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Important Dates

Sat., Feb. 25. Lions Club Pancake, Sausage, Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast. 6-10 a.m.

Tue., March 21, 150th Celebration Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Fri., Mar. 24. Lions Club Fish Fry. 4:30-7 p.m.

Tue., Mar. 28. SCAN Quarterly Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

March 31. Deadline for Strasburg Community Grant Applications.

Sat., Apr. 8. American Legion Auxiliary Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m., registration at 9:45 a.m.

VILLAGE OF STRASBURG

Monthly Board meetings 3rd
Monday at 6:30 p.m.

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Thur. 8 a.m.-Noon & 1-4 p.m.

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Message from the Mayor

The village has been trying to get fiber to our town for several years now. When we thought we were close, there was a breakdown, not on our end but the companies.

Wabash Communications is looking to bring fiber to Strasburg. You say, "heard that before". You are right! Wabash was formally Illinois Fiber Connect, which was a coop with EJ Water. Wabash and EJ are no longer together. We are starting over again.

Residents will get an interest survey sheet in the February Sewer bill to return indicating your interest in fiber. Wabash will also be at the Pancake Breakfast on February 25 with information. Again, we need enough people to sign up with Wabash. The problem is that Wabash is competing with Consolidated and Mediacom, which means residents need to look at their service, the speed of their internet and determine if they want faster and more reliable service. Only so much data can be transferred with the lines we currently use.

To attract younger families to our community, we need faster internet. These families are using the internet to work from home, for school and for streaming TV shows and movies.

The flyer lists different packages that you can sign up for. We need to hear from all households whether you are interested or not. Wabash will visit those addresses that do not return the interest survey. The longer it takes to get the surveys back the longer it will take for Wabash to decide if it is to their benefit to come to Strasburg. Your cooperation in this matter is needed for us to move forward.

FLUSHABLE WIPES! Unfortunately, you can't flush them!! We have had to repair a pump at our sewer lift station twice in the past 6 weeks due to flushable wipes! They clog everything up. So whether you have a baby, use them to clean up a toddler, use them yourself...please dispose of them in the trash.

Spring is right around the corner and with spring usually comes the rains. Please clean the leaves out of the ditches near your house. Leaves clog the culverts and causes water to back-up onto the roads.

Now for some fun things!!! **Saturday morning, February 25th is the Lion's Club Pancake and Sausage breakfast.** I understand there will also be biscuits and gravy (homemade of course)!

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Cinda Held

Sunday, March 5th is the PALS Spaghetti Dinner at Trinity Lutheran School from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Why cook Sunday dinner when you can enjoy a great dinner that's cooked for you.

Our **150th Committee** has been hard at work. The date for the 150th Celebration has been set. **June 14, 15, and 16, 2024.** Events include carnival, tractor pull, entertainment. Want to be a part of the planning? The next 150th Committee meeting will be Tuesday, March 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the Strasburg Community Center.

Friday, March 24th is the Lions Club Fish Fry from 4:30-7:00. Please come and support the organizations in our town.

Saturday, April 8th is the Annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Strasburg American Legion Auxiliary. I've heard rumors that the Easter Bunny will be in attendance and will be available for pictures with the children – and maybe some adults also!

It's almost spring – activities are increasing, people are ready to un-hibernate...and what a better place to be involved than **Strasburg Right! In the middle of everything!**

**Housing Lots for Sale
in York Acres**

With Rebate Incentives

Contact the Village for Details

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**Thank you to the Strasburg
Community Action Network for
once again sponsoring the
"Little Hatchets Sports Club".**

**It is for Pre-K thru 4th Grade and will
be held March 6, 13, 20 and 27 at
the Stew-Stras Grade School Gym.**

**Children will practice skills for
volleyball, basketball, soccer, and
baseball/softball.**

Strasburg Community Foundation

2023 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, 2023. 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 – Jodie Quast, Larry Giertz, Ramona Radloff, Tim Lenz, or John Helton.

