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GOVERNOR'S
HOME TOWN AWARD

Important Dates

Jun. 20-24. Vacation Bible School, St. Paul's. 9-11:30 a.m. God's Wonder Lab

Jun. 21. SCAN Quarterly Meeting. 6:30 p.m. Community Center.

Jun. 29. SS Seasoned Citizens. Noon. Community Center.



Jul. 15-17. Lions Club Homecoming, Food, Captain Rat, Bounce Houses, Tractor Pull & Parade (Pages 5 & 8)

Jul. 27. SS Seasoned Citizens. Noon. Community Center.

Village officials

Current Board Members are:
Village President: Cinda Held

Trustees: Robert Anderson, Jack Clark, James Connell, MaRanda McClain, Ian Kinkley and Kristina Moore; Village Clerk: Linda Oakley

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Message from the Mayor

Welcome to Summer!

As many of you know we will celebrate our **150th Anniversary in 2024**. We will have a planning organizational meeting on **Thursday, July 21 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Community Center. Both village and country residents are invited to come. If you do not want to be on a committee but would like to help do something, please also come, or let us know where you would like to help. It will take a lot of help and ideas to get this going. All who consider themselves "Strasburgers" are encouraged to attend.

As a reminder, residents participating in our electric aggregation program will see a fixed rate from Homefield Energy of .05400/kwh for the next 18 months (June 2022-December 2023). If you are not sure if you are using Homefield, check your electric bill to verify Homefield is your supplier. Contact Homefield Energy at 866-694-1262 to enroll in the Aggregation program.

Village streets are scheduled to be oiled after the Homecoming. We will post on Facebook the actual dates. When it gets close to that time, please do not blow mowed grass out on the streets.

The Village sprayed for mosquitoes in May and Larvicide put out. Spraying will be done once a month until September.

Remember do not burn wet grass. We ask that you please take it to the lagoon. Smoldering grass can cause issues with individuals who have breathing problems.

If you own a dog, please keep them on a leash if they are not in a fence. Also, please pick up after them if they are in someone else's yard.

If you have not renewed your golf cart permit, please do so ASAP. If you are planning to purchase a golf cart, ATV or side-by-side, check with the village office for the required safety equipment needed to operate vehicle on village streets.

The Village is still looking for a maintenance employee for 24-30 hours a week.

Together we can keep Strasburg Right! In the Middle of Everything!



Cinda Held

Memorial Day Ceremony by Strasburg Lions LEO Club

A Memorial Day Ceremony was held in front of the Veterans Memorial in Strasburg on May 30. Speaker Josh Layton, Veterans Service Officer for the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs in Effingham, spoke on what Memorial Day means to veterans. 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-



Baldridge 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. After the ceremony, a meal was served in the park by the Lions Club.

From left are LEO members Austin Wittenberg, Alexis Agney, Jordan Wittenberg, Briar Smith, Tom Davis, Lance Lankow, Colin Kinkelaar and Brody Beals.

At right, speaker Josh Layton.

Below, ALA

members Jill Layton and Sarah Wyckoff lay wreath at Veterans Memorial. American Legion members give 21-gun salute.



June Gnome Winner

Diane Jack is the winner of the SCAN June gnome giveaway. Diane grew up in rural Stewardson and has also lived in Greenville, IL, Tahlequah, OK, Painesville, OH, Plymouth, MA, Downingtown, PA and Woodridge, IL. She has been a resident of Strasburg for nearly 28 years.

Diane is the preschool teacher at Trinity Lutheran School in Stewardson and has taught since 1995. She has two beautiful daughters and one precious granddaughter. When asked what she enjoys about living in Strasburg, she replied, "I live in a wonderful neighborhood and have wonderful neighbors. I can walk or ride my bike to anywhere in town, and church is close."

This is Diane's first gnome and she plans to let him enjoy the outdoors in one of her flower pots.



ALA places flags in five cemeteries for Memorial Day Weekend

Twelve members of Strasburg American Legion Auxiliary Liberty Unit #289 traveled to five area cemeteries on a windy and cool Sunday, May 22nd and placed 217 flags on the graves of veterans in preparation for Memorial Day. The Auxiliary places the flags a week before Memorial Day to allow early visitors to see the flags on the graves of their loved ones. Eighty-two flags were placed at St. Paul's Cemetery; eighty-six flags at Grace Cemetery; forty-three flags at Richland Cemetery; four at Wade Cemetery and two at Lookout Cemetery. Auxiliary members assisting with the placement of the flags included Cinda Held, Charlene Telgmann, Skylar Vonderheide, Diana Vonderheide, Jamie Brown, Holly Giertz and Linda Oakley, and Junior members Abby, Anna, Aubrey, Adeline Brown and Shae Vonderheide. Also assisting were Riddick Reed and Ed Held.

In photo L to R: Cinda Held, Abby Brown, Linda Oakley, Aubrey Brown, Skylar Vonderheide holding Riddick Reed, Diana Vonderheide, Shae Vonderheide, Adeline Brown, Jamie Brown, Anna Brown, Charlene Telgmann, and Holly Giertz.



