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Important Dates

Jun. 19-23. Vacation Bible School, St. Paul's. 9-11:30 a.m. Closing program Friday, 11 a.m.

Jun. 20. SCAN Quarterly Meeting. 6:30 p.m. Comm Center

Jun. 21. 150th Committee Meeting. 6:30 p.m. Comm Center

Jun. 28. SS Seasoned Citizens. Noon. Community Center.

Jul. 14-15. Lions Club Homecoming (Pages 2)

Jul. 26. SS Seasoned Citizens. Noon. Community Center.

Village officials

Village President: Cinda Held

Trustees: Newly elected village trustees Jack Clark and Kristina Moore took the oath of office at the May 15 meeting of the Strasburg Village Board of Trustees. Dawn Schlechte was given the oath of office on May 24.

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Message from the Mayor

Welcome Summer! Hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful weather.

- Sparklers! Fireworks! and Boomers! It's that time of year again. With the dry weather, please be safe when setting off fireworks. We ask that fireworks not be set off after 10:30pm. Be respectful of your neighbors. Watch the sky on July 3 for some local fireworks at dark.
- We have been experiencing varying water pressure the last couple of weeks. There are some problems with some regulators. EJ is aware of the problems and working to correct them, but if your pressure gets low again, let them know.
- Road oiling will be the week of July 25-27. We haven't been told the exact date. Not as many roads will be oiled due to the high cost of oil, but we will do what we can.
- As a reminder, there are 8 lots for sale at York Acres. Contact the village office for details, cost of lots, and tax rebate information. There is also a small lot on Pine Street for sale.
- If you and your neighbors use the adjacent alley, please do not block it. It is the responsibility of homeowners along the alley to maintain it.
- Enjoy the annual Lions Club Homecoming on July 14-15.

Remember to Keep Strasburg Right! In the Middle of Everything!

Congratulations to all the graduates of the Stewardson-Strasburg High School Class of '23

The top scholars were announced at the May 21 commencement ceremony.

Dane Durbin and Maddie Rincker are co-valedictorians of the Class of 2023 and Taylor Dasenbrock is the salutatorian.

Dane is the son of Don & Brooke Durbin of Mode. Maddie is the daughter of Doug & Marla Rincker of Strasburg, and Taylor is the daughter of Scott & Misty Dasenbrock of Strasburg.

Robert Prosser, commander of Wilbur Braughton Post #611, presented American Legion Awards to Thomas Davis and Dasenbrock, and American Legion Honorable Mention to Austin Wittenberg and Maddie Rincker.



Cinda Held

Memorial Day Celebration by Strasburg Lions LEO Club filled with patriotism and faith

The Memorial Day Celebration presented by the Strasburg Lions LEO Club drew a crowd of about 125 people.

The keynote address was given by Marty Conaster, Past National Commander of The American Legion. A highlight of the ceremony was the induction of LEO Club president and 2023 Stew-Stras graduate, Thomas Davis, into the U.S. Army by Sgt. Scott Shellenberger. Davis will leave for training in July.

Veterans stood for their branch of service during the "Armed Forces Salute," and while standing each was presented with a small American flag. Americanism essay winners read their essays and a wreath was placed at the memorial. In addition, a 21-gun salute by members of Strasburg's Liberty Post 289 and Windsor's Garret-Baldrige Post 725 American Legion plus taps were all part of the program.

The event was planned, implemented and sponsored by the Strasburg LEOs. The LEOs are a high school student organization that is part of the Strasburg Lions Club. Following the ceremony, the Lions Club served lunch at the park with veterans as their guests.



Check presented to Veterans Memorial Committee

The Strasburg Lions and the Strasburg Lion's LEO Club presented a check to Linda Oakley, a member of the Veterans Memorial Committee of Strasburg. The check was for \$701.00. The money was the result of the funds raised during the meal after the Memorial Day event sponsored by the LEOs.

Pictured L-R:

LEO Anna Albert, 2023-24 LEO Secretary
LEO Briar Smith, 2023-24 LEO President
Linda Oakley, Veterans Memorial Committee member
Lion Otto Rincker, Lion President
Lion Mary Tabbert, LEO Advisor



Lions Club 2023 Homecoming July 14 & 15

Celebrating 67 Years!

