

NEW BEGINNINGS

December 2021

Volume 30, Issue 7

Christmas In Stratton *Cruise Night & Soup Supper*

- Soups
- Cinnamon Rolls
- Treats
- Visit from Santa
- Music
- Prizes

Enjoy soup and cinnamon rolls in Grandview from 5:00- 6:30
Santa will arrive at Grandview on the fire truck at 6:15
Santa goodie bags will be available for the first 75 kids
Prizes for the holiday bucks will be awarded at 6:30
Finish the night with a cruise through Stratton to enjoy the Christmas lights!
Cruise maps and hot cocoa from MNB will be available at 6:30
Prizes for the top three decorated cruising vehicles
Line up for judging at 6:30 on Bailey St in front of Grandview

Grandview
Stratton, Nebraska

Dec
19th

Sunday December 19th 5:00- 7:30pm

For More Info Like Stratton, Nebraska on Facebook

Sponsored by the Stratton Area Chamber of Commerce



"To give without reward or any notice has a special quality of its own".

Help make someone's Christmas a little brighter by choosing a name from the Caring Tree, located just inside the lobby of MNB Bank. Please return your gift by December 23rd. Thank You!



MNB Open House

Wednesday, December 22nd

*-Stop in and enjoy cookies, hot chocolate and cider
-Register for drawings*



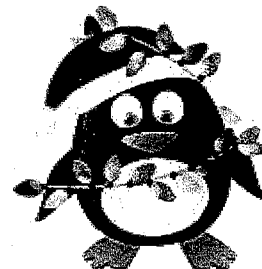
Second Annual Christmas Cruisin' Night – we had quite a few decked out vehicles last year – can we get even more this year! Join the fun – decorate your vehicle – truck, tractor, car – whatever and get ready to *cruise in Stratton* on Sunday, December 19th. Prizes will be awarded to the top three decorated vehicles. Line up for vehicle judging at 6:30 CST on Bailey Street in front of Grandview, cruise to follow.

* **Lighting Contest**—Show your holiday spirit by decorating your home or yard. Call Shaila at MNB 276-2166 to add your house to the Cruise Night map.

1st place—\$100

2nd place - \$50

3rd place - \$25



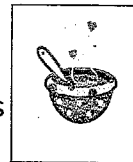


"Best of all, Christmas means a spirit of love, a time when the love of God and the love of our fellow men should prevail over all hatred and bitterness, a time when our thoughts and deeds and the spirit of our lives manifest the presence of God."

—GEORGE F. MCDUGALL



Soup Supper



What: Soup and Cinnamon Rolls

Where: Grandview

When: 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. December 19th

Come and Enjoy!

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Congratulations to Hope Sandmann. Her photo was chosen as the Senator Ben Sasse's Fall 2021 Photography Contest winner. Hope's photo will be printed and displayed in each of the Senator's offices throughout Nebraska. The photo will be displayed mid-January to the end of May 2022. Hope is the daughter of David and Carrie Sandmann of Stratton.



Holiday Bucks will again be available at your local businesses. Santa Bucks winners will be announced at 6:30 — December 19th at Grandview.



Santa in Stratton



Hey kids — *Santa is coming!*
Make sure to see Santa on Sunday, December 19th. He will arrive on the fire truck at Grandview — 6:15 pm CST. Santa goodie bags will be available inside Grandview to the first 75 kids.

Burger Baskets And More!

308-276-2155

Beer-Cocktails-Wine (On/Off Sale)

DECEMBER 2021

We will be closed

December 23rd thru December 28th

***December 31st 2021, January 1st 2022 and
January 2nd 2022***

**HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Come on in for a delicious meal

We've got something for everyone!!

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**ENJOY OUR FRIED CHICKEN DINNER
EVERY SUNDAY**

HOURS

Wednesday - Saturday 11:00am - 8:00pm

Sunday 11:00am - 3:00pm

Monday & Tuesday - Closed

HAPPY HOUR DAILY 2PM - 4PM

Stratton Public Library Open Monday 12-7pm Thursday 12-5pm
YOU want to get in the Christmas Spirit with a book? Come check out the new
Christmas books at the Stratton Public Library

Merry Christmas



Juvenile:

Comet – Benton

Tiny Reindeer- Naylor

The Magical Christmas Store – Powell

Five Little Monkeys Looking for Santa – Christelow

Construction Site Merry and Bright – Rinker

Rocket's Christmas Surprise – Hills

Peas on Earth – Marx

Dear Santa-I Know it Looks Bad But It Wasn't my Fault – Lewis

Santa in the City – Jackson

Adult:

Christmas Stories – Lucado

The Christmas Promise – Evans

Holding Out for Christmas – Dailey

Mistletoe Magic – Michaels

Spirit of Christmas – Michaels

Christmas at Timberwoods - Michaels

*Our condolences
to the family
and friends of*

Brett Johnson

SHOWING

Tuesday, December 14th

TECHNO OR NO TECHNO?

