

SACC NEWS



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President Message

 Hello Fall!

We've had a wonderful turnout from our member drive and welcome our new members of whom are highlighted in the Member Section of the newsletter. Visit their website and/or like their Face book pages – members helping members! We have 2 new board members, Darlene Kmett and Quinn Allen. I am excited with their new, fresh outlook on the Chamber and looking forward to them helping our organization grow and prosper.

We are approaching week 6 with Queen of Hearts. We've changed the drawing time to 7 and have doubled our ticket sales in doing so. We do need Chamber members to help us work the weekly drawing. The shifts are around 2 hours long. You can bring a friend, enjoy a drink and some food all while working. Please come out and help us if you haven't already.

The Chamber Board has met and reviewed our annual budget. We had a great 18-19 year, and have another great year planned for you and your business. Check out our Calendar of Events for some of our activities which we hope have a benefit for your business. We love having you as a member and look forward to having the best year ever!

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Sean Bull



News

- **Executive Board Vacancies Filled**

This spring elections were held for positions to be filled. Mr. Dave Stake and Jeremy Gebhardt did not renew their Board terms. We do appreciate all they did and thank them for their valued service. We wish them well in their endeavors.



Mrs. Darlene Kmett, Senior Vice President Retail – Regional Manager at United Community Bank in Sherman was appointed by President Bull to fill the vacancy of SACC Vice President. Darlene is a long-time resident of Sherman and is excited about the opportunity to serve her community.



Executive Assistant Moos indicated that Quinn Allen was nominated during our elections for serving on the Board. Quinn recently became a member of the Chamber and is a representative at Lee O’Keefe Insurance. The Board, through motion, approved his nomination to serve on the Board. Quinn is a lifelong resident of the community.

Both are looking forward to working with the Board on our numerous projects and being a part of SACC.

- **State Farm Employee Recognized for 30 Years of Dedicated Service**

JoAnne Murphy celebrated her 30th anniversary with the State Farm office located in Sherman on September 1, 2019. JoAnne and her husband, Ken moved to Sherman in 1974 from the Chicago suburbs. The Murphy’s raised their 3 children, Shannon Lewis, Erin Murphy and Ryan Murphy in the Sherman/Williamsville School District. She has 3 grandchildren who she adores. JoAnne started her career with Donna Barbian State Farm and continues with the Jenifer Sellers State Farm office at 2585 E Andrew Rd in Sherman. Jenifer had this to say about JoAnne, *“Jo, congratulations on your service anniversary! You have been such a significant part of our team and we couldn’t imagine our workplace without you.”* Please feel free to reach out to JoAnne and offer your congratulations and well wishes.



- **Farm Credit Illinois Management Update**

Farm Credit Illinois is pleased to share several upcoming staffing updates at the Sherman Regional Office. Larry Ellinger will retire at year-end after more than 40 years serving farm families and rural communities. Larry began his Farm Credit career in Jacksonville following



Larry Ellinger



Andrew Alton

college. For the past nine years, he served as Sherman Regional Manager, overseeing Logan, Sangamon, and Menard Counties. Larry resides in Sherman and is looking forward to enjoying retirement with his wife Ronda, four children, and nine grandchildren. As of Sept. 1, Andrew Alton, also of Sherman, began transitioning to the role of regional manager. Since 2016, Andrew has worked as a vice president of lending in the Sherman office. Prior to joining Farm Credit, Andrew spent nine years in agricultural lending. Congratulations to both gentleman.

- **Best Places to Work Award to SACC Member: Country Lane Memory**

On February 20th members of the local business community attended the Best Places to Work reception and awards ceremony at the United Community Bank. One of the recipients of this award was our own Country Lane Memory. The awards were sponsored by Springfield Business Journal and United Community Bank.



To be considered, a business must be in Sangamon or Morgan County, have 16 or more employees and have been in business for at least two years. A selection committee chooses the winners from nominations submitted by employees about why their company is a great place to work.




Congratulations to Country Lane Memory!

