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DATES TO REMEMBER

Aug. 17—Village Board meeting
Aug 20—Farmers Market, 4:30-6 p.m.
Aug. 26—Seasoned Citizens Noon at Community Center
Aug 27—Farmers Market, 4:30-6 p.m.
Aug. 31 — Strasburg Volunteer of the Year nominations due to village office
Sept. 5—Hog Roast & Gnome Fest, parade and queen pageants
Sept. 21—Village Board meeting
Sept. 25—Strasburg Community Weiner Roast
Oct. 30—Halloween celebration



The Shelby County State Bank in Strasburg is reopened! Customers may now use the newly renovated facility!

Buy your gun or raffle tickets today!
Sig-Sauer M#320, 9 mm. Find out more inside!

Memos from Mayor Mike!



The Strasburg Lions Club had another highly successful homecoming last month. Attendance

at the pork chop dinner on Friday, the tractor pull on Saturday, and the Strongman/Strongwoman event on Sunday were all as good, or up from last year's attendance. In addition the kids' games, the 5K run, and the Talent Show all had good participation from Strasburg residents and many from other communities. Each year the Lions Club puts on a quality Homecoming for the community and this year they outdid themselves with a 3 day event. A huge thank you to all of the Lions for all the work they do in both preparing for the event and during the festival. As this year's club president, Justin Krile said, "With the weather...Cont. on page 2..."

STRASBURG HOG ROAST/GNOME FEST

SATURDAY, SEPT. 5, 2015

Schedule of Events

- 11 a.m. Kickball Tournament
- 11 a.m. Sandwiches-Porkburgers & Hamburgers
- 2-7 p.m. Craft & Vendor Fair*
*To be held at St. Paul's Church in case of rain.
- 3 p.m. Parade "Goin' to the County Fair"
- 4-8 p.m. Hog Roast and all the fixins'
- 5 p.m. Miss Strasburg & Junior Miss Pageants at Grace Lutheran Church
- 7 p.m. Farmers Rodeo "Goin' to the County Fair"
- 8:00 p.m. Beer Garden opens at 32 Below
- 8:15 p.m. Raffle Winners Announced
- 8:30 p.m. Three River Roll under the tent at 32 Below

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Inflatables for Kids!
Scavenger Hunt
Smoke House
Strasburg Gnomes for sale
Culver's Ice Cream
Cake/Pie

GUN / CASH Raffle

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Drawing Sept 5, 8:15 p.m.
Need not be present to win

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CRAFT FAIR
2-7 P.M.

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The Village Board meets on the third Monday of the month. Time of the meeting is 6:30 p.m. Individuals interested in addressing the Board should notify the Clerk's Office by the Wednesday prior to the meeting date.

Cardboard recycling is NO LONGER available in bins next to the water tower.



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Send your news, pictures, dates and info to gnomenews@strasburgil.com

Your Village Board - President Michael Antonacci.

Trustees: Jack Clark, Shane Corley, Cinda Held, Anita Renshaw, Charles Wade, Alice Jeisy

**WIENER ROAST
 SEPT. 25**

Kick off the fall right! The annual Strasburg Community Wiener Roast sponsored by the Strasburg Lions Club and the Village of Strasburg will be held Friday, September 25 at 6 p.m. at the Strasburg Park. The Lions Club will furnish the hot dogs, buns, chips, beans, condiments, drinks, and marshmallows. Community members may feel free to bring a side dish to be shared. The 2015 Strasburg Volunteer of the Year will be announced and the plaque will be presented. The culmination of the evening will be a hay ride.

All Strasburg area residents are invited to attend. Bring your lawn chair to enjoy sitting around the fire.



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changing what seemed to be every hour, there's no doubt in my mind that there's no other group other than the Strasburg Lions that could have pulled off the Homecoming and have been as successful with it as we were."

Special thanks also goes to Ben Giertz, Liz Noffke, Brittany Kaufman, Jason Kessler, Brad Wirth, Windsor Ambulance, the Strasburg Fire Department, and Jim Miller and Charlie Evans for their extra hours of volunteering for the Lions Club and the community.

