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Right! IN THE MIDDLE OF EVERYTHING.
2013 WINNER
GOVERNOR'S
HOME TOWN AWARD

Important Dates

Sat., May 3 – Main Street

Makeover. 8-11 a.m.

May 23 & 24 – Poppy Days ALA

Sat., May 24 - Village Wide

Rummage Sales. 7 a.m.

Mon., May 26 – 11 a.m. Memorial

Day Service at Veterans Memorial.

Program & Meal. LEO Club (P7)

Wed., May 28 – S-S Seasoned

Citizens meet. Noon. Comm Ctr.

Sat., June 7 - Lions Club Annual

Chicken Fry. 4 p.m. Village Park.

Fri., June 14 – Flag disposal

ceremony at Strasburg. Strasburg
& Windsor American Legion Posts.

Jun. 16-20 - Vacation Bible School.

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

Jun. 22 – Berries & Burgers. 4-6

p.m. Village Park. SCAN

Tue., Jun. 24 – 6:30 p.m. SCAN

Quarterly meeting. Comm Center.

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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

It's Spring!! Yay!! Time to get out and breathe the fresh air.
We've got lots going on in the Burg this Spring.

Village News

The park pavilion phase 2 will begin as soon as possible. I ask your patience with the park bathrooms. Before softball starts, there will be another Porta-Pottie at the park. Softball will start April 25 and some 9U and 10U baseball games will be played on weekends. Shout out to Lion Otto Rincker who has donated a temporary concession stand for the park this summer. Thank you.

- If you have any **fencing projects** or **new construction** planned, please remember to stop by the village office for a **building permit**.
- **April 26** is our last scheduled **Golf Cart permit day at the park**. Kristina and I will be there from 9:30 to 11. Bring your form. The permit is \$50 and you must show proof of insurance. Schedule with Linda, for permits needed after the 26th. Thanks to all who already have a permit. **DRIVE SAFELY!**
- A **new crosswalk** area is going to be marked between the north park and the south park. Please show your children where this area is and encourage them to use that area when crossing the street at the park. It will line up with the walking path area. We will mark with **yellow stripes**.

Village Events

- **May 3** is Main Street cleanup. We need all the help we can get. All ages are welcome to help. There are weeds to pull, flowers to plant and some bricks to move. More hands make less work. Come join us.
- Poppy Days are **May 23 and 24**. Help the American Legion Auxiliary commemorate our soldiers and veterans by wearing a poppy. Any funds collected will go to help veterans at home and in facilities.
- Rummage Sales are **May 24** also, so the village will be bustling. Sign up now at the post office if you will have a rummage sale.
- The Strasburg Lions LEO club will be hosting their annual Memorial Day event on **May 26** at 11:00 followed by a meal served by the Lions Club at the park. Veterans eat free. We commend our Teens for honoring our military.
- Hope to see you out and about and don't forget the Lions Chicken Fry is coming up **June 7**.

And remember to

Keep Strasburg Right! In the Middle of Everything!



Cinda Held



Beldon steps down as township supervisor after 47 years

47 years - that's how long John Beldon has served as the Supervisor for Richland Township in Shelby County. Mr. Beldon only missed two meetings during those 47 years! Missing those because his wife was having a baby, and because he was in the hospital. That's called dedication!

The Richland Township Board recognized John at their April 3rd meeting with many of John's family in attendance. The plaque presented to



John & Sharon Beldon & family members

John stated "In recognition of your 47 years of dedicated service leadership, devotion and commitment to Richland Township. Thank you for your years of service."

John's last meeting will be Thursday, May 1. Brian Rincker was elected to the position of Richland Township Supervisor.

Township Board - L to R Tom Cole Trustee, Lucas Helton Trustee, John Beldon Supervisor, Brian Rincker Trustee, Kevin Rincker Trustee, Linda Oakley Clerk, Joe Oakley Road Commissioner



Ballgames begin - Park improvements continue

The Strasburg Lions Club has been cleaning up the park and ball diamond and some ball games have already begun. A temporary concession stand (pictured right) and storage building for ball equipment are in place. Thank you to Otto Rincker for providing the new building.

New playground equipment has been installed. The new slides have been a hit for the younger children and the zipline and pickleball court are popular with those a little older.