● Springfield Clinic Sherman is now Urgent Care Sherman

Springfield Clinic is rebranding their Prompt Care service line to Springfield Clinic Urgent Care. The clinic hopes that this name change better emphasizes a focus of high-quality acute care. Patients can expect hassle-free walk-in medical care 365 days a year. Board certified physicians and advanced practitioners provide treatments and advice for common illnesses and minor injuries that require a doctor's attention but not an emergency room visit.

Visit www.SpringfieldClinic.com/UrgentCare for more information.



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Prompt Care to become Springfield Clinic Urgent Care

(July 17, 2019) Springfield Clinic is rebranding their Prompt Care service line to Springfield Clinic Urgent Care.

Springfield Clinic hopes that this name change better emphasizes a focus on high-quality acute care. At Springfield Clinic Urgent Care, patients can expect hassle-free walk-in medical care 365 days a year. Board-certified physicians and advanced practitioners provide treatments and advice for common illnesses and minor injuries that require a doctor's attention but not an emergency room visit.

All four Urgent Care locations offer additional services, including on-site lab and X-ray imaging and commonly prescribed medications for a flat fee of \$15.

The four Springfield Clinic Urgent Care locations are:

- Urgent Care Main – 1025 South 6th Street (Springfield)
- Urgent Care West – 2200 Wabash Avenue (Springfield)
- Urgent Care Sherman – 400 St. John's Drive
- Urgent Care Jacksonville – 1000 West Morton Avenue

Visit www.SpringfieldClinic.com/UrgentCare for more information.

About Springfield Clinic

Springfield Clinic is a progressive, physician-led multispecialty medical group devoted to providing the highest quality health care to its patients. More than 460 physicians and advanced practitioners deliver value-based care in approximately 80 medical specialties and sub-specialties. As one of the largest private multispecialty medical clinics in Illinois, Springfield Clinic currently employs over 2,400 clinical and administrative staff members who are committed to improving health, providing value and serving the community. For more information, visit us online at www.SpringfieldClinic.com.

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● **Fiber Update from CASSCOMM**



CASSCOMM is currently working on updating our plant to offer Fiber to business and home services. This service will bring you Internet speeds up to 1gig if you choose. Our current Internet packages offer speeds of 10 Meg, 25 Meg, and 50M. Once construction is complete and we connect the customer with fiber, we will be offering Internet packages with symmetrical speeds of 60 Meg/110 Meg/225 Meg and 1 gig. These speeds offered in your current package will be upgraded to the new Fiber speeds. For example, if you currently have 10 Meg you will be bumped up to 60 Meg, if you have 25 Meg you will be moved to the 110 Meg speed. Our construction crews are working as fast and hard as they can to get these services ready. We are over 50% done with our construction process but have not started splicing yet, we hope to be installing customers by the end of the year. We are working hard to get the services updated and ready to go for you.

Also, another wonderful piece to this fiber to the home rebuild is that not only will you be able to get higher fiber optic Internet speeds and VoIP phone services, but we are also launching a new TV platform. This platform will replace our current Technicolor/Cisco boxes and will run thru fiber optics. It is called IPTV.

Here are some of the new IPTV features and services:

- *ManageMyTV's App* - Turn your iOS or Android devices into a remote control. You can manage your recordings and view guide data remotely.
- *What's Hot App* - Shows you the top programs being watched, the top recordings and the top series recordings in your area.
- *Cloud DVR* - Save your recordings in our Cloud rather than on a DVR set top box in your house. Access those recordings from any IPTV box on your account.
- *Restart TV* - Is available with DVR service and gives you the ability to restart a program that is already in progress. If you are browsing channels and see a program that you would like to watch, but it has already started, then you can restart it and watch it from the beginning.

Other IPTV features include guide customization, parental controls, the Games App, the Weather App and Video On Demand services. Customers will receive the first 2 IPTV boxes at no charge. Every IPTV box after that will be an additional \$3.95 monthly charge. Please do not hesitate to contact Casscomm should you have any questions or inquiries. You can do so via our website (www.casscomm.com) to get an update. Use the "contact" tab for questions or call the office at 1-800-252-1799. Thank you for being patient as it will be well worth it!

