# **NEW BEGINNINGS**

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Lakeview Lodge Pancake Feed
February 19th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm
At Grandview Events Center
-Enjoy an evening of good food and fellowship.

Hosted by <u>Lakeview Lodge</u>, Inc.

Free Will Donation

—Please note—this will be the Community Dinner for February



**NEW BUSINESS—406 Bailey—Stratton** 

—Johnny Whiskers Outdoors—selling camping supplies, ammo, tackle, live bait, snacks, ice and other cool stuff—

**Owners: John Steen and Jennifer Jones** 

Johnny Whiskers is open Monday from 8 to 6, Tuesday from 8 to 12, Wednesday from 8 to 5, Thursday will be CLOSED, Friday from 8 to 6, Saturday from 7:30 to 1, and Sunday will be CLOSED.

You can also reach out to Johnny at 308-737-7818. "If someone needs a product and we aren't open, our ranch isn't too far away, and I can meet them."



Hooves and Grooves Dairy Goats LLC has expanded and has new products! We still have a large variety of Goat Milk Soap available, but we also now have: Goat Milk Lotion, Goat Milk Body Butter, Goat Milk Shampoo & Conditioner bars and Goat Milk Laundry Detergent. The Soap, Lotion and Body Butter's main ingredient is raw fresh goat milk from our very own goats so your skin will thank you. Our goat milk shampoo and conditioner bars not only clean and moisturize your hair and scalp, but they also last a long time and rid the need for bulky plastic bottles. They are also a great option for kids who tend to pump large amounts of shampoo out of the bottle and down the drain wasting it. Our goat milk laundry detergent has shredded goat milk soap in it that aids as a natural fabric softener and protects your skin from the cleaning agents. All our products are made from all natural ingredients and are great for this dry cold weather!

We thank you all for helping our business grow and expand. We hope you really enjoy our products as much as we do. If you would like to get in touch to try some of our products, you can look on our website at www.hoovesandgroovesdairygoats.com or find us on Facebook; Hooves & Grooves Dairy Goats, or you can call or text us at 308-340-6898. We can also take custom orders; we just need plenty of advanced notice.



Feel the Love!
The Forch Family







Order by 5pm February 12th and we'll deliver to Stratton and Trenton on Valentines! Call the shop for details, 785-626-3921!

404 State St., Atwood, KS 67730

Grass Roots Garden Hub & Floral in Atwood is expanding our floral delivery area to include Stratton and Trenton! We are currently offering a special delivery on Valentine's day for \$5 if you pre-order by February 12th. Grass Roots will deliver to serve floral needs year round. We offer a variety of seasonal specials, fresh floral arrangements and plants. Check us out on Face-

book @grassrootsgardenhub or call us at 785-626-3921 for more details.



's there interest in a Sunday Pan Fried Chicken in Stratton????

Look for Suggestion Boxes at the Bank, Post Office, Jay
 Bird's or Stratton Country Market

-For more information you may call Sabrinna at

308-276-2282 or

720-576-2026





# A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

What is your vision for the future of Stratton? Last fall community members were invited to join the Stratton Community Foundation Fund Advisory Committee to answer just that. As a result of those visioning sessions, several committees were formed to encourage action in our community. The following committees have formed and will meet regularly to move our goals and priorities forward.

# COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES / FOOD TRUCKS FOR EVENTS

Chair: Rachel Lorens

**Committee members:** Melissa Dailey, Kati Ladenburger, Ann Sutton, Natalie Thiessen, Teri Faimon

### POOL / PARK / SPLASH PAD / UPGRADES

Chair: Sandy Renfro

**Committee members:** Jyssica Forch, Kati Ladenburger, Tara Hedrick, Paul Bohochik

### CLEAN UP TOWN / COMMUNITY PRIDE

Chairs: Jen Moore and Terra Riggs

Committee members: Tara Hedrick, Beth Kollmorgen

### MUSIC WALL AND CREATIVITY

Chair: Ashley Stehno

**Committee members:** Natalie Thiessen, Teri Faimon, Terra Riggs

### OTHER COMMITTEES UNDER DISCUSSION:

- Housing (Jen Moore, Dustin Ladenburger, Rick Moore)
- Indoor Fitness (Jyssica Forch, Dustin Ladenburger)
- Outdoor Recreation / Walking Trail (Sandy Renfro, Ashley Stehno)
- Basic Needs Businesses (Karen Stute, Melissa Dailey, Kay Voss)
- Handy Neighbor List (Jen Moore)

### **WANT TO GET INVOLVED?**

Contact any member of the Stratton Community Foundation Fund Advisory Committee for details.



