

Retired home-builder will be Grand Marshal

Mike Strobl will serve as Grand Marshal of the Ellinwood After Harvest Festival.

Strobl, 74, is retired from a long-time construction career with Strobl-Yarmer Construction of Ellinwood.

Strobl teamed with business partner Robert Yarmer for a highly successful construction firm that specialized in home construction.

"I'm humbled because being named grand marshal is certainly an honor," Strobl said. "Apparently, someone thought highly of me."

Mike and his wife, Jeanie, reside at 505 W. 6th, the third house they've built for themselves. The WWII veteran served in the U.S. Army in Japan.

His hobby is restoring vintage cars. He recently completed a 1927 Dodge and is working on a 1914 Ford Model T.

Strobl said he learned the building industry trade working for some local carpenters when he and Yarmer decided to start a business nearly 50 years ago.

Strobl earned licenses for carpentry, electrical and plumbing so he and Yarmer could nearly build houses without sub-contractors. They would hire help with brickwork.

"We worked for carpenters and learned everything as we went," Strobl said.

"We took great pride in the finished detail work. It was custom design with raised panel doors and stairways."

They built houses mostly in Barton County, focusing on Ellinwood and Great Bend. They also built several apartments in Ellinwood, which they have sold.

Strobl-Yarmer Construction built one house in Topeka and several in Rice County, including a house east of Lyons for

Kenny Knight, appraised at \$640,000.

When they first started building houses, they were valued at \$30,000. Later on, the houses were valued at \$100,000.

But all of the properties have risen in value over time.

Strobl served as a volunteer firefighter for 28 years and was a member of the Lions club and a Boy Scout volunteer.

He's a current member of the Lunch Club of Ellinwood, a men's club that meets the first Thursday of each month to travel to local sites.



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Randy's Music Jam

Randy's Music Jam is a fun, high energy musical party. Randy makes it easy for audi-

ences young and old to participate in every song the first time they hear it. Of course kids enjoy jamming with the guitars and rhythm instruments on Randy's Fun and Educational Songs. Randy's Music Jam has had great success performing in Libraries and Festivals throughout

Kansas. Randy is an educator and has been teaching for 17 years. Randy Sauer earned his Music Education Degrees from Fort Hays State University and is active in teaching, presenting elementary music workshops and performing for library events and festivals.

4Told

New musical entertainment has been added to the barbecue this year. The group 4Told will be performing from 6-7:30pm at the City park.

4Told is a quartet from the Russell area that is very entertaining. Singing songs of gospel while telling lighthearted jokes and stories in between they are a group that is very entertaining.

50th Class Reunion

The Class of 1960 is having their 50th Class Reunion on July 17th at Grove Park Golf Club. Friends and family are invited to stop by and visit after 8:30pm that evening.

Ellinwood Underground Tunnel Tours

~ Saturday, July 17th ~
1 PM and 2:30 PM

~ Sunday, July 18th ~
Call 564-2400 to schedule your tour

The Staff of the ELLINWOOD LEADER

Welcomes Everyone to the After Harvest Festival.

WE HOPE YOU ENJOY THE WEEKEND.



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Thursday, July 15th

10:30 AM - 1 PM **Ellinwood Pool Cardboard Boat Races.** Bring your own homemade built boat and compete in either the Manned Boat Race or the Unmanned Boat Race.

5-7 PM **BBQ.** \$3 per plate. Located at the City Park. Sponsored by **Sunflower Bank, Community Bank of the Midwest, Ellinwood Packing Plant & Barton County Feeders**

5-7 PM **ICE CREAM SOCIAL.** Sponsored by **United Methodist Church and Optimist Club.**

6 PM-7:30 PM **4TOLD QUARTET.** Sponsored by **Bank of the West, Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball, Great Bend Farm Equipment and Catherine Strecker's - