



# City of Centralia, Illinois Press Release

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## City Flags Back in Stock

The City of Centralia would like to announce that City Flags are back in stock and available for purchase in the City Clerk or City Manager's Offices at City Hall. City Flags are 3 x 5 feet, made of nylon with two heavy duty grommets and available for \$20.00.

The design for the City of Centralia flag was adopted as the official city flag in 1924 following a community-wide design competition. The flag was first flown for the armistice day celebration that year. The design was unearthed again in 1977, and again in 2006—when the sphinx design was updated within the flag original pattern.

The text below is from the Centralia Sentinel article about the design competition in 1924.

*Centralia Sentinel—1924*  
**COMMUNITY FLAG DESIGN CHOSEN**  
—WENDELL BAUER WINNER OF  
THE FIRST PRIZE; 22 DESIGNS IN.



The Centralia flag design committee composed of L.H. Jonas, Rev. F. O. Fannon, C. F. Lender, Arthur Oster and A.T. Noren had a group of twenty-two designs facing them yesterday when they met to pick out the winner of the design which shall be used for a representative community flag.

Wendell Bauer, with a simple yet impressive flag, was given first prize, and three other designs were given honorable mention. The winning flag has a broad red stripe through the center representing the railroads. A gold star above and below the stripe signify the mining and agricultural industries, respectively, while a triangle pyramid with a sphinx head design in symbolic of Egypt. The stars and the sphinx are gold, the pyramid is a blue field, the stripe red and the background of the flag white.

The committee have already ordered a flag to be made following this design, which will be presented to the city on Armistice Day. This will be used on all community occasions and the design can be used for car pennants, convention banners and various

other festivities. Centralia now has an original flag design of her own.

Honorable mention was given to one flag which was marked "Onon" [anonymous], second, Emil Shirley and third to a design submitted by Flora and Carl Harris.

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