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Important Dates

Wed., Feb. 24. Stew-Stras Seasoned Citizens meet. Noon

Wed., Feb. 24. 8-11 a.m., Kara Brown @ Comm Ctr, CCSI-Case Coordination Unit LLC

Sat., Feb. 27. Lions Club Pancake, Sausage, Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast. 6:30-10 a.m.

Fri., Mar. 19. Lions Club Fish Fry. 5-7 p.m.

Sun., Mar. 21. Post Prom Basket Binga, 2 p.m.

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

Wed., Mar. 31. Stew-Stras Seasoned Citizens meet. Noon

March 31. Deadline for Strasburg Community Grant Applications.

Sat., Apr. 3. American Legion Auxiliary Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m., registration at 9:45 a.m.

Tues., Apr. 6. Consolidated Election (Village, Township, School Board)

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

Greetings,

Thank you, residents, for all the beautiful Christmas Displays. Strasburg looked very festive this Holiday season.

The Park Committee will begin fundraising efforts for a **new park pavilion**. Our current pavilion is way past 60 years old. We had hoped to get a grant, but Illinois state grants are on hold for now. Our goal is **\$200,000**. The new facility will house a kitchen, covered seating, new ADA bathrooms, equipment storage and a concession stand. The planned site will be to the west of the Ball Diamond. We hope that the community will help with the fundraising efforts either by attending events or by donating directly to the fund.

Donations can be made through the Strasburg Foundation earmarked for Park Pavilion or to the Strasburg Park Fund. Both donations are tax deductible and can be sent to the Village Clerk. We hope to have it ready for our 150th anniversary in 2024.

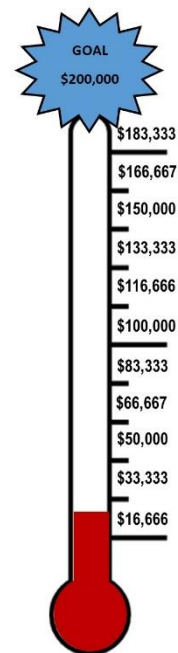
The Groundhog saw his shadow, so six more weeks of winter, but at least we can watch some Stewardson-Strasburg Junior High and High School sports on Facebook until Spring gets here!

Stay warm!

Remember... we continue to be
Right! in the Middle of Everything!



Cinda Held



Larger Lots Available for Sale Soon
in York Acres

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Contact the Village for Info

217-644-3007

Stewardson-Strasburg Education Foundation awards grant for technology in the classrooms

Six area teachers were recently awarded money to purchase brand new document cameras to use in their classrooms. The document cameras were funded by the Stewardson-Strasburg Education Foundation. A document camera captures anything under its lens and projects it on the screen. Document cameras are wonderful to use during in class and remote learning because students are able to view a whiteboard, physical material, or physical work. The document cameras are used on a daily basis for engagement and instruction. The teachers are able to model activities and show examples to all the students at the same time. We are excited to implement these in our classrooms and for our remote learners.



Thank you to the foundation for this grant award. The foundation continues to make Stewardson-Strasburg a great place for learning!

Pictured are the teachers who received the document cameras. L-R Allie McIlwain, Nikki Worman, Michelle Barnes, Lindsay Altgilbers, Jenna Layton, and Leslie Richter.

Strasburg LEO Club receives Siemer grant

The Strasburg LEO Club hopes to present an event near Memorial Day to honor the men and women who have served or are currently serving in the military.

The club received a \$975 grant from the Siemer Milling Endowment for Youth Leadership to help with expenses. LEO secretary Mikala Nichols, left, and president Megan Nichols accept the check from Amanda Rieman, Siemer Milling Human Resource Assistant.

The Endowment awards grants to programs aimed at developing youth (ages 19 and under) to become extraordinary leaders by investing in the leadership skills required for improving our shared life, such as:

ENTERPRISE SAVVY -- The ability to leverage opportunities with integrity and innovation; to make the right decisions and achieve results.

CONSCIENCE -- Strong moral/religious character, working to have an ethical impact on the community.

COLLABORATIVE COMMUNICATION -- The ability to engage others inclusively across teams, functions, and cultures, effectively marketing ideas.



The LEO club had organized a Memorial Day event in 2020, but it was cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns. LEO Club advisor Jim Weiss said the event will be in May of 2021 and they will have more information closer to the event.

