

The Stewardson "Moos"



November 2013

Upcoming Area Events:



- November 27th—
Stew-Stras Homecoming Basketball Game
- December 1st—
Snowflake Social—
Community Building
- December 14-15—
Pictures with Santa

Snowflake Social

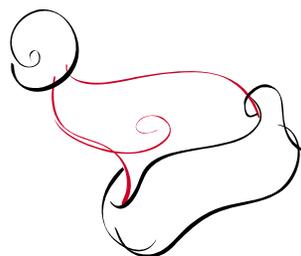
To celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season, a Snowflake Social will be held in the Stewardson Community Building on Sunday, December 1st from 5-6pm. The public is invited to join in the fellowship of an old fashioned soup supper beginning at 5pm. Santa will arrive to greet visitors at 5:30pm. At 6pm, Santa will use his magic to "flip the switch" on the Snowflake Christmas lights displayed up and down Main Street.



Free-will donations of non-perishable food items, toiletries, and cleaning supplies are appreciated. Specific items of need include: Individual packages of cereal, individual packages of oatmeal, soup packets, packaged snacks, granola bars, fruit snacks, individual macaroni & cheese bowls, ramen noodles, ready to eat meals, pop top canned food – tuna, soup, and individual fruit bowls. Donations will be used to supplement area organizations.

Plans are underway to purchase additional Snowflake lights to extend further down Main Street. If you or your business would like to donate to the cause, please contact Kris Renshaw at 217-682-3876. Struggling with Christmas ideas? C.O.W.S will send a note that records a contribution has been made in honor of a loved one. Help brighten Stewardson for the Christmas holidays!

We would love for this event to also be a time of fellowship for individuals within our community who might not be able to attend many events or have the financial means to pay for meals. If you have a friend, family member, or neighbor who would enjoy homemade soup and fellowship, please offer to bring them to join in the festivities. We want ALL residents to take part. Come join your friends and neighbors as Stewardson celebrates the Christmas season!



Santa Claus is coming to town!

Come visit with Santa at his house in Stewardson on Saturday, December 14 from 9-11 am and Sunday, December 15 from 1-3 pm. Santa's elves will be serving cookies and hot cocoa from 1-3pm on Sunday. Bring the whole family for a picture with Santa for only \$5.00

Little Free Library Update

Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life. Libraries change lives for the better. –Sidney Sheldon

The COWS Little Free Library project is underway. We are so excited with the progress and the interest that these gems are bringing to our town. If you haven't heard yet, Little Free Libraries foster literacy and the love of reading. They also promote community and connection among neighbors. The Little Free Library organization began in 2010 in Wisconsin and has grown internationally since then. Stewardson now has two official LFL's and three awaiting their official numbers. We also have three ready for their permanent homes. Arlene McCormick at 418 E Main St has LFL #5608 and will be installing a children's library next to her current one this winter. Barb Storm at 311 S Pine



Arlene McCormick's LFL # 5608



Lisa Blythe's Library

has LFL #8504. Sandra Friese just opened her patriotic library at 302 S. Spruce. Lisa Blythe opened her quaint library this fall at 218 N Cedar. Betty Manhke at 425 N. Vine has a beautiful dollhouse library. Carolyn Crim, Greta Cooper, and Tina Vonderheide will be joining the group of stewards that are making our town the best READ place around!

Take a book, Bring a book, Read a book! The idea behind these libraries is that the books are always free, never for sale. The stewards keep their libraries stocked with books that interest them or their readers' favorites and their customers bring books to share with others. But if you don't have a book to share, not to worry, please come and take a book anyway. Think of our libraries this winter when the snow is flying and you are curled up on the sofa... what a perfect time for reading!!

You can follow Stewardson's libraries on Facebook- Like the page "Little Free Libraries of Stewardson, Illinois". Other questions can be directed to Autumn McCormick 217-690-8930.



Barb Storm's Library



Betty Manhke's Library

We Remember

Reverend Richard Bremer, pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Stewardson, passed away on October 28, 2013 after a long battle with cancer. Pastor Bremer was a member of the MAPPING group which helped establish the C.O.W.S. group in Stewardson. We remember Pastor's wife Sharon and children during their time of grief.



Pastor Richard Bremer and wife Sharon.

