

# GNOME NEWS



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## Important Dates

**Sat., May 4** – Main Street

Makeover. 8-11 a.m.

T-Ball games start @ the Park

**May 24 & 25** – Poppy Days ALA

**Sat., May 25** - Village Wide

Rummage Sales. 7 a.m.

**Mon., May 27** – 11 a.m. Memorial

Day Service at Veterans Memorial.

Program & Meal. LEO Club (P5)

**Wed., May 29** – SS Seasoned

Citizens meet. Noon. Comm Ctr.

**Sat., June 1** - Lions Club Annual

Chicken Fry & SCAN Strawberry

Shortcake 4 p.m. Village Park.

**Mon., June 3** – Red Cross Blood

Drive – 12-5, Strasburg

Community Ctr.

**Fri., June 14** – Flag disposal

ceremony at Windsor. Windsor

American Legion.

**June 14-16** – Strasburg 150<sup>th</sup>

**Celebration!**

**Jun. 17-21** - Vacation Bible School.

9-11:30 a.m. St. Paul's Church.

**Tue., Jun. 25** – 6:30 p.m. SCAN

Quarterly meeting. Comm Center

### VILLAGE OF STRASBURG

Monthly Board meetings 3<sup>rd</sup>  
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

Hopefully by the time you read this, the weather will be on the upswing and stay in the warmer temperatures! With spring comes cleaning up your yard, picking up winter sticks and then time to rake the leaves from your ditches to help the water flow. Don't forget you can take your sticks out to the lagoon for burning.

Sue Bowers and Jodie Quast, the co-chairmen of the 150th Celebration, and their committee members have done a fabulous job in planning for three wonderful days, June 14-16 as we celebrate our Village 150th birthday! The committee has worked hard to find things for everyone – from carnival rides for both big and small riders, an exotic animal zoo, bands, food trucks, beer tent, and to end the celebration a fireworks display. I do believe that they will be putting the schedule in this issue of the Gnome News. Again, thank you to the committee for your diligent work in planning this wonderful celebration.

The Village has been trying for several years to get someone to bring fiber into the community. And now, we have two companies coming into town - Seamless Fiber Innovation and Conxxus (Metro). Thank you to both companies for coming to our village!

Main Street Makeover is Saturday, May 4th. If you have some time that morning, please come up to the park and there will be something for you to do. Work is not hard with many hands to help.

You will find the Home Games Schedule for the ball field in this issue of the Gnome News. Home games start on Saturday, April 13th and go through July 2nd. If you are looking for some local games, the Strasburg Ball Field is where you need to go!

Bids for the projects for the Park Renovation were received and the board will make a decision on how to proceed as bids were much higher than expected. Hopefully several of the smaller projects that we are planning to do can be completed prior to the 150th Celebration!

I do want to take this opportunity to say thank you for all of the prayers and positive thoughts that have been sent my way in the past couple of weeks. I love my little town and the people that are in it. Just a note: With days getting nicer, more children are out playing, please drive safely in town and let's... **Keep Strasburg Right! In the Middle of Everything!**



Cinda Held

### SCAN UPDATES

**S-S Seasoned Citizens** meet monthly. If you are 55 or older, you are welcome to join us on the last Wednesday of each month at noon at the Community Center for a good meal and a couple of hours of fun. Hope to see you soon. **Our next meeting is May 29.**

S.C.A.N presents

## “Main Street Makeover”



**Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:00 to 11:00 am**  
 Meet at the Strasburg Park North Pavilion

**Volunteers Needed to Help:**  
 Set up and plant flower pots/boxes, sweep sidewalks, pull weeds, spread mulch, pick up sticks, spruce up the park, etc.

## Strasburg 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

June 14 - 16, 2024

We are **EXCITED** to announce we will have a



They will be bringing a mix of 8-10 rides to the 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration.

**Tickets and Wristbands**



**PRE-SALE WRISTBANDS and Tickets** are available NOW at the STRASBURG BANK!!

**WRISTBANDS - \$15.00**  
 \*You will need one for each day

**Tickets - 10 tickets for \$10.00**  
 (most rides take 3 - 5 tickets)

*At the event, the Carnival sets the wristband and ticket prices. We have been told they will be more than double the Pre-Sale cost.*

Shelby County State Bank of STRASBURG Address:  
 109 Commercial Street, Strasburg, IL

**Rides Times:**

Friday, June 14: 5:00pm - 9:00pm  
 Saturday, June 15: 12:30 - 9:00pm  
 Sunday, June 16: 12:00 - 5:00pm

### Little Hatchet Sports Teams meet four times in March

Over eighty Pre-K to 4<sup>th</sup> grade students practiced skills in volleyball, basketball, soccer, and softball/baseball at the Little Hatchets Sports Club. Thank you to all the volunteers who donated their time and talents and helped make this another successful event! Join Little Hatchets Sports Club on Facebook for more info!



