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## Important Dates

Oct. 26. Halloween Soup Supper, Parade Costumes, Cake Walk. Community Center. American Legion & ALA.

Oct. 30. SS Seasoned Citizens. Noon. Community Center.

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

Nov. 9. Santa Brigade Breakfast (6 a.m.) & Market (7 a.m.). St. Paul's Social Hall & Gym. SCAN

Dec. 1. American Legion Christmas Auction. 1 p.m. Community Center.

Dec. 8. Annual Lutheran Churches Christmas Cantata. 7 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church, Stewardson.

Dec. 13&14. ALA Christmas Store. Community Center

Dec. 14. Santa at the Community Center. 9:30-11 a.m. Lions Club.

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## Message from the Mayor

Hello Residents,

It's that time again. Warm days, crisp nights, Weiner roasts, and toilet papering. Please don't encourage kids to keep "decorating" the same people. From years of experience, it does get annoying. Enough is enough. Thankfully not long until Halloween and it will be over.

The park work is finally coming along. The OSLAD portion should be done by the end of year.

Work should begin in 2025 on the lagoon upgrade and sewer line from the high school. These are 2 separate projects being partially funded by the Illinois EPA. It has come to the point that the upgrade must be done. The village has gotten several violations for the lagoon outputs. The upgrade should take care of the problems for many years.

Thank you to all of the organizations who have worked so hard with all of the fundraisers for our Park Renovation Project. A special thank you to Maggie Boldt for her delicious and famous burritos. Thank you also to the members of SCAN and the 150<sup>th</sup> Committee for their support and donations. Upcoming events with the profit going to the Park Renovation Project include the Halloween Soup Supper and SCAN's Santa Brigade Breakfast. I do hope that all community members will support each and every activity planned to help us reach our goal of achieving our park renovation.

Reminder—Do not burn right now. It is a safety concern to all.

Happy Fall Y'all

### Upcoming Events

Oct.26- American Legion Halloween Parade and ALA Soup Supper

Nov.2- ALA Candy Buy Back 9-11 a.m.

Nov. 3- American Legion Christmas Auction

Nov. 9- Santa Brigade

Nov.28- Blessed Thanksgiving

Dec. 1- American Legion Christmas Auction

Dec.13 &14- ALA Christmas Store

Dec 14 – Santa at Community Center

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



Cinda Held



## VOLUNTEER OF YEAR ANNOUNCED

In the year that the Village of Strasburg celebrated its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary it was fitting that we awarded the 2024 Volunteer of the Year to the following individual. Nominated by several community members, it was noted that this individual is dedicated, hardworking, creative, has a positive attitude and is kind. Her dedication to organizing the Strasburg 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration was an inspiration.

There were many hours of planning behind the scenes to make sure the celebration was a success. The week of the celebration brought some challenges, but she remained calm and positive, and the celebration was absolutely wonderful.

**The Village of Strasburg's 2024 Volunteer of the Year – Sue Bowers.**

Sue was presented her award during the Community Weiner Roast held on Friday, September 20 at the Strasburg Park. Presenting the award was Mayor Cinda Held.



**Horse racing continues in the Rincker family**

Otto Rincker, a lifelong resident of Strasburg, became interested in horse racing when his uncle Loyd Rincker raced thoroughbred horses. Otto has been going to the races since he was 8 years old. He had a couple of horses in his name, but never had the opportunity to actually own a racehorse until he and Zed Brehmer bought a trotter from a friend of Zed's. That horse didn't do as well as expected so it was sold. Otto became acquainted with a trainer by the name of Kenny Collier. Kenny has had success in the standardbred horse racing world, so Otto had him look for a horse. Otto and Zed worked with Kenny for a year or so before Zed decided to get out of the horse business.