State Champions!

Stewardson Trinity Cardinals Volley Ball won the Lutheran Schools State Tournament November 3rd in Springfield. The Lady Cardinals defeated Belleville—Zion 25-14, 19-25, 25-18. Megan Schlechte was named MVP and was on the All State Team with teammate Calla Roney. Congratulations Lady Cardinals! We are proud of you!



Coach Ronda Schlechte, Megan Schlechte, and Calla Roney.



The team celebrating with parents and fans!

Follow the news!!



Shelby County News.net (www.shelbycountynews.net), an online newspaper is adding a section for Stewardson. We are a bustling community with so much going on that they will be creating our own corner of the world to help everyone keep up with the news. This section will be called "My Neck of the Woods" and written by Patty Everett. When there is something happening - from a military person coming home, a special visitor, something positive happening, to the many events that go on, let's HEAR it Stewardson! You can contact Patty via email at stewardsonnews@gmail.com, or phone @ 217-821-2512.

State Runner Up!

The Stewardson-Strasburg Lady Comets made an impressive run to State in Class 1A Volleyball this year. The state tournament was held November 14-15th at ISU Redbird Arena in Bloomington, IL. On Thursday, the Lady Comets defeated New Athens 25-12, 25-23 to advance to the Championship game on Friday. The Comets met last year's 1A State Champions Rockford Keith Country Day in the championship round. The Lady Cougars proved to be too much for the Lady Comets, defeating them 25-18, 25-17. The Lady Comets ended the season with an impressive 2nd Place finish in Class 1A! Congratulations ladies! We are very proud of you!



4th Annual Stewardson Christmas Trail of Lights

Join the 4th Annual Stewardson Christmas Trail of Lights! If your address is Stewardson, Illinois, your home or business is eligible to participate in the Stewardson Christmas Trail of Lights! Judging of the outside decorations will take place on Saturday, December 14th from 6-9 pm. "Judges' Choice" award winners will be announced on Sunday, December 15th at 3 pm at the Stewardson Santa House on Main Street in Stewardson. Join Santa and his elves for cookies and hot cocoa from 1-3 pm on Sunday, December 15th.

1st place winner will receive \$75. 2nd place winner will receive \$50. 3rd place winner will receive \$25.

Registration forms are available for download at www.stewardsonil.com or can be picked up at Stewardson CITGO, Prairie National Bank, and Personalities. The deadline for all entries is December 9, 2013.

Join in the fun as the Stewardson community celebrates the Christmas holidays!

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Good Eats!



The Stewardson Firefighters hosted a pancake and sausage breakfast on November 2nd. The breakfast was a fundraiser for the firemen to purchase needed equipment and supplies for the department. Two hundred people attended the breakfast in support of the department. Fire hats were given to the children that attended the breakfast. The firefighters of Stewardson want to thank all who came and supported them!



Exploring Stewardson

Stewardson was the place to be on Friday, November 1st. Businesses kept their doors open late for visitors to see what Stewardson has to offer. Stewardson Builders Supply, Personalities, Ooo La La Brides & Prom Queens, Prairie National Bank, Dance etc., Mane Design Salon, Stremming's Custom Cabinets, A Sign Store & More, and the Stewardson Fire & Ambulance Service were participating businesses. From a chance to win a \$1000 shopping spree to dress sales, a food pantry drive, and blood pressure & blood sugar screenings, the evening was packed full of things to see and do. The community building was also full of a wide variety of local crafters and vendors. This was the second year for Exploring Stewardson. Thank to all who joined us. Please make plans to join us next year too!

Scaredy Cats!

C.O.W.S. was at it again this year with the Annual Haunted Barn & Trail. The location moved from Cap Vonderheide's



farm to downtown Stewardson (buildings between Ooo La La and A Sign Store & More). This "Hell's Half Acre" provided lots of haunts for guests looking for a good fright! This was the

fourth year for the Haunted Barn & Trail. Always held in October near Halloween, the funds raised go towards C.O.W.S. work on their strategic vision for the community and its future economic development. Volunteers are always in demand so if you'd like to help get your freak on next year, please contact a C.O.W.S. member!

Thank you to all who helped with this year's event and to all those who came for the guided fright tours! We hope to see you again next year!

