

# Village of Steward newsletter

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The Illinois Bicentennial Flag was unfurled December 4, 2017 marking the beginning of our Bicentennial year. Watch for statewide events.



Nancy Mittan

Karen Bonnell

## Water Training

Village President Hugh McKiski recently attended 2 classes offered by Illinois Rural Water Association. Hugh reports that useful information was offered.



Arbor Day Celebration will be Friday, April 27, 2018 at 8:45 AM in the Steward Elementary gym.



Watch for information regarding the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt.



Angie DeVries

Cody Latino

Congratulations, Angie DeVries, who was well deserving of the promotion from Postal Support Employee to Part Time Flexible clerk. Angie is now the floater for the Waterman, Shabbona, Lee, Steward group. Steward's new clerk is Cody Latino. He may be a new hire, but he has grown up hearing Postal jargon from his mother, a PTF at Hinckley. Welcome to Steward, Cody!

## Yard of the Season

More information will be coming regarding Yard of the Season (Spring, Summer, Fall), which will



March 1, 2018

be chosen by silent ballots. Start designing now!

## New Eagle Scout for Steward's

### Troop 64!

Chris Holden, son of Nancy Hayes Holden and Phil Holden,



celebrated his Eagle award February 11, 2018. His Eagle project was rehabbing 120 gravestones at Steward cemetery. Thank you, and Congratulations, Chris!

Steward Elementary School alumna Chris (Connolly) Cardott,

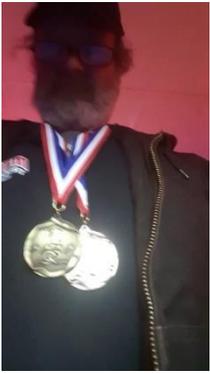


City of Rochelle Finance Director, was primarily responsible

for the City of Rochelle receiving, for 4 years straight, the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, the highest form of recognition in the area of government accounting and financial reporting. Nice work, Chris!

Notice the sidewalks were cleared of snow? **Thanks, Mark Jensen!**

## Bringing home Gold and Bronze



Hugh McKiski recently won 1<sup>st</sup> place in stock, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in modified stock sander at the Belt Sander Races.

Congratulations, Hugh!



## Conor Tourney Results

Congratulations to DeKalb, who took First in the Conor Tourney last December, and Kaneland, who won Consolation!

## In Remembrance

It's been a tough winter for Steward, losing too many beloved residents.

**Ron Cardott**, 11/26/17

**Hortensia Salazar** 11/26/17

**Darrell Herrmann** 12/21/17

**Robert VanHise** 01/28/18

**John McConkey** 02/05/18 (John was married to Paula Bullock McConkey who has several family members here in Steward)

**Robert Carlson** 02/09/18

If you are aware of others who have passed, please let the Village know. We will include them in the newsletter as well.

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If someone is having a milestone birthday or anniversary, we'd like to acknowledge them as well. Contact the Village.

**Spring Cleaning.** The Village requests that residents be mindful of easements and alleys. This spring, check alleys and easements adjacent to your property. Look down your alley to see if it is straight, or if people are driving closer to your neighbor's property ☹️ to avoid scratching their cars and trucks. Alleys are 16 feet wide. If you are unsure where your property ends, contact the Village and they will help you find your lines. County records would also show legal easements and alleys. The Village of Steward has codes for set-backs from easements and alleys. Buildings may not be constructed there. Alleys are not for personal storage nor gardens. When planting trees and shrubs on your lot, use the right tree in the right place (keeping in mind the size and shape that the tree or shrub WILL be). Keep them trimmed away from the alley. *Remove and prune back anything of yours that is in the easement or alleyway.*



## 2018 Steward Spelling

**Bee** winner is Paul

Swartz. Runner up is

Landon DeLille! Congratulations, Paul and Landon!



Science Fair is March 1!

## EASTER SERVICES April 1:

All are invited to Steward UMC.

7:00 AM Sunrise Service with breakfast following.

11:00 Easter Worship Service.



## The Village pays tribute to Ron Cardott,

who passed away November 26, 2017. Not only did Ron run his own trucking business with his son Galen and wife Bev, but he was a storyteller, visionary, motivator with a can-do attitude. After the Village secured the Burlington Depot that they were retiring, it needed a paint job. Ron orchestrated volunteers, supplies, and sandwiches. When the school needed updates, he was general contractor for the project, which included careful timing of tearing down the old part of the building and raising the new section. Steward received a Hometown Award from the State of Illinois for that project which incorporated so many volunteers. Children attended classes in the gym and the Steward United Methodist Church for less than a year. Ron also was a volunteer firefighter and Alto Township Road Commissioner. He was always lending a helping hand, and more than a few gallons of gasoline to stranded motorists. Our Village, and our country for that matter, would do well if people picked up where Ron left off.