

# GNOME NEWS



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## Important Dates

**Wed., Apr. 28** – Seasoned Citizens meet at noon

**Sun., May 23** – Burn Out Burritos, 4-6:30 p.m.

**Wed., May 26** – Seasoned Citizens meet at noon

**May 28 & 29** – American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Days

**Sat., May 29** - Village Wide Rummage Sales

**Mon., May 31** – 11 a.m. Memorial Day Service at Veterans Memorial

**Thur., Jun. 3** – Berries & Burgers Strawberry Shortcake & Porkburger meal 4:30-6:30 p.m.

**Sun., Jun. 6** - Lions Club Annual Chicken Fry, 4 p.m., Village Park

**Jun. 21-25** - Vacation Bible School, St. Paul's Church, 9-11:30 a.m.

**Tue., Jun. 29** – 6:30 p.m. SCAN Quarterly meeting

**Wed., Jun. 30** – Seasoned Citizens meet at noon

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### VILLAGE OF STRASBURG

Monthly Board meetings 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 6:30 p.m.

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## Message from the Mayor

Greetings,

I would like to welcome two new members to the Village board. Ian Kinkley has been elected to a 4-year term and Kristina Moore has been elected to a 2-year term. Returning to the board for a 4-year term is Bob Anderson. Pending final voter canvass, new members will be seated in May. I would like to thank Chuck Wade for his years of service to the Strasburg Village Board.



Cinda Held

The Park Committee and community groups are beginning fundraising for a new pavilion and improvements to the park. Our campaign is to raise \$300,000 to build a new pavilion and add new playground equipment and update the basketball, tennis courts and walking path. These improvements will not happen all at once, but this is our goal. Please help support this endeavor in any way you can. The 1<sup>st</sup> fundraiser will begin at the Berries and Burgers meal on June 2 sponsored by SCAN.

The new lots at York Acres have been marked out. The land has been marked in 8 different lots. Contact the village office for plat, covenants, and other information.

The empty lot at 307 Pine is for sale by the village. The village will be taking sealed bids from May 1 to June 1. This lot will be sold providing a house is built on it within a year. The village reserves the right to accept or reject all bids. Contact Linda Oakley at the village office for more information.

There is a lot of activity in the village during the summer. Girls' softball is starting soon on several evenings and little girls t-ball on Saturday morning. Do not forget the Lions Chicken Fry and Homecoming.

The village in conjunction with SCAN and Lion's Club has an ad in the *Discover Central Illinois* magazine. This magazine features many small communities in our area. You can pick up a copy at the Marathon, the Bank, and at Village Hall.

Let us enjoy the Spring and Summer. Everyone stay safe as we...

## Keep Strasburg Right! In the Middle of Everything!

### Lot for Sale — 307 Pine, Strasburg

Submit sealed bid between May 1 and June 1 to Strasburg Village Office

Sale requires house be built on property within one year

Village reserves the right to accept or reject all bids

The **Strasburg Community Action Network** is sponsoring a gnome giveaway each month from March to August for residents of Strasburg. Winners are randomly selected.

**March Gnome winner**

Nancy Stremming was selected as the March winner. Nancy, who grew up in Seymour, Indiana, has been a Strasburg resident since 1969. She was married to Jerome Stremming for 46 years until his passing in 2019. She has two children, Leah who lives in Palatine, Ill., and Eric who lives in Newburgh, Ind.

In Strasburg, Nancy enjoys the beautiful sunsets and the view of the fields from her sunroom. Nancy likes to keep active with sewing, doing counted cross stitch, feeding the birds and her work in the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League. Congratulations Nancy!



SCAN member Karen Kull and Nancy Stremming



**April Gnome winner**

Tommy Wallin and his family were April winners of a free gnome. Tommy and his wife Amber moved to Strasburg in 2008. They have two active boys, Brady (11) and Finn (6). The Wallins were the first family to move to the York Acres subdivision.

The Wallin family loves living in Strasburg. They are fond of the tight knit community, the great school, and having safe place to raise a family. Most importantly, they know they are surrounded by the best neighbors in Strasburg! Congratulations to Tommy, Amber, Brady, and Finn Wallin!

