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STRASBURG
Right! IN THE MIDDLE OF EVERYTHING.
2013 WINNER
GOVERNOR'S
HOME TOWN AWARD

Important Dates

Sat., May 6 – Main Street

Makeover. 8-11 a.m.

Wed., May 24 – 150th Anniversary

Meeting. 6:30 p.m. Comm Center.

May 26 & 27 – Poppy Days ALA

Sat., May 27 - Village Wide

Rummage Sales. 7 a.m.; 150th Bake

Sale Fundraiser. Comm Center. (P6)

Mon., May 29 – 11 a.m. Memorial

Day Service at Veterans Memorial.

Program & Meal. LEO Club (P2)

Wed., May 31 – SS Seasoned

Citizens meet. Noon. Comm Ctr.

Thur., Jun. 1 – Berries & Burgers.

4:30-6:30 p.m. Comm Center. (P4)

Sat., Jun. 3 - Lions Club Annual

Chicken Fry. 4 p.m. Village Park. (P4)

Wed., June 14 - Flag disposal

ceremony at Strasburg. Strasburg &

Windsor American Legion Posts.

Jun. 19-23 - Vacation Bible School.

9-11:30 a.m. St. Paul's Church.

Tue., Jun. 20 – 6:30 p.m. SCAN

Quarterly meeting. Comm Center

VILLAGE OF STRASBURG

Monthly Board meetings 3rd
Monday at 6:30 p.m.

Office Hours Mon., Wed.,
Thur. 8 a.m.-Noon & 1-4 p.m.

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Message from the Mayor

It's a beautiful Spring morning, I can see the sun coming up in the east. Oh wait, it's 29 degrees and frost on the ground. It's got to warm up.

We've mowed our yard twice now, so it is time for everyone to rake leaves from the ditch, mow and pick up winter sticks. Don't forget you can take your sticks out to the lagoon for burning. Ron has done a good job of keeping the pile down.

The village has begun plans for the Park renovation. We will finalize the pavilion plan this week and hopefully begin construction at the end of July. A list of the committee members is in this issue. If you would like to help with any of these committees, let me know.

Spring softball and baseball games are beginning at the park. **Look for the schedule in this issue.**

The bridge at the park is being renovated. Jack Holland of Stewardson and his boy scout troop are doing the project. Jack is working on his Eagle Scout badge. They have done a good job and should finish in May.

The Village has received some new stand-alone playground equipment for younger children. It should be installed in the next few weeks. The equipment was purchased with funds from the Foundation. **Main Street Makeover is May 6.** If you have some time that morning, come up to the park and there will be something for you to do. Work is not hard with many hands to help.

Only 33% of residents have responded to having Fiber come to Strasburg. You are not committed to anything by showing interest in fiber. Your home's resale value increases \$4000 if fiber is available to that property. Even if you don't use it now, new buyers will want that option. In May, Wabash will be going to those residences who have not shown interest in fiber.

Some of you have seen the Red Fox roaming the east side of town. After discussion at our board meeting, we have decided to let her stay until her pups are old enough, then she will take them to the country. If she becomes aggressive or you feel threatened, please call me and I will call the authorities.

Until Linda is back in the office, Lisa Rincker will be there Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:30 to 12:00. Just a note: With days getting nicer, more children are out playing, please drive safely in town and let's...



Cinda Held

Keep Strasburg Right! In the Middle of Everything!

Strasburg Lions Club Activities



Above: Lions receive awards for years of service in the Lions Club from DG Scott Friese.

Front row: Otto Rincker, Scott Friele, Gary Kull, Larry Giertz, Gary Schultz

Back row: Mark Luce, Rick Wallace, Dean Keller, Dennis Wirth, Jim Weiss, Gary Wirth, Justin Krile, Jay Vogel and Diane Jack



Above Right: M-1 District Governor Scott Friele installs Cohen Collins as new Lions Member with sponsor Jane Giertz looking on.

Left: Kenzie Zwilling, Otto Rincker and Diane Jack are ready to serve at the Fish Fry in March.



Right: These five LEOs spent a day at the Mary Bryant Home for the Blind in Springfield doing volunteer work and entertaining the residents.

L-R: Morgan Mathis, Halle Moomaw, Gabby Vonderheide, Maddie Rincker, Anna Albert

Memorial Day Celebration

Sponsored by

Strasburg Lions "LEO" Club

The Strasburg Lions "LEO" club would again like to invite you this year to help us celebrate the heroics and sufferings of our community and surrounding area's service men and woman. We are having a Memorial Day Celebration honoring those that have served at home and abroad, currently and from the past. The event will be held on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29th, in front of the Veterans Memorial in Strasburg.

