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2013 WINNER
GOVERNOR'S
HOME TOWN AWARD

Important Dates

Thursdays, Jun.-Aug. Strasburg Farmers Market, 4:30-6 p.m., Community Center Parking Lot

Jun. 14 – Flag Disposal Ceremony at Windsor, Windsor and Strasburg American Legion Posts

Jun. 22-25, Vacation Bible School, Strasburg Baptist Church

Jun. 25, SCAN Quarterly Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Community Center

Jun. 26, Seasoned Citizens, leave at 9:30 a.m. from Community Center for Effingham (See P. 6)

Jul. 8-12, Vacation Bible School, St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Jul. 19-21, Lions Club Homecoming, Parade & Strongman Competition



STRASBURG Farmers Market

<p>Thursdays, 4:30 to 6 p.m. June —August Community Center Parking Lot 105 E. Commercial St.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Gardeners, Bakers and Artisans invited to set up booth No cost for booth space Watch for special events, music and food scheduled throughout the summer <p>Contact Patsy Lenz (217-644-2667)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fresh produce, locally grown at great prices A place to gather and meet your neighbors Watch for special activities happening throughout the summer at the Market! Follow FB Strasburg, Illinois Farmer's Market
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Another Strasburg
Community Action
Network Project

Message from the Mayor

By the time you read this, several of the roads in town have been worked up. Strasburg is on the schedule for oiling the first week of August and the roads have to be prepped for this. A big Thank You to Joe Oakley and Todd Apke for their hard work.

The village mowing team of Bill Riley and Ron Thomas are getting caught up mowing the park and other village property to keep the town looking good. Strasburg has always been a pretty town to drive through. For as long as I remember, the homeowners on the highway have mowed the ditch adjacent to their property. We are asking the homeowners who live on Rte. 32 to do their best to keep the ditch mowed. Mowing the highway ditch is not the village's responsibility.

Summer in the Burg brings back a lot of good memories for me. There was always something to bring us to town. I spent a lot of time at the Ball Park.

The Farmer's Market and Strawberry Fest are a good start to the summer. Don't forget the Farmer's Market is open every Thursday, 4:30-6:00. The Lion's Club Chicken Fry was great as usual. It is a good place to visit with friends and neighbors. It was Delish and I love the Chicken Livers. Hats off to the Chefs.

A night at the Ball Park is always good. If you have not attended a softball or baseball game at the park, pick a night and go. There are copies of the schedule at the village office and the Marathon.

Another good time in the Summer is the annual Lion's Club Homecoming. Plan to attend the tractor pull and other events planned for July 19-21.

We want to Thank SCAN for planting flowers uptown and Brock Friese of Friese's Trees for trimming the boxwoods at the Veteran's Memorial.

Just FYI that there will be Mosquito Spraying once a month until September.

Let's all do our part to make our town shine this summer.

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



Cinda Held

Seasoned Citizens Meet

On April 24, the Stew-Stras Area Seasoned Citizens met at noon for a pot luck meal with lots of delicious desserts. It seems that we always have a lot of them to choose from. If a stranger was to come in they would think they were at a smorgasbord because of all the food and the variety of it.

We always open our meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer of blessing for the food. This month Jane said the prayer.

After the meal, we had a drawing for the door prize and it was won by Jane. A tip of the day was given by Larry, plus a few funny jokes.

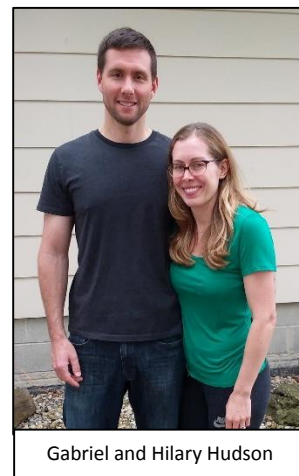
The speakers for the meeting were Hilary Hudson and her husband Gabriel Healy, both members of the New York City Police Dept. Hilary is the granddaughter of Jane and Larry Giertz. She has a Master's degree in Criminal Justice and has been a member of the police department for 7 years. She was promoted to detective in December of 2017 and then to Sgt. in December of 2018. Hilary is supervisor of 12-14 police officers in Harlem. Gabriel has been on the police force for 17 years and he works out of the court house, moving prisoners to court and back to their cells. Both shared stories about cases they had had to deal with and calls that were so very disturbing to them.

