

GNOME NEWS

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Important Dates

Sept 4. Village Wide Rummage Sales, 8 a.m.

Sept. 24. Community Wiener Roast. Strasburg Park. Lions Club hosts.

Sept. 28. SCAN Quarterly meeting, 6:30 p.m., Community Center.

Sept. 29. Seasoned Citizens. Community Center.

Oct. 2. Burn Out in the Burg. Auto Show, Exhaust Competition, Burn Out Competition. (Page 5)

Oct. 23. Halloween Soup Supper and Parade. American Legion Auxiliary.



Diane Jack, August Lion of the month. The Strasburg Lions meet the 4th Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.

Subscribe to the bi-monthly Gnome News for \$12/year. See the village clerk to sign up.

Copies of the Gnome News are available at Highland Market, SCSB and Village Office for \$1.

Receive the GN electronically by sending your email address to the village office, info@strasburgil.com.

Message from the Mayor

Here we are in the “dog days” of summer and boy is it hot!

- The village has a lot going on and a lot coming up.
- Our new disc golf course has arrived and should be going up soon.
- New backboards for the basketball court are here and ready to be installed also.
- The village’s application for a state grant (OSLAD) is due September 1. This grant will provide a new pavilion, new playground equipment and other projects. We should know by the first of the year if we were awarded the grant. If we are not awarded the grant, the Village will continue to do fundraising and complete projects as money is available.
- The village will be receiving \$59,000 in ARPA funds. These are federal funds distributed through the state. They can be used for infrastructure and sewer projects. The proposed plan is to put electricity out to the lagoon and to update the lift station at the park.
- Community Weiner Roast will be September 17. This is always an enjoyable family evening around the fire and a hayride. Watch for more information around town.
- Remember – Leaves should not be burned on the street. This is hard on the oil. If possible, take them to the Lagoon put them on the burn pile and we will burn them.
- The Park committee held a public meeting August 23rd. 24 people attended and gave their input about the plans for the park. There were great suggestions and hopefully we can implement some of them in our plans.
- Tractors and school buses are on the roads again. Please watch for these vehicles so everyone stays safe. Slow down and don’t get in a big hurry.



Cinda Held

Let’s keep Strasburg Right! In the Middle of Everything!

Strasburg Businesses change ownership / make improvements

Ron Boldt, of Boldt Service and Repair a fixture in Strasburg for nearly 40 years will be changing hands on October 5, 2021. Ron bought the automotive repair business from Gerald Sporleder in 1983 and has serviced vehicles in the Strasburg area ever since. He is liquidating his entire inventory and is still working on retirement plans. He is looking at keeping his towing and storage business. Thank you Ron for all your years of service in Strasburg!



Josh Porter will be the new owner and we look forward to working with him.

The Strasburg Marathon and Subway has been under new ownership since June 1 and is now called Highland Market. We welcome managers Nick and Anna Patel and their daughter Nivya who just turned 1. Owners are Nick Patel and other family and friends.



They are making changes to the store by adding new lines and customer requests. They want to provide good customer service and enjoy the small town and community support.



Country Financial modernized their building exterior in June with a new paint color.

GOLD STAR MISSION 500
SEPTEMBER 21-25, 2021
 Join us on this 500-mile journey to celebrate our 31st year memorializing our fallen heroes.
 The Gold Star Mission 500 is a 5-day, 500-mile journey traveling through Illinois meant to preserve the legacy and honor of those 300 service members from Illinois who have made the ultimate sacrifice.
2021 520+mi. Route Schedule:
 Day 1: Decatur-Gibson City-Urbana
 Day 2: Urbana-Paris-Lawrenceville
 Day 3: Lawrenceville-Mt. Carmel-Mt. Vernon
 Day 4: Mt. Vernon-Vandalia-Effingham
 Day 5: Effingham-Taylorville-Springfield
 Proceeds from this ride and other Gold Star Mission sponsored events are used to fund scholarships in the name of our Fallen Heroes, thus preserving their legacy forever.
 For more details and to register or volunteer go to: <https://goldstarmission.org/>
 Click on the Gold Star 500 banner.
ALWAYS REMEMBER NEVER FORGET
 STRASBURG COMMUNITY CENTER
 SATURDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2021 From 8:00-8:30am

The Gold Star Mission is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that honors and supports Gold Star families by preserving the memory of our Fallen Heroes by through service to others in need.