The program will start at 11:00 am and last about an hour. Lunch will be served after the program by the Strasburg Lions Club. Everyone is invited to stay and eat with each service person in attendance eating free.

This is an outdoor event so please bring your lawn chairs as seating will be limited.



The Lions will be serving food April 29 & 30
at Vahling Vineyards & Winery
SPRING FEST

<https://vahlingvineyards.com/events/>.



News and Activities

SCAN 2023-24 Officers L-R: *Stephanie Kinkley-Secretary, Jane Giertz-Vice President, MaRanda McClain-President, Brittany Kaufman-Treasurer*

Next Quarterly SCAN Meeting: Tuesday, June 20, 6:30 p.m., Community Center. Everyone is invited to attend.

Thank you to outgoing SCAN officer, Doug Quast, for serving as president the past two years and several year-s as Vice President.



SCAN Monthly Gnome Give-Away begins in May

Spring has sprung and village gnomes are taking their places outdoors. Each month from **May to July** one village resident will win a free Garden Gnome, compliments of the **Strasburg Community Action Network**. You don't need to do anything to win. A random winner will be chosen each month and announced on the Strasburg Facebook page, the monthly sewer bill insert, and the bi-monthly Gnome News. Maybe you will be a lucky winner!

May Gnome winner

Kyle and Michelle Knop are winners of the Strasburg Community Action Network May gnome giveaway! Kyle and Michelle are both Stew-Stras High School graduates. They moved to Strasburg in 1989 and built their current home in 1997. Kyle is retired from a teaching career at Cowden-Herrick Schools in 2021 and Michelle is a travel agent for Travel B. They have two grown daughters, Kayla and Kendall, who are married to Josh and Justin. They also are proud grandparents to Brantley and Whitlee.

Kyle and Michelle are thankful for good neighbors and enjoy the cleanliness of their small town. When daughter Kendall became afflicted with severe health problems last year, they appreciated how much people cared and reached out to them. They are thankful for their church and all the local communities (including Strasburg, Stewardson, Cowden, Herrick, Windsor, Beecher City and others) who have supported their daughter. Kyle and Michelle are looking forward to attending a wedding in Colorado this summer.



Kyle and Michelle Knop with their new gnome and beloved pet, Bella

Little Hatchet Sports Teams meet four times in March

Over eighty Pre-K to 4th grade students practiced skills in volleyball, basketball, soccer, and softball/baseball at the Little Hatchets Sports Club. Thank you to all the volunteers who donated their time and talents and helped make this another successful event!

S-S Seasoned Citizens are once again meeting monthly. If you are 55 or older, you are welcome to join us on the last Wednesday of each month at noon at the Community Center for a good meal and a couple of hours of fun. Hope to see you soon. **Our next meeting is May 31.**



Join SCAN for their next Quarterly Meeting on Tuesday, June 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Strasburg Community Center

Berries and Burgers

Thursday, June 1
4:30-6:30 p.m.



Strasburg Community Center

To Go Available!

Strawberry Shortcake
Pork Burgers
Hot Dogs

Proceeds to benefit community
improvements

Brought to you by SCAN



Little Hatchets Summer Dance Program
June 15-July 13 with a performance on final night
For Fall Grade Level 1-4
Sign up now! Sponsored by SCAN

S.C.A.N presents

"Main Street Makeover"



Saturday, May 6th
8:00 to 11:00 am

Meet at the Strasburg Park North Pavilion

Volunteers Needed to Help:

Set up and plant flower pots/boxes, sweep
sidewalks, pull weeds, spread mulch, pick
up sticks, spruce up the park, etc.

STRASBURG LIONS CLUB Chicken Fry

SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2023
4:00 P.M - 7:00 P.M.
STRASBURG VILLAGE PARK



Adults: \$12

Chicken (All You Can Eat) - potato salad,
coleslaw or applesauce

Children (10 and under): \$5

1 piece of chicken, applesauce, chips

Drinks included: Tea, Lemonade, or Water

LITTLE HATCHETS SUMMER DANCE PROGRAM

Sponsored by Strasburg Community Action Network

Open to Stew-Stras District/Trinity students entering 1-4th grade
in 2023. Program will offer lots of variety in dance and
movement. We will use fun and upbeat music and learn a
routine with culmination of a performance! No experience
necessary.