This young couple is in the process of building a new home on 5.8 acres of land in Middletown, NY. Their visit was short, but they did tour the area with Jane and Larry and enjoyed all the trees in bloom and all the birds in the back yard at the Giertz home. Gabriel is looking forward to another visit and staying longer. Hilary saw some things she remembered from when she lived here for 6 months when she was in First grade.

The meeting of this group of Seasoned Citizens was May 29. We had an Italian themed food and John Hall was to bring his Lamborghini auto for all to see, but unfortunately, he was ill and unable to attend. There was a door prize, a tip of the day and lots of fun.

Village Clerk Linda told us about all the happenings coming up, such as poppy days, town wide rummage sales, the Farmers Market Kick off with Strawberry shortcakes, pork burgers provided by SCAN from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Sunday June 2, was the Lions Club Chicken Fry at the park. Linda also told us that Ameren will be in town putting in new electric meters. Please come and join us if you are 55 or older.

Submitted by Jane Giertz



Gabriel and Hilary Hudson

Stewardson-Strasburg Education Foundation scholarship

Each year the Stewardson-Strasburg Education Foundation presents a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior from the Stew-Stras High School. This year's recipient was Katrina Davis, the daughter of Jesse and Donna Davis of Stewardson.

Katrina was an outstanding student while at Stew-Stras High School. She was an excellent student (Class rank 4), she was active in athletics as a member of the WSS softball and basketball teams, and she was very active as a volunteer helping with many activities in both Stewardson and Strasburg.

Her future goals include continuing her education at Lake Land College, majoring in Conservation/Pre-Forestry. She someday would like to be a Park Ranger. Congratulations and best wishes to Katrina Davis!



Stewardson-Strasburg Education Foundation sees grants come to fruition

At the beginning of each school year, the Stewardson-Strasburg Education Foundation awards 3 mini-grants for teachers. The purpose of the grants is to provide funds for the teachers that would normally not be available by the school district.

One of the grants was a multi-level grant which required two teachers at different level in the education continuum, to be involved. This year the grant was awarded to Mrs. Richter and her kindergarten class along with Mrs. Barker the ag instructor in the high school. The purpose for the grant was to build a flower/vegetable garden.



The work began this spring by the ground being prepared and ready for the raised beds to be placed. This part of the process was accomplished by the high school.

With the ground work finished the kindergarten students took over. They carried the commercially acquired raised bed kits to the site and began the process of making the beds. As you can see in the photo the boxes were as big as the students.

Then the construction began. The kindergarten students set about putting the

frame work together for each of the raised beds placed at the school. As you can see the work took total concentration with fingers well away from the hammers. But after a lot of sweat and hard work the job was complete.

The Foundation would like to thank Mrs. Richter and Mrs. Barker for taking on this on-going project. Each year the students can plant, watch grow and harvest



vegetables and flowers from the new raised bed.

GREAT JOB STUDENTS



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Strasburg Gnomes

Send your Strasburg Gnome pictures to info@strasburgil.com and we'll post on Facebook.

Strasburg American Legion Auxiliary Sponsors a Delegate to Illini Girls State

Liberty Unit #289 of the American Legion Auxiliary in Strasburg has chosen Rachel Kessler to attend the 79th Session of the American Legion Auxiliary's Illini Girls State. Rachel is the daughter of Mike Kessler of Stewardson and Alicia Kessler of Strasburg.

