

NEW BEGINNINGS

September 2025

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Bloodmobile Event – Give the Gift of Life! 🩸

Thursday, October 9th

11:30 AM – 5:00 PM

St Joseph Catholic Church

410 County Ave. Stratton, Nebraska



Roll up your sleeve and make a difference! The Bloodmobile is coming to Stratton, and your donation could save lives.

Walk-ins Welcome

Prefer to book ahead? Call **Marilyn Lorens** at **308-276-2335**

Or reserve your spot online! Go to redcrossblood.org for easy-to-follow instructions.

Whether you're a first-time donor or a seasoned lifesaver, we'd love to see you there. Every drop counts!

SEPTEMBER 27th Stratton Days SAFARI SPECTACULAR!!

Activities

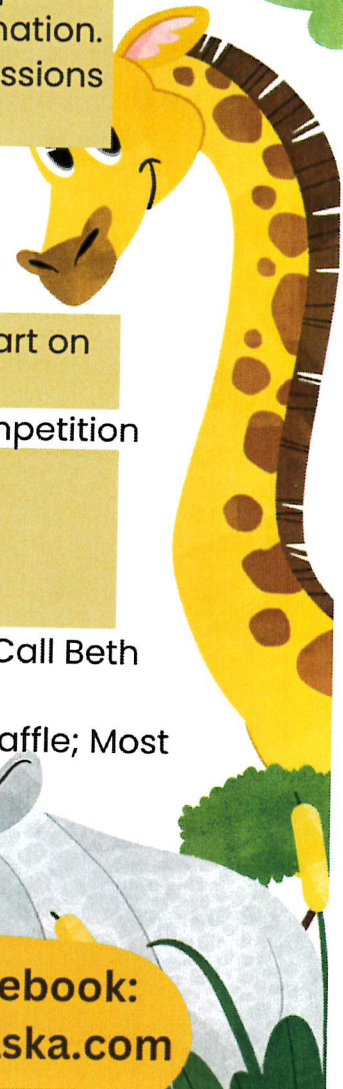
Friday 26th 5:00pm Pie Contest Entries Due at Village Office.
Winners announced & pie served during Bingo

7:00 Dundy County Stratton High School Homecoming
Football Game at Benkelman vs. Arapahoe

Saturday

- **8:00–9:00** Fun Run 5K – Registration starts at 7:45 at Pitner Park
- **8:30–9:30** Pickleball Tournament– No entry fee
- **9:00–11:00** "Cars & Coffee" Free Car Show at the Fire Hall
 - Breakfast burritos & coffee available– Proceeds go to the Fire Dept.
- **9:00–1:00** Local Vendor Show at Pitner Park
- **9:30–11:00** Kids Games, Train & Farris Wheel Rides, Face Painting @ Park
- **10:00–10:45** Stories from the Stones: A walking tour of Rosehill Cemetery. Stratton native Steven Hardy will lead you around the oldest part of the cemetery, focusing on the lives of several early settlers.
- **11:00** Dan Boon Memorial Mud Bog– West of Pitner Park. Pits open at 8am, contact Patrick Lorens or Mike Schrader for more information. Admission: \$3 adults, \$1 kids 12 and under, \$5 pit pass. Concessions provided by Stratton Volunteer Fire Department
- **11:00–1:00** Free will donation lunch provided by Stratton Ambulance at the park. Hot dogs, chips, beans and dessert
- **1:00–3:00** Bingo @ Grandview Events Center
- **3:30–4:30** Music on Bailey Street
- **4:30** Parade on Bailey Street– 3:30 Registration and line up start on North Bailey. **Theme: STRATTON'S SAFARI SPECTACULAR**
- **5:00–6:00** Johnny Whiskers Outdoors: Kids Bow Shooting Competition
- **6:00–8:00** Free BBQ on South Bailey Street
 - Root Beer Floats for \$2 or Pop for \$1
 - Cow Patty Bingo
 - Husker Volleyball/Football tickets, hamburger Raffle
- **7:30** Talent Show @ Methodist Church– Family Friendly Acts– Call Beth Kollmorgen 308-340-8591 to register
 - Intermission Announcements: Little House Museum Quilt Raffle; Most Improved Yard Winner; Parade Winners
- **8:30–12:00** Street Dance on South Bailey Street
- **SUNDAY 10:30AM** Community Church Service at Pitner Park. Bring a lawn chair. Potluck to follow

For more details on events, please visit us on Facebook:
Stratton, Nebraska or online at www.strattonnebraska.com



The poster is framed by various autumn-themed illustrations including maple leaves, oak leaves, acorns, and ferns in shades of orange, red, yellow, and green. The main text is centered and reads:

Stratton Ambulance Luncheon

SEPTEMBER
27TH, 2025

11:00-1:00PM
AT PITNER PARK

SERVING HOTDOGS,
CHIPS, BAKED BEANS &
DESSERT
FREE WILL DONATION

RAISING FUNDS FOR
BUILDING UPDATES

Raffles

Support the *Little House Museum* and take home a handcrafted treasure!

