

NEW BEGINNINGS

September 2023

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20
YEARS
Anniversary
>> 2003 - 2023
Celebrate with Us
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH
11:00am - 2:00 pm
403 Bailey Street, Stratton NE

Join us for a customer appreciation lunch with drawings to follow.

MNB
— BANK —

MNB Bank merged with Commercial Bank on September 8th 2023.

Help MNB celebrate 20 years of serving the Stratton community by enjoying lunch on us!

Stratton Days

Saturday, September 30

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**49TH ANNUAL STRATTON DAYS
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**



- 8:30-9:30 AM Just for Fun 5k- Registration starting at 8:00 am at Grandview
- 9:00-3:00 PM Craft & Vendor Show @ Stratton School Gym
Vendors contact Marilyn @308-276-2639 to register a booth
- 9:30-11:00 AM Kids Games, Face Painting & Petting Zoo @ Pitner Park
- 11:00 PM Dan Boon Memorial Mud Bog- West of Pitner Park
Pits open @8:00am CT ---Mud flies at 11:00 am CT
Admission Charge and Concessions Available
Contact Mike Schrader 308-340-3814
- 1:00-3:00 PM Bingo @ Grandview Event Center- Pies from contest will be served
- 3:00-4:00 PM Live Music on Bailey Street provided by Elmer & Tally Case & Steve Johnson
- 4:00 PM Parade on Bailey Street- 3:00 PM Line up North Bailey Street
Contact Tara 308-830-2878 to pre-register
Theme: It Takes a Village
- 6:00-8:00 PM Free BBQ on South Bailey Street
MOPS Pie Fundraiser during BBQ
- 7:00 PM Talent Show: STRATTON SHOW US YOUR TALENT!!!
At the Methodist Church
Two categories: 15 and under & 16 and up. CASH PRIZES!
Call Beth Kollmorgen 308-340-8591 to register by September 27th
- Intermission Little House Museum Quilt Raffle Drawing
Most Improved Yard Winner Announced
- 8:30- 12:30 PM Street Dance South Bailey Street
Stratton Recreation Club Raffle Drawing
Tickets \$5 each or 5/\$20
PRIZES: 1st - ¼ Beef, 2nd - ½ Hog, 3rd - 30 lbs. Hamburger
- Sunday, October 1st
10:30 AM Community Church Services at Pitner Park, Stratton
Bring a lawn chair!
Potluck to follow.

Sponsored by: STRATTON RECREATION CLUB, STRATTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, GRANDVIEW ACTIVITIES CENTER AND ALL THE AMAZING COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND THE HELP OF NUMEROUS DONATIONS

Blood Drive

Friday, September 29th, 2023

11:30 AM – 5:00 PM

St Joseph's Catholic Church, Stratton

To make an appointment or for more information,

Go to: redcrossblood.org

Or

Call Marilyn Lorens: 308-276-2335

Little House Museum Quilt

"Tumblers in Nebraska"

Queen Size

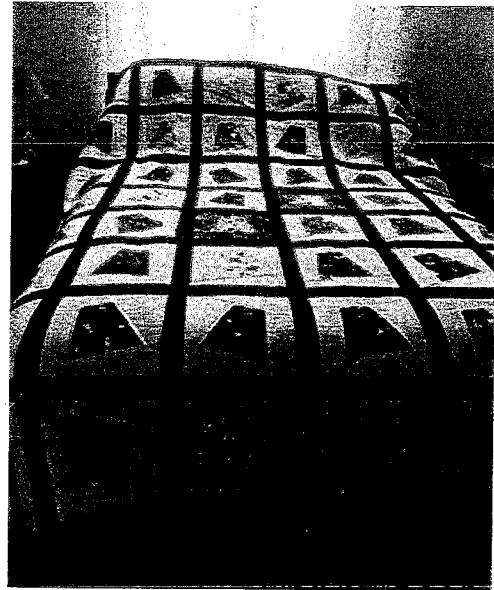
Made with 10 different Nebraska fabrics.

Tickets: 6 for \$5

1 for \$1

Tickets Available from: Pat Egle, Bernard Andrijeski, Jane Voss, Monica Desautels, Janet Felt, or MNB

Drawing at Intermission of Stratton Days Talent Show



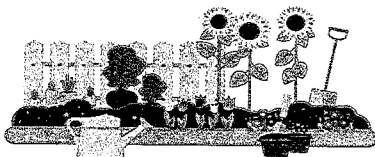
---It's Time to Vote---

Cast your vote at the Village Office or MNB Stratton for the most improved yard.

Voting is taking place until September 15th on which yard you think is the most improved. Winners will be announced during the intermission of the Stratton Day's Talent Show.

