

NEW BEGINNINGS

October 2023

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WHEN: Wednesday, October 18th

WHERE: Grandview Events Center –
Stratton

TIME: 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

WHO: This is a free dinner – Everyone is
Welcome!

Stratton Community Fund Drive

It is once again time for the annual
Community Fund Drive.

Each year the funds from the drive
assist the organizations in our
community. Your donation will help
sustain the many organizations and
will benefit the entire community.

We are counting on your support.
Volunteers will be going door-to-
door or packets will be mailed
enabling you to contribute.



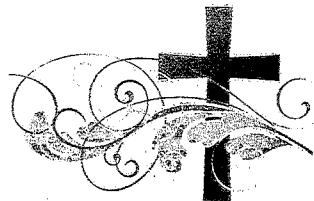
Annual Haunted House

October 28, 2023

Stratton Rec Club Building

Be watching around town for more
details.

-sponsored by Stratton Rec Club



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

NOVEMBER 4TH 8:00 A.M.

—HOSTED BY CHURCH OF CHRIST

DONATION DRIVE

Goodwill



Industries of Greater Nebraska, Inc.



WHAT ITEMS
CAN I DONATE?



(101 HOWARD ST)

OCT 26, 2023 - NOV 3, 2023

Trailer will be on site after 12:00 PM on the first day of the drive and will be picked up by 12:00 PM on the last day of the drive.

Visit www.goodwillne.org to learn more

Stratton Public Library News

for October 2023

OPEN: Mondays 12-7 Thursdays 12-5

New Books waiting to be checked out include:

Juvenile: Secrets of the Manor, Mother Daughter Club Dear Pen Pal

Forget You Know Me by Strawser Bones of the Lost by Reichs, She Lies in Wait by Lodge, The Last Ride by Wolfe,

A Marriage Made in Heaven or Too Tired for an Affair by Bombeck, Housekeeper by Fielding, Carrot Cake Murder by Fluke, The lost Man by Harper, Evvie Drake Starts Over by Holmes, My Grandmother asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry by Backman, Pieces of Her by Slaughter, Confess by Hoover, Reminders of Him by Hoover, Layla by Hoover, All I Want by Bell, Bring Me Back by Paris, The Thief of All Light by Schaffer, The Searcher by French, The Trespasser by French, Get a Clue by Shalvis

Please welcome Sharla Unruh as our new board member for the Stratton Public Library. We would also like to thank Natalie Thiessen for the time she spent on the Library Board, and her contributions to making our Library a welcoming asset to our community of Stratton.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION TAKES PLACE AT THE LIBRARY 2-4 ON THURSDAYS. COME JOIN THE CONVERSATION AND CATCH UP WITH OTHERS IN THE COMMUNITY!

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
Rita Crose
Penny Jolly
Mel & Virginia Campbell

Village Board Vacancy

There will be a vacant seat on the Village of Stratton Board of Trustees. The term for the vacant seat of Village Trustee is through December 31, 2026. A qualified elector of the Village of Stratton shall be nominated, as provided by law, by the Village Chairman, for approval by the Village board, to fill the vacancy. The nomination to fill the vacancy will be held during the October 16, 2023 meeting.

Any registered voter in the Village of Stratton that is interested in this position is asked to write a letter of interest to the Board of Trustees before October 13, 2023.

Village of Stratton
PO Box 332
Stratton, NE 69043
stratton@gpcom.net



Yahoo! What a wonderful 80th Birthday I had. So thankful for all your happy wishes and for those who attended my party. Thank you so much Susan and Dwayne Riggs for a great party.

Penny Jolly

A Big Thank You goes out to the VFW William Egle Post 9155 for their very generous donation to the Stratton Ambulance and Fire Protection District.

Thank you, Veterans!

Thank you to everyone who honored us with your many cards and well wishes on our 50th Anniversary. Your special wishes were greatly appreciated.

Bill & Linda Zahl

The Stratton Ambulance and Fire Protection District wishes to thank Beth Kollmorgen and the Stratton Community Players for their donation from the Stratton Days Talent Show.

