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GOVERNOR'S  
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## Important Dates

Sat., Oct. 29 – ALA Halloween Soup Supper & American Legion Parade, Costumes & Cake Walk, 5 p.m.

Mon., Oct. 31 – Trick or Treat, 6-8 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 5 – Halloween Candy Buy Back, ALA, 1-3 p.m. Community Center

Sun., Nov. 6 – American Legion Christmas Auction, 1 p.m. Community Center

Sat., Nov. 12 – Santa Brigade Breakfast 6 a.m. & Christmas Market 7 a.m., SCAN

Wed., Nov. 16 – Strasburg 150<sup>th</sup> Meeting, 6:30 p.m., everyone welcome!

Sun., Nov. 27 – Golf Ball Drop 1 p.m. Strasburg Park, Food Trucks 11-2 p.m., 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fundraiser

Wed., Nov. 30 – SS Seasoned Citizens meet, noon.

Sun., Dec. 4 – American Legion Christmas Auction, 1 p.m. Community Center

Dec. 9-10 – ALA Christmas Store & Cookie Walk, Community Ctr

Sun., Dec. 11 – Lutheran Churches Christmas Cantata, 7 p.m., Grace Church

Sat., Dec. 17 – Santa at Community Center, 9:30-11 a.m.

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Plan to attend the Annual Christmas Cantata by Joint Choirs of the local Lutheran Churches, Sun., Dec. 11, 7 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church  
Kathy Yakey, Director

## Message from the Mayor

Ed and I just got back from the Northeast, and it was beautiful. We had wonderful weather. The trees were beautiful, the ocean was a fantastic view and I got my fill of “Lobstah”. The best part about it was that I didn’t have to drive or worry about traffic. I was able to see the scenery. I will put a plug in for Timi’s Tours. They do a great job.



Cinda Held

Please don’t burn until we get some rain. Burn restrictions have been issued by the National Weather Service. Hopefully by the time this is printed we have had rain.

Hope you are ready for Chili and Chicken Noodle soup. American Legion Halloween parade is Sat., October 29. Serving begins at 5 p.m., Parade at 7 p.m., with cake walk to follow. The cake walk is always fun and there are prizes at the end.

The Legion Christmas Auction is November 6 at 1 p.m. If you haven’t been to one, they have lots of stuff for sale, Christmas items, usually bikes, and other things you don’t usually see in the store.

Do you like to decorate for Christmas? The American Legion Auxiliary is having a Decorated Tree contest at the Community Center again this year. We had four trees last year and I think we have more than that already this year. If interested, call the village office, or stop by.

Lots are for sale in York Acres with rebate incentives. There is a new plat sign at York Drive entrance. Check it out.

This is always a busy time of year. Hope you all have a great fall and holidays.

***Thanks for helping keep Strasburg Right! In The Middle of Everything!***

## **Strasburg History excerpt #2: The following was taken from “Strasburg, Illinois Hundertjahrfeft 1874-1974”**

### **How It All Began**

A number of covered wagons that took part in the overland trip to Oregon in 1847 passed through Strasburg to join with other wagons from the Springfield area. Later, even as late as 1890, covered wagons would come along the trail, then a graded road, and stop not at the water hole, but at the trough at one of the town's pumps.

The territory around Strasburg was such rich soil that the first efforts at actual farming were being made around 1840.

As the pioneersman moved out, the farmers bought their land at five to seven dollars an acre, for that which had been broken. Government land was bought for two dollars an acre. Later when all the government land had been sold, the Illinois Central put its land on the market for seven dollars per acre.

Some of the first settlers arrived in the '50's were Brehmer, Bracken, Pikesch, Ostermeier, Hamm, Kircher, and Harves. Many of these men were Germans from Madison County (\*Illinois) having come originally from southern Germany. The town grew and more Germans came to settle, and eventually Strasburg became almost an entirely German community. In the 1860's and 70's Germans from Ohio came, and in the 1880's Pennsylvania Dutch came. A few of the later German families were Altags, Bueskings, Vogels, Ulmers, Kulls, and Webers.

