

The Stewardson "Moos"



March 2012

Upcoming Area Events:

- March 24th—Donkey Basketball at Stew-Stras Gymnasium sponsored by PTSA and FFA
- March 24th—Internet Class for Stewardson Residents
- April 7th—Easter Egg Hunt / Photos with the Easter Bunny
- April 7th—Boy Scout Paper Drive in Stewardson, Strasburg, and Windsor
- April 21st—Hog Roast @ Community Building
- May 19th—The Big Sausage Poker Run
- June 2nd - 2nd Annual Hoofin' to the Cow 5k Run/Walk
- June 16th—Lions Club Tractor Pull
- June 23rd—Scrap Metal Drive
- June 27th—Town Wide Clean-up Day
- July 1st—Fourth of July Celebration

COWS—Who are we?

Have you heard about the C.O.W.S. in town? You may have heard Stewardson has been home to many C.O.W.S. in the last 18 months but don't really know what these COWS are doing or what they want. Well I'm here to tell you!

In the fall of 2010, a group of Stewardson community members came together, with the help of the Illinois Institute of Rural Affairs at Western Illinois University. This group conducted the MAPPING the Future of Your Community Program - a strategic visioning and planning process for community and economic development. The community members created various goals and formed action teams to work on these goals to help Stewardson. The goals focus on economic development, improving parks and recreational facilities in conjunction with holding special events, improving communication and community involve-

ment, youth development and activities, and improving housing and the overall appearance of the Village.



In a little over one year, more than \$50,000 has been raised, through fundraisers and donations, to invest back into Stewardson. What can be accomplished in the next year, five years, or ten? Join us today and be a part of Stewardson's future!

Hoofin' to the Cow—5k Run/Walk

The 2nd Annual Hoofin' To the Cow—5k Run/Walk race will be held Saturday, June 2nd.

The race will start at 8:30 am from the Stewardson Community Building. Not a runner? That's okay, we'll be walking too! Pre-

registration is \$20. Registration the day of the race is \$25. For more information contact Tina Vonderheide at 217-343-0474 or Patty Everett at 217-821-2512.



Business Spotlight—Two new businesses in town!



PERSONALITIES— A unique boutique opened its doors in December. **Personalities**, owned by Tina Vonderheide, opened in the former State Farm Insurance building.

Tina has a passion for accessories—purses, scarves, jewelry, etc. She always thought the State Farm building would make a cute shop and when she heard it was for sale, things just happened. **Personalities** is located at 121 W. Main in Stewardson. Business hours are Tues 4-6, Wed-Fri 12-6 and Sat 9-1. **Personalities** offers handbags, wallets, scarves, jewelry, key chains, Eye Kandy, and hair accessories. Tina usually stocks just one of a kind items—rarely will you see a duplicate handbag in the store unless they are special ordered. Jewelry will have many similarities as far as color and style but will be unique to the store.

Tina's goal is to sell locally and online. **Personalities** website is www.yourpersonalities.com. You can also find them on Facebook. If you "like" them on Facebook, you'll be the first to see new pictures of items just arriving to the store.



HARLEY'S TREATS AND SWEETS - Karla Probst, longtime rural resident of Stewardson, opened a new business out of her home in the Summer of 2011. **Harley's Treats and Sweets** offers dog treats and human sweets! Karla has always loved to bake and wanted to find a way to incorporate baking into her new business venture. After suffering an injury to her back, she looked for something to do that would allow her to set her own pace and schedule.

Karla's dog Harley is the primary taste-tester, with his favorite treat being the Cheddar Bay dog bones. The peanut butter bones and cinnamon bones are also a hit. Karla also offers cinnamon flavored dog cakes. Her menu for human sweets consists of bite size cheese cakes in assorted flavors, such as vanilla, raspberry swirl, and caramel pecan. She also offers bite size cupcakes with a ganache filling, pecan tarts, fruit crisps, whipped mousse pies, bite size cake balls, and pecan sandies. Sheet cakes, pies, and cinnamon rolls are also available.



Prior to starting her business, Karla completed the necessary requirements to become certified in food sanitation. Her kitchen has also been certified by the Health Department. Karla enjoys trying new recipes and will customize her menu to suit any needs or special requests.

