

NEW BEGINNINGS

June 2026

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Stratton Pool Quilt Raffle

It's not too late! You can still buy your raffle ticket for the **Stratton Pool Quilt Raffle**. Tickets are available at **MNB Bank, Stratton Country Market and the Village Office**.

Tickets will also be sold at the Pool Fundraiser Bake Sale in front of the Christian Union Church during the Community Garage Sale on June 6th.

Ticket Price—6 for \$5.00 or \$1.00 each. The drawing will be held during the Community Garage Sale.

COMMUNITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE



—JUNE 6TH—

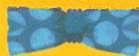
CALL OR TEXT TARA

308-830-2878

TO BE PLACED ON THE LIST

Maps will be available at MNB Bank, Stratton Country Market, Village Clerk's Office and posted on the Stratton Facebook page on June 5th.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



"A dad is someone who wants to catch you when you fall. Instead he picks you up, brushes you off and lets you try again."

UNKNOWN

2026 Summer Reading Program



Activities take place on the first

four Mondays of June from

2:00—4:00 pm



Sunrise Corner Café

GOOD FOOD. BRIGHT STARTS.

BREAKFAST PLATES

TWO EGGS & TOAST \$5.49

Two eggs cooked to order,
served with buttered toast & jelly.

EARLY RISER BREAKFAST \$8.49

Two eggs, buttered toast,
and hashbrowns.

RANCH HAND BREAKFAST \$11.99

Two eggs, buttered toast, hashbrowns,
and your choice of two bacon strips,
ham, or two sausage patties.

★ **COUNTRY PLATTER** \$15.99

Two eggs, your choice of two bacon strips
or two sausage patties, two pancakes,
buttered toast, and hashbrowns.

House Favorite • Built for Big Appetites

OMELETTES

All omelettes made with 3 eggs
and served with toast & jelly.

BASIC CHEESE \$9.99

Cheese.

VEGGIE DELIGHT \$10.99

Spinach, onion, bell pepper,
tomato, and avocado.

AMERICAN CLASSIC \$11.99

Ham, bacon, or sausage.

WESTERN (DENVER) \$12.49

Ham, onion, bell pepper, and cheese.

 **TIGER OMELETTE** \$13.99

Bacon, sausage, and ham,
with peppers, onions, and cheese.

Loaded • Local Favorite

FROM THE GRIDDLE

SHORT STACK \$7.99

Three fluffy pancakes with butter and syrup.

SUNRISE PANCAKE PLATTER \$13.99

Three pancakes, two eggs, crispy hashbrowns,
and your choice of two bacon strips,
ham, or sausage patties.

BELGIAN WAFFLE \$7.99

Golden waffle served with butter,
powdered sugar, and syrup.

SUNRISE WAFFLE PLATTER \$13.99

Waffle, two eggs, crispy hashbrowns,
and your choice of two bacon strips,
ham, or sausage patties.

FRENCH TOAST \$8.99

Three thick-cut slices grilled golden brown,
topped with butter, powdered sugar, and syrup.

SUNRISE FRENCH TOAST PLATTER \$13.99

Three slices of French toast, two eggs,
crispy hashbrowns, and your choice of
two bacon strips, ham, or sausage patties.

★ OUR SIGNATURE

STRATTON SUNRISE BOWL

..... \$12.99

Build your own loaded breakfast bowl.

BASE: Two eggs + hashbrowns

VEGGIES (choose any):

Onion, green pepper, spinach, tomato,
jalapeño, mushroom

MEAT (choose one):

Bacon, ham, or sausage

SAUCE (choose one):

Sunrise (mild) • Southwest Sunrise (medium)

Farmhouse gravy

ADD-ONS

Cheese \$0.99 • Extra egg \$1.49 • Extra meat \$2.49

FARMHOUSE FAVORITES

COUNTRY BISCUITS AND GRAVY

Half order (two open-faced biscuit) \$5.99

Full order (two open-faced biscuits) \$8.99

Smothered in our hearty country gravy
and served hot.

★ **FRESH FRUIT BOWL** \$5.49

A colorful blend of fresh seasonal fruit
served with a toasted bagel and
cream cheese.

