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2013 WINNER
GOVERNOR'S
HOME TOWN AWARD

Important Dates

Fri., Oct. 25 – American Legion and Auxiliary Halloween Parade & Soup Supper, 5 p.m.

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

Sun, Nov 3 – AL Christmas Auction, 1 p.m. Community Center

Sundays, Nov. 3, 10, 17 – Christian Grandparenting Workshops, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 9 – Santa Brigade Breakfast & Market (Page 7)

Sat., Dec. 7 – Village Year-End Celebration, Soup Supper 4-6 p.m., Recognition at 6 p.m.

Sun., Dec. 8 – AL Christmas Auction, 1 p.m. Community Center

Sun., Dec. 8 – Christmas Cantata, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 7 p.m.

Fri-Sat., Dec. 13-14 – ALA Christmas Store Cookie Walk

Sat., Dec. 14 – Santa Claus at the Community Center, 9:30-11 a.m.

Please Attend! Dec. 7th!

Year End Village Celebration



Soup Supper 4-6 p.m.

**Volunteer of the Year
Recognition 6 p.m.**

Strasburg Community Center

Message from the Mayor

October Gnome News - With fall in full swing, the farmers are busy with Harvest. Please drive carefully and watch for slow moving vehicles.

The village roads are in good shape and we will continue to work on drainage and culverts as time and finances allow so they can handle the spring rains. If you know a spot that needs help, please let us know. Not every problem can be taken care of, but we will work on it.



Cinda Held

**STRASBURG HALLOWEEN
CELEBRATION**

Friday, October 25, 2019

	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:

- ✦ Under 3 years old
- ✦ Storybook & Fairy Tales
- ✦ TV & Movies
- ✦ Clowns & Hobo's
- ✦ Monsters, Ghosts & Witches
- ✦ Cowboys & Indians
- ✦ Military
- ✦ Animals
- ✦ Miscellaneous
- ✦ Adults




Winners Grand Prize - \$25.00
 ***** Free Merchants Drawing *****
 ***** 50/50 Drawing *****
 Sponsored by
 American Legion Post #289
 American Legion Auxiliary Unit #289

The village is also busy this time of year with different activities. The American Legion Halloween Parade and Auxiliary soup supper is October 25. It is always a good time. The S-S Band will play again this year. The American Legion Christmas Auction is November 3 and December 8 at 1 pm in the Community Center. This fundraiser is for Legion's activities and Legion Baseball.

The Santa Brigade Breakfast & Market is November 9. If you can volunteer to help, call Tanner Clark. "Volunteer of the Year" nominations are being taken. Nominate someone you feel

deserves some recognition for what they do for Strasburg.

A soup supper will be on Dec. 7 from 4-6 and the "Volunteer of the Year" and other community volunteers will be recognized at 6 p.m. Hope to see you there. Our town always looks very festive at Christmas Time. The village is sponsoring a Christmas Decoration contest again. There are 2 categories to be judged. "Hallmark Christmas" and "Grizwold Christmas". Sign up at the Village Office before December 10 to enter.

Remember be considerate of your neighbors. Have a Happy Fall and Thanksgiving!

Part II of V - HERE and THERE in Shelby County

By Beulah Gordon

Articles and Poems Covering Years 1818-1936
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STRASBURG

ON OREGON TRAIL

"Quite a number of the covered wagons took part in the memorable overland trip to Oregon in 1847, passed though Strasburg on the Grand Prairie Trail to join with the wagons from the Sangamon country around Springfield.

"Even in later years, even so late as 1890, covered wagons from the south would occasionally come along the trail, then a graded road, and stop not at the water hole, but the trough at one of the town's pumps.

"The territory in and around Strasburg was such rich soil that about 1840 the first efforts at actual farming were being made. Many of those who come to hunt and trap found it necessary to raise some corn and hogs, but it was a haphazard farming. In spring, the dry cows, the pigs, such horses which were not needed, as well as the sheep, were driven out into the "Big Pasture." This pasture was the big outdoors, the wide open spaces. The farmer would plant his few acres of corn, oats, beans, and tobacco. The ground was new and rich. Things just grew and grew. The farmer went fishing, hunting for squirrels, prairie chicken, and wild turkey. Harvest time was short and after harvesting was finished it became time to gather the stock out of the "Big Pasture". Several days or a week were required to find the loose stock. Often some squatter killed a young steer or a fat cow for his own use or to trade for tobacco or corn. No one ever had money nor much use for any."

