

NEW BEGINNINGS

August 2023

Volume 32, Issue 3

Recycle Your Cans!



Freedom Go-Getters 4H Club maintains a recycling bin for **Aluminum** Cans. What a great way to help the 4-H club and to recycle. Remember, aluminum cans only. The recycling bin is located on Railway Street across from the Farmer's Co-op office in Stratton.

FREE COMMUNITY SUPPER

Grandview Events Center

Wednesday, August 16

5:30 – 7:00

Everyone Welcome!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

MNB OPEN HOUSE
CELEBRATING MNB's 20
YEARS OF SERVICE

11:00 am to 3:00 pm

September 8, 2023

Most Improved Yard Event.

Voting takes place at the Village Office and MNB-Stratton and will start August 15th and go until September 15th on which yard you think is the most improved. Please see Stratton Nebraska Facebook page for pictures of entries or you can still enter your yard as a write in! CASH PRIZES!!! Winner will be announced during Stratton Days. Sponsored by the Stratton Area Chamber of Commerce.

Yards participating include:

- Sherri Terwilliger at 408 Nebraska
- Christina Reagan at 507 Hamilton
- Alexis Windecker at 509 Hamilton
- Sabrinna Morgan and Janet Nelson at 610 Bailey

ANNUAL STRATTON DAYS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Kids games, Mud Bog, Bingo, Free BBQ, Talent Show, Street Dance and much more!!! Watch for schedule of events to come soon!

Village of Stratton Reminders and Ordinances

We have had a lot of rain this summer and with that came a lot of growth. Many properties in town seem to have struggled to keep up with the growth of their lawns. As a reminder, Stratton Village Ordinance 91.24(B) states the following:

The owner or occupant of any lot or piece of ground within the village shall keep the lot or piece of ground and adjoining streets and alleys free of any growth of 12 inches or more in height of weeds, grasses, or worthless vegetation.

Please ensure your property is in compliance with this ordinance. Properties that are not in compliance may be subject to nuisance mowing by the Village employees. Current rates are \$50.00 per hour for the mower plus a minimum \$25.00 per hour labor charge for the first offense. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Village Office. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation and having pride in your community!

As a reminder Village Ordinance 72.09 CURRENT REGISTRATION states:

It shall be unlawful to park or place on the highways or other public property any vehicle required to be registered by the Motor Vehicle Registration Act that is not registered in accordance with the Act.

Make sure your vehicles have current registration visible or move them to private property.

The Village would like to remind all residents that as part of our procedure to control the mosquito population and reduce the spread of harmful viruses, the Village may implement spraying insecticide treatments by ground. Decisions on treatment time and dates are determined as conditions arise, and application is dependent on a number of factors, including weather conditions. Notification of treatment is announced as soon as available. Residents in the Village limits of Stratton can subscribe to our notification list and receive an email, phone call, or text notification for adult mosquito treatments by registering at the Village Office. Although chances of experiencing any health effects from spraying are quite low, the following may help reduce possible exposure: If possible, remain inside or avoid the area whenever spraying takes place and for about 30 minutes after spraying; Close windows and doors during spraying; If you come in direct contact with the spray, wash effected areas. To help prevent the need of spraying, residents can help by eliminating standing water on their property, empty and change water in bird baths, fountains, wading pools, or potted plants, and keep swimming pool water treated and circulating.

The Village of Stratton is a customer of SWPPD to purchase and provide electric service to the town. The electrical system is owned and operated by the Village. **Any communication for electrical concerns, including needed repairs, should be directed to the Village** as SWPPD will not be able to assist individual residents. SWPPD has asked us to remind all residents of this as they have had an increase in unapproved contacts requesting repairs in Stratton. Thank you for your understanding in this and keeping the line of communication in place.

Chaplain's Corner

This time that we live in is about the most perilous time this country has ever seen. When the country split before the Civil War was another time, but the country was stronger spiritually then and we survived that time. Now we are on the brink of destruction because, as a country, we have turned our back on God. Not only have we turned to excessive drunkenness, drugs, sexual perversion, greed for money and power, but Christians have become lazy and sat in their pews and done nothing. Many pastors have stood in their pulpits and preached sweet nothings. When was the last time you opened your Bible or even carried it to church with you? When was the last time that you told someone about the saving grace of Jesus Christ? When was the last time that you prayed?

I hate to sound like a grouch, but we have to quit being lazy Christians and stand up for what we believe in. We see these things that we hate, but we just let them slide by. The homosexuals are trying to take over many churches and are winning. Why? Because we don't have the guts to stand up to them. Our job is to love them, witness to them and tell them how Jesus loves them. They can't be spiritual leaders and practicing their sin at the same time. You wouldn't hire a drunk or criminal to be your preacher. Why hire them. Read the first chapter of Romans in the Bible. It's about the righteousness of God and the sinfulness of men. About what happens when people sin and don't repent, turn away from, their sinfulness.

