2016 Strasburg Volunteer of the Year

This year’s Volunteer of the Year is an individual who moved to Strasburg and immediately got involved with activities in the Village. Our Volunteer joined SCAN in September of 2013 and volunteered to be a part of the Welcome Committee, even though she herself was soon to be welcoming twins in their household.

She serves on the SCAN fundraising committee and marketing committee, and was one of the organizers of the Strawberry Fest, Corn Fest and Farmer’s Market.

She has been treasurer of SCAN for two years and is serving as co-chair of the SCAN breakfast in November for the second year....all this while holding down a full-time job, caring for twin girls and an infant son.

She is a real go-getter and it is my pleasure to give this year’s Volunteer of the Year award to: **BRITTANY KAUFMAN**
Memos from Mayor Mike

By the time you read this article the landscaping for the village water project should already have been started in town. The landscaping for the village sewer project will begin after more ground has settled. The sewer project should alleviate flood problems and will be ending soon.

The village has applied for a CDAP grant to replace aging water mains and water meters for the south side of town. Since the north side has been completed, we can now apply for a grant to finish the rest of the village. The announcements of the awards will be coming in the future months. The village is also working with the fire department to try and find ways to store more water. This will cut down on the time it might take to refill their tankers. We are exploring options of using the water tower and underground tanks for storage.

The village’s Gnome Fest and Hog Roast was a big success last month. Almost 400 tickets were sold for the meal that evening. A large village thank you goes to our own experienced cook Roger Thomas for preparing the sausage and the loins for the meal. The parade and the parade route was better than ever and the bands at the park and 32 Below were excellent. Congratulations go out to our pageant winners. Our Junior Miss is Samantha Gaugh and Miss Strasburg is Morgan Braden. These two deserving girls will represent us very nicely in the next year. Finally a big thank you goes out to the entire Hog Roast committee and all the many volunteers who put on such a fine event. It's these kind of events and volunteers that keep...

Strasburg Right! In the Middle of Everything!

Halloween in the Burg

STRASBURG HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION
Friday, October 28, 2016

Soup Supper 5:00 PM
Parade 7:00 PM
Judging 7:30 PM
Cake Walk 8:00 PM

Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:
- Storybook & Fairy Tales
- TV & Movies
- Clowns & HoBo's
- Monsters, Ghosts & Witches
- Cowboys & Indians
- Military
- Animals
- Miscellaneous
- Under 3 years old
- Adults

Winners Grand Prize - $25.00

***** Free Merchants Drawing *****

Sponsored by
American Legion Post #289
American Legion Auxiliary Unit #289

Collecting for Veterans. The Strasburg American Legion Auxiliary are again collecting items for our Veterans at the Danville VA. You may deliver them to the Village Office on a Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday - and label them “Treats for Vets – items needed this year include

URGENT NEEDS – Christmas Cards, 2017 wall calendars, bath mats, bath towels, body wash, denture grip, travel size toothpaste, mouth wash (alcohol free), models (cars, truck, planes, ships). NEEDS – Boxer briefs, t-shirts (any size – must be new), canvases, art supplies (no crayons) modge podge, razors (twin blade at least), toothpaste, denture cleanser, body lotion, body wash, body powder, baby oil, hotel size everything, lip balm, sugar free candy, sugar free cookies, dryer sheets, gallon Ziploc baggies, baby wipes, envelopes.

DO NOT NEED AT THIS TIME: combs, toothpaste, deodorant (spray), socks, toothpaste (regular size).
Braden, Gaugh named Strasburg royalty

Congrats to the 2016 Strasburg royalty! Miss Strasburg Morgan Bradon and Junior Miss Samantha Gaugh were named at the 2016 Hog Roast.

Picture on right: From left, Graci Ogle, daughter of Craig and Melissa Ogle, People's Choice winner in Junior Miss, Alexis Price, daughter of Larry and Cortney Price, 2015 Miss Marceil Clark, daughter of Pam and Jack Clark, 2015 Junior Miss Theresa Davis, daughter of Donna and Jesse Davis, Autumn Haines, daughter of Ambyr Haines and Ryan Ginger; Sierra Cameron, daughter of Julianne Schultz and Kevin Cameron.