Among the most energetic and ambitious of the early settlers were the Renshaw Brothers, who built their cabin a short distance east of where the Richland church now stands. The brothers, John and James came into Richland from Kentucky in 1826. There brought with them a drove of hogs from White county, Illinois. They started with 150 hogs but the wolves were very troublesome along the way and caught all the smaller ones. When the brothers arrived in Richland they had only 75 left. Soon after their arrival James returned to White County and John, who was a single man, remained and cut logs for a cabin. He drew them together with a single oxen borrowed from E. Harper, a neighbor. When James Renshaw returned he brought a team of horses and wagon with him. James later moved to Decatur, but John remained and became a prominent farmer in the community.

FIRST RICHLAND SETTLER

The first settler in Richland was David Elliott who came in 1825 from Clay county. The fall of the same year his brother Jacob came and started an improvement. At that time the brothers were forced to take their grain to Cold Spring on Williamsburg Hill to be ground. David Elliott later started a horse mill and still house.

In 1840, Rev. Robert Rutherford settled on what was later known as the John Kircher farm, where he sold goods, operated a carding machine, ran a horse mill, and practiced medicine. He also frequently preached to his neighbors on Sunday.

These first settlers were, in the true sense of the word, sojourners in the wilderness. There was no regular mail system, roads were impassable, and markets were both distant and unsatisfactory. Then in 1850 Congress granted a charter to the Illinois Center Railroad, and in expectation of finding an outlet for their crops, an influx of farmers came into the community. With the advent of these men began the first serious attempt to put the prairie under cultivation. Many of the original settlers saw the furbearing animals and game decreasing, and having little sympathy with the new comers whose ways were so different from their own, moved on to some frontier nearer the sunset. A few remained and were leading farmers and prominent citizens in the community.

PIONEERS MOVE ON

As the pioneersmen moved out the farmers bought their land at from \$5 to \$7 an acre, for that which had been broken. They also bought government land for \$2.00 an acre. Several years later when all the government land had been sold the Illinois Central put its land on the market for \$7.00 an acre.

One of the first of the settlers who arrived in the '50's was a Mr. Brehmer, who settled south of what is now Strasburg. Some of the other who followed were: Wangelin, Bracken, Pickish, Ostermeier, Hamm, and Harves. A number of these men were Germans from Madison county. They came originally from southern Germany and were known as "Low Germans," to distinguish them from the "High Germans" of northern Germany who spoke an altogether different dialect. They had left their native land because they believed America to be the land of promise, "Flowing with milk and honey," and, settled upon the wild and wind swept prairie, they labored tirelessly to make their dreams come true.

(GN Editor's Note: The information was taken verbatim from the book and spellings (of names, etc.) were the author's.)

THE CHRISTMAS STORE is coming to Strasburg once again...Liberty Unit #289 of the American Legion Auxiliary's Christmas Store has evolved into an Annual Cookie Walk with Christmas goodies for everyone's Christmas pleasure. Items include homemade noodles, homemade cookies and candies, Rada cutlery, plus stocking stuffer items and more! Shoppers select the cookies and candies they want and put in a box. Box is then weighed with price at \$5 per pound.

The Christmas Store is located in Strasburg Community Building and will open on Friday and Saturday, December 13-14. Santa will be at the Community Center on Saturday, December 14 from 9:30-11:00.

Profits from the Christmas Store will be used by the Auxiliary for community projects and items for veterans.

Stew-Stras Area Seasoned Citizens – visit Richard's Farm and the "BIG THINGS"

Well we did it again. That's right, 20 members of the Stew-Stras Area Seasoned Citizens group made another trip. We visited Richard's Farm Restaurant in Casey, Illinois for lunch on September 25. The people there had a dining room ready for us, and treated us with the utmost respect. We had a delicious meal and of course some said they ate too much. We were joined by one of our former members, Jerry Maddox, who now lives in Martinsville. He was playing tennis in Casey and came to join us. Following the meal, some drove into Casey to see the new "BIG" things. They now have the largest Key, Deer Antlers and Barber Pole. While we were there, we had ice cream from the ice cream parlor and candy from the candy store. Paul and Carol Manhart went with us and Carol went into the "Big" mailbox.