Our government is supposed to be us, not tyrannical bureaucracies that are crushing this country. Our schools are to be centers of education, not centers of indoctrination. We need people who are people of faith in Jesus Christ in leadership roles in our government. Our system of voting has become corrupt and needs to be fixed. We need to stand up and fight and at the same time we need to be on our knees pouring out our heart to God. The 56 men who signed our Declaration of Independence laid their lives on the line. Many were wealthy men but they saw the need to get out from under the thumb of a tyrant. Most had a faith in Jesus. Many died penniless, some in jail, their families broken, killed and scattered. Don't stand by and let the globalists throw our country away. We each have a job to do so start praying and asking God what He has for you.

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



The Stratton Fall Festival is coming up on September 30. And once again we want to see what kind of talent Stratton has this year. There will be cash prizes in both youth and adult categories, so get your talent together. Call Beth Kollmorgen at 308-340-8591 for questions and more information will be in next month's NewBeginnings.

Thank You to my community of Stratton, friends, Colorado and Iowa family, Dundy County Hospital family and complete strangers.

From being rescued the day of the flood and every day since, you all have opened your homes, volunteered time, equipment, started fundraisers; I am beyond grateful for all the love, concern, prayers, hard work, help, support, and donations.

As tragic as that day, by the grace of GOD and the men who rescued us, no lives were lost.

I truly am blessed to live in such an amazing community. The support has been overwhelming. You have all gone above and beyond. Thank you. There have been so many gracious people, I wish I could thank each and every one of you individually. Some of you I know, some I don't, but I will always remember your faces and kindness.

Because of the kindness, generosity and continued support it has enabled me to purchase a home here in Stratton "up" the hill that I will be renovating and making a home.

Due to all the hard work from volunteers on that clean-up day, I am able to take many things from the old house to the new. Cabinets, doors, bathroom fixture and many other items that were saved by so many of you.

The way you all rallied around me has given me strength and the will to start this new chapter. God Bless you,

With Love

LeAnn Price

And a special thank you to –

Tami Jesch for keeping me calm on the phone waiting to be rescued that morning of the flood.

Gus Gestenslager, Scott McDonald and Jake Sutton for using your boats to rescue us out of homes and getting us to safety.

Shawn Hanes, Dallas Jesch, Kyle Sutton, Corban Rogers, Randy Szjena, Dustin Webb – you all continued many days after the flood cleaning and gutting to salvage the house.

Randy and Donna Szjena, Justine Richardson, Jody and Chloe Latta; you all slopped through the muddy mess after the water receded to salvage what belongings of mine we could.

Dallas and Trista Jesch for giving me the opportunity to purchase the new house "up" on the hill.

Colorado Mike for all your help.

Jody and Chloe Latta initiating the fundraisers at MNB, Gofundme and DCH.

Thank You's and Announcements

I want to thank everyone who called, visited, brought food, sent cards, and prayed for us during Rich's illness and after his passing. Small towns are so special and Stratton is no exception.

May God bless all of you for your kind words, love and memorials. Stratton Community Foundation has been given the memorial monies.

Thank you so much.

Dan and I want to thank everyone for the prayers during his ordeal. We would especially like to thank Kollmorgens and Jeschs and Dan's brother Chris for the help in harvesting our wheat. We can never thank you enough or repay you – the Lord will repay you. We also want to thank our son, D.J. for being here.

Dan and Mary Sandberg

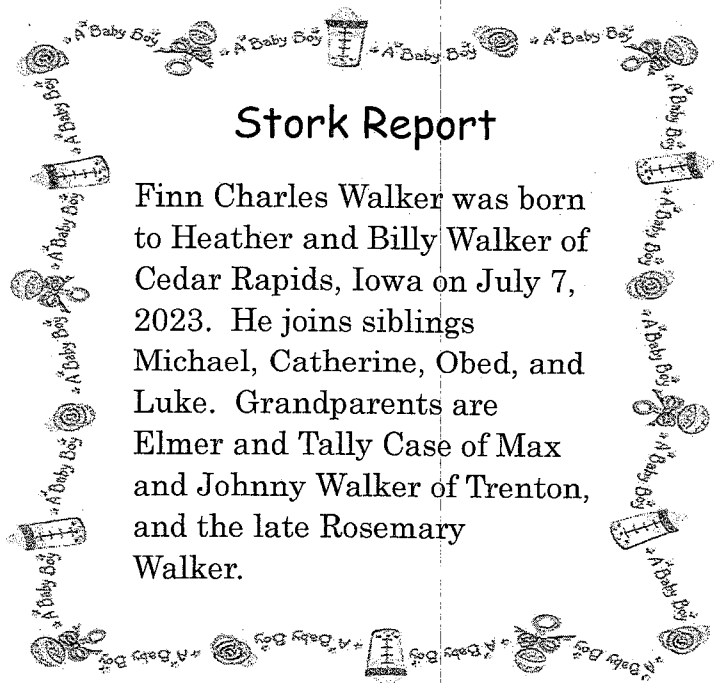
To the Village of Stratton

Kory and I would like to thank everyone who donated to us in our time of distress. You are all greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
The Leagues
Kory and Christina