Casey French, CASSCOMM Marketing & PR Director

- **Staab Donates Lights to Police Building**

Our members continue to support our community in many ways. The police station parking lot was dimly lit, and SACC member Paul Staab suggested two lights that match the lighting décor used by the Village would be a nice touch. Next thing we know, two decorative building lights were ordered, donated and installed. Thank you, Paul and Staab Funeral Home!



- **SACC Website** (www.shermanilchamber.org)

- **New look**

Did you notice the new look since we moved our site to Squarespace? The new site provides numerous options and information for those on the web.

- **Members linked**

One of the features we added is the “Partners Page”. The page is filled with each member’s logo which is also a quick link to your web or Facebook page.

- **Survey**

Earlier in the year, the Board sent out a survey to each member soliciting your opinions of numerous items related to how the Chamber is serving you. The survey helped to validate we are on the right track. In summary our findings are:

- Membership fees are in the right range.
- Donation fees were also considered appropriate.
- Membership activities were considered of value with interest to attend.
- Interest in sponsorships by hosting an event was limited.
- Interest in taking part in Small Business Saturday and Ribbon Cuttings.
- Our newsletter and Facebook were positively viewed with our website & annual report both having more limited interest.
- Finally emails and text messaging are appreciated.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us. Thank you for your input!

Member Feature

65 Years of Service Sherman Fire Protection District

1954 to 2019 Celebrating Our Past – Protecting Your Future



OUR PAST - The Sherman Fire Protection District is celebrating its 65th year of service. Efforts to organize a volunteer fire department began on May 20, 1954. On June 30, 1954, residents began making solicitations for support and cash donations which totaled \$1,042 by July 15 of that year. The first official meeting of the Sherman Volunteer Fire Department was held during October 1954.

Equipment for the new department was acquired from several sources. The original tank was purchased in St. Louis. The tractor and the engine to run the pump were donated by local residents, the pump by Standard Oil Company, and the hose by the State of Illinois. The siren was ordered for the truck and the red light was purchased from the Springfield Fire Department. Parts for the pump, the starter for the engine and auxiliary pump were purchased elsewhere. A ladder, helmets and fog nozzle were donated by the Sherman Athletic Club. The Department's first fire house (which is now the Animal Health Center) was erected in 1957. All labor on the building was donated by the citizens of the community, with the fire house dedication May 20, 1957. Fund raising dinners and donations kept the department running until September 1960, when the Sherman Fire Protection District was established.

To meet the needs of a growing community the District's next station, located at 210 East Andrew Road (HSHS Medical Clinic), was started in 1974 and was dedicated July 20, 1975. Less than twenty years later, increases in the district's population once again required that the District relocate to larger quarters. The Board of Trustees started the financing and planning process for the current structure, located at 2215 East Andrew Road, in 1993. Steckle-Parker of Springfield, IL was the architect for the project and MACO Construction, of Carlinville, the general contractor. This 10,000 square foot facility was dedicated July 9, 1994.



THE PRESENT - The Sherman Fire Protection District is now 65 years old. Our roster of approximately 24 members are highly trained. They are State certified as Basic Operations Firefighters, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Basic (EMT-B), Intermediate (EMT-I) or Paramedic (EMT-P) levels; as well as state certified at the Hazardous Material Operations level.

The District is approximately 50 square miles in size and provides fire protection, rescue, and medical (BLS non-transport) to approximately 8,500 persons in the Village and northern Sangamon County. The District is a member of Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Division 48 and supports statewide deployments during disasters. In 2018 the District responded to 544 emergency calls, and it is anticipated we may reach 600 calls in 2019.

As we celebrate the 65th anniversary of the Sherman Fire Protection District we are grateful for the community support we have received throughout the years and those many dedicated firefighters and trustees that have served before us.

REMEMBER VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! If you have interest in serving the community, consider joining our volunteer fire district. It is because of this volunteer spirit that we can continue the tradition of: ***“Celebrating Our Past – Protecting Your Future.”***



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Membership

Do you know someone that may benefit and be interested in our organization? Then guide them to our Member/Renewal application online at www.shermanilchamber.org/membership and click on the Member Application & Renewal Form.