Parade * Inflatables for kids * Tractor Pull

Food & Beer Garden * Pedal Pull * Kids Games

Band – Strangers with Kandi \$5 Cover Charge

5K Run, Sat., June 15, 7:30 a.m.

Check-in/Registration: 6:30 - 7:15am

5K Run begins at 7:30 (beside the bank)

1 Mile fun run to follow

Online Registration \$25 for 5K, \$15 for fun run, \$5 more day of race. Refreshments and awards to follow race.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/.../strasburg-gnomecoming-2023>



T-shirts for those who register before July 1st, both for the 5K and the fun run

Next 150th Committee Planning Meeting

Wednesday, June 21, 6:30 p.m., Community Ctr.

More Volunteers Needed! Everyone Welcome!

Strasburg 150th Celebration June 14-16, 2024

Fundraising continues for the 150th Celebration

Back by popular demand – Golf Ball Drop! Taking place on July 14 at 7 p.m. at the Strasburg Park during the Lions Club Homecoming.

Tickets can be purchased at the Strasburg Bank, from Sue Bowers, Jodie Quast or any committee member.

\$100/Ticket – Only 100 Tickets Sold. \$5,000 Grand Prize.

Quilt Raffle

Get your tickets for this beautiful quilt, a 66"X87" Purple Rail Fence Quilt, handmade by Quiltin' buddies of Shelbyville. Tickets are one for \$5 or five for \$20.

The quilt is on display at the Shelby County State Bank in Strasburg.



STRASBURG LIONS CLUB HOMECOMING 2023



**JULY 14TH & 15TH
STRASBURG PARK**



FRIDAY-14TH

4:30 p.m. Ribeye Dinner
6:00 p.m. Beer Garden
6:00 p.m. Parade
7:00 p.m. Strasburg 150th Committee
Golf Ball Drop
7:00 p.m. Strangers with Kandi
\$5 COVER CHARGE

SATURDAY-15TH

7:30 a.m. 5K Run
11:00 a.m. Food Stand Opens
12:00 p.m. Tractor, Truck, & Semi Pulls
2:00 p.m. Beer Garden
4:00 p.m. Inflatables
5:00 p.m. Kids Games Begin
6:00 p.m. Pedal Pull
9:30 p.m. Inflatables End



Golf Ball Drop

Grand Prize \$5000

Date: Friday, July 14, 2023

Official Drop Time: 7:00pm

Location: Strasburg Community Park
Strasburg, IL

Tickets: **\$100.00 a ticket**
100 tickets sold

Tickets correspond to numbered golf balls dropped from above.
Golf Ball closest to the flag wins.

In the event of a tie. Grand prize money will be divided equally.

- Winner does not need to be present to win.
- You must be 18 years old to purchase a ticket
- Tickets can be purchased from a committee member or at the Shelby County State Bank - Strasburg Branch
- This takes place during the Strasburg Lions Club Homecoming!
- This event will be held rain or shine



Tickets that match pre-numbered golf balls will be sold for \$100.00 each. The 100 golf balls will be dropped from above onto the ball field. The ball that lands closest to the flag wins \$5000.00. In the event that there is a tie, the Grand Prize money will be divided equally.

Please contact Sue Bowers or Jodie Quast with any questions.

Proceeds from this event go towards the 2024 Strasburg 150th Anniversary Celebration.

HURRY....Don't wait! Tickets are selling fast!!



Strasburg Community Action Network News

Join SCAN at their next quarterly meeting on June 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Strasburg Community Center

Right: SCAN Berries & Burgers drew a hungry crowd June 1

Volunteers are needed to water the flowers downtown and at the park. If you could do this for a week this summer, please contact Stephanie Kinkley or look for the sign-up link on the "Strasburg, IL: Right In The Middle Of Everything" Facebook page.



