

# GNOME NEWS



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## Important Dates

Sept. 20. Community Wiener Roast, Volunteer of the Year announcement & Hayride. Lions Club & Village Board, 6 p.m.

Sept. 24. SCAN Quarterly Meeting. Community Center, 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 25. SS Seasoned Citizens. Community Center. Noon.

Sept. 27. CASS' Burrito meal at Community Center for village park fundraiser. 4-7 p.m.

Oct. 5. Lions Club Oktoberfest Meal at 32 Below. 5-8 p.m.

Oct. 26. Halloween Soup Supper and celebration. American Legion & Auxiliary. 5 p.m.

Nov. 3. Christmas Auction. Community Ctr. American Legion. 1 p.m.

Nov. 9. Santa Brigade Breakfast & Market. St. Paul's Social Hall & Gym. SCAN. 6-11 a.m.

### Village of Strasburg

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## Message from the Mayor

Greetings Faithful Readers,

As many of you know, changes are going on at the park. Strasburg has started on the park projects that have been made available through the Open Spaces Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Grant. The grant allows \$636,000 to be spent 50/50 through the state and village. Because of higher costs from when the grant was originally applied for, the grant we received will not cover all of the project. At this time the grant will cover a new pavilion shell (roof & floor), walking path, tennis and basketball upgrades. Finishing the pavilion to include ADA bathrooms, concession stand, kitchen and storage will not be finished until after the OSLAD money has been spent. Finishing those projects will be the responsibility of the village. Several fundraisers have been organized to help with expenses for the village.

Sep. 27- CASS' Burrito Supper

Oct. 5 – Lions Oktoberfest Meal at 32 Below

Oct. 26 – American Legion Auxiliary Soup Supper

Nov. 9 – Santa Brigade Breakfast & Market

Please support these activities. Every little bit helps.

The village is also accepting monetary donations or matching funds through your employer. Contact the village office for more information. After donations and fundraisers, the village will apply for a loan to further finance these projects.

After the renovations have been completed, some trees will be planted. If you would like to donate a tree, please let the village know.

Update on water tower: The painting of the water tower has been completed through EJ Water. Both the inside and out have been repainted. "STRASBURG" has been painted on the north and south sides and "EJ" has been painted on the east and west side. There was no cost to the village for this project.

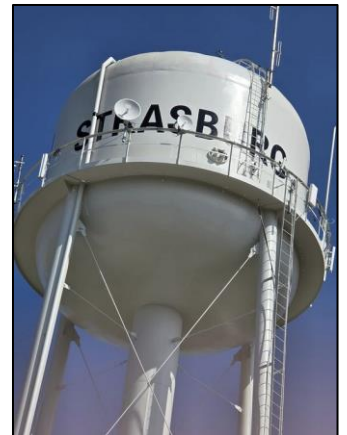
Fall can be the most beautiful and busiest season of the year and fall harvest is beginning. Watch for slow moving tractors and other equipment.

Happy Fall y'all.

**Together we can keep Strasburg Right! In the Middle of Everything!**



Cinda Held



**Community Members of Strasburg (both past and present) are Generous and Support Village Projects!**



**SCAN Donates to Village Park Renovations**

During the August village board meeting, Strasburg Community Action Network President, MaRanda McClain (right), presented a \$5,000 check from SCAN to Village Board President Cinda Held. The Village is seeking to raise funds for their match required by the OSLAD grant for the park project.

Strasburg Lions Club was presented with a \$5,000 donation in August from the Strasburg's 150th Anniversary Celebration! The club plans to put this money towards the Strasburg ballpark improvements! Thank you all for making the 150th celebration such a success, and a special thank you to the 150th committee for all of their hard work!