ANNUAL LIONS CLUB CHICKEN FRY

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

Strasburg Park

More details to be announced



May Gnome Winner

Spring has sprung and Strasburg village gnomes are taking their places outdoors. Each month from May to July one village household will randomly be selected to choose a free Garden Gnome, compliments of the Strasburg Community Action Network. Dylan and Angie Meadows are winners of the May Gnome Giveaway from SCAN.

The Meadows family consists of Dylan, Angie, Noah (10), Ellie (2.5), and Hadley (8mo.) Dylan and Angie just celebrated their 8-year wedding anniversary! They moved to Strasburg in the summer of 2023, having lived for 8 years prior in Stewardson.

Dylan is a Beecher City grad and Angie is an Altamont grad. Dylan owns DM Design Construction located in Stewardson- find them on Facebook! Noah is in 4th grade and plays on a 10U travel baseball team, so you can find them at a ballpark most of the summer! They also have two dogs, Abbie- Yorkie and Bo- Silver Lab. They like to spend time outside, hunting, fishing, at baseball games, and watching kids play. When asked what she liked about living in Strasburg, Angie replied, “We love living in Strasburg, it’s quiet and friendly. We especially love living on a dead-end road!” Welcome to Strasburg, Meadows family! We are glad you are here!



Ellie, Angie & Hadley



Berries and Burgers

Sunday, June 22, 4-6 p.m.

Strawberry Shortcake with locally picked strawberries,
Porkburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips, Drinks
Old Pavilion at the Strasburg Park - To Go Available!
By SCAN

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

S-S Seasoned Citizens meet monthly. If you are 55 or older, you are welcome to join the Seasoned Citizens on the last Wednesday of each month at noon at the Community Center for a good meal and some fun.

Twelve S-S Seasoned Citizens met in Strasburg March 26 and enjoyed **Breakfast for Lunch**. Larry G. shared some valuable tips of the day. One tip was “If at first you don’t succeed, look in the trash can for the directions.” The village clerk gave a “Here’s Linda” report on upcoming Strasburg happenings.

The Seasoned Citizens will meet next on Wed., April 30 with a potluck at the Strasburg Community Center at noon



You are invited to Vacation Bible School
June 16-20, 2025, 9:00-11:30 AM
Hosted by: St. Paul's & Grace Lutheran Churches
Held at: 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 Pastor Kene Whybrew is also available
 Closing Program-Friday, June 20 at 11:00 AM
Please register by June 2, 2025

Learn about Jesus, Our Savior
For Information or to Register:
 1. Call the church 217.644.2661
 2. Email stpaulsstrasburg@gmail.com
 3. Facebook-St. Paul's Lutheran Church Strasburg IL

Windsor and Stewardson-Strasburg Band Programs Present a Combined

Spring Band Concert



Ozark Landscape (1922) by Frank Nuderscher

Featuring the talents of our Stew-Stras 5th Grade Beginning Band, Combined Junior High Band, Combined High School Band and WSS Drumline.

April 28th, 2025

7:00 PM

Stew-Stras High School Gymnasium

Ms. Emily Dooley, EIU Student Teacher
Ms. Grace Majors, Windsor Band Director
Dr. Ian Kinkley, Stewardson-Strasburg Band Director

American Legion Auxiliary Liberty Unit 289 of Strasburg held their 70th Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19th. Unfortunately, Mother Nature did not cooperate in allowing the “hunt” to happen at the park. 54 hunters were registered and were accompanied by parents and grandparents, many who also participated in the Strasburg Egg Hunt when they were little. This is one of the Strasburg Unit's favorite activities with the community



Main Street Makeover = Community Pride in Strasburg

Main Street Makeover cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, May 3 from 8-11 a.m. There are several projects planned for Commercial Street and park areas. Weeds, trash pickup, landscaping, painting, and planting flowers are some of the jobs on the agenda.

If you are willing and able, please plan to assemble at the park on May 3 at 8 a.m. As the saying goes, “Many hands make light work.” In other words, the more assistance there is, the easier the work will be and more can be accomplished!

Come dressed for work and bring gloves, hoes, wheelbarrows and brooms if you can. Let your Community Pride shine on May 3! Donuts and coffee will be provided for the workers.

Contact Gary Kull if you have any questions. 217-254-3141.

ALA 70th Easter Egg Hunt



and all the children of the community. The Easter Bunny along with her sidekick, the carrot, were available for pictures prior to and after the event.

