

NEW BEGINNINGS

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Founders' Day Pancake Feed

The community of Stratton turns 138 years old this
January! Let's celebrate with a Pancake Feed on
Wednesday, January 17th—Grandview Events Center—
5:30—7:00 pm.

Free will donation.

This will be this month's Community Dinner

Sponsored by Lakeview Lodge

Everyone Welcome!



Stratton Public Library News January 2024

Hibernate with a GOOD Book from the Stratton Public Library!

HOURS: MONDAY 12-7 THURSDAY 12-5

New Selections: **Adult**: Bowditch: Knife Creek Gerritsen: Playing with Fire, Listen to Me, Brown: Sting, The Crush, Tough Customer Cornwell: Autopsy, Child: No Plan B Michaels: Secrets, Liar **Juvenile**: Farm Boots by Lisl H. Detlefsen donated by Hitchcock County Farm Bureau

Great appreciation goes to Jeff and Kay Maxfield for the generous \$100 donation to the Stratton Public Library. The donation was in memory of Marian Owens, a former librarian in Stratton. Her family believes she was the librarian somewhere near the mid 50's. Marian helped build a love of books for Kay. For those of you who remember the family feel free to share your memories with us here at the library.

Happy New Year to Stratton Readers! Make 2024 the year you come and check out a book. We would like to surpass our last year's checkout numbers. So, help us out. We need to loan out more than 701 Juvenile Books and 1331 Adult Books to pass last year's count. If you have not checked out a book in a while or are a new library patron, be proud to be a part of this awesome challenge.

READ in 2024

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!

Thank You

Once again Dan and I are humbled by the generosity and kindness of the people in our community. We want to thank all who gave to help us cover expenses for Dan's surgery in Colorado.

Also, thank you for all the prayers offered for surgery and recovery. May the Lord Bless,

Dan and Mary Sandberg

Thank You

The Christmas Open House, hosted by MNB was delicious as always. I was the lucky winner of a door prize with a certificate from "Tasties From Tuesday's Kitchen". What better time to get delicious baked items than at Christmas. Thank you so much for hosting the open house and for the gift certificate. Many blessings for a great 2024!

Connie Henry

Thank You

The card shower for my birthday was sincerely appreciated. I enjoyed the beautiful cards from friends and family. Thank you so very much for your thoughtfulness and kind words. I had a wonderful time celebrating my birthday with many family members at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Kearney. God bless you all.

Julia Diehl

Thank You

Thank you very much to those who gave such generous gifts to our family through the Caring Tree. We really appreciate the thoughtfulness shown and we are enjoying the gifts! Stratton is such a wonderful and caring place to live! Thank you again!

Rebecca Wasia and family

Thank You

Thank you for the gift certificate I won at the MNB Open House Christmas drawing!

Margie Denio

Thank You

A big shoutout and thank you to all those who participated in "Wreaths Across America" honoring our veterans at Eden Cemetery.

Those wanting to participate by making a donation for next year may send it to:

Eden Cemetery c/o Leland Maris 72331 Road 349 Wauneta, NE 69045

Thank You

Thank you so much to the Stratton Community Fund Drive for the very generous Stratton Country Market gift certificate you gave our family for Christmas. We really appreciate it.

Rebecca Wasia & family



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

February 3rd, 8:00 A.M.

--HOSTED BY--

Stratton United Methodist 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

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

I sit here on Christmas Day, which is the day, by the way, that we celebrate our Lord and Savior's birth, pondering what to write for the new year of 2024. So far, we have lived in a country like none other that has ever been. We, the people chose to have the freedom of worship, freedom of speech, the right to bear arms, the right of innocence until proven guilty, unreasonable search and seizure of property by the government and many more. The federal government has the power to levy taxes, regulate commerce, establish a uniform law of naturalization, establish and maintain a military, and declare war. There are powers reserved for the states referred to as police powers, such as those for public safety, health and welfare. We chose a government that would protect us, build infrastructure such as streets and roads, etc. This is a simple outline of what our government is supposed to do.

Within a couple or three years, that all changed. It appears the government wants to destroy our country, flood it with people from other countries, imprison citizens of this country without trial and much more. Instead of a protector, they are fast becoming an enemy. The forefathers of our country knew that as long as righteousness prevailed, our republic would stand, but, if corruption got the upper hand we would not prevail. We are in a spiritual battle for this country. Good versus evil. Christianity versus Satan. We know that, by the book of Revelation and many more places in the Bible, that in the end that Jesus wins.

2024 is probably going to be the deciding point in time for the USA; Will they fall, or will the people recognize their responsibility; Pray, vote run for office, whatever it takes to win our country back from those that would destroy it. Above all, put Jesus Christ first in your life.