**“We Serve” is the motto of the Lions Club.** The Strasburg Lions Club tries to serve the community in many different ways. They would like to say a BIG Thank you to the Community for your support at our functions, including your attendance at our recent Fish Fry. You SERVE us by attending. So, thank you from the Strasburg Lions Club! Our next fundraising event will be the Springfest Wine & Craft Market on April 24 and 25 at Vahling Vineyards in Stewardson. We will continue to serve this community and look forward to seeing you all.

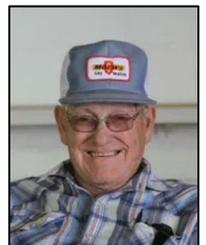


The **Strasburg-Stewardson Area Seasoned Citizens** are still meeting each month. Attendance has been down due to Covid, but those who are coming are enjoying good food and fellowship. We are averaging 15 now and will be planning a trip soon. If you are 55 or older, you are welcome to join us on the last Wednesday of each month at 12 o’clock for a good meal and a couple of hours of fun. We do play bingo, have “Show and Tell”, have a time for tips for better living, a joke or two, and story time where we share stories of the past. It is a fun two hours. We do have special speakers come on different occasions. Hope to see you soon. Our next meeting is April 28.

*Remembering our loved ones*

Glenn Pieper (January 18, 1934 – February 20, 2021)

Glenn was born in Strasburg, IL, the son of William Carl and Louise Marie (Mueller) Pieper. He graduated from Strasburg High School in the Class of 1952. Glenn married Phyllis Anne Evans on September 3, 1955 in Strasburg, IL. He worked as a foreman for Kuehne Manufacturing Company in Mattoon, IL and later transferred with the company to Michigan City, IN. In 1968, Glenn and his family moved back to Strasburg to farm the family land. He farmed and also worked for Lenders/Kraft in Mattoon, IL until his retirement. Glenn was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Strasburg where he was a life member of the Men’s Club. Glenn was also a member of the Strasburg Lions Club and enjoyed officiating basketball games for more than 25 years. Glenn is survived by his three sons, Steve (Jean) Pieper of Stewardson, IL, Sid Pieper of Chillicothe, IL, and Shawn (Summer) Pieper of Grandview, TX; sister, Martha Galenski of Clayton, IN; and five grandchildren.



 **Memorial Day Celebration** 

Sponsored by

Strasburg Lions "LEO" Club

The Strasburg Lions "LEO" club would like to invite you to help us celebrate the heroics and sufferings of our community and surrounding area's service men and woman. We are having a Memorial Day Celebration honoring those that have served at home and abroad, currently and from the past. The event will be held on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, in front of the Veterans Memorial in Strasburg. The program will start at 11:00 a.m. and last about an hour. Lunch will be served after the program by the Strasburg Lions Club. Everyone is invited to stay and eat with each service person in attendance eating free. This is an outdoor event so please bring your lawn chairs as seating will be limited.

The LEOs are also collecting sponsors for the event. All sponsors will be recognized on the program. Sponsorships can be mailed to; (Strasburg Lions "LEO" Club, P. O. Box 343, Strasburg, Illinois 62465). Checks should be made out to the "Strasburg Lions LEO Club". Sponsorships could be in memory of any service person or family member. Sponsorship can range from \$20.00 for a Bronze sponsor, \$30.00 for a Silver sponsor and \$50.00 for a gold sponsor. All proceeds from the sponsors will go toward the enhancement of the Veterans Memorial.



Hosted by SCAN Burn Out In The Burg Car Show Committee

**THEY'RE BACK!**

**May 23, 2021**

**4:00pm-6:30pm**

Dine In  
or Drive  
Up



**Burn Out Burritos**  
**Thunderbird Tacos and fresh made Salsa**

Community Center  
105 E. Commercial St. Strasburg

Full Burn Out Burrito Dinner \$9.00 (2 burritos & salsa)

Half Patch Burn Out Dinner \$7.00 (1 burrito & salsa)

Hard Top Thunderbird Crunchy Taco \$3.00

Screamin' Demon Nachos \$6.00 (Chips, Meat, Cheese, Sour Cream)

Torq'n Taco Salad \$7.00

Chips & Salsa \$3.00 & Nachos \$4.00



**LIONS CLUB CHICKEN FRY**

**Sunday, June 7, 4 p.m.**  
**Strasburg Park**

This annual affair will feature a menu of fried chicken, potato salad or chips, baked beans, slaw, applesauce and bread and butter.