Yards participating include:

- Sherri Terwilliger, 408 Nebraska Ave
- Christina Reagan, 507 Hamilton
- Alexis Windecker, 509 Hamilton
- Sabrina Morgan & Janet Nelson, 610 Bailey



--Sponsored by Stratton Area Chamber of Commerce.

I Hate Weed Days

September 16 & 17

Bring your garden tools, wagons, choppers and other implements to place a war on weeds in Stratton. We will meet in front of the Stratton Rec Club and work our way from Railway to Grandview and along Highway 34 through town.

It would be awesome if we could have all our lawns and properties tidy before Stratton Days!

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Come Join Us!
80th Birthday Celebration
for
Penny Jolly

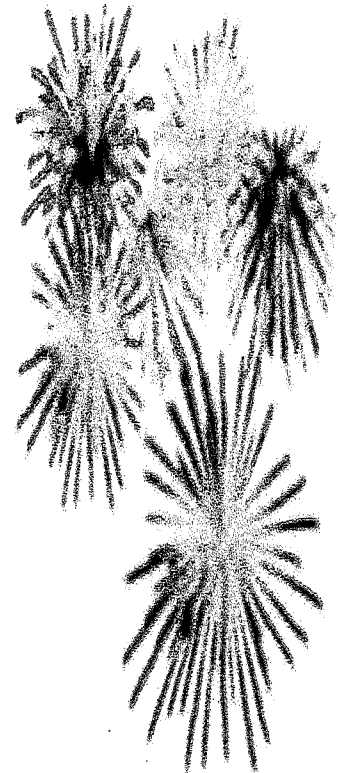
Sunday, September 10th
Open House from 2:00 – 5:00 pm
Grandview Events Center, Stratton
All friends and family are invited!

BILL AND LINDA ZAHL'S

50th
ANNIVERSARY



Lets celebrate with a card shower!
Bill and Linda were married on September 15, 1973 in Cairo, Nebraska.
Wishes will reach them at: P.O. Box 27, Stratton, NE 69043



Stratton Public Library News September 2023

HOURS: MONDAY 12-7, THURSDAY 12-5

Books, Books, and more books to be enjoyed! Come check out the new and the old that can be found on the shelves.

New Selections:

Adult: **Wrong Victim** and **Don't Open the Door** by Brennan **The Shape of Night** by Gerritsen, **South of Broad** by Conroy, **Desert Star** by Connelly, **The Stowaway** by Murry, **The Good Son** by Anderson, **29 Seconds** by Logan, **Susannah's Garden** by Macomber, **Blue Ticket** by Mackintosh, **Panther** and **Radiant Angel** by DeMille, **Losing Charlotte** by Clay, **Truth & Justice** by Michaels, **Lost Girls of Paris** by Jenoff, **What Doesn't Kill Her** by Dodd, **Evvie Drake Starts Over** by Holmes, **The Lost Man** by Harper, **One Last Lie**, **Trespasser**, **Bad Little Falls**, **Massacre Pond**, **Knife Creek** by Doriron

Juvenile: **Night Job** by Hesse, **Mary Had a Little Clam** by Sauer, **Big Mean Mike** by Krudsen, **Major A Soldier Dog** by Jones

Fall is approaching and the day light hours will decrease... therefore it is a good time to increase your reading time! Come check out the BOOKS at the STRATTON LIBRARY.

❖ **COFFEE AND CONVERSATION WILL START BACK UP ON SEPTEMBER 7th running from 2:00-4:00. Drop in for a minute or two or stay the whole time. This is a good way to share company within the community.**

❖ **Remember Summer Reading Program Kids...if you come in to check out more books there is a yummy reward for coming to see me!**

Thank
you ♥

Thank you to the very generous donators in response to the May 27, 2023 flood. Over \$21,000 was given through the fund at the Christian Union Church alone, plus additional funds to each individual. This only shows the care and love of our community!

REMINDER



The Stratton Village Board holds its monthly meeting on the 3rd Monday of each month. Please come and let your voice be heard!

The next meeting is September 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Library. The agenda is available for inspection at the Village Office and the Post Office.

Please come and support your community!!

Thank
you

I would like to thank everyone in the community for their continuous support and generosity. Thank you so much for the funds from the flood relief fund. I am so thankful to have such an amazing community in which to live! Thank you.

*May God's grace shine in our lives,
as we live for Him!*

Love, Sherrie Johnson

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:

Bill Condon



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,
Penney Walter and Family*

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!