MEAT OPTIONS



Bacon



Ham



Sausage Patties

Proudly serving Stratton, Nebraska
and surrounding communities

SIDES

One egg \$1.49

Hashbrowns \$3.49

One pancake \$3.49

One slice French toast \$3.49

Three bacon strips \$4.99

Two sausage patties \$4.99

One slice of ham \$1.49

Two slices of toast \$2.99

One baked biscuit \$1.49

Bagel with cream cheese \$3.49

Frosted cinnamon roll \$3.49

BEVERAGES

Coffee (free refills) \$1.49

Hot tea \$1.49

Orange juice \$3.49

Apple juice \$3.49

Canned soda \$1.49

Iced tea \$2.49

2% Milk \$3.49

Chocolate milk \$3.49

STRATTON'S MOST POPULAR!

ON THE GO FAVORITES

Hot, fresh, and easy to take with you

FARMHAND BREAKFAST BURRITO \$10.49

Filled with bacon, ham, or sausage, eggs,
onions, green peppers, and cheese,
served with sour cream and your choice of salsa:
Sunrise (mild), Southwest Sunrise (medium),
or Farmhouse (gravy)

BREAKFAST SANDWICH \$6.49

Egg with cheese on toasted bread or biscuit.

BLT \$7.49

Crispy bacon, lettuce, and tomato
on toasted bread.

GRILLED CHEESE \$5.49

Melted cheese on grilled bread.

THE PERFECT ADD-ON

Coffee &
Hashbrowns

- FOR JUST -

\$3.99



101 Howard St, Stratton, NE
Call ahead for to-go orders:

308-206-7462



STRATTON FIRE



DEPARTMENT POKER RUN

SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH

START AND FINISH AT THE STRATTON FIRE STATION

7:30 AM Registration/9:00 AM Start Time

Fee—\$15 Hand / \$5 Per Extra Hand / \$2 Buy Back

HIGHWAY CHECKPOINTS

**1ST—TRENTON FIRE STATION
2ND—PALISADE FIRE STATION
3RD—WAUNETA FIRE STATION
4TH—BENKELMAN FIRE STATION
END AT STRATTON FIRE STATION**

OFF-ROAD—ATV, DIRTBIKE, SXS

**1ST—STRATTON FIRE STATION
15 MILE LOOP
4 STOPS
LEAD BY FIRE DEPARTMENT
END AT STRATTON FIRE STATION**

PAYOUT—50%

TOP HAND RECEIVES 30%

WORST HAND RECEIVES 20%

(Tie breakers draw top card)

LUNCH FOLLOWING EVENT TO BE SERVED AT STRATTON FIRE STATION

LUNCH OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

50/50 Raffle

Gun Raffle

Call or text Austin Jensen at 308.737.8940

To purchase tickets or for more information

EVENT TO BENEFIT

STRATTON FIRE DEPARTMENT—EQUIPMENT UPDATING



We'd like to give a "shout out" to all of you that have been supporting our Chicken Dinners. We do it for you and the Community. Our goal is not only to feed you, but to have a social environment and help support Grandview Event Center. We couldn't do it without volunteers though (they are the silent superheroes) so we greatly appreciate their help! A special thank you goes out to Linda Zahl for always keeping the tables so nicely and festively decorated.

And...coming up on **June 21st, for Father's Day** we will be having our Roast Beef Dinner! PLEASE CALL EARLY....308-276-2282, Please call by **Thursday, June 18, 2026**, so we can make sure we have prepared enough roast for everyone. Price—\$15.00/person—all trimmings included!



Earn a \$250 Bonus!

Celebrate with MNB Bank's American Celebration Offer
Open a new MNB Bank checking account and complete these simple steps:



- Set up Direct Deposit
- Make 15 debit card purchases

Complete both within **90 days** and you'll receive your **\$250 bonus**.

Offer valid through August 31st. Available for customers who do not currently have a personal checking account with MNB Bank.



I am not a robot

Scammers are using a fake captcha hack to steal your personal information: 'Verify you're human.' Here's the big red flag to watch for. Clicking a captcha (Completely Automated Public Turing test to tell computers and humans apart) "I am not a robot" box and identifying images to prove it is second nature for many internet users. Now, cybercriminals are exploiting people's comfort with the routine to scam them.

News outlets across the country are reporting on a new scam in which hackers use fake captchas to steal people's identity and financial information, accessing passwords to websites, cryptowallets and more.

It starts when you land on a website and get a "verify you are human" or other captcha prompt. It's what comes next that identifies the scam.

