

NEW BEGINNINGS

March 2024

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Easter Week Church Schedule

Community United Methodist Church

—Thursday, March 28th—Maundy Thursday Service—5:30 pm CDT

—Good Friday Service, March 29th—To Be Announced

Christian Union Church

—Good Friday Services—March 29th—7:00 pm CDT

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

—Holy Thursday, March 28th—Liturgy of the Lord's Supper—Stratton—7:30 pm CDT

—Friday, March 29th—Liturgy of the Lord's Passion—3:00 MDT—in Benkelman

—Saturday, March 30th—Easter Vigil Mass—8:30 pm CDT—in Stratton

—March 31st—Easter Sunday Mass—8:30 am CDT in Stratton

New Hope Church in Max

Sunday, March 24th—Palm Sunday Service 10:30 am CDT

Sunday, March 31st—Easter Sunrise Service—6:30 am MDT.



SPRING

IT'S SPRING!

—LOOK INSIDE FOR INFORMATION ON ALL THE SPRING ACTIVITIES

- ◆ *PI DAY AT MNB*
- ◆ *COMMUNITY DINNER*
- ◆ *STORM SPOTTER TRAINING*
- ◆ *SALSA CONTEST AND MEAL*
- ◆ *EASTER EGG HUNT*
- ◆ *SPRING CLEAN-UP*

Daylight Savings
Time Begins—
Sunday, March 10th



Happy



Pi Day!

Stop in the bank on
3/14/24 for a slice of pie!

MNB
— BANK —

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER
 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20TH
 5:30—6:30 P.M.
 GRANDVIEW EVENT CENTER
 EVERYONE WELCOME!!



*Come Join Us
 At Grandview Event Center*

It's a Salsa Contest

Bring your Homemade Salsa on March 22nd
 Starting at 6:00 pm and Ending at 8:00 pm

Entry Fee : \$6.00—includes meal

Deadline for entry is March 22, 2024 at 5:30

Prizes: 1st place \$50, 2nd place \$25, and 3rd place \$15.00 certificate for Stratton Country Market.

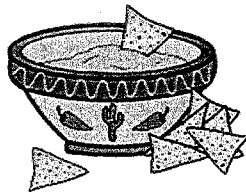
The first-place winner will be crowned and presented with a trophy for the year. The winner will be required to participate in the Stratton Days Parade in September.

We have four tables available for homemade craft vendors to set up.

A meal will be available for purchase:

\$6.00

Smothered Burrito w/Spanish Rice,
 Lettuce, Tomato, Sour
 Cream



—Hosted by Mary Pierson

For additional information call or text me @ 785-302-0760

Asking for volunteers, if interested in helping please contact me.

Storm Spotter Training



Weather on the High Plains can be interesting and unpredictable. A strong knowledge of meteorology and awareness is needed

for the ever changing weather conditions of the Plains. Meteorologists from the National Weather Service office in Goodland will be presenting information that will help prepare storm spotters and weather enthusiasts for the upcoming storm season. Our staff will provide an in depth weather presentation that will engage the audience by teaching them about the different types of storms, the individual storm features that help a person to recognize the storms potential severity, how to report hazardous weather and severe weather safety.

—Stratton will be hosting a free Storm Spotter Training on Wednesday, March 20th - 6:30 pm at the Grandview Event Center. Come for the Free Community Dinner and stay for the Storm Spotter Training.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!



