

# The Stewardson "Moos"



April 2013

## Upcoming Area Events:



- April 2—Community Forum at Stewardson Community Bldg.
- April 4—Community Forum at Strasburg Community Bldg.
- April 20—Hog Roast @ Community Building
- April 28—Teresa Foreman Benefit
- May 6—Kindergarten Open House @ Stew-Stras
- May 6-10—Stew-Stras Book Fair in Library
- May 24—8th Grade Graduation
- May 25—Alumni Banquet
- May 26—H.S. Graduation
- June 1—C.O.W.S. 5k Race
- June 15—Lions Club Tractor Pull
- June 22—C.O.W.S. Jeep Run
- June 30—Stewardson 4th of July Celebration
- Aug 3—C.O.W.S. Scavenger Hunt
- Aug 23-25—Stewardson Lions Club Homecoming

## Spring is here!

Dear Stewardson,

Hello, my name is Brian Flach the current C.O.W.S. President. I wanted to give a quick update on some of the projects we are currently working on.

- New welcome signs on the highway. (These were displayed and voted on at last year's Fourth of July and Homecoming.) The signs have been ordered and we hope to have them installed this spring.
- We are also starting a project called "Little Library", which is intended to promote reading and literacy. This program is based on the honor system and will supply free books. The idea is to stock the Little Libraries with books for all ages. Then if I take one out to read I replace it with another book that someone else may be interested in reading. A local man is building one now and we intend on adding a few more. If you are interested in building one please contact me, I am in the phone book. If you would like to donate any books you can drop them off at Personalities on Main Street.
- Our downtown buildings are our biggest and most labor intensive projects to date. With the second donation of a building this past fall we have demolished and hauled off a wooden garage structure which was a dilapidated eye sore, as well as the demolition of an old addition on the back of the building on Main Street. We have managed to save most of the brick from that part of the building to be reused or sold, and we are just about finished with the new roof!! The work inside the building has been going great. We have torn out a wall and put in a new support beam down the middle of the floor and are working on removing the old subfloor and laying new down. In the next few weeks we plan to have the floor done and will then turn our attention to reframing the ceiling.

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## Stewardson-Strasburg Education Fund Tax Rate Proposal—April 9th Election

The April 9<sup>th</sup> election brings an education fund tax rate proposal to the citizens of Stewardson-Strasburg school district. A public forum was held at the Stewardson-Strasburg High School gymnasium on Thursday, March 7th. Over 200 citizens attended the informational meeting to learn more about the proposed referendum. The community forum presentation along with the Q&A notes can be found on the District's homepage at <http://www.sscusd.k12.il.us/>

Two additional meetings are planned to provide question and answer time to all members of the district wishing to learn more. The Stewardson community building will be the site for the first meeting on Tuesday April 2nd at 7pm. The second meeting will be held in Strasburg at the community building on Thursday April 4th at 7pm.

The decisions made in the voter's booth regarding the tax referendum will help determine the future of our District and also directly impact our communities. For additional information, contact Superintendent Steve Harsy via email at [harsys@sscusd.k12.il.us](mailto:harsys@sscusd.k12.il.us) or by phoning 217-682-3355. Steve also welcomes any community member to visit him at the school to discuss questions or concerns in person.

## School Board Elections

Three seats on the Stewardson-Strasburg School Board are up for election on April 9th. Current members Bob Schlechte and Chad Smith are both seeking re-election. Board member Leroy Helmuth is not seeking re-election. Newcomers Stephanie Rentfro, Julie Slifer, and Robert Quast are also vying for seats on the board.



## Prairie Township Elections

Candidates running for township positions are: Supervisor—Larry Root, Clerk—Tina Vonderheide, Trustees—David Tabbert, John Yakey, Roy Bartels, Cody Johnson, and write-in candidate David Baumgarten. Road commissioner candidates are Ervin Mueller and Michael Kessler.

