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Important Dates

Sat., Apr. 25 – Golf Cart/UTV/ATV inspection. Park. 9-11 a.m.

Wed., Apr. 29 – Seasoned Citizens meet for pizza. Noon. Comm Ctr.

Sat., May 2 – Main Street Makeover. 8-11 a.m. (P 6,7)

May 22 & 23 – Poppy Days ALA

Sat., May 23 - Village Wide Rummage Sales. 7 a.m. (P. 6)

Mon., May 25 – 11 a.m. Memorial Day Service at Veterans Memorial. Program & Meal. LEO Club (P3)

Wed., May 27 – Seasoned Citizens meet. Noon. Comm Ctr.

Sat., June 6- Lions Club Annual Chicken Fry. 4 p.m. Village Park.

Sun., Jun. 14 – Berries & Burgers. 4:30-6:30 p.m. Village Park. SCAN

Sun., June 14 – Flag disposal ceremony at Strasburg. Strasburg & Windsor American Legion Posts.

Jun. 22-26- Vacation Bible School. 9-11:30 a.m. St. Paul's Church. (P. 8)

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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

Fresh air! Take a deep breath. Wake up, Strasburgers, Breathe it in. Spring has sprung in Strasburg.

Spring To Do List:

1. April 25th is Golf Cart Inspection Day at the New Pavilion. Anyone who plans to use their golf cart or side by side on village streets needs a permit, whether you live in or out of town. Permits are \$50.
2. If you enjoy softball and baseball, then you are in luck. Season softball is almost every night throughout the week at 6:00 through July. There will also be some 10 U and 11 U baseball. Linda will put the schedule on Facebook, the website, and on the village bulletin board next to the Community Center.
3. The Pavilion is ready for action. If you haven't ordered a paver, there is still time. The first orders will be laid after Memorial Day, and a second group will be added later.
4. The bathrooms are open and they are ready for public use. Do not lock the outside door when you go in.
5. July 5th is Strasburg's Fun Day at the park in celebration of the United State's 250th Birthday! Plans are being made for family activities including a scavenger hunt, wiffle ball, family games, pet parade, food, Ice cream and cake. There will be fireworks at dusk.
6. Don't forget the LEO's Memorial Day event. The tribute this year is for the National Guard. Strasburg native Larry Giertz, a career guardsman, will be the guest speaker. Former LEO's will also be recognized.

Enjoy Life and have a good day!!

And remember to
Keep Strasburg Right! In the Middle of Everything!

Spring has sprung! Let's get the gnomes dusted off and in place for summer!

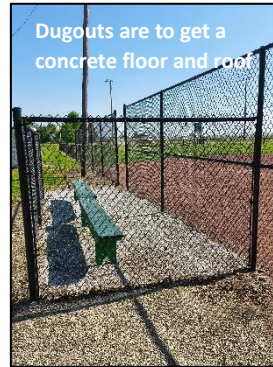


Cinda Held



New Park Additions

The Village has been working hard to get the new pavilion at the park up and running. It contains a new concession stand, storage for the ball equipment, restrooms, a serving counter and kitchen and a large seating area. New handicapped parking has been added. Meanwhile, the Strasburg Lions Club has been giving the ball diamond a major overhaul. It has been updated with new fencing, new team dugouts, and new electrical. The work is not 100% finished, but it's getting there!



Thanks to all the support for the fundraisers for these projects!



Altgilbers completes Eagle Scout project for the Strasburg Community

Jayden Altgilbers recently completed his Eagle Scout project. Jayden designed and built American flag disposal boxes to provide a respectful way to retire unserviceable flags. One box is located on the west side of the Strasburg Community Center and is available for community use.

The Strasburg American Legion Auxiliary assisted Jordan in purchasing the materials needed to make the flag disposal container.

Jayden is the son of Jordan and Lindsay Altgilbers and resides in Sigel. He is currently a senior at Neoga High School and has been an active member of the Stewardson Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts since 2018.

ALA 71st Easter Egg Hunt

American Legion Auxiliary Liberty Unit 289 of Strasburg held their 71st Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4th. 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 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.



(Above) Members participating standing L-R – Abby Brown, Linda Oakley, Abby Cobb, Becca Caldwell, Charlene Telgmann, Jamie Brown, Anna Brown, Emily Gilmore, Kathy Eckstein, Jenna Layton and River Gilmore.

Kneeling or sitting L-R – Jill Layton, Adeline Brown, Sarah Wyckoff (the Easter Bunny) holding Paige Layton, Aubrey Brown (the Carrot). Not in picture – Harper Layton.

