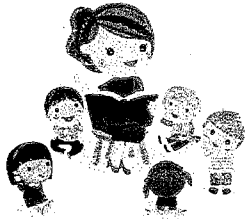


# NEW BEGINNINGS

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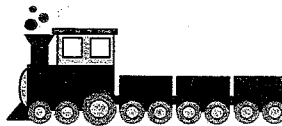


## HELP

The Little Village Daycare needs your help! We are looking for full time, part time, substitute, anytime employees. We will consider anyone with one to 40 hours a week availability! We can work with whatever your schedule is. No weekends. Delayed hiring bonus of \$200 for an applicant who is hired for 20+ hours per week. Bonus will be paid after three months of employment.

Like many in our area, we've faced hiring challenges and are currently looking at closing our daycare due to lack of staff. This will be a great loss for the community as well as the families that we now serve.

Due to processing time to have employees approved by DHHS, we need to hear from you by January 9, 2023 in order to ensure our daycare can remain open. Please contact [littlevillagedaycare17@gmail.com](mailto:littlevillagedaycare17@gmail.com) or call Tara at 308-830-2878.



### ***Tasties from Tuesday is Back!***

Enjoy your favorite baked goods in Stratton once again. Tuesday will have a selection of her baked goods for your convenience at: Jay Bird Express, Stratton – 8:00 am to noon each Saturday.



*I decided  
to take  
an  
aerobics class.  
I bent,  
twisted,  
gyrated*

*and jumped up and down  
for an hour.*

*But, by the time  
I got my leotard on,  
the class was over.*

**Thank  
you!**

Thank you to everyone who made  
Christmas special this year from:

--Grandview Event Center's  
Christmas Craft Fair.

--Chamber of Commerce who  
hosted the annual soup supper,  
Santa visit and prizes. Also, for  
sponsoring the Caring Tree.

--All the volunteers who assisted in  
the food boxes and delivery of the  
food and Caring Tree packages.

**Thank  
you!**

Thank you so much  
for the turkey I won at the Soup  
and Santa event at Grandview.  
We appreciate the work of the  
Stratton Chamber. It was a nice  
evening.

Rich Kollmorgen

**Thank  
you!**

Thank you to Jerry McDonald and Thomas Jones for their  
years of service on the Village Board of Trustees. Thomas  
has been a trustee for two terms for a total of eight years  
and Jerry has put in five consecutive terms for an  
outstanding 20 years! This is a thankless job that takes a  
special person to step up and make the decisions that  
need to be made for the community. Thank you also to  
all the previous Board Trustees that have been involved  
over the years. If you get a chance to thank any of the  
former trustees, please do!

We would also like to welcome the two new incoming  
trustees, Kyle Sutton and Paul Bohochik. Please wish  
them the wisdom and strength to guide them to make  
the decisions that are best for our community.

Village of Stratton

**NEW YEAR'S  
RESOLUTION**

Laugh a Little  
Louder  
Smile a Little  
Bigger  
Love a Little  
Deeper  
Pray a Lot  
Harder  
and Walk  
Through Life  
a Little Slower



WOMEN  
WORKING

***New Hours Starting in January, 2023***

**Stratton Medical Clinic**

**To schedule an appointment  
call (308) 423-2151.**

Provider Availability Subject to Change.  
Closed Saturday, Sunday, Monday & Friday

**Central Times listed:**

**Tuesday**

Michelle Koppie, APRN 9:00 - 12:00 / 1:00 - 4:30 PM

**Wednesday**

Tammi Cawthra, APRN- 2:00 - 5:00 PM

**Thursday**

Lori Stonehocker, D.O. 10:30 - 12:00 / 1:30 - 4:30 PM

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

903 Bailey St.  
Stratton, NE 69043  
www.dchbenkelman.com

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**5 Ingredient Energy Bites**

2 Tablespoons Honey  
2/3 Cup Peanut Butter, creamy  
1 cup Oats, old fashioned  
½ cup Semi-sweet chocolate chips  
½ cup Flax seeds, ground  
-Combine and shape into small bite-sized balls. Enjoy!

***On behalf of the Stratton Area Chamber of Commerce, thank you to everyone who participated in the Christmas Soup Supper event.***

***The winners of the house lighting contest were First Place: Jessica Kohler & Eric Huffman, Second Place: Bob Cappel and Third Place: Paul & Diane Bohochik.***

***We look forward to the next community gathering! If you would like to help with the next event, please contact a Chamber member or come to the monthly meetings.***

## Stratton Public Library

The best way to end the year and start a new one is with a book in your hand!