Pictured left to right: Sue Bowers, 150th Committee, Mitch Stewart, Lions Club President, and Otto Rincker, Lions Club Treasurer

**The Original CASS' Burrito**  
 Prepared by Carolyn Boldt  
**Friday, Sept. 27, 4-7 p.m.**  
 or until we run out


Strasburg Community Center  
 105 E. Commercial, Strasburg

Dine In \* Drive Thru \* Carry Out




**Village Fundraiser**  
 Proceeds for the Village match required for Park Improvement Grant

Sponsored by: **The Village Board**



Strasburg Lions & LEO Clubs



SCAN  
 STRASBURG COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK

**Village/SCAN Bake Sale Update**

SCAN and the Village Board held a Bake Sale fundraiser during the Town Wide Rummage Sales on Sept. 7. The Bake Sale brought in **\$1,692** for park renovations! Thank you to all who baked and/or purchased items! Special thanks to one individual who donated **\$1,000** to the cause! Strasburg is blessed to have generous members who support the community. The village still has a long way to go to finish the park pavilion, restrooms, and concession stand.

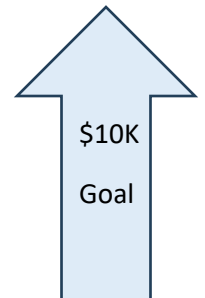
The next fundraiser is Cass' Burrito meal on September 27

Let's keep the momentum going!

A \$10,000 goal is set; with the support of a generous community, we can do it!

Can't Attend? Send Donations to "Village of Strasburg"

Thank you to Thrivent for helping with assistance for supplies!



**Membership Drive Underway for WSS Sportsbackers**

The WSS Sportsbackers organization is ready to roll again their 3<sup>rd</sup> year and support the athletic programs of Windsor and Stewardson-Strasburg schools. The membership drive is now underway. WSS Sportsbackers memberships are for anyone who wants to support the WSS athletic programs.



- Business memberships are \$50 per year
- Individual and family annual memberships are \$35.
- Lifetime family membership is a one-time payment of \$500

Payment can be made by Venmo or check. All donors will be recognized with signage at each school, will receive a Sportsbackers window decal, and 1 ticket for a chance to win a New 32” Steel Firepit with Hatchets logo, donated by HDSteelTargets, Scott Mayer.

Have your membership form and payment in before September 30. The drawing will take place Sept. 30 at the Hatchets volleyball game in Windsor.

Make check payable to “WSS Sportsbackers” and mail to: WSS Sportsbackers, 2806 E 600 North Road, Strasburg, IL 62465. Attn: Nikki Worman.

Membership forms may be found on WSS Sportsbackers Facebook page and on the school websites or may be picked up at either school. The WSS Sportsbackers is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and all deductions are tax deductible.

**Seasoned Citizens meet in August**

Twelve S-S Area Seasoned Citizens met at the Strasburg Community Center on August 28 for a delicious potluck meal and some interesting stories. Conversation topics included memories of eating tomato gravy and biscuits as well as chocolate gravy and biscuits. A “Here’s Linda” report from Linda Oakley, village clerk, updated us on park renovations, the shortfall of funds for the park, upcoming fundraisers, including a bake sale, Burrito meal and the Lions Octoberfest, soccer and football games in September at Stew-Stras school, painting of the water tower, and a SCAN meeting on September 24.

Karen Kull won the door prize donated by Jane Giertz. Janice Wade volunteered to supply the door prize next month. Larry Giertz suggested something chocolate...

If you are 55 or older, please join us at our next meeting on September 25 at noon. There will be no potluck next month. Attendees are to bring a sack lunch like what you would have taken to school (a few years ago). Also bring a school picture of yourself if you can, and we will try to guess who the pictures are.



**NOMINATION PACKETS READY FOR VILLAGE BOARD CANDIDATES**

The election for village officials is about seven months away, but it’s not too early for those interested in serving to begin taking the necessary steps. Voters in the Village Strasburg will elect three trustees and a village president on April 1, 2025.

The terms of village president Cinda Held and trustees Robert Anderson, Dr Ian Kinkley, and MaRanda McClain are expiring. Petition packets are available in the village office during regular business hours. The filing date for petitions is November 12 through 18.