ALA Illini Girls State is a simulation patterned after the State of Illinois. Four hundred girls from various communities throughout the State of Illinois, who have just completed their Junior year in high school, will attend ALA Illini Girls State held on the campus of Eastern Illinois University from June 16-22. This program focuses on teaching young women about the state governmental process and encourages them to become strong participants, builds teamwork and networking and introduces them to different roles they can play in the process. Speakers range from a local lawyer to a disabled veteran and state elected officials.

There are two (2) scholarships associated with this program for girls to apply for.



Vacation Bible School opportunities in Strasburg

Strasburg Baptist Church June 22-25

The Strasburg Baptist Church will be holding Bible School **June 22-25**, Saturday through Tuesday, beginning with a kick-off Saturday afternoon from 3 p.m. - ? and continuing each evening from 7-8:30 pm. Saturday will include a bounce house with free hot dogs and drinks.

The public is invited. Classes are for ages 4-16.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church July 8-12

Registration is underway for Vacation Bible School at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on **July 8-12, from 9-11:30 a.m.** each morning. VBS is for all children in the community ages 3 to children who have completed the 6th grade. Older children are welcome to be helpers!

The 2019 theme is Miraculous Mission-Jesus Saves the World. There will be a lesson, music, crafts, games and snacks each day. The five lessons will be 1. God Made Me, 2. God Keeps His Word, 3. Jesus Came For Me, 4. Jesus Saves Me and 5. Jesus Is Coming For Me.

An adult VBS Bible Study will also be held during the same time and will be led by Virginia Vogel. All adults are encouraged to attend. Registration forms can be picked up at the church, Strasburg Post Office, and Short Stop.

For questions, call the church office at 217-644-2661.

BLOOD DRIVE

Stewardson-Strasburg



Wednesday, June 26th 3:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Strasburg Community Building (Main St./Highway 32)

To donate, call the Blood Center at (217) 367-2202 or visit www.bloodcenterimpact.org. Walk-ins also welcome!

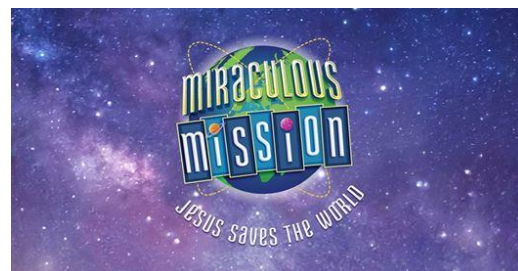
All donors are entered to win a \$500 Visa gift card!

Please wait before donating and bring Photo ID.
Last Date to Donate Blood here: 05/03/19
Group Sponsor Code: 70741

All presenting donors will receive a voucher for a \$10 Gift Card to Amazon.com, Casey's General Store, Dairy Queen or Domino's!

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Telgmann receives honors

Olivia Telgmann received the “Outstanding Student Award” over all the Allied Health Divisions from Lake Land College. She was recognized at the Academic Awards Banquet April 24. Olivia is in her second semester of the Practical Nursing Program and will be pinned as an LPN in the pinning ceremony in late July. While doing all the required work in this program she also was recognized for having a perfect 4.0 GPA. Olivia states that her “childhood dream of becoming a nurse is closer and closer to becoming true!” She will be doing the “Bridge to Registered Nurse” program through Lake Land College in the coming months.



Olivia is pictured with her nursing instructors L to R picture is Nikki Jones, Olivia, Haylee Brandt

Strasburg Lions “LEO” Club

On April 18, some of the Strasburg Lions “LEO” club members gave up a day of their spring break to travel to Springfield to volunteer at the Mary Bryant Home for the Blind.



The LEOs left the Stew-Stras High School around 7:30 a.m. and arrived at their destination at around 9 a.m. Once there, they were assigned jobs to help with projects at the home. LEOs Rachel and Mikela helped the maintenance worker lay carpet in one of the rooms being renovated and entertained the resident puppy, Cassie. LEOs Alex and Jacob worked with another maintenance person and hung cabinets in one of the utility rooms and LEOs Bella and Maggie worked in the office making phone calls confirming addresses of businesses in the area.



