

# Village

OF SHERMAN

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TREVOR J. CLATFELTER

## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER RETURNS TO ADD ONE MORE WAY TO REACH OUT

Welcome back to one of the first tools we ever used to get the word out to you about the great things going in our community.

Beginning with this issue, a smaller, more focused version of the newsletter will land in your mailboxes on the first of the month. Every month. So you can count on not missing a thing.

The newsletter won't take the place of our website. That's still the place for the news of the day, downloading permit applications, reading the Board meeting agenda and minutes, and more. It also won't take the place of the constituent emails, e-alerts, or the routine outreach we do, like interviews with the media, the Village Facebook page (Sherman, Illinois), and my personal Facebook page (Trevor J. Clatfelter) and two Twitter accounts – @shermanil.org and @MayorClatfelter.

However, not everyone is, or has the desire to be, on the technological edge. Believe me, my six year-old will outpace me soon, too. So, a paper newsletter, delivered directly to the home, is still an important way to talk to a diverse group of citizens, all of whom have a stake in this place and its future.

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This newsletter will be the place where we can show off our great businesses and the people behind them. We will also have more room so we can expand upon topics such as our new park. Not just telling you what you can see with your own eyes, but telling you about the great people that donated labor and materials, how the park is attracting new business already, and what the next Phase will look like.

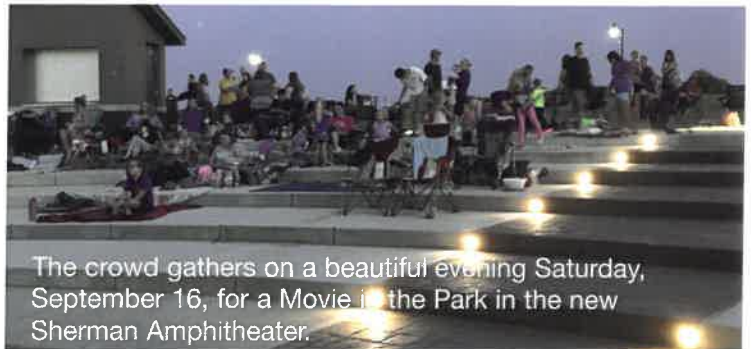
We share a great community. This newsletter will be one way we get to know each other better.

Meet the Clatfelters!  
Harrison, 6; Adeline, 4;  
Theodore, 6 mos.;  
and our dog Emma.



You may notice an extra face in the Clatfelter family photo since the last time we published a newsletter. Michelle and I welcomed another boy earlier this year. Theodore and his big brother and sister share their dad's good fortune of being raised in this community.

At the same time, I know that those who thoughtfully and deliberately choose the place in which to raise their families often love it as much or even more than any native sons and daughters. I know, because I've met them. I also married one. See you next month!



The crowd gathers on a beautiful evening Saturday, September 16, for a Movie in the Park in the new Sherman Amphitheater.

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# TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE

## VILLAGE ADMINISTRATION INVITES PARTICIPATION

Transparency starts with making sure everyone in the Village has the personal phone numbers and email addresses of every Village board member and every Village employee, according to Mayor Trevor Clatfelter. He said, that way, there is no doubt about how to get a question answered or clear up a misunderstanding.

Here's how to stay informed:

- A year's worth of Village board meeting dates/times are posted in advance on the Village website: [www.shermanil.org](http://www.shermanil.org) Note: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Village Hall.
- Agendas for Village board meetings are posted on the website.
- Agendas for Village board meetings are sent to Sangamon County news outlets.
- Minutes for Village board meetings are posted on the website.
- Social media – Facebook and Twitter - is used for announcements and news, and links to agendas and minutes are provided. Reminders are posted, as well.
- Download our App – Sherman 311.
- Sign up on the website for E-alert – Sherman's emergency notification system. Know about weather warnings, boil orders, road closings, and more.
- Monthly radio interviews, plus all news interviews, budgets and audits are posted online.

*“We're a team of dedicated residents with a goal of making this a great place to live.”*

*-Trevor Clatfelter, Mayor*

“We are totally accessible,” said Clatfelter. “But we're also hoping people take advantage of all the opportunities to learn about what we're doing on their behalf, and even participate in village government.”