A big Thank You to the Stratton Area Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring the "Most Improved" yard event. Thank you to the participants and to those who took time to look at the yards and vote. The town looked great for Stratton Days due to the efforts of many people.

I enjoyed being a participant and all the kind comments I received throughout the summer. I appreciate the recognition of my efforts by winning 1st place in the contest.

Thanks again,
Cricket Reagan
507 Hamilton



Trunk or Treat

and

CHILI COOK-OFF

28 OCT
2023

Grandview

Trunk or Treat

4-5pm

Chili Cookoff

5-7pm

TO REGISTER CONTACT TARA @

308-830-2878 OR SHAILA @ 308-276-2166

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CHRISTMAS

Tour of Houses

Do you love decorating for Christmas? The town would love to see your

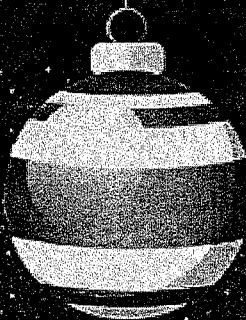
hard work! We are bringing back the Christmas Tour of Houses! To register

contact Tara @ 308-830-2878 or Shaila @ 308-276-2166. More info to follow.

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DEC

3-5 PM



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Parade Winners

Grand Prize:

Forch Family and Friends "It takes a Village to navigate rough waters and help families stay afloat."

Businesses:

1st Stratton Medical Clinic

2nd The Hair Barn

Organizations:

1st Homemade Salsa Contest

2nd Freedom go-getters 4-H club and Horses

Children & Family:

1st Little Village Daycare

2nd Paisley Poppert Red Willow Rodeo Princess

Vehicles:

1st 1966 Ford mustang coupe driven by Sabrina Morgan

2nd Mud bog trucks

*A special thank you to the Hitchcock County and Dundy County Stratton Bands for taking part in the parade!

Most Improved Yard

1st Christina Reagan at 507 Hamilton

2nd Sabrinna Morgan and Janet Nelson at 610 Bailey

3rd Alexis Windecker at 509 Hamilton

Please start thinking of your ideas for improving your yard for next year and join us again in 2024 for the most improved yard!

