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Important Dates

Sat., Feb. 24. Lions Club Pancake, Sausage, Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast. 6:30-10 a.m.

Sun., Feb. 25. Stew-Stras Post Prom Binga. 2 p.m. St. Paul's.

Wed., Feb. 28. Seasoned Citizens. Noon.

Fri., Mar. 22. Lions Club Fish Fry. 4:30-7 p.m.

Tue., Mar. 26. SCAN Quarterly Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Sat., Mar. 30. American Legion Auxiliary Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m., registration at 9:45 a.m.

March 31. Deadline for Strasburg Community Grant Applications.

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

FYIs for this month:

- I ask that all residents with dogs not to let them out of your yard without a leash. This is a concern I hear most often from residents.
- The village has been approached by two Fiber companies interested in bringing fiber to town. (Yes, I know we have heard all this before). We have met with Seamless Fiber Innovations from Marshall and Metro from Sullivan. It is likely both will bring fiber. No one must sign up or show interest until after the fiber has been installed. More details in the upcoming months.
- The village continues to work and plod along on several projects. I wish everything could go faster, but the government just does not work that way. So many hoops to jump through.
- We finally have completed plans for the Park Project. Bids should go out soon after final authorization from the OSLAD grant committee.
- We have heard from the State IEPA that we have been approved to receive funding for the lagoon project, but no details or timeline.
- Enjoy a pancakes and sausage or biscuits and gravy breakfast from the Lions Club on Saturday.

Enjoy the warm weather everyone!

So glad we live in **Strasburg Right! In the middle of everything!**



Cinda Held

**Housing Lots for Sale
in York Acres**

With Rebate Incentives

**Contact the Village for
Details 217-644-3007**



Joe Stratton, 1st Place Light Up Strasburg

Other winners: James Noffke 2nd place and Michelle Hintersher 3rd place

STRASBURG LIONS CLUB PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH
6:30AM - 10:00 AM
STRASBURG COMMUNITY CENTER



ALL YOU CAN EAT!

Menu includes: AYCE pancakes, sausage, applesauce, drinks, and biscuits and gravy (not AYCE)

CASH DONATION

Proceeds will go to fund community projects and to help the visually and hearing impaired. Your attendance is appreciated!

Strasburg Community Foundation 2024 Grant Process Underway

The Strasburg Community Foundation Board of Directors would like to remind the community of the upcoming annual grant opportunity. Grant applications will be accepted by the Foundation Board of Directors from January 1 – March 31, 2024. Projects will be funded for one year and prior grant recipients may re-apply. The Board will make annual grants to groups or individuals who use their projects to enhance the quality of life for citizens of the community. The Foundation generally will not fund a request at 100 percent. Amounts and projects chosen will depend upon funds available for the year. Only 62465 zip code applicants will be considered.

If you wish to be considered for funding or if you have any questions, please contact a Strasburg Community Foundation Board member – Melissa Luce, Jodie Quast, Larry Giertz, Mitch Stewart, Tim Lenz, or John Helton.

Application can be picked up at the Village Office and must be completed and returned by March 31st.

LEO Club goes caroling

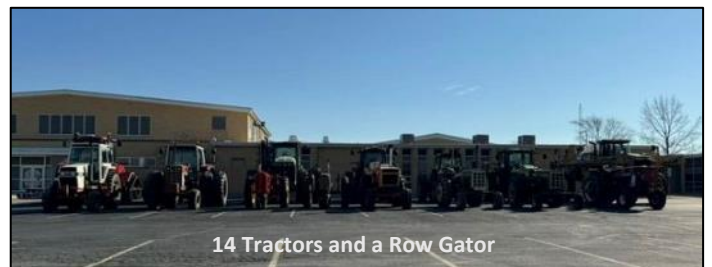
The Strasburg Lions "LEO" Club went caroling on Sunday December 17th. Each LEO brought a dozen cookies which were divided into 13 plates of cookies. The LEOs then boarded a trailer sitting on bales of straw (provided by Lion Otto) and went around town. At each stop the LEOs sang three or four songs and then presented each stop with a dozen cookies and a Merry Christmas wish. The LEOs then returned to Jim's home and had pizza, hot chocolate and brownies. The LEOs were accompanied for the evening with Lions Jim Weiss, Mary Tabbert, and Mariah and Jesse Williams.