These German farmers were hardworking, intelligent, and frugal, and they soon made the prairie into fertile, productive farms. They were looking for new land and they found it here in abundance. However, most of the land they took to make their new homes on had to be wrested from “the wilds”. North of the present town it was mostly wooded, and trees had to be cleared and the stumps removed before the ground could be cultivated. To the south stretched large areas of prairie, with tall grass. Here in the bogs drainage was a problem, and diseases such as malaria and typhoid were prevalent. The prairie grass was well rooted, and the sod was tough and almost impenetrable. The only plows available had a metal point, but only a wooden mould board. “Breaking the prairie” was an arduous task. Many who settled here found it necessary to buy a tract of timber ground a few miles to the east or west to provide firewood, rails for fences, and building materials. These early farmers spent long hours cultivating hedge plants to make fences, but these were so tender at the beginning that they had to be protected from the animals that the fences were designed to keep in. The farmers were more than happy when barbed wire was made available, so they then could do away with rail or hedge fences.

### **Strasburg 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Plans are getting started to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the village in 2024. Jodie Quast and Sue Bower are co-chairs for the celebration. Fundraising for the event has begun. The original Cass's Burrito meal prepared by Maggie Boldt was October 1, with an estimate of 450 burritos being served.

The next fundraiser will be a Golf Ball Drop in November. Only one hundred tickets will be sold, with a possible prize of \$5,000 to the winner. Tickets are now on sale. See details on Page 3.

Plan to Attend the Next 150<sup>th</sup> Planning Meeting

Wednesday, November 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center

# Golf Ball Drop

**Grand Prize \$5000**

Date: Sunday, November 27, 2022

Official Drop Time: 1:00pm

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
- **FOOD TRUCKS** will be at the park from 11:00am - 2:00pm the day of the event. Come out and have lunch before the drop!
- 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 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

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

## STRASBURG HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION

**Saturday, October 29, 2022**



**Soup Supper 5:00 PM**  
**Parade 7:00 PM**  
**Judging 7:30 PM**  
**Cake Walk 8:00 PM**

Prizes will be awarded in the following categories (other categories may be added):

- ❖ Under 3 years old
- ❖ Storybook & Fairy Tales
- ❖ TV & Movies
- ❖ Monsters, Ghosts & Witches
- ❖ Superhero
- ❖ Princess
- ❖ Occupational
- ❖ Animals
- ❖ Couple
- ❖ Group
- ❖ Miscellaneous
- ❖ Adults



Winners Grand Prize - \$25.00

\*\*\*\*\* Free Merchants Drawing \*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\* 50/50 Drawing \*\*\*\*\*

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American Legion Post #289

American Legion Auxiliary Unit #289

## Strasburg ALA Unit Receives National & Division Awards

Strasburg American Legion Auxiliary Unit 289 was one of 11 Units in the nation to receive the National President's Unit Award of Excellence. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> time that Strasburg has won this award. Jill Layton was presented the award by National American Legion Auxiliary President Kathy Daudistel of Kentucky and National Vice President Vicki Koutz of Indiana.

Sarah Wyckoff, Liberty Unit 289 of Strasburg won first place in the Central Division for her Education report, and Jill Layton won first place in the Central Division for her Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation.

*Photo: L to R National President Kathy Daudistel, Jill Layton, National Vice President Vicki Koutz*





## ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR ILLIANA VA

The Strasburg American Legion Auxiliary will again be collecting items for Illiana VA (Danville). Community members may take items to the Village Office on a Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday.

Items needed this year include

**TOILETRIES:** Shaving Cream (not gel), Stick Deodorant, Razors, Combs, Body powder; chapstick, baby oil.

**TRAVEL SIZE** – shampoo, conditioner, body wash, lotion, deodorant, powder

**ACTIVITIES** – Models (cars, tanks, airplanes, ships), model paint, model glue, canvases 8 x 10 and bigger, acrylic paint, craft kits (wood, jewelry, needlepoint, cards, soaps), latch hook, colored pencils, large print puzzle books, adult coloring books,

**MISC.** – Enfamil AR cans, Shoes, new jeans (all sizes), belts, hats, coats, sweats

**DO NOT NEED AT THIS TIME:** greeting cards, used clothes, playing cards, bar soap.

**ITEMS FOR CHRISTMAS BAGS FOR HOMEBOUND VETERANS** (through Mattoon VA Center) our Unit puts these together. Toothbrushes, Regular Size Toothpaste, large print Puzzle Books, Towel - Hand Towel - Washcloth Set of all 3, individual chips, hard candy, candy bars, crackers, snack cakes, cookies.

The Strasburg Community has always been generous in their donations for our veterans, and the Auxiliary thanks you.