Join us during the **Stratton Days Fall Festival** for a **Quilt Raffle** featuring a beautifully made, one-of-a-kind Nebraska Huskers quilt.

Tickets:

- 6 for \$5.00
- \$1.00 each

All proceeds benefit the preservation and programming of the Little House Museum.

—The quilt is currently on display at MNB in Stratton

Stratton Recreation Raffle



- Two Husker Volleyball Tickets ----Northwestern Game, October 25th.



- Two Husker Football Tickets—Michigan State Match, October 25th



- 30 Pounds of Hamburger



- Cooler

Tickets: \$1 each or 6 for \$5

From Brut the dog—

Thank you to Lenay and Julie for returning me twice in early June! Bill gave me a stern lecture on being off leash—AGAIN. (I did have a great adventure during my “time on the lam”). Also, thank you to whomever returned me to my Dog Run the last time I was off-leash.



Lots of Licks,

Brut



Thank you friends for all of the 60th Anniversary good wishes and remembrances. Each one, made our day special and warmed our hearts.

Kerry & Cindy Krutsinger

Community Meal



The **Community Meal** is making its return on **Wednesday, September 17**, from **5:30 to 7:00 PM** at the **Grandview Events Center in Stratton**.

It's a great chance to connect with neighbors, share a warm meal, and enjoy the spirit of togetherness.

All Welcome!!



Have you been thinking about it?? Get your talent together!! Saturday, September 27 at 7:30 will be the 5th Annual Talent Show. Come and enjoy the show or be one of the contestants. Sing a song (solo or part of an ensemble), play an instrument, lip sync or karaoke, do a dance routine or gymnastics routine, juggle or tell some jokes. There will be cash prizes for first, second and third prizes in two categories – 16 and under and 17 and over. The sky is the limit – just be sure it is family friendly entertainment in the 3-5 minute range. Sign up with a phone call to Beth Kollmorgen at 308-340-8591. The Talent Show will be in the Methodist Church. The free-will admission will go to the Stratton Ambulance and Fire Departments.



Great News!! The Farmer's Co-op fuel pumps in Stratton are back up and running!! There are some updates to the system taking place since it has been down, if you have issues please give the office a call and we will address them with the techs if needed. Thank you!

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE



TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

4:30 P.M.

**GRANDVIEW COMMUNITY & EVENTS
CENTER**

903 BAILEY STREET

STRATTON NE

**TOPIC: HITCH & HAY PUBLIC TRANSIT
FARE RATE INCREASES**

Stratton Public Library News September 2025

HOURS: MONDAY 12-7 THURSDAY 12-5

New Adult Selections: Burning & Lost Coast **by Kellerman**, Pretty Baby & Don't You Cry **by Kubica**, Act of Treson & Transfer of Power **by Flynn**, Die in Plain Sight **by Lowell**, Beneath the Bending Skies **by Kirkpatrick**, Dirty Thirty **by Evanovich**, Boston Girl **by Diamant**, Make Them Pay, No Mercy & False Flag **by Grist**, Independence Square **by Smith**, The Window of Malabar Hill **by Massey**, Stealing Kisses **by Dailey**, Hasty Wedding **by Macomber**, The Captive **by Foster** They Cage the Animals at Night **by Burch**, Ultimate WWII quiz book **by Benford**, Album of Memories: Personal Histories form the Greatest Generation **by Tom Brokaw**

Juvenile Selections: Ghost Canoe, Far North, The Big Wander **by Hobbs**, 11 Birthdays, 12 Finally, Graceful, Last Present, **by Mass**, Stick Cat **by Watson**, Trapped in Death Cove **by Wallace**, Taking the Cake Confectionately Yours by **Papademetriou**,

Easy Selections: Pete the Kitty's Outdoor Project, If I Ran the Rainforest, The Chocolate Covered Worms, Mouse TV, Letters

Congrats to Lenay Johnson for being the winner of our 50 Years of Published Books Reading Incentive! 2010 and 2014 had the most books read! A big thanks to all that helped reach our goal.

