

# GNOME NEWS

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STRASBURG  
Right in the Middle of Everything  
2013 WINNER  
GOVERNOR'S  
HOME TOWN AWARD

## Important Dates

Saturday, Sept. 19 – Shortstop  
11<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary, Page 6

Friday, Sept. 25 – Lions Club  
Village Wiener Roast, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 26 – Fall Village  
Wide Rummage Sales

Tuesday, Sept. 29 – SCAN  
Quarterly Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 30 – SS Area  
Seasoned Citizens, Noon

Friday, Oct. 30 – Halloween Soup  
Supper & Parade, Page 7

Sunday, Nov. 1 (New date) –  
Christmas Auction, American  
Legion. Face masks and hand  
sanitizer will be provided.

### Strasburg Gnome News

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### VILLAGE OF STRASBURG

Monthly Board meetings 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Monday at 6:30 p.m.

Office Hours Mon., Wed.,  
Thur. 8 a.m.-Noon & 1-4 p.m.  
Phone 217-644-3007  
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## Message from the Mayor

### Good News!

#### **The village board is beginning procedures to open the north end of York Acres subdivision!**

Before we begin to install utilities, we would like to sell some lots. The plat for phase 2 lots is being drawn up now, but if you are interested in buying a lot, give Linda a call and let her know. As soon as we have a plat map, we will get back to you. There are lots available in both phase 1 and phase 2.



#### **Do you know someone who should be recognized for their volunteer work in the village? Send a letter of recommendation to the village office by November 15. Volunteer award will be announced in December.**

There are five seats up for election on the Village board in April. Four board positions and Village President will be on the ballot. If interested, come to some meetings to see how we meet and the issues we deal with. The Village board meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month. Petitions will be available beginning September 22 which need to be returned by December.

We are all anxious for things to get back to normal, but if it takes a while remember to wear a mask when asked and monitor your health to protect the health of others. Enjoy the Fall and God be with you all.

Cinda Held, Village President

*Let's all remember to keep Strasburg...Right in the Middle of Everything.*

Nomination Packets for Village President and Trustees for the Village of Strasburg will be available in the Village Office during normal office hours. First day to circulate petitions is September 22, 2020. Nominations are being sought for the following: Village President –4-year term; Trustees – (1) 2-year unexpired term and (3) 4-year terms. First day to file completed petition is Monday, December 14, 2020 at 8 a.m. in the Village Office. Last day of filing is Monday, December 21, 2020 at 5 p.m.

## Back to School at Stew-Stras & Trinity Lutheran Schools

### Stewardson-Strasburg Schools (Pre-School-12<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Cody McCollum, high school principal, reports that Stewardson-Strasburg Schools has purchased a program called Pixellot. Pixellot is a leading sports media company that offers automatic production solutions for videoing school events. Pixellot livestreams the events so people can watch no matter where they are at. Pixellot is providing our community one more way to stay connected with events that are taking place within the school.



New Teachers L-R include:

**Courtney Wittenberg**, who has been with the district but now is teaching half day as a Junior High Reading Teacher  
**Jenna Layton**, teaching second grade  
**Brett Harmeier**, teaching high school PE, Driver's Education and HS Varsity Baseball Coach

The fall sports teams have been playing. This includes JH Baseball, JH Softball and HS Baseball. Additional information can be found online at [www.stew-stras.org](http://www.stew-stras.org) or on the Stew-Stras Schools Facebook page.

### Trinity Lutheran School (Pre-school – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)



team is off to a great start with a few meets under their belts already. We also have several students playing with the Stew-Stras/Windsor Co-op Softball and Baseball teams!

The included pictures are of our cross-country team after the Shelbyville meet and of the 3rd/4th grade classroom during our weekly 'Flashlight Friday' reading time!

Hello from Trinity Lutheran School in Stewardson! We are excited to be back! We would like to welcome back all of our teachers and families from last year, as well as a few new families! We are learning how to have school in a different way, but we are excited to be learning in person! Our cross-country





## Strasburg Lions Club Homecoming Results & Fun from July 17-19

### Strasburg Gnomecoming 5K

#### Female Open Winners

1. Mya Friese, age 11

#### Female 13 & Under

1. Kalia Friese, age 9

#### Female 20-29

1. Chelsea Greuel, age 29
2. Nikki Helton, age 29

#### Female 30-39

1. Lindsay Altgilbers, age 36
2. Beth Kircher, age 35
3. Elizabeth Clark, age 37

#### Female 40-49

1. Lauren Miller, age 40
2. Dawn Meinhart, age 46

#### Female 50 & Over

1. Julie Williamson, age 57

#### Male Open Winners

1. Dale Righter, age 53

#### Male 13 & Under

1. Ryan Lawyer, age 13

#### Male 14-19

1. Parker Perrine, age 19
2. Tim Lawyer, age 18

#### Male 20-29

1. Josh O'Brien, age 25
2. Mark Devall, age 26
3. Jason Smith, age 27
4. Trevor Walk, age 25

#### Male 40-49

1. Steve Kull, age 47
2. Kurt Friese, age 41

#### Male 50 & Over

1. Joseph Petty, age 57
2. Kenneth Miller, age 53
3. Race Reed, age 58
4. Brad Keck, age 51
5. Ivan Fink, age 70
6. Michael Fought, age 71
7. James Ewing, age 65



### Parade and Fun





## Strasburg Homecoming Results continued

The 2020 homecoming was also overall a great success. All three days of the event held unique offerings, such as a fish fry dinner, a parade, the annual tractor pull, pedal tractor pull and kids games, and a new event – golf cart races.

