

The Stewardson "Moos"



June 2012

Upcoming Area Events:



- June 22-23rd—Scrap Metal Drive
- June 29th—Wild for Wildman Benefit
- July 1st—Independence Day Celebration: Parade, park activities, food stand, fireworks!
- August 16-18—Stewardson Lion's Club Homecoming



Farmer's Market

Mondays 4:30-6:30pm
NOW—September

@ the Community Bldg
Under the porch!

Locally grown
produce!

Old Fashioned 4th!

It has been a long standing tradition to celebrate the 4th of July a little early in Stewardson. Fireworks and festivities have always been the Sunday before the 4th of July holiday, which will fall on **Sunday July 1st** this year!

Join us for food, a parade, games & activities, music, entertainment, and more! The Stewardson Community Park will be the scene for all the action when the Food Stand opens at 11:00 am for a Pork Chop Dinner with "all the fixings". The Food Stand will close at 2:00 pm but will reopen again for serving from 4:00—8:00 pm. Homemade Ice Cream will be provided by the Stewardson-Strasburg Post-prom Committee as well as shake-ups and snow cones from Big Al's concessions.

The "American Pride Parade" steps off promptly at 3 pm from the ball diamond and will wind its way through town. Following the parade, games and other entertainment will be available at the park. There will be entertainment for all ages throughout the evening. From 4:00 – 6:00 pm, "The Illinois Old Time Fiddlers" will alternate with a local Barbershop Quartet for your enjoyment. At 5:00 pm, a corn hole (bean bag) tournament begins. Ages 16 and older are encouraged to find a partner and sign-up for this event. Entry fee is \$5 per team with the winning team members receiving a \$25 gift card to Stewardson Citgo! Kids games and bounce houses will round out the day's play activities.

A Karate demonstration will be held at 6:00 pm, followed by a performance by Dance Etc. at 7:00 pm. Little Mr. and Miss Stewardson will be crowned at 8:00 pm. Fireworks provided by The Village of Stewardson, with donations by local organizations and individuals, will shoot off at dark.

The "Old Fashioned 4th" in Stewardson will be a day of enjoyment for all ages. We hope you'll join us in the fun!



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2012 Alumni Banquet

The 2012 Stewardson-Strasburg Alumni Banquet was held on Saturday May 26, 2012 at the Stewardson Community Building. 70 alumni and guests gathered to visit and celebrate those who received awards. The social hour entertainment was provided by local pianists- Kathy Yakey, Sheryl Vonderheide, Ruth Anderson, and Julie Slifer. Many thanks to them for sharing their talent with us! A slideshow designed by Ed Anderson for a banquet in 2008 was played on the overhead for all to enjoy.

The evening began with President Heath McCormick leading the group in the pledge of allegiance and the invocation. Our delicious meal was catered by Off Route 32 Café, Stewardson. It was agreed to continue having the banquet on this date each year. The 2013 officers for the alumni association will be President- Darcy Wernsing, Vice-President- Autumn McCormick, Treasurer- Sheila Renner, and Secretary- Lulu Love. The Award Committee for 2013 will be Chairman- Doretta Gordon, 2012 President- Heath McCormick, 2013 President- Darcy Wernsing, 2012 Student award winner- Josh Agapito, and 2013 At Large Member- Marla Brandt. We appreciate these volunteers' hard work and interest in seeing our alumni association continue.

Karen Rentfro, led the award ceremony. In 2011, the award committee had 4 seniors nominated for the Outstanding Student Award. Those seniors were Lucas Helton, Patrick Braden, Gabe Wascher, and Luke Rincker. The winner of the \$100 savings bond was Gabe Wascher. Gabe was present this year to read his

essay for the alumni. This year, the award committee had 3 seniors nominated for the award. Those seniors were Sarah Luce, Brendan Wascher and Josh Agapito. The winner was Josh Agapito. Josh also read his essay for the alumni. The alumni wish the newly graduated seniors the best in their future endeavors!

In 2011, the award committee did not have any nominations for the Outstanding Alumnus or Distinguished Service Awards, so this year we were pleased to have four award recipients.