## Strasburg Liberty Post #289 American Legion Hosts Two Fundraisers

The Christmas Auctions sponsored by Strasburg Liberty Post #289 of the American Legion will be held at 1:00 pm on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center in Strasburg. The auction by Thomas Factory Outlet, with Dennis Aumann Auctioneer, is the major fundraiser for the American Legion Post. The Post uses the proceeds from the auction to donate the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Americanism Essay prize money, Legion Baseball, the Strasburg Veteran's Memorial, Community Blood Drive, Stewardson-Strasburg Yearbook, Post Prom Activities, and American Legion Gifts to Yanks among other programs.

Auction items include tools, radio controlled toys, toys, metal signs, food items, paper towels, bikes, trikes, blankets, Christmas items, tarps, wind spinners, plus much, much more. This is the perfect time to do your Christmas Shopping!

A concession stand sponsored by the Legion Auxiliary Unit #289 will be available.

# CHRISTMAS AUCTION

## STRASBURG, IL

### Community Building

### Sunday, Nov 6th at 1:00 pm

Outstanding selection of items including,  
 Tools, Radio Controlled Toys, Toys, Food Items,  
 Metal Signs, Paper Towels, Bikes, Trikes, Blankets,  
 Christmas Items, Tarps, Wind Spinners plus much more



All items are new!  
 Plus Much, Much more

There Is Something For Everyone



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**Terms Of Sale: Cash Or Good Check**  
**Owner: Thomas Factory Outlet**  
**Lunch Stand**  
**Masks & Hand Sanitizer Available**

Announcements made by the Auctioneer prior to the sale of any item take precedence over prior statements and printed material.

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**Santa Brigade  
Breakfast & Market**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

**PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST 6-10:30 A.M.**

**CHRISTMAS MARKET 7-11 A.M.**

**Contact MaRanda McClain for booth space 217.343.7879**

Smoked Sausage Links Available for Purchase by the Pound all Morning or Until Sold Out

**LOCATION**  
**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
**Social Hall & Gym**  
**111 S. Walnut St. Strasburg**

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**Freewill Donation**  
**Dine In or Carry Out**

Proceeds will benefit  
community improvements



### 15<sup>th</sup> annual Santa Brigade Breakfast & Market

Start your day with an “all you can eat” pancake and smoked sausage breakfast in Strasburg at the 15th annual Santa Brigade Breakfast & Market on Saturday, November 12, to be held at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church. The breakfast is from 6-10:30 a.m. and sausage will be available for purchase by the pound all morning or until sold out.

Special Christmas music will be provided during breakfast by the trombone trio of Dr. Ian Kinkley, Stephanie Kinkley and Dennis Lading at 8 a.m. and by Krystal Friese on the clavinoia at 9 a.m.

The event will also include a Christmas Market from 7-11 a.m. in the school gymnasium. Come and support the local small business owners who will help you jump start your Christmas shopping with one-of-a-kind handcrafted gifts.

### THE VILLAGE OF STRASBURG NEEDS YOU!

Petitions are now available at the Strasburg Village Office for three (3) Trustee positions to be elected at the April 4, 2023 Consolidated Election. Each position is for a four-year term.

Candidates must have lived in within the Village limits for at least one year; must be 18 years of age and a registered voter; and must not have been convicted of bribery, perjury or other felony.

Contact the Village Office during regular office hours 8:00 am – 12 noon and 1:00-4:00 pm Monday, Wednesday and Thursday for a petition. Filing period is December 12-19, 2022. Petitions are filed with the Village Clerk.

### HELP WANTED NOTICE

#### Maintenance Job Opening

The Village of Strasburg has a job opening for the Village Maintenance Employee. As an Equal Opportunity Employer, the Village will not discriminate against any job applicant because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability. A letter of application along with a resume and references may be filed with the Village Office, P. O. Box 385, Strasburg. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. All applications will be reviewed and appropriate applicants will be interviewed before the opening is filled. The Village may conduct criminal background checks and drug testing. Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED equivalent and possess a valid driver’s license. Experience in operating a backhoe is preferred.



### Little Hatchets Soccer & Flag Football 2022

Three age groups (preschool-4<sup>th</sup> grade) competed in soccer and grades 5 and 6 competed in flag football for five Sunday afternoon this fall at the Strasburg Park. Thank you to SCAN for sponsoring this activity and for the volunteer coaches who worked with the children each week including - Krystal Friese, Jenna Layton, Stephanie Kinkley, Brittany Purcell, Chari Howell, Jeff Probus, Courtnay Orman, Jackie Beitz, Hannah Underwood, Josh Layton and Jeremy Pruemer.