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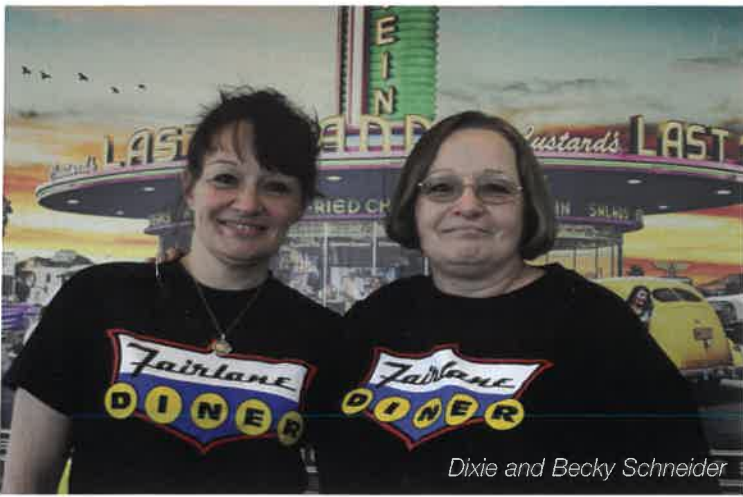
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*Dixie and Becky Schneider*

## FAIRLANE DINER

A visit to the Fairlane Diner is a step back in time. You almost expect to see Fonzie and Richie hanging out, leaning on a '57 Ford Fairlane convertible.

Owner Becky Schneider opened the former Dairy Queen at 300 Crossing Drive as a 50's themed restaurant in October, 2013. Located along the historic Route 66, the Fairlane gets visitors from around the world, but Becky also hopes the restaurant becomes a local hang out as well.

"We are a 50's and 60's burger and ice cream joint with a lot of different foods," Becky said. "We play good music and we're well-decorated."

She shopped around for the memorabilia that covers the walls, including a giant picture of a 1950's drive-in. There are vintage Coca Cola machines, juke boxes and more. Even the tables and chairs harken back to the good old days.

The menu features burgers and shakes but there are also salads, wraps, soup, chili and, of course, horseshoes. An ice cream treat named the Bullet is the Fairlane's version of the DQ Blizzard.

During the warmer months the Fairlane shows outdoor movies and hosts several car shows. In October they sponsor several Halloween events, including a costume contest for kids. Becky has plans for more events in the spacious parking lot next summer.

The Fairlane Diner is open from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. during the winter and stays open until 9 on Friday and Saturday nights.

For more information on menu updates and special events, check out the Fairlane's Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/Fairlanediner](http://www.facebook.com/Fairlanediner)



*Lillian and Ray Ford*

## RAY'S ROUTE 66 FAMILY DINER

Located along the historic Mother Road, Ray's Route 66 Family Diner is a popular destination for visitors. For the many regular customers, Ray's is also a favorite spot for good old fashioned comfort food. It's a classic family style restaurant operated by a Sherman family and some dedicated employees.

Owners Ray and Lillian Ford bought the restaurant eight years ago. It is the third restaurant for the Fords, who also ran restaurants in Petersburg and Athens.

"I've always had 2 or 3 jobs," said Ray, who is retired from Crawford, Murphy and Tilly after 41 years as an engineering technician.

Long-time Sherman residents will remember it as Sonny's and before that, the Grotto, which explains the grotto passersby can see from Sherman Blvd. The Fords kept and restored the grotto when they purchased the restaurant.

"It's Route 66 that draws the business," said Lillian, a Brooklyn, New Yorker who has retained her New York accent. She and Ray, who have been married for 54 years, have decorated the restaurant with Route 66 and 50's memorabilia including a flashing neon Marilyn Monroe. Customers can see Ray's classic pickup and Mustang parked outside.

"We get folks from Australia, Brazil, England, and China, and many motorcyclists traveling Route 66," said Lillian. The regulars come from the nearby Villa Apartments, Sherman, Athens and Petersburg for the daily breakfasts and lunches. There are Sunday morning and afternoon buffets, a salad bar and homemade desserts. A popular sandwich favorite is the Breaded Pork Tenderloin.

Ray's is open from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. every day.



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*"We encourage your family and friends to sign-up."*  
 Trevor J. Clattfelder, Mayor

Please do not hesitate to contact us at Village Hall (496-2621), should you have any questions.

This message provided by Sherman Emergency Management and Sherman Police.

## COMING UP THIS MONTH

- Tuesday, October 3.....Village Board Meeting.....6 pm.....Village Hall
  - Tuesday, October 17.....Village Board Meeting.....6 pm.....Village Hall
  - Saturday, October 21.....Movie in the Park.....7 pm.....Municipal Park
  - The Descendants 2
  - Tuesday, October 31.....Trick or Treat - Halloween.....5-8 pm
- Dress brightly, have fun, and be safe!

**GOOD LUCK TO ALL THE WILLIAMSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL FALL SPORTS  
 GO BULLETS!**