Currently we have a Lonely Book Reading Incentive going on at the Stratton Public Library. Come in and check out a book that has been feeling very lonely on the shelf and hasn't been checked out for some time.

The more books you make happy the better chance you have of being the next winner!

Are there any interested preschool kids that would like to attend a Storytime at the library?

If so, please give me a call at the library during hours at 276-2463.

Coffee and Conversation starts back up this month. Every Thursday from 2:00-4:00. Stop in for a few minutes or stay the whole time.



PAN FRIED CHICKEN DINNER

FIRST AND THIRD SUNDAY EACH MONTH 11am – 2PM

Please call 308-276-2282 to reserve your plate

If no answer, leave a message with:

- **Name How many Plates, How many pieces, Light, Dark or Mixed**
- **Family and Friends Welcome!**



Woman of Stratton Community

Beginning in October, the Stratton area churches will host a Women's Prayer Breakfast and short devotion.

—**Starting October 18 at the Christian Union Church at 9:00 a.m.**

Each month a different church will host, and the rotation will be announced in the New Beginnings. This will continue once a month through May. All are Welcome. Please Come.

Questions call: Lenay Johnson: 308-529-8572



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

October 4, 2025

8:00 am

--HOSTED BY--

United Methodist Church



Owen Levi Estrada was born [June 23, 2025](#), to Anthony and Christina (Case) Estrada of Lincoln. He joins big brothers Calvin, Kincaid and Isaac. Grandparents include Elmer and Tally Case of Max."

Patrick and Rachel Lorens welcomed Peter Robert Lorens on [Aug 4th, 2025](#). He is very loved by his siblings, Madeleine, Gianna, and Gabriel.





FOUNDATION NEWS

HELP MAKE STRATTON A GOOD PLACE TO GROW JOIN A COMMUNITY COMMITTEE TODAY

At a recent community visioning session, the following committees were formed to address some of the needs of the Stratton community. Please consider joining a committee to help with the progress in continuing to make Stratton a Good Place to Grow.

Committees to join and contact information:

- **Handy Neighbor List:** Jen Moore
- **Community Activities:** Rachel Lorens;
Kati Ladenburger
- **Annual Day of Service:** Jen Moore
- **Park/Pool:** Tara Hedrick; Jyssica Forch,
Kati Ladenburger, Paul Bohocik, Sandy Renfro
- **Housing:** Dustin Ladenburger; Jen Moore,
Rick Moore
- **Indoor Fitness/Rec Center:** Jyssica Forch, Dustin
Ladenburger
- **Creativity:** Artistic Community/Music Wall:
Terra Riggs; Teri Faimon
- **Community Pride:** Jen Moore; Terra Riggs,
Beth Kollmorgen
- **Outdoor Recreation/Fitness:** Sandy Renfro;
Ashley Stehno
- **Basic Needs Businesses/Shop Local:** Kay Voss
- **Places to Eat/Home Cooked Meals/Food Trucks:**
Teri Faimon

Stratton Community Foundation Fund is an affiliated fund of Nebraska Community Foundation.

RECENT GRANTS

A grant was awarded to the Stratton Ambulance to replace all community AEDs, as they expire in September 2025. AEDs will also be added to more accessible locations including Village Office, Grandview Event Center, Farmer's Co-Op, and MNB Bank.

SOUTHWEST NEBRASKA BIG GIVE NOVEMBER 6

The Southwest Nebraska Big Give is a 24-hour period of giving, where Southwest Nebraska-area supporters are invited to give back to their favorite local charities and learn more about the non-profits in our communities.

Please consider a gift to the Stratton Community Foundation Fund on Thursday, November 6. Watch for more details about activities in Stratton on November 6.

ABOUT THE STRATTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FUND COMMITTEE

The advisory committee meets on the third Sunday of each month to review grant applications and evaluate the long term goals for the fund. Please share your visions for the future of our Stratton community with a fund advisory committee member to help us shape Stratton's future.

