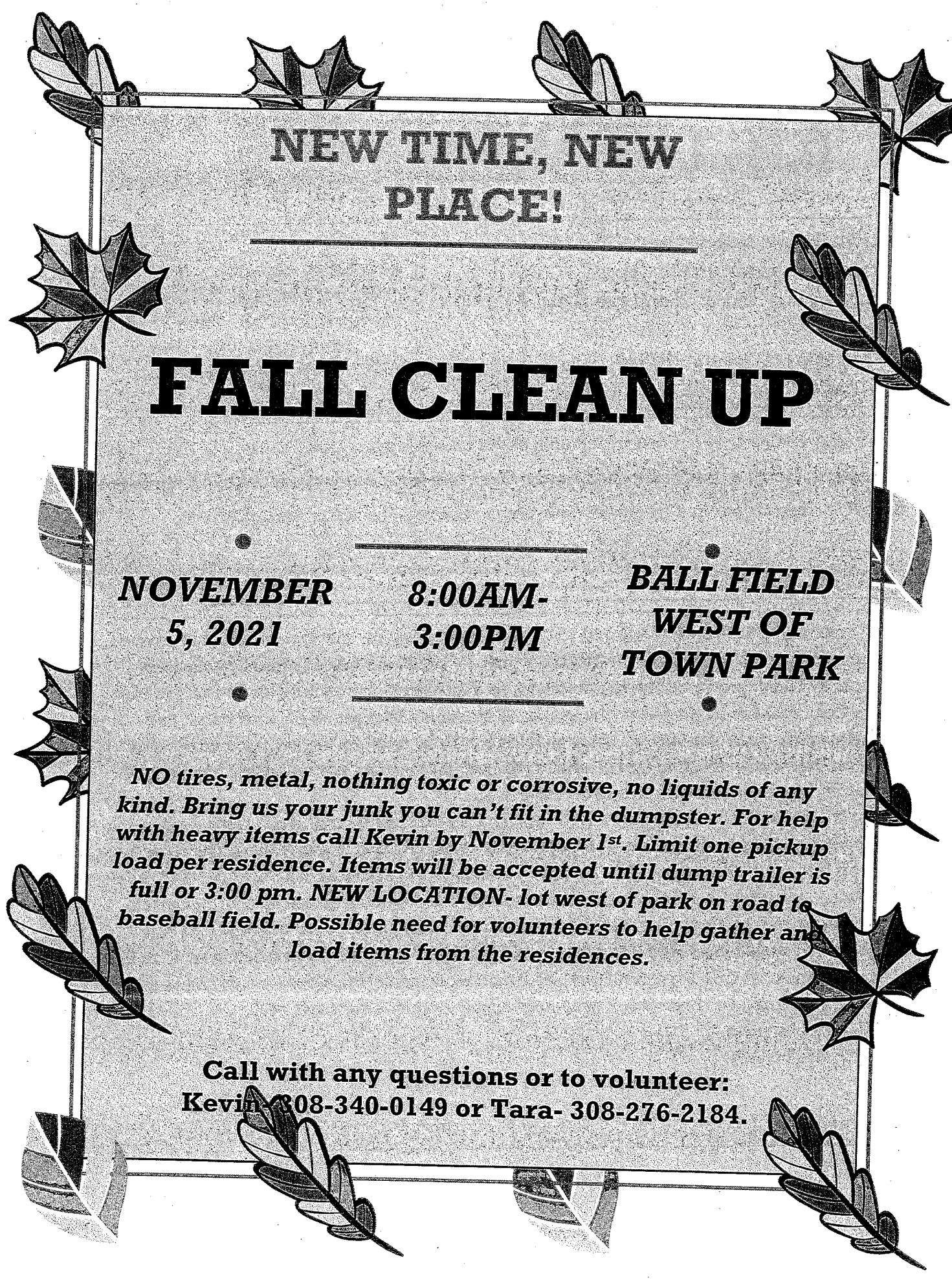
Stratton Area Chamber of Commerce would like to take this opportunity to THANK EVERYONE who helped with events or participated in Stratton Days. We felt it was very successful. If it was not for all the help and participants, it would not have been a success. Thank you ALL again!

Stratton Area Chamber of Commerce

Thank you, Stratton!!!! I wanted to try something new for our annual celebration and you all seemed to like it!!! SHOW US YOUR TALENT did indeed show off our local talent. Thank you to all the participants, to Jim Reagan for allowing us to use the Hall, to Ron Crow for helping with the sound, to Megan Kollmorgen and Joyce Forch for helping me clean the Hall, to my grandkids for their help, to the school children and Mrs. Downey for setting up the chairs, to Donita Clark for sitting beside the donation jar and to all of you who came for the evening.

