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2013 WINNER
GOVERNOR'S
HOME TOWN AWARD

Important Dates

Saturdays in July, Strasburg
Farmers Market, 9-11 a.m.,
Strasburg Park under the Pavilion

Jul. 2. Red, White, Blue &
Footlongs Too! (Page 2)

Jul. 3. PiYo at the Park. (Page 2)

Jul. 16-18. Lions Club
Homecoming, Parade & Golf Cart
Races (Page 7)

Jul. 28. SS Seasoned Citizens
meet, noon

Village officials

Current Board Members are:
Village President: Cinda Held

Trustees: Robert Anderson, Jack
Clark, James Connell, MaRanda
McClain, Ian Kinkley and Kristina
Moore

Village Clerk: Linda Oakley

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Message from the Mayor

Hi all, Hope you are enjoying summer and warm weather.

I want to give a shout out and big THANK YOU to 32Below
and the Levitts. The mural they had painted on their wall is
wonderful and it really adds local flavor in town. Stang Art
Studio in Effingham did the work.



been filled, we would have raised \$22,000. The thermometer to track our
progress is in front of the post office. We just started June 3 and have raised over
\$1500 from the envelope fundraiser. If you don't see us at upcoming events, just
come in while the office is open to donate. Your contribution can be tax
deductible. We want this to be a community effort so please give what you can.

As a reminder, please don't cover your water meter with dirt, rock, etc. If there
is a problem, crews need to be able to find your meter.

We want to welcome and support the new owners of the Marathon, now known
as the "Highland Market."

The Annual Lion's Club Homecoming will be July 16-18. See page 7 for details.

The Village will be oiling streets again either the middle of July or the first of
August. The village continues to work on ditches and drainage within the village.

Just FYI that there will be Mosquito Spraying once a month until September.

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



Cinda Held

Park Fundraising
has begun. The
donation board is
inside the
Community Center
with envelopes from 1
– 200. You choose
an envelope and
place that amount of
money (or more) in
the envelope. Once
all the envelopes have



Strasburg American Legion Auxiliary Sponsors Two Delegates to Illini Girls State

Liberty Unit #289 of the American Legion Auxiliary in Strasburg has chosen Grace Vonderheide and Alexis Agney to attend the 2021 Session of the American Legion Auxiliary's Illini Girls State. Grace is the daughter of Stephen and Diana Vonderheide of Stewardson and Alexis is the daughter of Troy and Kathleen Agney of Strasburg.

The American Legion Auxiliary Illini Girls State is a weeklong program dedicated to providing training for young women in city, county, and state government. They are placed into a two-party system and will run for office, campaign, vote, and write legislation pertinent to American Legion Auxiliary Illini Girls State as well as the state and nation. The 2021 session will be a virtual session using Zoom and Google Classroom platforms. Seniors that were unable to attend last year's cancelled session were also eligible. The session will run from Monday June 21st to Friday June 25th. For more information visit the Illini Girls State website and a sample virtual schedule. <https://www.alaigs.org/index.html>

Shown L-R: Alexis Agney & Grace Vonderheide



SCAN News

Join SCAN at their next quarterly meeting on Sept. 28 at 6:30 p.m.

PiYo at the Park-July 3

The Strasburg Community Action Network is offering a PiYo class at the Strasburg Park on Saturday, July 3, from 8-9 a.m. The public is invited to attend. PiYo is a low impact workout that sculpts, strengthens and improves flexibility. Bring a friend and your yoga mat! There is a suggested donation of \$10 for the class which includes a 45-minute workout, followed by snacks and drinks.



Red, White, Blue & Footlongs Too!

Friday, July 2, 5-8 p.m. This event will be outside on the patio at 32 Below and is open to all ages. Proceeds will help raise money for Strasburg Park improvements!

Register now for the Little Hatchets Soccer League

Area children PreK4 through 4th grade are invited to participate in the fall Little Hatchets Soccer League, sponsored by the Strasburg Community Action Network. Registration is Thursday, July 15 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Strasburg Park. You may also print and return the form to MaRanda McClain, 3 York Drive, Strasburg, IL 62465. The form is located on our Facebook page: Little Hatchets Sports Club. Deadline to return is July 31. Cost is \$20 which includes a t-shirt. This event is open to other communities.

There will be two or three ages groups depending upon the number registered. Games will be played at the Strasburg Park on Sunday afternoons August 22-September 26 at 1, 2 or 3 p.m.



Red, White, Blue & Footlongs Too!

Join SCAN for a fundraiser meal to support park improvements!

Footlong Hot Dogs w/ all the Fixings, Chili/Cheese Nachos, & Desserts

Friday, July 2, 2021
32 Below Bar Patio
101 S Walnut St, Strasburg, IL
5:00-8:00 pm
Takeout available!