Currently, Otto and his wife Lisa own 3 horses. They are:

- 1) **Kansas Boy** is a 2-year-old, Indiana bred, gelding. He ran really well this year in his first year of racing, earning around \$65,000. He ran mainly at a Harrah's Hoosier Park racetrack in Anderson, Indiana, and is done for the season but will start again in April 2025.
- 2) **Ultimate Fantasy** is a 2-year-old Indiana bred filly. She is set to make her racing debut soon.
- 3) **Comet Country** is a yearling Indiana bred gelding. He is currently being jogged and taught the tricks of the trade. Lisa came up with that name.



Their trainer, Kenny Collier and his wife Jo, live at Ellery, IL, close to Fairfield, IL. Otto and Lisa describe Kenny as a kind and gentle man, who loves what he does and loves animals, and Jo is the groomswoman for the horses and is the best caregiver a horse could have.



### Strasburg Community Action Network

**Join SCAN at the Santa Brigade Breakfast & Market November 9 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Social Hall & Gym**

#### Fundraisers for Park Improvements do well

- \$5,000** SCAN donation August 19
- \$1,692** Bakesale, Sept. 7
- \$5,000** 150<sup>th</sup> Committee donation, Sept. 16
- \$5,163** Burrito fundraiser, Sept. 27

In just a short time, nearly \$17,000 was raised for village park improvements. Thank you to the Strasburg Community Action Network, Strasburg Lions Club and LEO club, the Village Board, and everyone who generously donated their time and money to the fundraisers.



Cinda Held, Village President (left) receives a check for \$5,000 from Sue Bowers, co-chair of the Strasburg 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration, at the September village board meeting.

## CHRISTMAS AUCTION

**STRASBURG, IL**  
**Community Building**

**Sunday, Nov 3rd at 1:00 pm**

Outstanding selection of items including,

Tools, Toys, Food Items,

Metal Signs, Bikes, Trikes, Blankets,

Christmas Items, Tarps, Wind Spinners, Gloves



**All items are new!**

**Plus Much, Much more than listed**

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Singers from the Lutheran churches of Strasburg, Stewardson, Sigel and Shumway will perform December 8 in Stewardson. Everyone is invited to attend!



**Local residents organize to help with Hurricane Relief**

Hurricane Helene swept through the Florida upper peninsula as a Category 4 storm on September 26. The storm brought severe damage and flooding across the southern Appalachians causing hundreds of fatalities and billions in property damage. Several local residents responded by quickly organizing and taking donations and supplies to Tennessee and North Carolina.

**Twila Newell-Faletic** (daughter of Tom and Leslie Newell) was sitting at home without power on a Thursday night when she told her husband that she was going to take a load of items to help the hurricane victims. Two days later, on Oct. 5, through significant help and donations from family and co-workers, Twila and her niece, Madi Haarmann were able to get a pickup truck load of supplies to Newport, TN.



Twila and Madi

Heather Thompson Brockett (daughter of Steve & Connie Thompson), who currently lives in Tennessee and was a graduate of Stew-Stras High School, was instrumental in supplying Twila with information and connections. Heather receives daily information on current needs and connected Twila with the Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church in Newport as her drop off point.



Camper, demolished by the hurricane

While there, Twila observed firsthand the devastation of those affected by the flooding. Many homes that used to sit close to the river were left with only foundations, while homes across town were not affected. Newport had just gotten back power and water when she arrived. The outlying areas were still without.



Twila is planning a return trip, this time with husband Lorne, and their two children to Swannanoa, North Carolina. They will be leaving Friday, Nov. 8 with 1 or 2 vehicles. As needs change daily, Twila will post on Facebook (her personal page and "Strasburg, IL: Right In The Middle of Everything!" group page) the current needs around November 5 or 6 and donations will need to be delivered to them after that.

**"We're not that far from them", stated Twila. "In just a day we can be there."**

**Matt & Michelle (Webb) Figgins** took a load of supplies for hurricane victims in a 20' enclosed trailer on October 9. They delivered to Pole Creek Baptist Church in Candler, NC. Several supplies came from the students of Stewardson-Strasburg High School as the student council organized a relief drive.