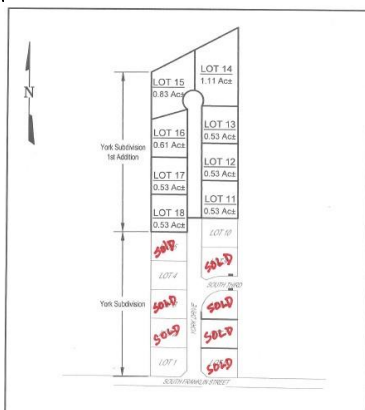
SCAN June Gnome Winner

A gnome has found a wonderful new home with the Smith Family in York Acres! Jarod and Caralea Smith built their home in January 2016. Jarod is Superintendent at ADM Grain in Sullivan and Caralea is Human Resources Generalist at Agri-Fab in Sullivan. They have two sons, Reed (9) and Grady (6) love playing sports and watching sports, especially baseball and basketball.

Caralea grew up in Strasburg and states "I know what a great small community this is and we're glad that our boys can have that same experience."

While selecting the gnome for the June giveaway, other York Acres residents stopped by to say hello, adding to the fun.

"We are very thankful for our great neighbors, who have become our friends," Caralea said.



York Acres continues to grow!

York Acres Subdivision Map

New Lots for Sale - Larger lots/New incentives

Located on the west side of Strasburg, this subdivision has 18 lots. Lots in Phase 1 are available for \$2500 with a property tax pay back. There are 2 lots still available. 8 Lots are available in Phase 2. Price \$5,000. Size from .53 acres to 1.11 acres.

Call the Village for more information 217.644.3007

Welcome to Strasburg – Hometown Hair Salon and Spa!



Lifelong area resident, Brittani (Tabbert) Oller proudly announced the opening of her new salon and spa recently. The business, located at 402 N. Chestnut, is now open for business and accepting appointments. The hours are Tuesday-Thursday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. (all by appointment only). Services include hair color, cuts, pedicures, manicures (gel and regular), eyebrow and lip waxing, bridal styles and special occasions, such as homecoming and proms. The phone number for appointments is **217-343-4467**.

“Since I started cosmetology school in 2016, I always wanted to own my own business someday. I knew I would do booth rent at a salon for a while but eventually once I had kids, I wanted to have my own establishment,” Oller said. “Also with Strasburg being my hometown that is where I came up with my salon name!”

Welcome Hometown Hair!

Strasburg American Legion Auxiliary Sponsors Two Delegates to Illini Girls State

Liberty Unit #289 of the American Legion Auxiliary in Strasburg has chosen Annabelle Tucker and Oaklie Layton to attend the 82nd Session of the American Legion Auxiliary's Illini Girls State. Annabelle, a student at Stewardson-Strasburg High School, is the daughter of Uraminda Tucker of Mode and Oaklie, a student at Mattoon High School and a member of Strasburg ALA Unit, is the daughter of Todd Layton of Toledo and Aubrey Layton of Mattoon.

ALA Illini Girls State is a simulation patterned after the State of Illinois. Approximately two 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 18-24. 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 judge to a disabled veteran and state elected officials.



Pictured L-R: Annabelle Tucker & Oaklie Layton

WSS Sportsbackers accomplishments from 2022-2023 school year

- *Purchased 30 different senior banners from 6 different sports.
- *Donated money for meals for two state volleyball teams.
- *Donated money for meals for one state softball team.
- *Donated money for the state bass fishing team.
- *Donated money for meals for state track athletes.
- *Hosted a 5th and 6th grade basketball tournament.
- *Hosted a 6th grade volleyball tournament.
- *Advertised on state programs.
- *Purchased an iPad for the H.S. Boys basketball team.
- *Provided sports posters for each of the state teams.
- *Supported the startup of jr. high cheerleading at Stew-Stras.

Thank you for all of your support this year! A membership drive for next school year is underway. Please continue to help support our athletes.



WSS Sportsbackers Treasurer, Nikki Worman, gives check to Bass Fishing Coach O'Dell to help with expenses at the state competition.

Three Strasburg residents publish books

Lisa Shelton, MaRanda McClain and Melanie Probst can now add “author” to their resumes. Read about each author and the books they published below. Plans are being made to host a book signing event for our new authors!