## Village of Stewardson Elections

Stewardson voters will be voting on Tuesday, April 9th to elect a Mayor, Village Clerk and three Village Trustees. Those running for office are Paul Antrim for Mayor and Jim Arthur, Adam Grieco, Matt Shumard and Stuart Vonderheide for Trustee. No individuals have filed for the Clerk position.

Those currently serving but not seeking re-election include: Mayor, Lowell Moomaw; Clerk, Candie Kessler; and Village Trustees: Teresa Beals, Keith Kirby, and Ron Moomaw. When you see these individuals, please be sure to thank them for their service and dedication to Stewardson.

Voting on April 9th will occur from 6 am - 7 pm.

**Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting.**

~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

## Hoofin' to the Cow—5k Run/Walk

The 3rd Annual Hoofin' to the Cow-5k Run/Walk will be held Saturday, June 1st. Each year, over 200 participants moooooo-ve into Stewardson to run or walk their way around town. The race will start at 8:30am. All pre-registered runners/walkers of the 5k will receive a Hoofin' to the Cow t-shirt if the registration form and \$20 fee is received by May 21st. Registration fee the day of the race is \$25 and does not include a t-shirt. Those wishing to walk or run the One mile course can do so for a \$10 registration fee (does not include t-shirt) or \$20 (includes to-shirt) by May 21st. CHIP timing will be used again at this year's race. Look for more information and the registration forms on the C.O.W.S. Facebook page.

The C.O.W.S. group is also looking for area businesses or individuals to help sponsor this event. Sponsorship levels are \$25 / \$50 / \$100. Your business name or family/individual name will be listed on each race shirt participants receive. For an additional \$10, you can increase your sponsorship and have your name put on the t-shirts for the Jeep Run being held June 22nd. *(See page 5 of this newsletter for more information on the Jeep Run.)*

## Beautiful Yard

C.O.W.S. will be awarding Beautiful Yards again this summer through the months of May-September. Recognition will also go to the most Patriotic Yard which will be awarded the week of the 4th of July. Yards are judged by an individual outside the community. Judges drive through the Village of Stewardson and choose their favorite for the best groomed yards in town. Judging takes place the last weekend of the month. Winners are presented a sign to display in their yard to show they were chosen as having the most beautiful yard that month!



Know someone who would like to receive the Stewardson Moos Newsletter but doesn't have email? We're now offering the Stewardson Moos via snail mail. Contact Prairie National Bank or call Tina Vonderheide at 217-343-0474 to get on our mailing list.

## Garden Club

The Garden Club will be at it again this year, beautifying downtown Stewardson. Flowers will be planted in all the new flower boxes. Some boxes were donated by individuals and others were purchased by C.O.W.S.



The Garden Club is looking for individuals to help water and maintain the beautiful flower boxes throughout the summer as well as help with other beautification projects within the village.

If you would like to become a Garden Club member, contact Tina Vonderheide @ 217-343-0474 or email [cowsgroup@gmail.com](mailto:cowsgroup@gmail.com).

**Don't ever question the value of volunteers. Noah's Ark was built by volunteers; the Titanic was built by professionals.**

~Dave Gynn

## Teresa Foreman Benefit

Sunday, April 28th—Trinity Lutheran Church Gym

Meal & silent auction from 11am—1pm.

Entertainment by Illinois Old Time Fiddlers at 11:30am

Meal includes: Fried Chicken, hash brown casserole, chips, green beans, coleslaw, rolls, and dessert.  
Culvers custard will also be available for purchase.

Teresa was born with a complicated heart defect. In May of 1973 at age 3 1/2 , Teresa had her first open-heart surgery. Doctors made 4 major corrections to her heart. In 1997, she had her third open-heart surgery where they replaced her pulmonary valve and artery and put a new conduit in to help with blood flow. With this history, Teresa has never qualified for health insurance.

In December 2012, Teresa had a perforated appendix. Due to her heart history, she had to have surgery at Barnes in St. Louis. She was in the hospital 5 days with 2 days spent in ICU. She has amassed bills from St. Anthony's in Effingham, Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, Washington University in St. Louis, and an ambulance bill for her transport to St. Louis. All of these bills must be paid and since Teresa has no insurance due to her heart defect, she must pay the bills out of pocket.