Members participating standing L-R – Jamie Brown, Linda Oakley, Bonnie Lawrence, Anna Brown, Abby Brown (the Carrot), Aubrey Brown, Adeline Brown, Caralea Smith, Charlene Telgmann, Kathy Eckstein, and Emily Gilmore.

Kneeling or sitting L-R – Jill Layton, Harper Layton, Sarah Wyckoff (the Easter Bunny) holding Paige Layton, Jenna Layton.

Not pictured Diana Vonderheide.

Strasburg Lions LEO Club Serves

The Strasburg Lions "LEO" club lent a hand making and serving pancakes for the Strasburg Lions Pancake and Sausage breakfast in February. Pictured right - LEOs Samantha and Kendra serve with a friendly smile.



Left - LEOs Brooke, Joe, Zaida, Grace, McKenzie and Brinlie helped serve and pick up trays at the Stewardson Lions breakfast in March.



bake sale. Clay is a former LEO and was diagnosed with Hodkin's Lymphoma in December and is taking treatments. The LEOs were able to raise \$900 to help with Clay's expenses.

Right - LEOs Katelyn, Alaira and Ellie are presenting Clay with money raised from a



EOs Mary Bryant Home visit 2025

On Good Friday, the Strasburg Lions "LEO" Club, did a Good Deed by traveling to the Mary Bryant Home for the Blind in Springfield, to make a donation and do some volunteer work at the facility.

Pictured here the LEOs are presenting a check to Crystal, the Recreation Director of the MBH. With the help of the Strasburg Lions and Stewardson Lions, the LEOs were able to donate \$1,100 to the Home for the purchase of new games and other recreation items. LEOs making the presentation are LEOs Leah Long, Annabel Bridges, Sophi Greuel, MBH Rec. Dir. Crystal, Callie Friese, Melanie Probst, and Elli Elbin.



LEOs spent the rest of the morning outside spreading mulch around the front of the facility. Some LEOs also separated eyeglasses to be sent to the Lions of Illinois Foundation.

In the pictures:

LEO Leah spreading mulch around plants

LEOs Annabel and Callie transporting mulch.

The LEOs played Bingo with the residents and helped them check their cards. It was amazing that almost all the residents have the numbers on their card memorized. The LEOs enjoyed watching their excitement when they won. All the LEOs had a great time and all are ready to go back again next year.



Memorial Day 2025 - Strasburg Veterans who served in the First World War 1917-1918

LAST	FIRST	LAST	FIRST
ALEXANDER	EZEKIAL	MUELLER	WM. JR.
BLAND	EDMOND	NAVIS	RALPH E.
BOLDT	ARTHUR L.	NEATHERY	MEDFORD
BRAUER	SAMUEL	NIPPE	MARTIN J.
BRIDGES	BOYD	* NIPPE	W. FRED
COLLINS	VIRGIL	OSTERMEIER	EDWARD H.
CRESS	GUSTAV H.	* PIEPER	HENRY F.W.
CRESS	ROBERT	POPENDICKER	FRED
CURRY	BRUCE	POPENDICKER	HENRY
CURRY	WM. OTTO	RICHARDS	ELMER
DIEPHOLZ	ARNOLD	RICHARDSON	CLEMEN A.
DIEPHOLZ	EDMOND H.	RISER	SUSA
DOEDING	EDWARD	ROBB	FLOYD NOBLE
DOEHRING	EDGAR W.	ROSINE	CHARLES R.
DOEHRING	HERMAN	* RUFF	ANDREW E.
FASTER	EDWIN	RUFF	NELSON EDWARD
FOELSING	ALBIN	RUSSEL	NOAH
FOUSTE	GEORGE	RUSSELL	RAY
FOUSTE	SYLVESTER J.	RUWE	EDWIN
FRIESNER	JOHN HARVEY	SCHMITT	OTTO H.
FRITZ	ELMER E.	SCHNEIDER	CARROLL F.
FRITZ	WILLIAM M.	STAEHLI	FRED WM.
GILL	HARLEY	STORM	GROVER
GRIFFIN	LENIEL E.	STORM	REVERDIA
HAMM	JACOB	STUCKEMEYER	EDWARD
HARTMAN	EDWARD	THROCKMORTON	CHARLES O.
HELLMAN	WM. J.	TIEMAN	MARTIN
HIATT	GARLAND	TIEMAN	PHILIP H.
HIATT	LYMAN R.	TUCKER	JAMES
JENSEN	GROVER WM.	ULMER	JAKE D.
JONES	DELBERT W.	ULMER	MARTIN G.
KINDEL	HARLON	UNRUH	ARTHUR
KINDEL	LAWRENCE	VONBEHREN	THEO A.
KIRCHER	CHRIS M.	WADE	HENRY EDWARD
KLEIMEIER	ERWIN J.	WAYMIRE	GLEN
KULL	GEORGE E.	WEBER	EMERT
KUNTZ	CHRISTIE J.	WEBER	MARTIN H.
* LADING	HENRY C.	WHITACRE	JESSE A.
LARGENT	ELMER G	WIANDT	KENNETH
MATHIS	JOHN	WILLIAMS	CHARLES D.
MUELLER	MARTIN	WILSON	CHARLES