### **FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Ann Sutton (308) 276-2691 Lisa Fox (308) 276-2318 Jen Moore (303) 941-9056 **Dustin Ladenburger** (308) 276-2659 **Terra Riggs** (308) 737-9868 **Rachel Lorens** (785) 821-1728 **Ashley Stehno** (308) 340-5100 Sandy Renfro (970) 630-0575

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## Stratton Public Library News February 2025

### **HOURS: MONDAY 12-7 THURSDAY 12-5**

New Selections: Adult: 41 Nora Roberts additions, The Kite Runner- Hosseini, Jewelry Chronicles- Longnecker, The Stolen Hours- Eskens, Buffalo Trail-Guinn, Never Change-Berg, Fried Green Tomatoes-Flagg, The Grey Wolf-Penny, Passions in Death- Robb, In Too Deep-Child, Darling Girls-Hepworth, Winners-Backman, Slow Burn Parker, Deep Freeze-Grumley, Hello Stranger-Center, Drowning-Newman, Winter Counts-Weiden, Non-fiction- Wager- Grann, Fly Boys-Bradley

Juvenile: Penalty Shot, Catch That Pass, The Dimond Champs, The Fox Steals Home, The Great Quarterback Switch, Too Hot to Handle, Snowboard Maverick, Snowboard Showdown – Matt Christopher Goosed- Bill Wallace, Storm Warriors- Carbone

Special thanks to Kay Maxfield for the generous donation! Her mother was a Librarian in Stratton many years ago and she has special memories of that time. We are honored to purchase books in her memory.

Mark your calendars.... Summer Reading program will happen on Mondays starting in June. The theme this year is **Color Your World. Watch for more information to come.** 

Coffee and Conversation takes place at the Library every Thursday afternoon from 2-4PM

### **BOOK SALE HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY – COME CHECK IT OUT!**

25 CENT PAPERBACKS they are going fast.... come check them out!

PLEASE NOTE—Grandma's Treasure Chest will be closed until further notice.

If you were the lucky winner of the MNB Open House gift certificate, please call Marilyn Criger at 308-276-2639 to make arrangements to redeem the certificate. Be watching for the reopening date!!



### THE SWEET ONES

Dessert sauces are easily classified as soft and hard-the soft ones mostly hot and the hard ones mostly cold.

They are all quick, the hot ones requiring cooking only until cornstarch or flour has thickened the mixture.

### **BUTTERSCOTCH SAUCE**

Melt in heavy saucepan 1/2 c. margarine or butter Add, stir smooth, 11/2 tbsp. flour

1 c. brown sugar

34 c. light cream or undiluted evaporated milk

Turn heat low. Simmer 10 min. Makes: about 1½ cups.

### CHOCOLATE PEPPERMINT SAUCE

Melt in saucepan 2 thsp. butter or margarine Stir in, cook thick, 2 tbsp. cornstorch 11/4 c. boiling water Break in, melt, stir smooth, 1/4 lb. chocolate-covered mints Makes: about 1% cups

### EASY CARAMEL SAUCE

Place in double boiler 1/2 lb. caramels 1/2 c. light cream

or ½ c. evaporated milk, undiluted Stir, and heat until caramels are melted.

### HOT CHOCOLATE SAUCE

Melt together in saucepan 1 tbsp. margarine or butter 2 oz. unsweetened chocolate Add, mixed together 1/2 c. sugar 1 tbsp. cornstarch 1/4 tsp. salt Stir in

11/2 c. hot water Boil 2 min. Add 1 tsp. vanilla Makes: about 2 cups

### HOT MOCHA SAUCE

In top of double boiler combine 1 pkg. semi-sweet chocolate pieces

2 tbsp. instant coffee 1/2 c. boiling water

1/2 c. corn sirup

2 tbsp. margarine or butter Cook, stirring occasionally, until chocolate is melted and all is well blended. Makes: about 11/2 cups

### MILK-CHOCOLATE SAUCE

Cook to soft-ball stage 3/4 c. sugar 34 c. corn sirup 2 sq. (2 oz.) unsweetened chocolate 1/4 c. hot water Remove from heat and stir in 1 c. evaporated milk, undiluted 1/4 tsp. solt 1 tbsp. butter or margarine 1 tsp. vanilla Makes: about 2 cups

### ICE-CREAM SAUCE

Stir

l pt. any flavor ice cream to thick pouring consistency and serve as sauce. Particularly good over hot puddings or fruit. Makes: about 2 cups

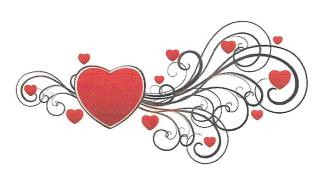
### Did you know that:

- one spoonful of honey is enough to keep a person alive for 24 hours
- one of the first coins in the world featured a bee symbol
- honey contains live enzymes. The metal spoon kills these enzymes. The best way to consume honey is with a wooden spoon, if not, you can use a plastic one.
- honey contains a substance that helps the brain function.
- honey is one of the few foods on earth that alone can sustain human life.
- bees saved people from starvation in Africa.
- propolis produced by bees is one of nature's most powerful antibiotics.
- honey has no expiration date.
- the bodies of the world's greatest emperors were buried in golden coffins and then covered with honey to prevent them from rotting.
- the term "honeymoon" comes from the fact that the young couple consumed honey for fertility purposes after marriage.
- a bee lives less than 40 days, visits at least 1,000 flowers and produces less than a teaspoon of honey, but for her it is the work of a lifetime.