**Strasburg American Legion Auxiliary Unit #289 Decorates Veterans' Porches**

Liberty Unit #289 of the American Legion Auxiliary continued their practice of decorating some veterans' porches for fall. This year there were five veterans receiving two mums, two large pumpkins, several small pumpkins, scarecrows and fall greenery. The lucky veterans this year were Kenton Augenstein, John Beldon, Dean Rentfro, Howard Hartman and Bill West.

Pictured L-R:

Kenton Augenstein, John Beldon, Dean Rentfro



**Strasburg's Annual Halloween Celebration Saturday, October 26th**

**STRASBURG HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION**  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024

<b>SOUP SUPPER</b>	<b>5:00</b>
<b>COSTUMER PARADE</b>	<b>7:00</b>
<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>7:30</b>
<b>CAKE WALK</b>	<b>8:00</b>

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES

UNDER 3 YEARS OLD STORY BOOK & FAIRY TALE TV & MOVIE MONSTERS, GHOSTS & WITCHES SUPERHERO PRINCESS	OCCUPATIONAL ANIMALS COUPLE GROUP MISCELLANEOUS ADULTS
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ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE GOING TOWARDS STRASBURG PARK RENOVATION

SPONSORED BY AMERICAN LEGION POST #289  
SPONSORED BY AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT #289

The Annual Halloween Celebration sponsored by the Strasburg American Legion Post #289 will be held on Saturday, October 26th.

All profit from the soup supper sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #289 will be donated to the Strasburg Park Renovation. The soup supper begins at 5:00 PM in the Strasburg Community Building. The menu includes chili, chicken noodle soup, polish sausage, BBQ, hot dogs, Sloppy dogs, nachos & cheese, sloppy nachos, homemade pie, and drinks.

The masked parade lead by the Stewardson-Strasburg Band/Drum Line begins at 7:00 PM with judging at 7:30 PM. Categories for this year's costumes include: Under 3 years old, Storybook & Fairy Tales, TV & Movies, Monsters, Ghosts & Witches, Superhero, Princess, Occupational, Animals, Couple, Group, Miscellaneous, Adults.

Following the masked parade and judging, the cake walk is scheduled to begin at approximately 8:00 PM. Along with the food, fun and fellowship, the American Legion will be holding a 50/50 drawing plus a free merchants drawing for items from the various businesses in the community.

**Nov. 3, 1 p.m. American Legion Christmas Auction at the Community Center**



### Strasburg Community Action Network News

**Join SCAN at the next quarterly meeting on Sept. 24, 6:30 p.m. at the Strasburg Community Center**

### Sponsored by SCAN: Little Hatchets Soccer & Flag Football

Come out to see Little Hatchets Soccer and Flag Football. Games are held Sept. 8, 15, 22 and 29 at the Stew-Stras School at 2 and 3 p.m.



Soccer teams are children in Kindergarten-grade 4. Games are played in front of the school.

Flag Football is for children grades 5-8. Games are played inside the track behind the school.

Watch the Facebook page “Little Hatchets Sports Club” for updates and pictures.

### Strasburg Lions Club & 32 Below to host Oktoberfest

**STRASBURG LIONS CLUB & 32 BELOW HOST:**

# Oktoberfest

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH**  
5:00-8:00 PM

**32 BELOW**  
101 S. WALNUT ST.  
STRASBURG, IL 62465

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**ADULT BRAT MEAL: \$10**  
1 brat (2 for \$14), sauerkraut, warm german potato salad, red cabbage, & applesauce

**KIDS HOT DOG MEAL: \$5**  
Hot dog, bag of chips, & applesauce

**DINE IN OR CARRY OUT AVAILABLE!**

### LEO Club

The Strasburg Lions “LEO” club would like to thank everyone who donated used tennis shoes to be reused or recycled. Last year’s LEO President LEO Briar and Secretary LEO Anna presented them to LIF Trustee Lion Dave Johnson. The club collected over 250 shoes.