Village Monthly Gnome Give-Away to begin in March



Spring will soon be here and village gnomes are getting ready to take their places outdoors. Each month from **March to August** one village resident will win a free Garden Gnome compliments of the **Strasburg Community Action Network**. You don't need to do anything to win. A random winner will be chosen each month and announced on the Strasburg Facebook page, the monthly sewer bill insert, and the bi-monthly Gnome News. Maybe you will be a lucky winner!

2020 Strasburg Volunteer of the Year

At Strasburg's Village Board on December 21, Village President Cinda Held presented the 2020 Volunteer of the Year award to MaRanda McClain.

"While not a native of the community, this person has jumped right in and has volunteered for several groups. This person is a member of SCAN (Strasburg Community Action Network) Strasburg American Legion Auxiliary, and one of our own village board members". Held said in announcing the award recipient.

In the nomination it was noted that McClain was instrumental in forming the Little Hatchets Sports Club and was key in implementing Little Hatchets soccer. The Little Hatchets Sports Club and Soccer allowed local youth to have fun and safe physical activity in our area.



Strasburg Village President Cinda Held and MaRanda McClain

She has been an avid fundraiser including hosting the Uncork and Unwind event and two Biggest Loser Events for SCAN. She was the 2020 chairman of the Santa Brigade breakfast. McClain puts in countless hours working with all Strasburg American Legion Auxiliary and Stew-Stras PTSA activities and fundraisers. She also chairs the "Hygiene Closet" that supplies students with bathroom toiletries and has gone above and beyond to provide her volunteer services to our community.

Congratulations to the 2020 Volunteer of the Year MaRanda McClain!

Strasburg Lions Club

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

Saturday, February 27, 2021

6:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Location: Strasburg Community Center

Cost: Free Will Donation

Menu: Pancakes & Sausage, Applesauce, Drinks

Biscuits & Gravy (Not AYCE)

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

All You Can Eat Breakfast!

Stew-Stras Homecoming King/Queen crowned



Daniel Rieman and Hannah Hayes are the Stewardson-Strasburg 2020 Homecoming King and Queen. The couple was crowned in a ceremony Dec. 11 at the school. Due to Covid restrictions, there was no basketball game, crowds or dance, however, the homecoming coronation kept with tradition. Daniel is the son of Denise Gallagher of Mode and Jim Reiman of Newton. Daniel plans to attend Lake Land College and major in Ag Business and Ag Sales. Hannah is the daughter of Sara and Kenny Hayes of Stewardson. Hannah plans to attend Maryville

University and pursue a degree in Physical Therapy.

History of The Strasburg Herald, taken from "Strasburg, Illinois Hundertjahrfest 1874 1974, page 27"

The Presses Roll

In 1889 J. A. Quicksall issued the first copy of the Strasburg Herald. From a small print shop with a hand press, he edited 50 copies at first. Soon more than 200 copies were being printed weekly. Editor Quicksall soon had the largest subscription list for a weekly paper in Shelby County. Merchants and businessmen for twenty miles around advertised in the thriving Strasburg Herald. With the work piling up, Quicksall enlisted the help of his wife; and he eventually employed William Hellman, then a boy, to do the mass of work that came to the office. Later, a cylinder press and a gasoline engine speeded up the work.

William Hellman was called to the colors in World War I, and other help was found in 1917. When Hellman came back from the war, he purchased the Herald and operated the printing shop successfully for many years. Ill health forced him to sell. In 1930 the Herald sold to J. Edwin Hoyer of the Stewardson Clipper. Ownership of the paper passed through many hands until Frank Trainer took over the Herald in December of 1932. Later Trainer, due to his wife's illness and also his advancing age, sold the entire shop to Leon Murray of Pana in December, 1936. For three years Murray printed the Herald. The subscription rate during this period was \$1.25 per year. In 1942 rates were raised to \$1.50 yearly.

P. G. Kaase was next editor, until 1943 when George Dunscomb of Windsor purchased the paper, and it was printed under the editorship of Theodore McDonald. The last issue of the Herald was printed December 29, 1943.



We hope you enjoy reading news from 1940 editions of the Strasburg Herald.

Editors' Disclaimer: We will try to include how people in the news articles were related to current residents, but we may not know. Feel free to comment on the Strasburg Facebook page.

Does anyone know where Storm's Hall was located?

Strasburg Herald Jan. 18, 1940

Rufus Kull is the great-grandfather of Strasburg residents James Noffke and Lisa Shelton.