FFA Week at Stew-Stras: February 20-23

Thursday, Feb. 22, FFA Community Breakfast, High School Ag Room, 6-8 a.m., serving pancakes, sausage and scrambled eggs.

Other events this week include: Drive your tractor to school, K-2 Pedal Pull, K-5th Petting Zoo, Ag Olympics and Rodeo relay race.



14 Tractors and a Row Gator

Sponsored by the Strasburg American Legion Auxiliary

Easter Egg Hunt

Ages Toddlers Through 3rd Grade

When: Saturday, March 30th at 10AM
Where: Strasburg Park

*In case of rain hunt will take place at the Strasburg Community Center

Easter Bunny will be available for pictures



Mary Anderson Memorial Scholarship for Post-Secondary Students

The Strasburg American Legion Auxiliary is taking applications for the Mary Anderson Memorial Scholarship for Post-Secondary Students. This is a \$500 scholarship for a student who has graduated from high school prior to 2023 and who will attend a community college, four-year college, or technical institute. The scholarship will be paid in one installment of \$500 on October 1st.

Applications for the scholarship must be accompanied by proof of admission and attendance in a post-secondary school and are due to Cinda Held, 101 W N 3rd, Strasburg 62465 by June 1, 2024.

Application can be picked up at Strasburg Village Office

on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday or can be emailed to the student. Contact Linda Oakley at lindao.1950@gmail.com to receive an application.

Show Case of Trees / Gallery of Artwork / Sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary Liberty Unit 289

The winner (as determined by the number of votes [money] in their bucket) of the 2023 Show Case of Trees sponsored by Strasburg American Legion Auxiliary was the **Penguin Tree, decorated by Strasburg ALA #289**.

Total monies received from all trees was \$244.88 that will be earmarked for scholarships. Thank you to the Lion's Club (Jane Giertz decorator), Gnome tree (Cinda Held), Santa tree (Country Financial) and the Vehicle/Road tree (Porterformance Auto Care) for taking time to share their decorated trees with the community. If you have ideas for a tree, please consider decorating one next year. Thank you also to everyone who placed their vote.

In conjunction with the Christmas Store and Show Case of Trees, the Strasburg ALA Unit #289 also sponsored a gallery of artwork from students in the Stewardson-Strasburg School District. What a blessing to see the awesome artwork of students from 1st grade through the 12th grade. *At Right: The winning tree.*



Lion's Club Tree



Gnome Tree



Santa Tree



Vehicle/Road Tree



Strasburg 150th Celebration June 14-16, 2024

A **Strasburg history book** is being prepared to highlight the history of Strasburg during the last 25 years (1999-2024). Also included is a section of stories where individuals share their memories of living, growing up, or visiting Strasburg. The Strasburg history book will be available for sale during the 150th Celebration June 14-16, 2024.

Below are some excerpts from a few stories that will be included in the book.

Halloween Desserts by Eli Dollarhide:

“The real highlight of the Halloween celebration was the cakewalk. Just the word ignited excitement. Once the costume judging was complete, some of the Legion members would throw down a large set of particle board numbered tiles onto the road, arranged into a hollow square. Someone would dust off a boom box and some tapes - - I feel there like there was a lot of Garth Brooks - - and the game was off.”

Recollections of Strasburg Life by Chris Storm:

“My father, George E. Kull, was Strasburg’s postmaster for 23 years (1934-1957)...

My mother’s birth flower was Lily of the Valley for May. A large clump of the flowers covered a 6-8’ area at the back of the post office. In our farmyard eighty years later, we still have some of those flowers.

Mincemeat and Holiday Cookies by Cinda Held:

“My grandma Rosie Rincker was known for two things around her community: her holiday cookies and mincemeat...

(Mincemeat) What is that you ask...? Well, it’s cooked soup bone, head meat and other cooked cuts from beef. It is cooked until it is so tender that it can be pulled from the bone. Then raisins, currents, sugar and leftover holiday hard candy was added, and it continued to cook until it became soft and caramelized. Grandma Rosie cooked it for mincemeat pies. People from as far as Decatur bought her mincemeat for the holidays. For some it was a real treat. For others, not so much.”

Precious Memories of Time at Grandma and Grandpa’s by Abby (Rincker) Warden:

“Many hours were spent outside pretending to play and gazing upon the cattle, believing they enjoyed the songs I sang to them. At least, they never told me otherwise.”