Now we look forward to the Annual Hog Roast and Gnome Fest to be held on Saturday, Sept. 5. There will be lunch served at the ballpark at 11 a.m., a co-ed kickball tournament beginning at 11 a.m., crafts from 2-7 p.m., and of course a parade. The parade will begin at 3 p.m. with the theme "Goin' to the County Fair."

The Hog Roast dinner will begin at 4 p.m. and will feature smoked pork loin and rope sausage, plus four different side dishes and a drink. In conjunction with the dinner, SCAN will satisfy your sweet tooth by holding a bake sale and having Culver's ice cream for sale.

There will be inflatables again this year, and pre-sale wrist bands will be available prior to the event.

There are several talented ladies vying for the Strasburg Junior and Miss Strasburg title. Please help support these Junior Miss contestants by adding money to their cans at the Strasburg Marathon and the Miss Strasburg contestants by purchasing raffle tickets. The pageant will be held at 5 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church.

The popular Farmer's Rodeo will again be held that evening at 7 p.m. This year's theme continues with "Goin' to the County Fair."

A Sig-Sauer P320, 9 MM, 357 mag., .40 cal handgun will be raffled off. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at SCSB (Strasburg Branch), Strasburg Marathon Station, Strasburg Village Office, Edwards Crafts, or any member of the Hog Roast Committee. Winner has the choice of the handgun or \$500 cash!

The band Three River Roll will begin at 8:30 p.m. in the beer garden under the tent at 32 Below. Special thanks to Ed Levitt and sons at 32 Below who are hosting the beer garden and band to wrap up an eventful day.

Let's all keep STRASBURG RIGHT! IN THE MIDDLE OF EVERYTHING!

Strasburg's Volunteer of the Year

The Village Board is asking members of the community to nominate an individual(s) they think are deserving of being named Strasburg's Volunteer of the Year.

Eligibility - Any individual, group, business, or organization whose volunteer activities directly benefit the Village of Strasburg and/or its residents is eligible.

Nominee Criteria—Nominees must:

- Demonstrate exceptional commitment to volunteerism by helping with a special project or ongoing activities
- Demonstrate exemplary leadership, creativity, cooperation, and hard work in their service to others
- Serve as role models by inspiring others to serve

A letter of nomination citing the points or reasons the nominator feels like the candidate deserves to be named Volunteer of the Year should be submitted to the **Strasburg Village Office prior to August 31, 2015**. Award to be presented at the Strasburg Community Wiener Roast on Friday, September 25 at the Strasburg Park.



Strasburg Fire Dept. successfully conducted a controlled burn of the vacant home behind the Shelby County State Bank.

Strasburg Area Seasoned Citizens Latest Adventure *by Jane Giertz*

Nineteen Strasburg Area Seasoned Citizens met at 12:00 noon, at the Strasburg Community Center on June 24 to share ice cream and cake to celebrate our anniversary. Some had banana splits and others had sundaes with a variety of toppings. Thanks to Debra Maddox and Chris Storm for baking the cakes.

Debra and Jerry Maddox were vacationing in Charlotte, SC when a shooting took place at the church, which has recently made national headlines. They were to tour the church as part of an historical tour. They saw lots of FBI men and police. Debra said it was a very sad time for all on the tour bus. Betty Mahnke reported on her trip to Eureka Springs, Ark., and Marie Tate celebrated her 90th birthday with us that day.

After pigging out on ice cream and cake, we loaded up and carpoled to Mary Paul's home to see her Alpacas. This was very interesting to see the fiber sheared from them and to see all the sweaters, hats, mittens and other things made from the yarn. Some of us got to feed the Alpacas and had a very fun time there.

Strasburg Seasoned Citizens Celebrate Christmas in July

by Jane Giertz

On July 29, the same number - 29—Strasburg Area Seasoned Citizens met at the Strasburg Community Center for "Christmas in July". A potluck meal of turkey, dressing, cranberries, plum pudding and sweet potato soufflé were just a few of the many good foods shared that day. After the delicious meal, we had a poem read by Kay Adams about The Night Before Christmas. It was about Santa finding a soldier alone and how the soldier reacted to what Santa had to say. Marie Tate read a Christmas play that was absolutely hilarious, and Jane Giertz sang a song entitled "What Christmas means to me." Chris Storm had a jar full of different candies and we all had to guess how many were in the jar. Gary Kull guessed the exact number and won the jar of candy. We had a gift exchange with Betty Mahnke, Fanny Miller and Marty Doehring handing out gifts.