Strasburg Lions LEO Club Serves

The Strasburg Lions LEO club had 8 LEOs help with the Stewardson Lion’s “Pancake and Sausage breakfast “ on March 7th. They helped serve and clean tables for the event.

Front Row: Jillian Porter, Addison Porter, Kendra Hayes, Claire Holland. Back Row: Rachel Weaver, Aiden Barns, Calix Pieper, Joe Holland



On Saturday, February 21st the Strasburg Lions “LEO” club helped the Strasburg Lions with their annual Pancake and Sausage breakfast. The LEOs did everything from flipping pancakes, serving food and drinks, cleaning tables, and making sure everyone got all the pancakes and sausage they could eat.

Helping were Gabby Cushman, Mya Friese, Kalia Friese, Brinlie Durbin, Maddi Beitz, Kendra Hayes, Brooke Schumacher and Zaida Washer.



LEOs Mary Bryant Home visit 2026

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 volunteer for the day at the facility. The LEOs spread mulch around the facility; and ate lunch, held an ice cream party and played Bingo with the residents. The MBH resident dog, Louie, (named after Louis Braille) was the hit of the day. The LEOs advisors are Strasburg Lions Jim Weiss and Mary Tabbert.

Pictured L-R were: Jim Weiss, Mary Tabbert, Olivia Vonderheide, Cami Helmuth, Brinlie Durbin, Misty, MBH admin., Sophie Greuel, Brooke Schumacher, Melanie Probst, Annagel Bridges and Claire VonBehrens.



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 25, at 11 a.m.** in front of the Veterans Memorial in Strasburg.

The keynote speaker will be Larry Giertz a native of Strasburg and retired from the National Guard.

The program will begin at 11 a.m. and last about an hour. The Strasburg Lions will be providing a lunch at the new park pavilion, following the program. The lunch will be free to all Veterans. A free will 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.



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.

February - The Strasburg Seasoned Citizens met February 25 for a soup luncheon with fourteen residents in attendance. The group welcomed Tom Newell. Delicious soups were provided by Jane Giertz and Janice Wade. Larry Giertz gave the tips of the day. The group shared stories about memories of past snowstorms. Fred Durbin was the winner of the door prize. Village Clerk Linda Oakley provided the group with village updates. Some updates included:

- With the country's 250th birthday being observed this year, the Village will celebrate with a Family Day at the park on Sunday, July 5. There will be a fireworks display in the evening. Mayor Cinda Held is looking for volunteers to help with the activities. Please contact Cinda if you can help.
- The park pavers will now be made of granite. There is still time to purchase one with your engraving. Contact Linda at the Village Office 217-644-3007.
- The Strasburg Lions Club Annual Fish Fry is Friday, March 20 at the Community Center from 4:30-7 p.m.

March - Fourteen Strasburg Seasoned Citizens met at noon Wed., March 25 for a potato bar luncheon at the Community Center. The group welcomed Cathy Stremming. Baked potatoes and toppings and many other dishes were enjoyed by all. Jane shared some facts about the origins of St. Patrick's Day. Gary Kull won the door prize.

Here's Linda! Village Clerk, Linda Oakley, shared upcoming events and progress on the pavilion at the park. The pavers for the park will be etched soon. See Linda if you want to order one. A new spec home will be started soon by Dylan Meadows in York Acres. If you are interested in purchasing, see Linda for more information.

Seasoned Citizens will meet Wed., April 29, at noon at the Community Center. Pizza, salad and table service will be provided; bring a dish to share.

Join SCAN for their next Quarterly Meeting on Tuesday, June 23, at 6:30 p.m. at the Strasburg Community Center

The Strasburg Community Action Network will be serving breakfast during the Town Wide Rummage Sales on Sat., May 23, beginning at 7 a.m. at the Strasburg Community Center.

Biscuits and Sausage Gravy, Coffee & Juice



York Acres Subdivision is getting another home

A new spec home is being constructed in York Acres. If anyone is interested in purchasing a new home, contact the Village for more information.

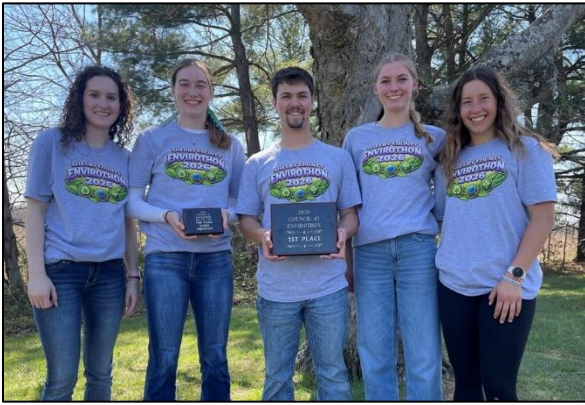
Interested in purchasing a lot? York Acres has more lots available for sale with great tax back incentives. Contact the Village to inquire.

