

NEW BEGINNINGS

March 2023

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100 New Children's Books at the Stratton Public Library!

Our Stratton Public Library has received a gift of 100 new children's books, ranging from pre-kindergarten through early readers. These books were a donation from the Brownstone Book Fund, a private foundation in New York, interested in fostering early reading, a love of books and encouraging parents and children to read together. Each year the foundation selects a state and offers 100 children's books to 100 public libraries. Stratton Public Library was one of the chosen 100 libraries to receive this wonderful gift from the Brownstone Book Fund.

We will be celebrating this wonderful collection by having a **Read a Book on the Quilt Challenge**

Janet Felt quilted a beautiful bookshelf quilt for our Stratton Public Library. You will be able to choose a title from the quilt and after you read a determined number of books you will earn prizes. Now what do you say about the combination of new books, **READING** and prizes! What a great way to support your library, interact with a book and enjoy a surprising surprise for your effort.

This challenge will start in the month of April. Come into the library to see the details and check out not only books but also the beautiful quilt made by none other than our local talented quilter, Janet Felt.



FREE COMMUNITY SUPPER

Wednesday, March 15th
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Community Methodist Church –
Stratton

All are Welcome!



Congratulations to the Dundy County Stratton Boys Basketball Team – 2023 State Qualifiers!

Send off festivities include an Assembly at the high school – 10:00 CDT

Pep Rally – 10:00 – 10:30 CDT

The team is planning to drive through Stratton between 12:15 and 12:30 CDT. Let's show our support whether a sign in your yard or a hand-held sign. You may even congregate in the MNB parking lot. **GO TIGERS!!**

HELP WANTED

THE VILLAGE OF STRATTON IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANT UTILITIES SUPERINTENDENT

Successful candidate must possess or be able to obtain CDL as well as a grade IV water operator license through the State of NE. Benefits include retirement match, health stipend, holiday and vacation pay, clothing reimbursement and Village cell phone. Responsibilities include water and sewer system operations, street maintenance, maintenance of electrical service, sanitation services, mowing and maintenance of village parks and other duties as assigned. A complete list of duties is located at the Village office and on-the-job training is provided to the right candidate. Must have a valid driver's license. Drug test and background check required. Mechanical and equipment experience a plus. Starting wage negotiable and based on experience. Applications can be found at the Stratton Village Office. For more information contact the Village Clerk at 308-276-2184 or stratton@gpcom.net or submit resume to PO Box 332 Stratton, NE 69043. Position open until filled. EOE.

The Village of Stratton is Ready for Warmer Weather and Dreaming of Swimming at the Pool!

We are currently accepting applications for Swimming Pool Manager, Assistant Manager and Lifeguards for the 2023 season. Managers must obtain Nebraska Pool Operators Certificate. Lifeguards and managers must be current on lifeguard certification and CPR/First Aid. Training is reimbursable to successful candidates. Contact the Village Clerk at 308-276-2184 or 308-830-2878 or stratton@gpcom.net or submit resume to PO Box 332 Stratton, NE 69043. Position open until filled. EOE

Village News

With all the snow we have received lately the Village of Stratton would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of snow removal ordinance regarding Village streets.

Any equipment operated on streets for the purpose of snow removal must obtain authorization from the of Trustees. This authorization allows for organization and reduced liability on the part of the resident. Contact the Village office to submit your request or if you have any questions. Once you have been authorized the Village Superintendent or designated representative can contact each resident to organize and direct the snow removal process. We can notify the resident where to pile the snow and where any hazards may be located to prevent costly damage to Village Streets and utilities as well as protect the resident's snow removal equipment.

Any damage caused by unauthorized snow removal will result in penalties and the resident will be financially responsible for any repairs needed.

We appreciate the residents of the Village caring enough to want to help take care of the town. We are all on the same team and have the same goal. Help us work together to make it happen.



Don't forget to get your 2023 Dog Tags! Bring proof of rabies shot and \$5.00 to the Village Office to receive your dog's new tags today.



Home Based Head Start

No Cost Pre-K School Readiness Program for qualifying families.

Now Accepting Applications

308-345-5846

Click QR code below to Register!!

Providing education and support services to children and families in the comfort of your own home, as well as group socializations.

Community Action Vision

"Helping people, changing lives, and making communities a better place to live."

Qualifications

Child is 3 or 4 on or before July 31st

Meet Federal Income Guidelines

You will need

- Birth Certificate of Child
- Immunization Record
- Proof of Income (W-2, 1040, 1-years Paystubs)
- Proof of Medical Coverage



Pre-Application

www.communityactionmidne.com

Head Start
Early
Head Start



**community
Action.**
PARTNERSHIP
of Mid-Nebraska
Helping People. Changing Lives.

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 LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!