**Join SCAN for their next Quarterly Meeting on Tuesday, June 25, at 6:30 p.m. at the Strasburg Community Center**

# Strasburg 150th Anniversary Celebration

June 14-16, 2024

## All three days:

- Carnival 8-9 rides - Arm band tickets available now at Shelby County State Bank-Strasburg
- Variety of Food Trucks
- Strasburg History Museum

## Friday - Starts at 4:30 p.m.

- Little Miss and Little Mr. Strasburg Pageant
- Battle Creek Band
- Beer Tent
- Exotic Animal Zoo
- Lions Club German Meal

*Sponsored by SCAN*



## Saturday - Starts at 11:30 a.m.

- Parade
- Boombox 80's Band
- Felix & Fingers Dueling Pianos
- Amazing Dudleyy the Magician
- History Museum
- Craft Tent, Raffles, Binga
- Caricature artist
- Exotic Animal Zoo
- Pony rides
- Beer Tent
- Kids Power Wheels Demo Derby

*Sponsored by Jeremy Bochantin, Northwestern Mutual*

*Sponsored by Milano and Grunloh*

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*Sponsored by Strasburg Fire Protection District*

## Sunday - Starts at 11:30 a.m.

- Jake and Mikayla
- Joe Arvue - Gospel music
- Exotic Animal Zoo
- Free Cupcakes
- Free Ice Cream
- Pedal Tractor Pull
- Pony Rides
- Sounds of Swing -Big Band Orchestra
- Fireworks

*Sponsored by SCAN*

*Sponsored by Dad & Sons Mowing*

*Sponsored by Country Financial - Garrett Moffett*

*Sponsored by Strasburg Lions Club*

*Sponsored by Kull Appliance Service*

*Sponsored by the Village of Strasburg*

**Check out updates to our schedule of events on Facebook:  
Strasburg's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

150th Anniversary Continued

Thank you to our event sponsors!

SCAN – Strasburg Community Action Network  
Strasburg Fire Protection District  
Country Financial – Garrett Moffett  
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Jeremy Bochantin, Northwestern Mutual

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**The Sounds of Swing** is a 17-piece Big Band in the style of Glenn Miller, Woody Herman and the dance orchestras of the swing era. The group was first organized in 1991 to play for a dance to raise funds for the Effingham High School Band. Most of the original members were area band directors who enjoyed playing this style of music so much that they decided to keep the group going.

Wayne Bradtke was the original band leader, while Dennis Lading has led the group since 2006. Many of the appearances of the band today are fund raisers for school music programs, although the band also plays for area festivals and parties.



Current members of the band hail from Strasburg, Effingham, Salem, Centralia, Mount Vernon, Findlay, Shelbyville, Paris, Olney, Highland and Vandalia. Members Ian & Stephanie Kinkley currently live in Strasburg, and Dennis Lading is a Strasburg native.

Performing Sunday, June 16, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
*Thank you to Event Sponsor - KULL APPLIANCE SERVICE*

**Strasburg 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration Scavenger Hunt**

**Team Sign Up!**  
Participants will have one hour to race/complete tasks and challenges around the park and the general area!

**Saturday, June 15 at 1PM**  
(after the parade! Check in at the Tennis Courts)

Teams of 2  
\$20 entry fee  
**CASH PRIZES!**  
(Determined by the number of signups)  
12 years of age and over  
All are welcome!

All must have a parent/guardian liability waiver signed prior to start

To register: email [Shumard\\_Shelton@hotmail.com](mailto:Shumard_Shelton@hotmail.com)  
with subject line: 150<sup>th</sup>



### ALA 69th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

American Legion Auxiliary Liberty Unit 289 of Strasburg held their 69th Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday March 30th. There were 68 hunters who registered. It was a little windy, but the day was beautiful for an egg hunt! Five children won an 'all-day-ride-pass' for the Strasburg 150 Anniversary celebration, given by the 150th committee (and we thank you!) Many of the parents and grandparents in attendance also participated in the

Strasburg Egg Hunt when they were little. This is one of the Strasburg Unit's favorite activities with the community and all the children of the community. We even caught the Easter Bunny's Carrot on the slide!!!