Adventures in Firefighting by Charlie Culver:

“Charlie’s loyal canine, Radar, a beagle mix, provided more entertainment for the department. One day a call came through and Radar hopped in the truck with Charlie to go to the Firehouse. While Charlie put on his gear, he instructed Radar, “You stay in my truck.” Charlie said, “His long ears were just a-floppin, cars were pullin’ over, and there’s this long-eared dog running down the road behind the firetruck!””

150th merchandise is available for purchase at the Shelby County State Bank in Strasburg. Your support is appreciated!



The Strasburg 150th celebration is coming together. Below is a list of events that have been booked and more activities that are being planned.

We are still looking for businesses or individuals to sponsor some of our big entertainment events. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact 150th co-chairs Sue Bowers 217-690-2706 or Jodie Quast 217-246-3919.

Strasburg 150th Celebration June 14-16, 2024

All three days

- Carnival 8-9 rides (Advance tickets will be available soon)
- Variety of Food Trucks
- Strasburg History Museum

Friday - Starts at 4:30pm

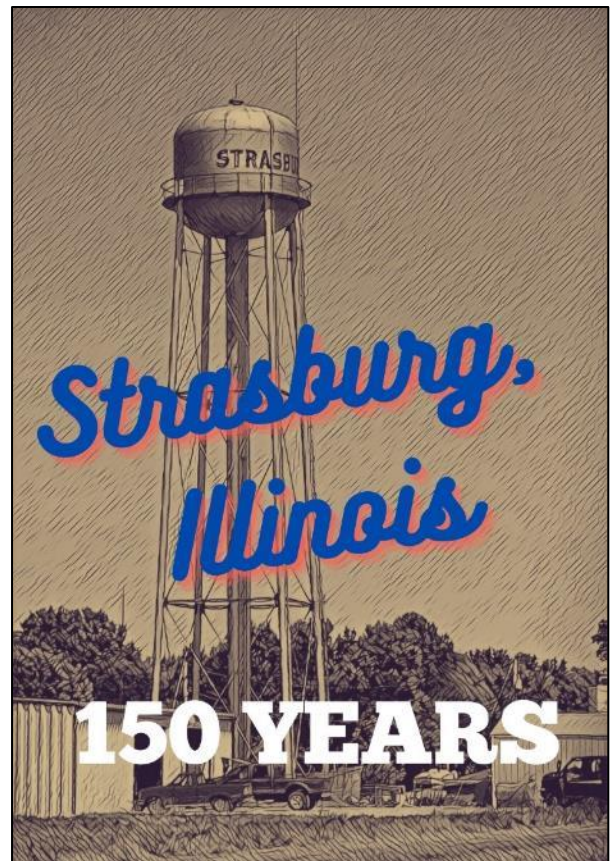
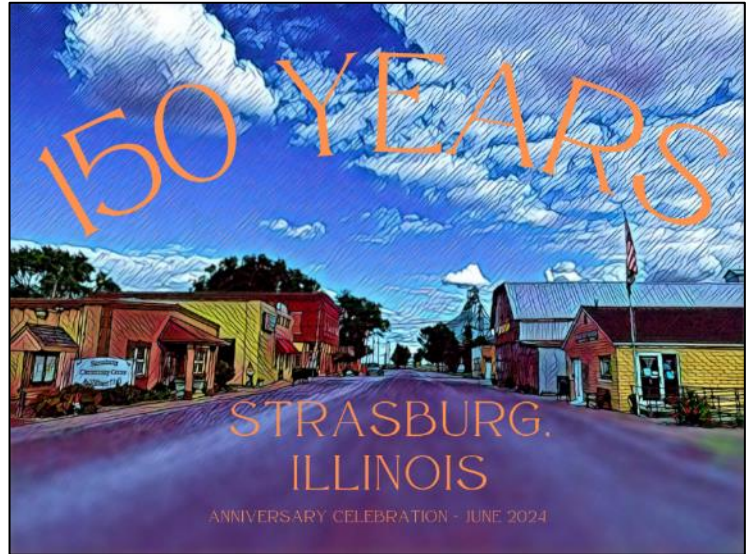
- Little Miss and Little Mr. Strasburg Pageant
- Battle Creek Band
- Beer Tent
- Exotic Animal Zoo **(Sponsored by SCAN)**
- Lions Club German Meal