The Women of Trinity Lutheran Church are sponsoring this benefit for Teresa. The money raised will help Teresa pay for her medical bills. Along with a delicious meal, a silent auction will take place from 11am—1pm. The Illinois Old-Time Fiddlers will also provide entertainment beginning at 11:30am.

For more information or to donate silent auction items, call Trinity Church Office at 217-682-5722. Monetary donations may be made to the Teresa Foreman Medical Expense Fund at Prairie National Bank in Stewardson.

## Follow the news!!



Shelby County News.net ([www.shelbycountynews.net](http://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](mailto:stewardsonnews@gmail.com), or phone @ 217-821-2512. You can also drop off information at Personalities on Main St. in Stewardson.

## Jeep Run

The C.O.W.S group will be hosting a Jeep run (all vehicles welcome) on Saturday, June 22nd. The jeep/vehicle drive will go from destination to destination and will end at the Stewardson Community Building. A meal will be served at the Community Building. There will also be music and a dance. Half of all proceeds will go to the Stewardson Volunteer Firemen in Honor of Don Everett. Watch for more details on the C.O.W.S. Facebook page.

## Lions Club Activities

The Stewardson Lions Club will be having their annual June Tractor Pull on the 15th at the Lions Club Track. The tractor pull weigh in is at 8am with the pull starting at 9am. There will be a food tent serving sandwiches, beverages, and beer. Last year the event was a great success with high attendance.

The Stewardson Homecoming has changed dates this year. The Homecoming will be Friday-Sunday August 23-25th. The tractor pull will be on Saturday, August 24th with the Queen Coronation on Sunday afternoon. More details of the Homecoming activities will be available at a later date.

## 4th of July Celebration

The Stewardson 4th of July celebration will be Sunday, June 30th. A meal will kick off the day's festivities. The C.O.W.S. group will serve a Pork Chop dinner from 11am-1pm at the Stewardson Community building. The Stewardson Fire Department is overseeing the parade, which will step off at 3pm. Games and fun activities will be provided after the parade along with food at the park. The Food stand will be open until 8:00pm. Fireworks will be provided by the Village of Stewardson starting at dusk.

Make your plans now to celebrate in Stewardson on Sunday, June 30th!



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For all the volunteer work on the building, I would like to recognize and thank Aaron Kaufman, Philip Kaufman, Richard Kaufman, Nate Wascher, Cody Johnson, Larry Renshaw, Casey Musson, Larry Root, Stuart Vonderheide for use of Skid Loader and truck, the Moomaw boys for taking out the old elevator, G&G Gutters for donation of gutters and labor to install them and also Stewardson Builders Supply for their continued community support and for lifting the rafters and sheet metal up to the roof for us. They have all been amazing to work with and if I have missed anyone I apologize.

Again the C.O.W.S. would like you to know how much we appreciate all of you who have supported us over the past two years. I continue to meet so many kind and generous people within our community that are excited about the things the C.O.W.S. organization is doing and willing to lend a helping hand when it is needed. The support has been awesome whether it is helping at some of our events, donations, patronizing our events or just recognizing us for our hard work. It really means a lot to us and shows the quality of the individuals who call Stewardson home. Also a BIG THANK YOU to any and all who have made donations over the past two years. We hope that some of these donations will help us become a more self-sustained organization working for the betterment of our community. I hope to see you soon at our next events!

## Alumni Banquet—May 25th

The Stewardson-Strasburg Alumni Association officers have made plans for the annual alumni banquet scheduled for Saturday, May 25, 2013. The banquet will be held at the Stewardson Community Building. The theme of the night will be "Sweet happenings in Stewardson and Strasburg".

Social hour begins at 5 PM followed by a Culver's catered dinner at 6 PM. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Tickets are available for purchase until May 18 at Prairie National Bank in Stewardson, Shelby County State Bank in Strasburg, and Stewardson Builders Supply in Stewardson.