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



Send in your Noodle Order Now!

The Strasburg American Legion Auxiliary will be making noodles for Easter. We would like for individuals to pre-order so we know how many to make. If interested, please contact Linda Oakley (lindao.1950@gmail.com or text 217-273-2605) with number needed and whether skinny or fat noodles.

Fish Fry

Strasburg Lions Club
Friday, March 24
4:30-7 p.m.
Strasburg Community Center



Above: Lion Larry Giertz receives award for 2021-22 Lion of the Year for Ill. District 1-M from District Governor Scott Friese

Strasburg Lions Club member Larry Giertz received the 2021-22 Lion of the Year award in Arthur on February 19. The Lion of the Year Award for District 1-M was presented to Giertz by District Governor Scott Friese.

Giertz was nominated by Lion Jim Weiss. Giertz is a past club president and has held other offices. He is quietly working behind the scenes throughout the year. You can count on him to be the first one to help at an event. He is dedicated, caring and always putting others before himself. **Congratulations, Larry!**

Wirth Honored with 50 Years as a Lion

At right is Lion Gary Wirth who was honored at the January Strasburg Lions Club meeting for his 50 years of service with the Lions. Gary was invited by his father, Dale, to join the club. Wirth has inherited his dad's work habits which help make Lions a successful organization. Wirth enjoys the fellowship with other members as they work side by side, especially when grilling all the burgers, pork chops, and sausages and frying the chicken and fish. Wirth has set a wonderful example for the younger members and taught them ways to successfully cook for their fundraisers. Wirth believes in giving back to the community and supporting others who are less fortunate. **Congratulations, Gary! Thank you for your service!**



STRASBURG LIONS CLUB **Pancake & Sausage Breakfast**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH
6:00AM - 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 Fire Department Newsletter



"Home of the Fire-Fighting Gnomes"

The Strasburg Fire Protection District enjoyed their annual family dinner in February. This is a time when the department, trustees, and their families are able to come together and recognize the firefighters and their achievements throughout the previous year.

In 2022, the department answered a record number of calls, with half of them being First Responder/EMS calls. We participated in many training events throughout the year. Our classes and trainings provide us with the knowledge we need to better serve our community.

As we know time doesn't stop or slow down for anyone, and this year we recognized and honored Tom Newell as he retired from the department after 37 dedicated years. We appreciate all his knowledge and experiences he has been able to bring to the department and wish him all the best on his retirement.

We also recognized Travis Dollarhide, as he also retired as a Trustee of the department. We appreciate all Travis's hard work and dedication as Secretary. Thank you, Travis!

The department welcomed Bob Roley as a new Trustee and Secretary for the department. He joins John Beldon and Tim Lenz. The department is very fortunate to have these men as Trustees. It can be a thankless job, but nonetheless a very important one for the success of the department.

The Strasburg Fire Protection District are all VOLUNTEERS. We thank each and every one of them! We are always looking for new members. We meet on the first Tuesday of every month and have trainings on the second Saturday of every month. The Strasburg Fire Protection District members are dedicated individuals that not only want to be a part of the community, but genuinely care about your safety and property. Anyone interested in joining or would like more information on joining can contact the Fire Chief, Troy Agney, at 217-343-0773 or by email at TAgney791@gmail.com or any other volunteer that you may know.