In the 16 and under category the third-place winner was Grace Stahly with a piano solo; the second-place winner was the gymnastics class; and the winner was Avery Thiessen with his vocal/ukulele solo. In the older category the Kadlecek comedy duo took third place, Larry Hubl's vocal solo took second and Wes White's unique Q chord musical selection placed first. The \$1.00 admission price took in \$273.00 which will go the Stratton Ambulance/Fire Department. If you liked this talent show and want it to be part of next year's Stratton Days, let me or someone on the planning committee know. And then begin to think about what your talent might be for next year.

Thanks everyone,
Beth Kollmorgen



**NEW TIME, NEW
PLACE!**

FALL CLEAN UP

**NOVEMBER
5, 2021**

**8:00AM-
3:00PM**

**BALL FIELD
WEST OF
TOWN PARK**

*NO tires, metal, nothing toxic or corrosive, no liquids of any kind. Bring us your junk you can't fit in the dumpster. For help with heavy items call Kevin by November 1st. Limit one pickup load per residence. Items will be accepted until dump trailer is full or 3:00 pm. **NEW LOCATION**- lot west of park on road to baseball field. Possible need for volunteers to help gather and load items from the residences.*

**Call with any questions or to volunteer:
Kevin- 308-340-0149 or Tara- 308-276-2184.**



TREE & GARDEN WASTE CLEANUP OCTOBER 20TH

Pick up will take place as workers are available the week of October 25th – October 29th. Please call with any questions or to be placed on the list for pick up.

Call the Clerk's Office by October 20th to be placed on the route.

Put all items in a pile next to the alley.

Must be accessible by the backhoe.

No branches longer than six feet in length and no grass clippings.

Limit of one truck load/ residence.

VILLAGE OF STRATTON

411 Bailey Suite 1

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FALL CLEAN UP COMING

SOON: November 5th

Stratton Public Library

Writing is an amazing transaction – the most powerful thing ever is a word.
Come into the Stratton Public Library to experience just what words can do for you – just how
powerful they can be!

Highlighted Book for the Month: Yards After Contact by Andrew Hoffman
This is the story of Team Jack and his battle with Brain Cancer with a Foreword by Rex
Burkhead.

New Hours: Mondays 12-7pm Thursdays 12 -5pm

New Books in our Library

Adult:

The Mitford Murders by Fellowes
The Morgans, Trigger Happy, The Intruders, Hunter's Moon by Johnstone
Make Your Own Sunshine by Dean
No Way Out by Michaels
The Mothers by Gilmore
Unfinished Business by Jance
Secretly Smitten by Coble
Rivers by Farris-Smith
The Bullet by Johansen
Seasons of Her Life by Michaels

Juvenile:

The Call of the Swamp by Soma
Truck Full of Ducks by Burach
Farm Charm in the Field by Markovics
A Pig, A Fox, and a Box by Fenske
What's Inside a Frog by Bakken
Rosie Revere's Big Project Book for Engineers by Beaty
Tacky the Penguin, Tacky in Trouble, Three Cheers for Tacky & Tackylocks and the Three Bears
by Lester
Little Bear's Special Friend by Freedman
Three Things About Yetis by Vogel
Go Out To Eat by Berenstain
Humphrey's Playful Puppy Problem by Birney
Lego Emergency
Dogman Unleashed, A Tale of Two Kitties, Brawl of the Wild, For Whom the Ball Rolls, and
Mothering Heights by Pilkey

Pick a Book, Read a Book, Love a Book Theme by Ady Leighty

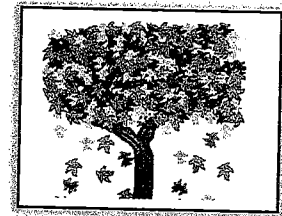
Fall Stratton Public Library Challenge

The challenge will run from October 4 – December 2

All who complete at least six of the challenges will find their name in a drawing for a surprising surprise! All books must be checked out from the Stratton Public Library.

Challenges:

- Read a book with more than 32 pages
- Read a book that has your name on the cover (could be the title, illustrator, author etc.)
- Read a book from an author whose last name begins with the same letter as yours
- Read a book from an author that has six letters in their last name
- Read a book that has pictures and words
- Read a book that is over 8 inches tall
- Read a book with a copyright that is older than 1985
- Read a book with a female author
- Read a book you have never read before
- Read a book that talks about a holiday
- Read an old favorite book



You have about two months to see how many of the challenges you can complete.