LITTLE VILLAGE
daycare

The Little Village Daycare is still looking for full time, part time or substitute employees to fill a couple open shifts. 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. Meals and free hugs included.

Please contact
littlevillagedaycare17@gmail.com or call
Tara at 308-830-2878.

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:

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Anonymous



LITTLE VILLAGE DAYCARE
**IT TAKES
A VILLAGE**

Chamber Chatter

The Stratton Chamber of Commerce met on March 1 for their monthly meeting.

We welcome all to join our meetings which are the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 at the Village Office. Our village needs everyone to make us work!

The annual Easter Egg hunt will be held April 8, at Pitner Park. We will gladly accept your "non-chocolate" candy or cash donations. You can donate to the Village Office or MNB Bank. We will stuff the eggs during our regularly scheduled meeting on April 5 at 7:00. Come join us!

We are trying something new this year. What do you think about having a "Most Improved Yard"? Our plan is:

Take a before picture by April 15, submit that picture to the Village Office.

Take an after picture by September 15 and submit to the Village Office.

All Stratton residents will be able to vote on which yard they think is the most improved. Cash prizes will be awarded.

First place - \$100.00

Second place – \$50.00

Third place - \$25.00

Voting will run from August 15 – September 15. The voting areas will be announced when the businesses have been contacted.

We will announce winners at Stratton Days.

Get your plans made to participate in the MOST Improved Yard!!

We need everyone to make this Village successful, join us! We need you!!

Respectfully,

Cynthia, Chamber President

Special Event

Grandview Community & Event Center

903 Bailey St, Stratton NE. 69001

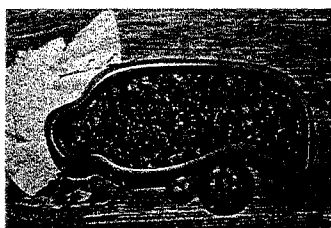
It's a Salsa Contest

Bring Your Homemade Salsa

On March 24TH

Starts @ 6:00 pm.

Ending @ 8:00 pm.



Entry Fee: \$6.00 includes meal

Dead Line for entry is March 24, 2023 @ 5:30pm

Prizes: 1st place \$25.00, 2nd and 3rd place Certificate for Stratton Country Market

Winner will be crowned and presented with a trophy for the year. The winner will also be in the Stratton Days Parade this year in September.

We are including homemade crafts to be brought in for purchase. Four tables will be in place for set up. Please contact me by March 23, 2023.

A meal will be available for purchase:

Taco Casserole - \$3.50

Spanish Rice - \$1.00

Lettuce, Tomato, and Sour Cream – \$1.50

Hosted by Mary Pierson

Please Contact me with any question @ 785-302-0760



THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Last month we began a brief study of the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The 13 gifts of the Spirit listed in the 12th chapter of 1st Corinthians are, wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, working of miracles, prophecy. Discerning of spirits, (good and evil), speaking in different kinds of tongues, interpretation of tongues, apostles, prophets, helps and administrations. These gifts are given that the Church might be edified, (lifted up), and for the glorification of God. When you give your life to Jesus you are given the Holy Spirit. Then later there is the baptism of the Holy Spirit. In the 10th chapter of Acts it tells of Peter leading people to Jesus and at the same time they were baptized in the Holy Spirit and spoke in other tongues. The sign of being baptized in the Spirit may not be the gift of tongues so much as being filled with the awareness of the love and the power that the person of the Holy Spirit has. To me, that was overwhelming; it took me about three weeks to get my feet back on the ground.

The gifts of the Spirit are given by God as they are needed. A gift might be given for a long period of time, or it might be a one-time thing. Wisdom might be given so that you might know when to tell some about the saving grace of Jesus. Some might have a much deeper faith in the Lord than others. The gift of healing might be a one-time gift, or it might be given so you could heal many.

There are many people that are Christians that actually fear the baptism of the Spirit. Satan hates it. He has come against it by convincing people these gifts were for then, (the early church) and when the last Apostle died the gifts died too. The gift of tongues is feared because it is misunderstood. Tongues are used in private prayer for self-edification, and is used in corporate worship and is interpreted and is a message from God.

I personally believe we are facing some very trying times and as Christians we need to be walking close to God so that we can face them. God loves us and gives us many gifts so that we can be His witnesses at home, nationwide and around the world. Don't neglect to accept them.