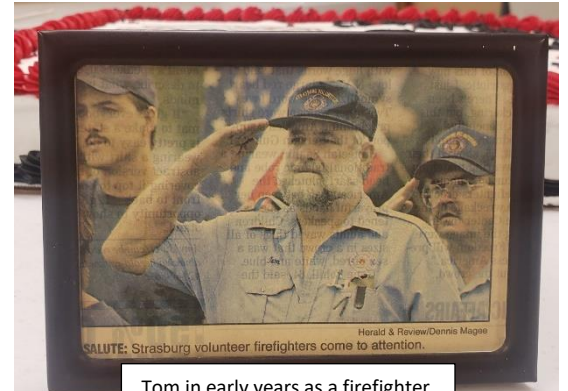
Newell retires after 36+ years as Volunteer for the Strasburg Fire Department

Tom Newell was recently honored as he retires with 36+ years of service as a Volunteer for the Strasburg Fire Department. **Thank you, Tom, for your service to our community!**



Left: Newell receives a plaque from Fire Chief Troy Agney

Right: Family members help Tom celebrate



Strasburg American Legion Auxiliary supports local Fire Department



This year, the Department (State) President's theme is "Hugs for Heroes" with the mascot being bears. She is urging the support of our heroes, which are not only our veterans, but our first responders, our police, our fireman, etc. Strasburg American Legion Auxiliary Unit wanted to do something for our local heroes in our fire department. On Saturday, February 18th, Charlene Telgmann, Bonnie Lawrence, and Linda Oakley met with the fire

department and presented them with a container filled with "bear paw" cookies as appreciation for their dedication and hard work.

Left to right in picture:

Charlie Culver, Jesse Probst, Bonnie Lawrence, Linda Oakley, Troy Agney, Charlene Telgmann, Katie Dandurand, Bruce Shadwell, Explorer Skyler Dandurand, Darrin Storm, Gene Linder, and kneeling in front is Kylie Dandurand.



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, 2023.

Application can be picked up at Strasburg Village Office on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday or can be emailed to

student. Contact Linda Oakley at lindao.1950@gmail.com to receive application.

Sponsored by the Strasburg American Legion Auxiliary

Easter Egg Hunt

Ages Toddlers Through 3rd Grade

When: Saturday, April 8th 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

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

This year the Strasburg American Legion Auxiliary sponsored their second "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 and continuing through the end of December. Visitors voted for their favorite tree with the tree having the most money in their jar winning. The proceeds from the Show Case of Trees will benefit scholarships in the American Legion Auxiliary Department Education Fund. Trees were decorated by Doreen Whybrew (Monopoly Tree), Brooke Whybrew (Palm Tree), Aften Peters (US Post Office Tree), Lions Club Tree (Purple and Gold with Gnomes), Cinda Held (Looney Tunes Treet) and the Strasburg American Legion Auxiliary (Gnome Tree). A total of \$163.65 was collected with the winner being Doreen Whybrew. Doreen received a gift certificate from The Wurst Place. In addition to the trees, artwork from the students at Stewardson-Strasburg School was placed on exhibit.

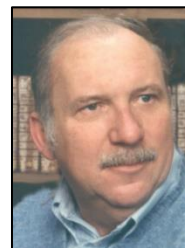
At Right: The winning tree. See pictures of all the trees on Facebook: ALA Strasburg Unit #289



~We Remember~

William W. "Bill" Ferguson, 84, of Strasburg (September 19, 1938 – December 29, 2022)

Bill was born on September 19, 1938 in Clarkston, MO, the son of William Thomas and Lula Mae (Tune) Ferguson. Bill married Melba Marie Stratman on July 25, 1957 in Wilhelmina, MO. He was a truck driver and dispatcher for Atlas Van Lines in Aurora, IL. Bill loved to visit and never met a stranger. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Shelbyville, IL.



He is survived by his wife, Melba; children, Debra Ferguson of Strasburg, IL, Barbara Bernaeyge of Plainfield, IL, Pamela Peters (Joe) of Plover, WI, Michael Ferguson of Strasburg, IL, Sandra Barajas (Joe) of Aurora, IL and Christina Herrington (Eric) of Sigel, IL; ten grandchildren, fifteen great grandchildren, and two great great grandchildren.