STEWARTSON-STRASBURG

High School graduation: May 17, 3 p.m. Strasburg area graduates include:
Kinley Chaney, Brinlie Durbin, Makinley Durbin, Payton Durbin, William Ferguson, Lauren Longwell,
Melanie Probst, Cael Thomas & Myles Verdeyen.
Congratulations to all the graduating Seniors!

School News continued...

Stew-Stras Envirothon Team advances to state



A team from Stewardson-Strasburg High School was the overall winner at the Envirothon competition held April 9 at Ballard Nature Center in Altamont and will advance to the state competition in Monticello on April 29 & 30. The team is coached by Brock Friese. Good luck at state!

(Above) Members of the Stew-Stras Envirothon Team L-R: Kenzie Thompson, Brooke Schumacher, Oliver Wascher, Mya Friese, and Kendra Hayes

Upcoming Spring Band and Music Concerts

Stewardson-Strasburg

Spring Concerts 2026

APRIL 30 6:00 pm
5th-12th BAND CONCERT
Including Windsor HS Band

MAY 7 5:00 pm
K - 5th MUSIC PROGRAM

All Performances will be held in the
High School Gym
No charge for admission

Business students recently attended the Lake Land Business Contest in April. Congratulations to Tyler Vonderheide - 2nd Place in Accounting, Brooke Schumacher - 4th Place in PowerPoint, Melanie Probst - 5th Place in Excel, and Andrew Petzing - 5th Place in General Business and Current Events



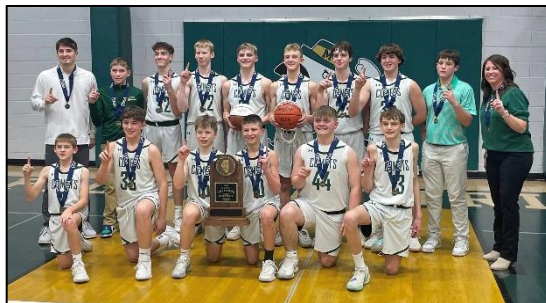
(At Right) Front row: Tyler Vonderheide, Melanie Probst, Andrew Petzing
Back row: Lydia Weaver, Jillian Porter, Brooke Schumacher



Stewardson-Strasburg High School seniors Dylan Wetherell and Hayden Porter (shown left) represented Stew-Stras at the first-ever high school welding competition hosted by Lake Land College. They competed alongside 50 other students from across the area in a hands-on welding competition judged by industry professionals.



(Left) National Honor Society Inductees for spring 2026 include: (Names & Grades) Back Row - Jacob Vonderheide 11th, Grady Spannagel 11th, Joseph Holland 10th, William Albert 11th. Front row - Rosalyn Reel 10th, Kariann Radar 10th and Kierra Mueller 10th.



The Stew-Stras 8th grade boys basketball team were the 2026 Class 2A State Basketball Champions, with a record of 29-0. Two hundred State Champions yard signs (shown left) have been donated to the school and are for sale for \$5 each. The money raised will go towards the Jr. High boys basketball program. Contact the school if interested.



Trinity Lutheran School volleyball team captured 2nd place at the March 2026 SIJHAA (Southern Illinois Junior High Athletic Association) State Volleyball Tournament.

STRASBURG

“Main Street Makeover”



Volunteers Needed! All Ages!

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



- Sweep sidewalks
- Rake and burn leaves
- Plant flowers down main street
- Pull weeds
- Pick up sticks/trash



Saturday, May 2, 2026

8-11 a.m. Meet at the Park Pavilion

Donuts & Coffee & Juice available at 8 a.m.

Please bring extra rakes, buckets, brooms, shovels, hoes & gloves



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

STRASBURG TOWN-WIDE GARAGE SALES

+ FLEA MARKET AT THE FARM

SATURDAY, MAY 23

7:00 A.M. - ??

FRIDAY, MAY 22 SALES WILL BE INDICATED ON LIST

SATURDAY AT 7:00 AM - HOMEMADE BISCUITS & GRAVY
SERVED BY SCAN @ THE COMMUNITY CENTER

FLEA MARKET

105 E NORTH 4TH ST. (ALONG RT. 32)

- Toy Tractors • Antiques • Comic Books • Fishing Tackle • Plants •



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STRASBURG LIONS CLUB CHICKEN FRY

SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH

4:30 PM - 7:00 PM
STRASBURG PARK PAVILION



2-PIECE MEAL: \$12

3-PIECE MEAL: \$15

INCLUDES SCALLOPED POTATOES
COLESLAW, OR APPLESAUCE, & DRINK

KIDS MEAL: \$7

1 PIECE CHICKEN, CHIPS, & APPLESAUCE

DRINKS INCLUDED: TEA, LEMONADE, OR WATER



Berries and Burgers

Sunday, June 14

4:30-6:30 p.m.