Left-Flower pots at the park are planted by the SCAN Beautification Team.

Right-Young volunteers at Main Street Makeover Day in May.

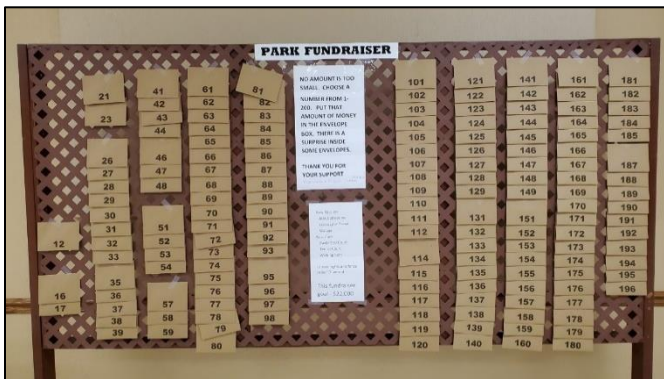
Below – New Gnomes and decorations around town



Help the Village reach their goal of \$300,000!

In 2024 (three short years), the Village of Strasburg will celebrate their 150th anniversary! For this celebration, park

Thanks to this group who decorated graves of veterans for Memorial Day. Front row: Riddick Reed, Shae Vonderheide, Adeline Brown, Reed Smith, and Aubrey Brown. Back row: Skyler Vonderheide, Anna Brown, Linda Oakley, Grace Vonderheide, Cinda Held, Abby Brown and Charlene Telgmann.



improvements are being planned, including a new pavilion by the ball diamond with seating, restrooms, serving area, concession stand and storage. Also planned are electrical updates and new features at the park area on the south. The budget is \$300,000. Donations from recent fundraisers (Berries & Burgers, Lions Chicken Fry, etc.) have gone towards this goal. Other donations have been coming in for this project through the Strasburg Foundation.

A park fundraiser board has been created with donation

envelopes from 1-200. You choose the envelope number and donate that amount. Once all donations are in, \$22,000 will be raised.

How can you help? We need people, current and former members of Strasburg, Strasburg descendants, or anyone who love small towns to pick up envelopes from the Community Center! Come in when the office is open or call the Village Office (217-644-3007) to choose a number and mail in your donation. Our fundraising total is now over \$36,000.

SHOUT OUT TO RYKER MCCLAIN

Ryker McClain (3rd grader next school year) sold bake sale items that were donated by Bill Riley (he purchased table of goodies from high school bake sale). Ryker made \$29 and donated it to the village for the Park Pavilion Fund!

The Regional Office of Education #11 has announced the 2021 2nd Annual ROE #11 Recognition of Excellence Award Recipients. Nominations were requested from each school district within the region seeking to highlight a pre-kindergarten through grade 12 educator who has modeled excellence in education. Congratulations to our local 2021 ROE #11 Recognition of Excellence Award Recipients!

Cowden-Herrick CUSD #3A: **Kyle Knop**
 Neoga CUSD #3: **Alicia Kessler**
 Stewardson-Strasburg CUSD #5A: **Leslie Richter**

May Gnome Winner

Congratulations to Lela Ostermeier, winner of the Strasburg Community Action Network Gnome Giveaway for the month of May. Lela has lived in Strasburg almost all her life and commented, "I knew I never wanted to live anywhere else." Lela was married to Dwight Ostermeier for 68 years until his passing in 2015. She has a son Mark (wife Barb), two granddaughters, two great-grandsons and two great-great-grandsons.

At age 94, Lela remembers quite a bit about the "good old days" in Strasburg. She remembers Storm Hall, which was above Dick Storm's general merchandise and dry goods store. It later became Renshaw's store and was located on the south corner of Commercial and Rt. 32 where the Marathon station is now located. Storm Hall was used for high school class plays and high school graduations before the gym was built onto the Strasburg High School in 1942. The town merchants also sponsored free movies on Wednesday evenings and people would come to town to watch the shows.

Another memory was that of the Band Stand where the Strasburg Band used to play. This was located west of the Community Center around the area of the parking lot. On the corner (where Boldt Station is now) was the doctor's office and next to it (between the Band Stand and the doctor's office) was a little building called the Huddle. It was run by Wanda Mae Young and Betty Hood and they served refreshments, mostly to high school age kids.

Thank you, Lela, for your memories of Strasburg. Lela is thankful for the SCAN members and all they do for Strasburg. Lela has other gnomes around her home and was happy to receive another one. She has named him "Rudy".