Richard Stahly

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Anonymous

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!



***Congratulations to
the 2023 Christmas
Lighting Contest
Winners:***

1st Place—Grandview
Duplex Residents

2nd Place—Larry & Sharla
Unruh

3rd Place—Bob & Joyce
Forch

**Family
GAME
Night**

Saturday Night from 7-9

**Bring your family friendly games to
Grandview Events Center**

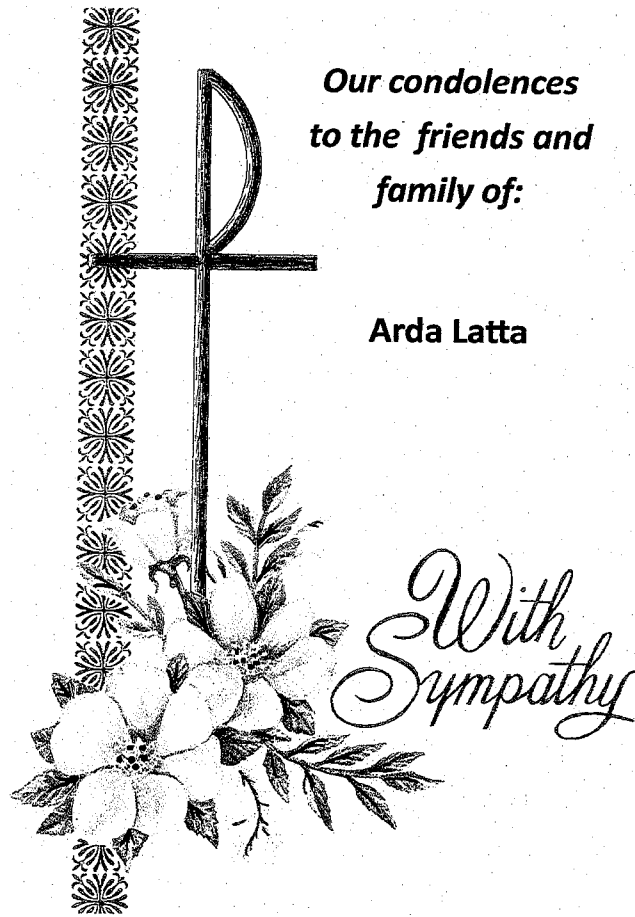
Join the Fun Everyone is welcome!

Can You Help

The Little House Museum was recently gifted some old billfolds and change purses by Marilyn Criger. Marilyn had come upon them in a box of "things" purchased at a sale. One of the billfolds has 3 staples in it to hold it together but inside is an inscription of C. G. Lionberger and the wording of Compliments of the Sterling Lumber Company of Denver, Colorado. The internet tells us that the Sterling Lumber Company is still in business with headquarter in Westminster, Colorado and several branches in the area.

Can anyone tell us when Mr. Lionberger started his lumber company? The history of it may be interesting. Call me if you know something of this history.

Thanks,
Janet Felt
(308) 276-2360



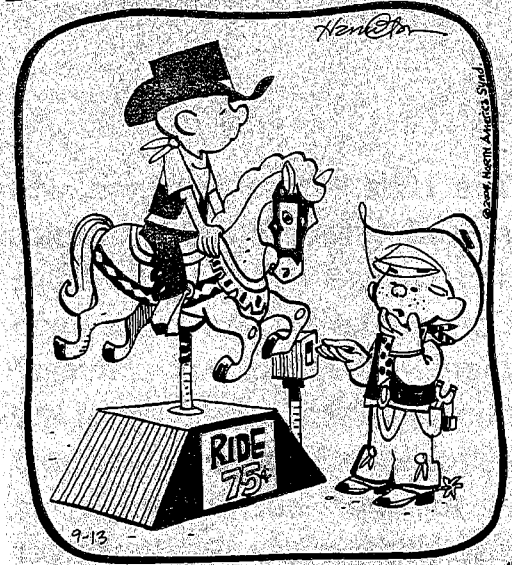
Sauce for Fish

- 1/2 cup white wine
- 1/2 cup balsamic vinegar
- 2 Tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 Tablespoons orange juice
- 2 Tablespoons lemon juice
- Bring to a boil—reduce until thickened