The Lions have held their chicken fry for many years and it has become a Strasburg tradition.

The chicken is fresh and hand breaded to make a tasty treat enjoyed by all. Come out to the park and enjoy a day of food, fun and fellowship. Help the Lions raise funds to maintain the park and help with other worthy community causes.

### 32 Below gets new art mural



Ed Levitt, owner of 32 Below, has been wanting to have a mural painted on the building for a few years. Stang Arts in Effingham is painting the mural and will be finished in the next week or two. The finished mural will feature pictures of what goes on in Strasburg. “I hope everyone is happy with it”, remarked Ed. Ed is planning some other updates along the outside of the building including a place for motorcycles to park their bikes. Thank you for beautifying the building!



The Gnome News spoke to Barb Dial to learn more about her 30 years of service to the United States Postal Service.

I began my postal career on March 11, 1991 at the Lakewood Post Office as a Postmaster Relief. In October of 1991, I was appointed as an Officer in Charge (OIC) of Lakewood.

In 1993, I received a career with benefits position as a Part-Time Flexible Clerk at Teutopolis. I worked at T-town for 10.5 years, loaning out to many offices when they were in need of a clerk. I was given two detail assignments as OIC in Lerna and Trilla. As a clerk, I would also loan into Effingham Distribution Center and sort bulk mail for all 624 zip code offices. Then in 2004, I was appointed Postmaster of Strasburg.

When PostPlan of 2016 was implemented, the Postmaster position was eliminated at Strasburg and I was converted to a Non-traditional Full-time Clerk and remain that position today.

The biggest change since I started has been adding the computer and internet to our daily tasks. So many daily reports and clearances have to be completed online. Gone are the days of just managing your own office! Recently, it has been the volume of parcels coming in for delivery. It is not uncommon to have over 100 parcels on a Monday morning. The online shopping has overwhelmed the Postal Service.

My #1 favorite part of my job is the interaction with my customers, meeting new people and making friends. I also love teaching people how the mail works and it is always exciting when I can help a customer find the best way to ship their package. A unique piece of mail was baby chicks and ducks. But I would say the most unique was a bundle of shovels taped together.

Outside of work, my main interests are my children – John, 36 and Jackie, 30. They are my life and being their mother is a full-time job as it should be. I would not have it any other way. Another thing that keeps us very busy is our church. I love doing the Lord’s work. One of my favorite hobbies would be decorating cakes. I have decorated cakes since I was 17 years old, but I do not do it as much now. I always enjoyed creating the cake and then watching the person’s reaction when they first see it!

I am looking forward to retirement at the end of this year. I plan on working a couple of days a week for a local business helping with their shipping needs, but mostly I plan to enjoy being at home and de-cluttering my house. I would like to thank the residents of Strasburg and the community for all of the love and support given to me over the last 17 years. It is truly a pleasure to serve the community of Strasburg.

**Strasburg Community Action Network News**

The Berries & Burgers event will be held Thursday, June 3 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Strasburg Community Center. Volunteers are needed to help pick and stem strawberries on June 2. Contact Brittany Kaufman or Jodie Quast if you can help.

The Biggest Loser Contest began March 8 with 34 participants weighing in. The final weigh is May 3. The winner will take half the pot.

A committee of Kristina Moore, Lindsay Floyd, Brittany Kaufman and Gary Kull will look into offering a scholarship for a high school student who is a member of SCAN and will bring ideas to the next meeting.

Thank you to the out-going SCAN officers who have served in their positions for several years: President-Justin Krile, Vice-President-Gary Kull and Secretary-Jane Giertz. New officers for 2021-22 are President-Doug Quast, Vice-President-MaRanda McClain and Secretary-Stephanie Kinkley. Brittany Kaufman will continue to serve as SCAN Treasurer.

