

MURPHYSBORO MINUTE

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Bi-Monthly Newsletter

From the Desk of Mayor Will Stephens

UPCOMING EVENTS

CRUISE NIGHT

SEPT. 6TH

APPLE FESTIVAL

SEPT. 10TH—13TH

BARBECUE COOK-OFF

SEPT. 18TH—20TH

BLUES FESTIVAL

SEPT. 20TH

RFL GOLF SCRAMBLE

SEPT. 27TH

DOG DAY 5K

OCT. 4TH

COMMUNITY NIGHT OUT

OCT. 7TH

BREW FEST

OCT. 18TH

HALLOWEEN

OCT. 31ST

TRICK OR TREAT HOURS

5:00—8:00 P.M.

September and October in Murphysboro means celebrations. Apple Festival, BBQ Cook-Off, Blues Festival, the final Cruise Night of the year, Brewfest, and I am sure many things I am forgetting. Usually I use this space to inform residents about various things that are upcoming, and other developments in town. However, I want to use this newsletter to simply say THANK YOU to a number of people that make all these things happen. First, a big THANK YOU to the Chairman of the Apple Festival Committee Shawn Stearns, as well as all the members of the Apple Festival Committee. They have a monumental task each year, and their hard work contributes greatly to our civic pride and economic vibrancy.

Also thanks to Mike and Amy Mills and the whole team at 17th Street. The BBQ Cook-Off will be September 19th and 20th and has grown to the point that it has become a nationally recognized event. This year's addition of the World Food Championships is one more feather in the cap for our town, not to mention that the FYI network will be in town filming the entire weekend which will boost Murphysboro's profile even more. Again, a hearty THANK YOU to everyone at 17th Street for their hard work on this great event.

I also want to say thanks to Bruce Wallace at the Murphysboro Chamber of Commerce. His organization of this years Blues Festival at Riverside Park will bring music lovers to town from across the region. The band shell always looks a little better when music is echoing from its stage across the rolling hills of the park. The Blues Fest is September 20th and starts at 12 noon.

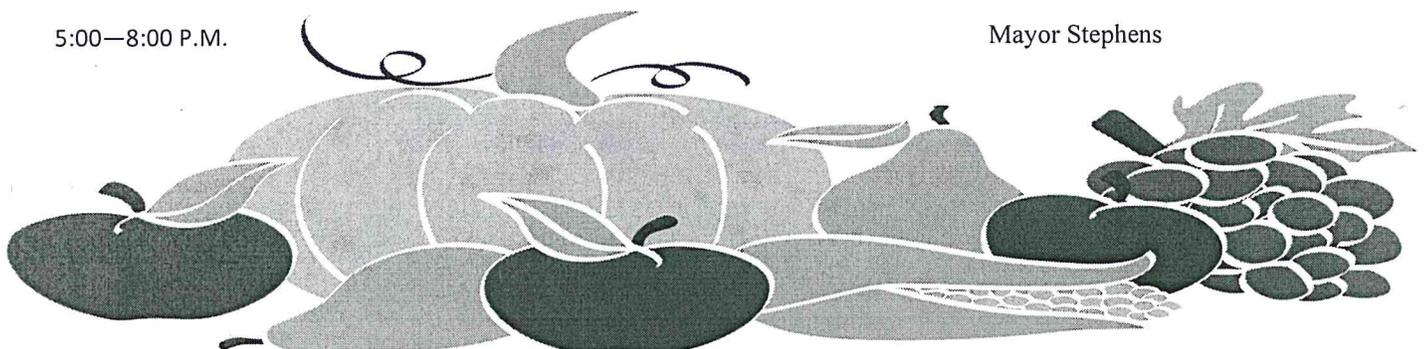
Rick Layne and the Cruise night gang deserve a THANK YOU as well. Since I started attending the Cruise Nights I have learned more about cars than I ever knew. I have also learned that I still don't know much about cars. In any case, Cruise Night is a tremendous event for the downtown area, and I thank them for another great year of car shows. It really is family entertainment that everyone can enjoy.

Additionally, Patty Bateman's seemingly endless energy with the Friends of Murphysboro always shows through at the Annual Brewfest at Riverside Park on October 18th. This event has continued to grow, and has become a destination for craft brewers and consumers. Thanks to Patty and everyone with the Friends of Murphysboro for their efforts.

Finally, I want to thank all the members of the City Council, the Murphysboro Park District Board, and the all the City Employees that contribute in countless ways to assist in these events. Although I fulfill a number of roles as Mayor, the lions share of the credit belongs to them for making these events happen.

Until next time,

Mayor Stephens



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