

# The Stewardson "Moos"



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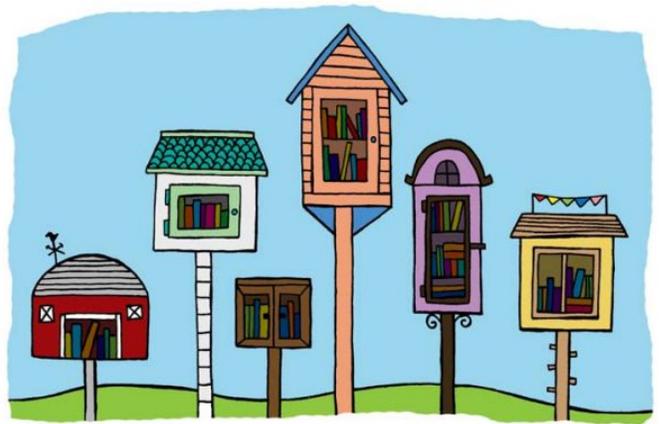
## Upcoming Area Events:



- May 10th—Stewardson Town-Wide Yard sales
- May 18th—Lookin' for Libraries Event
- May 24th—S-S Alumni Banquet
- May 30th—8th Grade Promotion
- May 31st—C.O.W.S. 5k Fun Run/Walk
- June 1st—High School Graduation
- June 14th—Lions Club Tractor Pull
- June 29th—Fourth of July Celebration at Stewardson Park
- July 19th—Community Building Fundraiser
- July 26th—Jeep Run
- August 22-23—Stewardson Lions Homecoming

## Lookin' for Libraries!

The Little Free Libraries of Stewardson, IL are celebrating their first year of operation with an event for the whole family brought to you by C.O.W.S. on Sunday, May 18, at 3 PM. Come to the Stewardson Community Center to get your map of the town



and its libraries. As you walk, drive or bike ride through town, visit each library and receive a stamp from the steward at each library. There are 10 libraries for you to find! After your map is full of stamps, return to the community center for refreshments, story time at 4:30 PM and enter for your chance to win an Amazon Kindle! Story time will be extra special with some of your favorite characters reading to the children in person. We hope you can join us for this special afternoon. If you need more information, contact Autumn McCormick at 217-690-8930 or check out our website on Facebook "Little Free Libraries of Stewardson, Illinois".

## 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!

## Stewardson-Strasburg Alumni Banquet

The Stewardson-Strasburg Alumni Association officers have made plans for the annual alumni banquet scheduled for Saturday, May 24, 2014. The banquet will be held at the Stew-Stras High School Gym. The theme of the night is "School Daze".

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 17 at Prairie National Bank in Stewardson and Shelby County State Bank in Strasburg. Supper menu includes rosemary chicken and BBQ pork along with delicious sides. Dessert will be a sundae bar.

Following the business meeting and presentation of awards, entertainment will be at 7 PM with a skit written by the late Noberta Renshaw and directed by her daughter, Anita Renshaw. "School Daze" is a reminder of days gone by with a one room schoolhouse and a long cast of hilarious characters. Twenty alumni have received their scripts and will be ready to entertain you!

The committee is seeking nominees for the Outstanding Alumnus and Distinguished Service Awards. Criteria for these awards can be obtained from Marla Brandt. Nomination letters should be mailed to Stew-Stras Alumni Awards c/o Marla Brandt 2728 E 700 North Rd, Stewardson, IL 62463. Nominations must be received by May 2, 2014 for consideration.

Reunions are welcome at the banquet. Please call Autumn McCormick 217-690-8930 with questions.

## Garden Club

The Garden Club will once again be maintaining the flower boxes and trees in downtown Stewardson.

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).



## 5k Fun Run/Walk

On your mark, get set, RUN! The C.O.W.S. 4th Annual 5k Fun Run/Walk is Saturday May 31st. Check-in begins at 7:30am with the races beginning at 8:30am from the Stewardson Community Building.

Pre-registered runners/walkers of the 5k will receive a Hoofin' to the Cow t-shirt if registration form and \$20 fee is received by May 19th. Registration fee the day of the race is \$25 and does not include the t-shirt. Participants of the One Mile course will receive a t-shirt if the registration form and \$20 entry fee is received by May 19th. One mile registration fee the day of the race is \$10. CHIP timing will be used.