The Gold Star 500 – a 523 mile, five day endurance bicycling event will raise funds for scholarships, named in honor of the Fallen Illinois Service Members. This event honors the service and sacrifice of nearly 300 servicemen and women from Illinois who gave their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan in honor of our great nation. They died so others could have a better life. Their names must live on.

Gold Star 500 bike ride: The riders will be making a stop in Strasburg on **Saturday, September 25th** and should be at the Strasburg Community Center about **8:10 a.m.** The public is invited to come out and meet the cyclists and find out about scholarship opportunities.



Stew-Stras School Play Areas Expanded

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic this past school year, student playtime looked differently at recess. Children had to keep six feet apart making it difficult to play together. With the uncertainty of the upcoming 2021-22 school year Stew-Stras staff wanted to make sure that students had a chance to play together but still abide by safety rules. To do this, second grade teacher Jenna Layton, investigated having play areas painted on the concrete pad in the back of the grade school



by the playground equipment.

Funding for the project came from the Strasburg American Legion Auxiliary Unit #289 and an anonymous auxiliary member. Brittany Hanley of Casey, who has painted drawings on black tops for other local schools, agreed to take on the project. She painted four different designs on the concrete pad for students in Pre-K through 5th grade to play on. The different designs include a road for trikes and scooters to drive on, two separate four square game areas, a race trace that students can use to compete against each other, and a comet that has a hopscotch inside of it. The comet and road are unique to our school as no other school has anything like it. Students will not only be able to play on these areas on sunny days, but also when the grass is too wet to play on.



The school would like to thank all the people who helped make this possible: Jenna Layton, Strasburg American Legion Auxiliary, and Brittany Hanley. The school is in the process of fundraising for more playground equipment to replace the old equipment that is very outdated. We hope you will support our efforts in bringing new and exciting items to our students!

Remembering

Jaylene Kay Johnson, 72, of Strasburg, IL, passed away Tuesday, July 27, 2021. Jaylene was born on September 14, 1948, in Henry County, IN, the daughter of George D. and Jane A. Johnson. She most recently worked as an associate at Wal-Mart in Effingham. Jaylene was a member of the Eagles in Effingham, IL and enjoyed sewing.



Jaylene is survived by her sons, Christopher Goen of Deerfield, MI, Howard Goen (Susan) of Stewardson, IL, and Toby Goen (Michelle) of Strasburg, IL; daughter, Tina Cook (Joseph, Jr.) of Vandalia, IL; and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Lucus B. Schultz, 37, of Strasburg, IL passed away Thursday, June 24, 2021. Lucus was born on December 13, 1983, in Jacksonville, FL, the son of Micheal and Heather (Porter) Schultz. He was a 2002 graduate of Stew-Stras High School. Lucus and Julianne Holland were married on May 4, 2007. He was a trailer mechanic with Sherwin Williams in Effingham. Lucus was a member of the Christian County Tractor Pulling Association.



Surviving are his parents, Micheal and Heather Schultz of Stewardson; wife, Julianne Schultz of Strasburg; children: James Blackwell of Charleston, Krystine Blackwell of Charleston, Sierra Cameron of Strasburg and Serinity Schultz of Strasburg; brother, Adam (April) Schultz of Neoga; sister: Nicole Schultz of Stewardson and many nieces and nephews.

PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – ENVELOPE DONATION (HIGHLIGHTED ARE ALREADY TAKEN)

1	21	41	61	81	101	121	141	161	181
2	22	42	62	82	102	122	142	162	182
3	23	43	63	83	103	123	143	163	183
4	24	44	64	84	104	124	144	164	184
5	25	45	65	85	105	125	145	165	185
6	26	46	66	86	106	126	146	166	186
7	27	47	67	87	107	127	147	167	187
8	28	48	68	88	108	128	148	168	188
9	29	49	69	89	109	129	149	169	189
10	30	50	70	90	110	130	150	170	190
11	31	51	71	91	111	131	151	171	191
12	32	52	72	92	112	132	152	172	192
13	33	53	73	93	113	133	153	173	193
14	34	54	74	94	114	134	154	174	194
15	35	55	75	95	115	135	155	175	195
16	36	56	76	96	116	136	156	176	196
17	37	57	77	97	117	137	157	177	197
18	38	58	78	98	118	138	158	178	198
19	39	59	79	99	119	139	159	179	199
20	40	60	80	100	120	140	160	180	200

Park Improvement Project

The village’s application for a state grant (OSLAD) is due September 1. Included in the grant is a new pavilion that includes seating area, handicapped accessible restroom, modern kitchen with storage and concession stand, new playground equipment and other projects.

If the grant is awarded, the village would be required to match the grant amount of \$300,000 with local funds.

One fundraiser in progress is the envelope donation board in the Community Building. Currently, donations for 49 of the 200 donation envelopes for the Park Improvement Project have been received. All numbers with white spaces are still available. **Stop by the Village Office to pick up one or more envelopes and donate to this great cause. Together we can make this happen!**

July Gnome Winner
David and Jenny Burton



Jenny Burton and SCAN Vice-President MaRanda McClain

David and Jenny have four children: Lindsay, Nick, Jack and Adam. Lindsay is a teacher at Dietrich, Nick is located in the Saint Louis area after graduating college, Jack is in his last year of college for IT and Adam is currently an apprentice to be a lineman. The two of them have not always lived in the area; David grew up in Neoga and Jenny in Effingham. The two of them met at a State Park in Indiana and in early September they will celebrate their 30th anniversary. David and Jenny have lived in Strasburg for nine years and previous to that they lived in Stewardson for 16 years. They enjoy the small town community and their neighbors the most about living in Strasburg. For fun you can find them swimming, watching movies or spending time with their family.

August Gnome Winner
Jeanne Wildman

Congratulation to Jeanne Wildman, winner of the gnome giveaway in August! Jeanne has lived in Strasburg nearly all her life and "wouldn't trade it for anything". She was married to Mark Wildman for 34 years until his passing in 2016. She has four married daughters and 13 grandchildren. Jeanne worked at St. Anthony Hospital for 38 years and is now retired. She believes Strasburg is a good community with good people who help one another in need.



The monthly Gnome Giveaway was sponsored by the Strasburg Community Action Network from March to August during 2021.



SCAN Activities

- Giving a huge Thank You to Beautification Directors Jane Giertz and Stephanie Kinkley for keeping the downtown and park flowers watered this summer!
- Fall soccer has begun and they are fun to watch! Games are Sundays at 1, 2 and 3 p.m. Aug. 22-Oct. 3 at the Strasburg Park. Bring your lawn chair. Age groups are PreK/K, 1st/2nd and 3rd/4th.
- Every new home built in Strasburg gets a new tree from SCAN.
- Burn Out in the Burg Auto Show & Competition, Oct. 2
- **Please attend the next Quarterly Meeting on Sept. 28 at 6:30 p.m.**

Strasburg Community Wiener Roast

When: Friday, September 24th
 Where: Strasburg Park
 Time: 6:00 PM 

- > Lion's Club will furnish the hot dogs, buns, chips, condiments, drinks, and marshmallows.
- > Community members may bring a side dish to be shared.
- > Bring your lawn chairs
- > Hay ride

*All Strasburg area residents are invited to attend.
 Bring your lawn chair & enjoy sitting around the fire.*