We invite all who are 55 or over to join us on the last Wednesday of the month at the Strasburg Community Center at noon. *Submitted by Jane Giertz*



Carol Manhart in the Big Mailbox

Join S-S Area Seasoned Citizens **Wednesday, October 30, 2019**

Strasburg Community Center, Strasburg 12:00 Noon,
Enjoy four delicious soups plus salads and desserts (all homemade, of course!)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Happy 50th
Anniversary to Terry
& Dot Thomas



They have been blessed with three children, six grandchildren and four step grandchildren. They celebrated in July with family at the Outer Banks.

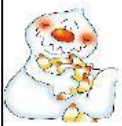
Welcome to our new Village Gnome!



American Legion Auxiliary Unit 289

Wants Your

CANDY



Bring your Halloween Candy to the
Strasburg Community Building
November 2nd from 1pm to 3pm
We will buy your Halloween candy
at a rate of \$1.00 per pound up to 5 pounds.
All of the candy purchased will then be sent
overseas to our Military.

The Auxiliary will also be accepting donations
for our Veterans drive that day.
Items needed are listed below.



gallon, quart and sandwich bags, bottled water, sugar free candy, sugar free cookies, bite size candy bars, full size Hershey bars(no nuts), large packages of cookies, coffee(regular or decaf), toilet paper, paper towels, kleenex, dish soap, body wash, lotion, body powder, 2 in 1 shampoo and conditioner, hairbrushes, deodorant(solid), baby oil, vaseline, lip balm, aftershave, denture cleanser, denture adhesive cream, hand sanitizer, mouthwash(alcohol free), velcro tennis shoes(size 9-12), brand new jeans(size 34), brand new long sleeved shirts, handmade blankets(twin size only)
We would also appreciate any cards or letters for our Veterans.

Free Christian Grandparenting Sessions Offered

As a grandparent, are you serious about impacting your grandchild's life, faith and legacy? St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Strasburg is offering a series of three sessions on being an intentional Christian Grandparent. Intentionality means to be available and help as you are able. Grandparents can help grandchildren deal with difficult family situations and help parents raise the next generation to know, love and serve God.

All grandparents are invited to these sessions to be held from **4:00-5:30 p.m. on Sundays, November 3, 10, and 17 in St. Paul's Social Hall, 511 S.Walnut, Strasburg.** The topics to be covered include the following: The Biblical Role of Grandparents, Passing on a Heritage of Faith, and the Power of the Spoken Blessing. Materials are taken from The Legacy Coalition-Grandparenting Matters. Organizer Virginia Vogel states, "These sessions are for grandparents of all ages. Your grandchildren need you-and not just as a friend or baby-sitter. God designed you to pass on a rich heritage of faith in Christ that will make a difference in their lives."

The sessions are free and open to everyone in the surrounding communities. If you want more information, contact Virginia at 217-254-6614.

TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

In Strasburg

Thursday, October 31

6:00-8:00 P.M.

WIN A DESSERT A MONTH FOR A YEAR!

Sponsored by Strasburg American
Legion Auxiliary Unit #289



Tickets \$1 each or 6/\$5.00

Begins January 2020

12 desserts

1 a month!

Drawing Dec 14th at
Christmas Store—
tickets available from
Auxiliary Members or
at Village Office



Win a Dessert a Month

Would you like to be surprised with a free dessert once a month for a year? The Strasburg American Legion Auxiliary is sponsoring your chance to win a dessert every month. Maybe it will be a pie, maybe cookies – or a cake. The 2019 winner, Jane Giertz, had this to say about winning. “I would buy a ticket again. It is great to wonder about what you are going to get, and then be surprised when it’s delivered. I have had some delicious desserts all different, nothing the same. I’m excited to see what I’m going to get for the last 3 months. I encourage everyone to buy their tickets. If you win, I can assure you that you won’t be disappointed.”