Strasburg 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade Pictures from June 14-16, 2024





## ~We Remember~

**Norma Rose (Crutcher) Huddleston**, 97, of Strasburg, IL (*February 12, 1927 – April 13, 2024*)

Norma Rose was born on February 12, 1927, in Strasburg, IL, the daughter of Otto and Rosetta B. (Krile) Rincker. She married Ralph C. Crutcher on December 28, 1947, and he preceded her in death on January 15, 1982. She later married Wayne M. Huddleston on October 10, 1987, and he preceded her in death on April 8, 2004. Norma Rose was a life member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Strasburg, where she sang in the choir and was a member of Ladies Aid for 76 years. She also enjoyed meeting with the Seasoned Citizens group in Strasburg.



She spent most of her life working on crochet projects. Everyone in her family loved her homemade noodles and divinity. She liked to collect items, especially bells because the Rincker ancestors made bells in Germany and in the United States.

Norma Rose is survived by her son, Alan Crutcher and wife Diane of Montrose, IL; daughter, Karen Rentfro and husband Dean of Strasburg, IL; step-son, Mark Huddleston and wife Kris of Ft. Myers, FL; step-daughter-in-law Pat Huddleston of Chatham, IL; five grandchildren, Jennifer Boerngen (Jason), Craig Crutcher (Brenda), Jamie Abbott (David), Mitch Rentfro (Sarah), and Valerie Reed (Eric); three step-grandchildren, Todd Huddleston (Chris), Teri Huddleston and Mark Hanselman; and several great grandchildren.

**Floyd D. Storm**, 88 of Strasburg, IL (*August 11, 1936 – August 27, 2024*)

Floyd was born on August 11, 1936, at his home in Big Spring Township, Strasburg, IL, the son of Lester and Olive (Culver) Storm. He graduated from Stewardson-Strasburg High School in 1954. He attended Eastern Illinois University where he played basketball. Floyd married his high school sweetheart, Christine Kull on August 26, 1956. He served in the Illinois Army National Guard. Floyd was an active community member, serving on the Shelby County Board for 32 years, the Strasburg Lions Club, and the local Drainage District Board. During his lifelong career of grain and livestock farming, he sold McNess Feed, was a basketball referee, and drove a school bus for the Stewardson-Strasburg School District. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Strasburg, IL. Floyd did not know a stranger and always had a smile. He had a great listening ear and could offer the best advice.

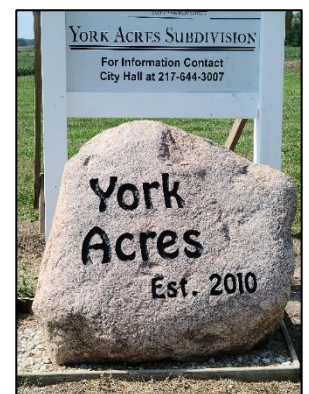


Floyd is survived by his wife, Christine Storm of Strasburg, IL; sons, Darin Storm and wife Colleen and Ryan Storm and wife Sonia, both of Strasburg, IL; grandchildren Shelby Beltz and husband Brandon of Windsor, IL, and Dalton Storm of Strasburg, IL; great grandchildren, Barrett, Breck, and Stormi Beltz all of Windsor, IL.

**York Acres Phase 2**

Housing lots are available in York Acres Phase 2. Lots are marked at lot lines with posts. Two lots in Phase 1 are available for \$2500 with property tax rebates. Phase 2 lots are \$5000 with property tax rebates.

Contact the Village Office for a tour or for more info. Utilities will be added when the first lot sells. Incentives are being extended to December 31, 2025.



**TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT**  
**In Strasburg**  
**Thursday, October 31**  
**6:00-8:00 P.M.**



**HALLOWEEN  
CANDY BUY BACK**  
**Support Our Troops!**

**Saturday, November 2nd**  
9:00-11:00 AM



\*Bring your Halloween candy to us and we will weigh it and pay you \$1 for every pound (up to \$5)

**Strasburg American Legion Auxiliary Unit #289**  
Strasburg Community Center

*\*Then we will mail all the candy to our local service men & women!*

Help us sweeten a soldier's day



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