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Important Dates

Jan. 9. LYF Soup Luncheon, 11-1 p.m., Trinity Church, Stewardson.

Jan. 25. SCAN Quarterly meeting, 6:30 p.m., Community Center.

Jan. 26. Seasoned Citizens, Noon, Community Center.

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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

Dec. 30, 2021

Happy New Year! By the time you read this, 2021 will have come and gone. As with every year it had its ups and downs. We look forward to this upcoming year with what good things will come. We always have hope.

Congratulations to Ian and Stephanie Kinkley on being named the 2021 Volunteers of the Year. Since they have moved back to the area, they have jumped right in to share their time and talents in being part of our community.

While many communities have been restricted in some of their activities, Strasburg has remained open and has kept on doing what we need to do. Here are some notable achievements from 2021:

- We have begun a fundraising campaign for renovation of the park and including all funds have raised around **\$120,000**. The Park is a great asset to our town and a gathering place for events and families. We hope to see this amount continue to grow so that construction can begin. One way to give is through the Foundation and earmarking it for the park fund.
- Several projects have been funded through grants from the Strasburg foundation board including the new Disk Golf course around the edge of the Ball Diamond. Hopefully some disk golf events will be held in the coming year. Thank you to Nick Oller and Ian Kinkley in applying for that grant.
- Through this same grant, the Lions purchased new basketball goals for the park which are now in place and being used.
- A new house was built in York Acres and is now for sale.
- The second phase of York Acres is open and lots are for sale for \$5,000. Contact the Village office for more information.
- The old Doc Schroeder building is gone. We welcome Josh Porter and his automotive repair business to town this year.
- If you haven't noticed, The Equity is doing major construction of their business also, so things are happening in Strasburg.

Fiber Optics is still a viable option for the village. If you have not signed up with Illinois Fiber Connect yet to indicate your interest, you can still do that. Visit their website for more information.

The village board continues to look for ways that help Strasburg move forward. The Village thanks the community for its support and for making this a safe and great place to live and raise a family. I wish you a Happy and Healthy 2022.

Cinda Held, Village President

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



Strasburg Park restoration project receives early Christmas gift



L to R - Aaron Johnson VP CoBank, Jim Connell Village Trustee, Justin Krile Park Committee, Linda Oakley Village Clerk, Robert Anderson Trustee, Jim Matlock COO Shelby Electric Cooperative, Gary Kull Park Committee

Christmas came early for the Village of Strasburg as representatives from Shelby Electric Cooperative and CoBank presented the village with not only a symbolic check, but an actual check for \$10,000. A few trustees and fund-raising committee members were also on hand. The cooperative donated \$10,000 to the park renovation fund that included a match from CoBank as part of their sharing success program.

The village is trying to raise money to renovate their park in time for their 150th anniversary coming up in 2024.

Linda Oakley, Village Clerk was very excited and very enthusiastic of the donation. "It is great to see Shelby Electric Cooperative step up and help out smaller communities like this and we really appreciate their donation. It was like getting an early Christmas gift," exclaimed Oakley.

"While we appreciate the acknowledgements when the cooperative is able to help out in some small

way, it is about the project, the town, and the people in those towns - it isn't about us, said cooperative spokesperson Kevin Bernson". "It was great and really, FUN!, to visit with them this morning and present them with the donation," continued Bernson.

CoBank has been able to donate 56 million since the inception of Sharing Success program in 2012 and Shelby Electric Cooperative has been able to hand out \$115,000 to area groups with the CoBank match. "For the cooperative, it is actually one of the core principles of being a cooperative ... commitment to community," concluded Bernson.

CoBank, headquartered just outside Denver Colorado, is a member of the Farm Credit System, a nationwide network of banks and retail lending institutions chartered to support the borrowing needs of U.S. agriculture, rural infrastructure, and rural communities.

Shelby Electric Cooperative (SEC), headquartered in Shelbyville, is a member of Touchstone Energy — a national alliance of local, consumer-owned electric cooperatives providing high standards of service to members large and small. More than 700 Touchstone Energy cooperatives in 46 states deliver energy and energy solutions to more than 30 million members every day. SEC is committed to providing superior service based on four core principles: integrity, accountability, innovation and commitment to community. The co-op serves more than 10,000 meters over 2,203 miles of line in parts of Christian, Cumberland, Effingham, Fayette, Macon, Montgomery, Moultrie, Sangamon and Shelby counties. For more information visit shelbyelectric.coop.