Linda Sue Frost Hart, 75, of Strasburg (August 23, 1947 – January 22, 2023)

Linda was born on August 23, 1947, to Charles Walter Frost and Anna Mae Robertson Frost in Rockville, Indiana. She married Larry L. Hart on May 26, 1968, and they had a happy 35 years of marriage until Larry's passing in 2003. Linda grew up in and loved Rockville, the home of the Covered Bridge Festival, which she attended every year she could. After graduating from Rockville High School she moved to Illinois to attend Eastern Illinois University. She then began teaching Jr. High English at Stew-Stras which she did for thirty-three years.



She is survived by her daughter, Mary Elizabeth, and granddog Gordon of Strasburg, IL; brother Wally Frost and wife Kathy of Strasburg, IL; sister Judy Radloff and husband John of Strasburg, IL; brothers-in-law Marvin Beasley of West Bloomfield, MI and Larry Gossett of Rockville, IN.

Carolyn Ann Stremming, 85, of Strasburg (July 24, 1937 – February 10, 2023)

Carolyn was born on July 24, 1937 in Strasburg, IL, the daughter of Frieda H. (Rincker) Lading. She graduated from Stewardson-Strasburg High School in the Class of 1955. Carolyn married Keith Leon Stremming on January 29, 1961, and they had two daughters, Susan and Sharon. Carolyn began working in the Shelby County Clerk's office and later worked as the office manager for MetLife in both the Mattoon and Decatur offices. She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Strasburg, where she sang in the choir, taught Wednesday Bible Class, and was a member of Ladies' Aid. Carolyn also helped with the EASTER program in Effingham, volunteered at Camp Matz, helped with the Lutheran Braille Work Center at St. John's in Effingham, and was a petal pusher for the 2014 Rose Parade.



Carolyn is survived by her daughters, Sue Stremming (Christy Rawlins) of Phoenix, MD and Sharon Stremming of Schaumburg, IL; and brother-in-law, Arleigh Jones of Tuscola, IL. She was preceded in death by her husband Keith on December 28, 1992; brother, Dick Lading; and sister, Mary Jane Jones.

Noel Kermit Manhart, 68, of Strasburg, (November 27, 1954 – February 17, 2023)

Noel was born on November 27, 1954 in Shelbyville, IL, the son of Edwin Ray and Ruth Foster (Anderson) Manhart. He graduated from Stewardson-Strasburg High School in the Class of 1972, and went on to attend the University of Illinois. Noel began working at the Manhart Dairy Farm and retired as the Manager of Mail List Services at World Color Press in Effingham, IL. Noel was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Strasburg, IL, and served as the caretaker for St. Paul Cemetery for many years. He enjoyed singing in the Coles County Barbershop Chorus, bird watching, mushroom hunting, storytelling, listening to all types of music and watching the Chicago Cubs and Fighting Illini. He married Katherine Eloise Boyer on June 14, 1996.



Noel is survived by his wife, Katherine; daughters, Emily Gilmore (Matthew) of Herrick, IL, Molly Manhart (Oscar Velasquez) of Los Angeles, CA, and Roxanna Manhart (Alex Parisien) of Minot, ND; son, Eric Morgensen (Tristalene) of Bremerton, WA; brothers, Fred Manhart (Janet) of Stewardson, IL, Paul Manhart (Carol) of Strasburg, IL, Peter Manhart (Karen) of Downs, IL, and Michael Manhart (Linda) of Moweaqua, IL; sister, Muriel Merriman of Stewardson, IL; sister-in-law, Oksana Manhart of Libertyville, IL; six grandchildren, River Gilmore, Parker Parisien, Spencer Morgensen, Max Morgensen, Cooper Morgensen, and Harmony Morgensen.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Carol Ann (Storm) Manhart; son, Joseph Gannaway; brother, James Manhart; and brother-in-law, James Merriman.

