

Village

OF SHERMAN

BACK TO SCHOOL!



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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

GOOD NEIGHBORS. GOOD EATS. GREAT EVENTS. WHAT A SUMMER!

Nothing says the end of summer like watching your two oldest children head out the door for the first day of school. Before we all completely leap into fall, I just want to take a moment and, once again, thank everyone who helped make Village Park one of the hottest venues in Sangamon County.

We brought thousands of residents and visitors out for music, movies, and other events. None of it would have been possible without all the generous sponsors and our strong corps of volunteers.

Two events, in particular, showed us how important it is to provide our residents with opportunities to celebrate each other. The Captain Geech and the Shrimp Shack Shooters concert on July 25 was a free concert. We not only set a record attendance, but we filled the dance floor. What a great night!



The other event was our first-ever Sherman National Night Out on August 6, which saw us join the ranks of countless other communities across the U.S. The focus was on our kids and there was certainly plenty for them to do – bounce house, hot dogs, barrel ride, trucks to touch, and even a helicopter. It was also a chance for residents to meet our Village's first responders and learn more about what they do for us. The whole event was a hit, and we plan to do it again next year. *More photos inside!*



PLAYGROUND ALMOST READY!

I hope you've been driving or walking by the site of our new playground in Village Park this past month. If so, you've not only watched the fascinating mechanics of erecting a massive playground from the ground up, but you've witnessed what can happen when cooperation leads to a win-win.

We couldn't have done it without the six trade labor unions in Springfield that provided expertise and volunteer labor for grading, rock leveling, compacting, digging the holes, transporting, uncrating and now assembling the equipment, and much more. A special shout out to the members of Carpenters Local 270 and Operating Engineers Local 965 who have routinely worked all day and then have come out to Village Park and worked all evening.

In case you didn't hear this already, this installation would have cost the Village north of \$50,000. We talked with the unions

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on a plan that helped us but also provided union apprentices with some significant experience that will help them and their respective unions. On behalf of the Village and the parents of thousands of children who will use this equipment over the years, a sincere thank you.

ROUTE 66 CRUISERS RETURN TO SHERMAN – SEPTEMBER 15



It was an afternoon for lovers of classic cars and trucks, and Route 66 nostalgia on September 15 in Village Park.

The Route 66 Cruisers Car Club of Springfield filled the park with Camaros, Mustangs, Corvettes and more for an appreciative audience, as car and truck owners competed for the dozens of trophies awarded during these classic car shows. The event also featured a raffle of Route 66 memorabilia and the Menard County Singers entertained.

Sherman resident Ditmar Walker is a long-time member of the local club, which has about 150 car owners from a 60-mile radius around Springfield. He said the Club members love getting together and are also eager to meet new like-minded auto enthusiasts.

“Car people are the best people!” he said with a laugh. “Most of us are baby boomers whose kids are grown and houses are paid for, and now are remembering back when we used to drive those cars in high school. Once you see a restored 1969 Camaro, you get the bug.”

Ditmar comes by his love for Route 66 honestly, having driven the original highway from Chicago to California in 1964 at age 17, with three buddies from Air Force boot camp.

“We had to report for duty to Victorville, California, and decided to make it an adventure,” said Ditmar. “I remember getting to the California border and an agriculture check station. We had a bag of apples in the car and they told us we couldn’t bring them in. So, we did the only thing we could do, we sat down and ate the whole bag. When you’re 17 and making \$99 a month, you don’t throw food away.”

Route 66 nostalgia was on full display at the car show, where dozens of pristine cars and trucks 1979 and older lined up. There were even a few “retro” cars - brand new specialty cars designed to harken back to the original era.

“You find retro dealers as well as the original classic cars and trucks for sale online,” said Ditmar. “There is a tremendous market for them. There is just something about the Route 66 era.”



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – AUGUST 6



Sincere thanks to: Village of Sherman, Sherman Police Department, Sherman Emergency Management, Village Administrator and staff, Trustees Pam Gray and Kim Rockford, BE HUMBLE GYM, Sherman Area Chamber of Commerce, Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, Illinois Air National Guard 183rd Security Police, Sherman Fire Protection District, Saint's Flight, County Market (hot dogs, buns and drinks), & Tom Hollinshead, Sr. (Kid's Barrel Ride) Hollinshead Auto Body for the barrel cars.

SHERMAN TEEN CHASING HIS DREAM IN TEXAS

PARKER ADAMS (WHS '19) LEFT AUGUST 16 TO PLAY NAHL HOCKEY

When you first lace up skates at age 2 and start playing travel hockey before you enter kindergarten, moving 16 hours away to play Junior Hockey after high school is just the natural next step.

Parker Adams, 17, went through training camp in Dallas, and is in the opening days of a 60-game season with the Corpus Christi IceRays. It's his first season after signing a tender (contract) last January following an amateur career that included years of travel hockey in the Midwest and 18 months playing elite hockey at a prep school in Connecticut.

"This is a new journey for me and I'm excited," said Parker. "Ever since I was little, I've wanted to take hockey to the next step."

His dream is to play NCAA Division 1 college hockey but, typically, coaches prefer that high school grads spend a year or two in Junior Hockey for experience and exposure before getting recruited. Parker said that it's "all business" at this level of play. "I could stay a year in Texas or I could get traded and maybe end up in Alaska next month," he said.

In the meantime, he plans to focus on a grueling schedule that gives him about 20 days off over the next year. He said his parents – Sonny and Angie, and two siblings plan to visit. And, there is always the beach. "Sundays after practice, that's where I will be," said Parker.



Captain Geech and the Shrimp Shack Shooters and its record crowd July 25



July 27 - Green Dodge Movie Series - "Wonder"



Ice Cream Social/Land of Lincoln Chorus – July 28



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Thank you, WHS football players, for dedicating summer service hours to beautifying our Village. Good luck this season. Go Bullets!



Did you love our patriotic look this past July? Watch for their return!



Seeking donations for Amphitheater perimeter park benches. Applications at www.shermanil.org or at Village Hall.



HEALTHY KIDS RUNNING SERIES

Sundays in Fall 2019
Sept. 8 through Oct. 20
Williamsville, IL

For registration and details:
Facebook @HKRSWilliamsville

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Saturday, Sept. 21 • SUMC Fried Chicken Dinner • 4-7pm • 2336 East Andrew Road
- Sunday, Sept. 22 • 1st Annual Sherman Fall Fun Family Festival • 11am to 4pm • Village Park
- Tuesday, October 1 • Village Board Meeting • 6pm • Village Hall
- Sunday, October 6 • St. John Vianney Fall Festival • 11:30am - 2pm • 902 St. John's Dr.
- October 11-12 • Library Fall Book Sale • 3-7pm (Fri.) 9am-3pm (Sat.) • Seaney's Greenhouse
- Tuesday, October 15 • Village Board Meeting • 6pm • Village Hall
- Thursday, October 31 • Trick or Treat • 5-8pm • Village-wide