The Village of Strasburg is located in Shelby County, Illinois and has a population of around 600 residents. The village has begun fundraising campaign to build a new 125' x 45' pavilion next to the ball field complete with ADA bathrooms, concession stand, Lions' storage, softball storage, and a kitchen with open counter to include a 40 x 60 covered seating area. In addition, plans are being made to add several ADA compliant pieces of playground equipment, resurfacing of the basketball and tennis courts, and add an oil and chip walking path. Total cost estimates are around \$583,000. A State of Illinois 50/50 grant has been applied for by the Village of Strasburg.



Hatchets win two holiday tournaments

Congratulations to the WSS Hatchets for bringing home championships in December, winning the St. Elmo Holiday and the Tri-County Holiday Boys Basketball Tournaments.

Left- WSS at Tri-County Holiday Tourney



Right-Named to the All-Tournament Teams from WSS were Austin Wittenberg and Samuel Vonderheide, who also earned Most Valuable Player honors.

Left-Congratulations to Stew-Stras 2021 Homecoming King and Queen, Colin Kinkelaar and Natalie Hayes!

Right-Stew-Stras 7th Grade Comets Basketball team recently won the NTC tournament. The team is coached by Gerry Schlechte and Jaden Widdersheim.



2021 VOLUNTEERS OF YEAR ANNOUNCED

At Strasburg’s Recognition Celebration on December 11, Village President Cinda Held presented the 2020 Volunteer of the Year award to Ian and Stephanie Kinkley. As per Mrs. Held, “This couple is involved in many organizations and clubs throughout our village and surrounding area. Just in this past year they have been observed volunteering at the Lion’s Club Homecoming, Main Street Makeover, Footlong Fundraiser, pancake breakfasts, Little Hatchets Soccer Field, Memorial Day program, and much, much more. They have demonstrated an urge to help lead our community through the village board and worked to help get new equipment installed at the park.”

Congratulations to the 2021 Volunteers of the Year Ian and Stephanie Kinkley!

NOTE: Ian was not in attendance at the event.



Mayor Cinda Held (right) presents Volunteer Award to Stephanie Kinkley

December Light Up Strasburg Winners:

- 1st Josh & Danielle Storm, 5 York Drive
- 2nd Joe & Sheila Stratton, 308 N Chestnut
- 3rd Tammy Sintel, 208 W N First
- 4th James Noffke, 304 Locust



1st



2nd



3rd



4th



SCAN Santa Brigade Breakfast and Market huge success

Harper Layton (right) of Neoga enjoys listening to the beautiful Christmas melodies played by the trombone trio (left) of Ian Kinkley, Stephanie Kinkley and Dennis Lading at the breakfast.

Thank you to all who attended and participated!



Welcome new Strasburg Post Office Clerk

Aften Peters is making the Strasburg Post Office her own after becoming the Strasburg Clerk on December 1. Aften, who lives in Toledo with her husband Zachary, began her work for the USPS in February of 2019 when she began working out of the Neoga Post Office. She has also substituted in many area post offices. Aften loves her new office and the people of Strasburg, so stop by and give her a friendly welcome!



Join us for LYF's



Soup Luncheon



JANUARY 9, 2022
•11 AM-1 PM•

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
STEWARDSON, IL

MENU:
Chili and Chicken Noodle Soup,
Hot Dogs, Potato Chips,
Desserts and Beverages
Free Will Donations Accepted

Proceeds will benefit the Grace/St. Paul/Trinity LYF in preparation for their various trips and activities.

Show Case of Trees / Gallery of Artwork

This year the Strasburg American Legion Auxiliary sponsored their first “Show Case of Trees.” Letters were sent to area businesses and organizations encouraging them to decorate a tree to be on display during the Auxiliary’s Annual Christmas Store. Visitors voted for their favorite tree with the tree having the most money in their jar winning.



Proceeds from the Show Case of Trees will benefit scholarships in the American Legion Auxiliary Department Education Fund. The last several years, the monetary donations have declined to Department Education Fund. In 2021, 30 applications were received in the spring. There was only enough scholarship money donated to

award 10 scholarships. Many students from Stewardson-Strasburg School have benefited from these scholarships. Therefore, Strasburg was wanting to raise enough funds for an entire \$1,000 Department Education scholarship.



Trees were decorated by Edwards Crafts (Grinch), Country Financial (Woodland Theme), Strasburg Lions Club (purple and gold) and the Strasburg American Legion Auxiliary (red, white and blue). **A total of \$288 was collected with the winner being Edwards Crafts.** Jason and Angie received a gift certificate from Windsor Pub.