Pie Contest

1st: Mary Sandberg with crumb top peach pie

2nd: Grace Stahley with triple coconut cream pie

3rd: Shawna Turpin with cookie butter pie

Stratton Rec Club Drawing Winners

Quarter of Beef – Brad Forch

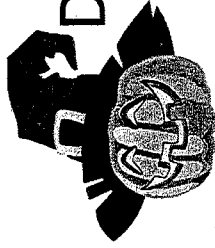
One Half Hog – David Bose

30 Pounds of Hamburger – John Hidy

Little House Quilt Raffle Winner

Loretta Ely

October 2023



Dundy County Stratton Activities Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 FBLA Little Caesars Pizza Kit Sales Begin 9:00am Golf @Gallala Crandall Creek 3:30pm JH VB @McCook	3 7:30am Mock Trial Practice 4:00pm VB Δ @Wallace vs. Paxton	4 10:24am FCCLA Chapter Meeting 1:15pm Western NE Community College Visit	5 7:30am Mock Trial Practice 2:00pm JH VB & FB vs. Cambridge 3:00pm RPAC XC Meet @Alma	6 6:00pm FB @Hitchcock County	7 9:00am JH VB Jamboree @Chase County
8	9 1:00pm JH VB Tournament @Hitchcock County	10 7:30am Mock Trial Practice 8:00am Polish Your Pearls 4:30pm VB Δ @Perkins County vs. Hershey	11 6:30am FCCLA Fall Leadership Conference	12 7:30am Mock Trial Practice 1:00pm District XC @Cross Creek Golf Course 6:00pm RPAC VB @TBA 6:00pm FFA Lucky Duck Fundraiser & Raffle 6:30pm FB vs. Maywood-Hayes Center	13 8:00am DCS JH VB Jamboree	14
15	16 8:00am Picture Retakes 5:00 RPAC VB @TBD	17 7:30am Mock Trial Practice 10:24am NE Wesleyan College Visit 10:45am Kindergarten Pumpkin Patch Field Trip 5:30pm CTSO Food Drive Scavenger Hunt	18 8:00am 3rd/4th Pumpkin Patch Field Trip 8:00am College/Career Fair @Southwest 10:24am FBLA Chapter Meeting	19 NO SCHOOL Teacher In-Service 5:30pm World Classrooms Digital Parent Meeting	20 NO SCHOOL FALL BREAK	21 8:00am DCS JH VB Jamboree
22	23 FFA 4 Seasons Fundraising Begins 6:00pm Sub-District VB @TBA	24 7:30am Mock Trial Practice 1:00pm FFA Farm Bureau Training	25 8:15am 2nd Grade Pumpkin Patch 10:24am FFA Chapter Meeting	26 7:30am Mock Trial Practice 6:30pm Fall Concert	27 2nd Round NSAA State Football Play-Off	28
29	30	31 7:30am Mock Trial Practice 3:45pm FBLA Community Halloween Activities	November 1 10:24am FCCLA Chapter Meeting	2 7:30am Mock Trial Practice 1:30pm DCS JH Wrestling Invite	3 QUARTER FINALS NSAA State Football Play-Off	4 8:00am Show Choir Competition @Scottsbluff Art Club Cookie Sales Begin

Chaplin's Corner

Titus chapter 2:11-14. "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works."

When we surrender ourselves to Jesus, this is how we are supposed to live. I can tell you right now, you can't do it under your own power. Jesus changes you and He also sends you the Holy Spirit to help you and direct you. God gave us the Bible to help and direct us so that we can be servants for Him. He gave us gifts: Wisdom, knowledge, faith, healings, miracles, prophecy, discernment, speaking in tongues and interpretation of tongues, distributing to each one individually as He wills. 1st Corinthians chapter 12: 8-11.

We are to spend time with God each day, reading the Bible, praising and glorifying Him, praying for each other and praying for ourselves that He might direct us in how to serve Him. These are things that can be done not because we have to, but because we want to. Sounds easy. Not so easy. We battle our own lazy selves and we have a battle in the spiritual kingdom. Satan has a way of throwing some stumbling blocks in our way, but, if we continue to pursue time with Jesus, we find that it is not something we have to do, but it's something we want to do. Jesus changes us. He took away my desire for alcohol and nicotine, but I still had plenty of bad habits to deal with. I didn't want to go back to the old things, but to go ahead into this new world I was living in. From that time on it has been quite an adventure. So no matter where you are in your walk with Jesus, ask Him to use you and hang on, because He will.

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

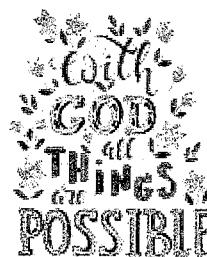
11:00 a.m. Church Services

Southwest Nebraska Holiness Church

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

11:30 a.m. Church Services

7:00 p.m. Church Services





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

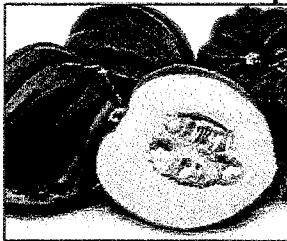
Thursday

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.

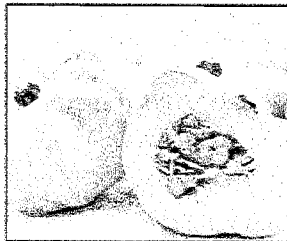
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Acorn Squash



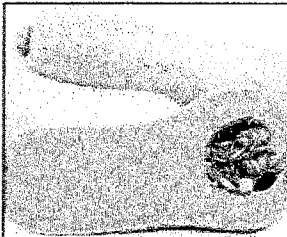
The inside tastes sweet & nutty when roasted. It is most often prepared with its skin on and used as a bowl.