You can follow **Harley's Treats and Sweets** on Facebook or through their blog at <http://harleystreatsandweets.blogspot.com>. To place an order, give Karla a call at 217-343-9684. If no answer, leave a message and she will call you back as soon as possible!



Stewardson-Strasburg H.S. Graduation
Sunday, June 3rd at 2:00pm
Stewardson-Strasburg 8th Grade Promotion
Thursday, May 31st @ 7:00pm

If someone you know is in need of food assistance,
Trinity Lutheran Church's Food Pantry can help.
Contact the church office at 217-682-5722 or stop
by the office at 113 S. Walnut St.
Monday—Friday from 8:00 am—Noon



A Year in Review

Where has time gone? In just a few short months, we've gone from 40+ community members starting with an idea for our town to over 100 community members working together to ensure the longevity and sustainability of OUR TOWN! Here is a recap of the things C.O.W.S. has done or helped do since its founding:



Haunted Barn & Trail—held in the fall close to Halloween.

This event attracted over 2,000 visitors to the area in the 2 years it has been held. It also generated the Governor's Hometown award and was a finalist in the coveted Governor's Cup Award!

Housing & Beautification Action Team—an offspring of C.O.W.S.—this group has planted flower boxes and dogwood trees up and

down Main Street! They also started a Beautiful Yard Award, given each month from May to September.

Hoofin' to the Cow 5K Run/Walk held in June 2011 brought over 200 people to our town. Many families participated and made the mile walk pushing kids in strollers or pulling them in wagons! The second annual Hoofin' to the Cow 5K Run/Walk is June 2, 2012.

Meet the Beetles—a Beatles tribute band from Chicago turned back the clock to 1965 during the Homecoming in August. The band played many favorites including "Yellow Submarine", "Eight Days a Week", and "A Hard Days Night".



Victorian Tea Party—Girls of all ages dawned their finest dresses, hats, and gloves to sip tea and eat tea sandwiches and petit fours. Hostess Kristine Renshaw opened her historic home and porch to more than 40 women and young ladies and gave a presentation on the history of Afternoon Tea and Tea Time Etiquette.

There were many other events C.O.W.S. members took part in—those included building and manning the Santa House (which later converted to a Bunny House, Patriotic House, and Harvest House), a Scrap Metal Drive, Little Miss and Mr. Stewardson competition, and a Poker Run. They also contributed to the 4th of July Fireworks, the Community Building, the Ambulance Service, Lions Club, Support the Troops, and the Veterans Memorial.

A Look Back

Here is a picture of the Old General Store owned and operated by Elmer and Grace Falk.

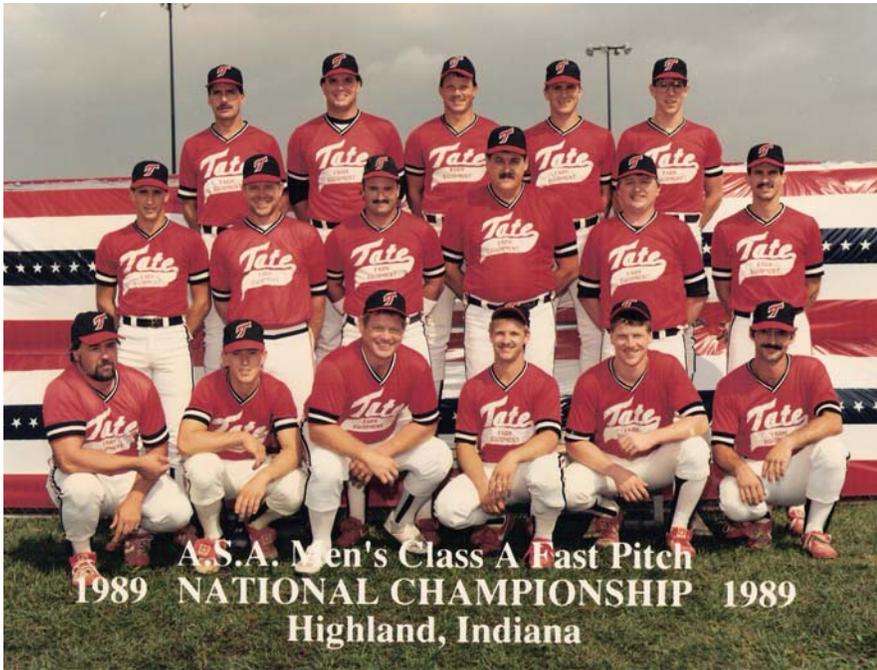
The store was located where the Ooo La La Brides and Prom Queens shop is today at 106 E. Main Street.