In addition to the trees, artwork from the students at Stewardson-Strasburg School was placed on exhibit. What talented students we have in our school district.



Autobiographies from STEWARDSON-STRASBURG CLASS OF 1951

The villages of Strasburg and Stewardson had separate high schools until the fall of 1950 when both high schools combined to become Stewardson-Strasburg Consolidated High School. During the first year of consolidation, the Freshman-Sophomores attended high school in Stewardson and the Junior-Seniors went to Strasburg while a new high school was being built along Route 32, three miles from each town.



The school yearbook for 1951 was called “The Comet”. The first Commencement for the consolidated school was May 31, 1951 in Duling Gym at Strasburg High School with 42 seniors graduating. Those seniors included:

Lee Allsop	Marilyn Baker	James Bemis	Ralph Bivins	Carolyn Bly
Frances Lee Brandt	Roma Jean Brandt	Ralph Buesking	William Buesking	Virginia Bunting
Mildred Carroll	Joyce Culver	Wyonia Figgins	Betty Garrett	Lynal Grove
Don Haskell	Merilyn Keller	Glen Kessler	Harold Kircher	Veva Krile
Elanor Krumreich	Ruth Manion	Wiley Mathis	Ruth Meyer	Glen Pieper
Wayne Reel	Dick Renshaw	Bertha Rincker	Kermit Ruwe	George Schlechte
Faith Schultz	Rosemary Schultz	Grace Spannagel	Dwain Storm	Forrest Storm
Laveta Stremming	Kenneth VonBehren	Ruby Ware	Zona Gail Webner	Carolyn Widdersheim
Emily Young	Fleta Zalman			

The Cometeer was a school newsletter written by the students. The May 31, 1951 issue of the Cometeer was dedicated to the senior class, posting several of their autobiographies and short stories about senior activities, trips, junior-senior banquet and commencement. There was also a crossword puzzle, as well as senior class wills and prophecies. The following excerpts are some of the Autobiographies from the Senior Class of 1951. We hope you enjoy them!

Shakespeare once said that life was but a stage and we were players. I made my appearance on this stage on September 4, 1933. The day was exceptionally hot and the stork was very tired. In fact he was so very tired that he dropped me. It just so happened that he was flying over the Glen Brandt homestead at the time of his exhaustion. Much thought was immediately given to the name which they should bestow on me. It was finally decided that Frances Lee Vonda should from thence forth be my name. My childhood days were spent like those of any other children; but at the age of six years there was a very rude awakening. The life of leisure was over and I with my lunch box in one hand and a pencil in the other marched to school on my birthday. Believe me I found it was no party. But it just took me a few years to get into the routine life at dear old St. Paul’s Lutheran School. Yes, those were the green years! After eight years of labor I graduated. The next year again I marched always onward toward greater feats awaiting me. Only this time I had a much larger lunch box and an eversharp pencil and a box of lead.



However I must be truthful and admit that I spent many happy days in this Temple of Knowledge. Most of these were the junior-senior banquets, and the last days of school. Alas, alack, the last days have arrived. In the last seventeen years I have acquired many likes: some of these are fried chicken, noodles, French fries and filled pies. I like to go to movies, dances, and roller skating. The future should follow the past, but since I am unable to see into the future I shall force myself to wait to see what it holds for me. ~**France Lee Brandt** (York)

It happened on a farm 1/2 mile south-east of the “Burg” at about 12:30 A.M. The year 1933. What happened? A baby was born. The 4th son and the eighth child of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Buesking. Like most babies he grew up, got into mischief and started school. He attended St. Paul’s Lutheran School for eight years and then came to High School. At the age of seventeen he is looking forward to his graduation from SS. High. He has several favorite foods among which are steak, pork chops, chicken, meat loaf, mashed potatoes and many others too numerous to mention. His biggest pet peeve is grouchy teachers. How do I know so much about him? Well, it is my place to know, for you see, I’m the 4th son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Buesking, called Ralph Eugene. ~**Ralph Eugene Buesking**



On March the 9th, 1933 a strong "Gail" blew into the happy Webner family. I had experienced a normal childhood and at the age of six I began my grade school career at Strasburg Grade. My teacher was one of the best, Mrs. York. I attended Strasburg Grade for eight years.

I entered Strasburg High as a scared, green freshman. During my four years at Strasburg High I have had many enjoyable times. Some of my highlights have been Jr.-Sr. Banquet and school parties.