Local Winners in the Lions Tractor Pull. The pull had more than 185 hooks.

### 9700# Farm Stock 6 mph & under

1<sup>st</sup> Ted Kessler, Strasburg

3<sup>rd</sup> Christian Kessler, Strasburg

### 5500# Farm Stock 4 mph & under

1<sup>st</sup> Rick Vonderheide, Stewardson

### 6500# Farm Stock 4 mph & under

1<sup>st</sup> Ted Kessler, Strasburg

2<sup>nd</sup> Rick Vonderheide, Stewardson

### 8500# Farm Stock 4 mph & under

1<sup>st</sup> Christian Kessler, Strasburg

3<sup>rd</sup> Ted Kessler, Strasburg

### 10,700# Farm Stock 6 mph & under

2<sup>nd</sup> Rich Shumard, Stewardson

3<sup>rd</sup> Roger Kessler, Stewardson

### 12,000# Farm Stock 6 mph & under

3<sup>rd</sup> Gene Warner, Stewardson

### 20,000# Semi Truck

1<sup>st</sup> Jordan Jones & Dalton Storm, Strasburg

### Barnyard Braggin Rights

1<sup>st</sup> Todd Ohnesorge, Stewardson

2<sup>nd</sup> Jake Baumgarten, Stewardson

3<sup>rd</sup> Ted Kessler, Strasburg



## Kids Games





## Strasburg Homecoming Results continued

The Homecoming ended with golf cart races on Sunday afternoon. A nice crowd was on hand to watch this new event inspired by Lion John Wittenberg. Pit crew members worked hard to simulate filling the gas tank, washing windshields and checking tires. Several “fun” races were held after the main competition.

### Team Results

- 1<sup>st</sup> John Beldon
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Josh Layton
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jordan Jones
- 4<sup>th</sup> Kay Dust
- 5<sup>th</sup> Mark Yates

Best & Most Active Pit  
Crew:  
Kay's Kart Crew





The Shelby County State Bank-Strasburg Branch is receiving many compliments after the exterior of the building received a new paint job this summer. Below are some before and after photos of the building. Nate Wascher, Assistant Vice President and Strasburg Branch Manager, commented, "The lighter color gives us a chance to complement the remodeled community building and can help hide the dust, especially during fall harvest. Karla, Lisa and Sue did a nice job of picking out the colors. The building was first pressure washed by Andy Cole of Windsor. The painting was done by Johnson Painting, and the paint and supplies were purchased from Stewardson Building Supply."



## **Strasburg Short Stop/Subway** **Customer Appreciation** **& 11 years of serving** **the Community** **Celebration**

**Saturday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 1pm**

**Free Hamburger, Hotdog, Cake, Tea, Lemonade**  
**Prize Give Away (Adult and Child)**

**Gas discount 10 cents a gallon off current day's price**

### **Marathon Specials**

**\$1.99 Pizza hunk**

**\$1.00 20oz Fountain drink**

### **Subway Specials**

**\$2.00 6" sub**

## **Illinois Fiber Connect**

Update on our fiber plans in Strasburg.

Currently we have 35% of the town signed up, which means we are only 15% away from our goal of 50%, which means that once we hit that target, we will bring YOU fiber internet.

Most of you have submitted interest but haven't officially signed up. If you are unsure, call our office at (217) 925-4321 and we will check for you. For more information go to: [www.awesomefiber.com](http://www.awesomefiber.com)

If you are not signed up, we can sign you up just by telling us which service you'd like!

Note- This only includes inside city limits of Strasburg at this time, but once we finish, we will be able to expand to the rural areas. Help us bring fiber internet to YOUR community!

Gnorman, the Strasburg Traveling Gnome, visits old friends and new



S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.



S. Walnut



Locust St.

## Remembering

Janet M. Culver, 69 (October 31, 1950 - August 6, 2020)

Janet Marie Culver, of Strasburg, IL, passed away Thursday, August 6, 2020. Janet was born in Effingham and graduated from North Clay High School. Janet married Charles Wayne Culver Nov. 19, 1971 in Stewardson. She worked at the Strasburg Post Office as Postmaster relief and also worked in the kitchen for the Stew-Stras School District. She was a member of the Strasburg United Methodist Church and enjoyed embroidering, making baby blankets and sending cards and letters. She is survived by her husband, daughter Ann Doedtman (David) and brother William "Bill" Walker (Jean) of Strasburg.



## Upcoming Village Events and Changes

### Annual Strasburg Community Wiener Roast – Friday, Sept. 25 – 6 p.m. – Strasburg Park

The Lions Club will furnish the hot dogs, buns, chips, beans, condiments, drinks and marshmallows. Community members may feel free to bring a side dish to be shared. A hayride will end the evening. All Strasburg area residents are invited to attend. Bring your lawn chair to enjoy sitting around the fire.