SCAN Action Team Leaders for the next year are:

Family & Children: MaRanda McClain and Brittany Kaufman

Business: Jodie Quast and Cinda Held

Infrastructure: Doug Quast and Mitch Stewart

Housing: Gary Kull and Justin Krile

Marketing: Karen Kull and Lisa Shelton  
Beautification: Stephanie Kinkley and Jane Giertz

Jane Giertz is the liaison for the Seasoned Citizens group.

The Foundation Board is Jodie Quast, Larry Giertz, John Helton, Tim Lenz and Courtney Wittenberg and Ramona Radloff.

**The next quarterly SCAN meeting will be June 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center.**



SCAN 2021-22 Officers. L-R: Stephanie Kinkley-Secretary, MaRanda McClain-Vice-President, Doug Quast-President. Not pictured Brittany Kaufman-Treasurer.

S.C.A.N presents

## “Main Street Makeover”

### Saturday, May 8th

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.

Bring your gardening gloves/tools, brooms, and rakes!

This is a family event to help get Strasburg's Commercial Street and Park ready for many summer activities!

## BERRIES & BURGERS

Thursday, June 3rd  
Strasburg Community Center  
4:30-6:30 p.m.  
Eat inside or get it to go!

Home-made Strawberry Shortcake  
Pork Burgers  
Hot Dogs

Funds raised will be used for Strasburg park improvements!

**You are invited to Vacation Bible School!**  
**June 21-25, 2021**  
**9-11:30 a.m.**

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
**511 S. Walnut, Strasburg, IL 62465**  
For ages 3 to those who just finished 6th grade

*Also adult class led by Virginia Vogel discussing  
"Unafraid-Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times"*

Mission Projects: Food Pantry, Shelbyville, IL & Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Jacksonville, IL.

<p style="text-align: center;">Learn about Jesus, our Savior Meet New Friends Make Crafts Play Games Do Fun Activities Sing Great Songs Eat Snacks</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">For Information or To Register:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Call the church 217.644.2661</li> <li>2. Email <a href="mailto:stpaulcms@consolidated.net">stpaulcms@consolidated.net</a></li> <li>3. Facebook—St. Paul's Lutheran Church Strasburg IL</li> </ol>
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## STRASBURG

Annual  
**TOWN-WIDE**  
**YARD SALE**  
AND  
**FLEA MARKET AT THE CRIB**

### Saturday, May 29

Large Flea Market along North Rt 32  
Crafts \* Antiques \* Furniture \* Fishing Tackle \* Plants  
For information contact Patsy Lenz 217.644.2667

Customer Appreciation Days at EDWARDS CRAFTS, 308 N Pine St  
American Legion Auxiliary POPPY DAYS, May 28-29

For more Strasburg Festivals go to [www.strasburgil.com](http://www.strasburgil.com)

## Wishing the Best, but Feeling the Loss

The Strasburg Fire Protection District bid a fond farewell to **Captain Brad Friese** in March at a “surprise” retirement party the department had for him.

Brad Friese has served on the Strasburg fire department for 39 years, with the last 7 years as Captain. Those in the Fire Service, especially volunteers, know that this kind of dedication is not possible without the support your family. Arlene, Brad’s wife, and his 3 children, Dawn, Brock, and Kurt have stood by Brad as he served his community. With calls taking place at all hours of the day and night, the department could rely on Brad to answer the call and help those in need.

Brad may not be an active member of the Strasburg Fire Department anymore, but he will always be part of the family. The Strasburg FPD wish him all the best in his retirement!

The Strasburg Fire Protection District is a Volunteer fire department. They meet on the first Thursday of every month, with trainings throughout each month as well. There are Emergency Medical Responders as well as firefighters on this department. They are always looking for volunteers to serve and become part of a Brother & Sisterhood. Over 70% of the fire departments in the United States are volunteer.

**If you would like to know more or would like to help keep your community safe, you can contact Chief Agney at [TAgney791@gmail.com](mailto:TAgney791@gmail.com) or 217-343-0773.**

Brad Friese with family



Brad with Chief Agney and Charlie Culver



## **Strasburg’s American Legion Auxiliary Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

was held April 3 at Strasburg park. Over 89 children, toddlers through third grade, enjoyed “hunting” the various candies that had been scattered throughout the park. Prizes of stuffed bunnies were given. The event has been an annual tradition for many years.