Stork Report

Finn Charles Walker was born to Heather and Billy Walker of Cedar Rapids, Iowa on July 7, 2023. He joins siblings Michael, Catherine, Obed, and Luke. Grandparents are Elmer and Tally Case of Max and Johnny Walker of Trenton, and the late Rosemary Walker.



All Together Now!
Stratton Library Summer Reading Program
2023

The month of June, Stratton Kids were found gathering at the Stratton Public Library to build kindness through a selection of stories portraying a lesson on kindness. They also enjoyed activities (Community Kindness Card, Cooperation Games) and building their own snacks (such as donut hole hedgehogs, Friendship Trail Mix), every Monday. Each child received a Hedgehog to move through the woodlands as they read books...also learning facts about Hedgehogs.

Money coupons were earned for the amount each child read. At the conclusion of the program fun was had with a water party on a hot day!

The results of the progress the kids made during the month...

K-2nd grade: 1st Rachel Kollmorgen

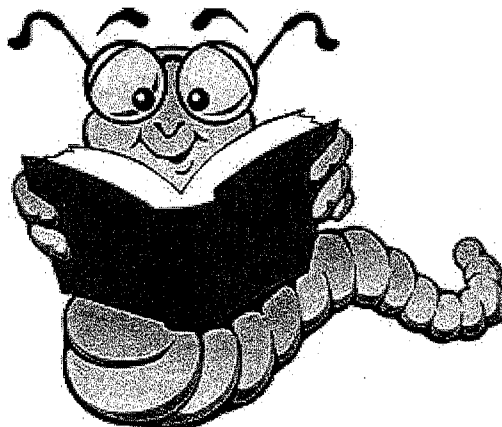
2nd (tie) Madison and Henry Kollmorgen

3rd-6th grade 1st Grace Stahly 2nd Bailey Stehno

The book winners were Jana O'Byrne and Joslyn Kollmorgen

We had a total of 16 kids sign up this year and there was a total of 69 books read.

Every year during the month of June the Library sponsors a Summer Reading Program with a themed event for kids 5 thru 6th grade. Older kids can also participate in a # of pages read challenge. Money coupons are earned for their efforts along with a whole lot of fun activities ending with a water party and a table full of prizes to choose from. Please consider marking your calendars for Mondays in June each year. This program is an excellent way to keep your child on track with their reading level during the summer. Registration takes place in May each year. Just contact the Stratton Public Library!



Stratton Public Library

August 2023

Those who read are a step ahead of those who follow!

New Additions to the Library

Juvenile: There were a variety of books added during the summer reading program. Keep coming to check them out!

Adult: Johansen- The Survivor, Reap the Wind

Jewel- The Night She Disappeared, Redfearn- In An Instant, Evanovich- The Recovery Agent, Michaels- Tick Tock, Hoover- It Starts With Us and It Ends With Us, Edwards- In Her Shadow, Dobbs- Telling Lies and Keeping Secrets, Goodman- A Place Called Home, Lapena- The Couple Next Door, Coben- I Will Find You, Woods- Near Miss, Christopher- Stolen, Oliver- Vanishing girls, Altebrando- The Leaving, Blaedel- The Undertaker's Daughter, Black- Red Flags, Graham- Crimson Summer, Brown- Blind Tiger and Overkill, Whittemore- Fierce Little Thing, Thompson- Fade the Heat, Overholser- Pass Creek Valley, Dams- Death in Lacquer Red, Snelling- No Distance Too Far, Anderson- Always in my Heart, Clancy- Locked On

We are very lucky to have such a wonderful Library...if you haven't checked out a book in years this would be a good time to get back to reading with a book in hand.

As we move everything into the computer and delete the old" sign the card" method I keep seeing people's names on the cards. What has become of you? Our books miss having you come in and check them out. I challenge you to get back into the Stratton Library! We are open Mondays 12-7pm and Thursdays 12-5pm. Hope to see some past faces coming in to check out books!!!

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!

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:

Mel & Virginia Campbell
Dana Cox
Dan & Mary Sandberg
Bill Condon & Brut
Anonymous

from **“Community Builders”**
(MNB Postal Permit)
STRATTON NEBRASKA

PRST STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
STRATTON NE 69043
PERMIT NO. 9

WSS

POSTAL CUSTOMER
STRATTON NE 69043