

# NEW BEGINNINGS

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Hitch up your wagons! The Stratton Day's Parade theme for 2022 is "The Old West in Southwest Nebraska", mozy on down Bailey Street and wow the local cowboys with your best float yet! A full schedule of all the festivities will be included in the September issue.

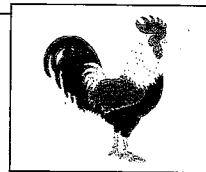
## HELP WANTED

### Administrative Secretary

Benkelman-Max-Stratton Methodist Parish is seeking a self-motivated individual for a part-time position as an Administrative Secretary. Must be knowledgeable in Microsoft Word. We will be accepting letters of application and resumes until August 15<sup>th</sup>. Send to: BMS Parish, PO Box 206, Stratton, NE or email to: [bmsparish@gpcom.net](mailto:bmsparish@gpcom.net). Questions – please call Jackie at 308-883-1736 or Susan at 308-340-0559.

## Little House Museum News

If you are interested in keeping Stratton heritage alive, we would like to invite you to join the Little House Museum. If you are interested, please contact: Janet Felt, Pat Egle, Monica Desautels or Bernard Andrijeski.



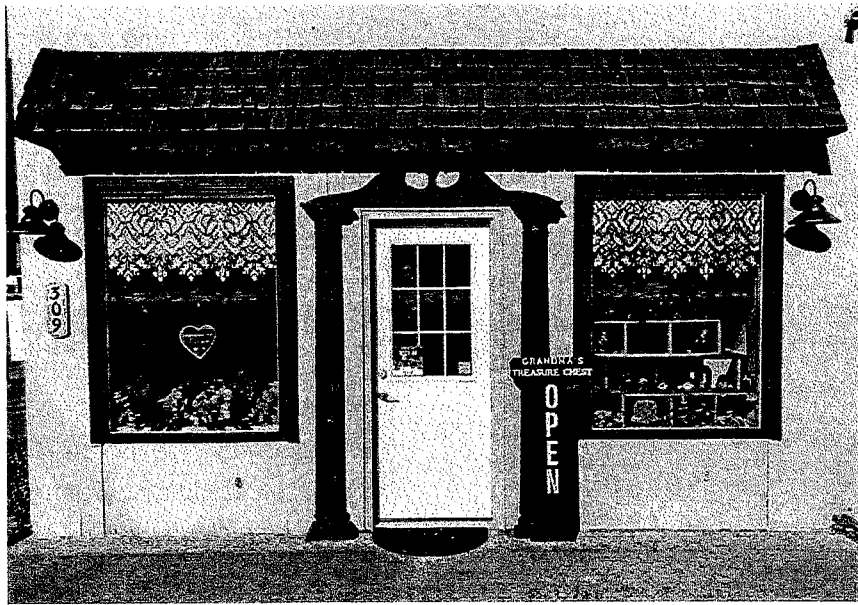
## *Something to crow about* ----

Something fowl is going on at Little House Museum. Donita Clark has lent her collection of "Chickens" to the museum. Come view the chickens and step back in time enjoying the history of Stratton. The museum will be open August 21 from 1:00 – 5:00.

**"NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE,  
THE WORD ITSELF SAYS  
'I'M POSSIBLE!'" - AUDREY  
HEPBURN**



**WELCOME  
BACK TO SCHOOL**



**DID YOU KNOW-----**

Grandma's Treasure Chest is a quaint shop which has antiques, collectibles and handcrafted items for every room in the house!

- Children's toys and books, plus books for adults.
- Handmade crafts, jewelry, quilts, flower décor and baskets.
- Handmade wood plaques and grab bags.
- Plus – a lot more of treasures you might enjoy.

Beginning in August, I will be offering crafting classes. You need to Pre-Register for every class I hold. I have room for at least 8 people. Please let me know in a timely manner if you plan on coming. PLEASE let me know if you have registered but cannot make the class so I will know how many supplies to have on hand.

