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Right in the MIDDLE of EVERYTHING
2013 WINNER
GOVERNOR'S
HOME TOWN AWARD

Important Dates

Aug. 27. Seasoned Citizens Potluck Noon. Community Center.

Aug. 30. Fall Town Wide Rummage Sales. P. 5.

Aug 30. SCAN Breakfast & Bake Sale. Community Center. 7-10 a.m. P. 4.

Sept. 19. Community Wiener Roast, Volunteer of the Year announcement & Hayride. Lions Club & Village Board, 6 p.m.

Sept. 23. SCAN Quarterly Meeting. Community Center, 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 24. Seasoned Citizens. Community Center. Noon.

Sept. 27. Strasburg Lions 1st Annual Jeep Run. P. 5.

Oct. 24. Halloween Soup Supper, Parade, Costumes, Cake Walk. Community Center. American Legion & Auxiliary.

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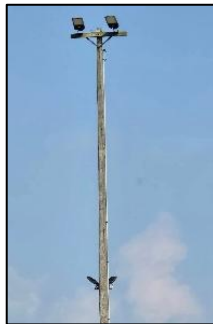
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Message from the Mayor

Hey folks, Things are really starting to happen at the park. After some glitches with the plumbing work from Phase 1, Phase 2 of the pavilion will continue, including the **new bathrooms**. Yay!! Keep your fingers crossed on the weather. Work should begin after Labor Day.



The village received a grant through Ameren for new LED lights at the ball diamond. A new pole and new lights have been installed. This will be a big savings on our electricity bill. A big **thank you to Mitch Stewart** for helping get everything coordinated and it's official, the old lights have been deemed surplus by the village. They will be at the base of the poles for a week or two if anyone wants them, then they will be gone.

Hey, don't forget the **annual town Wiener roast on September 19th**. Everyone is welcome to attend and bring food to share. The hotdogs, buns, marshmallows, drinks and table service will be provided. This event is sponsored by the Strasburg Lions and the village. The **hayride** is the highlight of the evening, and the **volunteer of the year** will be announced.

The sewer project with Stewardson -Strasburg Schools and the lagoon makeover are just about finished also. Although not complete, the school went online last week. We hope to be in good graces with the I.E.P.A. at the completion of the project which is slated to be finished by February.

Softball games are back this fall so check the schedule in the Gnome News for dates and times.

A new fence around the ball diamond is in the works by the Strasburg Lions. Later we will add a new scoreboard. We will be fundraising in the future for a new LED scoreboard and installation. It is estimated the cost will be between \$8,000-\$10,000 for the purchase and installation of a scoreboard. More details to come – think about helping us if you can.

Have a good Fall!



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



Cinda Held



"Home of the Fire-Fighting Gnomes"

The Strasburg Fire Protection District enjoyed some extra family time together in August as they celebrated the retirement of one of their own, **Assistant Chief Bruce Shadwell**.

Bruce began his firefighting career, alongside his wife, Lisa, with the Stewardson Fire and Ambulance service. They truly loved serving the community and raising their son, Dakota, with an appreciation for service in the fields of fire and EMS.

In 2015, the Stewardson Department went through some changes, and through it all Bruce and Lisa continued to serve the department, and by doing so, gained a closer connection to the Strasburg Fire volunteers. As the years progressed, it was clear that Bruce loved being a firefighter and was good at it!



Bruce became a full-time volunteer with the Strasburg Fire Protection District in 2021, while Lisa decided to resign from volunteering, after over 30 years of service in both Fire and EMS.

Bruce Shadwell has served as a volunteer firefighter for Stewardson and Strasburg for over 40 years; moving up the ranks from Captain, which he served with fellow Captain, Brad Friese, to Assistant Chief, which he shared that title with longtime volunteer, Charlie Culver.

The Strasburg Fire Protection District appreciates all the knowledge and experience Bruce has been able to bring to the department and wish him and his family all the best in his retirement.

The Strasburg Fire Protection District are all **VOLUNTEERS**. We thank each one of them and their families! They are always looking for new members. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month and training on the second Saturday of every month. The Strasburg Fire Protection District members are dedicated individuals that not only are part of the community but genuinely care about your safety and property. Anyone interested in joining or would like more information on joining can contact the Fire Chief, Troy Agney, at 217-343-0773 or by email at tagney791@gmail.com or any other volunteer that you may know.