A message pops up saying the captcha system failed and you need to run some commands to resolve the problem. First, you may be asked to click a "Fix It" or "How to Fix" button (where the scam's alternate name "ClickFix" comes from). Unfortunately, this copies malware code onto your clipboard, but it doesn't install it. It's what victims unknowingly do next that installs the malware.

Victims who click the "Fix" button then get instructions to key in a series of commands, and it's this step that installs the malware.

On Windows, victims may be asked to key in commands like this:

- Win + R (which opens up the Windows Run box)
- Ctrl + V (which pastes the malware code into the Run box)
- Enter (which starts running the malware)

On a Mac device, they may be asked to key in:

- Command + Space (which opens Spotlight)
- Type "Terminal"
- Press Enter (opening up Terminal, an interface in which code can be entered into the system)
- Command + V (which pastes the malware code into the Terminal)
- Return (which starts running the malware)

As WGAL TV revealed, because victims install the code themselves, antivirus systems don't necessarily pick up the malware as an intruder (4)

How to protect yourself

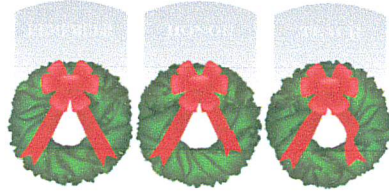
Real captchas will never ask people to fix anything with keystrokes, so if you get instructions to click on a button afterward, return to a safe site immediately.

The Identity Theft Resource Center provides advice on what to do if you think you accidentally clicked a Fix button or proceeded with commands in a fake captcha scam (5):

- Disconnect from the internet immediately by turning off your Wi-Fi or unplugging your internet cable
- Move to a clean device to change passwords to important accounts
- If you've already installed a trusted antivirus program, scan your original device (while it's disconnected from the internet) for viruses
- If you haven't installed an antivirus program, take your compromised device to a professional for an antivirus scan

The best protection, as always, is being alert and proactive — which includes installing trusted antivirus programs on your computer in the event it gets infected. You can also use multi-factor authentication on all your sensitive accounts so that even if hackers get access to your passwords, they can't necessarily access your accounts.

WREATHS — across — AMERICA



Rosehill Cemetery Joins Wreaths Across America for the First Time in 2026

The national nonprofit **Wreaths Across America** has announced that **Rosehill Cemetery in Stratton, Nebraska** will officially join the yearlong mission to **Remember, Honor, and Teach** in 2026. This will be the **FIRST** year Rosehill participates in this national program, joining more than **5,600 locations across the country** on **Saturday, December 19, 2026**.

The goal for Rosehill Cemetery is to raise enough funds to place **166 sponsored Veterans' Wreaths** — one for every local hero laid to rest there. Each wreath is a symbol of gratitude, ensuring that those who served to protect our freedoms are **never forgotten** and that our community comes together in patriotic remembrance.

Help Rosehill Cemetery, Stratton honor local heroes!

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veteran's grave this December at Rosehill Cemetery, Stratton, Nebraska

(Cost is \$17.00 per wreath)

Scan the QR code to make a donation online or visit www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/NERSHL



For more information, please contact: Deb League

Phone: 308-340-2686 email: deborahleague@hotmail.com PO Box 37 Stratton, NE 69043

Congratulations to Jyssica Forch. Jyssica received her Bachelor of Science in Education Degree from Chadron State College in May. She is the daughter of Tuesday Forch and granddaughter of Charlene Forch of Stratton.

The Oldest Computer Was Owned By Adam And Eve. It Was An Apple With Very Limited Memory. Just 1 Byte And Everything Crashed!



THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

I am writing this on Memorial day, the day when we remember the men and women that have given their lives defending our country from Imperialism, slavery, Nazism, communism and the list goes on. Many of the men and women that founded our country were Christians and they founded this country on Christian principals. The Ten Commandments found in the 20th chapter of the book of Exodus in the Bible were the basis for the laws of this country. From day one, it has been a battle to keep this country free. Not only has there been aggression from without, there has been aggression from within and it continues to this day. It is not only a political battle, it is a spiritual battle also. One of the great things, (there are many) is to send the gospel of the saving grace of Jesus Christ around the world. Because of that there have been big changes in many countries. Missionaries from this country, who have given their lives to do so, have changed the face of poverty and squalor in third world countries. When they spread the gospel and people get saved, you begin to see poverty disappear as people clean up their lives and good things begin to happen.