*DIED WHILE SERVING

NAMES TAKEN FROM VETERANS MEMORIAL STRASBURG

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. The Memorial Day Celebration will honor those who have served at home and abroad, currently and in the past. The event will be held on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, at 11 a.m. in front of the Veterans Memorial in Strasburg.

The keynote speaker will be Tawn Tipsword, Master Chief Petty Officer (E9) U.S. Navy. Tipsword is a 1987 graduate of Beecher City High School and retired from the U.S. Navy Submarine Force after 25 years of service. He will speak on his experiences with submarines in the Armed Forces.

During his career, Tipsword spent approximately 2900 days submerged on US submarines or approximately 8 years under water. Tipsword and his wife, Tammy (Doedtman), have recently moved back home to Beecher City.

Recognition will be given to WWI veteran Henry C. Lading, a Strasburg native. Henry, along with Jesse Mars of Shelbyville, were the first two men of Shelby County to meet a violent death in the war. Both lost their lives in the torpedoing of the transport Moldavia, as they were crossing from England to France with Company B, 58 Infantry, Fourth Division. Henry was the son of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Lading of Strasburg. He was 25 years old when he died in May, 1918.



Those participating in the Memorial Day Program are:

Stew-Stras Boy Scouts Troop 142	E-7 ETC Sarah Gentry, U.S. Navy	Mayor Cinda Held
Strasburg American Legion Auxiliary 289	Briar Smith, past LEO President	Tawn Tipsword
Strasburg American Legion Post 289	Windsor American Legion Post 725	Strasburg Lions Club
Strasburg Lions LEO members: James Porter, Ellie Wittenberg, Katelyn VonBehrens, Alaira Friese, McKenzie Vonderheide, Samantha Hayes, Claire Holland, Brinlie Durbin, Kendra Hayes, Mya Friese, and Kennedy Kull.		

The program will begin at 11 a.m. and last about an hour. The Strasburg Lions will be providing a lunch at the Community Park pavilion, following the program. The lunch will be free to all Veterans. A freewill donation will be collected from all others. All proceeds from the lunch will be donated to the Strasburg Veterans Memorial.

In case of inclement weather, the program will be held in the Strasburg Community Center.

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

STRASBURG
Annual
TOWN-WIDE
YARD SALE
AND
FLEA MARKET AT THE FARM

Saturday, May 24

Large Flea Market at 105 E North 4th St., along N Rt 32
Toy Tractors * Antiques * Comic Books
* Fishing Tackle * Plants

American Legion Auxiliary POPPY DAYS,
May 23-24

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MEMORIAL DAY
REMEMBER AND HONOR

STRASBURG
“Main Street Makeover”

    

Volunteers Needed!

Cleaning & Beautifying areas at the Park and on Commercial St. |

 Painting trash barrels – artistry encouraged
Sweep sidewalks
Rake and burn leaves
Plant roses & lilies

Hoe weeds
Landscape & plant
Pick up sticks/trash 

Saturday, May 3, 2025
8-11 a.m. Meet at the Park Pavilion 

Extra rakes, buckets, brooms, shovels, wheelbarrows, hoes & gloves
would be good to bring

Sponsored by: Strasburg Community Action Network
The Village of Strasburg & the Strasburg Lions Club
Questions – Contact Gary Kull 217-254-3141





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