Child's Name: _____

Grade level fall 2023: 1st/2nd 3rd/4th

Parent name(s) _____

Address: _____

Phone # and e-mail: _____

Shirt size: YXS YS YM YL AS AM AL
AXL

Cost: \$20 includes a t-shirt (to be worn at the performance)

Equipment required: Shorts, Tennis shoes, water
bottle. (recommended not required)

Practices will be Thursdays 6-7 p.m. at St. Paul's Church
Thursday, June 15-Thursday, July 13
Performance on final evening, Thursday, July 13

Please return form(s) by **May 15, 2023** to:
Lisa Shumard-Shelton, PO Box 246, Strasburg, IL 62465 or scan/snap
picture of form and email: shumard_shelton@hotmail.com with the
subject Little Hatchets Dance Program

Make checks payable to: **SCAN**
PLEASE FILL OUT A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH CHILD
Questions? Call/text 217-690-6606 or email the address above

All children must have a parent/guardian liability waiver signed at the first
practice.

ALA 68th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The 68th Annual East Egg Hunt sponsored by Liberty Unit #289 of the American Legion Auxiliary was held Saturday, April 8, 2023, with 60 children ages Toddler through Third Grade participating.

The Easter Bunny made an appearance and pictures were taken that will remind the children of the wonderful experience that had. Parents, Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles thoroughly enjoyed watching each group as they picked up the candy that the Easter Bunny had left.

The first group to search was the Toddler. Auxiliary members weren't sure who had more fun, the children or the parents! When all the candy was found for that group, then the hunt moved on to the Pre-School age group. The children in that group filled their sacks, baskets, buckets with the various varieties of candy that the Easter Bunny had left for the Members of the American Legion Auxiliary to distribute. Then it was time for the the

Kindergarten and First Grade, followed by the Second and Third Grade group to load up their sacks, baskets and buckets. Each child came away with lots of candy to share with their parents and siblings!

Members of the Strasburg American Legion Auxiliary (Junior and Senior members) participating in the Easter Egg Hunt:

Jenna Layton holding Paige Layton, Charlene Telgmann, Jill Layton, Bonnie Lawrence, Becca Caldwell, Easter Bunny (Sarah Wyckoff), Caralea Smith, Anna Brown, Linda Oakley Abby Brown, Jamie Brown. Front row Harper Layton, Adeline Brown, Aubrey Brown.



ALA Announces Poppy Poster Contest Winners



This year Strasburg American Legion Auxiliary Liberty Unit #289 sponsored the Poppy Poster Contest, with 69 entries received from Stewardson-Strasburg School. The 1st place winners in each grade category were forwarded to the Department (State) for judging.

Winners were:

4th Grade, 1st Place Joseph Kresin, 2nd Place Jaclyn Eldred, 3rd Place Mason Overbeck

5th Grade, 1st Place Callie Holland, 2nd Place Zachary Probst, 3rd Place Johnny Richter

10th Grade, 1st Place McKenzi Vonderheide, 2nd Place Grace Carroll, 3rd Place Alaira Friesse

11th Grade, 1st Place Estephani Cuatzozon, 2nd Place Nathaniel Gracey, 3rd Place Maris Daniels

12th Grade, 1st Place Austin Wittenberg, 2nd Place Maddie Rincker, 3rd Place Mary Vonderheide

Special Needs 1st Place Destiny Weisheidell, 2nd Place Dennon Stremming, 3rd Place Jesse Schumate