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

**Highlighted Books of the Month:** Prairie Tale by Melissa Gilbert ...come take a look all of you Little House on the Prairie fans! Gilbert has much to share about her life.

Adult: Johansen: Pandora's Daughter, No Easy Target, Killer Dreams, And Then You Die Box: Bandlands, Blue Heaven, Three Weeks to Say Goodbye Sandford: The Fools Run Gottlieb: Letters to Sam Milne: The Final Note Dallas: Whiter Than Snow Fox: Chase Crouch: UpGrade Scottoline: What Happened VanRensburg: Nobody But Us Willingham: Flicker in the Dark Burke: Find Me Kellerman: The Lost Boys Gross: Sabiteyr Griffin: Something Borrowed Brown: Rainwater Johnson: The Wolves of Winter Shreve: Rescue Shelton: Cold Wind Lamb: The First Day of the Rest of my Life Hannah: True Colors Perks: Her One Mistake Curtis: The Expectant Father Jager: Shandra Highegale Mystery Collection

Juvenile: Messy Room ...good book to encourage New Year Clean room policy!

### Nebraska – a good place for Reading!

Did you know that Nebraska has 271 libraries. Some interesting totals compiled by the Nebraska Library System for the state. 2381 internet computers · 11,453,859 books loaned out · 994,663 registered library users · 3,680,256 library visits

NebraskaAccess is the systems public resource portal leasing to premium research databases, evaluated websites, government publications and more. Free, 24/7 full-text access is available to thousands of magazines and journals, biographical information, and genealogical information. You can log in with your Nebraska driver's license or state ID. Children and teens are invited across the state to read and discuss the same book. In 2021 the kid book was "Harbor Me", and the teen book was "Piecing Me Together". In 2022 the kid book was "The Adventures of Beanboy" and the teen book was "Stupid Fast". The system also has Nebraska Memories offering glass-plate negatives, photographs, postcards, stereoscopes, sheet music, maps, manuscripts, documents, and oral histories at [http://memories, Nebraska.gov](http://memories,Nebraska.gov)

Our Library building is connected to fiber if you need it. We have a large selection of large print books too. What are you waiting for.... COME ON IN! FIND A BOOK! Or join the coffee and conversation group on Thursdays from 2-4.

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

Snow is falling  
and books are  
calling...

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Don't be ashamed of the gospel. Don't let people think you are stupid because you believe in Creation rather than the theory of evolution. Another thing, you can't believe in both of them, which I tried to do, because you cannot have it both ways. Creation—intelligent design, however you want to say it, comes from God. Evolution says it just happened and it came from someone else.

On that note, when you surrender your self to Jesus you become a new creation. 2nd Corinthians 5: 17. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; all things have become new." When I surrendered to Jesus, He changed me. When I went to bed that night, I was convinced that I was on the road to hell. In the middle of the that sleepless night I finally surrendered to Jesus; a peace filled me, (that has never left me), and I went to sleep. I got up the next morning a different person; a new creation. The drinking and the nicotine were gone. I was free from them. Psalm 37: 4. "Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart." He cleaned up my mouth and my profanity began to disappear. That happened many years ago, but as I was studying the Bible today the words, "New Creation" jumped off the pages. I realized that; this is what I was; a new creation—All the old was gone; there was whole new world out there. The new adventures that it put me and my family into were beyond anything I could have imagined.

When we are born, we are born sinners. When Adam and Eve sinned and had to leave the Garden of Eden, their spirit died. Our inheritance from them is; we are born with a body and a soul, but our spirit is dead. When we surrender to Jesus, our spirit is made alive and we are whole—Body, Soul and Spirit. That is how we are changed plus the fact Jesus is alive in us. It's a whole new life. If you haven't made Jesus your Lord and Savior, it would be a great way to start a new year and if He is your Lord and Savior, Rejoice, you're a New Creation.

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**



**MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**

**JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> 8:00 AM**

**METHODIST CHURCH**

**ALL MEN WELCOME!**



New reports show that scammers are reviving an old tactic to gain trust. Scammers are emailing and texting pictures of real and doctored law enforcement credentials and badges to prove they are legitimate and scam people out of money. Scammers may change the picture or use a different name, agency, or badge number, but the basic scam is the same.