At noon the LEOs had lunch with the residents. They all sat at different tables and talked with the residents. Not only did the LEOs enjoy it, but also the residents loved the attention. Once lunch was over the LEOs played UNO and a dice game with some of the residents during their recreation time. One thing they noticed was the UNO cards were in bad shape and the dots of the braille were so worn the residents could not make out the card color or value. The LEOs decided that they would like to buy some new cards for them so we went and ordered two decks of UNO cards for the home.

Once recreation time was over the LEOs headed back home arriving back to the school at 4 p.m. They all said they had a great time and were ready to go back next year.

The LEOs would like to thank LION Mike for helping transport some of the LEOs to the home.

Alex Dick, Mikela Porrello, Jacob Allen, Rachel Kessler, Maggie Kelly, Bella Braden

Village inducts new officials

At the May 20, 2019 Strasburg Village Board Meeting Village Clerk Oakley issued the Oath of Office to the newly elected officials: Cinda Held, Village President, James Connell, Trustee and Jack Clark, Trustee. MaRanda McClain was appointed to fill the open position of trustee for a two-year unexpired term.

Current Board Members now are:

Village President: Cinda Held

Trustees: Robert Anderson, Jack Clark, James Connell, MaRanda McClain, Anita Renshaw, and Charles Wade

Village Clerk: Linda Oakley

Fiscal Clerk: Lisa Rincker

Friday, July 19 - Saturday, July 20 - Sunday, July 21 --2019

STRASBURG LIONS CLUB HOMECOMING

Friday, July 19
 4:30 - 7 PM (or till food runs out): Ribeye Dinner
 Children's Dinners & Take Out available
 6 PM: Strasburg Parade (same route as last year)
 Contact Jodie Quast if you would like to participate. 217-246-3919
 7:30 PM: Mary Bryant Home Singers

Saturday, July 20
 10:30 AM: Candy Shack Opens
 11:00 AM: Food Stand Opens
 Noon: Tractor and Truck Pull Begins — Beer Garden Opens
 1 PM: Kid's Pedal Pull Begins
 2:30 PM: Kid's Games Begin
Follow Strasburg Lions Club on Facebook for updates and all Lions Club news!

Sunday, July 21
 11:30 AM: North and South Food Stands Open — Candy Shack Open
 Noon: 7th Annual Strongman Competition begins on Tennis Court
 Garden Tractor Pull Begins on Track



WE SERVE

Come Join Us
We're Off to Effingham!
Stew-Stras Area Seasoned Citizens
Wednesday, June 26, 2019

Leave: Promptly at 9:30 a.m. from Strasburg Community Center

Meet: 10:00 a.m. at Historic Effingham County Courthouse. Park in east courthouse lot. Use side door ground level entrance. Take elevator to first floor.

Tour: Effingham County Courthouse Museum

Guide: **DELAINE DONALDSON**, Historian and former history teacher at Effingham High School



Lunch: 12:00 Noon at
Joe's Pizza



Strasburg Lions LEO Club's Final Trip



The Strasburg Lions LEO Club finished off the year by traveling to Holiday World and Splashin' Safari Water Park in Santa Claus, Indiana. This is a culmination of the clubs activities until the next school year.



This year's club was very active. They did volunteer work with the local Lions club, planted trees and did a tree survey in Strasburg, traveled to Springfield to volunteer at the Mary Bryant Home for the Blind, were guests at the Rochester Lions Club Haunted House Grand opening, helped with trivia night by providing concession, and many

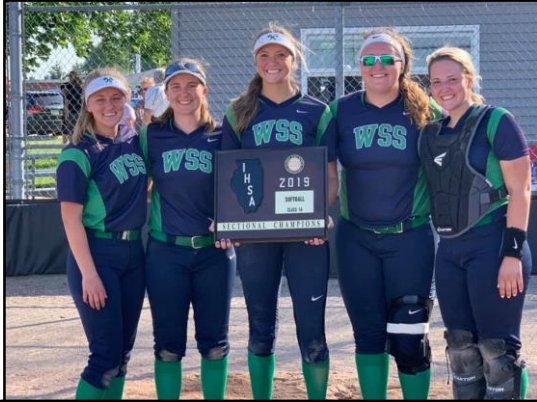
others projects.