The North Pole is baffled by all it's new technology and
Christmas is about to crater...this is a must see production...
What's in store for Christmas?

Serving Supper from 5:30-6:30 in the Stratton Gym-
Chili, Crackers, Cinnamon Rolls, and Drink / Free Will Donation

Show Time: 7:00 PM- Elementary Cafeteria

Stratton Public Library

There are many little ways to enlarge your world. Love of Books is the best of all!

—Jacqueline Kennedy

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

Highlighted Book for the Month – Falling by T.J. Newman

Check out this exciting novel by this first time author. Guaranteed you won't be able to put it down!

So many NEW books have joined the shelves in our library...come check them out!

Adult:

The House We Grew Up In – Jewell

The Huntress – Quinn

Smitten – Coble

The Tattooist of Auschwitz – Morris

The Hunting Party – Foley

The Witch Elm – French

Pale As Death – Graham

The Noise – Patterson

The Cellist – Silva

The Favorite Daughter – Rouda

The Therapist – Paris

The Invisible Life of Addie Larue – Schwab

Golden Girl – Hilderbrand

Juvenile:

Principal Tate is Running Late – Cole

Princess Cora and the Crocodile - Schlitz

A Slow Fire Burning - Hawkins

High Stakes - Johansen

The City - Koontz

The Inn - Patterson

The Judge's List - Grisham

Don't Look Down - Davidson

The Last Thing He Told Me - Dave

Facing the Mountain - Brown

The Letter Keeper - Martin

The Lost and Found Bookshop - Wiggs

Seven Perfect Things - Hyde

The Wish - Sparks

West with Giraffes – Rutledge

Operation Frog Effect – Scheerger

Pick a book, read a book, love a book! –Theme by Ady Leighty

Reading Challenge is extended to Dec. 20th. If you have not started come in and get started...get your name in the prize drawing after completing six challenges!

Merry Christmas

THANK
YOU!

Thank you to the many who contributed to the 2021 Community Fund Drive. We so appreciate your generosity and care in making Stratton a "Good Place to Grow". If you didn't receive a donation slip, it is not too late to make contribution. Just stop in at MNB – Stratton and pick one up. THANK YOU!

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:
Nebraska Community Foundation
Bill Condon
Loretta Sandberg
Earl & Marjorie Denio

Congratulations to Kenedi Merklin and Maelee Forch! They were chosen to perform with the All-State Elementary choir at the NMEA (Nebraska Music Educators Association) conference in Lincoln.

This choir only meets every other year, and this year our school had the opportunity to send two students. Both of the girls' applications were accepted and they worked hard outside of school and at extra school rehearsals to learn and memorize some very challenging music!

All their work culminated in a great day of music-making. They sang with more than 200 elementary students from across the state underneath a fantastic director and got to share their concert in the evening at the Leid Center. Maelee is the daughter of Brad and Kylee Forch of Stratton.

Alcoholics Anonymous – There is a Solution

New Group Starting January 6th, 2022

Time: 7pm (CST)

Location: Grandview Community & Events Center, 903 Bailey Street, Stratton, NE

Meetings will be held weekly on Thursdays
For more information call Dave @ (308) 737-8725

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.

Well, we are between Thanksgiving and Christmas, two of the biggest holidays of the year. Both are holidays founded because of Christianity, one for thanking God that we have been given this great country, the other for celebrating the birth of our great savior, Jesus Christ, and both holidays have been stolen. The teaching of the day is, that one was founded to thank the Indians for helping the Pilgrims, and that the other was founded because Saint Nicolas (Santa Claus) gave away gifts.

When the Pilgrims landed they got on their knees and thanked God that they had survived the trip, and that they had a place to live where they could worship God the way they interpreted the Bible, without being harassed and tortured. The Indians (Wampanoag tribe) were invited because they had helped them survive the first couple of years. It was a celebration of thanking God for their survival, the first Thanksgiving being held 400 years ago last October. Abraham Lincoln declared it to be a national holiday in 1863. It is always on the last Thursday of November.

Christmas is celebrated December 25th as the birthday of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It has been hi-jacked by a jolly old man in a red suit with a sled and 8 reindeer pulling it, and they supposedly live at the north pole. I used to have a Santa suit and with help from Delores we had a lot of fun with it. The sad thing is, it takes a lot away from Christmas. The commercialization of Christmas, the having to give gifts, etc. puts so much pressure on people, it has almost ruined the holiday.

God, the Father, gave us His Son, (The greatest gift of all) that we might have eternal life in peace with Him. Remember what the two Holidays are all about. First, accept the eternal gift of salvation, and then, be very, very thankful.

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

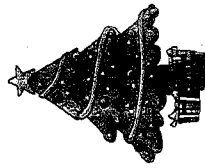
**7:30 p.m. Held at Church of God
202 Main St-Trenton**

308-340-5273

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308-737-0901

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