Seated are 2016 Miss and People's Choice winner Morgan Braden, daughter of Kara and Nick Braden and 2016 Junior Miss Samantha Gaugh, daughter of John and Ronella Gaugh.

Picture on left, 2015 queens ready for the grand entrance!

Christmas Events

Strasburg Liberty Post #289 American Legion Hosts Fundraiser

The Christmas Auction sponsored by Strasburg Liberty Post #289 of the American Legion will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 6 and Sunday, Dec. 4 at the Community Center in Strasburg. The auction by Thomas Factory Outlet, with Dennis Aumann Auctioneer, is the major fundraiser for the American Legion Post.

The Post uses the proceeds from the auction to donate the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Americanism Essay prize money, Legion Baseball, the Strasburg Veteran’s Memorial, Community Blood Drive, Stewardson-Strasburg Yearbook, Post Prom Activities, and American Legion Gifts to Yanks among other programs.

Auction items include tools, toys, metal signs, food items, figurines, baskets, wind spinners, china cabinets, yard ornaments, pie safes, bikes, trikes, ceramic, dolls, lanterns and much more. This is the perfect time to do your Christmas Shopping!

A concession stand sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #289 will be available.

Santa is Coming to Town

Santa will paying a visit to Strasburg to check his list of good little boys and girls and to note their last minute items that they want to add to their list. See Santa at the Community Center on Saturday, December 10th from 9:30 - 11 a.m. The Strasburg Lion’s Club was instrumental in asking Santa to travel from the North Pole to Strasburg for this event.

Joint Lutheran Choirs Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 11, at 7 p.m. at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Strasburg

Stewardson-Strasburg Post Prom Gun Raffle

STEWARDSON STRASBURG POST PROM GUN RAFFLE

Remington 870 20G Shotgun
Savage 220 20 G Shotgun
OR choice of $300.00

1 TICKET FOR $20
WILL SELL 300 TICKETS ONLY -
Drawing is November 2, 2016 at 7 pm at the Stewardson Strasburg School Media Center. Need not be present to win. Must be 18 with valid FOID card to claim gun. *Name written on ticket must pick up the gun. Guns available for pickup at Accuracy Firearms.

Blood Drive

Community Blood Services of Illinois Blood Drive
Stewardson-Strasburg High School Cafeteria
Thursday, October 27, 2:30-7:00 p.m.

To schedule an appointment call The Blood Center at (217) 367-2202 or online at www.bloodcenterimpact.org, group sponsor code 70741.

T-Shirts for all presenting donors! Please eat before donation. Must have photo id.
Kramer receives Top Shop Award!

Congrats to Isaac!

Recently Tim Waldhoff, owner of Waldhoff Repair in Stewardson, presented to Isaac Kramer from Stew-Stras High School the first of many Top Shop awards. The award represents excellence of high school students in industrial arts or trades work.

Isaac is an achiever in industrial arts and construction skills who has recently won the Silver Hammer award. Tim and the entire staff at Waldhoff Repair commend Isaac for his academic work and the instructors at Stew-Stras school for excellent direction, plus they encourage all students to work for academic achievement in all classes.

Strasburg’s Newest Business & Entrepreneur

Grandpa Pearcy bought his junior high aged grandson, Nathan a used ATV which wasn’t worth fixing. Nathan decided to tear it down and sold the parts online, and an idea for a business was born.

A graduate of Stewardson-Strasburg High School and Lake Land College, Nathan Stremming, 22, is owner of Nate’s Power Sport Parts. He is located at 103 S. Walnut in the former Kull Appliance Service building.

In his new location, Nathan stocks over 4,400 parts for ATVs, dirt bikes and side by sides. He acquires used bikes and will then tear down, clean, tag and ship parts. All parts are sold online on eBay. He stocks new parts as well. If anyone has any bikes (broken or not) that they would be interested in getting rid of, they may contact Nathan at 217-663-3669. Nathan enjoys his new location and hopes to be there for many years to come.