EASTER EGG HUNT

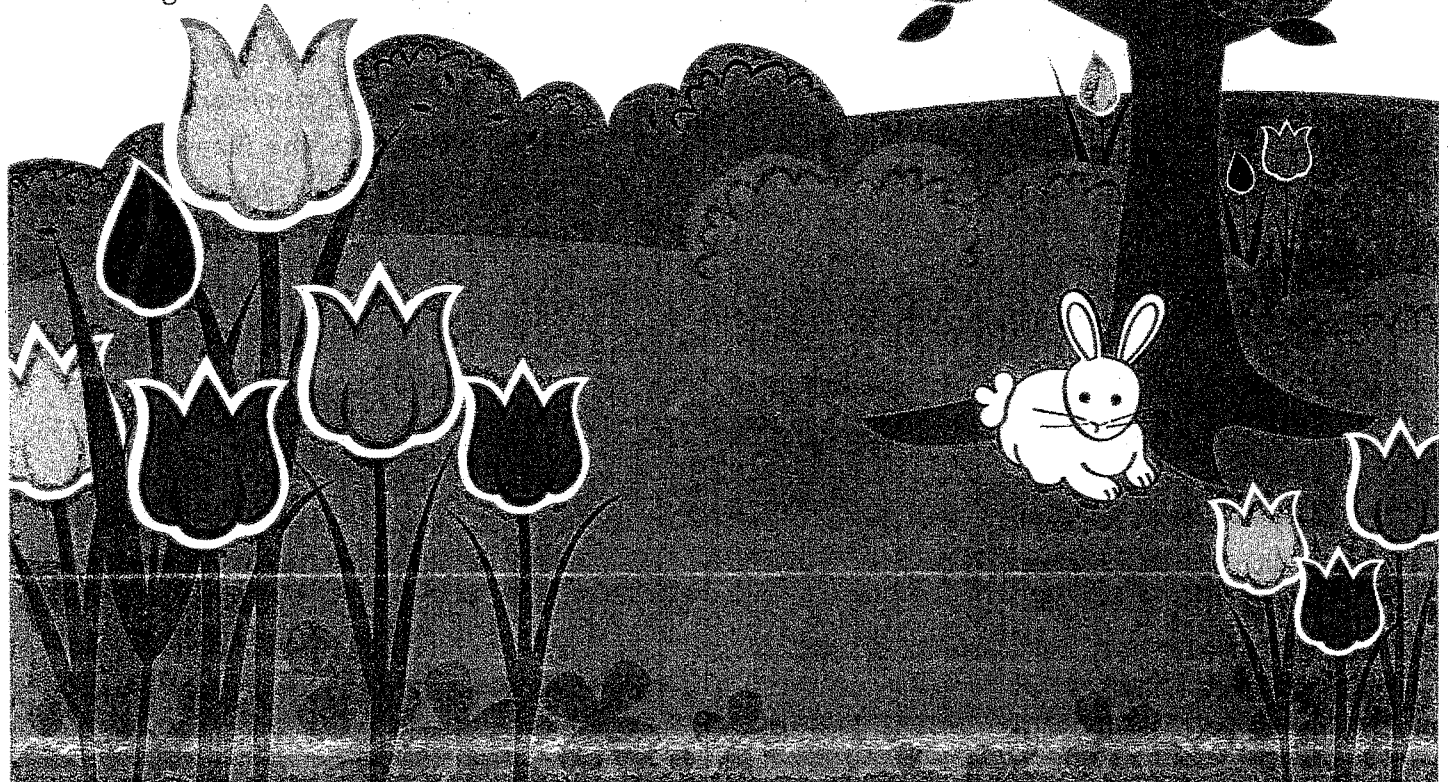
Hosted by the Stratton Area Chamber of Commerce
Open to children up to the 6th grade

Where: Pitner Park, Stratton

When: Saturday, March 30th

Time: 1:00 pm

Donations welcome and may be dropped off at
Village Office or MNB- Stratton





SPRING CLEAN UP & TREE LIMB PICK-UP

May 10th, 11th, and 12th, 2024

Lot West of Pitner Park by the Baseball Field.

Bring us your items you can't fit in the regular dumpsters.

NO Tires, metal, or liquids of any kind, nothing toxic/corrosive.

**Call us for help with heavy or large items- Limit of one pickup
load per residence.**

Items accepted until roll-off is full!