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and are available from any Strasburg American Legion Auxiliary member or at the Strasburg Village Office.

COLLECTION FOR ILLIANA VA

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

URGENT NEEDS – gallon, quart and sandwich baggies, body wash, lotion, cases of bottled water, toilet paper and paper towels, dish soap

NEEDS – Shampoo and conditioner (2 in 1), hairbrushes (new), deodorant (solid), denture adhesive cream (not adhesive tabs) denture cleanser, mouthwash (alcohol free), body wash, body powder, baby oil, Vaseline, toothbrush caps, tennis shoes (Velcro no laces) size 9-12 including ½ sizes, lip balm, after shave, individual hand sanitizer individual Kleenex, big packages of cookies, sugar free candy, sugar free cookies, bite size candy bars, full size Hersey chocolate bars (no nuts) gas cards (prefer Casey’s), coffee – regular or decaf, new clothes – jeans 34 up and long sleeved shirts,

DO NOT NEED AT THIS TIME: toothpaste, deodorant spray, puzzle books

CANNOT USE: Used clothes, hand soap, large hand sanitizer, denture rushes, denture adhesive tabs, denture cups, paper tablets, stationary kits, envelopes, pencils, greeting cards, gift bags, medicated anything, medical supplies, cassette tapes (music or book – can use CD only), no VHS tapes only DVD.

The Strasburg Community has always been generous in their donations for our veterans, and Strasburg has received National Recognition was received for contributions to this program.

Nominations for Candidates for Volunteer of the Year due November 6th

Each year a member of the community, whose volunteer activities have benefited the Strasburg Community, has been presented the “Volunteer of the Year” award. The Village Board is asking that members of the community nominate an individual that they think is deserving of this award.

Eligibility - Any individual, group, business, or organization whose volunteer activities directly benefit the Village of Strasburg and/or its residents is eligible.

Nominee Criteria

Nominees must:

- Demonstrate exceptional commitment to volunteerism by helping with a special project or ongoing activities

- Demonstrate exemplary leadership, creativity, cooperation, and hard work in their service to others
- Serve as role models by inspiring others to serve

A letter of nomination citing the points or reasons the nominator feels like the candidate deserves to be named Volunteer of the Year should be submitted to the Strasburg Village Office prior to November 6, 2019. A committee will review the nominations and will select the winner. The Volunteer of the Year award for 2019 will be presented at the Recognition Celebration /Soup Supper on Saturday, December 7.

Previous winners of the award are: 2007 Larry Giertz, 2008 Gary Kull, 2009 Linda Oakley, 2010 Patsy Lenz, 2011 Karen Kull and Lisa Shelton, 2012 Chris Daniels, 2013 Jane Giertz, 2014 Charlie Culver, 2015 Jodie Quast, 2016 Brittany Kaufman, 2017 Jim Weiss and Justin Krile, and 2018 Angie and Jason Edwards.

3rd Annual Golf Outing – S-SEF

The 3rd annual Stewardson-Strasburg Education Foundation Golf Outing was held on Saturday, September 7th at Fox Prairie golf course in Windsor. It was a perfect day for golf, cool in the morning but warming up as the day went on. We had a total of 12 teams competing, with some of the teams comprised of men and women. The teams teed off at 9:00 am after a robust breakfast of biscuits and gravy, fruit, and cinnamon rolls furnished by **Windsor Food Mart**.



This year the winning team was a team from the Strasburg area, sponsored by Hydra-Gear of Sullivan. The team consisted of Brian White, Gerry Schlechte, Josh Wright, and Bob Schlechte. Winning score was a 51.

The chipping contest was sponsored by Nichole Kroncke, candidate for Shelby County State's Attorney. Here Nichole is presenting the award to the winner Josh Wright.



Josh's winning chip was within 1' 11" of the hole on a difficult chip.

The putting contest was sponsored by Gina Vonderheide, the current States Attorney of Shelby County. The winner of the putting contest was Aaron Holley. Making the presentation on behalf of Gina was Alicia Kessler, S-SEF Board member. Aaron's winning putt was within 7 1/2 inches of the hole on a difficult uphill putt.