This is open to all ages....so children and adults come join in the fun.

Keep this form to remind you of what the challenges are all about. When you check in your books I will track the challenges you have finished. If you put your books into the book- drop please list the challenges you completed with the chosen books at that time.

Library Hours are Mondays 12-7pm and Thursdays 12-5pm

Witch's Brew Recipe

- 1 quart lime sherbet
- 2 liter ginger ale chilled
- 1 cup pineapple juice
- Green food coloring to make more vibrant if desired
- Sliced limes for garnish
- Gummy worms



-Add ginger ale and pineapple juice to pitcher or punch bowl (add food coloring now if desired).

-Spoon sherbet in right before serving and slowly mix and it will start foaming.

-Garnish with fresh limes, gummy worms and ENJOY



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 Julie Bernt. Articles may be emailed to rbernt@gpcom.net.

Thank you to this month's donors:
Jerry & Brenda McDonald
John & Fay Unger & Family
Bill Condon

New Beginnings to bring you a New Beginning! Yep, that's what I said, yes it makes no sense but wait until I tell you what it is about!

On October 18th 2021 Grandview Community and Event Center is opening its NEW beginning of our Community Café!

The concept was inspired by a Café in Denver where the Community is invited to eat for a reasonable cost or donation. IF they cannot afford to pay for their meal, they are asked to contribute to the operation of the café for a period of 30 minutes or more on the day the meal is taken.

Tyler has been hard at work adding the menu and suggested meal prices to the Community and Event Center webpage www.whatagrandview.org you can click on Community Café to see each dish that will be featured on the menu, or see attached below.

EVERYONE is invited to join us from 11-1 Monday -Thursday any age, no phone calls required (unless you need to grab and go). This is a NEW BEGINNING for us and we look forward to enjoying your presence as we bring about this new concept. We look forward to seeing you when we launch this NEW feature.

GRANDVIEW COMMUNITY & EVENTS CENTER:

OUR MISSION IS TO FACILITATE COMMUNITY EVENTS, PROGRAMS, AND SERVICES THAT BETTER THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND SURROUNDING AREAS.

ABOUT COMMUNITY CAFÉ:

COMMUNITY CAFÉ IS AN OUTREACH OF GRANDVIEW COMMUNITY & EVENTS CENTER. OUR CAFÉ IS NOT FOR PROFIT AND IS ADMINISTERED THROUGH OUR 501(C)(3) STRATTON INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION, INC. COMMUNITY CAFÉ IS FUNDED THROUGH SALES OF FOOD PRODUCT AND THROUGH LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS. DONATIONS TO SICI CAN BE EARMARKED FOR COMMUNITY CAFÉ.

HOW COMMUNITY CAFÉ WORKS:

- ❖ ALL ARE WELCOME TO EAT AT THE CAFÉ. THERE ARE NO AGE OR INCOME RESTRICTIONS.
- ❖ RETAIL PRICES ARE LISTED ON THE MENU.
- ❖ IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD THE RETAIL PRICE LISTED ON THE MENU... WE STILL WANT YOU TO HAVE A GOOD MEAL. YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:
 - YOU CAN VOLUNTEER FOR 30 MINUTES IN LIEU OF PAYING FOR YOUR MEAL.
 - IF VOLUNTEERING IS NOT AN OPTION DUE TO PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS, PLEASE VISIT WITH A STAFF MEMBER.
- ❖ MOST OF ALL... WE WANT YOU TO ENJOY A GOOD MEAL WITH FRIENDS IN A RELAXING ENVIRONMENT.

Community Café
@ GRANDVIEW
Monday-Thursday (11am to 1pm)

CHICKEN TENDER PLATE:

Two spicy or crispy chicken tenders with choice of side and a side of ranch.

\$7

HANDMADE BURGER PLATE:

Handmade burger with onions, lettuce, pickles, mayo, ketchup, and a side. Add cheese or bacon for \$0.50 each.

\$9

CHICKEN FRIED STEAK OR CHICKEN FRIED CHICKEN SANDWICH:

Chicken fried steak or chicken fried chicken on a bun with lettuce, mayo or ketchup, onion, and a choice of side.

\$10

CHEF SALAD:

Mixed lettuce, turkey, ham, Swiss cheese, cheddar cheese, hardboiled egg, croutons, and your choice of dressing.

\$10

COBB SALAD:

Mixed lettuce, bacon, chicken tender, bleu cheese crumbles, diced tomatoes, avocado, hardboiled egg, and croutons.