Supper menu includes rosemary chicken and roast beef along with appropriate sides. Dessert will be a delicious sundae bar. Supper is generously donated by Debolt Accounting and Debolt Enterprises, Culver's of Effingham. Thank you to the Debolt family for their continued support of the alumni association.

Entertainment will be at 7 PM with representatives from SCAN and C.O.W.S. giving updates on the progress they have made for our towns.

The committee is seeking nominees for the Outstanding Alumnus and Distinguished Service Awards. Criteria for these awards is on page 7 of this newsletter. Nomination letters should be mailed to Stew-Stras Alumni Awards 1014 E Washington Street Bloomington, IL 61701 or email at [dorettaeg@gmail.com](mailto:dorettaeg@gmail.com) by April 26, 2013.

The Classes of 1992, 1993 (20 years), and 1994 are planning to have a class reunion this evening. Space is available for other classes to have reunions as well. Direct any questions you may have to Darcy Wernsing at 217-663-2956 or Autumn McCormick at 217-690-8930. We look forward to seeing you at this year's banquet!



## Bravo! Congrats!

The Trinity Lutheran School volleyball team recently placed 2nd in the Southern IL Jr. High Athletic Assoc. The team had an undefeated season and post season except for the final game.

Congrats Lady Cardinals on a great season!

## Stewardson-Strasburg Alumni Award Nominations Criteria

*Reference Alumni Banquet article on page 6*

The **Outstanding Alumnus Award** is presented to a person who graduated at least ten (10) years ago from either Stewardson, Strasburg, or Stew-Stras High School, or who has obtained a GED credited to the S-S School District; and achieved success in his or her chosen field.

Nominees for the **Distinguished Service Award** must have completed at least five (5) years of employment with the school district and show favorable portrayal of school goals.

Letters of nomination should address the criteria described above for each award respectively. Additionally, letters of nomination should be signed and contain contact information of the nominating party to include address, telephone number, and email (if available). The due date for

all nominations is **Friday, May 3, 2013**. Send all nominations to:

Stew-Stras Alumni Awards  
Attn: D. Gordon  
1014 E Washington St.  
Bloomington, IL 61701.

## Summer Baseball and Softball Activities

Stewardson T-Ball League for 5-7 yr. olds and Coaches Pitch League for 8-10 yr. olds will be held at the ball diamonds in Stewardson. Most games will begin immediately after Memorial Day. The Stewardson Lions Club is sponsoring the program. Cost is \$5 per participant. Deadline for your entry is April 8th. Any form received after April 8 include an additional payment of \$5. Please call 217-682-3378 should you have any questions.



Strasburg T-Ball League for Pre-K and Kindergarten and Coaches Pitch League for 1st-2nd graders will be held at the Strasburg Lions Club ball diamond. T-Ball games will be on Monday nights at 6pm. Coaches Pitch games will be on Monday nights at 6:45pm. Contact Bob Schlechte at 217-644-2290 for more info.

## Scavenger Hunt

The Stewardson C.O.W.S. group will be hosting a scavenger hunt on Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> with registration beginning at 5:00 pm. The cost is \$30 per team. Each team can consist of up to 5 members. We will meet at the Stewardson Park for registration. You must be at least 18 yrs. old to enter with one member of the team at least 21 yrs. old. The grand prize will be \$100 cash! There will be a second place of \$75 awarded as well. Start planning your team now and we will see you in August!



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## We remember

On February 21, 2013 the C.O.W.S. group lost a dear friend, Donald Everett. Don contributed many hours to help our organization grow. He was always there to help with any of the C.O.W.S. events from set-up to tear-down and anything in between. Our sympathy goes to his wife Patty, their three children, and their extended family.

On March 2, 2013 Stewardson lost a dear friend and former business owner Jean Ann Ashbaugh. Jean Ann worked for 20+ years as a State Farm agent in Stewardson on Main Street. She loved to support the town and the children of the community. Our sympathy goes to Jean Ann's husband David and daughter Chelsea along with her mother Lela Giesler and their extended family.

Pictures of work being done on the C.O.W.S. building along Main Street. See President Brian Flach's message on Page 1 for more information.