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2023 Strasburg Events & Celebrations

| Date | Event |
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| Jan. 24 | SCAN Quarterly Meeting. 6:30 p.m. Community Center. |
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| Feb. 25 | Lions Club Breakfast. Pancakes, Sausage, Biscuits, Gravy, Applesauce. 6-10 a.m. Comm. Center. |
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| Mar. 24 | Lions Fish Fry. 4:30-7 p.m. Community Center. |
| Mar. 28 | SCAN Quarterly Meeting. 6:30 p.m. Community Center. |
| Apr. 8 | Easter Egg Hunt. 10 a.m. Park. American Legion Auxiliary. |
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| May 6 | Main Street Makeover. 8-11 a.m. Volunteers needed to help spruce up park and main street. SCAN. |
| May 26, 27 | Poppy Days. American Legion Auxiliary. |
| May 27 | Village Wide Rummage Sales. 7 a.m. |
| May 29 | Memorial Day Service at Veterans Memorial. 11 a.m. Program & meal. Strasburg Lions LEO Club. |
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| Jun. 1 | Berries & Burgers. Fill up on porkburger or hotdog meal and fresh strawberry shortcake. 4:30-6:30 p.m. Community Center. SCAN. |
| Jun. 3 | Lions Club Chicken Fry. 4 p.m. Village Park (New date—Saturday!). |
| Jun. 14 | Flag disposal ceremony at Windsor: Strasburg & Windsor American Legion Posts |
| Jun. 19-23 | Vacation Bible School. 9-11:30 a.m. St. Paul's Lutheran Church. |
| Jun. 20 | SCAN Quarterly Meeting. 6:30 p.m. Community Center. |
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| Jul. 14-15 | Lions Club Homecoming/Tractor Pull/Parade. |
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| Sept. 9 | Fall Village Wide Rummage Sales. |
| Sept. 15 | Community Wiener Roast & Volunteer of the Year awarded. Park. Lions Club & Village Board. |
| Sept. 26 | SCAN Quarterly Meeting. 6:30 p.m. Community Center. |
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| Oct. 21 | Halloween Soup Supper, Parade, Costume Judging, Cake Walk. Community Center. American Legion & Aux. |
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| Nov. 5 | American Legion Christmas Auction. 1 p.m. Community Center. |
| Nov. 11 | Santa Brigade Breakfast (6 a.m.) & Christmas Market (7 a.m.). St. Paul's Lutheran Social Hall & Gym. SCAN. |
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| Dec. 3 | American Legion Christmas Auction. 1 p.m. Community Center. |
| Dec. 10 | Lutheran Churches Christmas Cantata. 7 p.m. St. Paul's Lutheran Church. |
| Dec. 15-16 | Christmas Store/Cookie Walk. Community Center. American Legion Auxiliary. |
| Dec. TBA | Visit with Santa. 9:30-11 a.m. Community Center. |


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2022 Strasburg Volunteer of the Year Awarded to Kristina Moore

At Strasburg's Village Board meeting on February 20, Village President Cinda Held presented the 2022 Volunteer of the Year award to Kristina Moore. As per Mrs. Held, "This individual was raised here, moved away, and has now moved back and has gotten involved in her community. A member of the village board, SCAN (Strasburg Community Action Network), the Lions Club, and the American Legion Auxiliary. She is also involved in volunteer work outside of the community including PTSA (Parent-Teacher-Student Association) and her church."

In the nomination it was noted that Mrs. Moore is quick to volunteer her time, talents, organizational skills, and brilliant ideas to keep Strasburg moving forward. She was instrumental in getting accessible swings for the park playground and there is not a community event where you will not see her smiling face volunteering. Her hard work and encouraging attitude should be recognized. Mrs. Moore has gone above and beyond to provide her volunteer services to our community. Congratulations to the 2022 Volunteer of the Year Kristina Moore. Pictured – Kristina Moore and Strasburg Village President Cinda Held



FFA Week at Stew-Stras: February 21-24

Fifteen tractors and one combine were driven to school on Tuesday.

Right: Nikki Worman's 1st grade students enjoy looking at the different tractors.



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