

NEW BEGINNINGS

December 2023

Volume 32, Issue 7



Christmas 2023 Events

Dec. 1-18 -Santa Letters accepted at MNB - Stratton

**Dec.10 – Chamber of Commerce Christmas Tour of Homes
from 5 to 7 p.m.**

**Dec. 17– Chamber of Commerce Christmas at
Grandview Activity & Events Center
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.**

----Soup---Santa---Prizes

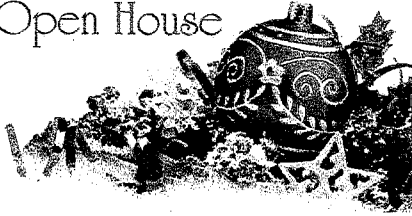
Dec. 19 – MNB Open House 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.m

Dec. 20 – Deadline for Christmas Tree Giving Presents

**Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Services – 5:00 pm Christian Union
Church – Stratton**

**Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Services – Community United Methodist
Church - Stratton**

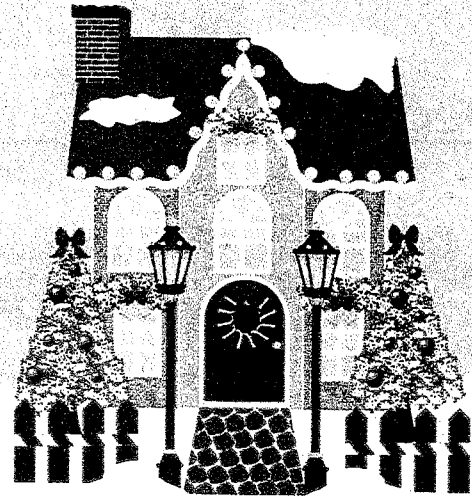
Join us for a
Christmas
Open House



DECEMBER 19TH

9:00 – 3:00

MNB BANK - STRATTON



Christmas Home Tour

December 10th

See how others “deck their halls” by joining our “Christmas Tour of Homes” December 10th from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. Begin the tour by meeting at the Grandview Activity and Events Center. Your tour bus, provided, by Hitch N Hay, will guide you from home to home during the tour. Tour the decorated homes and businesses of Stratton! Sit back, sip on a cup of cocoa or coffee and enjoy the festive sights! End the night with a chat with friends over dessert! Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door.

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Caring Tree

The caring tree is up in the MNB lobby! Stop in or contact Shaila Latta to pick up a card. Gifts are due back to MNB by December 20th. This year the cards are a little different, you can find the person's size, hobbies, favorite snacks, and wish list on the cards to help with your shopping. Thank you for helping make someone's Christmas special!

CHRISTMAS SOUP SUPPER

December 17, 2023

6:00 to 7:30pm

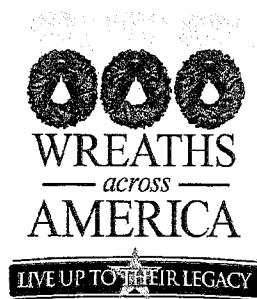
Grandview Activity and Event Center

Come join us at the annual soup supper at Grandview from 6:00 to 7:30pm. Santa will arrive by fire truck at 7:00. Santa goodie bags will be available to the first 50 children.

Door Prizes will be awarded at 7:15- must be present to win. Winners from Christmas light contest will be announced and awarded.

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Eden Cemetery is once again sponsoring *Wreaths Across America*, honoring and remembering our veterans on December 16th at 10:00 a.m. CST. Anyone wishing to sponsor a veteran may purchase a wreath, to be placed on a veteran's grave during the brief ceremony, for \$17.

Payable to:
Eden Cemetery
Leland Maris, Treasurer
72331 Rd 349
Wauneta Nebraska 69045

Everyone is Welcome!

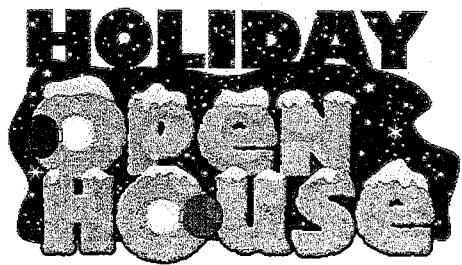
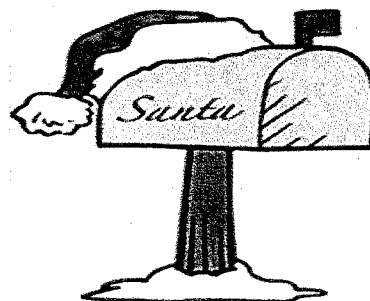


Show off your holiday spirit and decorating skills by decorating your home or yard this season. The judging will take place on December 10th during the Tour of Homes Event. Please call Shayla at 308-276-2166 or Tara at 308-830-2878 by December 8th to be placed on the entries list. Prizes will be announced and awarded on December 17th at the Annual Soup Supper.