The revival that took place at Asbury College in Willmore, KY, I believe is the beginning of a revival that will spread across this nation and beyond, especially among the young people. I firmly believe it will be a shaking of this nation, the likes of which hasn't been seen for many years. Just keep praying and praising the Lord.

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

Why is hell so awful? One, it was created for Satan and his demons. Secondly, because people don't realize that hell is the absence of God.

There's no air in hell...because God is the breath of life.

There is no peace in hell...because God is the prince of peace.

There is no comfort in hell...because God is the comforter.

There is no love in hell...because God is love. Hell is darkness...because God is the light.

You don't have to go there!

But there is only one way to escape it, and that is through salvation in the name of Jesus

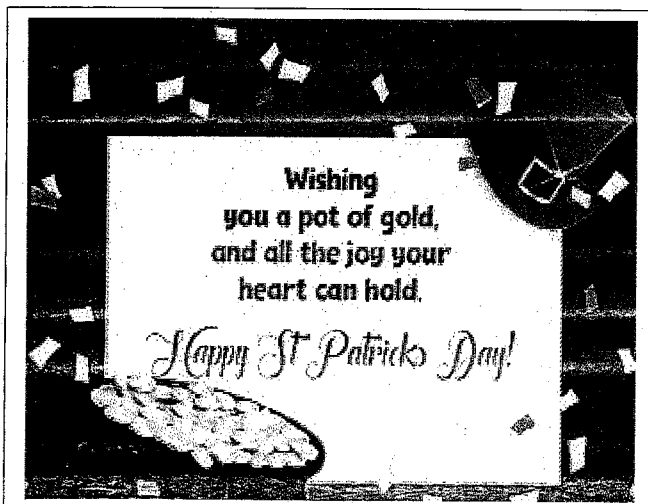
*Thank
You*

The family of Zelpha Golding would like to express our appreciation to all who have shown their support and sympathy during our loss and celebration of her life. Every expression shown through cards, plants, stamps and flowers has been comforting and treasured. We are so grateful for your thoughtfulness. God bless you all.

*Thank
You*

Our community is so blessed with the dedicated EMT's and firemen who serve us. We have had to call on them twice and they are so professional and caring. They give of their time so willingly (in some of the worst weather) that we need to let them know that they are appreciated. These people are volunteers who receive no pay for their time and knowledgeable service. Their dedication is so important to Stratton and the surrounding area. Appreciate their service and donate when you can! You never know when you might need them!

Thank you to you all—Rich and Penney Walter



IRISH POTATO BITES

Little twice baked potato bites stuffed with cheese and corned beef.

INGREDIENTS

- 20 small Red potatoes, *small (golf ball size)*
- 1/2 cup Corned beef
- 1/4 cup Cheddar cheese, *shredded*
- 1 tablespoon Butter, *melted*
- 1/8 teaspoon Salt

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Fill a large pot with water and bring it to a boil.
2. Add potatoes and boil until they are fork-tender.
3. Preheat oven to 400°F
4. Once potatoes are cooked and have cooled cut each one in half and cut a small slice off the rounded end so the potato can sit up.
5. Scoop out the inside of each potato half saving the potato insides in a bowl.
6. Add cheese, corned beef, butter to the bowl with the saved potato insides.
7. Salt mixture to taste. Also sprinkle some salt over the potato halves.
8. Scoop mixture into potato halves and then place them on a baking sheet.
9. Place baking sheet in oven for 10 minutes.
10. Remove from oven and serve.

National Slam the Scam Day

March 9, 2023

On National Slam the Scam Day and throughout the year, we give you the tools to recognize Social Security-related scams and stop scammers from stealing your money and personal information. Share scam information with your loved ones. Slam the Scam!

Recognize the four basic signs of a scam:

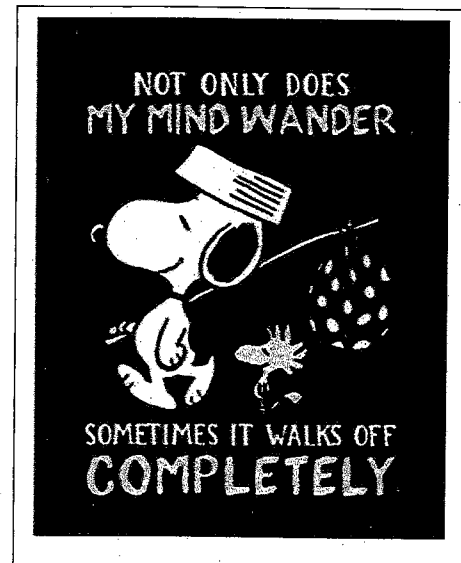
1. Scammers **PRETEND** to be from a familiar organization or agency, like the Social Security Administration. They may email attachments with official-looking logos, seals, signatures, or pictures of employee credentials.
2. Scammers mention a **PROBLEM** or a prize. They may say your Social Security number was involved in a crime or ask for personal information to process a benefit increase.
3. Scammers **PRESSURE** you to act immediately. They may threaten you with arrest or legal action.
4. Scammers tell you to **PAY** using a gift card, prepaid debit card, cryptocurrency, wire or money transfer, or by mailing cash. They may also tell you to transfer your money to a "safe" account.