Really Important Stuff You Can Learn From Your Kids

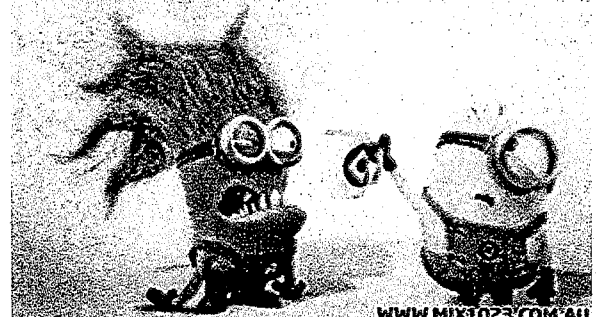
1. It's more fun to color outside of the lines.
2. If you're going to draw on the wall, do it behind the couch.
3. Ask why until you understand.
4. Hang on tight.
5. Even if you've been fishing for 3 hours and haven't gotten anything except poison ivy and a sunburn, you're still better off than the worm.
6. Make up the rules as you go along.
7. It doesn't matter who started it.
8. Ask for sprinkles.
9. If the horse you're drawing looks more like a dog, make it a dog.
10. Save a place in line for your friends.
11. Sometimes you have to take the test before you've finished studying.
12. If you want a kitten, start out asking for a horse.
13. Picking your nose while no one is looking is still picking your nose.
14. Just keep banging until someone opens the door.
15. Making your bed is a waste of time.
16. There is no good reason why your clothes have to match.
17. Even Popeye didn't eat his spinach until he absolutely had to.
18. If your dog doesn't like someone, you probably shouldn't either.
19. Toads aren't ugly, they're just toads.
20. Don't pop someone else's bubble.
21. You work so hard pedaling up the hill that you hate to brake on the way down.
22. If you stand on tiptoe to be measured this year, you'll have to stand on tiptoe for the rest of your life.
23. You can't ask to start over just because you're losing the game.
24. Chasing the cat is more fun than catching it.
25. Make your mother proud of you.

Dennis the Menace



"I GUESS HE'S NOT A QUARTER HORSE ANYMORE"

COFFEE:
THE STARTER FLUID
FOR THE
MORNING IMPAIRED!



***Everything that happens in this world happens at the time God chooses. —Ecclesiasts 3:1

Dundy County Stratton Activities Calendar

January 2024

December 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	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						

February 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
26	27	28	29			

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 3:00PM JV/V G/B BB vs. Chase County	3 Staff Development Day	4 2:00pm JH G/B BB vs. Chase County	5 12:00pm G/B Wrestling DCS Invitational	6 9:00am G/B Wrestling @ Garden County 2:00pm JV/V G/B BB @ Wray
7	8	9 2:00PM G V Wrestling @ Perkins County 3:00PM JV/V G/B BB vs. Hitchcock County	10 10:24am FFA Chapter Meeting 10:24am FCCLA Chapter Meeting 2:00pm RPAC Quiz Bowl @ Maywood	11 2:00pm JH G/B BB vs. Hitchcock County 3:00pm JV/V G BB vs. Medicine Valley	12	13 9:00am G/B Wrestling @ Chase County 1:00pm JV/V G/B BB vs. Loomis
14	15 3:00pm JH G/B BB vs. Cheylin	16 3:00pm JV/V G/B BB @ Wallace	17 4:30am FFA LDE @ Curtis 8:00 am MAP Testing for 7-12 10:24am FBLA Chapter Meeting	18 2:00pm JH G/B BB @ McCook St. Pat's 4:00pm JV/V G/B BB vs. Cambridge	19 9:00am RPAC Wrestling @ DCS HS	20 5:00pm G/B BB RPAC @ TBA
21	22 3:30pm JH B BB @ McCook 5:00pm G BB RPAC @ TBA	23 8:00 am MAP Testing for 7-12 3:00pm Todd Becker Foundation @ DCS High 5:30pm B BB RPAC @ TBA	24 8:00 am MAP Testing for 7-12 7:00pm Todd Becker Foundation @ DCS High	25 8:00 am MAP Testing Make-up 4:00pm B Wrestling Tri @ Medicine Valley 5:00pm GBB RPAC @ TBA	26 9:00am B Wrestling @ Medicine Valley 5:30pm B BB RPAC @ TBA	27 8:30am G Wrestling @ Armerst TBA --- RPAC Championship:
28	29 Parent teacher Conferences EARLY DISMISSAL	30 7:00 am FFA State Degree-McCook 2:00pm JH B BB @ Southwest 3:00pm JV/V G/B BB @ Southwest	31 9:00am 5th & 6th Grades Health Habit Day @ Culbertson	1 2:00pm JH G/B BB @ Chase County	2 9:00am B Wrestling @ Southwest 2:00pm G Sub-District Wrestling @ Gothenburg	3 7:00am Show Choir Competition @ Grand Island

All dates and times are subject to change. For current information about the Calendar on the desktop, our web site, Facebook, Twitter and Email, #Actions

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