There will always be a chair or two ready for you to sit and visit after you are done browsing or if you just want to come and visit me

Marilyn Criger, owner

Stratton, NE Phone: (308) 276-2642

You may leave a message if I'm not at the store

**AUGUST CRAFT DAY – AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup> – TIED FLEECE PILLOW - COST \$9.50**

# **Max Bluegrass Gospel Concert**

**Date: September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Time: Dinner @ 5:00pm Mountain**

**Gospel Concert Starts @ 6:00pm Mountain**

**@ the Max Community Center**

**A free will offering will be accepted**

**We are welcoming back the Paul Family Bluegrass Band!**



**For More Information**

**Please Contact Joni Petersen**

**308-830-3157**

**Please come and enjoy this amazing family band as they are  
one performance you won't want to miss!!**

## Stratton Public Library

Hot Days are Good Reading Days!

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

**Highlighted Books of the Month:** Catfish at the Pump - Humor and the Frontier

by Roger L. Welsch, A collection of good tales and jokes!

Adult: Great Selections to pass a hot afternoon!

Trading Places & Truth and Justice by Michaels, Texas Two Step by Macomber, Bitterroots by Box, Ocean Prey by Sanford, The Match by Coben, Saltwater Creek & Burnt Mountain by Siddons, Beach Wedding by Ledwidge, Dandelion Summer by Wingate, Keep Quiet & Eternal by Scottoline, Lover's Lane by Landis, The Days of Summer by Barnett, The Crowning Glory of Calla Lily Ponder by Wells, Girls in Pants by Brashares, Return to Sullivans Island by Frank, The Lost Girls by Brennan, The One and Only by Griffin,

Juvenile: Keep reading kids!

Oil Spill, Of Salt and Shore, Hazel Bly and the Deep Blue Sea, History Smashers: The Titanic, Girl Overboard, Olive's Ocean, Are We Lost Yet, Ding Dong Dad, Storm, Maddie and Mable, Nana the Great Comes to Visit, Lizzy and the Cloud, John Deere That's Who, From Wheat to Bread

**Light up your Imagination...READ** (*theme by Kenley Evans*)

Summer Reading Program was a great success! Thanks to everyone who donated items for the program, not only in person but through our Amazon Wish List!

(Watch our wish list as items for future reading incentives will be found on the list. This is a good way to support your local library and reading!)

A huge **Thank-You** to the Farm Bureau for the donation of six books for our Children's Section. They are very much appreciated!

## Stratton Public Library Summer Reading Program 2022

### Oceans of Possibilities

During the month of June, 15 kids and 2 young adults took time out of their busy summer to READ! Our Stratton kids experienced everything from Pirate Games, Ocean Facts, Oil Spills and Outdoor Water Games to making their own snack each day. They consumed Twinkie Submarines, a Ritz Cracker Octopus, Vanilla Wafer Clams, Ocean Water Jell-O, Ocean Floats and a Fruit filled watermelon Pirate Ship!

Each week the kids had to Walk the Plank and Dive through the Deep Ocean in order to add stickers to their Treasure Map. Then after enjoying stories, games and activities such as making floating jelly fish – each child would move their submarine or sea animals throughout the ocean to mark the number of books they read that week. After four weeks of maneuvering past Turtle Beach, Sea Monster Bay, Mermaid Cove and Pirate Territory the readers found themselves a little wiser about the ocean, along with the group reading a total of 91 books! 101 reading coupons to be spent at local businesses were earned by the readers. Coupons were earned by the number of books read and how many stickers were earned on the treasure map.

The top reading awards went to...

Henry Kollmorgen earning 15 points in the Pre-K – K group.

Rachel Kollmorgen earning 19.5 points, Joslyn Kollmorgen earning 18 points, and Cassidy Henderson earning 16 points in the 1<sup>st</sup>- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade group.

Bailey Steno earned 22 points, Cooper Henderson earned 15 points and Grace Stahly earned 10 points in the 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade group.

Our book drawing winners for 2022 were Henry Kollmorgen, Henri Thiessen and Grace Stahly.

The Library Board issued an ice cream treat coupon for everyone who turned in their Reading Logs on time! By participating in the Oceans of Possibilities Stratton Reading Program our local kids have opened up possibilities for a stronger reading achievement level when the school year starts. Readers were given the privilege of picking awesome ocean-water prizes at the conclusion of our Summer Reading Program.

Kids, keep the possibilities of success for your future by continuing to READ! Visit the Stratton Public Library often.



### Chaplain's Corner

We have been living in an oppressive heat wave, but today as I write this, we have been given a reprieve. Some cool weather this week and maybe some moisture, then back to the heat. Another old timer and I have agreed it is as dry, (lack of moisture in the ground) as we have ever seen it. The 1950's were about as dry, but this tops that. This heat wave seems to be almost worldwide. Another sign of the times.