Michelle also worked with Heather Brockett to bring the right supplies to the area. Michelle posts updates on her Facebook page about progress and needs. They are also planning a return trip in



November.

**Laura Henning** of Strasburg knew she needed to help victims of the hurricane and within a couple of days had 3 tons of supplies which she delivered to Burnsville, NC on Oct. 4-6. She experienced several road closures and traffic delays along the way. For this trip Laura took mainly baby items, pet supplies, generators and chain saws. She is also planning a return trip to the Appalachians.

To donate for future loads: As needs change daily, watch for updates on Facebook – the ladies’ personal pages or “Strasburg, IL: Right In The Middle of Everything!” (group page), Current needs will be posted around November 5 or 6 and trips to the area are planned around November 8.

**Former residents experience first major hurricane**

Hurricane Milton hit the west coast of Florida on October 9 and moved east across the state. John and Cathy (Rothrock) Reel, son Jeremy and daughter Courtney, former Strasburg residents, gave us these updates on their experiences. They knew days ahead and prepared well for the ravages of the hurricane at their home near Orlando, Florida. They filled their vehicles with gas several days in advance as gas stations were empty or totally backed up with customers a day or two before the storm hit. Knowing they could be without water, they bought bottled water, filled buckets of water and even filled the bathtub with water.



John and Cathy both worked a partial day on October 9. As the storm hit the west coast, much damage and flooding was done along the Gulf side of the state. As the storm moved inland, it lost some intensity and although the Reels experienced some wind damage, they never lost power. John attributes part of the safety to living in the middle of the state. One thing they miss about their Illinois home is their basement.



**Restoring Power to the Area**

Mitch Stewart, Strasburg, is a contractor for Ameren. He recently returned from working on electrical lines in the SE. He left Sept. 30 for Wythe County Virginia where they worked restoring power until October 6. On Oct. 8, he left for Tampa, Florida and returned on Oct. 19.

**These are just a few of the stories of people who have helped with the hurricanes. There are many, many more people who should be recognized and we appreciate them all. Thank you to all who have prayed, donated to their church or other service organizations, volunteered to work, sent supplies, taken supplies, etc. God bless you all!**

**SCHOOL TIDBITS**

- Congratulations to Jackson Gurgel and Ben Bridges for being named to the Fall Baseball NTC All Conference Team (2nd Team)
- Our Lady Hatchets are NTC Champs and Volleyball Conference Champs!
- *The Stew-Stras Band Program will be performing a Fall Concert on November 8th, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the High School Gymnasium. The concert will feature the 5th Grade Beginning Band, Junior High Band, High School Band, and the Stew-Stras Drumline. Come out and enjoy an evening with our talented students!*
- WSS Baseball Team took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Fall NTC Tournament
- Congratulations to FFA members Oliver Wascher, Brooke Schumacher and Zaida Wascher for placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Section 20 Soils Judging Contest in October. The three were able to compete at the State contest.
- Trinity Lutheran School girls cross country team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Lutheran State Tournament in Bloomington, IL and will compete at the National Lutheran Cross Country Meet in Mequon, WI Oct 26.



# STRASBURG HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024

SOUP SUPPER	5:00
COSTUMER PARADE	7:00
JUDGING	7:30
CAKE WALK	8:00

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES

UNDER 3 YEARS OLD	OCCUPATIONAL
STORY BOOK & FAIRY TALE	ANIMALS
TV & MOVIE	COUPLE
MONSTERS, GHOSTS & WITCHES	GROUP
SUPERHERO	MISCELLANEOUS
PRINCESS	ADULTS

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE GOING TOWARDS STRASBURG PARK RENOVATION

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## TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

In Strasburg

**Thursday, October 31**

**6:00-8:00 P.M.**



At the breakfast, enjoy the Christmas Music of the Trombone Trio of Dennis Lading, Dr. Ian Kinkley and Stephanie Kinkley

# 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



## Santa Brigade

### Breakfast & Market

SATURDAY, NOV. 9

PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST 6-10:30 A.M.