New Members



Final 4 Sports Bar and Grill (<https://www.facebook.com/The-Final-Four-Sports-Bar-Grill-62492972862/>). Kim & Jim Butler and their staff provide a friendly atmosphere for cold refreshments and delicious food. They are located at 128 N. 1st Street in old Sherman and can be reached at 217.496.3490.



Specialty Wood Designs (www.specialtywooddesigns.com). Custom Woodworking designed and built by Shane Dougherty. His shop is located at 3065 Holten Road in Sherman and can be reached at 217.836.3887. Shane's email is shane@specialtywooddesigns.com.

LEE·O'KEEFE INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.

Lee O'Keefe Insurance Agency, Inc. (www.leeokeefe.com) is a full service independent insurance agency that markets and administers cost-effective

property/casualty, employee benefits and life/health services. Lee O'Keefe is located at 2501 Chatham Rd, Suite 100 in Springfield and can be reached at 217.528.5679 or info@leeokeefe.com.

*Know a business that should be a member of our Chamber?
Then refer them to us!*

Rental Space Available

- **Location:** 2585 E. Andrew Road
- **Square Space:** 450'
- **Rent:** \$900 month
- **Contact:** Jenifer Sellers 217/496-2333
- **Description:** Located at what used to be Just for Kids Daycare. Totally remodeled building now holds Jenifer Sellers State Farm. Rental space has 2 entrances and its own restroom. The road in front of the office has a great traffic count and State Farm has approximately 15 walk-ins a day in their corresponding office space.

Events

AED Donation Update – At the February 19th Village Board meeting, the Sherman Area Chamber of Commerce (SACC) presented a check for \$3,650 to Sherman Police Department toward the purchase of two new Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs). “This donation, from the members of the Chamber, permits us to give back to our community,” said Sean Bull, President of SACC.

“The police officer is many times first on the scene and when it comes to cardiac emergencies every second counts. This donation will permit the department to purchase two new AEDs replacing outdated equipment that is over 10 years old. The fundraiser challenge sponsored by the Sherman Area Chamber of Commerce and the donations received from local businesses made this project a success” said Chief of Police Craig Bangert.

Village President, Trevor J. Clatfelter stated to the Village Trustees and those present at the Village Board meeting “the Village appreciates the Chamber’s effort to make our communities a safer place to live”.



Police Chief Craig Bangert showing one of the AED to SACC President Sean Bull.

Sherman / Williamsville area



QUEEN OF HEARTS



Drawings will be held weekly on
Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM

BOONDOCKS
2909 N Dirksen Pkwy
Springfield, IL

DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM

Price : 6 tickets for \$5.00
Ticket sales end at 6:45 PM

Every ticket drawn has an
opportunity to win a prize.

50/50 Drawings each week

Tickets can be purchased
at the following Sherman locations :

Carter Bros Lumber Co
One Stop Auto
Sams Too
County Market
Funkys Trophies

proceeds go to benefit the following groups :



Food provided by :



Tickets can be purchased
at the following Williamsville locations :

Williamsville Subway
Williamsville Village Office

Queen of Hearts Raffle September 25, 2019

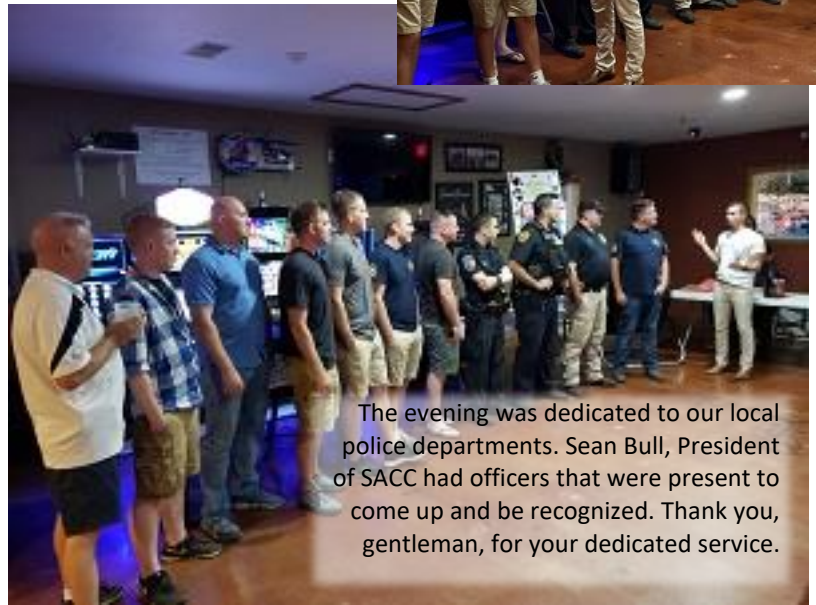


◀ The room starts to fill for the raffle drawing.