\$10

SOUTHWEST CHICKEN SALAD:

Mixed lettuce, spicy chicken tender, bacon, croutons, and ranch dressing.

\$10

CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD:

Mixed lettuce, chicken tender, croutons, parmesan cheese, and Caesar dressing.

\$10

CHICKEN TENDER WRAP:

Spicy or crispy golden chicken tenders, mixed lettuce, cheddar cheese, and diced tomatoes wrapped in a tortilla. Served with a choice of side and ranch dressing.

\$9

BLT WRAP:

Diced bacon, mixed lettuce, tomato, and mayo wrapped in a tortilla. Served with a choice of side.

\$9

VEGGIE WRAP:

Creamy Italian dressing w/ mixed lettuce, shredded carrots, diced tomatoes, black olives, onions, cheddar cheese, and avocado wrapped in a tortilla. Served with a choice of side.

\$7

SIDES: Side Salad, Baked Potato, Fries, Tots, or Sweet Potato Fries

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.

Stratton Days Winners:

Pie Contest Winner: Joyce Cushing

Stratton Rec Club Raffle: (beef/pork and cooler) – Jessica Kirkpatrick

Little House Museum Quilt Raffle: Brad Jesch

Parade Winners:

-Grand Prize – Joyce Forch Family

-Business – 1st – Private Pantry
2nd – MNB Bank

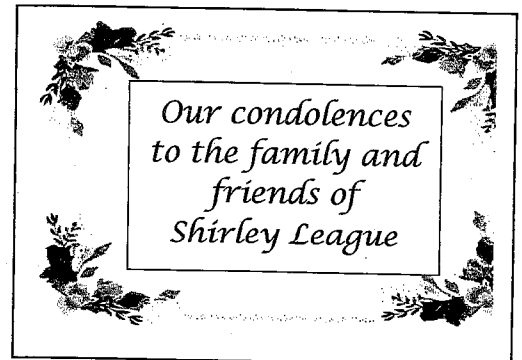
-Organization – 1st Stratton Ambulance
2nd FROGS

-Children & Family – 1st – Bob Stahly Family
2nd – Kinley & Kandance McLain

-Vehicles – 1st – Pat Forch
2nd – Kim Hightower

-Mud Bog – ATV2 Class – Jayce Richards
ATV4 Class – Paul Johnson
Class A – 1st–Jason Dipert, 2nd–Austin Bell
Class B – 1st–Cade Richards, 2nd–Austin Bell
Class C – 1st–Michael Boame, 2nd–Steve Morris
Ag/Open Class – 1st–Tyler Cearns, 2nd–Kenny Fogleman

-Grand Marshall: Rich & Julie Bernt



In the "Chaplain's Handbook", (provided by the Veterans of Foreign Wars), directives for the purpose of Chaplains, number 5 states, "To remind all Americans that God is the source of all, (my italics), rights and privileges". It seems our country is fast forgetting that and is looking to our government for that source. We are in a spiritual battle for this country, the likes of we have never seen. The secularists are trying to take Christianity out of our country any way they can. They used Covid 19 to shut down our churches. We could meet only so long and only a small capacity, spaced 6 feet apart. Next it will be you will have to have a vaccination to be able to gather.

Socialism, communism, critical race theory, wokeness, transgenderism, abortion and more, they are all tools being used to destroy this nation. If you think that they are not creeping into your local schools, you better take a closer look. If you are sending your kids off to college you better be equipping them with a lot of tools to defend their beliefs or they will come back with all the stuff that will in the end destroy them.

Christians are going to have to come together. In our small communities, (larger ones too), denominational walls are going to have to come down. We need to follow Jesus Christ, preaching truth, not our denominational dogma. Preachers are going to need to preach the Bible and its truths, not something just to make you feel good.

There are some revivals starting to take place in this country, if you take the time to look for them. That comes from people humbling themselves, spending time praying, confessing their sins and their country's sins, seeking God's face, caring about their neighbors and their country.

I don't believe that it's too late yet, but we are behind. We are going to have to raise up good leaders of all kinds. School boards, local government, state and federal government, spiritual leaders that are willing to speak God's truth. There is a job for all of us. Ephesians chapter 6, verses 10-17 provide you the armor to do battle. Verse 18 tells you how to do it. God armed you with a sword, go use it.