Top: Dakota Shadwell, Bruce, Lisa Shadwell

Middle: Trustee Chairman John Helton, Treasurer Tim Lenz, Secretary Bob Roley. Asst. Chief, Bruce Shadwell, Chief Troy Agney

Right: Members of the Strasburg Fire Protection District, beginning on the left, Explorer-Parker Storm, Firefighter-Darrin Storm, Captain-Gene Linder, Asst. Chief - Charlie Culver, Retired Asst Chief - Bruce Shadwell, Chief-Troy Agney, Captain- Jesse Probst, Firefighter-Clayton Brandt, Probationary Firefighter-Johnny Bergmann, Engineer-Josh Dandurand

THANK YOU, BRUCE, FOR YOUR MANY YEARS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE AS A FIREFIGHTER

Kim Mettendorf celebrates 40 years of Up Town Hair

Happy 40 years to Up Town Hair! Kim Mettendorf has owned and operated her beauty shop for 40 years. She purchased it from Carole Rothrock in 1985. She loves that not only are her customers clients, but they are like family. Owning her own shop has allowed her to bring her kids with her while she worked. She feels very blessed to own a shop in a small town. Kim says a lot has changed over the last 40 years, but one thing that will never change is God is so good! She wishes to say, "Thank you!" to past and present customers. Congratulations, Kim!



Strasburg Community Action Network News

Join SCAN at the next quarterly meeting on Sept. 23, 6:30 p.m. at the Strasburg Community Center

Sponsored by SCAN: Little Hatchets Soccer & Flag Football

Come out to see Little Hatchets Soccer and Flag Football. Games are held Sept. 7, 14, 21 and 28 at the Stew-Stras School.



Soccer games are played in front of the school.

Flag Football plays at 1 p.m. and is for youth in 5th-8th grade. Games are played inside the track behind the school.

Pre-K soccer is at 2 p.m.
K-2nd grade soccer is at 3 p.m.
3rd & 4th grades play at 4 p.m.

Seasoned Citizens enjoy potluck in June / Visit Moonshine in July

Twelve Seasoned Citizens and guests Brielle and Finn Friese enjoyed a potluck at the Strasburg Community Center in July. There were conversations about how WD40 makes shoveling snow easier and the foxes in town.



Community Center. Anyone who is 55 or better is welcome to attend. They are meeting on **August 27 at noon.**

Attending Moonshine were Wayne & Connie Wirth, Dwight Lading, Fred & Pauline Durbin and Karen & Gary Kull

Several Seasoned Citizens had a good time eating at Moonshine in July. The day was warm, but the group enjoyed good food, shade and admiring the vehicles driven in by a group of antique car enthusiasts from Indiana.

Seasoned Citizens meets the last Wednesday of the month at noon for a potluck at the Strasburg



The Goen Family is the July Gnome Winner!

Congratulations to the Goen family for being named July winners of the SCAN Gnome Giveaway! This wonderful family has been part of the Strasburg community for the past 15 years and has truly made it their home.



Michelle and Toby, along with four girls—Alyssa, Anna, Grace, and Gabrielle—bring fun everywhere they go, with ages ranging from Pre-K to a high school freshman.

The family is also joined by their two lovable



This Gnome has a new home

four-legged friends, Theo and George, who also enjoy living in Strasburg.

When asked what they enjoy most about Strasburg, Michelle shared that they love the small-town feel and the close-knit community that makes Strasburg such a special place to live and raise a family.

We are thrilled to celebrate the Goen family this month. Congratulations again to the July Gnome Winners!

Bake Sale/ Biscuits & Gravy Fundraiser

Saturday, August 30th

7:00am – 10:00am

Strasburg Community Center

During the Town Wide Rummage Sales



PRE-ORDER a pan of 6 Cinnamon Rolls!
\$15.00 a pan

You can pre-order and pay at the Strasburg Bank or contact Jodie Quast at 217-246-3919. Pre-order sales are available until 8/27. Pick up will be August 30th, during the bake sale at the Community Center.

Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast

Full and Half orders

Dine In or Carry Out Available

7:00am – 10:00am (or until we run out!)