CHRISTMAS MARKET 7-11 A.M.

Contact MaRanda McClain for booth space 217.343.7879

Smoked Sausage Links Available for Purchase by the Pound all Morning or Until Sold Out

LOCATION

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Social Hall & Gym

511 S. Walnut St. Strasburg

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STRASBURG COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK



Freewill Donation

Dine In or Carry Out

Proceeds will benefit community improvements

~ **We Remember** ~

Floyd D. Storm , 88, of Strasburg, IL (8/11/1936-8/27/2024)



Floyd was born 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, 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.

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; and nieces, Michelle Storm and Adrienne Storm of Michigan.

**S-S Area Seasoned Citizens** met Wed., Sept. 25 at noon at the Community Center with 9 in attendance. Members brought a sack lunch meal, like they may have taken at one time to school, and several brought pictures from grade school. The group was able to identify each person, even though some had changed a little. Connie Wirth won the door prize which was supplied by Janice Wade.

Seasoned Citizens will meet Wednesday, October 30 for a potluck meal at noon at the Strasburg Community Center. Anyone age 55+ is welcome to attend!



**Park Progress in October**

Concrete has been poured for the new pavilion at the park which will house the restrooms, concession stand, kitchen and storage areas. The shell of the pavilion should be going up the week of October 28<sup>th</sup>. New playground equipment has arrived, and the approximate date of installation is week of November 11<sup>th</sup>. Work should begin in the next few weeks on the new walking path.

**Strasburg American Legion Auxiliary Unit #289**

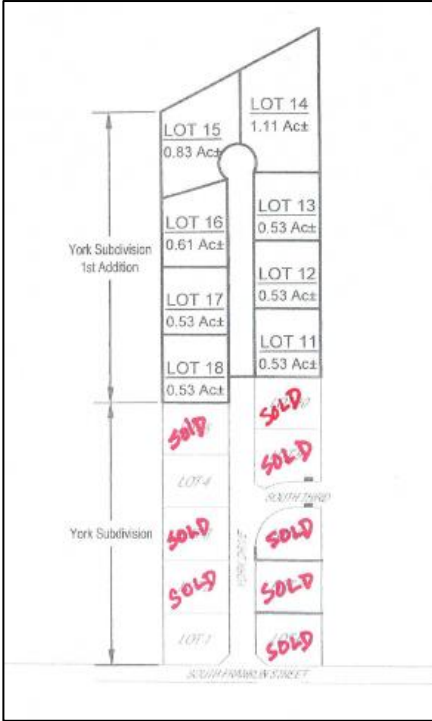
Veterans missed Christmas with their families as they served our country. This Christmas we want to remember and honor all our Veterans – past, present, those with us or in heaven. The Veterans listed do not need to be just from Strasburg. Every Veteran is a hero to us.

Ornaments may be purchased at \$5 each. They will be displayed every year on our Christmas tree which will be in the Strasburg Post Office Lobby. Please contact Linda Oakley at 217-273-2605 or linda01950@gmail.com.



**Noodles for Sale**

The Strasburg ALA Juniors will have noodles for sale for \$15/gallon bag at the SCAN Christmas Market on November 9 along with RADA knives and TerriLynn nuts.



## York Acres continues to grow!

**New Lots for Sale - Larger lots/New incentives**

**Located on the west side of Strasburg, this subdivision has 18 lots. Lots in Phase 1 are available for \$2500 with a property tax pay back. There are 2 lots still available. 8 Lots are available in Phase 2. Price \$5,000. Size from .53 acres to 1.11 acres.**

**Call the Village for more information 217.644.3007.**

**York Acres Subdivision Map**



**PO Box 385  
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