Rufus Kull Has Narrow Escape

Failing to fasten a safety belt and the presence of a deep snowdrift combined, Thursday to save the life of Rufus Kull, who is employed by a company which is erecting lines for the Edgar Electric Cooperative.

Mr. Kull touched a high voltage wire while working about 11 miles northwest of Paris Thursday, Jan. 11, and was knocked from the pole to the ground by the force of the shock. His fall was broken by a snowdrift in which he fell.

Co workers agreed that if Kull's safety belt had been fastened at the time he touched the "hot" wire he would have been electrocuted, or that if the snowdrift had not lessened the force of his fall he would have been killed when hit the ground.

Mr. Kull was brought to the Paris hospital. He suffered chest and leg injuries and burns.

More news from 1940 Strasburg Herald newspapers

May 9, 1940

Grace Defeats Stewardson

In the season's opener at Stewardson Grace defeated Stewardson by a score of 16 to 9. F Giertz celebrated the occasion with a perfect day at bat.

Grace	AB	R	H	E
Wilson, sf	5	2	3	1
Griffith, 3b	5	2	0	0
Cox, ss	5	0	0	2
F Giertz, lf	4	3	4	0
H. Giertz, 1b	4	1	1	1
Volkman, cf	4	3	2	0
Brehmer, 2b	4	1	2	1
Fields, rf	4	1	1	0
Hood, c	3	1	2	0
F. Kull, cf	1	0	0	0
Green, p	3	2	2	0
Totals	40	16	17	5

Stewardson	AB	H	E	
Noffke, 3b	4	3	2	0
D.Mietzner, cf	4	1	1	1
E.Keller, sf	4	2	1	0
N. Wascher, ss	3	0	1	1
C.Wittenberg, 2b	4	0	1	1
E.Beitz, 1b	3	1	1	1
E. Wittenberg, p	0	0	0	0
C.Beitz, c	3	0	0	0
D. Wascher, rf	1	0	1	0
E. Dautenhahn, rf	2	1	1	0
A. Dautenhahn, lf	3	0	0	1
G.Giesler, p	2	1	1	0
Totals	35	9	10	5

Grace	5	1	3	2	0	5	0	16	17	5
Stewardson	0	2	3	0	2	6	2	9	10	5

Summary: 2 Base Hits- F. Giertz 2, Wilson, Volkman, Fields, Hood, Noffke, Keller C. Wittenberg, E. Dautenhahn. 3 Base Hits- Hood, F. Giertz, Wilson, N. Wascher E. Beitz. Home Runs- H. Giertz, Brehmer Struck out by Green 5. Umpires - Falk R. Kull, and Brummerstedt.

St. Paul's to graduate 17 pupils from 8th grade 5-30-1940

Lela Doeding is Lela Ostermeier, current resident of Strasburg and aunt to Marcia Thomas.

Lila Kull married W. C. Storm and became the mother of residents Linda Oakley and Kathy Eckstein.

Eugene Mueller was the uncle of Melvina Lading.

Norma Rose Rincker (Huddleston) is the mother of Karen Rentfro.

Myrna Ruff was the mother of Tanya Walker.

Doris Schlechte was the mother of Bob, Gary and Ron Sporleder.

Busy Bee 4-H Club serves cookies, pickles and orange ade

Betty Kull was the mother of James Noffke.

Jaunita Young was the aunt of Larry Giertz.

Softball Schedule Begins May 5th.

The Effingham-Altamont Softball League will begin its fourth consecutive season on Sunday May 5. The two leagues will once more be combined into one league made up of the following eight teams: Grace, St. Paul, St. Peter, Blue Point, Stewardson, Island Grove, Bible Grove, and Augsburg.

The trophy was won by St. Peter the first year and the last two years by Grace. Since all the teams will be stronger and Grace will be trying for its third consecutive trophy, the season promises to be more interesting than ever before.

Grace and St. Paul will play the city series in a pre-season opener next Sunday April 28.