Proceeds will go towards the Strasburg Ball Diamond Fence Project
SCAN Sponsored Event/Fundraiser

Strasburg Fall Village Wide Rummage Sales/SCAN Breakfast/and More

Enjoy a day of treasure hunting at the annual town wide fall rummage sales in the Village of Strasburg on Saturday, **August 30**. There will also be a flea market at the farm along Rt 32 at the north edge of town. Breakfast is covered by the Strasburg Community Action Network volunteers who will be serving up **Biscuits & Gravy** at the Community Center from 7-10 a.m. The breakfast will offer a **Bake Sale** fundraiser with cinnamon rolls, cookies and other baked goods. Dine-in or carry-outs are available.



Additionally, a pan of **six cinnamon rolls** can be pre-ordered at the Shelby County State Bank in Strasburg or through Jodie Quast at 217-246-3919. **Pre-orders are due 8/27** and can be picked up at the Community Center on 8/30 from 7-10 a.m. Proceeds for the SCAN fundraiser will go towards the Strasburg Lions Club Ball Diamond Fence Project.

Strasburg Lions Club to host 1st Annual Jeep Run

**STRASBURG LIONS CLUB
FIRST ANNUAL
JEEP RUN**

\$25 / JEEP
INCLUDES 1 FREE T-SHIRT

RAFFLES @
EACH STOP

T-SHIRTS
PRE-ORDER: \$15
DAY OF ORDER: \$25

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
VAHLING VINEYARDS
REGISTRATION @ 10:30 - 12:00, RUN BEGINS @ 12:30

ROUTE
BREW BANK ~ LUMBERYARD ~ WINDSOR BARS ~ 32 BELOW

HAMBURGERS - PORK BURGERS - PIZZA - SPIRAL SPUDS ~ MUSIC
AVAILABLE ALL DAY @ VAHLINGS

ALL EVENT PROCEEDS WILL BE GOING TO THE
STRASBURG SOFTBALL FIELD REPAIRS AND UPKEEP.

Music at Vahling Vineyards 9/27 will be Big Spike Hammer from 4-7 p.m.



Libby Musson paints trash barrels for Grace Lutheran Cemetery in Strasburg

Bob Roley, the sexton for the cemetery, recruited Libby Musson and her artistic skills to paint the trash cans and make the cemetery look better.

Libby is 13 and a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Strasburg. She is in the 8th grade at Stewardson-Strasburg Elementary School and is the daughter of Joni Giertz, Brandon Thompson and the late Casey Musson.



Please support upcoming Lions Club Events

- Serving at the Shelbyville Balloon Fest 10/11
- Oktoberfest (Watch for more details)

**Fall Town Wide
Rummage Sales
Saturday, August 30**

Flea Market at the Farm
located along Rt 32, north edge of town

Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast + Bake Sale
7-10 a.m. Community Center

Sponsored by SCAN





Save The Date for honoring 50 years of Volleyball at Stew-Stras High School

Sat., October 25, 2025

WSS Sportsbackers will host a "50 Years Of Excellence" on October 25 to recognize all 50 Stew-Stras/WSS volleyball teams from 1975-2025. Recently, Stew-Stras School was named #16 in the IHSA Top 50 Volleyball Programs.

The event will take place at the Stewardson-Strasburg High School Gymnasium where the WSS Hatchets will take on the Lions of Unity Christian High School from Decatur in a non-conference volleyball match.

"We are anticipating a great night with a packed house to celebrate the 50 Years of Excellence."

Bob Schlechte, Event Organizer

The JV game begins at 4:45 p.m. and the 50 Years of Excellence program will take place at approximately 5:45 p.m., where volleyball players, teams, coaches and their achievements from the past 50 years will be recognized.

Over 240 volleyball players and all coaches have been

invited to participate in this epic event! A souvenir program with stats and information will be available to purchase.

Efforts have been underway for several months to plan this celebration for the local communities. Event organizer, Bob Schlechte, has been working with several former volleyball players to make this night unforgettable. Greg Sapp of WXEJ, Effingham will be the emcee and Lane Blickem of WMCI, Mattoon will provide the audio. When asked about expectations, Schlechte replied, "We are anticipating a great night with a packed house to celebrate the 50 Years of Excellence."