1) “Cash and Corpses”

I, Melanie Probst, have always loved reading. From a young age, books have played a large part in my writing. At the age of six I wrote a kids book “Mama and I Go to the Park”. After that I continued writing. In fifth grade, I started on my first novel that I would finish, “The Hidden Kingdom”. Since then, I continued to write other novels for my own enjoyment. I finished “Cash and Corpses” in April of 2023 and two months later I published it. “Cash and Corpses” is a young adult mystery book. When a series of robberies break out in their hometown, Kelsey and Noah have to work together to catch the robber before it’s too late. Will the robber be caught or will more stores be robbed and more lives lost?

When I went to the library a few years ago I picked up a book by Colleen Coble. After that I was hooked on mystery books. My grandma kept me supplied with mystery/suspense books and Coble’s books led me to write my own mystery. Before I knew it, I had multiple books finished. My friends and family also played a huge part in finishing this book. I was constantly bouncing ideas off of them and asking questions. Friends at school helped me come up with the idea for the cover. My books consisted of events that occurred throughout my day. I hope to continue writing for fun and maybe publish some more books. Currently, my next book ‘Town of Flames’ is being edited, and I am working on a different book that will be part of a series.

I will be 15 this summer and am going to be a sophomore at Stew-Stras High School. I have 3 younger siblings and live with my parents in Strasburg. I hope to go to college after high school. At this point I’m unsure on where or for what. But I know writing for pleasure will be a part of whatever my future holds.

“Cash and Corpses” is available for purchase on Amazon.



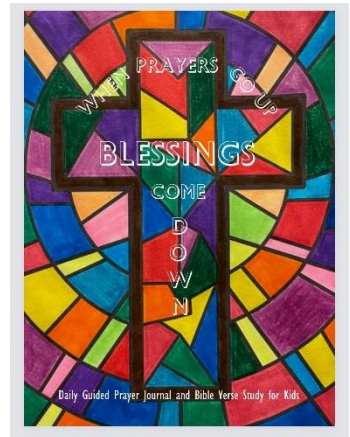
2) “When Prayers Go Up Blessings Come Down: Daily Guided Prayer Journal and Bible Verse Study for Kids”

My name is MaRanda McClain, and I am from Strasburg formally of Toledo. I never dreamed of being an author and I never imagined the idea I had would become a reality. I have been doing guided prayer journaling with my children for over a year. We started in notebooks and as I found myself writing the same template for them each night, I had the idea of just creating one and printing it out for them.

This led me to creating the "When Prayers Go Up Blessings Come Down: Daily Guided Prayer Journal and Bible Verse Study for Kids" to help others in their prayer journey. The journal is a tool to teach kids of all ages the basics of praying and tracking when God answers their prayers as well as a place to write a Bible verse and what the verse means to them.

I want each child to make the pages come to life with their own creativity so you will notice most of the journal is in black and white so they can doodle or color and make each page a unique creation. The list of Bible verses are pivotal verses they can build on in the future as their faith and knowledge grows. My hope is to help kids see how God works through the power of prayer.

“When Prayers Go Up Blessings Come Down: Daily Guided Prayer Journal and Bible Verse Study for Kids” can be purchased on Amazon via the following link: <https://a.co/d/iCZTcuA>



3) “High Fives for Laker Louie”

Hello! My name is Lisa Shumard-Shelton and I have lived in Strasburg most of my life. I have always been inspired to read and write by my parents and sisters. My teachers at Stew-Stras fostered that interest as well and for all of this, I am very thankful. After graduation from EIU, I was a field editor for the Indiana Agri-News publication and was a freelance writer for the Indianapolis Star. I have now worked at Lake Land College since 2006.

My husband, Brian, and I have two children. After reading children’s books to my own children starting in 2009, I was inspired to write my own book based on the Lake Land College mascot, Laker Louie titled “High Fives for Laker Louie.” The talented Brett Sawyer beautifully illustrates the book.

The short story follows Lake Land’s favorite feathered friend as he ventures across campus. It would be the ‘picture-perfect’ addition to your own personal library and it is a wonderful gift for the little ones in your life who will want to read it again and again! Special thank you to Lake Land for sponsoring an initiative to send the book to area public libraries and for the many people that assisted in bringing this to life. I am also scheduling book readings at daycares or libraries, if anyone is interested! My phone number is 217-690-6606.