June Gnome Winner

Congratulations to Shelby County State Bank, winner of the SCAN Gnome Giveaway for the month of June. Shelby County State Bank, the oldest bank in Shelby County, opened its doors May 11, 1895, for the purpose of offering banking products and services to all of Shelby County.

The Strasburg branch of Shelby County State Bank was acquired in 1988. The Strasburg location is conveniently fixed in the heart of "downtown" at 109 E Commercial Street. Current employees of the bank include Nate Washer, Assistant Vice President, Loan Officer, Strasburg Branch Manager who has worked at the bank for 15 years! Lisa Cress and Sue Bowers, both residents of Strasburg, have both worked at the bank for 14 years and Loan Officer Ashley Plummer has been at the Strasburg branch for 4 years.



L-R: Lisa Cress, Ashley Plummer, Nate Washer and Sue Bowers

The staff at the bank love all things about Strasburg including their kind patrons and all of the community sponsored events. Check out Shelby County State Bank for your personal and business banking needs and say hello to "Bilbo Moneybags" while you are visiting!



American Legion Auxiliary members Sarah Wykoff and Cinda Held presented a wreath at the wall before a remembrance of fallen service personnel.

On stage were Mayor Cinda Held, Veteran Larry Giertz who gave the invocation, keynote Speaker Van Stone and LEO president Megan Nichols. Stone, a decorated Vietnam combat veteran and former Green Beret, has also been a trial attorney, CEO of a large consulting firm, president of a Midwest bank, as well as a speaker at countless military and veteran functions.

Community Comes Together at Lions “LEO” Club Memorial Day Celebration, May 31, 2021

With a turnout of around 150 people, the Strasburg Lions LEO Club carried out a well-planned and memorable celebration of our veterans and fallen soldiers. LEO members, guided by advisor Jim Weiss, planned the celebration, designed and printed a program, arranged for the groups to participate, secured a speaker and raised money for the memorial wall by acquiring several sponsorships to honor the service and sacrifice of area men and women who have served in the military. \$3,170 was presented to the Veterans Memorial Committee, \$50 was donated to the Boy Scouts, who presented the colors; and \$100 each was given to the local American Legion Post and Auxiliary Unit.

The LEO Club received a grant from the Siemer Milling Endowment for Youth Leadership to help cover costs for the event. Besides the LEO members, also participating in the ceremony were the village, Boy Scouts, Strasburg and Windsor American Legion Posts and Strasburg American Legion Auxiliary Unit, community members and the Lions Club. Members of the Strasburg American Legion Post 289 and Windsor American Legion Post 725 combined for the rifle volley tribute before “Taps” by Lions Ian and Stephanie Kinkley.

Following the ceremony, the Lions Club served a lunch in the Community Building, with all veterans eating for free.

Strasburg Service Personnel Killed in Action

WWI

Henry C. Lading
Fred W. Nippe
Henry F. W. Pieper
Andrew E. Ruff

WWII

Kenneth Wilson

Korean War

Raymond Hubbard

Look for more postings about these men
on the Strasburg, IL Facebook page

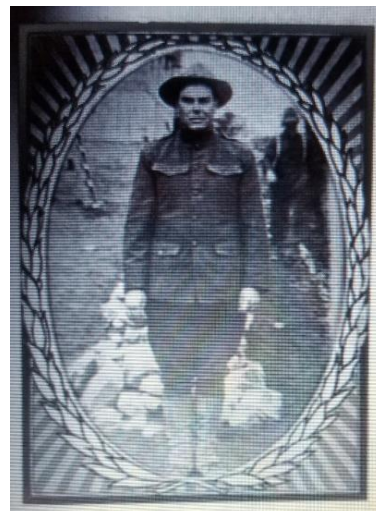
Henry C. Lading

“A marble monument stands in St. Paul’s cemetery in the village of Strasburg, bearing an inscription that tells the silent but eloquent story of the heroic death of Henry C.

Lading, one of the first two men of Shelby County to meet a violent death in the war. Lading was a victim of the Hun’s campaign of unrestricted submarine frightfulness, and with Jess Mars, another Shelby County man, lost his life in the torpedoing of the transport Moldavia, as he was crossing France with Company B, 58th Infantry, Fourth Division.

Lading, who was the son of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Lading of Strasburg, and born Sept. 24, 1892, was called to the colors with the country’s second contingent, leaving Shelbyville with 63 other men on the 18th of September 1917.” Taken from: *Shelby County in the World War, 1919*,

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Pizza Party

Celebrating 40 years of
"Pause for Peace"
telephone ministry

Sunday, July 11 6:00 P.M.
St Paul's social Hall, Strasburg



Everyone is invited!
Please contact Patsy Lenz
at 217 825 9173
if you plan to attend

Dial 217.644.3124 for a daily devotion

Congratulations to Donna Rincker and Sarah Gentry on their teaching retirement at Stew-Stras!