Thank you, dear bees!







### Thank You

To all the Stratton volunteer firefighters that very quickly came to our aid in the early morning hours, in the cold to put out our shed fire...THANK ALL OF YOU SO MUCH! YOU ARE SO MUCH APPRECIATED! We are so fortunate to have you all.

Dywane and Susan Riggs



FREE Community

Breakfast

All Welcome

Christian Union Church

Third Sunday of the Month February 16th 8:30 am

# STRATTON MEDICAL CLINIC HOURS Central Time

Mon, Wed, Fri-Closed

Tuesday—10:30 am—12:00 pm 1:00 pm—4:30 pm

Thursday-2:00 pm-4:30 pm

Sat-Sun-Closed

Call for an appointment—(308) 423-2151

Walk-ins Welcome!

New Beginnings is published monthly by the Community Builders Academy. In order to assure a timely issue, articles must be submitted by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month to Bernt. Articles Julie may emailed to rbernt@gpcom.net. or mailed to MNB Bank, PO Box 367, Stratton, NE 69043. Colored copies of New Beginnings are included on the Village of Stratton web site. Thank you to this month's donors:

- Bill Condon
- Stratton Community Foundation
- Marilyn Criger



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

welcome!

### THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Our Lord God says, through the prophet Jeremiah, in chapter 7: 31,32 "And they have built the high places of Topheth, which is in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire, which I did not command, nor did it come from my heart. Therefore behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when it will no more be called Tophet, or the valley of the Son of Hinnom, but the Valley of Slaughter; for they will bury in Tophet until there is no room."

I know the job of the Chaplain is to encourage and to lift up, but I also know that if we don't stop the practice of abortion in America, we will never make America great again. Since the time that Roe vs. Wade was made the law of the land we have slaughtered approximately 65 million plus people in this country and the number is probably much higher than that because you can buy the abortion pill over the counter and on line. If an unborn baby is diagnosed with genetic abnormalities, (downs syndrome, spinal bifida, cystic fibrosis etc.) the medical profession will generally recommend that the baby be aborted. I haven't noticed too many perfect people running around, so who is going to be next in line? The senile with dementia, the old and feeble or maybe someone who just disagrees with the powerful?

One of our government parties recommends that we allow abortions on request; the other party has removed much of their anti-abortion recommendation

from their platform. In looking at the statistics abortion is becoming more acceptable. The old argument for slavery was, that slaves were humans but they were not persons. That's the same argument for abortion, the unborn are human, they are just not persons. Just because they have a different address you can kill them. Why do we want to kill ourselves off? Are we so much in love with pleasure that we will destroy ourselves? This is not a political problem; this is a spiritual problem. The god, (demon) Molech that the Jews were sacrificing their babies to in the Valley of Slaughter is alive and well in the world today.

God created us and He loves us so much that He sacrificed Himself that we could have eternal life with Him. Satan hates God so much that he is doing everything he can to take us away from Him. We need to take a good look at ourselves and ask, "Does pleasure mean that much to me that I will drive myself to extinction?" I pray not.

**Richard Stahly** 



### **MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**

March 1st

8:00 am

--HOSTED BY--

St. Joseph Catholic Church

### **Church Worship Service Schedule**

### **Comm. United Methodist Church**

9:30 a.m.

**Church Services** 

### **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** 

### <u>Southwest Nebraska Holiness</u> <u>Church</u>

10:30 a.m.

**Sunday School** 

11:30 a.m.

**Church Services** 

7:00 p.m.