(Pictured L to R: Gabe Wascher, Josh Agapito, Darlene Eborg, Viola Wetherell, Franklin Brandt, Al Krietemeier)

Alumnus Franklin Brandt was awarded the Distinguished Service award for his 20 plus years coaching basketball and baseball. The Outstanding Alumnus award was granted to three individuals. Darlene (Beitz) Eborg was recognized for her community involvement in the Bloomington area for the past 40 years as well as her work with state Senator Bill Brady. Al Krietemeier was recognized for his extensive work in education, ministry, and coaching. Al shared with us

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some of the thoughts he had on his heart regarding education, growing up in a small town, good lifelong friends and keeping God first in your life. Viola R Wetherell was recognized for her tireless work in her community and family for over 60 years, especially her work with the disabled. Congratulations to these wonderful alumni, we are so proud to recognize the fantastic role models who are tied to our school.

Stewardson-Strasburg Principal Mark Giertz led the group through a slide show of the construction from last summer and fall that updated the school and brought a new Junior High gym to our facilities. Mr. Giertz encouraged the alumni to stop by this summer and take a tour of the facilities at their convenience.

Autumn McCormick, representative for the S-S PTSA, spoke briefly regarding the purpose of this group, its fundraisers and the school needs that the group is hoping to fulfill.

To end the evening, a free will donation was taken. Door prizes included two Stew-Stras tee-shirts from the PTSA and potted plants from His Glories Farm, rural Strasburg.

In closing, President McCormick thanked everyone for coming and encouraged them to return next year with more alumni and to consider having their class reunions in conjunction with the banquet.

-submitted by Autumn McCormick

Scrap Metal Drive June 22 & 23



Do you have old metal appliances or scrap laying around? Turn it into cash for village improvements and future development! C.O.W.S. is again organizing the Annual Stewardson Scrap Metal Drive to be held June 22-23, 2012. Scrap metal will be accepted at the empty lot across from the Off Route 32 Café on Main Street only between the hours of 5 pm – 9 pm on Friday the 22nd and 7 am - 7 pm on Saturday the 23rd.

Don't have access to a truck or trailer? Too much to haul yourself? Call 682-5517 or 343-0474 to arrange for pickup within the village limits.

Just one more project organized by the Community Organization Working for Stewardson to help beautify the Village of Stewardson.

High School State Track

Three Stewardson-Strasburg High School track athletes made it to State in their respective fields. Alex Baumgarten placed 3rd in the Long Jump. This is Alex's fourth year at State, which classifies him as an "All Stater". Jason Becker qualified in the 110 meter hurdles, ran in the semifinals, but didn't make it to the finals. Jason Fry qualified in Shot Put and Discus. Although he didn't make it to the finals in Shot Put, he did in Discus where he placed 8th.

Congratulations!

(Alex Baumgarten during Long Jump competition at State Track Meet)



Photo courtesy of Ed Baumgarten

Where are they now?

Lindsey Anderson Dorn is the daughter of Dana & Marcie Anderson and the granddaughter of Merle and Mary Mechling. When Lindsey left the area, she not only left the state, but left the country! Although Lindsey now calls Germany her home, she was born and raised in rural Stewardson.

Lindsey graduated from Stewardson-Strasburg in 2000. She went on to study German and International Public Service at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. Following SIUC, Lindsey attended Christ for the Nations Institute in Dallas, Texas and the sister campus in Bad Gandersheim, Germany.

Lindsey's interest in all things German started in high school, where she took 3 years of German as a foreign language with teacher Ardis Larvick. Lindsey notes "Frau Larvick was a really inspiring teacher who made the class so much fun. She also gave us the opportunity in 1999 to go on a trip where we as students stayed with German families for a period of time. This experience really made me interested in the culture and language in Germany and I made a lot of friends there who I kept in touch with."