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5th-Callie Holland

10th-McKenzi Vonderheide

11th-Estephani Cuatzozon

12th-Austin Wittenberg

Spec Needs-Destiny Weisheidell

Home Games at the Strasburg Park

April	Day	Opponent	Time	Team
April 29th	Sat	Strasburg	9 am	PreK-2 nd
May	Day	Opponent	Time	Team
May 2nd	Tues	Villa Grove	6 pm	4th & 5th Strasburg 1
May 4th	Thu	Arthur	6 pm	4th & 5th Strasburg 2
May 6th	Sat	Strasburg	9 am	PreK-2 nd
May 7th	Sun		2 pm	Smith's Baseball Team
May 8th	Mon	Strasburg 1 & 3	6 pm	Jr. High Strasburg 1 & 3
May 9th	Tues	Tuscola 2	6 pm	4th & 5th Strasburg 2
May 10th	Wed	Shelbyville 2	6 pm	Jr. High Strasburg 1
May 11th	Thu	Sullivan 1	6 pm	4th & 5th Strasburg 1
May 13th	Sat	Strasburg	9 am	PreK-2 nd
May 14th	Sun		2 pm	Smith's Baseball Team
May 15th	Mon	Okaw Valley	6 pm	Jr. High Strasburg 2
May 16th	Tues	Arcola	6 pm	4th & 5th Strasburg 2
May 17th	Wed	Atwood-Hammond	6 pm	Jr. High Strasburg 2
May 18th	Thu	Arthur	6 pm	Jr. High Strasburg 1
May 20th	Sat	Strasburg	9 am	PreK-2 nd
May 21st	Sun	Strasburg	1 pm	Barhard's Travel Team
May 22nd	Mon	Strasburg 2 & 3	6 pm	Jr. High Strasburg 2 & 3
May 23rd	Tues	Tri-County	6 pm	4th & 5th Strasburg 1
May 24th	Wed	Strasburg 1 & 2	6 pm	Jr. High Strasburg 1 & 2
May 25th	Thu	Tuscola 1	6 pm	4th & 5th Strasburg 2
May 30th	Tues	Altamont	6 pm	Jr. High Strasburg 1
May 31st	Wed	Neoga 3	6 pm	Jr. High Strasburg 3
June	Day	Opponent	Time	Team
June 1st	Thu	Sullivan 1	6 pm	4th & 5th Strasburg 2
June 3rd	Sat	Strasburg	9 am	PreK-2 nd
June 5th	Mon	Neoga 2	6 pm	Jr. High Strasburg 2
June 6th	Tues	Shelbyville 1	6 pm	Jr. High Strasburg 2
June 7th	Wed	Tuscola 1	6 pm	Jr. High Strasburg 3
June 10th	Sat	Strasburg	9 am	PreK-2 nd
June 12th	Mon	Tuscola 3	6 pm	Jr. High Strasburg 3
June 14th	Wed	Okaw Valley	6 pm	Jr. High Strasburg 3
June 17th	Sat	Strasburg	9 am	PreK-2 nd
June 19th	Mon	Okaw Valley	6 pm	Jr. High Strasburg 1
June 20th	Tues	Cowden	6 pm	Jr. High Strasburg 2
June 24th	Sat	Strasburg	9 am	PreK-2 nd

If you would like to help with any of these committees, contact the Village Office 217.644.3007.

Park Renovation Committees:

Pavilion-Cinda Held, Gary Kull, Justin Krile, Larry Giertz, John Cress

Ball Diamond-Kurt Frieze, Mitch Stewart

Tennis Court and Basketball Court – Dawn and Gerry Schlechte

Playground-Kristina Moore, Ian Kinkley

Walking Path-Maranda McClain, Jim Connell

Electrical-Jack Clark, Larry Giertz

Demolition-Bob Anderson, Jack Clark

**STRASBURG 150TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION JUNE 14, 15, 16, 2024**

Celebration will feature a carnival, stage entertainment, games, museum and much more!

Help is Needed!

NEXT MEETING: Wed., May 24

6:30 p.m., Community Center

Upcoming Fundraisers:

May 27 – Bake Sale

May-Sept – Quilt Raffle

July 14–Golf Ball Drop@Lions Homecoming

STRASBURG TOWN WIDE RUMMAGE SALES

SATURDAY, MAY 27, 7 A.M.

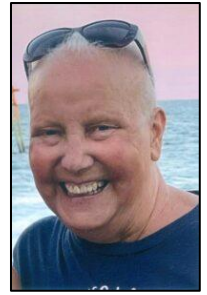
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~ We Remember ~

Paula M. Jones (66) of Strasburg, IL *(June 24, 1956 – March 22, 2023)*

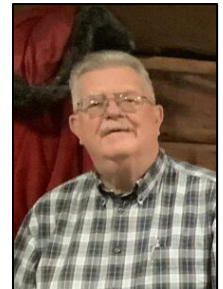
Paula was born on June 24, 1956 in Shelbyville, IL, the daughter of Paul and Marie (Duling) Boyer. She graduated from Stew-Stras High School in the Class of 1974. Paula worked at CASS' and then Krile Auction Service both in Strasburg, IL. She enjoyed being outdoors, watching truck and tractor pulls and caring for her lovable dog, "Pete".