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**

308-340-5273

-or-

308-737-0901

OCTOBER 2021

Dundy County Stratton Activities Calendar



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
3 HOMECOMING 	4 MOVE IT MONDAY FBLA Pizza Kit Sales Begin 9:00am District Golf @Kimball 12:00pm FBLA Chapter Meeting 3:30pm Jr. High VB @McCook	5 MOVEMENT UNDER THE SEA 4:00pm VB Tri vs. Wallace & Paxton @DCSHS	6 WILD WEST 1:30 PM Homecoming Parade & Pep Rally	7 SPIRIT DAY 2:00pm JH VB & FB vs. Cambridge 3:00pm Cross Country RPAC @Bertrand 6:30pm FB vs. Southern Valley	8 7:00pm Fall Cabaret @DCSHS Gym	9 9:00am JH VB Quad @Chase County HOMECOMING DANCE
10	11 1:00pm JH VB @ Hitchcock 3:00pm JV VB @Southwest	12 4:00pm VB Tri vs. Hershey & Perkins	13 Mock Trial @Grant	14 3:00pm District Cross Country @Bridgeport 6:30pm FB vs. Cambridge	15 End of 1st Quarter	16 Marching Band @Minden 8:00am JH VB Tournament
17	18 TBD RPAC VB Tournament	19 2:15 9-12 Student Assembly 5:45pm CTSO Food Pantry Scavenger Hunt TBD RPAC VB Tournament	20 College/Career Fair @Southwest High School 9:00am FCCLA Fall Leadership Conference	21 8:00am Lions Club @DCS Elementary TEACHER IN-SERVICE NO SCHOOL! First Round FB Playoff	22 State Cross Country @Kearney FALL BREAK NO SCHOOL!	23
24	25 TBD RPAC VB Tournament Early Dismissal Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:00pm	26 	27 Tenor Bass Day @ Chadron	28 4:00pm FBLA Halloween Spook Parade	29 Second Round FB Playoff	30
31 MOVIE 	1 NOVEMBER	2	3	4 9:00am Dental Health Screenings @Stratton Elementary	5 1:30pm DCS Jr. High Wrestling Meet	6 Show Choir Competition @Scottsbluff

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

11 Spots In Nebraska Where Nature Will Completely Relax You

It's easy to get caught up in the daily grind of our fast-paced lives, but sometimes you just need to take a break, disconnect a little, and get back to your roots. Next time you're feeling stressed and need a little break, check out one of these 11 relaxing spots in nature.

During these uncertain times, please keep safety in mind and consider adding destinations to your bucket list to visit at a later date.

1. Lake McConaughy

Nebraska's largest lake features more than 100 miles of sandy shoreline. The man-made lake is surrounded by some serious natural beauty, and there's nothing quite like a sunset over this water.

2. Agate Fossil Beds National Monument

This monument is known as the site of some pretty major fossil finds. Today, there are displays of fossils as well as Native American artifacts. But even if you aren't interested in history, the landscape is simply lovely.

3. The Nebraska Sandhills

This ecologically unique area is unlike any other place in Nebraska. Take the Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway (Hwy 2) for a truly beautiful ride through the area.

4. Niobrara National Scenic River, north-central Nebraska

Everyone knows that the Niobrara is the place to be for tubing, tanking, and other river fun, but it also happens to be exceptionally beautiful.

5. Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge

Gorgeous sights can be found in the breathtaking Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge in Valentine.

6. Smith Falls State Park

While you're enjoying the Niobrara, stop by this pristine park to view Nebraska's tallest waterfall. It's a hike in/hike out or boat in/boat out park with some of the best hiking in the state.

7. Chadron State Park

Chadron State Park is a place you really have to see if you haven't already. It's a beautiful natural spot with a wide variety of trails for hiking and biking.

8. Halsey National Forest

This pine forest in the middle of the sandhills is such a unique place to spend a day (or more) exploring on foot or on ATVs.

9. E.T. Mahoney Trails

Eugene T. Mahoney Trails is a 1.6 mile loop trail located near Ashland, Nebraska that features a river. The trail is a great place to go to relax in nature at any time of the year.

10. Fort Robinson State Park

Activities include trail rides, historic tours, cookouts, swimming, trout fishing, crafts, hiking, jeep and stagecoach rides, viewing pasture for bison herd, purebred Texas longhorn herds and more. The park grounds are open year-round for day use, hiking and camping, mountain biking, cross-country skiing and hunting in season.

11. Snake River Fall

Looking like a fun place to spend a hot summer afternoon, Snake River Falls is a popular fishing and recreation spot about 20 miles south of Valentine. It's the largest waterfall by volume in the entire state of Nebraska.

Feeling a weight lifting off your shoulders yet? Sometimes all you need to do is just stop and smell the roses.

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