Elmer and Grace Falk are the Great-great grandparents of Ooo La La Brides & Prom Queens owner Shauna Kessler Curry.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Tate Farm Equipment Fast Pitch Softball Team
Inducted into Amateur Softball Association Hall of Fame!



2nd Annual Poker Run

Saturday, May 19th

Register between 11am-12:30pm

Motorcycles, Jeeps, Convertibles—All vehicles welcome!

Start at the Orchard and end at Vahling Vineyards. Music starts at 7:00pm. Enjoy a foot long smoked sausage meal. \$10 if preregistered. \$15 day of the ride.

Contact Darcy @ 217-682-3636 for more details.



Stewardson Lion's Club Summer Baseball Program

It is time once again to sign up children for the summer baseball program in Stewardson.

The Summer Baseball Program will have three divisions of play. **Coaches are needed at the T-Ball, Coaches Pitch, and Little League age groups—please help!!!!** It appears that there is not enough interest this year for a 13-15 Pony team. Anyone at this age level is encouraged to try out for the Junior American Legion team.

- T-Ball League for 5-7 year olds.
- Coaches Pitch League for 8-10 year olds.
- Little League for 11-12 year olds.

Most games will begin immediately after Memorial Day. Although Stewardson Lions Club is sponsoring the program, the Club asks that children in the T-Ball and Coaches Pitch League pay \$5.00 for participation while those children in Little League pay \$10.00.

Forms can be found on our website at www.stewardsonil.com.

PLEASE BE SURE TO INCLUDE PAYMENT WITH THE REGISTRATION FORM.

ANY FORM RECEIVED AFTER THE April 9th DEADLINE MUST INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL PAYMENT OF \$5.00.

Please call 217-682-3378 should you have any questions.



Beautiful Yard Award

As spring approaches, many residents will be sprucing up their yards and planting flowers. The C.O.W.S. group, along with the Housing & Beautification Action Team, created a Beautiful Yard of the Month Award last year. The contest begins in May and runs through September. Any Stewardson resident is eligible to win. Judges from outside the community decide who they believe has the Most Beautiful Yard that month. A certificate and sign is given to the owners of the winning yard! Just one more thing for Stewardson residents to be proud of!





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Where are they now?

Melissa Arthur Satterthwaite is the daughter of Jim & Janet Arthur and the granddaughter of Luther "Bus" & Ruby Arthur and Glen & Lela Giesler. Although she now calls Fort Wayne, Indiana her home, she was born and raised in Stewardson! Melissa graduated from Stewardson- Strasburg High School in 1993 and went on to Eastern Illinois University where she graduated in 1999. Melissa spent several years in Urbana working at O'Brien Toyota where she had a wonderful career helping clients buy cars and establishing several close customer relationships. Knowing she would always follow in the family tradition of being a State Farm agent, Melissa knew after 9 years at Toyota it was time to move on. State Farm was in her blood. Joining the State Farm team gave Melissa a career with more flexibility and more purpose. Melissa began her career with State Farm in 2008 and has been an agent now for over 3 years in Fort Wayne, IN.

Melissa's Grandpa Giesler and Aunt Jean Ashbaugh were State Farm Agents. Her Grandpa was her first employer, teaching her several life lessons early on. Melissa says "One thing my Grandpa Giesler told me was it was an honor and privilege to serve his policyholders every day." Melissa feels the exact same way. She works hard every day to bring remarkable customer service to her policyholders. She feels a great sense of pride when telling her policyholders she is a third generation State Farm Agent!

Melissa is married to John Satterthwaite Jr, originally from



Brownstown, Illinois. John is in training to become a State Farm Agent, and will be opening his own State Farm Agency on June 1st in Kendallville, which is a short 25 miles from Melissa's office.

In her spare time, Melissa loves to travel as well as plan Disney trips for people she knows. This has helped her keep connected to central Illinois, as she has planned several trips to Disney World for friends and family in and around Stewardson. Melissa and John were married at Disney World and enjoy vacationing there. In fact, Melissa has been to Disney over 23 times!

Melissa's contact information is as follows:

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