Today we are in a battle for our country from within, there is corruption in our so called welfare programs in our government. Islam is making a big push to take over our country. If you don't know about Sharia law, you need to get the book "What Every American Needs to Know About the Qur'an" by William J. Federer. I believe you will find it rather shocking. Another thing that is shocking is, many Christians don't vote because they have bought into the idea that Christians shouldn't get involved with politics. Who do they think founded this country? We better wake up and get involved or we will not have a voice at all. I would encourage you, that if you there is a calling for you to run for a public office, to be in earnest prayer about it. Read the scriptures and I truly believe that God will give you an answer. We have the greatest country in the world and the country with the most freedom because it is based on Christian principals. Let us continue to fight and keep it free.

Richard Stahly

Church Worship Service Schedule

Comm. United Methodist Church

10:00 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

Southwest Nebraska Holiness Church

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

11:30 a.m. Church Services

7:00 p.m. Church Services

CHURCH IS NOT AN
ORGANIZATION YOU JOIN; IT IS A
FAMILY WHERE YOU BELONG,
HOME WHERE YOU ARE LOVED
AND A HOSPITAL WHERE YOU
FIND HEALING.

Stratton Public Library News June 2026

HOURS: MONDAY 12-7 THURSDAY 12-5

Kick off your summer with a good book from the Stratton Public Library!

Adult Selections: Fox Creek & Spirit Crossing **by Krueger**, Remarkably Bright Creatures **by Van Pelt**, The Healing Train **by Cano**, The Secret Language of Sisters **by Rice**, The Correspondent **by Evans**, The Apple Orchard & The Beekeeper's Ball **by Wiggs**

Children's: Wonderful Worms, Jump into Science: Dirt, Dirt: The Scoop on Soil, Fossils Tell Stories, it's a Good Thing There are Earthworms, Dinosaur Made Me Sneeze, How to Catch a Dinosaur, Here We Go Digging for Dinosaur Bones, Dinos Love Donuts, How to Catch a Bookworm, Under Your Feet: Soil, Sand, and Everything Underground, How to Catch a Dinosaur, Here We Go Digging for Dinosaur Bones, Dinos Love Donuts



2026 Summer Reading Program

Activities take place on the first four Mondays of June from 2-4.

UNEARTH a STORY

Current Adult Challenge: Read two books with the same Title! Let the Librarian know which one you liked the best. Each set of books read will get your name into a drawing for a prize. **This has been a fun challenge, watch next month and the winners will be revealed!**

Coffee and Conversation: Have a great summer and we will see you all in September!

Dr. Avery Mason, DPM, AACFAS
Podiatrist and Foot and Ankle Surgeon

Dr. Mason joins Dr. Wray in providing comprehensive foot and ankle surgical and non-surgical care, including:

- Ankle Arthroscopy
- Minimally Invasive Bunion Surgery
- Heel and arch pain
- Sports Injuries
- Hammer Toe
- Flat Foot
- Foot and Ankle Trauma
- Total Ankle Joint Replacement
- Ankle Instability
- Achilles Pain and Rupture
- Custom Molded Orthotics
- Conservative Options for Foot and Ankle Pain

Education
Medical School | College of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery at Des Moines University, Des Moines, IA
Residency | Podiatric foot and ankle surgery, Ascension St. John Hospital, Detroit, MI
Fellowship | Nebraska Foot and Ankle Reconstructive Foot and Ankle Surgery

Certifications
Board Qualified | American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery

About Dr. Mason
 Dr. Mason, a native of Des Moines, Iowa, earned his medical degree with Pi Delta honors from Des Moines University. He completed his residency at Ascension St. John Hospital in Detroit, Michigan, a Level 1 trauma center, where he gained extensive experience in rearfoot reconstruction. Following his residency, he pursued a fellowship in Nebraska with a specialized focus on reconstructive procedures and total ankle replacements. Outside of practicing medicine, he enjoys cheering on the Detroit Lions, spending quality time with his wife and three kids who keep him busy. He is excited to join the team at Great Plains Foot and Ankle Specialists and serve the community of North Platte and western Nebraska.

Call Dundy County Hospital's Outreach Clinic at 308-423-2204 to schedule your appointment today!