KNOCK YOUR SOCKS OFF TAILGATING SLIDERS

- 1 lbs. ground beef
- 12 Pretzel rolls
- 6 slices pepper jack cheese, cut in half to make 12 pieces
- mayonnaise to spread over the inside of the rolls

MUSHROOM SAUCE

- 8 oz. sliced mushrooms
- 3 Tablespoons butter
- 2 Tablespoons minced garlic or 4 garlic cloves minced
- ½ cup chopped onion
- 1 Tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- ½ cup heavy cream
- ½ cup beef broth
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- 1 Tablespoon cornstarch + 2 Tablespoons cold water mixed together

TOPPING

- ½ cup butter
- 2 teaspoons poppy seeds
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce

Instructions

1. Divide the ground beef into 12 small patties. I cook them in a giant skillet until browned and cooked through. After they are cooked set aside.
2. In large skillet melt 3 Tablespoons butter. Add mushrooms and garlic. Sauté until tender. Add Worcestershire sauce, cream, beef broth, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil and add cornstarch mixture, stirring constantly. Once thickened, remove from heat and set aside.
3. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Slice open pretzel buns and spread mayo over the top and bottom. Place patties on the bottom of bun and add place the pepper jack cheese on top. Spoon mushroom sauce over the top and replace the top of the bun. Put the sliders in buttered 9x13 baking dish. Melt the ½ cup of butter for the topping and add the poppy seeds and Worcestershire sauce and spoon over the top of the sliders. Cover with foil and bake for 15 minutes. Serve hot.

The paradox of our time is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider freeways but narrower viewpoints, we spend more but have less, we buy more but enjoy it less.

We have bigger houses but smaller families, and more conveniences, but less time; we have more university degrees but less sense, more knowledge but less judgement, more experts but more problems, and more medicine but less wellness.

We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry too quickly, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too seldom, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom.

We have multiplied our possessions but reduced our values.

We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.

We have learned how to make a living but not a life.

We have added years to life, not life to years.

We have been all the way to the moon and back but have trouble crossing the street to meet the new neighbor.

We have conquered outer space but not inner space.

We have done larger things but not better things.

-Author Unknown

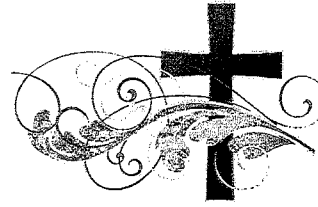
THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

In the 24th chapter of Matthew, the disciples talked of the beauty of the temple in Jerusalem and Jesus told them there would come a day when there would not be one stone left upon another. Then they asked Him, "When will this be and what will be the sign of your coming, and the end of the age?"

The Romans destroyed the temple about 40 years later. Jesus said, "You will hear of wars and rumors of wars but do not be troubled; these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines, pestilence, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows." There has been a big increase in these things in recent years. Jesus said "Christians will be hated by all nations for His name's sake. Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many." There has been a huge increase in the pagan religions around the world the last few years. Jesus said, "Because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures to the end shall be saved."

There is much more in this chapter in the Bible, go dig it out. The question is; "What must I do?" We can't quit our job and sit around and wait for Jesus to come back. Somewhere in your life and mine, Jesus had been reaching out to us and we finally answered His call to us and we accepted His gift of eternal life. For most of us that brought a huge change in our lives. So then, what did we do? Go sit in a church pew once a week; or teach a Sunday school class; maybe lead a youth group; or all of the above? Or become involved in your local school board or your city board or some other committee that gives direction to a rest home, church or some other organization and using your spot to influence to tell others about the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Do you know how to lead others to Jesus by using your Bible and your testimony, (your story), of how you came to Jesus? Do we realize that when we see a person that we think they don't know Jesus as their Savior, there is a real possibility, that, this person is going to spend eternity, FOREVER, in Hell. It's our job to figure out how to tell them about Jesus. Don't hit them over the head with a club, but do it in love and understanding. Be an ambassador for Jesus!

Richard Stahly



**ALL MEN
WELCOME**

Men's Prayer Breakfast

October 7th 8:00 a.m.

--Hosted by Christian Union Church

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

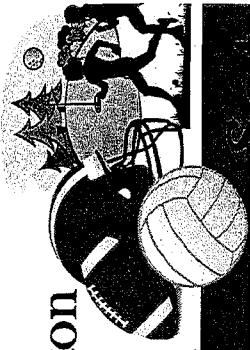
10:30 a.m. Sunday School

11:30 a.m. Church Services

7:00 p.m. Church Services

September 2023

Dundy County Stratton Activities Calendar



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

August 2023

Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Th	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