The annual **Halloween Soup Supper and Parade**, hosted by the Strasburg American Legion and American Auxiliary will be held Friday, October 30. Look for changes to the format to be announced soon.

### The October SCAN Car Show has been cancelled.

The **SCAN Santa Brigade Breakfast and Market** is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 14. Event Chair, MaRanda McClain, is looking for crafter and vendors for the Market. Contact her at 217.343.7879 to reserve booth space.

**Start Cleaning out your Closets! Strasburg Town Wide Rummage Sales Saturday, September 26**



## York Acres Expanding Subdivision

The Village Board will be opening the north end of York Acres subdivision and more lots will be for sale.

The lots are in the process of being drawn up and then a plat map of the lots will be available at Village Hall.

The cost of the lots is yet to be determined, however, anyone interested in purchasing a lot in the 1<sup>st</sup> or new addition should contact the village office for details.

Phone 217.644.3007



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## PULLING FOR PAULA BENEFIT TRACTOR PULL

Monday, September 7, 2020 @ 12 Noon  
Strasburg, IL City Park

### CLASSES & PULL ORDER

9700# Farm Stock\*, 6 mph, 414 CI  
5500# Farm Stock\*, 4 mph  
6500# Stock Pickup\*\*\*  
6500# Farm Stock\*, 4 mph  
8500# Farm Stock\*, 4 mph  
10,700# Farm Stock\*, 6 mph  
6500# Modified Pickup\*\*\*  
11,000# Farm Stock\*, 6 mph, 6 cylinder only  
10,000# ISPA (Sanctioned)  
1050 55 Garden Tractor  
7200# modified pickup\*\*\*  
14,000# Barnyard, 5 mph  
20,000# +/- Barnyard, 5mph  
12,500# Farm Blower\*\*, 8 mph  
12,000# Farm Stock\*, 6 mph  
12,500# Farm Blower\*\*, 12 mph  
12,000# ISPA (Sanctioned)  
12,500# Farm Blower\*\*, no speed limit  
14,000# Farm Blower\*\*, 8 mph  
8,000# Street Diesel Pickup\*\*\*  
14,000# Farm Blower\*\*, 12 mph  
20,000\*\*\*\* Semi truck  
14,000# Farm Blower\*\*, no speed limit  
20,000\*\*\*\*Semi Truck



Paula Jones Benefit Tractor Pull

On August 14, Paula Jones was diagnosed with brain and lung cancer. After a successful brain surgery on August 18, Paula is at home recovering. Once fully healed from surgery, Paula will begin the process to eliminate the other cancer. Paula is a 1974 graduate of SSHS and along with husband, Ron, live in Strasburg. Kids are Jordan, Nikki (Chris) Demick, and Liz (Kenzy) Fitzgerald

Weigh-In Starts at 11 AM  
Entry Fee: \$30

All Hook Fees and Proceeds will be donated to the Paula Jones Benefit Fund.

Entries must be signed in before class starts.  
Digital MPH & Distance Board.  
Unlimited hooks as long as puller has paid.  
NA's in NA Classes.  
Blower's in Blower Classes Only.  
Portable Scales at Pull Site.

ILLINOIS SLED COMPANY WILL BE USED AND IS DONATING TIME AND USAGE.

Judges decision final.  
For more information, contact:  
Lion Denny Wirth: 217-254-6628  
Larry Montgomery: 217-

\*Farm Stock Classes: N/A Farm Stock Rules Apply  
\*\*CITP RPM limits and rules based on Sigel Rules for the 8 mph & 12 mph and under Farm Blower Classes. Central IL Brush Puller rules apply to 8 mph and over Farm Blower Classes  
\*\*\*Southern IL trucker puller rules will be used for all trucks.  
\*\*\*\*Semi Trucks: No Sanctioned Trucks. XLT semi rules apply

### Info on Classes:

Farm Stock: Chuck Hoene 217-663-3768  
CIBP: Andy Jansen 217-254-5836 Gene Deters: 217-254-2345  
Southern IL Truck Pullers: Seth Swanson: 618-240-0651  
Semi's: Zac 217-821-3485 Paul: 217-259-4151

Strasburg Lions Club will be serving Pork Burger and Hamburger meals with drinks. Profits go to Paula Jones Benefit Fund.  
No cover charge to enter, but a "pass the hat" will be done throughout the pull with proceeds going to Paula Jones Benefit fund.



Hosted by the Strasburg Lions Club  
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## Strasburg Legion Auxiliary announces scholarship and essay winners

The Strasburg American Legion Auxiliary Liberty Unit 289 has awarded scholarships to students. Jack Burton was awarded the \$500 returning-to-school scholarship and Rachel Kessler received the \$500 scholarship for graduating seniors from the Mary Anderson Memorial Scholarship. Wyatt Smith was awarded the Department Mildred Knoles Scholarship, and Todd Layton was awarded the Edna Mae Unfer PPP Scholarship.

Ellie Wittenberg won third place on the District level for the Americanism Essay contest.