After spending time in the former East Germany and seeing how far the people are from God (because of the old communist government, most were raised into Atheism), Lindsey felt led to go to Germany to do missions work and show the people the love of God. In preparation for this work, Lindsey went to Bible College at Christ for the Nations Institute in Dallas, TX. She finished up her Bible College in Germany, where she met her husband, Tobias. During Bible School she completed an internship at Zukunft für Dich (Future for You) in Berlin. Lindsey knew from this experience that was where she wanted to work. Tobi also had it in his heart to work there and they ended up getting married right after finishing Bible College in 2008. They started working at Zukunft für Dich that fall. Their organization has just bought a farm outside of Berlin where Tobi and Lindsey will soon be moving, along with their two boys. Zechariah, age 3 and Noah, age 1 ½. The farm is going to be a type of rehabilitation center for recovering drug addicts and alcoholics. Tobi and Lindsey will be the house parents there.

Lindsey provided the following information as to what a normal day for her is like: "At the ministry, we meet each morning at 8 a.m. It is here in the same house where we live. We meet and have a time of worship and pray for the people who come here. After that, I either spend time with my kids, depending on the day, or I help prepare for our Kids Club, which is on Saturdays. We write a drama each week for Kids Club, and I help with that. I also meet



with a few students and one adult to help them with their English. During the week, we have a kid's play time, a teen club, kids club, a church small group and church service, which I help with. On top of that, I'm always busy with my kids. It's good that we live here where we work, so I can always be there for the kids and help out with the work here when I have time." Although Lindsey speaks English 100% of the time to her children, she speaks German with everyone else. Lindsey & Tobi want their children to grow up multilingual. By hearing English from Lindsey at home, they will easily pick-up learning the language.

Growing up around Stewardson, Lindsey always thought there wasn't much for kids to do. But now, after living in a big city for a few years, she says it is such a blessing having grown up in the country. "It is so nice for kids to be able to run outside and play and enjoy nature. I'm excited for my kids that we are moving out of the city and onto a farm soon!" Lindsey also mentioned other things we in the US have that aren't available, used, or needed in Germany. They include clothes dryers – Lindsey and family hang up all their clothes to dry. Wal-Mart is also something unheard of in Germany and Europe. Where we in the U.S. can one-stop shop, Europeans must go to several different stores to get everything on their shopping list. Cars are another item often seen as luxury. Although Lindsey and her family have a car, many people do not. Many people use bicycles or walk to get to their destinations within the city. Finally, Lindsey commented how rare a fast food restaurant is in Germany. Although it seems almost every interstate exit in the US has a McDonald's, fast food restaurants are rare in Europe. Instead,

cafés and local bistros service the dining needs.

Lindsey and Tobi, along with other staff members of their organization, are working to show the love of God to East Germans. The following provides additional information about their organization and how you can help, if you so choose.

"Zukunft für Dich (Future for You) is a Christian organization in the former East Berlin which is there to serve and show the love of Christ to street children, those with alcohol and drug problems, prostitutes, and others in need. Our newest project is a farm. Last fall, we bought an old Soviet military base, which we are remodeling and turning into a farm to provide a Christian environment where former alcoholics and drug addicts can receive support and help to overcome their addictions while learning to lead a successful life." Tobi and Lindsey will be working there as the house parents. Lindsey and Tobi are supported missionaries through New Hope Church in Effingham. Their website is www.zukunft-fuer-dich.de and they are also on Facebook under Zukunft für Dich.



A Look Back!

Here is a picture of the old packing house once located at the south end of Stewardson. The following excerpt is from the Stewardson Centennial Book, courtesy of the late Paul Yakey.

In 1876, Mr. F.X. Gress and Joseph Steidle built a square framed packing plant south of town. F. X. Gress sold his interest to William Mietzner in 1887. Albert Mietzner then bought Mr. Steidle's interest in 1888. The Mietzner's did most of their own butchering, without extra employees, and sold the fresh meat through their meat shop on West Main Street. In the late 1890's, Mr. Phingston bought the packing plant and ran it for a few years. He expanded the slaughtering business and employed eight to ten men.

D. M. Duddleston took over the business from Phingston and operated it until 1926. In the early 20's the old frame building burned down and Mr. Duddleston built the brick packing plant. Duddleston also installed a huge diesel engine to power the new packing plant. The pistons in this engine were about eighteen inches in diameter. It was necessary to pump several hundred pounds of air into the engine to get the piston moving fast enough to start the engine. Duddleston sold meat locally and to the surrounding towns. He would travel as a salesman via train and then later ship the meat by rail.