Sponsored by Strasburg Lion's Club and the Village of Strasburg

Village Park
 Commercial St. Strasburg Il. 62465



Strasburg Community Action Network
Burn Out In The Burg
 \$10 entry fee per event

BURN OUT Competition

2nd OCTOBER 2021 ● REGISTRATION 10-11:30 am
 CASH PRIZE FOR WINNER
 Auto Show 11-3pm for years 1925 - 2021 - Exhaust Competition 12pm - Burn Out Competition 1-3pm - Hourly Raffles - Custom car part trophies awarded to winners.

www.facebook.com/BurnOutInTheBurg
 PH: 217-644-3209 or 217-343-5686

Burn Out in the Burg October 2


The Exhaust and Burn Out Competition winners will receive a cash prize and custom-built car-part trophy. Auto Show first place winners receive a custom-built car part trophy. Join us for music, hourly raffles and giveaways. First 50 participants receive dash plaque and swag bag. Event location is in Strasburg Park on Commercial Street.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

10-11 am	Registration	11 am-4 pm	Auto Show
11 am	Lunch stand opens	12 pm	Exhaust Competition
4 pm	Winners Announced		

Call Angie Edwards at 217.343.5686 for more information.

STRASBURG
Fall Town Wide Rummage Sales
SATURDAY, SEPT. 4
8 A.M.





Local Student Awarded American Legion Auxiliary Junior Member Scholarship

The American Legion Auxiliary has awarded Grace Vonderheide, a member of Liberty Unit #289 of Strasburg, the Junior Member Scholarship. Grace received the scholarship at the American Legion Auxiliary Department Convention on July 17th in Springfield, IL.

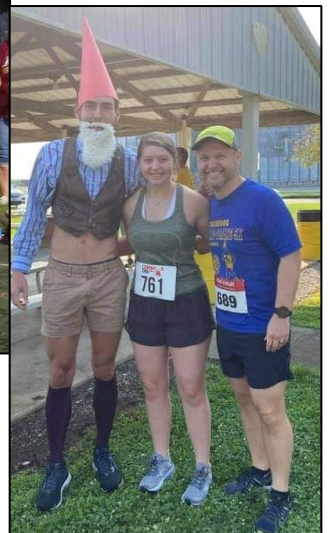
Grace received \$1,000 towards tuition at Lake Land College this fall. The Illinois American Legion Auxiliary scholarships are judged on the following criteria: Character/Leadership, Essay "What My Education Will

Do For Me", Academic Achievement and Need.

Pictured L to R: Department President Sue Cunniff-Coughlin, Grace Vonderheide, Department Education Chairman Julia Moore

Lions Club Homecoming Wrap-up July 16-18

Heavy rains and the threat of more rains resulted in cancellation of the tractor pull, parade, and golf cart races. The children's games, pedal tractor pull, and 5k run were able to take place and a lot of good food was served by the Lions throughout the homecoming. The Strasburg Lions Club appreciates all the community support of their events. Pictures below are from the Kids Games and the 5K run. See all race results and pictures of winners on the Strasburg Lions Club Facebook page.





Pictured Right
Meet Klaus, a new resident at the home of Larry and Jane Giertz. He moved to Strasburg after a vacation in Hawaii!



Strasburg youth excel at Shelby County Fair



The Shelby County 4-H Fair was successfully held in person in 2021. There were many area members participate in various events. The following are just a few!

Left: Strasburg resident Maggie Kelly placed 1st Runner Up in the Miss Shelby County pageant. Stew-Stras student Megan Nichols also participated.



Right: Maverick is a second year Cloverbud member from Strasburg and participated in the Little Roots Gardening Program.



Left: Roxy Shelton, Izzy Brehmer and McKinley McClain were in the Little Miss parade, which was hosted by Olivia Telgmann of Strasburg.

Right: Grace Rincker show the Champion Shorthorn Heifer and Champion AOB Heifer, which then was named Champion Heifer Overall.



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