Ignore scammers and report criminal behavior. Report Social Security-related scams to the SSA Office of the Inspector General (OIG).

Twice the Joy

Lisa (Faimon) and Reid Spencer are very excited to welcome their twins!

Sage Delphine 5lb. 4oz. 19 in & Colter Bo 4lb. 10oz 18in. who surprised their parents with an early arrival. Expecting March babies then planning for mid-February babies the twins decided they just couldn't wait any longer and were born on January 28th, 2023. The Spencer Family is blessed and loving their little family!



Stratton Public Library

March 2023

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

Highlighted Books of the Month: A Man Called Otto by Fredrik Backman

Adult: Lost and Found Sisters- Shalvis, Too Close to Home- Barclay, Desperation in Death- Robb Lying in Wait- Jance, Hush- Frasier, For Those Who Are Lost- Thomas, 8 Rules of Love- Shetty Angel's Tip & The Ex- Burke Other Girl- Spindler, A Darkness Absolute- Armstrong, Mister You Got Yourself a Horse- Welsh, Thin Ice- Shelton, Runaway- Petrie Eavesdropping on Lucifer- Stenberg, Harbor- Engberg, Sullivan's Island- Frank, This Fallen Prey & Watcher in the Woods- Armstrong, Home Before Dark- Wiggs, What is Mine- Holt, Library of the Dead- Huchu, Anonymous Girl- Hendricks

Juvenile: The Maze of Bones The 39 Clues & One False Note The 39 Clues- Riordan, People- Spier **AND many of the 100 books gifted to our Library from the Brownstone Book Fund are now on the shelf! Just a few titles to come check out.....**

Alice the Fairy, Animals by the Numbers, The Bear and the Piano, Fry Bread, House Held Up by Trees, I Need my Monsters, I'll Never Let You Go, Letters from Space, Library Lion, Me...Jane, The Paperboy, Real Cowboys, Ruby's Wish, Smash! Crash!, The Snatchabook, Stalebread Charlie and the Razy Dazzy Spasm Band, Tabby McTat, the Musical Cat, When Sophie Thinks She Can't ...Really , Really Smart, Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed!, My Grandfather's Coat, Courage, Move Over, Rover, I Had a Favorite Dress. Roberto Clemente, Vergie Goes to School with Us Boys, The honest to Goodness Truth, Family Pictures, The Three Pigs, The New Girl, Amazing Grace, Maybe Something Beautiful.

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

April will be here before we know it and Kenley's theme will expire. We will be picking a new theme for our Library. This year all ages are welcome to enter a theme in the contest. All you do is write down a catchy phrase and if your theme is chosen it will be published in the New Beginnings each month. To top it off there is a cash prize for the chosen theme! Bring your theme to the Library before March 30th.

Coffee and Conversation is held each Thursday from 2-4 at the Library. All are welcome!

Don't forget to come check out the April Reading Challenge...Read a Book on the Quilt

MARCH 2023

Dundy County Stratton School Activities Calendar

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** All dates and times are subject to change. Please check the DCS School Calendar on the school home page at www.dcsstigers.org, or FOLLOW us on Twitter @dcsstigers #dcsstigers****



KIDS!!!

Please join me for
Church and Sunday School
At the Methodist Church
Time: 9:00 Central
When: Sunday mornings



There will be snacks at
10:00 Central after the church service,
And
Sunday School at 10:20 Central!

Grace Stahly, age 10

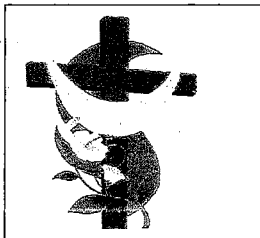
Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, April 1st

8:00 a.m.