Kay Adams reads Christmas story with a twist at Christmas in July event.

Strasburg Village Clerk Linda Oakley reported to the group some happenings around the area including the news that another lot has been sold in York Acres and the new owners Bubba and MaRanda McClain are going to start building their new home around the first of August. She informed us that construction and repair of the twin bridges west of town has begun. This was very good news to those who live out in that area! She asked that some or as many as can be ready to help at the Hog Roast on September 5. There will be a parade starting at 3 p.m. The theme for the parade is "Goin' to the County Fair". There will be a kickball tournament on the ball field and lunch will be served from the concession stand. This is an assisted living facility. This is an all-day event and the Strasburg Fire Department will get 20 percent of the sales to help purchase equipment for first responders.



Linda reports on area news while donning a mistletoe hat.

Join the Seasoned Citizens for their next social at noon on **Wednesday, August 26, with a "Salad-bration"**. Those attending are asked to bring their favorite salad to be shared. They will be playing Bingo and prizes will be available for the winners. Everyone is invited!

Junk to Gems opens, plans fall open house

Strasburg's newest business has been open more than a month and is overwhelmed by the response of the local community and beyond. Owner's Pam and Bill Riley said "thank you to all who have visited our shop. It has been nice meeting all of you and we look forward to meeting more of you in the future."

They are hosting a "Fall Open House" on Oct. 10. Vendors are invited to set up on that day to offer customers a variety of items or services to choose from. Those interested can call 217-343-0214 or go to "Junk to Gems" Facebook page and send a private message by Sept. 1. **Congrats Junk to Gems and welcome to Strasburg!**

Junior and Miss Strasburg royal candidates

Miss Strasburg Olivia Telgmann and Junior Miss Strasburg Rachel Kessler invite everyone to the 2015 pageant on Saturday, Sept. 5 at 5 p.m. as part of the Hog Roast and Gnome Fest. Telgmann is the daughter of Don and Kim Telgmann and Kessler is the daughter of Mike and Beth Kessler and Alicia Kessler.

The 2015 contestants have been busy selling tickets for the Hog Roast (miss) and collecting money in cans (junior miss). The proceeds of the pageant go towards village improvements and the contestants have been working hard for weeks in advance! Your donations ARE appreciated! The winner receives a prize pack and the chance to represent the village at all events throughout the year. Join www.facebook.com/missstrasburg for more pics and info!

This year's contestants are:

Miss

- Nikita Shaelynn Burry, 16, daughter of LaRue and Amy Burry
- Marcaill Clark, 17, daughter of Jack and Pam Clark
- Hannah Schumacher, 16, daughter of Gary and Julie Schumacher
- Olivia Wilson, 17, daughter of Steve and Carrie Lee

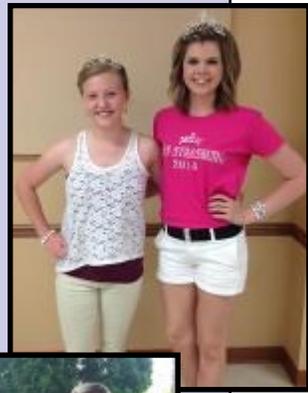
Junior Miss

- Mackenzie Lynn Brown, 13, daughter of David and Kara Brown and the late Beth Brown
- Sierra Cameron, 12, daughter of Julianne Schultz and Kevin Cameron
- Theresa Davis, 13, daughter of Jesse and Donna Davis
- Jennifer Lister, 12, daughter of Brooke Lister and Jeff Koester
- Jasmine Renae Ward, 12, daughter of Jessica and Justin Strickler

This year's Hog Roast Raffle gives participants the chance of the following prizes:



