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Important Dates

Sat., Feb. 22. Lions Club Pancake, Sausage, Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast. 6:30-10 a.m.

Wed., Feb. 26. Seasoned Citizens. Noon.

Tue., Mar. 25. SCAN Quarterly Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Wed., Mar. 26. Seasoned Citizens. Noon.

Fri., Mar. 28. Lions Club Fish Fry. 4:30-7 p.m.

March 31. Deadline for Strasburg Community Grant Applications.

Sat., Apr. 19. American Legion Auxiliary Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m., registration at 9:45 a.m.

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



Cinda Held

Drat that Groundhog! I'm done with winter, let's move on to warmer weather.

Phase 1 of the park is done except for a couple of things that need warmer weather to finish. The Village Board has begun the process for Phase 2. We will see what Spring brings.

I want to thank Ron Thomas for his years of being our maintenance employee. Ron will retire on February 28. We wish Ron happy camping and a long retirement.

The Village is seeking a new employee ASAP. If interested send a written letter of interest to the Village of Strasburg office. A job description is available at the office.

A village ordinance requires unlicensed, unused or inoperable vehicles to be moved within 10 days. The village has been very lenient with this ordinance. It's now time to move/remove them. See the ordinance on the website or village office. Letters will be mailed to known owners of vehicles. Let's keep our village and streets safe.

Kick up your Irish in March. Have a good one.

So glad we live in **Strasburg Right! In the middle of everything!**

Village of Strasburg – wide open spaces, clean air, low crime, fast internet options

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With Rebate Incentives**

Contact the Village for Details 217-644-3007

Stew-Stras Schools ranked in top 10% in state

STRASBURG LIONS CLUB PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND
6:30AM - 10:00 AM
STRASBURG COMMUNITY CENTER



ALL YOU CAN EAT!

Menu includes: AYCE pancakes, sausage, applesauce, drinks, and biscuits and gravy (not AYCE)

CASH DONATION

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

Strasburg Community Foundation 2025 Grant Process Underway

The Strasburg Community Foundation Board of Directors would like to remind the community of the upcoming annual grant opportunity. Grant applications will be accepted by the Foundation Board of Directors from January 1 – March 31, 2025. Projects will be funded for one year and prior grant recipients may re-apply. The Board will make annual grants to groups or individuals who use their projects to enhance the quality of life for citizens of the community. 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.

If you wish to be considered for funding or if you have any questions, please contact a Strasburg Community Foundation Board member – Melissa Luce, Jodie Quast, Justin Krile, Mitch Stewart, Tim Lenz, or Debra Luce.

Application can be picked up at the Village Office and must be completed and returned by March 31st.

The **S-S Seasoned Citizens** (age 55+) met January 29 at the Strasburg Community Center for a Soup Extravaganza meal. Chili and chicken noodle soups and several side dishes were enjoyed by all. Pat Chasteen was the winner of the door prize.

Please join the group **Wed., Feb. 26** at noon for lunch at the Strasburg Community Center. The meal will feature a loaded baked potato bar (provided). Everyone is asked to bring a dish or dessert to share.



Fish Fry



Strasburg Lions Club

Friday, March 28

4:30-7 p.m.

Strasburg Community Center

Sponsored by the Strasburg American Legion Auxiliary

Easter Egg Hunt

Ages Toddlers Through 3rd Grade

When: Saturday, April 19th at 10AM
Where: Strasburg Park

**In case of rain hunt will take place at the Strasburg Community Center*

Easter Bunny will be available for pictures



Mary Anderson Memorial Scholarship for Post-Secondary Students

The Strasburg American Legion Auxiliary is taking applications for the Mary Anderson Memorial Scholarship for Post-Secondary Students. This is a \$500 scholarship for a student who has graduated from high school prior to 2025 and who will attend a community college, four-year college, or technical institute. The scholarship will be paid in one installment of \$500 on October 1st.

Applications for the scholarship must be accompanied by proof of admission and attendance in a post-secondary school and are due to Cinda Held, 101 W N 3rd, Strasburg 62465 by June 1, 2025.