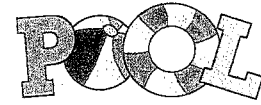
**Put tree and garden waste in a pile next to the alley. MUST BE
PLACED ON THE LIST PRIOR TO MAY 8TH FOR PICK-UP! Limit
of one pickup load per residence. Must be accessible by the
backhoe. No branches longer than six feet in length. NO GRASS
CLIPPINGS OR PLASTIC BAGS! Pick-up will take place as
employees are available.**

**Tree dump will be available for those able to haul their own tree
and garden waste.**

Call with any questions or to arrange pick-up:

Mike: 308-340-0149

SWIMMING POOL EMPLOYEES WANTED



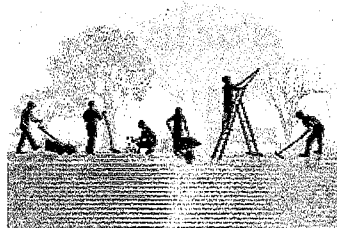
The Village of Stratton is currently accepting applications for Swimming Pool Manager, Assistant Manager and Lifeguards for the 2024 season. Managers must obtain Nebraska Pool Operators Certificate. Lifeguards and managers must be current on lifeguard certification and CPR/First Aid. Training is reimbursable to successful candidates at the end of the season. Contact the Village Clerk at 308-276-2184 or 308-830-2878 or stratton@gpcom.net to submit your application today! Positions open until filled.

Weed ordinance and backflow reminder

As warm weather is upon us we will be seeing more outdoor water usage and with that more opportunities for cross contamination of the water system and quicker growing lawns. The Village would like to take this opportunity to remind residents to **keep lawns and weeds mowed and test your backflow preventer**. If you don't already have a backflow preventer please contact the Village Office to discuss options available. Backflow prevention is a vital part in keeping our drinking water safe. If a resident is in violation of Village Ordinance to keep growth of weeds, grasses, or worthless vegetation less than 12 inches there is a nuisance mowing fee. The fee is at a minimum 1 hour at \$50.00/hour equipment charge plus \$25.00/hour labor charge. Second offense in same calendar year will be double the minimum equipment charge. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in keeping our community safe and beautiful!

MOST IMPROVED YARD

The most improved yard contest is back for its second year! Take one picture of your yard by April 15th to submit as your before picture. Clean up, plant, water and decorate all season! Take one picture by September 16th to submit as your after picture. More information to come on voting. Prizes will be awarded for the most improved yards! Winners will be announced during Stratton Days events.



Scam Alert

LINCOLN — Nebraska hospital patients should be aware of scammers as some have sought to capitalize after a cyberattack on one of the nation's largest health care technology companies.

The Nebraska Hospital Association said Monday that it has received reports of scammers contacting patients after the Feb. 21 attack on Change Healthcare, which most Nebraska hospitals use for financial and clinical authorization services.

Scammers are claiming to be hospital representatives from Nebraska or surrounding areas, NHA said, telling patients they're entitled to a full refund if they provide their credit card number.

"Nebraskans need to be vigilant for both them and their family members," Jeremy Nordquist, president of the NHA, said in a statement. "If you are at all skeptical regarding the nature of a phone call, hang up and call your hospital directly."

NHA said Nebraska hospitals will never ask for a credit card number by phone to initiate a refund of payment.

The hospital association said last week that patients may experience longer wait times for authorizations for procedures and delays in resolution of claims.

Affected hospital procedures include:

- Prior authorizations for pharmaceuticals, procedures and surgeries.
- Insurance verification for inpatient stays.
- Precise cost estimates for patients.

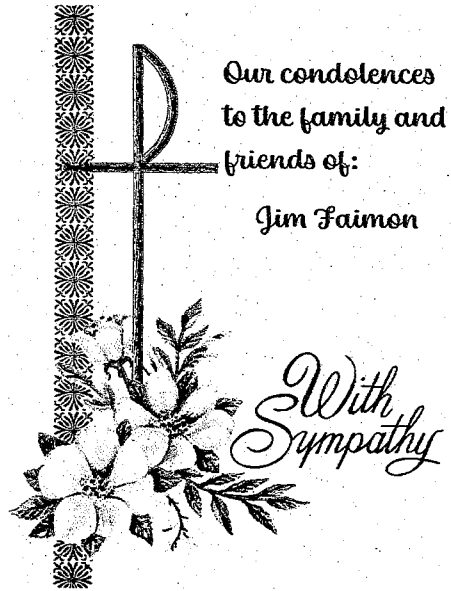
Patient billing.