- 2 swivel patio chairs with table
- Char-Broil Gas Grill
- \$100 Cash, Village of Strasburg
- Gift Basket (approx. value \$100), Shelby County State Bank
- 2 Tickets, Little Theatre (for any performance of the 2015 Holiday Show or the 2016 Spring Show - value up to \$75.00)
- \$50.00 Cash, Ron & Wayne Wirth, Effingham Equity Elevator
- \$50.00 Cash, Howe & Yockey Funeral Homes
- \$50.00 Cash, Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh
- \$50.00 Cash, Dr. William Eckstein, Central Illinois Pediatrics
- \$50.00 Cash, Dove & Dove Attorneys at Law
- \$50.00 Cash - Kaufman Construction & Roofing
- \$35 Gift Certificate, Rosati's in Sullivan
- Pair of Gnomes - \$30 value
- Pair of Gnomes - \$30 value
- Therapeutic Pillow - Zidek Chiropractic Center
- \$25 value item, Garrett Moffett, Country Financial
- \$25 Gas Card, Strasburg Shortstop
- \$25 Cash - Kull Appliance



*Thank you for your support of the Junior and Miss Strasburg Pageant!
Thank you to the hard working contestants!*

Local Royalty!

Maggie Kelly, Strasburg, was named 2015 Junior Miss Shelby county. She is pictured here with Amanda Tucker, Windsor, Miss Shelby County. Maggie is the daughter of Angela and Duane Kelly. Retiring Miss Shelby County was Baylee Quast, Strasburg, and retiring Junior Miss Shelby County was Lainee Turner, Strasburg! **Congrats Maggie!**



Welcome Back Karen Kull!!!!

Submitted by Lisa Shumard-Shelton

Although she didn't leave our hearts for a moment, Strasburg resident Karen Kull, is back to being active throughout town, despite an extended stay in the hospital and rehabilitation facility. On Thursday, April 16, Karen was driving home from work as Director of the Kluthe Center in Effingham. Almost immediately after turning onto Keller Drive near Northside Ford, she was struck head-on by a vehicle that crossed into her lane. Several workers from Northside took brave assistance immediately at the scene. Emergency personnel shortly arrived and used the "jaws of life" to expertly help Karen out of her car. The combination of expertise that day may have made a life or death difference and, for that, we are thankful. Many who assisted at the scene have since stated they were left shaking their heads, never having seen a driver live through such an accident. Karen remained calm and conscious, but knew that the accident was critical, in particular, she said, she knew her right leg was badly damaged. Traffic was stopped on Route 32/33 for an extended time. Many Strasburg residents have since stated they were caught in the traffic, not knowing someone they knew and loved was involved. Her injuries were so dire, the emergency helicopter landed directly on the highway nearby and swept her off to Carle Hospital in Urbana.

Through many prayers and tears, Strasburg residents and beyond waited to hear news of Karen. Her injuries were extensive, some of the worst doctors had ever seen. But more powerful than those injuries was her faith, her strong will to recover and her resounding desire to return to her family. In the days following, Karen slowly, but steadily improved. After 18 days in the hospital, one long month in rehab and multiple surgeries, Karen is back in Strasburg! Proof that miracles happen. She didn't even miss helping with an issue of the Gnome News! During her stay in Champaign, her family never left her side. Between her husband Gary, daughters Shannon and Krystal, or parents Dwight and Melvina Lading, one of them were there every day. Daughter Jenna lives out of the country on a military base with her husband. Now back at home, her family assists her with her progress, helping her every step of the way.

"When I came home from rehab, I was basically in a wheelchair and not using my right leg at all. I had to hop with a walker. Now I can use both legs and most often use a cane or walker now," Karen said. "Prayers and support from family, friends, surrounding communities and co-workers were tremendous. I was on prayer chains all around here and in several states.

God has really blessed our family."

Thank you Karen for being such an inspiration!

Karen with her five grandchildren and she has one more on the way!



Hog Roast Parade—Get your lawn chair! Route is as follows:

The Hog Roast parade is at 3 p.m. on Sept. 5. The one mile parade route will begin by the water tower (corner of N 2nd Street and Strasburg St.) and will end up by the Firehouse off Commercial Street. All entrants should arrive between 2:15-2:45 p.m. for parade lineup.