Special thanks to Ian Kinkley for officiating, to Kevin Kramer for providing medals for the children, and to the Strasburg Lions Club for having the concession stand open during the games. The games drew good crowds of spectators and were a lot of fun to watch! (Photos by Ellen Friese) More photos on FB Little Hatchets Sports Club.





## ~Remembering~

### **Marilyn R. Patterson, 87 of Strasburg** (June 27, 1939 – September 23, 2022)

Marilyn was the daughter of William “Bill” and Evalina “Eva” (Marten) Kroening. She graduated from Shelbyville High School in 1957 and married Robert “Bob” Patterson on August 30, 1957, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Shelbyville.

Marilyn was an organist at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Shelbyville and then at Grace Lutheran Church in Strasburg for more than five decades. Marilyn also worked tirelessly teaching Sunday School, leading Vacation Bible Schools, and serving in the Grace Ladies Aid. Marilyn spent years as a member of the Shelby Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and was also a 4-H Leader and a faithful volunteer at Strasburg Lion’s Club events. She wrote Bible verses and personal notes in hundreds of greeting cards, birthday cards, anniversary cards, Christmas cards, sympathy cards and get well cards each year.

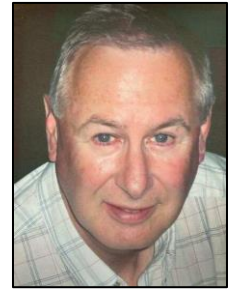


Marilyn is survived by her children Kathy (Pat) Yakey of Mode, IL, Cindy (Phil) Neff of Brownsburg, IN, Debbie (Eric) Frash of Nineveh, IN, and granddaughters Rachel and Amanda Neff, and Hannah, Kelly, Morgan, Shawna (McCrimmon) and Veronica Frash.

### **Gregory Wayne “Greg” Endebrock, 68 of Strasburg** (June 4, 1954–October 8, 2022)

Greg was born in Effingham the son of Wayne “Chick” and Aina (Connally) Endebrock. He married Elaine (Echols) Grant on October 5, 1990.

Greg worked over 20 years in production and inventory control positions at Blaw Knox Construction Equipment in Mattoon and Beckman Coulter Inc. in Indianapolis, Indiana. He played guitar, and some of his most cherished memories center around playing and singing with family and friends. He enjoyed times with his wife Elaine working in the yard, listening to music at outdoor venues, and time spent with grandchildren.



Undoubtedly, the most important decision in his life was accepting Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior in the 1970’s. That was the turning point in which he became involved in the local church by leading music at church services, campground services, youth meetings, retreats, and participating in the praise and worship team.

Greg is survived by his wife, Elaine; mother, Aina Endebrock; brothers, Rick and Kurt Endebrock; sisters, Robin Kralman and Christi Elliot; his step-sons, Ryan and Todd Grant and his step-grandchildren.

### **Strasburg Baptist Church disbands**

The Strasburg Baptist Church has disbanded. Effective October 18, the Baptist Foundation of Illinois Legacy will take over the facility and try to establish another church there. LeRoy Tucker served as a recent pastor and noted that membership had dwindled to three and bills were getting harder to pay.

The following history of the church was recorded in the 1974 Strasburg, Illinois Hundertjahrfest book:

*“The Richland Regular Baptist Church was organized in August 1875. This early congregation shared the Richland Church Building north of Strasburg with three other congregations. Elder T. M. Griffith from Windsor served as the first pastor for the group.*

*Wanting a church building of their own, these early members erected a place of worship in Strasburg and the group moved their services to town in 1893. The church name was later changed to the First Baptist Church of Strasburg.”*

### **CHRISTMAS LIGHT CONTEST**

The Annual “Light Up Strasburg” Christmas Light Contest will be held this year.

Lights should be displayed by December 13.

Judging will take place between December 14-16. Residents do not need to sign up.



### Strasburg American Legion Auxiliary #289 Sponsors Candy Buy-Back

On November 5th Strasburg Liberty Unit #289 of the American Legion Auxiliary will hold their 4th "Candy Buy-Back" from 1:00-3:00 pm at the Strasburg Community Center. Their mission, to buy-back the excess Halloween candy from the local trick or treaters. The Unit will pay \$1 a pound for the candy that is brought in. The candy that is collected will be sent to servicemen and service women to share with their comrades.



Congratulations to two seniors at Stewardson-Strasburg HS who have been recognized as Illinois State

Scholars – Dane Durbin, son of Don & Brook Durbin and Maddie Rincker, daughter of Doug & Marla Rincker.



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