ST. PAUL'S GRADUATION JUNE 7

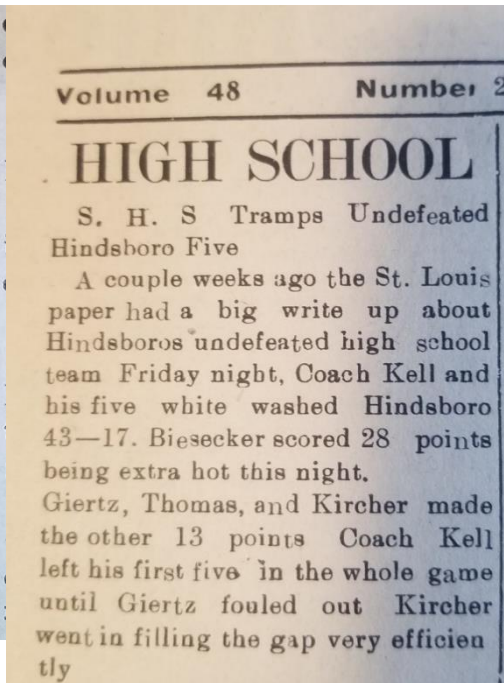
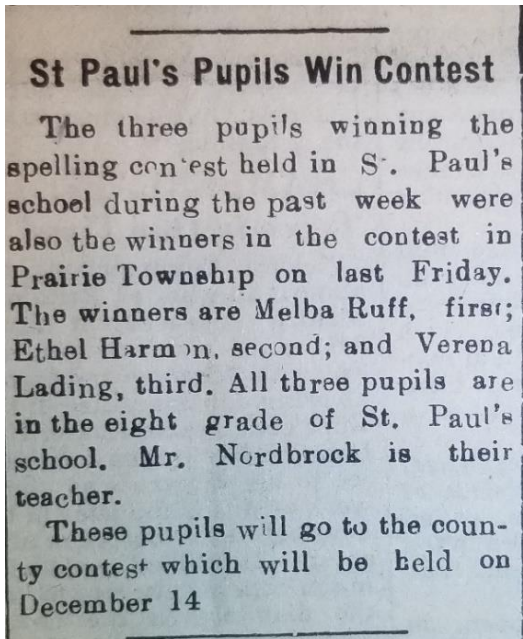
St. Paul's Lutheran School will graduate seventeen pupils from the eighth grade on Friday evening, June 7, at eight o'clock. This is the largest class in many years. The following make up the class this year: Ervin Buesking, Lela Doeding, Charles Harmon, Harold Hartman, Dorothy Kramer, Lila Kull, Kenneth Lenz, Gertrude Morman, Eugene Mueller, Juanita Reel, Ila Rincker, Norma Rose Rincker, Myrna Ruff, Melba Ruwe, Doris Schlechte, Lillian Stuckemeyer, and Dale Vogel.

Weather permitting, the exercises will be held on a stage in the school park, otherwise in the church. Included in the program are musical numbers, a play, "Young People," and an address by Rev. A. C. Meier of Vandalia, Illinois. Lillian Stuckemeyer is valedictorian and Doris Schlechte salutatorian of the class.

Strasburg Busy Bee 4-H Club

The Strasburg Busy Bee Sewing Club was organized on May 23 by Mrs Homer Turney of Shelbyville at the home of Juanita Young. Miss Faye Eileen Webner is the leader. The following officers were elected: Juanita Young Pres.; Betty Kull, Vice Pres. Stelma Volkman, Sec. Ethel Harmon, Rep. Ruth Hirtzel. Rec. leader; Stelma Volkman and Betty Kull, Program Comm. Refreshments of sandwiches, cookies, pickles' and Orange Ade were served

Summer softball games were popular. The Effingham-Altamont League consisted of church teams.



Nov. 21, 1940 issue:
Spelling contest winner Melba Ruff is local resident Melba Storm. Verena Lading was Dwight Lading's sister.

Jan. 11, 1940 issue:
Strasburg High School basketball team defeats undefeated Hindsboro Five.

Blue for Crewe 5K planned www.trinitystewardsonil.org

Trinity Lutheran School will be hosting the [#BlueForCrewe5K](https://www.facebook.com/BlueForCrewe5K) on April 10. Click the link above to go to our website for more info! We would love to have the streets of Stewardson flooded in blue to show our love for the Jones Family!

A new area code is coming to central Illinois. The new 447 area code will be an overlay to the territory currently served by the 217 area code to ensure a continuing supply of phone numbers for the area.

Starting Feb. 27, 2021, mandatory dialing will occur, where all local calls made in the 217 area code must be made using the 10-digit phone number. Starting March 27, 2021, new phone lines or service may be assigned phone numbers with the 447 area code. In other words, your current phone number and area code will not change. However, if you seek a new phone service after March 27, 2021, you may be assigned a new phone number with the 447 area code. People will still be able to dial three digits to reach 911, as well as 211, 811, 311, and 511, where available.