Federal law enforcement agencies are warning the public to be skeptical of email and text messages claiming to be someone from a government or law enforcement agency. No one in federal law enforcement will send photographs of credentials or badges to demand any kind of payment, and neither will government employees.

Social Security Administration Office of the Inspector General (OIG), Department of Labor OIG, NASA OIG, the Pandemic Response Accountability Committee (PRAC), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) joined forces to issue this scam alert.

### HOW A GOVERNMENT IMPOSTER SCAM WORKS

These scams primarily use telephone to contact you, but scammers may also use email, text message, social media, or U.S. mail. Scammers **pretend** to be from an agency or organization you know to gain your trust. Scammers say there is a **problem or a prize**. Scammers **pressure** you to act immediately. Scammers tell you to **pay** in a specific way.

### TIPS TO PROTECT YOURSELF

1. **Do not take immediate action.** If you receive a communication that causes a strong emotional response, take a deep breath. Hang up or ignore the message. Talk to someone you trust.
2. **Do not transfer your money! Do not buy that gift card!** Never pay someone who insists that you pay with a gift card, prepaid debit card, Internet currency or cryptocurrency, wire transfer, money transfer, or by mailing cash. Scammers use these forms of payment because they are hard to trace.
3. **Be skeptical.** If you think a real law enforcement officer is trying to reach you, call your local law enforcement using a non-emergency number to verify. Do not believe scammers who "transfer" your call to an official or who feed you a number as proof. Scammers can create fake numbers and identities. Do not trust your caller ID.
4. **Be cautious** of any contact claiming to be from a government agency or law enforcement, telling you about a problem you don't recognize. Do not provide your personal information, even if the caller has some of your information.
5. **Do not click on links or attachments.** Block unwanted calls and text messages.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SCAMS

Visit the [ftc.gov/scam](https://www.ftc.gov/scam) to read about common scams.

### IF YOU ARE A VICTIM

Stop talking to the scammer. Notify financial institutions and safeguard accounts. Contact local law enforcement and file a police report. File a complaint with the FBI IC3 at [www.ic3.gov](https://www.ic3.gov) and with the Federal Trade Commission at [ReportFraud.FTC.gov](https://www.reportfraud.ftc.gov).

# Dundy County Stratton Activities Calendar

# JANUARY 2023

December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		4	5	6	7	8
	11	12	13	14	15	16
	18	19	20	21	22	23
	25	26	27	28	29	30
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January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
				5	6	7
				12	13	14
				19	20	21
				26	27	28

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1		2	3	4	5	6
	8	9	10	11	12	13
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

7:30am Wrestling @Garden County

2:00pm JV/V Girls/Boys BB vs Wray

9:00am Wrestling @Chase County

1:00pm JV/V Girls/Boys BB @Loomis

TBD RPAC Girls/Boys Basketball Tournament 1st Round Hosted by DCSHS

6:00am Show Choir Competition @Grand Island Northwest

12:00pm DCSHS Home Wrestling Tournament

2:00pm JV/V Girls/Boys BB @Alliance

2:00pm JH Girls/Boys BB @Chase Co.

4:00pm JH Girls/Boys BB @Hitchcock Co.

4:30pm V Girls BB @Medicine Valley

2:00pm JH Girls/Boys BB vs Mccook St Pats @Southwest

5:00pm JV/V Girls/Boys BB @Cambridge

9:00am Wrestling Tournament @Medicine Valley

9:00am Wrestling @Southwest

3:00pm JV/V Girls/Boys BB @Atwood-Rawlins Co.

7:00am Show Choir

7:00am Show Choir

2:16pm FFA Meeting During PAWS DCSHS Media Center

7:00am Show Choir

9:00am FFA LDE#2 @Curtis

7:00am Show Choir

7:00am Show Choir

7:00am Show Choir

7:00am Show Choir

8:00am FCCLA District 11 STAR Competition @Medicine Valley HS

NO SCHOOL Teacher in-Service

4:00pm JV/V Girls/Boys BB @Chase Co.

3:00pm JV/V Girls/Boys BB @Hitchcock Co.

3:00pm JV/V Girls/Boys BB vs Wallace

2:00pm JH Boys BB vs Mccook

3:00pm JV/V Girls/Boys BB @Goodland

NO SCHOOL Break 10:00am Open Gym for Jr. High Basketball @DCS Remembrance

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3:30pm Black Hills Stock Show Trip

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