**Church Services** 

# DUNDY COUNTY STRATTON SCHOOLS ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

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tation; TODA; ow. TO-ORACH!	20 21 22 27 28 29		8	16 17 23 24 30 31	18 19 20 21 25 26 27 28	TBA Boys & Girls Basketball RPAC Tournament Championships @McCook Community College
SI	S NO SCHOOL Teacher In-Service	4	2	9	7	8:00AM Show Choir Competition @Grand Island Speech Meet
	Parent-Teacher Conferences 200pm to 600pm 3:00PM JH Quiz Bowl	2:00PM JH Boys Basketball 4:00PM VI V Southwest 8:30PM Southwest 8:30PM Esports vs. Familia	7:30AM   Inter-High Day @McCook 9:00AM   FFA State Degree   Interviews @McCook	2:30PM JH B/G Basketball vs. Chase County 3:30PM Esports Practice 6:00PM Play Practice	8:30AM   Wrestling @Southwest 6:00PM   Play Practice	@Sutherland 2:30PM   JV/B V G/B Basketball   @ Cozad
FEEL AND	10	11	12	13	14	1.5
February 10-14	11:00AM   RPAC Vocal Clinic EARLY DISMISSAL 12:00		8:00AM   FFA District CDE @Curtis	7:30AM   Inter-High Day @worth Plate 8:00AM   CPR Training &n Grade C1 2:30PM   JH Boys Basketball	8:00AM   CPR Training &n Grade C2 9:00AM   District Wrestling Day 1 @Sutherland	8:00AM JH B/G Basketball Tournament @Waunela-Palisade S:00AM Speech Meet
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16	17	2 8:00AM Lions Club Mobile Screening Unit	19	20	21	22
NATIONAL FFA WEEK FFA WEEK	10.00	10:15AM Northwest Kansas Perhinala College Rep Visti @sst Assac center TBD cits Sub-District Basketball vs TBO @TBO TBO ESPOTTS vs. Lewiston	7:00AM   RPAC Speech Meet @Cambridge	STATE WR 8:00AM CPR Training sn Grafe 10:24AM Southeast Community College Rep Visit Gwear Gils Substitution 3:30PM Esports Practice	STATE WRESTLING @CHI Health Center Arena—Omaha No Gage No Gag N	
23	24		26		2	Public Performance  Public Performance  SoodM Speech Meet
	6:00AM FFA District Welding @McCoak TBD 80% SUb-District Basketball 5:30PM Show Ton's Practice 6:00PM Play Practice	10:24AM Mid Plains Community College Rep Visit TBD Rys Sub-District Basketball vs TBD @ TBD ESports vs Creek Valley Flav Practice	8:00AM   CPR Training 10th Grade	10:24AM University of Nebraska Omaha College Rep Visit TBD Bys Sub-District Basketball vs TBD @TBD Sports Practice From Practice Brough Branchisch		8:00AM   Show Choir Competition   @Grand Island
		-1		-1	6:00PM   Play Practice	

<sup>\*</sup>All dates and times are subject to change. For current information check the School Calendar on the destigers.org web site. Follow us on Twitter and Facebook. #destigers



Reminder: Annual dog licenses are past due as of January 31<sup>st</sup>. Please bring proof of current rabies vaccination, if not already on file at the Village Office, and \$5 license fee to complete the application and get your 2025 dog tags.

### **NOTICE OF VILLAGE BOARD VACANCY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, due to Board Trustee Resignation, there will be a vacant seat on the Village of Stratton Board of Trustees.

A vacancy will exist on the Village of Stratton's Board of Trustees.

The term for the vacant seat of Village Trustee is through December 31, 2028. 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 February 18, 2025 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

February 14, 2025.
Village of Stratton
P.O. Box 332
Stratton, NE 69043
Stratton@gpcom.net

Enclosed on the following page is a cross-connection control reporting form. These forms need completed to be in compliance with the Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services regulations for the detection and elimination of cross-connections. These forms must be completed by every water connection at least every five years and are a vital part of keeping our drinking water safe.

Please complete the form for your residence and return to the Village Office as soon as you are able or by February 28, 2025. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the Village Office at 308-276-2184 or Utilities Superintendent Petersen at 308-340-0149.

# **Cross-Connection Control Reporting Form**

State law requires consumers of public water supplies to inspect their facilities not less than once every five years. Completing & returning this form fulfills that requirement!

# Completion of this form is a condition of water service!

	REPORTING FORM FOR THE WATVillage of Stratton		STEM OF			
C	ustomer Name					
	ustomer Address		,			
	ccount Number		_			
1.	Underground lawn irrigation system? If yes, is it protected by a testable backflow preventer?	Yes	<b>No</b> □ □			
2.						
3.	Photo, chemical, medical, or other lab facilities? If yes, is it protected by a testable backflow preventer?		<u> </u>			
4.	Private well or other source of water?  If yes, is it protected by a testable backflow preventer?					
	Boiler heat or water to air heat pump?  If yes, is it protected by a testable backflow preventer?					
6.	Garden hoses connected to possible contaminants? If yes, is it protected by a hose bibb vacuum breaker?					
7.	Water softener? If yes, is it protected by an air gap?					
8.	Booster Pump? If yes, is it protected by a backflow preventer If yes, does it have a low-pressure shut off switch?		0 0			
	If you have any questions please contact	at				
	Signature: Date:_					
Thank you,  This form will help prevent the						

Failure to complete and return this form puts your water system in violation of State Health Department Regulation Title 179.

accidental contamination of our drinking water