Mashed Potato Squash



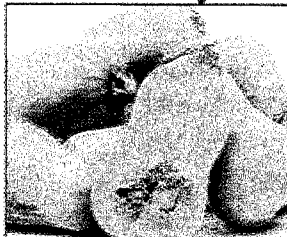
This acorn squash variety has a smooth texture with a mildly sweet, nutty, peppery flavor.

Butternut Squash



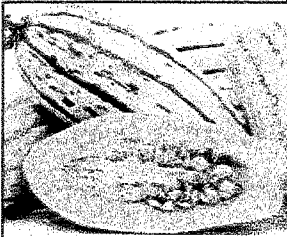
One of the most popular varieties. It's tender flesh has a superb creamy flavor. Especially excellent in soups & roasted.

Honeynut Squash



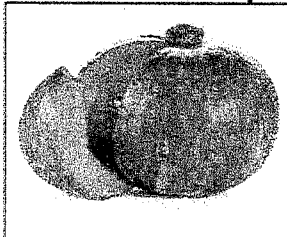
A cross between a butternut & a buttercup squash, it's tender & creamy with a seet, nutty, caramel flavor.

Delicata Squash



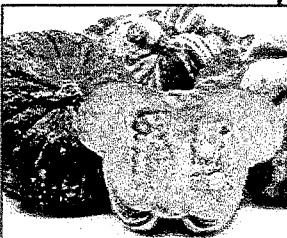
Edible skin! Mildly sweet taste with a smooth texture, like a sweet potato. Roast with oil, salt & pepper until crispy.

Ambercup Squash



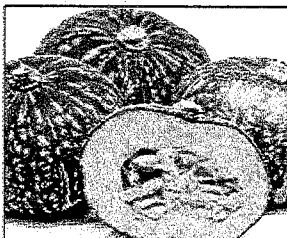
It looks a lot like a pumpkin but has a very different flavor! Sweet & smooth inside and dry.

Turban Squash

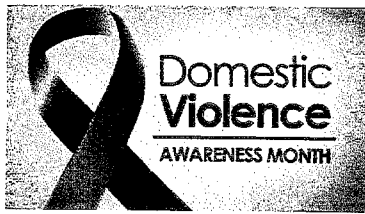


Edible skin! Mildly sweet taste with a smooth texture, like a sweet potato. Roast with oil, salt & pepper until crispy.

Kabocha Squash



Japanese squash. Inside you'll find sweet, yellow-orange, nutty flesh with a light fluffy, dry texture.



Domestic violence takes place in our nation every minute of every day, occurring just about every 15 seconds. Most Americans don't realize just how real domestic violence is and how many lives are affected by it.

Most of these cases are left behind closed doors. That's why the Domestic Violence Awareness Month was introduced to not only educate and raise that awareness but bring the support and strength that domestic violence victims need.

Domestic violence awareness month was first introduced back in 1981 by the National Coalition Against Domestic violence.

It was created not only to bring more awareness to others but to connect and unify the millions of affected victims that had been battered due to domestic violence.

Its hope is to break the chains of violence that currently have such a strong grip on our nation.

Every year, around 10 million people become victims of domestic violence, which equates to just about 20 people every minute. Those are some pretty big and startling numbers.

It affects not only women, but men and children, of all different races, status, religions, and culture. No one is immune to it.

Domestic violence shows itself in a number of different forms, whether it's punching, slapping, choking, or threatening, manipulating, yelling and many others. No matter the situation, domestic violence is never okay.

Another alarming statistic for us to look at is that as many as 3 out of 4 Americans know of another person that has, or is being abused by another individual, but a lot of times nothing is done about it.

Action needs to take place, where an advocate is willing to speak up when others can not.

If you know of someone that is being abused, are you willing to be their voice? It's time that we stand up to domestic violence and tell it enough is enough.

Especially during the month of October, make sure that you support domestic violence survivors and help to get the word out about the destructive threat that domestic violence has on so many homes all across America.

The Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault Services Crisis Line in our area is: 308-345-5534 or 877-345-5534.

Local Office: 407 West 5th, McCook, NE 69001. Coverage Area: Chase, Dundy, Frontier, Furniss, Hayes, Hitchcock and Red Willow Counties. www.dasas.net

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