The Grand Marshalls are Gary and Karen Kull.

Registration form can be found on Facebook or contact Jodie Quast 644-3093.

A picture of His Glories Farm daylilies in bloom in July

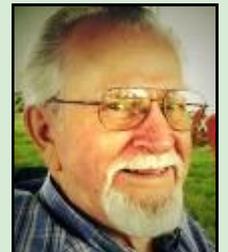


We Remember... Donald Lee Sires

12-26-1929 to 8-12-2015

Donald was born in Olney, IL. He was a US Army veteran and a machine operator at Caterpillar in Decatur for 25 years.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra; son, Ronald Lee Hackett (Christina) of Kerrville, TX; daughters, Cheryl Lee Harmon (Tom) of West Buxton, ME, Tonya Sue White (John) of Sullivan, IL and Michelle Lee Sires-Iffert (Curt) of Fairview Heights, IL; grandchildren: Aaron David Louer, Christopher Michael Louer, Isabella Grace Iffert, Olivia Danielle Iffert, Makayla Faith Iffert, Kaitlyn Aryana White, and Catherine Alexis Torma; and three great-grandchild, Hunter Stanton Bradley Louer, Ryker Leo Torma, and Tatum Noelle Torma.



2015 Lions Homecoming Provided Great Food and Entertainment



The Strasburg Lions Club Homecoming was a busy and exciting weekend July 10-12. A large crowd gathered for the pork chop dinner on Friday night and enjoyed watching ten talented people compete in the Talent Show. State's Attorney Gina Vonderheide emceed the talent show with judges from the Tri-County area. There were two age groups that competed. The 13 and under group competed first with the top three winners being: Samantha Montague, Connor Manhart, and Gabby Vonderheide. The 14 and older group competed and these three were first through third: Grant King, Bryce King, and Kelsey Beard.

The 5K kicked off Saturday morning with over 60 runners and walkers. Overall winners were Jacob Latonis for men's division and Lisa Sasso for the women's division.



Saturday continued with a fan favorite Pedal Pull. There were 37 pedal pullers.

In the 0-4 age category, first place was Jacob Duncan with a pull off distance of 58 feet, second place was Noah Vonderhiede with 57ft. 7 in., and in third place was Ty Kramer with 57 ft. 6 in.

In the 5-6 age category, first place was Charlotte Schultz with 51 ft. 8 in., second place was Henry Reed with 50 ft. 11 in., and in third place Eric Wiedner with 46 ft. 4 in.

In the 7-8 yr. old category was first place Ben Bridges with 58 ft. 1 in., second place Rylan Rincker with 56 ft. 11 in. and third was Madison Bietz with 42 ft. 7 in.

In the 9-10 yr. old category, winners were first place Kaden Kohnert with 59 Ft. 3 in., second was Carter Chaney with 58 ft. 2 in. and in third place, Conner Manhart with 58 ft. 1 in.

The 10-12 winner was Ethan Weidner who had a full pull and then rode the tractor back with Bobby Orman on the sled.

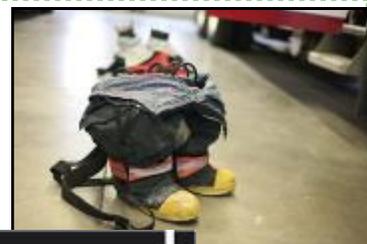
After a scare with the weather in the morning, the tractor pull came together and was once again a success for the Lions. With over 150 hooks, it was smooth sailing all day and evening creating a great pull. Rich "The Shark" Shumard, 1/3 of the Stewardson Mafia, had the longest pull of the day in his Oliver, pulling over 330 ft and winning his class.

Kids competed again on Sunday, this time in the annual kid's games. Twenty Five kids competed in games such as timed relay races, sack races, money hunt, and water balloon toss. Every kid got popsicles, local ice cream tickets and cash prizes.