Shelton Wins State 4-H Public Speaking Contest

Zach Shelton recently took home first place in the State 4-H Public Speaking Contest, in the Illustrated Beginner Division. Zach, age 13, will be in 8th grade at Stew-Stras this fall. He is the son of Lisa and Brian Shelton of Strasburg. His topic was "Mascots" and he talked about unique and interesting college mascots, as well as the 4-H four leaf clover and its meaning. Zach highlighted his favorite college, Purdue University Boilermakers.

The event was held at Parkland College in Champaign and there were 21 other participants in his division. Zach is thankful to the many people who helped him practice at both school and home. Congratulations, Zach!



AMERICAN LEGION POSTS CONDUCTED FLAG DISPOSAL CEREMONY

As per item Section 176 (k) of the United States Flag Code, "the flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

On Tuesday, June 14, Flag Day, members of two American Legion Posts, Liberty Post #289, Strasburg and Garrett - Baldridge Post #725, Windsor, conducted a flag disposal ceremony at the Veterans' Memorial in Strasburg. These two American Legion Posts hold this disposal ceremony every year, rotating the ceremony between Windsor and Strasburg.

Members of the community were asked to save their unserviceable flags and give them to any American Legion member in Strasburg or take to the Village Office in Strasburg on Monday, Wednesday or Thursdays, or place in the container in front of the Legion Post in Windsor. Over 200 flags were disposed of in this dignified ceremony.





Strasburg Community Action Network News

Join SCAN at their next quarterly meeting on June 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Strasburg Community Center

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.

Little Hatchets Soccer



Little Hatchets Soccer is being offered again for the 3rd year. Games will be played at the Strasburg Park on Sunday afternoon September 11-October 9 at 1, 2, and 3 p.m. Grade levels are Pre-K4/K, 1st/2nd, and 3rd/4th grade. Children must be age 4 by September 1, 2022. There will be two or three age groups depending on the number of registered players.

A registration form is located on the Strasburg website – www.strasburgil.com and is due by July 1. Like our Facebook page “Little Hatchets Sports Club” for updates to scheduling. Contact MaRanda McClain 217.343.7879 or Brittany Kaufman 217.259.1339 if you have any questions.

Little Hatchets Flag Football

Flag football is coming to Strasburg this fall. This program is for students attending Stew-Stras, Trinity Lutheran and Windsor who will be going into 5th/6th grade. Games will be played at the Strasburg Park on Sunday afternoons September 11 through October 9 (5 games). **There will be a flag football camp prior to the season starting.**



The teams will consist of 5-9 players, depending upon the number of registered players. Players wear flags that hang along their sides by a belt. To “tackle” the person in possession of the ball, the opposing team needs to pull one or both of their flags off.

A registration form is located on the Strasburg website – www.strasburgil.com and is due by July 1. Like the “Little Hatchets Sports Club” Facebook page for updates to scheduling: Little Hatchets Sports Club.

Organizer Josh Layton, a former high school football player, is excited to be able to offer flag football in this area. He is looking for volunteers to help with games and no experience is needed. Contact Josh with questions or to volunteer 217.273.7954.

Both Little Hatchets Soccer and Flag Football programs are sponsored by the Strasburg Community Action Network

Enjoy watching a ball game at the park! Ball diamond schedule through June:

June 18th Saturday Strasburg 9:30 am PreK-2nd
 June 21st Tuesday Jr. High Strasburg 3 vs Arthur 1 6:00 pm
 June 23rd Thursday Jr. High Strasburg 1 vs Arcola 2 6:00 pm
 June 25th Saturday Strasburg 9:30 am PreK-2nd
 June 28th Tuesday Jr. High Strasburg 2 vs Tri-County 6:30 pm
 June 30th Thursday Jr. High Strasburg 1 vs Arthur 2 6:00 pm

Strasburg Lions Club 66th Homecoming

July 15, 16 & 17, 2022



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, July 15

Evening

4:30 pm FOOD STAND Ribeye, Pork BBQ

Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Applesauce

6:00 Beer Garden Open

7:00 - 10:00 CAPTAIN RAT

Saturday, July 16

Morning

8:30 am 5K Walk/Run (register 7:30-8:15)

11:00 am Outfield Food Stand Opens

Tractor and Truck Weigh In.

12:00 Noon. Tractor Pull Begins.

5:00 pm Kids Games

6:00 pm Pedal Tractor Pull

31 years for the Kids.

Inflatable Bounce Houses All Day.

Sunday, July 17

11:00 am Outfield Food Stand Opens.

1:00 pm PARADE

Parade starts at old trestle and ends at Park.

Bits & Pieces



Left: Work has been in progress on grain storage tanks at the Effingham Equity Elevator in Strasburg.

Below: Flowerpots at the park next to the Looking for Lincoln Storyboard



Village Notices Recent Housing Boom

Right: A second story addition has been added to this gnome house located on the east side of the village.