At St. Joseph's Catholic Church

ALL MEN WELCOME

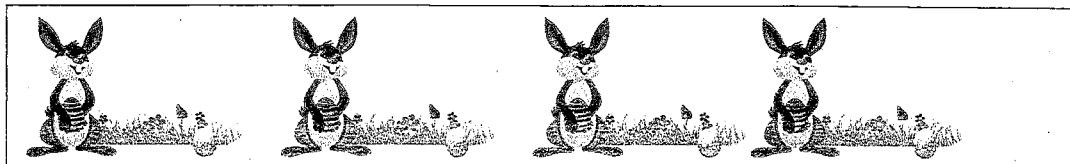


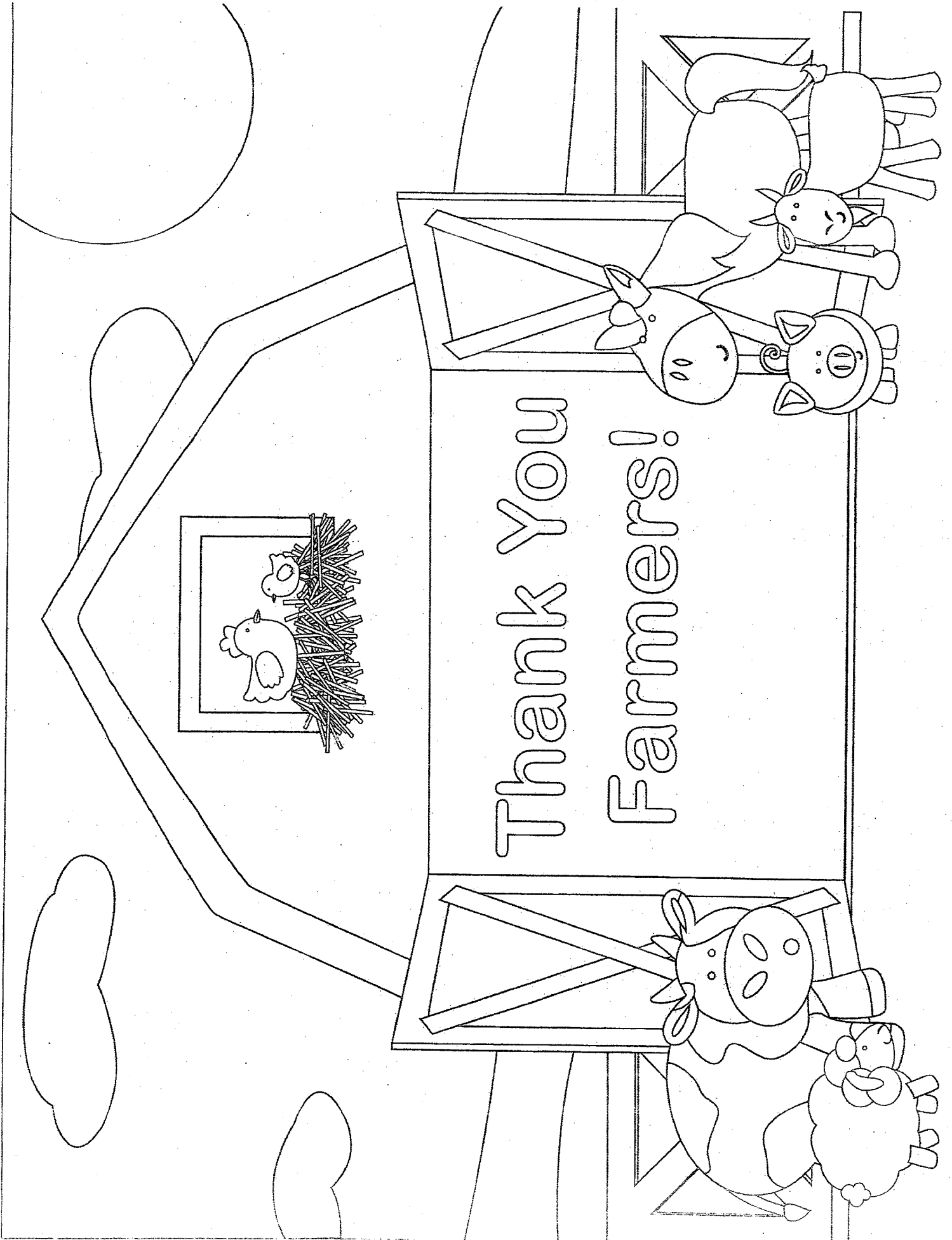
Hey Kids - Sharpen up
those colors!

Attached find a poster
to color for the MNB
Coloring Contest. Bring
in your finished artwork
before March 15th.

Prizes will be awarded.
Be sure to write your
name and age on the back
of the coloring page.

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