An application can be picked up at Strasburg Village Office on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday or can be emailed to the student. Contact Linda Oakley at lindao.1950@gmail.com to receive an application.

AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

The Americanism Essay Contest is sponsored by the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, and the Sons of the American Legion. The theme this year for the Americanism Essay contest was, "My Favorite National Memorial or Monument."

The contest is open for grades 7th– 12th. Each level of competition has monetary awards with the first place Department award for 11th and 12th grade being a \$1200 scholarship.

The Strasburg American Legion Auxiliary Unit 289 has sponsored the Americanism Essay Contest for many years. Strasburg Unit 289 has always been very fortunate to have the cooperation and encouragement of the Stewardson-Strasburg Junior High and High School staff in supporting this essay contest.

Winners this year for 7th-8th Grades were 1st Place Max Kull, 2nd Place Zachary Probst, 3rd Place Emma Brehmer, 4th Place Johnathan Richter.

Shown in picture right: 7th-8th Grades – L to R: John Richter, Zac Probst, Max Kull, Emma Brehmer



The winners this year for 9th-10th Grades and pictured below L-R were: 1st Place Kennedy Kull, 2nd Place Elizabeth Hampton, 3rd Place Brady Wallin, 4th Place Rosalyn Reel.



The winners this year for 11th-12th Grades and pictured to the right were L-R: 1st Place Brinlie Durbin, 2nd Place Myles Verdeyen, 3rd Place Melanie Probst, 4th Place Payton Durbin





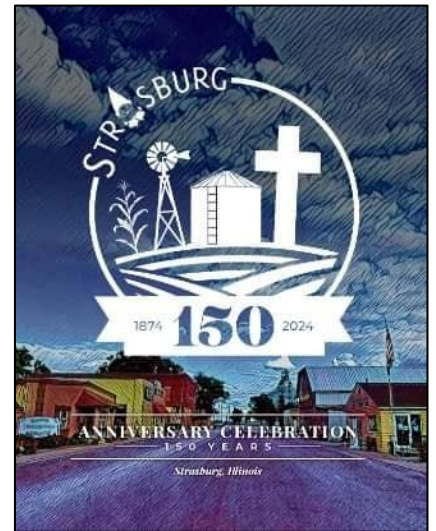
Strasburg 150th Celebration June 14-16, 2024

Last year at this time, the Strasburg 150th Committee was fervently wrapping up plans for the celebration in June and for the history book publication.

The Strasburg 150th history book includes the following items:

- History and pictures of Strasburg churches, organizations and businesses during the last 25 years (1999-2024)
- Town maps and aerial view pictures
- 47 individuals shared their memories of living, growing up, or visiting Strasburg
- Strasburg 150th schedule of events
- Information and colored pictures from the 125th celebration
- Catch up on 20 pages of Gnomes news key stories and pictures from 2009-present
- Several pages of ads (which kept the book price affordable) from our beloved advertisers, with many sharing personal messages

Less than 50 copies of the 148-page Strasburg 150th book can still be purchased for \$10 from the village office. Stop by or call Linda at 217-644-3007 to purchase your copy before they are gone.



Below is a partial list of the stories included in the book.

- Halloween Desserts by Eli Dollarhide
- Recollections of Strasburg Life by Chris Storm
- Mincemeat and Holiday Cookies by Cinda Held
- Precious Memories of Time at Grandma and Grandpa's by Abby (Rincker) Warden
- Adventures in Firefighting by Charlie Culver
- Moving to Strasburg by Holly Giertz



Golf Ball drop winners Dave & Dianna Boyer (150th Celebration)



Little Miss & Mister Contest (150th Celebration)

2A STATE RUNNER-UP

STEW-STRAS COMETS



The Stewardson-Strasburg 7th Grade Basketball Team was the class 2A State Runner-Up in 2025

Row 1 L-R: Zoey Conder, Xoey Hoedebecke, Olivia Vonderheide, Cami Helmink, Brooklyn Spour, Bianca Nichols, Anna Brown, Emmalyn Brown