Other special holes event winners throughout the day were:

Harlen Beckel, "Longest Putt"



Justin Fulk, "Longest Drive"



Martha Firnhaber, "Longest Putt and Closest to the Pin"



Erica Firnhaber, "Longest Drive"





Kris Biggs, "Closest to the Pin"

Jessica Howe, S-SEF Board member made the presentations.

All the Special holes were sponsored by: Strasburg Lions, Stewardson Lions and E. J. Water of Dieterich.

The golfers also had a chance to win \$5,000 on the "Hole in One" hole sponsored by **Stewardson Citgo and Knapp Oil** of Stewardson. A special thanks to Citgo for sponsoring this each year. After the match was over all the golfers were treated to a great meal of Roast beef, potatoes, green beans and coleslaw catered by **Culver's in Effingham**. After the awards were handed out, every golfer received a prize donated by various merchants and individuals, valued at \$200.00 - \$10.00, before leaving.

The Stewardson-Strasburg Education Foundation would like to thank the golfers and all the sponsors and donations by merchants and individuals, given to make this year's outing a success. All funds gained from this event will be used for the betterment of the students at Stew-Stras High School and Grade School, through scholarships and mini-teacher grants.



Strasburg Liberty Post #289 American Legion Hosts Fundraiser

Strasburg Liberty Post #289 of the American Legion will sponsor a Christmas Auction on Sunday, **November 3 and Sunday, December 8 at 1 pm** at the Strasburg Community Center. 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 Craftsman tools, toys, metal signs, food items, figurines, baskets, wind spinners, china cabinets, yard ornaments, pie safes, bikes, trikes, ceramic, dolls, lanterns and much more. This is the perfect time to do your Christmas Shopping!

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

SANTA BRIGADE BREAKFAST & MARKET



Saturday, November 9

St Paul's Lutheran Church 511 S. Walnut STRASBURG 217.644.3007

Social hall/gym

**All-you-can-eat Pancake & Smoked
Rope Sausage Breakfast 6 - 11 am**

Holiday Market 7 - 11 am

- * **Christmas carols by church youth**
- * **Christmas Market Crafts & Vendors in the Gym.** Contact Angie for booth space
217.343.5686 or angela.edwards78@yahoo.com

START YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING WITH US!

Sponsored by:
Strasburg Community Action Network



Burn Out in the Burg Results

Burn Out Competition Winner - Tyler Pieszsalski
Exhaust Winner for gas engine - Mac Frederick
Exhaust Winner For diesel engine - Wyatt Cushman
People's Choice - Dale Vonderheide 1974 Javelin
Best In Show - Tom Griffen 1962 Chevy II
1920-1949 stock - Richard Doebling 1948 Plymouth
1920-1949 modified - Bobby Reed 1937 Ford
1950-1959 stock - Gary Rincker 1957 Chevy Bel Air
1960-1969 stock - Fannie Miller 1963 Chevy Impala
1960-1969 modified - Brian Herboth 1967 Chevy Camaro RS
1970-1979 stock - Lindell Coleman 1970 Monte Carlo
1970-1979 modified - Jim Doty 1972 Chevy Nova
1980-1989 stock - William Haselhorst 1981 Chevy Cordoba
2000-present stock Gunner Thies 2015 Dodge Challenger
2000-present modified - Jeremy Mast 2002 Ford Mustang
Truck Class 1920-1979 - Jeff Morgan 1948 Ford
1980-1999 - Andy & Melissa Finke 1989 Chevy S10
2000-present - Tim & Amanda Sides 2003 GMC Sierra
Rat Rod Class - Itchy Brown 1930 Ford
Jeep Class - Travis Lefever 2007 Jeep Wrangler

57th Annual Christmas Cantata

7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Strasburg

Joint Lutheran Choirs of St. Paul and Grace
Strasburg, Trinity Stewardson and St. Paul Sigel

Santa Claus is coming to Town!

Strasburg Community Center

Saturday, Dec. 14

9:30-11 a.m.

Sponsored by the Strasburg Lions Club



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