The One mile course is a great course for all ages. Grab the family and come walk your way around town! Children 12 and under participate in the One mile course for FREE. If they're too young to walk the course, feel free to push them in a stroller or pull them in a wagon! If walking's not your thing, you can still support the racers. If your home is along the route, please come out and cheer the racers on!

Volunteers are still needed. If you'd like to help the day of the race, please contact Tina Vonderheide at 217-343-0474 or email [cowsgroup@gmail.com](mailto:cowsgroup@gmail.com). We hope to see you on the 31st!

## Little Free Library Update



Ron and Lisa Blythe are avid readers at 218 North Cedar Street in Stewardson, IL. Opening a little free library in their front yard is the perfect way to move their books out of the house and share them with the public. Their library is #11486 on the Little Free Library organization list. It was built by local woodworker, Larry Schultz. It has a wide range of books from preschool to adult and a selection of seasonal material. Lisa became interested in reading when her children were young and she was a stay at home. She loves murder mystery and anything by Janet Evanovich, James Patterson, or Steve Martini. Lisa has been stepping out of her beloved genre selecting books from other little free libraries in town, even biographies.

Lisa likes to decorate with the seasons and is finding her library an extension of that hobby. She intends on changing her books with the season- for example, she has plenty of Goosebump books for Halloween. Lisa posts on her Facebook page when she updates the stacks in her library, usually about once a month. She's pleased to notice several regular patrons. She sings the praises of the little free library system wherever she goes. Make sure you take time to swing by her library this summer. It is surrounded by a gorgeous flower bed and there may be an iris tuber or other plant she wants to share with you.

Little Free Library #11641 is in Sandra Friese's front yard at 302 S. Spruce St. Stewardson, IL. This library has special meaning to Sandra. She and her late husband, Kenny, have a long history of service to the United States and her library is a beautiful symbol of their love of country. Local woodcrafter, Larry Schultz, built this library last year and finished it off with a red, white, and blue color scheme. Sandra was thrilled to put it in her yard and carried the patriotic theme through the landscape around the library: tri-colored post, white rock, colored brick, and Uncle Sam standing next to the library. You would think that the library contains old war books or military based novels, but Sandra is an eclectic reader with a variety of books in her library. Clive Cussler, Jan Karon, James Rollins, Margaret Brownley, the Hunger Games books are just a few of the 20 books packed in her library.

Sandra developed her love of reading from a dear friend and neighbor, Noberta Renshaw, who encouraged her to read. That love of reading has passed on to Sandra's children and grandchildren and she's hoping to reach friends and neighbors through her library.

Sandra is a member of C.O.W.S. and wanted to establish a library in town. The committee was unable to overcome the expense of upkeep and maintenance on a building and staff that is only open certain hours. Sandra is thrilled to be a part of the Little Free Library stewards who are making the dream of a local library a reality for Stewardson. There is something about the 24/7 availability, multiple choices, convenient locations that make the Little Free Library the perfect solution for small town America.



If you would like more information about the Little Free Libraries, you can visit their website at [www.littlefreelibrary.org](http://www.littlefreelibrary.org) or you can check the Facebook page of Little Free Libraries of Stewardson, Illinois.

## State Champs!

Trinity Lutheran School's volleyball team won the SIJHSAA State Tournament on March 29th. The Cardinals ended their amazing season at 27-1. Congratulations Lady Cardinals!



## 4th of July Celebration

The Stewardson 4th of July celebration will be Sunday June 29th. 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 Fire Department will host the annual parade which will step off at 4pm this year. Other activities including entertainment by Dance, Etc., Little Miss & Mr. pageant, and the 2nd Annual Mr. Heifer contest will be at the park following the parade.

Make your plans now to celebrate in Stewardson on Sunday, June 29th!



## Flower Sale!

Looking for a BEAUTIFUL Mother's Day gift...how about a Flowering Hanging Basket! The Women of Trinity will be selling Hanging Baskets Saturday, May 10th from 7:30-11:30am on Main Street in Stewardson (in Betty Noffke's driveway).



\$15 each or  
2 for \$25!

## Community Building Fundraiser

July 19th from 4-7pm, the Community Building Board is hosting a Hog Roast at the community Building. This is a fundraiser to help aid in the purchase of round tables and a stage for the building. The menu includes Rope sausage, baked beans, grilled cabbage, cole slaw, and desserts. A Free will donation will be taken and there will be a 50/50 drawing.



"This country will not be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in."

- Theodore Roosevelt

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