Hey Kids!!!

It's that time of year! Santa would love to hear from you. You can drop your letters in Santa's box at MNB Bank

December 1st - the 18th



January 6th, 2024
3:00 to 5:00 P.M.

Christian Union Church
Pastor Larry Unruh invites you to a Holiday Open House.

Reminder: With all the festivities in December, there will be no Community Meal at Grandview on the third Wednesday. Meals will resume in January.

Note: Free bread products will be available to take home.

Stratton Public Library News December 2023

Nothing Makes a Book Merrier than getting chosen off the shelf at the Stratton Public Library!

HOURS: MONDAY 12-7 THURSDAY 12-5

New Selections: **Adult:** When the Summer Was Ours by **Veletz**, Magpie by **Day**, Stay Hidden, Almost Midnight, Hatchet Island, Widowmaker by **Doiron** Memory Keeper's Daughter by **Edwards**, Look Closer by **Ellis**, Button Man by **Gross**, When You See Me, Look for Me, Right Behind You, One Step Too Far, Before She Disappeared by **Gardner**, Secret Book of Flora Lea by **Henry**, They're Watching by **Hurwitz**, City of the Dead by **Kellerman**, Mad Money by **Picoult**, Santa's Little Helpers, Dachshund Through the Snow by **Rosenfelt**, Judgement Prey by **Sandford**, The Purpose of Christmas by **Warren**, Twelve Dogs of Christmas, Candlelight Christmas, Passing Through Paradise by **Wiggs**, Large Print: Pushing Up Daisies by **Beaton**, Something Rising by **Kimmel**, The Daughter, Drowned Girl by **Blaedel**, Play Dirty by **Brown**, Flesh and Blood by **Cornwell**, Chosen To Die by **Jackson**, Tell No One by **Coben**, Close Call by **Rimington**, Alternate Side by **Quindlen**, Close Your Eyes, Treasure by **Johansen**, The Golden Orange by **Wambaugh**, Dead by Dawn by **Doiron**, Presence by **Graham**. Twelve New Christmas Books in our Christmas section...will help put you in the Christmas Spirit! **Juvenile:** Little Tractor and the Christmas Tree, Donkey's Song, Abuela, The Dot, Look Book, Color Zoo, Lost in London, Sydney Mackenzie Knocks 'em Dead, Pies and Prejudice, Home for the Holidays, Where the Red Fern Grows, Anne of Green Gables.

Don't forget our Map Challenge going on at the Stratton Library...come in and check out a book from an author residing in the United States to help clear our map!

DID YOU KNOW THAT WE HAVE COOKING MAGAZINES AS WELL AS NEBRASKALIFE AND NEBRASKALAND MAGAZINES FOR CHECK OUT.

Coffee & Conversation Thursdays 2-4

NEW BUSINESS

Hooves and Grooves Dairy Goats LLC is a new adventure that we (the Brad Forch Family) started last fall when our middle child would not leave us alone about getting a goat. Long story short we bought four, and what a string of events that led to. The first babies were born in May. Talk about cuteness overload! When we weaned the kids in the fall, Kylee decided to start milking them just for fun. She needed to do something with the milk, so she watched a U-tube video or two and made her first batch of goat milk soap. That first batch was let's say, less than perfect, but it sparked an obsession in her that has started this awesome new endeavor. Everyone in the family is involved

Our goat milk soap is all natural and filled with skin nourishing ingredients. We have many different scents and designs.

Look us up on Facebook!
or call or text Kylee: 308-340-6898
or Brad: 308-340-2288 for more information.

Our family is so thankful for the support we have already received!



Thank You!

League Builders Supply will be closing full-time operations on **DECEMBER 29th, 2023**.

I would like to thank everyone for their past patronage. I have been fortunate to be able to do business in Stratton, which is really a great place to live, but after a great many years, I am ready to try my hand at retirement. I will be staying in Stratton, so will probably still be seeing many of you. I will also still have some limited stock on hand for a while and will still be able to do special orders for the next several months.

Please Contact me at 308-340-7804, if you have needs after the first of the year.

*Again, **THANK YOU!** Denis League*

**It's a new day, I'm alive,
I'm blessed, I'm happy,
I'm grateful...**



GOD IS GOOD!