We had 17 LEOs make the trek to Holiday World this year. This is the most we have ever taken. Many of the LEOs are busy with jobs or camps and cannot attend. The trip is free to all the LEOs that do at least 4 hours of community service throughout the year. The sponsoring Strasburg Lions gives each LEO ten dollars for a meal. Everyone had a great time and the weather was perfect.

The LEOs would like to thank our sponsoring Lions club, the Strasburg Lions, and a special thanks to Lion Morgan for driving some of the LEO to the park.

New homes being constructed in York Acres





**2019 Illinois Coaches Association
Class 1A All-State Softball Team**

First Team

Name:	School
Sydney Baalman	Calhoun
Claire Maulding	Casey-Westfield
Emily Crompton	Christ Our Rock Lutheran
Katie Nevdal	Durand
Jenna Green	Eastland
Allie Whittington	Elverado
Hanna Hicks	Glasford Illini Bluffs
Alexandria King	Goreville
Kelsey Ray	Goreville
Makenna Tkach	Marquette Academy
Sophie Schomer	Newark
Tessa Janecke	Orangeville
Maggi Sons	St. Bede Academy
Lauren Harris	Woodlawn
Mackenzi Tabbert	Windsor
Megan Schlechte	Windsor

Congratulations to the WSS Softball Team for making it to the top eight teams in the IHSA 1A state softball tournament before falling to Calhoun.

Congratulations to Megan Schlechte and Mackenzi Tabbert for making Class 1A All-State Softball Team!

Barb Dial celebrates 15 years as Strasburg Postmaster



**STRASBURG POST OFFICE
SHELBY COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

Name	Title	Date Appointed
(originally established as STRASBURGH)		
Frank M. Beck	Postmaster	06/11/1974
Fred H. Kull	Postmaster	03/04/1974
James F. Allen	Postmaster	04/15/1975
Lawrence Zarr	Postmaster	07/05/1975
James H. Ward	Postmaster	09/17/1979
Francis M. Buck	Postmaster	07/23/1979
James H. Winkler	Postmaster	04/21/1980
James W. Endicott	Postmaster	11/02/1982
Henry Foster	Postmaster	08/02/1983
Alfred F. Allen	Postmaster	08/15/1985
John N. Storm	Postmaster	11/16/1986
Henry Foster Sr.	Postmaster	05/26/1989
name changed to STRASBURG on July 13, 1993		
John N. Storm	Postmaster	07/13/1993
Henry Foster Sr.	Postmaster	07/20/1997
William Foster	Postmaster	12/03/1910
George E. Kull	Postmaster	08/07/1934
Lowell T. Green	Acting Postmaster	11/07/1957
Lowell T. Green	Postmaster	07/31/1959
Charles J. Rosine	Postmaster	01/01/1962
Paul E. Dert	Officer-in-Charge	02/28/1967
Stanley Warren Gravens	Postmaster	12/10/1989
William Martin	Officer-in-Charge	07/24/1990
Paul E. Dert	Postmaster	06/30/1993
Francis K. Quirk	Officer-in-Charge	01/22/1994
Francis K. Quirk	Postmaster	02/27/2004
Uinda Sue Jones	Officer-in-Charge	06/12/2004
Barbara J. Dial	Postmaster	

The Strasburg Post Office recently held a cookie customer appreciation day in honor of Barb Dial working as Postmaster for 15 years!

Dial serves in a long line of Postmasters and will be the last person to hold the title. When she leaves, there will be a clerk in the village office only. A list of all the postmasters in town, along with a picture of Dial.

Congratulations Barb!

15 years!