Sunday's big event, the Strongman Competition, was once again a huge success. With over 40 competitors from all over the state and beyond, all divisions were close in all five events. Even local guys, Zach Schumaker, Jeff Storm, and Darin Storm competed and did quite well, showing farm boys can compete and enjoy the competition. There were 3 new state records set at the event, once again putting Strasburg and its Lions on the map. The overall teen champion was Graham Steffes Clayton from Iowa. He alone broke state records, not only for teens, but for overall. The women's overall champion was Tunia Webster. John Calhoun took home the overall men's championship. The Warrior Sportsmanship Award, which was voted on by the athletes and presented by Muscle Empire of Effingham, went to Kayla Spencer.



Do you have what it take to fill these boots? The Strasburg fire department is looking for members who have a desire to serve and protect our great community. Training is provided and ongoing every month. If you are interested stop by and see what we do September 12th at 9am during training and/or contact Chief Agney, Assistance Chief Culver or Captain Friese.



 **Farmer's Market, Thursdays 4:30 to 6 pm**

Organic Meats, Fresh Produce,
Fresh Baked Goods, Local Crafts

STRASBURG
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WELCOME TO STRASBURG!

New residents in York Acres subdivision are Justin and Wendy Deters and daughter Chloe. Mayor Mike welcomes the new family with a bottle of gnome nectar wine from Vahling Vineyards in Stewardson!



Stew-Stras and Trinity Schools begin on Tuesday, August 18.

At Stew-Stras, many upgrades were done to the school this summer in preparation for the upcoming year.

School will be dismissed @ 2 p.m. each day for the first two weeks. Welcome to new S-S Principal, Justin Deters! Mr. Deters graduated from Teutopolis High School in 2002, received his bachelors degree from Eastern Illinois University in 2008 and his Masters Degree in 2013.

Visit stew-stras.org or trinitystewardsonil.org for more news and info!

32 Below is above the grade!

Strasburg's favorite over 21 establishment has new owners. Father and son duo, Ed and Luke Levitt of Shumway purchased the former "3rd Base Bar" and have recently reopened it after taking on renovations.

And while there are many updates, one thing remains the same – the focus is on the customers.

"If the local people aren't happy, we won't do well," Luke said. "We are excited to be in Strasburg, we want to work with the people."

The emphasis on villagers can be seen in the weekly specials. Stop in on Monday nights for the "Ron and Bob" special or \$1.25 drafts. The special is named after regulars Ron and Bob Neathery. There are also a few gnomes that reside at the bar in honor of the village's friendly garden mascot.

Eventually, Luke said, the plan is to offer food on a regular basis. But until some additional updates are made, they will only do occasional specials, such as pulled pork sandwiches or tacos. Luke's younger brothers Drew and Dirk will also assist in the family business. The Levitt's also own and operate Metal Works Machine in Shumway.

Luke encouraged everyone to come check out the newly updated bar. If not before, check out Three River Roll under the tent at 32 Below during the Strasburg Hog Roast on Sept. 5!



Welcome to Strasburg Levitt Family and 32 Below!

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If any local business is celebrating a special anniversary, please contact the Gnome News and let us know about it.

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**Congratulations to
Gary Kull & Kull Appliance Service
Celebrating 35 years of business in
Strasburg**



Gary Kull and Chuck Wade

Gary Kull is the sole proprietor of Kull Appliance Service, located along Rt. 32 in Strasburg. Gary began the business in July 1980, selling and servicing many makes and models of major household appliances. His most popular brand over the years has been Maytag, and he continues to sell and offer warranty service on Maytag, Whirlpool, Amana, Crosley and Frigidaire brands. He also offers warranty service on LG appliances and has been a Dish Network installer for several years. His service area stretches to Charleston, Mattoon, Sullivan, Shelbyville, Neoga, Cowden and Effingham.



Gary has hired several local people over the years to help him part-time. They have included Carl Kull, Gene Stremming, Lloyd Spannagel, Ed Held, and Dwight Lading. Chuck Wade is his current service and delivery helper. Gary still enjoys his career as an appliance repairman, "I am fortunate to have a local business which helps support my community".

Thank you Gary!