She is survived by her daughters, Elizabeth Fitzgerald (Kenneth) of Effingham, IL and Nikki Daniels (Christopher) of Strasburg, IL; son, Jordan Jones (Breanne) of Wakefield, IL; sisters, Nancy Boyer of Strasburg, IL, Sue McIntyre (Gene) of Wilmington, NC, Linda Hubner (Jacques) of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL; Julia Bryan (Pat) of Evanston, IL and Marillee Piot (Jim) of Frisco, TX; brother, David Boyer (Diane) of Strasburg, IL; grandchildren, Paul Smith, Austin Smith, Wyatt Smith, Kenlee Fitzgerald and Kendyl Fitzgerald all of Effingham, IL and Marisa and Carrah Daniels both of Strasburg, IL; one great grandson, Aiden Smith; and MANY nieces and nephews that she loved dearly.

Noel K. Manhart (68) of Strasburg, IL *(November 27, 1954 – February 17, 2023)*

Noel was born on November 27, 1954 in Shelbyville, IL, the son of Edwin Ray and Ruth Foster (Anderson) Manhart. He graduated from Stewardson-Strasburg High School in the Class of 1972 and went on to attend the University of Illinois. Noel began working at the Manhart Dairy Farm and retired as the Manager of Mail List Services at World Color Press in Effingham, IL. Noel was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Strasburg, IL, and served as the caretaker for St. Paul Cemetery for many years. He enjoyed singing in the Coles County Barbershop Chorus, bird watching, mushroom hunting, storytelling, listening to all types of music and watching the Chicago Cubs and Fighting Illini. He married Katherine Eloise Boyer on June 14, 1996.

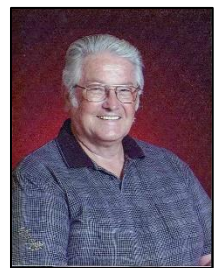


Noel is survived by his wife, Katherine; daughters, Emily Gilmore (Matthew) of Herrick, IL, Molly Manhart (Oscar Velasquez) of Los Angeles, CA, and Roxanna Manhart (Alex Parisien) of Minot, ND; son, Eric Morgensen (Tristalene) of Bremerton, WA; brothers, Fred Manhart (Janet) of Stewardson, IL, Paul Manhart (Carol) of Strasburg, IL, Peter Manhart (Karen) of Downs, IL, and Michael Manhart (Linda) of Moweaqua, IL; sister, Muriel Merriman of Stewardson, IL; sister-in-law, Oksana Manhart of Libertyville, IL; six grandchildren, River Gilmore, Parker Parisien, Spencer Morgensen, Max Morgensen, Cooper Morgensen, and Harmony Morgensen.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Carol Ann (Storm) Manhart; son, Joseph Gannaway; brother, James Manhart; and brother-in-law, James Merriman.

Robert L. "Bob" Adams (84) of Strasburg, IL *(October 1, 1938-April 4, 2023)*

Bob was born in Kirksville, the son of Cyril and Vera Mae (White) Adams. He was a hardworking man, dedicated to providing for his family. After graduating from Shelbyville High School in 1956, he worked for The Oliver Corporation in Shelbyville and later for World Color Press in Effingham. Bob was a man of deep faith, which was the foundation of his life. He was a faithful member of the New Horizons Church in St. Elmo, where he served the Lord and his community with devotion and passion. His unwavering belief in the goodness of the Lord was an inspiration to all who knew him. He enjoyed frequenting auctions, gardening, camping and spending time with his loved ones, creating memories that will be cherished forever.



Bob was a loving husband to his wife of 64 years, Kay of Strasburg, and together they built a beautiful life and family. He was a proud father to his four children: Tammy Benton of Lovington, Bobby Adams of Effingham, Sally (Jack) Ooton of Xenia, and David Adams of Strasburg. Bob's love extended to his eight grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.



You are invited to Vacation Bible School
June 19-23, 2023
9-11:30 a.m.

Hosted by: St. Paul's & Grace Lutheran Churches

Held at: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 511 S. Walnut St, Strasburg, IL

For ages 3 to those who will enter 7th grade in the fall

Adult Bible Class led by Rev. Whybrew & Virginia Vogel is available

Mission Project: Hayden Rensner, Missionary in the Czech Republic

To register, call the church 217.644.2661
Facebook-St. Paul's Lutheran Church Strasburg IL
Email stpaulcms@consolidated.net



**Boy Scouts repairing the Roger Kull bridge
at the Park in April**

L-R: Evan Petzing, Joe Holland, James Porter, Jack Holland,
Harrison Helmink, Andrew Petzing, and Greyson Foreman

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