Stratton Medical Clinic

NOW OPEN

WEEKLY SCHEDULE




Dr. Lori Stonehocker, D.O.
 Tuesday's
 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM (CT)
 Closed 12:00 to 1:00

Walk-ins Welcome



Laken Vrbas, APRN
 M - W - Th
 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM (CT)

Call to schedule your appointment:
308-423-2151
 903 Bailey St.
 Stratton, NE., NE 69043
 www.dchbenkelman.com

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STRATTON PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL

EVERY DAY EXCEPT WEDNESDAYS

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-  FUN, LOW-IMPACT WORKOUT & A GREAT WAY TO STAY ACTIVE AND COOL OFF!
-  ALL LEVELS WELCOME!
-  NO SWIMMING EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!
-  STAIRS AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE EASIER ACCESS

Grab a friend and come make a splash with us!

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Thank you to this month's donors:

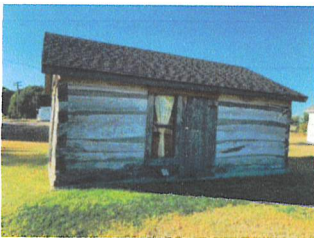
- Bill Condon
- Stratton Community Foundation

Blessing Box

Located in front of the Church of Christ

Take what you need, leave what you can. Donations may include—Non-perishable food items: Rice, pasta, cereal, nuts, seeds, granola bars, instant oatmeal packets, dried fruit, cake mixes, soup mixes.

Baby essentials: Diapers, wipes, baby formula. Hygiene items: Toilet paper, feminine products, soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant. Warm clothing: socks, mittens, hats, hand warmers, blankets.



Little House Museum

Summer Hours

Open the **1st and 3rd Sundays 1:00–5:00 PM**
June, July, & August

Step back in time and explore our community's history. **New items this season including a fascinating collection of papers from the Stehno family — a unique glimpse into local heritage.**

Come visit, discover, and enjoy an afternoon at the Little House Museum.



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

Be Part of the Sweetest Parade Ever!

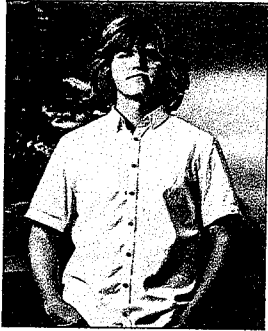
This year's Fall Festival Parade is stepping into **Candy Land**, and we want **YOU** to join the fun! Create a float, decorate a vehicle, gather a walking group, or dress up as your favorite candy themed character.

Gumdrop Mountains, Peppermint Forests, Lollipop Woods — let your imagination run wild. Help us make this parade colorful, creative, and unforgettable!



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2026 STRATTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FUND SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!

The Stratton Community Foundation Fund is proud to award scholarships to both traditional and non-traditional students who will be continuing their education during the 2026-2027 school year. Scholarship recipients must reside within the original Stratton School District, demonstrate financial need, and express a strong desire to return and contribute to their hometown community. Congratulations to our 2026 scholarship winners:



AUSTIN SYDOW



HALEY LADENBURGER



ETHAN LATTA



DYLAN KOLLMORGEN



KATRINA MCCORKLE

AUSTIN SYDOW, son of Brian and Melissa Sydow, has been accepted into Ignite Flight Academy in Lincoln. He plans to earn his pilot's license and hopes to return to the area as an aerial applicator. Austin chose this career path because of his passion for flying and the opportunity to make it part of his everyday work.

HALEY LADENBURGER, daughter of Nick and Kati Ladenburger, has narrowed her college choices to UNK, UNO, or North Platte Community College. She plans to pursue a degree in aviation and become a pilot.

ETHAN LATTA, son of Terry and Crissy Latta, will attend Chadron State College to study sports management. He hopes to use his education to help train and coach future generations.

DYLAN KOLLMORGEN, son of Steve and Leeann Kollmorgen, plans to study agricultural business at UNL. He chose this field to further his knowledge of business management and farm operations.

KATRINA MCCORKLE, a non-traditional student, is returning to school to earn a degree in Early Childhood Education from Mid-Plains Community College. Katrina believes it is important for children to grow, develop, and succeed, and she hopes to make a positive impact in their lives through education. She and her husband have made Stratton their home for the past three years, where they are raising their family.

Learn more and support our work:
www.nebcommfound.org/give/stratton-community-foundation-fund



MEET OUR FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE!

Our advisory committee meets on the third Sunday of each month to review grant applications and evaluate the long-term goals for the Fund.