"Our hospitals are doing their best to manage through these challenges as quickly and efficiently as possible," Nordquist said last week.

Brian Noonan, a spokesperson for the association, said the longer problems continue, the more likely there will be longer wait times. Different hospitals will experience different impacts.

Some of the bigger facilities impacted, according to Noonan:

- Regional West (Scottsbluff).
- Faith Regional (Norfolk).
- CHI Health.



Lemon Blueberry Coffeecake

Ingredients

- 1 large egg, room temperature, lightly beaten
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon zest
- 2/3 cup 2% milk
- 2-1/4 cups biscuit/baking mix
- 1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries
- 3/4 cup confectioners' sugar
- 4 teaspoons lemon juice

Directions

Preheat oven to 350°. In a large bowl, combine egg, sugar, lemon zest and milk; mix well. Stir in biscuit mix just until moistened. Fold in blueberries. Pour into a greased 9-in. round baking pan. Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, 25-30 minutes. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pan to a wire rack. Combine confectioners' sugar and lemon juice until smooth; drizzle over warm cake. Garnish with additional blueberries. Cut into wedges.



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- Julia Diehl
- Earl & Marjorie Denio



Saturday Night from 7-9
Bring your family friendly games to
Grandview Events Center
Join the Fun Everyone is welcome!

COMING SOON
Beginning April 21st
—Free Breakfast
Every 3rd Sunday
8:30-9:30 CDT
Christian Union Church
All Welcome

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

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Stratton Public Library News March 2024

March into the Stratton Library for a good read!

HOURS: MONDAY 12-7 THURSDAY 12-5

New Selections: **Adult**: Sulari – **Women in the Library**, Hunt- **The Note**, Michaelaals- **Cut and Run, Weekend Warriors, Payback, Real Deal, & Up Close and Personal**, Child- **The Enemy, Secret, & Echo Burning**, Hannah- **Once in Every Life**, Ware-It **Girl**, Hurwitz- **Dark Horse**, Quirk- **Red Warning**, Kellerman- **The Hunt, Murder 101**, Deaver- **The Good-bye Man**, Robb - **Payback in Death**, McDougall- **Running with Sherman**

Juvenile: DeVillers- **Take Two**, Callaghan- **Lost in Ireland, Just Add Magic**

Mark the Calendar!!!!

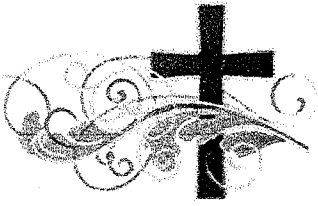
April 20th at the TCDC Building in Trenton, Ne. from 1:30-3:00 you will be able to attend a very interesting program put on by Charlotte & Kevin Endorf. **No Time on My Hands: The Story of Grace Snyder** Grace was born on April 23rd and lived to be 100. She moved to Nebraska with her parents from Missouri when she was only three. Grace had three wishes and dreamed three dreams. At the time, it seemed impossible that any of her dreams could ever come true. Come listen to the true stories the Endorf's share of Snyder after many hours of study. Enjoy the display Charlotte & Kevin have compiled of this woman clearly ahead of her time.

Book Count update: As of the end of January we have checked out 163 Juvenile Books and 341 Adult Books. The goal is to beat the previous goal from last year of 701 Juvenile and 1331 Adult books checked out. **Are you helping with this goal?**

Come check out a book and be part of this amazing group of readers from

Stratton!

Coffee & Conversation in the library on Thursdays 2-4



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

APRIL 6, 8:00 A.M.

-HOSTED BY-

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Chaplin's Corner

In the 14th Chapter of the book of John, in the 6th verse, Jesus was speaking to the disciple Thomas and He said; "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

There was a time in my life when, and not really realizing it, I lived life as though the world revolved around me. I had a wife and a couple of kids, but I was the one that really mattered. Most of my spare time was spent either hunting or fishing or shooting pool or drinking beer. Those things tended to exclude my family. As time wore on I became more aware of the fact that I had to have that drink. That the things I did were centered around me and no one else. I knew, (from what I had been taught as a boy) that I wasn't right with Jesus and at the same time I was trying to be a youth leader. What a mess.