My favorite foods are-hamburgers and French fries. My favorite orchestra is Sammy Kaye. For my past times I like to skate and go to the movies. The one thing I am looking forward to is graduation. My plans for the future are incomplete. ~**Zona Gail Webner** (Doty)



My name is **Glenn Pieper**. I was born January 18, 1934 on a cold winter night in a large white house three miles south-east of Strasburg. My parents are William and Louise Pieper of Strasburg.

My name is **Wiley Sturgis Mathis**. My parents names are John F. and Mae Mathis. I was born in Johnson County at a little town called Cypress Ill. April 20, 1933. I moved to Strasburg about the middle of Nov.



I, **Wayne Reel**, was born October 27, 1933 on the same farm I now call home. I was the last of three children --- the other two being my two sisters. My eight year of grade school were all spent at Whitlatch, a "one-roomer" northwest of Strasburg.

I entered high school here four years ago as a very green and bashful freshman. Since that time I have established many enjoyable friendships. My favorite food is French-fried potatoes. My hobby is baseball and I consider myself an avid St. Louis Cardinal fan. Mathematics have been my best-liked subjects in school, with history and English taking the "booby-prize" in that respect.

My most enjoyable times are those evenings etc., that I spend in the company of Laveta. I have well enjoyed my high school days, but like many others of this class, I'm looking forward to the day I'm "released."



My name is Grace Spannagel. I was born January 24, 1933, on a farm northeast of Strasburg. Since our family had already been blessed with a son, I as a girl, was not so great a disappointment as most girls are. About a year later there was another boy born into our little family, so I grew up with my two brothers as playmates. Consequently, you have me today as a tom-boy. My favorite pastimes are reading, listening to the radio, playing soft-ball and watching any sports event. My favorite foods are chocolate cake and fried chicken. It's hard to pick but I think I would take June Allyson and Gene Kelly as my favorite movies stars. I attended all eight years of my grade school at St. Paul's here in Strasburg. Unlike most students, I had a tendency to like my teachers. It seems that if I studied hard and treated them right, they were always nice to me. I attended all four years of my high school at Strasburg, now Stewardson-Strasburg. I am now ready to go out into the world and see if I can find my place. I hope there is a place. ~**Grace Spannagel** (Knop)



On January 10th 1933, on a farm west of Windsor a child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Orvel Schultz. I was named Rosemary Eileen.

When I was six I started to school at Prairie. When I was in the fifth grade we moved to a farm west of Strasburg on which I still live. I went to Elm Grove the rest of that year. The next year I started to school at St. Paul's. I graduated from the eighth grade there. The following year I started to Strasburg High School. I hope to graduate here the 31st of May. My favorite foods are potato chips, bean salad, pork chops, and apple pie. My likes are ballgames and listening to the radio. My dislikes are milk and cottage cheese. My favorite movie actresses are June Allyson and Claudette Colbert. My favorite movie actor is Donald O'Connor.

When I get out of school I hope to get a job. ~**Rosemary Schultz** (Schlechte)

On April 23, 1933 I was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mulvaney. I attended Roley school my first year and graduated from East Salem School. I have attended all four years in Strasburg High and hope to graduate this May 31, 1951.

I changed my name the mid-term to Young. My favorite sports are Basketball and Softball and my favorite foods are Fried Chicken and watermelon. The actor and Actress I like best are Dan Daily and Ester Williams.
 ~**Emily** (Mulvaney) **Young**



My name is Fleta Janette Zalman. I was born Dec. 22, 1933, on a farm 4-1/2 miles north of Stewardson. My parents are Walter and Kathryn Zalman.

At the age of 5 years I started my school life at Zalman School, 1-1/2 miles from my home. I went to Zalman four years and then finished grade school at Trinity Lutheran in Stewardson.

At the age of 13 I started to High School at Stewardson and went there for three years. I spent my senior year at Strasburg and am now looking forward to graduation.

~**Fleta Zalman** (Robinson)

1951 JUNIOR SENIOR BANQUET

The Junior-Senior banquet was held on Friday evening, May 11th. Everyone left Strasburg at approximately 5:00, and arrived at the Decatur club at 6:00. The meal was served at 6:30, and after that the toastmaster, Mr. Elam, took over and we were entertained by various “quirks” and “jokes.” Short speeches were given by Don Moran and Lee Allsop. Then Mr. Elam introduced the speaker of the evening, Marvin Ulmer. Later, Lee Allsop presented Os Hood with some tokens of appreciation from the Senior Class for all he has done for us. Os said that so far that night he thought that most of the jokes and speeches had been one big liars contest, so he told us a story and promptly took the prize. The floor was then cleared and we danced until 11:30. Everyone went home from a fine Banquet, with the nice feeling of having had a fine time.