Village Board Members

Ian Kinkley, Cinda Held, Jim Connell, Kristina Moore, Robert Anderson, MaRanda McClain, and Jack Clark.



Thank you to the board for serving our community!

Village Reminder – as per State of Illinois law individuals under the age of 16 (for anyone without a valid driver's license) are not allowed to drive a Golf Cart, UTV or ATV on the streets of Strasburg

Remembering

Harold Lloyd Nippe
August 02, 1923 - May 23, 2021

Harold L. Nippe 97 of Stockton, Ca. passed away Sunday, May 23, 2021. Harold was the son of Arthur and Goldie (Gill) Nippe and born at home in Strasburg, Illinois. After graduating high school, he worked on the Richland Township roads with his father Arthur, soon after he was inducted into the Army. Harold served in the U S Army 625th Engineers Light Equipment Co. during WWII in Glassglow, Scotland and Manilla, Luzon, Philippine Islands. He married Zelma Krile March 16, 1926, they had five daughters. Harold was a life-time member of the Strasburg American Legion Post 289 for 76 years and life-time member of the Effingham V.F.W. Post 1769.



Harold is preceded in death by his parents Arthur William and Goldie Marie Nippe, his wife Zelma Lucile Nippe, daughters Patti Jo Nippe, Jo Ann Gennuso, sister Lula Bell, brothers Eugene and James. He is survived by his daughters Linda Lou Young (Charles), Joyce Quiroz, Donna Cox, brother Roger Nippe (Deloris) and 13 Grandchildren, 35 Great Grandchildren, 9 Great Great Grandchildren, many nephews and nieces.

Donations can be made to the Cancer Society or American Legion Post 289.

An urn committal service will be held at 1:00pm on Friday June 11, 2021 at Cherokee Memorial Park, at Harney Lane, Lodi CA.

<https://www.cherokeememorial.com/services-obituaries/2021/5/26/harold-nippe?rq=Harold%20L.%20Nippe>

Strasburg Lions Club Schedule of Events, July 17-19

Strasburg Lions Club 65th Homecoming
July 16, 17 & 18, 2021



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, July 16

5 p.m. **FOOD STAND** Ribeye, Pork BBQ, Baked Beans, Potato Salad

6 p.m. **PARADE** - Parade begins at the Trestle (North Locust St.) and ends at the Park. Lineup begins at 5:30 p.m.

After Parade - **ARCHERY TAG** (dodge ball with bows and arrows) **FREE FOR ALL AGES**

Saturday, July 17

8:30 a.m. **Gnomecoming 5K, 1-mile Walk/Run** (register 7:30-8:15 a.m.)

11 a.m. **Outfield Food Stand Opens / Tractor and Truck Weigh In**

12 Noon **Tractor Pull begins**

5 p.m. **Kids Games**

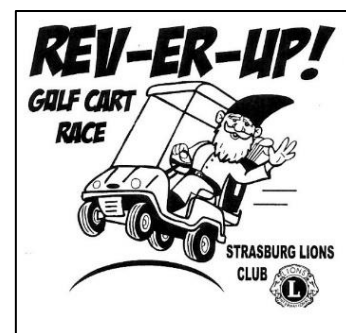
6 p.m. **Pedal Tractor Pull-our 30th year**

7 p.m. **ARCHERY TAG TOURNAMENT**

Sunday, July 18

11 a.m. **Outfield Food Stand Opens / Registration for Golf Car Races**

12 p.m. **Golf Cart Races Begin**



Golf Car Race Event at the Lions Club Homecoming

Cost to enter - \$10

Two Classes: One class with 8" wheel rims and Open class with bigger wheels

Trophys for winners and best Pit Crew.

A drivers license is required for the driver of the golf cart. The event will take place on the grass area west of the ball diamond. Participants are encouraged to pre-register with John Wittenberg. Contact him at 217.254.2264.

Summer Art Camp at Stew-Stras



VBS Children at St. Paul's in June



York Acres continues to grow!

New Lots for Sale - Larger lots/New incentives



House #7 in York Acres

Call the Village for more information 217.644.3007

Popup Farmers Market in Strasburg on Saturdays

Strasburg, Illinois Farmer's Market takes place **most Saturdays, 9-11 a.m.** It is located at the **Strasburg Park** under the pavilion. Watch for postings on the Strasburg, Illinois Farmer's Market Facebook page. Other events in town will influence where and when markets may pop up.

VENDORS: Set up is free. Set up is first come, first served. You may use park picnic tables or bring your own.



Blueberry Scones



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