

Village of Steward Newsletter

September 1, 2021

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2019 Water Report (CCR) is out
and can be found on our web-
site, www.stewardil.com.



Lucas Smardo is our 2021 Outstanding Citizen! He generously shares his singing talent! In particular, he sang "Steward Song" at the Arbor Day Celebration, a composition by Emmett Barnes and Pauline Cultra. He also performed in DeKalb's Stagecoach Players. Congratulations, Lucas!

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Needed! Volunteer fire-
fighters. Apply Monday
nights at the Fire Station.



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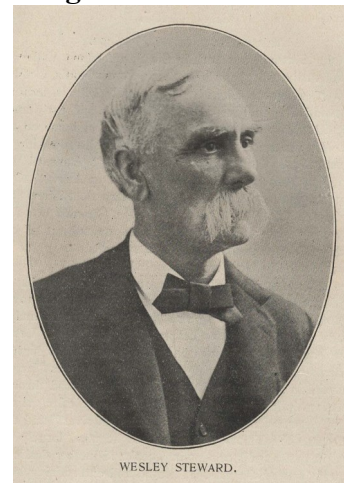
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Looking Back



Wesley Steward was generous with his time, abilities, and money. While farming and tending to his various businesses, Wesley Steward found time to serve his community on the Alto Township Board and as the executive head commissioner of the drainage district. Wesley donated the right of way land and worked to bring the railroad to Alto Township. He served as Railroad Superintendent. Wesley Steward was instrumental in building the church, parsonage, first depot and post office in Steward. To secure a preacher for the new church, Wesley guaranteed the preacher's first year's salary and provided the parsonage. Les Bonnell

References: *The History of Steward IL 60553*, *A History of the Town of Steward*

VIPs

We have some VIPs among us! Yes! ***Volunteers Improving and Preserving Steward!*** Laura Salazar and



Bonnie Macklin co-chair this group. VIPs have been taking turns mow-

ing and weed whacking the Village properties. VIPs are “Sal” Salazar, Laura Salazar, Terry Macklin, Rylee Bates, Richard Watkins, Jack Pavlak, Matthew Moore, Tom Huels, and Hugh McKiski. VIPs who have worked on the Main Street sidewalk project are Hugh McKiski, Les Bonnell, Tom and Gavin Altepeter, Mark Jensen, Rylee Bates, and Tim Mendez. Celebration Garden workers are Laura Salazar, Logan Frye, Karen Bonnell, Anonymous, and Pauline Cultra.

The Village appreciates your volunteerism and applauds your efforts. Others may join VIPs today! Sign up in the Post Office. Terry Macklin commented that if every family in town took just one turn mowing each season, we’d be covered!



Girl Scouts are starting a Pollinator Garden along the south side of the park! We appreciate their efforts to build a better world.

Welcome!

Welcome to Rylee Bates, newly appointed Village Trustee. Rylee has lived in Steward 2 years and already has been actively making Steward a better place to live. When we had a water main break, he was standing in a hole of ice cold water assisting in getting the system back up. Do you like the cleaner look around the barrels on Main St? Thank Rylee for his time and equipment!



Do you have a home improvement project going on? Be sure to post your permit in your front window. (See Hugh McKiski for permits if you’re planning a project.)

In Memoriam

Sympathy goes to the families of Shirley Kersten, Carolyn Ackland, and Eric Erickson.



Sidewalk Crew

Congratulations to Jack Pavlak and Rochelle Junior League—District 19 Champs and State Qualifiers