October 2023

Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Th	Fri	Sat

						1 9:00am XC @ Cambridge @Cross Creek Golf Course 7:00pm FB vs. Perkins Co Art Club Ceramics Sale	2						
						5 9:00am Golf @ Goodland @ Sugar Hills Golf Course 4:00pm VB Triangular @ Cambridge - vs. North Platte St. Pats	6 10:20am National Guard Presentation to Juniors	7 9:00am XC @ Chase County @ Imperial Country Club 5:00pm VB @ Medicine Valley 5:00pm JH FB @ Chase Co.	8 S I A HOME COMING 6:30pm FB vs. Axzell 9:00pm Homecoming Dance	9			
						4 LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL	5 3:30am FFA Bus HUSKER HARVEST DAYS. Wood River	12	13 2:00pm JH VB/FB @ Hitchcock County 4:00pm XC @ McCook @ Heritage Hills Golf Course 4:30pm Instrument Show 5:30pm VB vs. Cheylin	14	15 11:00am Golf @ Hershey @ Lake Maloney Golf Course 6:30pm FB @ Bertrand	16	
						11 4:00pm Jr. High VB @ Chase Co. 4:00pm JV FB vs Sedgwick Co.	12 9:00am Golf @ Ogallala @ Crandall Creek Golf Course	19	20	21 8:00am Golf @ Holdrege @ Holdrege Country Club 3:00pm JH VB vs Perkins Co. 3:30pm XC @ Hayes Center 5:00pm VB vs St. Francis 6:00pm FB vs Medicine Valley	22	23 3:00pm VB Tournai @ North Platte Community C.	
						18 NO SCHOOL STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY 2:00pm JH VB @ Wainneta-Palsade 4:00pm JV FB @ Hitchcock Co.	19 8:00am FBLA Fall Leadership Conference @ Kearney 5:00pm VB @ Wainneta-Palsade	26	27 8:00am FFA Range Judging @ Saline Co. 9:00am DCS Golf @ Benkelman Golf Course	28 3:00pm XC @ Gothenburg 4:00pm JH VB/FB @ Sedgwick Co. 4:00pm VB Tri @ Sutherland	29 6:00pm FB @ Loomis	30 8:00am VB Tournai @ Oberlin-Decatur High S.	
						25 EARLY DISMISSAL PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES 1:30pm XC @ UNK	26 1:30pm XC @ UNK	25	26	27	28	29	30

dates and times are subject to change. For current information check the School Calendar on the dcsdsters.org web site. Follow us on Twitter and Facebook. #dcsdsters

Scam Alert: How to Spot a Fake Social Media Giveaway

Who doesn't want \$500 in gift cards, free groceries, or designer clothes? When budgets are tight, it's easy to be tempted by a phony social media giveaway. But before you "like" or comment on a social post in hopes of winning a prize, make sure that giveaway is the real deal.

How this scam works

You see a post promoting a giveaway on Facebook, Instagram, or other social media platform. In order to win \$500 in groceries or another substantial prize, all you need to do is comment on the post, and you'll be entered in the drawing.

Sounds easy, right? The catch is that many of these "giveaways" don't really exist. They are created by scammers as a way of accumulating as many social media "likes" and comments as possible.

As with many scams, this technique, known as "like-farming," has several different aims. Often, the giveaway post itself is initially harmless – albeit fake. But when the scammer collects enough likes and shares, they will edit the post and add something malicious, such as a link to malware. Other times, once scammers reach their target number of likes, they strip the page's original content and use it to promote spammy products or sell it on the black market.

Protect yourself from phony social media giveaways:

Some giveaways are real. For example, CashApp has been running weekly cash prize giveaways since 2017. But scammers often use similar language and pretend like they are part of an official giveaway. Here's what to watch out for:

- **Look for the blue checkmark.** Many social media platforms verify pages from brands and celebrities so that users can tell real pages from copycats. Make sure you look for that trust mark before liking and sharing content.
- **Watch out for new accounts:** If you think a giveaway is real, click on the business or celebrity's profile. If it's a new account with very little other content, that's a big red flag.
- **Look out for spelling errors and typos:** Real brands use giveaways to promote their company. Spelling errors and typos will make them look bad! They are a big warning signs of a scam.
- **The giveaway asks you to complete too many tasks:** If a giveaway asks you to comment on multiple posts, follow several accounts, and tag a couple of brands, it becomes almost impossible to keep track of everyone participating and pick a winner at random (as required by law).
- **There are no terms and conditions.** Online giveaways should include contact details of the organizer, how to take part, how the winner will be selected, and eligibility requirements. If you don't see information, that's an instant red flag.
- **Don't click "like" on every post in your feed.** Scammers are counting on getting as many mindless likes as possible, so be sure you only "like" posts and articles that are legitimate. Don't help scammers spread their con.

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