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For information and covenants, contact
 Linda Oakley, Village Clerk (217-644-3007)
 Cinda Held, Mayor (217-343-5314)

STRASBURG
 THE MIDDLE OF EVERYTHING
 November 30, 2021



**Next SCAN Quarterly Meeting
 Tuesday, Jan. 25 at 6:30 p.m.**

*~Remembering~***Rebecca J. “Becky” Ulmer**, 63 of Strasburg (December 28, 1957 – November 12, 2021)

Becky was born on December 28, 1957, in Pana, IL, the daughter of Ocus and Pauline Hardison Wells. She graduated from Findlay High School in the Class of 1975. Becky began working at International Paper in 1978 and worked there until her retirement in 2011. She then worked at the Strasburg Shortstop gas station and most recently at Kirby Foods in Effingham. Becky married Steven J. Ulmer on July 31, 1989. She was a member of New Hope Church in Effingham, IL.



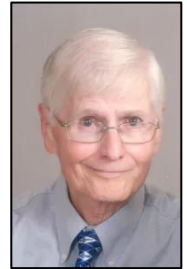
Becky is survived by her husband, Steve; daughters, Sarah Quast and husband Rob of Strasburg, IL, and April Ulmer of Newton, IL; son, Garrett Ulmer and wife Jaime of Shelbyville, IL; mother-in-law, Beulah Ulmer of Strasburg, IL; brothers, Jerry, James, and John; sisters, Paula, Pam, Loretta, Barb and Christy; six grandchildren, Holden, Bryce, Dawson, Kinley, Kit and Kolt.

Madonna L. Nichols, 68 of Mode (March 22, 1953 – November 16, 2021)

Madonna was born on March 22, 1953, the daughter of Arthur Joseph and Vonita Faye (Naab) Stevens. She attended Cowden Herrick High School in the Class of 1971 and then Lake Land College. She was a dental assistant for Dr. Richard Merry. She married Michael Lee Nichols on August 10, 1990. She was a member of the South Second Street Church of Christ in Shelbyville, IL. Madonna is survived by her husband, Mike; sons, Stanley, Doug and Charles; daughters, Nicole Nichols-Breer, Mikala and Megan; nine grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

**Gerry Lee Weaver**, 76 of Strasburg (August 30, 1945 – December 1, 2021)

Gerry was born on August 30, 1945 in Decatur, IL. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Vietnam War. Gerry earned his Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Illinois State University and was an accountant for many years. Later he attended Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN and was a Lutheran pastor for nine years. He married Joyce Freitag on June 19, 1971. He is survived by his wife, Joyce; son, Rev. David Weaver (Kassie) of Stewardson, IL; twin brother, Jerry Weaver, sister, Joyce Ann Miller and four grandchildren, Hannah, Rachel, Tabitha and Lydia Weaver.

**Gregory Lynn Smith**, 73 (August 19, 1948 - December 18, 2021)

Born to John and Helen Smith of Stewardson, IL. Greg became a shepherd at the age of six when his grandfather gifted him with his first sheep. He continued to grow his flock, participating in Shelby County 4-H, Stewardson-Strasburg FFA and the county fair circuit as well as the Illinois State Fair. Greg met Cinda, his wife of 51 years, doing what he loved, showing sheep on the county fair circuit. Greg's love for sports grew from his participation in athletics at Stew-Stras High School and continued into adulthood where he was a member of the Tate Farm Equipment fastpitch softball team that was inducted into the Illinois ASA Hall of Fame. Greg was a member of Windsor Christian Church serving in the capacity of deacon in recent years.



Greg married his wife, Cinda (Sork) Smith on September 6, 1970, in Fairfield, IL. Greg is survived by Cinda, sons, Chad (Brigit) Smith and Ethan (Annie) Smith and grandsons, Wyatt (Katie) Smith, Briar, Ty and Ace Smith, all of Stewardson, IL. Brother, David (Karen) Smith of Windsor, IL, sisters, Joy (Rich) Shumard of Mode, IL, Carol Smith of Asheville, NC and Cathy (Michael) Heath of Benton, AR.