Saturday - starts at 11:30am

- Parade
- Boombox 80's Band
- Felix & Fingers Dueling Pianos
- Amazing Larry the Magician
- History Museum
- Craft Tent, Raffles, Binga
- Caricature artist **(Sponsored by Milano and Grunloh)**
- Exotic Animal Zoo **(Sponsored by SCAN)**
- Pony rides
- Beer Tent
- Kids Power Wheels Demo Derby **(Sponsored by Strasburg Fire Protection District)**

Sunday - Starts at 11:30am

- Jake and Mikayla
- Joe Arvue - Gospel music
- Exotic Animal Zoo **(Sponsored by SCAN)**
- Free Cupcakes **(Sponsored by Dad & Sons Mowing)**
- Free Ice Cream **(Sponsored by Country Financial - Garrett Moffett)**
- Pedal Tractor Pull **(Strasburg Lions Club)**
- Pony Rides
- Sounds of Swing -Big Band Orchestra **(Sponsored by Kull Appliance Service)**
- Fireworks **(Sponsored by the Village of Strasburg)**



Updated 2/19/24

2024 Strasburg Events & Celebrations

Hosted by Village of Strasburg and non-profit organizations

Date	Event
Jan. 23	SCAN Quarterly Meeting. 6:30 p.m. Community Center.
Jan. 31	Seasoned Citizens. Noon. Community Center.
Feb. 24	Lions Club Breakfast. Pancakes, Sausage, Biscuits, Gravy, Applesauce. 6:30-10 a.m. Comm. Center.
Feb. 28	Seasoned Citizens. Noon. Community Center.
Mar. 22	Lions Fish Fry. 4:30-7 p.m. Community Center.
Mar. 26	SCAN Quarterly Meeting. 6:30 p.m. Community Center.
Mar. 27	Seasoned Citizens. Noon. Community Center.
Mar. 30	Easter Egg Hunt. 10 a.m. Park. American Legion Auxiliary.
Apr. 24	Seasoned Citizens. Noon. Community Center.
May 4	Main Street Makeover. 8-11 a.m. Volunteers needed to help spruce up park and main street. SCAN.
May 24, 25	Poppy Days. American Legion Auxiliary.
May 25	Village Wide Rummage Sales. 7 a.m.
May 27	Memorial Day Service at Veterans Memorial. 11 a.m. Program Strasburg Lions LEO Club. Meal at the Park. Strasburg Lions Club.
May 29	Seasoned Citizens. Noon. Community Center.
Jun. 1	Lions Club Chicken Fry. 4 p.m. & SCAN serving fresh strawberry shortcake. Village Park.
Jun. 14	Flag disposal ceremony at Windsor. Strasburg & Windsor American Legion Posts.
Jun. 14-16	Strasburg 150th Celebration. Food, Carnival, Entertainment, Children Activities, Fireworks. Park.
Jun. 17-21	St. Paul's & Grace Vacation Bible School. 9-11:30 a.m. St. Paul's Lutheran Church.
Jun. 25	SCAN Quarterly Meeting. 6:30 p.m. Community Center.
Jun. 26	Seasoned Citizens. Noon. Community Center.
Jul. 13	Lions Club Tractor Pull/Sandwiches. Park.
Jul. 31	Seasoned Citizens. Noon. Community Center.
Aug. 28	Seasoned Citizens. Noon. Community Center.
Sept. 7	Fall Village Wide Rummage Sales.
Sept. 20	Community Wiener Roast & Volunteer of the Year awarded. Park. Lions Club & Village Board.
Sept. 24	SCAN Quarterly Meeting. 6:30 p.m. Community Center.
Sept. 25	Seasoned Citizens. Noon. Community Center.
Oct. 26	Halloween Soup Supper, Parade, Costumes, Cake Walk. Community Center. American Legion & Aux.
Oct. 30	Seasoned Citizens. Noon. Community Center.
Nov. 3	American Legion Christmas Auction. 1 p.m. Community Center.
Nov. 9	Santa Brigade Breakfast (6 a.m.) & Christmas Market (7 a.m.). St. Paul's Social Hall & Gym. SCAN.
Nov. 27	Seasoned Citizens. Noon. Community Center.
Dec. 1	American Legion Christmas Auction. 1 p.m. Community Center.
Dec. 8	Lutheran Churches Christmas Cantata. 7 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church, Stewardson.
Dec. 13-14	Christmas Store/Cookie Walk. Community Center. American Legion Auxiliary.
Dec. 14	Visit with Santa. 9:30-11 a.m. Community Center.