Officer DJ Schnell, Sherman PD pulls a winning 50/50 ticket ▶



Officer Nate Hedrick, Sherman PD had the honor to pull that night's raffle ticket. No Queen of Heart.



The evening was dedicated to our local police departments. Sean Bull, President of SACC had officers that were present to come up and be recognized. Thank you, gentleman, for your dedicated service.

Law Enforcement Message for Local Business's



Your law enforcement agencies remind you of the following:

- ✓ Is your emergency contact information current with the police department with alternate contacts?
- ✓ Are your Knox Box keys current?
- ✓ Is the view from the street clear to the inside? No window ads hindering views.
- ✓ Do you backup your databases and use anti-virus programs?
- ✓ Are your computer updates current? Many updates contain security fixes.
- ✓ Secure your wireless network with separate passwords for workers and the public.

Talk to your local law enforcement professional should you have any questions.

Upcoming Events

The Chamber endeavors to provide educational and networking opportunities for its members. In addition, all Executive Board meetings are open to members and the public and we encourage your attendance. This is a tentative calendar of events and is subject to change. Keep an eye out for any updates and of course we welcome any suggestions you may have.

Date	Event	Location
October 2	SACC Board Meeting 11:30 am	Sherman Public Library
November 7	Annual Gala Annual Review & Awards	UCB Community Center 7:00 pm Open
December 4	SACC Board Meeting 11:30 am	Sherman Public Library
January 1, 2020	SACC Board Meeting 11:30 am	Sherman Public Library
February 5	SACC Board Meeting 11:30 am	Sherman Public Library
February 13	Member Benefit Breakfast 7:00 am	TBD
March 4	SACC Board Meeting 11:30 am	Sherman Public Library
April 1	SACC Board Meeting 11:30 am	Sherman Public Library
April 11	Easter Egg Hunt 9:00 am registration	Sherman Village Park
May 6	SACC Board Meeting 11:30 am	Sherman Public Library
May 14	SACC Golf Outing Time TBD	The Rail
June 3	SACC Board Meeting 11:30 am	Sherman Public Library
July 1	Member Benefit Breakfast 7:00 am	TBD
July 1	SACC Board Meeting 11:30 am	Sherman Public Library

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SACC Member Benefit Event

Get to Know Your Public Officials



Todd Masterhan – Sherman Fire Chief

Chief Masterhan joined the Army after graduating from Kirkwood High School in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. For the next 14 years he held various military ranks. Each promotion came with increased responsibilities. Todd left the service with an Honorable Discharge reaching the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Upon leaving the military he worked for a Department of Defense contractor providing fire protection to the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant in Burlington Iowa. He reached the highest available rank of Fire Officer while serving that facility. Chief Masterhan is a graduate of the Department of Defense Fire Academy and has endeavored to further his continued leadership, fire/rescue, and emergency medical services training. He has maintained his Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic certification in four states for over 30 years.

On May 15, 2012, Todd was appointed Chief of the District by the Board of Trustees. Since his appointment, Chief Masterhan has worked to ensure the District keeps its ISO 4 rating (Insurance Service Organization) and hopes to improve the rating. He has been instrumental in retaining the District's volunteer work force and implemented a shift work program that increases emergency coverage in the community. Finally, because of Chief Masterhan's direction the District's public outreach program (tours, open houses, and various social media formats) has kept the community informed about their District.

Chief Masterhan resides in the western part of the Fire District with his wife Lorie.

Announcements



- "Having a Sale?"
- "Have an Announcement"
- "Received a Promotion or Award"?

Please let us know so we can brag about you.

Remember our mailing address is:
P.O. Box 156, Sherman, IL 62684