Life is a bit like two hot tubs, side by side. One is filled with clear sparkling warm water, the other is filled with beautiful flowers on top and underneath is the rottenest mess that your mind can dream up. Instead of the clean warm water, we choose to wallow in what we thought were the beautiful flowers and end up mired in a stinking mess.

Satan makes things look so attractive--The pursuit of riches until you're wrapped in greed; alcohol, makes you feel good until you're addicted and can't think straight anymore, the same with drugs and so many other things. When you have finally had enough and get into that other tub, Jesus can clean you up and make you whole. He can fill you with His love and forgiveness, with the Holy Spirit who will set your feet on the right path and give you direction with the Bible. He will fill you with a peace beyond understanding.

When I chose that clean warm water, the change in my life was beyond understanding. It changed me and the lives of my family. Not only my close family, but my extended family. They saw the change in me and began to see it was good. Some of them began to follow Jesus. Then Jesus' influence began to spread even further and there were others; when we follow Jesus we don't know how far that influence reaches. If you're a Christian begin to reach out to others. If your not, all you have to do is ask Jesus into your life. If you let Him, He will clean you up and set you on the right path. One path is a path of freedom; the other, a path of slavery. Which one is your choice?

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

Dundy County Stratton School Activities Calendar



2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3</p> <p>Spring Forward! Daylight Savings Begins Monday, March 11th</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:00am Junior ACT Prep</p>	<p>5</p> <p>4:30am FFA District CDE #4</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:48am Junior ACT Prep 10:24am FCCLA Chapter Meeting 3rd Quarter Ends</p>	<p>7</p> <p>NO SCHOOL - Spring Break</p>	<p>8</p> <p>NO SCHOOL - Spring Break</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:00am Speech Meet @Maxwell 1:00pm Art Club Work Day</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Happy St. Patrick's Day</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:00am District Speech @Perkins County</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:45am 5th-8th Spelling Bee 9:36am Junior ACT Prep</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00am FFA Blood Drive 12:20pm UNL College Rep HS Media Center</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:00am Job Shadow Day @Dundy County Hospital 10:52am Junior ACT Prep 6:00pm NHS Induction</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>5:00pm FFA Officer Retreat</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Happy St. Patrick's Day</p>	<p>18</p> <p>12:00pm RPAC Instrumental Clinic @Maywood 12:20pm Junior ACT Prep 6:00pm RPAC Instrumental Concert @Maywood</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:00am ACT Testing 10:00am FBLA Chapter Meeting 3:00pm HS ESU Quiz Bowl @Southwest</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8:00am ACT Testing 10:00am FBLA Chapter Meeting 3:00pm HS ESU Quiz Bowl @Southwest</p>	<p>21</p> <p>STATE SPEECH @Kearney 9:00am Junior Class College Visit to McCook Community College 1:08 pm Junior ACT Prep</p>	<p>22</p> <p>12:00pm Track @Southern Valley</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8:00am ACT Test Day 3:00pm Elementary Quiz Bowl @Southwest</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:00am Cambridge Golf @Cross Creek Golf Course 10:24am FFA Chapter Meeting</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10:00am Track @Perkins County</p>	<p>29</p> <p>NO SCHOOL Easter Break</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>31</p> <p>Happy Easter!</p>	<p>1 APRIL</p> <p>NO SCHOOL Easter Break</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00am DCS Golf @Berkelman Golf Course 9:00am DCS Track @Dundy County Stratton</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:00am Jr. High Track @DCS</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00am Track @Cambridge</p>

February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
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	

BOYS STATE BASKETBALL - Lincoln, NE

State FFA Competition - Lincoln, NE

*** All dates and times are subject to change. Please check the DCS School Calendar on the school home page at www.dcsstigers.org, or FOLLOW us on Twitter-@dcsstigers***

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