Stratton Community Foundation Fund
PO Box 5, Stratton, NE 69043
StrattonCFF1994@gmail.com

Fund Advisory Committee Members

- Dustin Ladenburger, Chair
- Rachel Lorens, Secretary
- Ann Sutton, Treasurer
- Lisa Fox
- Jen Moore
- Sandy Renfro
- Terra Riggs
- Ashley Stehno



Meet for Breakfast

FREE BREAKFAST

Every Thursday

At Grandview Events Center

Stratton

7:30—9:00

All Welcome

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. or mailed to MNB Bank, PO Box 367, Stratton, NE 69043. **Colored copies of New Beginnings are included on the Village of Stratton website.** Thank you to this month's donors:

- Stratton Community Foundation
- Bill Condon
- Earl & Margie Denio



Saturday Night from 7-9

**Bring your family friendly games
to**

Grandview Events Center

Join the Fun

Everyone is welcome!

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


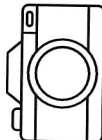




Sat—Sun—Closed



Call for an appointment—(308) 423-2151

Walk-ins Welcome!

SEPTEMBER 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 	2 5:45-8:00 pm FFA Trash Pickup	3 School Pictures 	4 4:00 pm Volleyball JV/Varsity Triangular @Hitchcock County/Arapahoe 	5 9:00 am Cross Country @Cross Creek 6:00 pm Football vs. Bridgeport 	6 9:00 am Cross Country @Cross Creek 6:00 pm Football vs. Bridgeport 
7	8 NO SCHOOL In Service 2:00 pm JH Football @Arapahoe 4:00 pm JV Football @Arapahoe	9 4:00 pm Volleyball Triangular: Varsity vs. North Platte St. Pats & Cambridge Senior Night	10 2:00 pm Volleyball: JH vs McCook St. Pat's Husker Harvest Days leave @3:30 am	11 9:00 am Cross Country @Imperial 4:00 pm Volleyball: JV/V @Medicine Valley 6:30 pm Football: Varsity vs. Sutherland	12 9:00 am Cross Country @Imperial 4:00 pm Volleyball: JV/V @Medicine Valley 6:30 pm Football: Varsity vs. Sutherland	13 9:00 am Cross Country @Imperial 4:00 pm Volleyball: JV/V @Medicine Valley 6:30 pm Football: Varsity vs. Sutherland
14	15 2:00 pm Football: JH Sedgwick Co 4:00 pm Football: JV Sedgwick Co 4:00 pm Volleyball: JH @Chase County	16 8:30 ASVAB Testing Juniors	17 2:00 pm JH: FB & VB @Hitchcock Co 4:00 pm Cross Country @Heritage Hills 4:00 pm Volleyball: JV/V vs. Cheylin	18 2:00 pm JH: FB & VB @Hitchcock Co 4:00 pm Cross Country @Heritage Hills 4:00 pm Volleyball: JV/V vs. Cheylin	19 2:00 pm JH: FB & VB @Hitchcock Co 4:00 pm Cross Country @Heritage Hills 4:00 pm Volleyball: JV/V vs. Cheylin	20 8:00 am Volleyball: Varsity Tournament @North Platte Community College
21	22 Homecoming week	23 Homecoming week	24 Homecoming week	25 Homecoming week 2:00 pm Volleyball: JH vs. Perkins County 3:30 Cross Country: @Hayes Center 4:00 pm Volleyball: JV/V vs. St. Francis	26 HOMECOMING 5:00 - 7:00 pm Pinnacle & Edge Water Tailgate 7:00 pm Football: Varsity Arapahoe 9:30-11:00 Homecoming Dance 	27 5:00 - 7:00 pm Pinnacle & Edge Water Tailgate 7:00 pm Football: Varsity Arapahoe 9:30-11:00 Homecoming Dance
28	29 1:00 Dismissal PTC 3:00 - 7:00 pm	30 FBLA Fall Leadership Conference @Kearney 4:00 pm Volleyball: JV/V vs. Wauneta-Palisade/ Northern Valley @Wauneta	31 FBLA Fall Leadership Conference @Kearney 4:00 pm Volleyball: JV/V vs. Wauneta-Palisade/ Northern Valley @Wauneta	32 FBLA Fall Leadership Conference @Kearney 4:00 pm Volleyball: JV/V vs. Wauneta-Palisade/ Northern Valley @Wauneta	33 FBLA Fall Leadership Conference @Kearney 4:00 pm Volleyball: JV/V vs. Wauneta-Palisade/ Northern Valley @Wauneta	34 FBLA Fall Leadership Conference @Kearney 4:00 pm Volleyball: JV/V vs. Wauneta-Palisade/ Northern Valley @Wauneta



2025

October

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All dates and times are subject to change. For current information, check the School Calendar on the dstgigers.org website. Follow us on Twitter and Facebook.



2025 October						
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