Membership Drive Underway for WSS Sportsbackers

The membership drive for the WSS Sportsbackers, which supports the athletic programs of Windsor and Stewardson-Strasburg schools is now underway.

- Business membership is \$50 per year
- Individual and family annual memberships are \$35.
- Lifetime family membership is a one-time payment of \$500

Payment can be made by Venmo or check. All donors will be recognized with signage at each school.

Make check payable to "WSS Sportsbackers" and mail to: WSS Sportsbackers, 2806 E 600 North Road, Strasburg, IL 62465. Attn: Nikki Worman.

Membership forms may be completed on WSS Sportsbackers Facebook page [WSS Sportsbackers FB Page](#).



Annual Town-wide Wiener Roast & Hayride September 19, 6 p.m. Village Park. Strasburg Volunteer of the Year will be announced! Sponsored by the Strasburg Lions and Village Board.

~We Remember~

Leslie Kasey Newell, 75, of Strasburg, passed away on Monday, August 4, 2025.

Leslie was born on September 28, 1949, at Shelby County Memorial Hospital to John and Barbara (Jones) Kasey. She graduated from Windsor High School in 1967 and went on to attend Eastern Illinois University. Later, she taught in a nursery school in Champaign. A lifelong member of the Windsor Christian Church in Windsor, Leslie faithfully served as a Sunday school teacher, nursery worker, and especially loved sharing the childrens moment during Sunday services. She was also active in the community as a Shelby County 4-H leader and a member of the Liberated Belles Home Extension Club.



In January 1969, Leslie met a man in a pickup truck who would soon become the love of her life. She married Tom Newell on July 6, 1969. In their 56 years of marriage, Tom and Leslie were blessed with four daughters and eight grandchildren. Leslie found great joy in caring for her grandchildren and was an avid Elvis Presley fan.

While living in Strasburg, Leslie worked as a bookkeeper for the Strasburg Elevator, operated an in-home daycare, and later retired from the Strasburg Post Office, where she served as a rural mail carrier for 23 years.

Leslie is survived by her husband, Tom; her daughters: Jodi Pree of Florida, Kathy (Chad) Haarmann of Sigel, and Twila (Lorne) Faletic of rural Mode; her beloved grandchildren: Kane and Blake Pree of Strasburg; Rileigh, Madilyn, Kinsley, and Charity Haarmann of Sigel, and Collier and Hadleigh Faletic of rural Mode.

Kull Retires after 45 Years of Service to area Communities

Folks in the surrounding communities and counties have relied on “Kulls” in Strasburg for their appliance service for many decades, first with brothers, Carl and Merl Kull at Kull Brothers Hardware and Appliance store, from 1945-1979; and then with Gary (Carl’s son) and Kull Appliance Service from 1980-2025. Gary retired July 31, 2025, after 45 years of service.

Gary would like to thank all his customers from the past 45 years. He enjoyed being able to solve their problems, and he will miss the interaction with his them. He values the relationships formed over the years.

In retirement, Gary plans to spend more time in the garden and with his family and friends. Thank you, Gary, for 45 years of business in Strasburg!



Gary & Chuck Wade 2015



Grandsons Atticus & Noah 2017

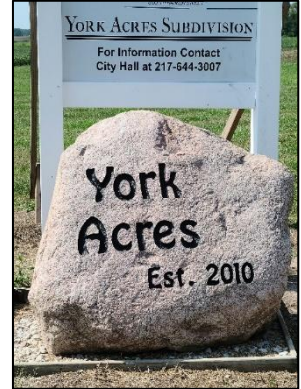


Wife Karen with daughters Shannon & Krystal in 1999, Strasburg 125th Parade

York Acres Phase 2

Housing lots are available in York Acres Phase 2. Lots are marked at lot lines with posts. Two lots in Phase 1 are available for \$2500 with property tax rebates. Phase 2 lots are \$5000 with property tax rebates.

Contact the Village Office for a tour or for more info. Utilities will be added when the first lot sells. Incentives are being extended to December 31, 2025.



**Watch Girls Softball games at the Strasburg Ball Diamond
Sept. 7, 14, 28, and Oct. 5, 1 p.m.**



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