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## 2021 Strasburg Events & Celebrations

Hosted by Village of Strasburg and non-profit organizations

Date	Event
Jan. 26	SCAN Quarterly Meeting. 6 p.m. Community Center.
Jan. 27	Seasoned Citizens. Noon. Community Center.
Feb. 24	Seasoned Citizens. Noon. Community Center.
Feb. 27	Lions Club Breakfast. Pancakes, Sausage, Biscuits, Gravy, Applesauce. 6:30-10 a.m. Community Center.
Mar. 8-May 3	Biggest Loser Contest, Weigh ins Mar. 8, Apr. 5 and May 3. 5:30-7 p.m. Community Center. SCAN.
Mar. 26	Lions Fish Fry. 5-7 p.m. Community Center.
Mar. 30	SCAN Quarterly Meeting, 6 p.m. Community Center.
Mar. 31	Seasoned Citizens. Noon. Community Center.
Apr. 3	Easter Egg Hunt. 10 a.m. Park. American Legion Auxiliary.
Apr. 28	Seasoned Citizens. Noon. Community Center.
May 23	Burn Out Burritos. Burrito dinner, tacos, nachos, taco salad, chips & salsa. 4-6:30 p.m. Community Ctr. SCAN.
May 26	Seasoned Citizens. Noon. Community Center.
May 28, 29	Poppy Days. American Legion Auxiliary.
May 29	Village Wide Rummage Sales. 7 a.m.
May 31	Memorial Day Service at Veterans Memorial. 11 a.m. Program & meal. Strasburg Lions LEO Club.
Jun.-Aug.	Pop up Farmers Markets. Fresh produce. and baked goods.
Jun. 3	Berries & Burgers. Fill up on porkburger or hotdog meal hot off the grill and fresh strawberry shortcake. 4:30-6:30 p.m. Community Center. SCAN.
Jun. 6	Lions Club Chicken Fry. 4 p.m. Village Park
Jun. 14	Flag disposal ceremony at Windsor: Strasburg & Windsor American Legion Posts
Jun. 21-25	Vacation Bible School. 9-11:30 a.m. St. Paul's Lutheran Church.
Jun. 29	SCAN Quarterly Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Community Center.
Jun. 30	Seasoned Citizens
Jul. 16-18	Lions Club Homecoming/Tractor Pull/Parade
Jul. 28	Seasoned Citizens
Aug. 25	Seasoned Citizens
Sept. 4	Fall Village Wide Rummage Sales
Sept. 24	Community Wiener Roast. Park.
Sept. 28	SCAN Quarterly Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Community Center.
Sept. 29	Seasoned Citizens. Noon. Community Center.
Oct. 2	Burn Out in the Burg. Auto Show. Exhaust Competition, Burn Out Competition. Village Park. SCAN.
Oct. 23	Halloween Soup Supper, Parade, Costume Judging, Cake Walk. Community Center. American Legion & Aux.
Oct. 27	Seasoned Citizens. Noon. Community Center.
Nov. 7	American Legion Christmas Auction. 1 p.m. Community Center.
Nov. 13	Santa Brigade Breakfast & Christmas Market. St. Paul's Lutheran Social Hall & Gym. SCAN.
Nov. 17	Seasoned Citizens. Noon. Community Center.
Dec. 5	American Legion Christmas Auction. 1 p.m. Community Center.
Dec. 10-11	Christmas Store/Cookie Walk. Community Center. American Legion Auxiliary.
Dec. 11	Soup Supper 4-6 p.m./SCAN-Village Year End Recognition Celebration 6 p.m. Community Center.
Dec. 12	Lutheran Churches Christmas Cantata. 7 p.m. St. Paul's Lutheran Church.
Dec. 18	Visit with Santa. 9:30-11 a.m. Community Center.
Dec. 29	Seasoned Citizens. Noon. Community Center.



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*Around the Burg & a little snow...*



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