1st Annual Burn Out In The Burg 1st Place Winners!

Car Show Winners:
2010 - 2016 Stock - JT Friese 2014 Chevy Camero LTX
Semi Class - Ron and Jordan Jones 2003 Peterbilt
Rat Rod Class - Itchy Brown 1930 Ford
Jeep Class - Michelle Figgins 200 Jeep Wrangler
Truck Class - Nick Calhoun 2015 Ram 1500 Sport
People’s Choice - Sheri Plummer 1968 Pontiac GTO
Best In Show - Marlene Wines 1968 Dodge Charger

Pimp My Ride Youth Winners:
Youngest Division: 1st Carra Daniels, 2nd Aaron Vonderheide
Older Division: 1st Ty Kramer 2nd, Marrissa Daniels
October 2016

Strasburg fun - Parade - Village Wiener Roast - Car Show

Hog Roast & Gnome Fest Parade

Grand Marshal: Joy Lenz

Wiener Roast Fun

Burn Out in the Burg Car Show

Queens Morgan and Samantha at the Strasburg Wiener Roast!

Handcrafted trophies by Jason Edwards
Coat give-away:
St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Strasburg is once again having a free coat give away for those in need of winter coats. There are coats in all sizes for children and adult in the school hall way ready for distribution. You may also bring coats to donate.

For questions, call Dee Dee Baston, 217-821-4929 or Patsy Lenz, 644-2667

The Strasburg Community is proud of you!

July: The S-S Area Seasoned Citizens have just had another successful and fun meeting. On July 27, 35 seasoned citizens met at the Strasburg Community Center. After a delicious meal of taco salads and other fixings, along with a lot of delicious desserts, the group settled down and listened to a great presentation by Virginia Vogel about her trips to Japan. Virginia had a vast array of things on display. These things included clothing, dishes, fans, cards, and lots of pictures of her family. Her daughter’s family has lived there for 27 years, and she has made several trips. She said it is a very long flight, 13 hours from Detroit to her destination. The cars are small as well as the trucks. The family consists of 4 children who are all bi-lingual. Her slide presentation was of utmost interest, as we saw the beautiful country side and also what the houses and the bathrooms look like. Virginia had a guest Mary Bartholomew with her.

We had other visitors as well. Sam and Sue Buzzard had their granddaughter Melanie with them and Wayne and Connie Wirth had a granddaughter there.

Linda our village Clerk gave a report on what is happening with the new sewer line on the north west corner of town. This should be done in two months. She informed the group that Jenny Biggs was leaving the area after helping the towns of Windsor, Stewardson, Strasburg, Findlay and Shelbyville for the past year. She is the Americor worker that has done a lot for the communities. During her stay, she lived with the Johnson family in Findlay.

August: The Strasburg-Stewardson Area Seasoned Citizens met once again on the last Wednesday in August. The salad and sandwich lunch turned into another banquet. It seems that these people really know how to provide a pot luck meal. The highlight of the meal was warm bread pudding made by Kay Adams. The other desserts were good, but this one stood out and she didn’t have any left over either.

We had a new couple present this month, Gerry and Joyce Weaver, new residents to Strasburg. They were impressed and Gerry said “now I see why you only meet once a month.” He was meaning all the food that he could choose from. Bob Adams gave the tip of the day, He said to put a little vinegar in the pot of water before poaching an egg and it will set up faster and better. He also said for those who clean their guns, should use old panty hose to polish the gun.

After everyone got their fill of delicious food, we played Bingo for a while with everyone winning some sort of prize. Everyone left with their bellies full and their arms full of prizes. Our meeting on September 28 will be a trip to Moonshine and a stop at Casey to talk to Mr. Bolen in his workshop.

Justin Krile, 34, along with 20 other nominees received the Top Community Leaders under 40 award presented by the Effingham Daily News and Effingham County Chamber of Commerce at a banquet held September 27 at the Keller Convention Center.