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~We Remember~

Melvina Anna Lading, 91, (August 30, 1932 – January 14, 2024) of Strasburg, IL

Melvina was born on August 30, 1932, at home in rural Strasburg, IL, the daughter of Albert and Emma (Pependicker) Mueller. She graduated from Strasburg High School in 1950 and went on to attend Sparks College in Shelbyville. Melvina worked for the Standard Oil Company in Decatur, IL from 1950-1952. She married Dwight F. Lading on June 14, 1952. Melvina was a homemaker for many years. She then worked in the housewares department at K-Mart in Mattoon and later in Effingham for a total of 23 years, retiring in 1997.



Melvina and Dwight enjoyed traveling throughout the US and made a special trip to seven countries in Europe in 2014 with their daughter, Karen. In earlier years they enjoyed square dancing and ballroom dancing. Melvina was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Strasburg, IL and helped with the planning for the Strasburg 100th and 125th Anniversary Celebrations. Melvina loved her family and made photobooks for her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed collecting dolls and also Holiday Barbie dolls. She baked hundreds of pies in her lifetime as well as many cakes which she decorated for her grandchildren's birthday and confirmation celebrations. She was well-known for her iced sugar cookies which she handed out for many years to the Trick or Treaters at Halloween.

Melvina is survived by her husband, Dwight; four children, Dennis Lading (Nitelle) of Effingham, IL, Debra Wittenberg (Darrell) of Troy, IL; Karen Kull (Gary) of Strasburg, IL, and Kendall Lading (Shelley) of Troy, IL; 11 grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, one step-great grandchild, sister-in-law, Elizabeth Mueller of Joliet, IL; and several nieces and nephews.

BENEFIT FOR WALKER WARDEN

LOCAL TEAM PLAYS ON EIU COURT

**WALKER
WARDEN
MEDICAL
BENEFIT**

WHEN
Saturday, March 16, 2024
4:30-7:30PM

WHERE
Stewardson Community Building
S Pine St, Stewardson, IL 62463



**ALL AGES
EVENT**

**FREE WILL
DONATION**

Pulled Pork Dinner
(Carry-out meals will be available)
Culver's Custard available for purchase

SILENT AUCTION
Fantastic auction items
50/50 Drawing

BENEFITING

Walker (Age 2), is the son of Jacob and Abby (Rincker) Warden. He was recently diagnosed with a rare form of juvenile leukemia known as JMML. He is currently being treated in St. Louis at Cardinal Glennon Hospital. All proceeds of the benefit will go toward medical and housing assistance during his treatments and procedures to fight JMML.

For more information, please visit the Facebook page:
Walker Warden Medical Benefit

Local 2nd and 3rd grade boys from Stew-Stras and Trinity (The Avengers) competed in a basketball season at the Workman's Complex in Effingham and were invited to play at halftime during the Eastern Illinois University's men's basketball game on Feb. 17th. The players and family attended the basketball game against Lindenwood. During halftime, the team scrimmaged against each other in front of the home crowd cheering. After the game, the boys were allowed to meet and get autographs from the EIU players. This experience was enjoyed by players and parents.



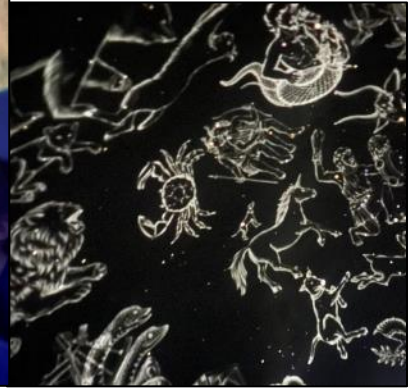
Pictured front row: Grady Smith, Eli Schutte, Waylon Cushman, Emmett Kaufman, and Camden Layton.

Back row: Assistant Coach Josh Layton,

Gabe Moore, Jagger Curry, Kingston Rincker, Silas Koester, Wesley Warden and Head Coach Matt Koester.

StarLab comes to Stewardson-Strasburg School

In February, the Stew-Stras students Kindergarten-Jr High were able to experience StarLab, the portable planetarium. It was a fun and unique way of learning that the students will never forget! Stew-Stras 2nd grade teacher, Jenna Layton, and science teacher, Courtney Koebele, were able to secure the StarLab on loan from the Regional Office of Education #11. Students were able to see what the upcoming solar eclipse in April will look like. They also viewed planets, the moon, and constellations.



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