Members participating front row – Aubrey Brown, Anna Brown, Harper Layton, Jenna Layton, Katie Caldwell. Back row – Emily Gilmore, Kathy Eckstein, Jill Layton, Jamie Brown, Carrot (Becca Caldwell), Easter Bunny (Sarah Wyckoff) with Adeline Brown, Abby Brown, Bonnie Lawrence, Charlene Telgmann, Linda Oakley  
**THANK YOU ALL INVOLVED!**



### Liberty Post #289 of the American Legion news



At the regular meeting of Liberty Post #289 of the American Legion on April 9, 2024, Dwight Lading was presented with a Certificate of Continuous Membership for 70 years in the American Legion. Dwight was presented the citation by Post Commander Harold Hartman. As quoted from the Certificate “be it known that Dwight F Lading a longtime and dedicated members of American Legion Post 0289, Department of Illinois has been certified to have been a members in good standing continuously for 70 years. And be it further known that such a

record of consistent loyalty to The American Legion merits the honor of being cited as an outstanding contributor to the programs of The American Legion.” The Certificate was signed by the National Commander Daniel J. Seehafer, National Adjutant Daniel S. Wheeler, and Liberty Post 289 Commander Harold Hartman. Photo: L to R: Burl Edwards, Rex Foreman, Dwight Lading, Harold Hartman

### Memorial Day Celebration -Sponsored by Strasburg Lions “Leo” Club

The Strasburg Lions “LEO” Club would again like to invite you to celebrate the heroics and suffering of our community and surrounding area’s service men and women. We have having a Memorial Day Celebration honoring those that have served at home and abroad, currently and in the past. The event will be held on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27 in front of the Veterans Memorial in Strasburg. The program will start at 11 a.m. and last about an hour. Lunch will be served after the program by the Strasburg Lions Club. Everyone is invited to eat with each service person in attendance eating for free.

*This is an outdoor event so please bring your own lawn chair. Seating is limited.*

## ALA Announces Poppy Poster Contest Winners

This year Strasburg American Legion Auxiliary Liberty Unit #289 sponsored the Poppy Poster Contest, with many entries received from Stewardson-Strasburg School. The 1<sup>st</sup> place winners in each grade category were forwarded to the Department (State) for judging. Winners were: 2024 POPPY POSTER WINNERS

4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Corbyn Reel Pictured upper right; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Kambrie Kite; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Addison Kaufman

5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Ryker McClain pictured lower right; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Lenyx Robison; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Ava Schultz

7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Weston Spannagel; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Emmalyn Brown; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Jackson Hite

9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Rachel Weaver

10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Aubree Antrim, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Brinlie Durbin; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Kinley Chaney

11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Samantha Hayes; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Grace Carroll; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Alaira Friese;

12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Ella Kinkelaar; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Nathaniel Gracey; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Jasmine Shafer



**Strasburg LEO Club** -Five members of the Strasburg Lions Leo Club and Advisor Lion Jim Weiss took a trip to the Mary Bryant Home for the Blind on Good Friday.

The Leo members socialized, played games, and enjoyed lunch with the members during their visit. They also delivered items they had collected to be used as prizes for the residents and craft supplies purchased by the Strasburg Lions Club.



## LIONS CHICKEN FRY

**Saturday, June 1 from 4-7 p.m.**

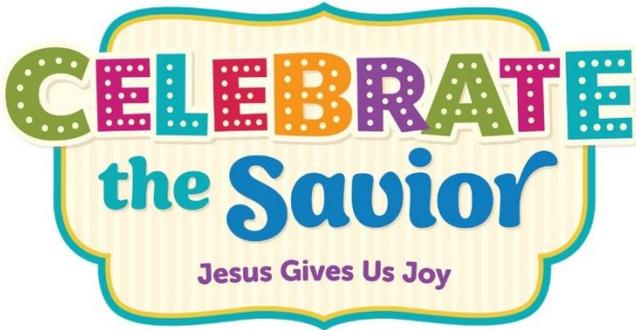
**Strasburg Park**

**SCAN will be selling homemade strawberry shortcake with locally sourced berries for \$3!**

-Also -

**Lions Club sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive – June 3 from noon to 5 p.m. at the Community Center.**