Row 2 L-R: Cheerleader Coach Kennedy Ferris, Head Coach Nikki Worman, Mgr. Will Worman, Braxtyn Lebon, Max Kull, Noah Friese, Garrett Worman, Reece Mueller, Jacob Howe, Mgr. Gavin Kowalczyk,

Row 3 L-R: Jaxon Estes, Max McCormick, Adam Pruemmer, Johnny Richter, Tate Thompson, Ty Kramer, Mgr. Koen Webb, Assistant Coach Jordan Wittenberg

The Comets began their trek to the state tournament by defeating Hutsonville 40-13 and Casey-Westfield 32-24 in the Hutsonville Regional. They then defeated Effingham St. Anthony 45-32 in the St. Elmo Sectional.

At the 2A State Tournament in Macon at Meridian HS, the Comets defeated Morrisonville 42-27 and Carthage 37-27. This put them in the championship match where they fell to Normal Metcalf 41-45. The Comets ended the season with a 23-2 record.

Congratulations to Coach Worman, Assistant Coach Wittenberg and the entire team!



(left) Stew-Stras High School senior **Jackson Gurgel** recently signed to play basketball and baseball at Greenville University. Congratulations to Jackson!

The Strasburg Lions high school LEO club will hold a **BAKE SALE** during the Lions Club Pancake Breakfast this Saturday, Feb. 21, 6:30-10 a.m. to raise funds for their Memorial Day event. Thank you for your support. (See Lions flyer page 2)



Updated 2/19/25

2025 Strasburg Events & Celebrations

Hosted by Village of Strasburg and non-profit organizations

Date	Event
Jan. 29	Seasoned Citizens. Noon. Community Center.
Feb. 4	SCAN Quarterly Meeting. 6:30 p.m. Community Center.
Feb. 22	Lions Club Breakfast. Pancakes, Sausage, Biscuits, Gravy, Applesauce. 6:30-10 a.m. Comm. Center.
Feb. 26	Seasoned Citizens. Noon. Community Center.
Mar. 25	SCAN Quarterly Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Community Center.
Mar. 26	Seasoned Citizens. Noon. Community Center.
Mar. 28	Lions Fish Fry. 4:30-7 p.m. Community Center.
Apr. 19	Easter Egg Hunt. 10 a.m. Park. American Legion Auxiliary.
Apr. 30	Seasoned Citizens. Noon. Community Center.
May 3	Main Street Makeover. 8-11 a.m. Volunteers needed to help spruce up park and main street. SCAN.
May 23, 24	Poppy Days. American Legion Auxiliary.
May 24	Village Wide Rummage Sales. 7 a.m.
May 26	Memorial Day Service at Veterans Memorial. 11 a.m. Program Strasburg Lions LEO Club. Meal at the Park. Strasburg Lions Club.
May 28	Seasoned Citizens. Noon. Community Center.
Jun. 7	Lions Club Chicken Fry. 4 p.m.
Jun. 14	Flag disposal ceremony at Strasburg. Strasburg & Windsor American Legion Posts.
Jun. 22	Berries & Burgers. Porkburgers & fresh strawberry shortcake. 4-6 p.m. Village Park. SCAN.
Jun. 16-20	St. Paul's & Grace Vacation Bible School. 9-11:30 a.m. St. Paul's Lutheran Church.
Jun. 24	SCAN Quarterly Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Community Center.
Jun. 25	Seasoned Citizens. Noon. Community Center.
Jul. 11-12	Lions Club Homecoming Tractor Pull/Sandwiches. Park.
Jul. 30	Seasoned Citizens. Noon. Community Center.
Aug. 27	Seasoned Citizens. Noon. Community Center.
Aug. 30	Fall Village Wide Rummage Sales.
Sept. 19	Community Wiener Roast & Volunteer of the Year awarded. 6 p.m. Park. Lions Club & Village Board.
Sept. 23	SCAN Quarterly Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Community Center.
Sept. 24	Seasoned Citizens. Noon. Community Center.
Oct. 24	Halloween Soup Supper, Parade, Costumes, Cake Walk. Community Center. American Legion & Aux.
Oct. 29	Seasoned Citizens. Noon. Community Center.
Nov. 2	American Legion Christmas Auction. 1 p.m. Community Center.
Nov. 8	Santa Brigade Breakfast (6 a.m.) & Christmas Market (7 a.m.). St. Paul's Social Hall & Gym. SCAN.
Nov. 26	Seasoned Citizens. Noon. Community Center.
Dec. 7	American Legion Christmas Auction. 1 p.m. Community Center.
Dec. 12-13	Christmas Store/Cookie Walk. Community Center. American Legion Auxiliary.
Dec. 13	Santa comes to Community Center. 9:30-11 a.m.
Dec. 14	Lutheran Churches Christmas Cantata. 7 p.m. Grace Lutheran Church, Strasburg.