Justin is the owner/auctioneer for Krile Auction Service. He is the immediate Past President of Strasburg Lions Club, Stew-Stras High School Leo Chair, Lions District 1M Leo Direction, President of Strasburg Community Action Network (SCAN), Director of Strasburg Long Term Park Committee, and Member of AM-BUCS of Sullivan.

Justin was nominated by Cinda Held.

Krile, Top Community Leader
James “Jim” Patrick Merriman, 63 of rural Stewardson was born October 9, 1952 in Shelbyville, the eldest son to Robert and Elaine “Booby” Ulmer Merriman. He was baptized in the Spirit at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church on October 15, 1952 and confirmed in the faith on Palm Sunday, April 3, 1966. He was a 1970 graduate of Stewardson-Strasburg High School. He attended Lake Land College in Mattoon. On June 1, 1974 he married Muriel E. Manhart. Together they had four children: Patrick Michael (wife Leigh) of Bossier City, LA; Christian James (wife Jenna) of Glencoe, OK; Allison Elaine (husband Bryan) Vonderheide of Mode, IL and Aaron Joseph, deceased.

Jim was a hero to his children and grandchildren. The sparkle in Jim’s eye and quiet demeanor will be treasured and missed for a lifetime.

The Special Olympics Family Festival was held at Lake Land College on Sept. 17 Two Leos, Nicholas Burton and Olivia Gratz and Lion member Jim Weiss were friends for the day with an athlete. The day began at 8 a.m. when friends were paired up with their athletes. Throughout the day, friends accompanied athletes to numerous games and activities.

Nicholas Burton commented on the significance of the event. “I think Special Olympics makes me appreciate how easy I have it. That one day is special for the Olympians. It was amazing how they remembered everyone they met from previous years because they look forward to this.”

Olivia Gratz compared this year to the previous year, recalled the athlete she was a friend to, and discussed the importance of volunteering at the Special Olympics. “I knew what to expect this year. My friend, Heide, was 47. She enjoyed tattoos and face painting. People should volunteer at Special Olympics because it’s fun and rewarding.”

Both Leos and Lion Jim enjoyed volunteering at the Special Olympics Family Festival. The Leos hope to volunteer at the event again next year.

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Make check payable to Stewardson-Strasburg Post Prom. Payment must accompany order.
Contact Barb Ohnesorge 644-2425 or Janet Schultz 682-3856 for more information.
Orders due at the High School Office by Tuesday, Nov. 22.
Orders may be picked up at the Stewart-Stras FFA Room on Wednesday, Nov. 30 from 5-6:30 p.m.
St. Paul’s Lutheran Church
Inviting you to be our guests as we
Celebrate 150 Years of Faith in God’s Grace
1866-2016

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30
9 a.m. Fellowship time & church history topics
10 a.m. Divine Service: Current pastor, Rev. Steven Becker and Rev. Mark Miller, Central Illinois District President will conduct the service
A German style meal will follow the service
Blue grass group “Firebox” will perform after the luncheon

511 S. Walnut St., Strasburg, Illinois
For more details contact the church at 217.644.2661 or visit
www.stpaul-strasburg.com

RENEW OUR MISSION
FIREBOX

Inviting area children to participate in Christmas Eve Program
St. Paul’s Lutheran Church is inviting all area children from pre-school through 8th grade to participate in our Christmas Eve Program which will be held on Dec. 24 at the church. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. and last about an hour. Children will have parts to say and will sing Christmas hymns. Practices will be held from 6:30 -8:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14 and 21. Directors are Sheryl Vonderheide and Courtney Wittenberg.

Any questions can be directed to the church, 644-2661 or Dee Dee Batson, 821-4929. Let us know by Nov. 2 if your child(ren) will participate.

INVITATION TO ATTEND
Concordia University Kapelle
Performing Hymns of The Reformation
Charles P. Brown, Conductor
Saturday, Oct. 15th
6:30 p.m.
St. Paul’s Lutheran Church
511 S. Walnut, Strasburg
A freewill offering will be received
Refreshments will be served in the social hall following the concert