LEOs collect winter clothing for Salvation Army

Strasburg LEOs Lance Lankow and Hannah Hayes show some of the donations they received for a winter clothing drive for the Shelby County Salvation Army. The club, which has been active the past five years, now claims more than 60 high school student members. The club participates in many community service activities which include volunteering at the Mary Bryan Home for the Blind in Springfield, collecting food for the food pantry, planting a dozen trees at the Strasburg park and more. The Strasburg LEOs and advisor Jim Weiss appreciate the support of the community in their service projects.

Strasburg Community Foundation - 2021 Grant Process Underway

The Strasburg Community Improvement and Endowment Fund Board endeavors to use its funds to enhance the quality of life for citizens of the community. The Board will make annual grants to groups or individuals who use their projects to achieve that mission.

Between 2012 -2020, The Strasburg Community Foundation Board has been able to award over \$28,000.00 in grants for village beautification projects, village and business enhancements and completion of the Community Center parking lot project.

Grant applications will be accepted by the Strasburg Community Foundation Board of Directors from **January 1 – March 31st**. You can request a grant application from the Village Office at 644-3007. A link is attached for your convenience. [Application for Foundation Grant](#) Funding will be provided around May 1st. Projects will be funded for one year and prior grant recipients may reapply. 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.

Please return your completed request to the Village Office or e-mail to: info@strasburgil.com. We would not be able to offer this wonderful opportunity without the generous donations from you!

Sign up now for Strasburg Girls Softball

Registration Forms now available for Strasburg Girls Softball.
DUE WITH PAYMENT BY MARCH 5TH.

- PreK-K and 1st -2nd
- 3rd and 4th Grade (going to be in 4th or 5th grade for 21-22 school year)
- 5th, 6th, and 7th Grade (going to be in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade for 21-22 school year)

Forms available online (<http://www.strasburgil.com/>) or can also be picked up at Village Office.

Easter Egg Hunt Sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary

Saturday, April 3 at 10 a.m.

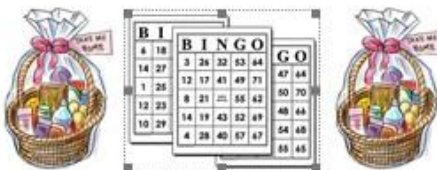
Registration begins at 9:45 at the Strasburg Park.

Will move to Community Center if raining.



Please join us for a fun afternoon of

Basket Binga!



Hosted by: Stewardson-Strasburg Post Prom Committee

DATE: Sunday - March 21, 2021

GAMES START: 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Strasburg Community Building

1 card for \$15

or

2 cards for \$25

Drinks and snacks will be available for purchase.

Thank you in advance for supporting our fundraising efforts to ensure a safe, fun-filled evening for our students!

Keep up with our local sports teams!

Stew-Stras sporting events are being streamed live via Facebook on the "**Stew-Stras Schools**" page. To view, log on onto Facebook and "like" the school's page. Visit the page on the day and time of a game and you should see the stream of the video. Information about away games streams are typically posted on the page in advance.

Lake Land pinning ceremony honors nursing graduates; Telgmann receives top award

Lake College students graduating from the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Lake program took part in a pinning ceremony December 15, 2020. Each student received a nursing pin and a keepsake card. The graduates completed the PN to ADN program at Lake Land College.

Among the students pinned was Olivia Telgmann of Strasburg. Telgmann also received the Marilyn Fuqua Thompson award, which is given each year to a graduating student who is considered to be the all-around best student in the class and is voted on by faculty.

"We are all very proud of these students' accomplishments," Director of Nursing/Nursing ins Cheryl Beam said. "They worked so hard to get here, and we know they will continue to do great things in their futures."



Telgmann received word in January that she had passed the NCLEX licensure exam and is now officially a Registered Nurse (RN). She has accepted a new position at HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital as an Operating Room Registered Nurse. (Left: Cheryl Beam and Olivia Telgmann)



Olivia's comments:

"I am so grateful that I choose Lake Land College to pursue my degree in Nursing. Lake Land's nursing program goes above and beyond for their students even in the midst of a pandemic and having to turn nursing school into an online platform. The instructors truly show each student that their success is their number one priority. The instructors not only teach from the book but from their heart and that is not something you can find at all schools. I graduated from the LPN program (1 year program) in July of 2019 and began the LPN to RN Bridge program in January 2020 graduating in 2021. The bridge program was a great transition program aimed at the ability for working LPNs to continue working as they continued their education! I have been working at Dr. Flynn's office in Effingham since September and am so excited for my new journey in the OR."



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