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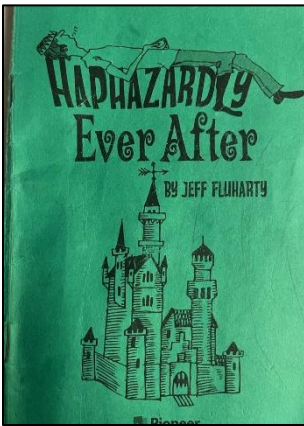
~We Remember~

The Stewardson-Strasburg communities are mourning the loss of teacher, Sherri Hults, who was a third grade teacher at the Stew-Stras Elementary School. She passed suddenly, Feb. 18, 2025. Mrs. Hults was a cherished teacher of her third grade students and an integral part of the staff since she began teaching at Stew-Stras in 2018. We respectfully send our condolences to Mrs. Hults' family.



STEW-STRAS HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB TO PRESENT SPRING SHOW

The Stew-Stras HS Drama Club will be performing "Haphazardly Ever After" on **Friday, March 7th**. Performances will be at **9 a.m. and at 7 p.m.** in the high school gym. Admission prices will be \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens, \$3 for students, and children 4 and under are admitted for free.



Cast members include: *Jillian Porter, Addie Porter, Jacob Vonderheide, Brenna Musson, Eli Jones, Mason Manhart, Alaira Friese, Zach Shelton, Rowyn Foreman, Tyler Vonderheide, Nathan Beck, Katelyn VonBehrens, Ellie Wittenberg, Samuel Crass, Blayzz Verdeyen, Quentin Hatfill, Lucas Bierman, Brinlie Durbin, Shae Conder, Kari Beitz, Meredith Dailey, Tabitha Weaver, Rosalyn Reel, Kennedy Kull, Rachel Weaver, Elizabeth Hampton, Ava Harris, Jaelyn Howe, Mckenzi Vonderheide, Aubree Antrim, Jackson Gurgel, Destiny Weischedel, Kierra Mueller, Caiden Debolt, Maddie Beitz, and James Porter. The play is under the direction of Drew Hansen and Sara Long.*

FFA Week at Stew-Stras Feb. 17-21

Activities included a community breakfast, tractor drive-in, K-2nd pedal pull, petting zoo, truck drive-in and Ag Olympics






SCAN Quarterly Meeting, **Tuesday, March 25, 6:30 p.m.** at the Strasburg Community Center

Come join the group as they look for ways to improve the quality of life for the Strasburg Community.

Blood Drive!

Come out to Stew-Stras High School to save lives!!!

Katelyn VonBehrens is a senior enrolled in Health Occupations. She hopes to eventually land a job in the medical field. She is the 2025 Stew-Stras blood drive leader. For every pint of blood donated, she will receive scholarship money to work towards her future. She would really appreciate a lot of community support and hopes that you all are willing to help out!



Blood Drive
Stewardson-Strasburg High School
 Cafeteria
 2806 E 600 North Rd
 Strasburg, IL 62465

Tuesday, March 18, 2025
2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org.
 You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass! Visit RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass for more information.
 By donating at this blood drive, you are helping one or more graduating seniors earn a scholarship!
 All presenting donors receive a Red Cross t-shirt, while supplies last!

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