Crack Christmas Recipe

INGREDIENTS

- □40 saltine crackers
- □2 sticks of butter (1 cup)
- □1 cup packed brown sugar
- □2 cups semisweet chocolate chips I recommend Guittard or Ghirardelli. Nestle (Toll House) chocolate chips do not work well in this recipe.
- □1/2 cup holiday sprinkles or 1/2 cup sliced almonds
- □cooking spray

INSTRUCTIONS

- Line a sheet pan with foil and coat with cooking spray or alternatively you can use a nonstick silicone baking mat.
- Preheat the oven to 400 degrees.
- Place the crackers in a single layer on the baking sheet.
- Place the butter and brown sugar in a medium saucepan, bring to a boil. Boil for 3 minutes.
- Pour the brown sugar mixture over the crackers and spread with a spatula to coat.
- Place the sheet pan in the oven and bake for 3-5 minutes, or until bubbling.
- Remove the pan from the oven and immediately scatter the chocolate chips over the top. Place the pan back in the oven for another 2-3 minutes to melt the chocolate. Spread the chocolate evenly over the top.
- Place the sprinkles on top of the chocolate. Let the toffee sit until completely cool, either at room temperature or you can refrigerate.
- Cut into pieces and serve.

THANK YOU

To all those that have supported my family these past few days and weeks. Thank you doesn't begin to express my gratitude for all that you have done. I can't really find the words to express how I feel, but God Bless all of you. I won't forget what you have done for us, and I will do my best to pay it forward.

Sincerely, Dave Sandmann & Family

The community of Stratton extends a heartfelt Thank You to League Builders Incorporated. League's have been serving the community for over 70 years!

Roy and Ila League purchased the business from Venus Lionberger in 1979. Denis and his dad, Roy operated the business together until the passing of Roy in 2014. Denis and wife, Debra have continued to own and operate the business, which will now close on December 29th, 2023.

Thank you also to Linda Brennan, office manager, who has been employed at League since she was in high school.

We wish you the very best in your next adventures in life. You will be sorely missed!

This is the time of year when I remember all that I have to be thankful for, there is so much!

I'd like to thank God for our newest grandson Kolton Michael Ely born to our son Jon Ely and his lovely wife Heather. Kolton was born September 21st in McCook hospital, a healthy little baby boy. He weighed 6.14 pounds. His siblings are Keira age 16, Caleb 13 and Callen 2 ½. Grandparents are Tom and Wendy Duffy, Alma, Nebraska and Kevin and Lorretta Ely Stratton, Nebraska.

I'd like to thank Janet Felt for making the beautiful quilt I was fortunate enough to win from the Stratton Day's Quilt Raffle, the raffle benefited the Little House Museum. The Quilt named "Nebraska Husker" surely took many, many hours of Janet hand quilting! I appreciate it very much! THANK YOU JANET, and thanks to whoever pulled my name to win!

Lorretta Ely



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

January 6 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

Chaplain's Corner

For most of us, we had love for our parents and at the same time, a fear of our parents. We loved them for many reasons that we probably never thought about. Their arms provided safety and they gave us food, shelter, clothing and etc. and they loved us. We feared them because we knew if we disobeyed there were consequences.

It is much the same with God. Those of us that have surrendered ourselves to Jesus know about that love that is beyond understanding. We also know about the fear of God because if we don't obey His commands we are out of fellowship with Him and we know there are consequences. Hebrews 12: 5,6; "My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; For whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives."

For those who have not accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior, there is a fear of God, because they are aware of the judgement by God and the consequences of spending eternity in hell. That fear in many instances can turn to hate and there seems to be plenty of that to go around. If you don't have Jesus in your life, you're opening yourself up to satanic influence. That's where the fear and the hatred come from. Satan doesn't want us because he cares about us; He wants to destroy us so God can't have us.

We celebrate Christmas this month because it is our Savior's birth. God came to earth as a baby born in the lowest circumstances you can find and died the most horrible death and rose again so that we can have eternal life. Salvation is the best gift that you can get, all you have to do is accept it. Merry Christmas!

Richard Stahly

German Shorthair/Wirehair

Pointer Puppies

- 1 Brown Female
- 1 Black Male

For Sale - Cheap!


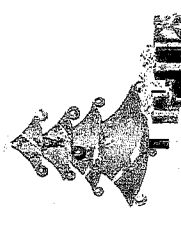
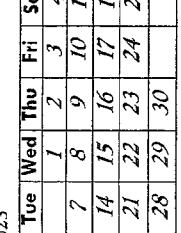
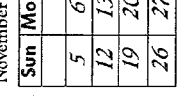
Call Shawn Hanes

(308) 830-1202



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DUNDY COUNTY STRATTON ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

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

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