Mr. F. F. Yakey bought the packing plant in 1926 and expanded production and the size of the territory served. Mr. Yakey brought a fleet of trucks to sell his products in 1929, covering a one hundred mile radius from Stewardson. In 1934, the meat business became less profitable and the packing house closed its doors until right before the start of World War II in 1939, operating until 1949. During the peak years, 50 head of cattle a day and 400 head of hogs a week were processed in the plant.

Hoofin' to the Cow—5k Run/Walk

The 2nd Annual Hoofin' To the Cow—5k Run/Walk race was held Saturday, June 2nd. The beautiful weather with mild temperatures was the perfect setting for over 200 individuals to run or walk!

This year, a CHIP timing system was used, allowing automated calculation of runner's time. This feature was a big hit with the participants.

Many local residents came out and participated. Some even brought their kids, many of whom were pushed in strollers or pulled in wagons. This was a great way for families to spend time together while also promoting health through exercise! Thank you to everyone who participated this year as well as our many volunteers. We couldn't do it without you! Mark your calendars for 2013 when we'll be racing again on the first Saturday of June!



... and they're off!



Participants preparing to sign-in before the race!

Congratulations S-S Class of 2012!



Beautiful Yard Award Winners

C.O.W.S. has announced Kevin & Pam Lock are the winners of the May Beautiful Yard Contest. Their yard was beautifully landscaped with hostas, flowering shrubs and pots of blooming flowers. Pictured here representing the C.O.W.S. Housing and Beautification Team are Barb Storm, Tina Vonderheide, and Bethanie and Brian Flach presenting the award to Kevin and Pam Lock.



The winners of the June Beautiful Yard Contest were Cary & Barb Storm. Their yard showcased all types of flowering perennials, bushes, and roses. Pictured here representing the C.O.W.S. Housing and Beautification Team are Tina Vonderheide and Gloria Bugenhagen presenting the award to Barb and Cary Storm.

Bugenhagen presenting the award to Barb and Cary Storm.

Many residents of Stewardson have worked hard to get their yards in top condition, to improve their landscaping, and to help in the overall beautification of Stewardson. The Housing and Beautification Action Team of C.O.W.S. wants to recognize these beautiful yards. More winners will be announced in July, August, and September. All Stewardson residents are encouraged to participate!



2nd Annual Poker Run

C.O.W.S. sponsored the 2nd Annual Big Sausage Poker Run on Saturday May 19th. There were 72 individuals registered for the poker hand along with 10 other individuals just along for the drive. Patty Everett won the worst hand while Karla Schultz won the best hand. Cary Storm was the big winner of a \$500 Citgo gift card. The run started with registration in Effingham at the Orchard Inn. It then travelled to Montrose to Dozer's, then on to Mattoon to the Custom Smoke House Bar & Grill. Sullivan's The Landing was the next stop before heading south to Third Base in Strasburg. The run ended at Vahling Vineyards. 50/50 drawings were held at each stop and door prizes were raffled off too. Over 150 meals were served at Vahling's where people gathered for good food and great music, courtesy of Good Wood. The meal was served by the Stewardson Lion's Club and C.O.W.S. volunteers. The catered meal consisted of a Foot long sausage, baked beans, and potato salad.

If you missed out this year, be sure to join us next year for the 3rd annual run!

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WILD FOR WILDMAN

Benefit Hog Roast for Mark Wildman

June 29, 4:00— 8:00 pm

Stewardson Strasburg School

- Kids Carnival
- Pedal Tractor Pull
- Dunk Tank
- Cake Walk
- Auction—7pm



Monetary Donations can be made at the Prairie National Bank in Stewardson or the Shelby County State Bank in Strasburg.

To donate items for the auction, contact Sara Long at 217-821-7384.

To volunteer, contact Cinda Held at 217-644-3156 or 682-3355.

Proceeds will go to help Mark with ongoing medical expenses due to his illness.