Below: A multi-family dwelling was constructed on the northwest side of town.

(It is assumed all building permits are in order.)

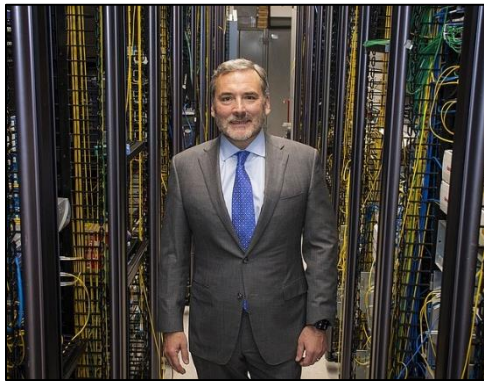


Brielle and Finn Friese pose behind the Strasburg Gnome sign at the annual Lions Club Chicken Fry at the park in June



Right: New concrete was poured recently at Grace Lutheran Church. The church will be celebrating their 125th anniversary this year.





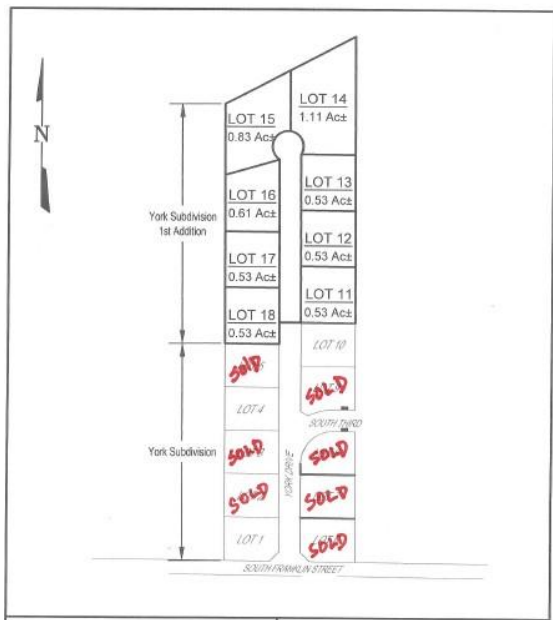
“Tony Thomas, CEO of Windstream, hopes to provide affordable broadband connections to all Arkansans.”

Tony Thomas is the son of Terry and Dot Thomas of Strasburg. Tony is a graduate of Stewardson-Strasburg High School and the University of Illinois. He married his high school sweetheart Audra Manhart and they celebrated their 25th anniversary last year.

Thomas oversees 11,000 employees in 18 states and manages the nation’s fifth-largest fiber network, the optical leader in North America. His journey from being a college business major to being the

CEO of Windstream is no small feat.

Read the full story about former Strasburg resident Tony Thomas in the 4/8/22 edition of the Arkansas Democrat Gazette. <https://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2022/apr/24/anthony-wayne-thomas/>



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.

We Remember~

Betty M. Stremming, 85 (March 22, 1937 – May 20, 2022)

Betty, of Strasburg, IL, formerly of Windsor, was born in Lovington, IL, the daughter of Clem and Maurine (McKown) Buxton. She graduated from Sullivan High School in the Class of 1955. She married Maurice “Spud” Luce on September 28, 1962, and they had two children, Mark and Debra.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Spud, on July 7, 1978. She married Robert Stremming on March 2, 1991, and they were married for over thirty years. Betty was an excellent cook and was known for her pies. She was a member of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Strasburg, and a former and charter member of Faith Lutheran Church in Sullivan, IL.



Betty is survived by her husband, Robert; son, Mark Luce and wife Melissa of Strasburg, IL; daughter, Debra Luce of Sussex, WI; stepsons, Dennis Stremming and wife Mary of Mahomet, IL, and Douglas Stremming and wife Amy of Strasburg, IL; and six grandchildren.

GOOD CLEAN AMERICAN FUN

CAPTAIN RAT AND THE BLIND RIVETS IN STRASBURG! DON'T MISS IT!

**Friday, July 15, from 7-10 p.m. at the Strasburg Park during the
Lions Club Homecoming**

Have you witnessed the spectacle of grown men singing, dancing and playing, telling jokes, transforming entire crowds into happy, dancing fun monsters? Well, welcome to the wonderful world of **CAPTAIN RAT AND THE BLIND RIVETS!**

CAPTAIN RAT AND THE BLIND RIVETS puts on a high energy 50's and 60's rock'n'roll show, bursting with humor and satire. Great American Music, and a festival of fun-fun-fun for everyone! They have been legends since 1980 for their boffo stage show, featuring props, silly hats, funny faces, zany antics, and of course, great rock'n'roll expertly performed.



Specializing in American music of the era: The Monkees, Elvis, Turtles, the Ventures- the band chooses the right song for each moment from a repertoire of over 400 vintage oldies, fast and slow songs from the greatest era in American popular music. Based in Champaign, Illinois, since 1980, **CAPTAIN RAT AND THE BLIND RIVETS** is consistently voted best regional band.



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