Richard “Rick” Campbell, 74 of Strasburg (February 2, 1947 – December 22, 2021)

Rick was born on February 2, 1947 in Red Wing, MN. He served in the United States Air Force in Okinawa, Vietnam and Korea. Rick drove a semi from coast to coast and worked for construction companies in Decatur. He lived in rural Bethany for over 30 years, before moving to Strasburg. Rick married Ann Johnson in 1975. On April 10, 1982, he married Margie King. He is survived by his wife, Margie; daughters, Jayme Collins and Amy Campbell-Smith; sons, Joe Johnson and Tim Johnson, and several grandchildren.



~Remembering~

Priscilla Jean Walker, 79 of Strasburg (June 7, 1942 – November 6, 2021)

William E. Walker, 79 of Strasburg (October 13, 1942 – December 11, 2021)



Jean was born to Herbert and Mary (Young) Bible, in Louisville, KY. She married her high school sweetheart, William E. Walker September 29, 1961 in Bible Grove, IL. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in 2021.

Jean graduated from Louisville North Clay H.S. She retired from International Paper in Shelbyville after 28 years of service. Jean enjoyed baking and grew a large garden.

William (Bill) was born to Noble and Flossie (Pearce) Walker in Effingham, IL. He graduated from Louisville North Clay H.S. and spent most of his life behind the wheel of an 18-wheeler. He transported various products all over the U.S. Bill was a gregarious fellow whose presence commanded the room. He had this great laugh and you never knew when he was “pulling your leg” or not.

Jean and Bill were long time members of Strasburg United Methodist Church. They are survived by son, Michael (Jackie) Walker of St. Louis, MO; daughter, Teresa (Jerry) Ginger of Mattoon, IL; shared son, Mike (Peggy) Giertz of Gays, IL, grandsons, Jake, Josh, Brady, Seth; granddaughter, Aundee; and 8 great-grandchildren.

New Basketball Goals at the park were purchased by the Lions Club through a grant from the Strasburg Foundation. The village assisted by removing the old equipment and installing the new goals.



Reminder: C.E.F.S. provides free or low-cost transportation to residents of Shelby County.

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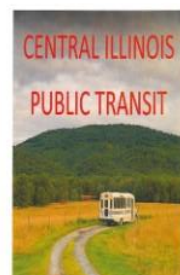
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| Strasburg Country Financial, Garrett Moffett, Marilyn Jansen & Lisa Rincker | |
| Strasburg Feed Mill, Donnie Strohl, Matt Tabbert & Matt Strohl | |
| Richland Creek Equipment, LLC, Brad & Lance Montgomery | |

Coming soon! **Porterformance Auto Care**

Josh Porter, Owner

Building renovations are in progress



PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: How Quickly Can We Finish The Envelope Fundraiser? 84 Envelopes Left!

Included in the village project improvement project is a new pavilion that includes seating area, handicapped accessible restroom, modern kitchen with storage and concession stand, new playground equipment and other projects. If the OSLAD grant is awarded, the village would be required to match the grant amount of \$300,000 with local funds.

One fundraiser in progress is the envelope donation board in the Community Building. Currently, donations for 116 of the 200 donation envelopes for the Park Improvement Project have been received. All numbers with white spaces are still available.

Have you picked up an envelope yet?

**Stop by the Village Office
to pick up one or more envelopes
and donate to this great cause.**

Together we can make this happen!

PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – ENVELOPE DONATION (HIGHLIGHTED ARE ALREADY TAKEN)

1	21	41	61	81	101	121	141	161	181
2	22	42	62	82	102	122	142	162	182
3	23	43	63	83	103	123	143	163	183
4	24	44	64	84	104	124	144	164	184
5	25	45	65	85	105	125	145	165	185
6	26	46	66	86	106	126	146	166	186
7	27	47	67	87	107	127	147	167	187
8	28	48	68	88	108	128	148	168	188
9	29	49	69	89	109	129	149	169	189
10	30	50	70	90	110	130	150	170	190
11	31	51	71	91	111	131	151	171	191
12	32	52	72	92	112	132	152	172	192
13	33	53	73	93	113	133	153	173	193
14	34	54	74	94	114	134	154	174	194
15	35	55	75	95	115	135	155	175	195
16	36	56	76	96	116	136	156	176	196
17	37	57	77	97	117	137	157	177	197
18	38	58	78	98	118	138	158	178	198
19	39	59	79	99	119	139	159	179	199
20	40	60	80	100	120	140	160	180	200



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