Bible prophecy seems to be saying we are close to the time of the Tribulation; seven years of control of much of the earth by the anti-Christ spoken of in the book of Daniel and other prophets and the book of Revelation as spoken to John by Jesus. Jesus tells us in Matthew chapter 24 that nations will rise against each other and there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. Since 1900 there has been a big increase in earthquakes. We are on the verge of a big famine with a large part of the wheat growing countries not producing much this year. With the cost of fuels, transportation of goods has fallen off. Covid and monkey pox are worldwide. Jesus says this is just the beginning of sorrows.

God is calling out to us. To the Christian, you have a job to do. You need to be telling others about the saving grace of Jesus. If you don't know how, you need to find out how. Bibles, internet, ask other Christians. Your own story of how Jesus saved you is your best tool. To those of you who have not surrendered yourselves to Jesus, ask Him into your life. Get a Bible and start reading the book of John. Don't start reading at the beginning, read the book of John first. You will see how much Jesus cares about people.

We are living in the time of the end and Jesus is about to call his people to Him. The ship is about to leave, the boarding call is out; come and go along.

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**

**10:45 a.m. Church Services**

#### St. Joseph Catholic Church

**8:30 a.m. Mass**

#### Church of Christ

**10:30 a.m. Sunday School**

**11:00 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, NE**

**308-340-5273 -or- 308-737-0901**

**Stratton Medical Clinic**  
(308) 276-2411  
903 Bailey St.  
Stratton, NE 69043  
www.dchbenkelman.com

Provider subject to change.  
Closed Saturday, Sunday, Monday.

All times are CT:

Monday-Closed

Tuesday-Dr. Stonehocker- 10:30-12:00 and 1:30-4:30 CT

Wednesday- Tammi Cawthra- 2:00-5:00 CT

Thursday- Dr. Jose Garcia- 8:30-12:30 CT

Friday-Michelle Koppie-09:00-12:00 CT

For appointments outside of these dates and times  
please call Quality Healthcare Clinic in Benkelman, NE

#### Parmesan Cheese Zucchini

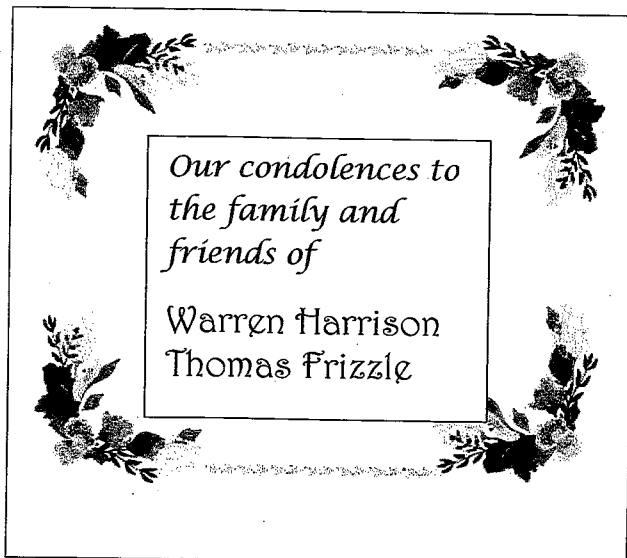
2 teaspoons garlic powder  
1 teaspoon dried parsley  
½ cup Parmesan cheese  
Pepper to taste  
3 zucchinis sliced  
2 eggs beaten  
1 cup vegetable (or olive oil) for frying  
1 Tablespoon Parmesan Cheese  
Salt to Taste

Mix bread crumbs, 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese, garlic powder, parsley, and black pepper in a bowl. Dip zucchini slices into eggs, then press into bread crumb mixture, shaking off excess. Place the breaded zucchini onto a plate while breading the rest; do not stack.

Heat vegetable oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Fry breaded zucchini in hot oil in batches until golden brown, about 3 minutes; transfer to a paper towel-lined plate. Sprinkle with 1 tablespoon Parmesan cheese and salt.

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Bill Condon  
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The trouble is, you cannot grow just one **zucchini**. Minutes after you plant a single seed, hundreds of **zucchini**s will barge out of the ground and sprawl around the garden, menacing the other vegetables. At night, you will be able to hear the ground quake as more and more **zucchini**s erupt.  
— **Dave Barry**

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