New Pavilion at the Strasburg Park

To Go Available!



Homemade Shortcake with locally
picked Strawberries
Pork Burgers, Hot Dogs,
Chips, Drink



Proceeds to benefit community
improvements

A project of SCAN



~ *We Remember* ~

Mildred B. Rincker, August 13, 1921 — March 3, 2026, 104, of Strasburg, IL,

Mildred was born in Strasburg, IL, the daughter of Martin and Bessie (Spannagel) Buesking. She married Ivan Rincker on February 16, 1941, and they were blessed with seven children, Sharan, Frank, Deanna, Linda, Wanda, Julie and Debbie. Mildred was a loving mother and devoted her life to her family. She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Strasburg.

Mildred is survived by her children, Sharan Carmichael of St. Joseph, IL, Frank Rincker (Belva) of Shelbyville, IL, Deanna Uphoff (Tony) of Findlay, IL, Linda Orr of Strasburg, IL, Wanda Kessler (Roger) of Mode, IL, Julie Bishop (John) of Mt. Pulaski, IL, and Debbie Glasscock (Geo) of Gays, IL; 17 grandchildren; 30 great grandchildren; seven great-great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.



Noel B. Nippe, December 26, 1930 — March 5, 2026, 95, of Strasburg, IL

Noel was born in Strasburg, IL, the son of Joseph and Lora (Figge) Nippe. He attended Elm Grove Grade School and graduated as valedictorian of Strasburg High School Class of 1949. In 1952, Noel entered the United States Army, serving during the Korean War. He married Gladys M. Agney on September 13, 1964. Noel began working on the railroad and hauling milk for Brandt's canned milk route. He was a lifelong farmer and helped part-time at Moomaw Elevator in Stewardson. Noel worked as a welder at Norge, Fedders, and Caterpillar, retiring from CAT in 1997 after 23 years. Noel enjoyed antique tractor shows, tractor pulls, storytelling and his great grandchildren.



Noel is survived by his daughters, Shirley Herrmann of Strasburg, IL, Mary Tabbert of Strasburg, IL, and Susan Nippe of Stewardson, IL; five grandchildren, Mariah Williams (Jesse), Will Tabbert (Lexi), Clay Tabbert, Tyler Herrman, and Kirby Herrmann (James Voertman); and two great grandchildren, Oaklyn and Truett Williams.

Ramona J. Radloff, September 4, 1929-March 18, 2026, 96, of Strasburg, IL.

Ramona was born, the daughter of Lloyd and Madonna (Blake) Schlechte. She graduated from Strasburg High School in the Class of 1947. Ramona became a licensed beautician, owning and operating her own beauty shop in Strasburg. She married John W. Radloff in 1948 with Pastor Gilmore Lueck officiating. In her 30s, she enrolled at Eastern Illinois University, where she earned her bachelor's degree in education. After completing her schooling, she taught English at Findlay High School until her retirement. Ramona was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Strasburg.

Ramona is survived by her son, John E. Radloff (Judy) of Strasburg, IL; five grandchildren; many great grandchildren; brother, Warren Schlechte of Effingham, IL; sister, Donna "Duckie" Johnson (Ronnie) of Stewardson, IL; and several nieces and nephews.

Main Street Makeover = Community Pride in Strasburg

Main Street Makeover cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, **May 2 from 8-11 a.m. (See flyer p. 6)** There are several projects planned for Commercial Street and park areas. Sweeping, pulling weeds, trash pickup, landscaping, and planting flowers are some of the jobs on the agenda. There was an amazing large group working in 2025, even throughout the rain.

Come dressed for work and bring work gloves, hoes, and brooms if you can. Let your Community Pride shine on May 2! **Donuts, coffee and juice will be provided for the workers.** The workday is organized by SCAN, Strasburg Lions Club and the Village Board. Contact Gary Kull if you have any questions. 217-254-3141.



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THIS GIVEAWAY ENDS *May 31st!*




TROPICAL TREK

Jesus Comes to Seek and Save

You are invited to Vacation Bible School
June 22-26, 2026, 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 26 at 11:00 AM
Please register by June 1, 2026

Learn about Jesus, Our Savior
For Information or to Register:
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2. Email stpaulsstrasburg@gmail.com
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