**Call 800-RED-CROSS to schedule**



**You are invited to Vacation Bible School**  
**June 17-21, 2024**  
**9-11:30 a.m.**

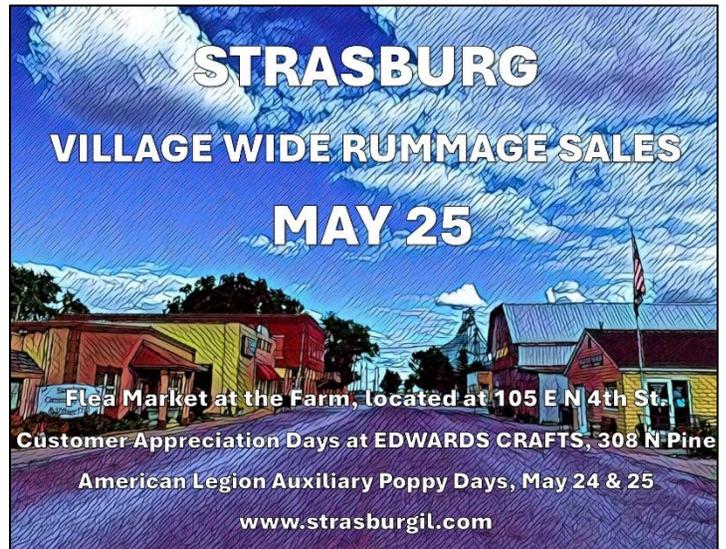
**St. Paul's & Grace Lutheran Dual Parish Churches**  
**Location: St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
**511 S. Walnut St, Strasburg, IL**

**For ages 3 to those who will enter 7th grade in the fall**

*An Adult Class led by Rev. Kene Whybrew is also available*  
**Mission Project: The family of Walker Warden**

Please register by June 2  
 For Information or To Register: Call the Church at 217.644.2661  
 Find Event on Facebook—St. Paul's Lutheran Church Strasburg IL

Attending were: Claire Holland, Halle Moomaw, Brinlie Durbin, Sophi Greuel and Anna Albert.



**STRASBURG**  
**VILLAGE WIDE RUMMAGE SALES**  
**MAY 25**

Flea Market at the Farm, located at 105 E N 4th St.  
 Customer Appreciation Days at EDWARDS CRAFTS, 308 N Pine  
 American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Days, May 24 & 25  
[www.strasburgil.com](http://www.strasburgil.com)

**Look For Posts on Strasburg Facebook Page**

~ We Remember ~

**Denny R. Patridge** (August 30, 1948 – March 8, 2024), 75, of Strasburg, IL

Denny was born on August 30, 1948 in Olney, IL, the son of Delbert Elmer and Geneva Luella (Hilderbrand) Patridge. He was a graduate of Fairfield High School and attended Olney Community College and Southern Illinois University. He was a successful entrepreneur who started many businesses over his years and was retired from independent insurance sales. He married the love of his life, Judy Kay Miller, on June 8, 1973 and they were married for over 50 years. He attended Lakewood Community Church and was an avid fan of Illini basketball and the St. Louis Cardinals.



Denny is survived by his wife, Judy; son, Jeff Wagner (Cathy) of Mattoon, IL; daughter, Amanda Bieber (Gene) of Tower Hill, IL; sister, Debbie Richardson of Fairfield, IL; four grandchildren, Danielle De Leon (George) of Taylorville, IL, Bryce Bieber of Tower Hill, IL, Megan Salmela (Chase) of Mattoon, IL and Taylor Wagner of Mattoon, IL; four great grandchildren, Parker and Murphy Salmela and Greyson and Wells Eaton and expecting baby De Leon; and lifelong friend, Larry Wattles of Louisville, IL.

**Melba M. Storm** (October 4, 1927 – March 8, 2024), 96, of Strasburg, IL, formerly of Windsor

Melba was born on October 4, 1927 in Shelby County, the daughter of Louis and Ida (Rincker) Ruff. A lifelong member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, she was baptized on October 28, 1927 and confirmed on April 27, 1941. She graduated from St. Paul Parochial School June 13, 1941 and from Strasburg High School in 1945. Melba married Dallas Eugene Storm on April 20, 1947 with Rev. G. A. Lueck officiating. He preceded her in death on March 15, 1993. Melba treasured family time. She enjoyed gardening, crocheting, playing Scrabble, and watching Illini basketball and the St. Louis Cardinals. Surviving are children, Leonard (Pam) Storm of Stuart, FL, Barbara (Kenneth) Sampson of Allenville, IL, and Leslie (Cheryl) Storm of Cleveland, SC; six grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and one great-grandson.



### **Mitch & Morgan White are May Gnome Winners!**



Mitch, Morgan, Sonny (3) and Tucker (9 months) moved here in 2017.

“I’m originally from Shelbyville, and Mitch is from Shumway. We love how friendly the Strasburg community and our neighbors have been since moving here,” Morgan said. They enjoyed picking out the gnome, the boys selected a Bear’s themed gnome, despite that Mitch and Morgan are Packers fans! The family enjoys spending time at the park with our boys and going for walks throughout town.

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