The book is available for purchase at the Laker Nest Bookstore at bookstore.lakelandcollege.edu. Click on “Merchandise.” Proceeds go to Lake Land Foundation Scholarships.



Nominations for Candidates for Volunteer of the Year due August 18th

Each year a member of the community, whose volunteer activities have benefited the Strasburg Community, has been presented the “Volunteer of the Year” award. The Village Board is asking that members of the community nominate an individual that they think is deserving of this award.

Eligibility - Any individual, group, business, or organization whose volunteer activities directly benefit the Village of Strasburg and/or its residents is eligible.

Nominee Criteria

Nominees must: 1) Demonstrate exceptional commitment to volunteerism by helping with a special project or ongoing activities, 2) Demonstrate exemplary leadership, creativity, cooperation, and hard work in their service to others, 3) Serve as role models by inspiring others to serve.

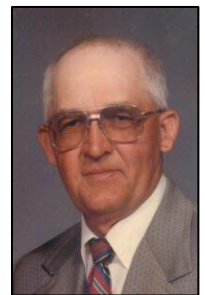
A letter of nomination citing the points or reasons the nominator feels like the candidate deserves to be named Volunteer of the Year should be submitted to the Strasburg Village Office prior to August 18, 2023. A committee will review the nominations and will select the winner. The Volunteer of the Year award for 2023 will be presented at the Village Wiener Roast on **Friday, September 15th at the Village Park.**

Previous winners of the award are: 2007 Larry Giertz, 2008 Gary Kull, 2009 Linda Oakley, 2010 Patsy Lenz, 2011 Karen Kull and Lisa Shelton, 2012 Chris Daniels, 2013 Jane Giertz, 2014 Charlie Culver, 2015 Jodie Quast, 2016 Brittany Kaufman, 2017 Jim Weiss and Justin Krile, and 2018 Angie and Jason Edwards, 2019 Doug Quast, 2020 MaRanda McClain, 2021 Ian and Stephanie Kinkley, and 2022 Kristina Moore.

We Remember~

Charles F. Nippe, 87 of Strasburg, IL (January 21, 1936 – May 14, 2023)

Charlie was born on January 21, 1936 in Strasburg, IL, the son of Joseph and Lora (Figge) Nippe. He married Mildred E. “Millie” Wendling on February 28, 1965. She died on February 1, 2014. He was a retired farmer. Charlie also owned and operated Nippe’s Garage in Strasburg and was a truck driver for Moomaw’s in Stewardson. He was a member of the Winebrenner Church of God in Mattoon, IL and enjoyed restoring old tractors, collecting Depression glass, and gardening. He is survived by his son, William J. “Bill” Nippe of Strasburg, IL; daughter, Greta Hilty and husband Jeffrey of Eugene, OR; and brother, Noel Nippe of Strasburg, IL.



Shelton repeats as top 3 winner in State 4-H Public Speaking Contest

Congratulations to Zach Shelton for representing Shelby County with his repeat top 3 performance in the Illustrated Beginner division of over 20 speakers at the State 4-H Public Speaking Contest! Zach was the 1st place winner of this division in 2022 and came away with a 3rd place finish in 2023.

Zach, age 14, will be a freshman at Stew-Stras this fall and is a member of the Strasburg Tailtwisters. He is the son of Lisa and Brian Shelton of Strasburg. His topic was “Weird Al” Yankovic and his impact on the music industry. The event was held at Parkland College in Champaign. Congrats Zach!



FREE Library Services available in Strasburg

Did you know you are in the Lake Land College Library district?

As a Strasburg resident, you are eligible to utilize the Lake Land Library services, such as books, media, cloud library and Libby by Overdrive. Lake Land library is part of the SHARE library consortium of central and southern Illinois.

Informational brochures are now available at the village office. For quick directions for e-books and e-audiobooks, visit Lakeland.libguides.com/ebooks for more detailed directions and information. Those interested are also welcome to stop by the college library. For help and information call 217-234-5367.



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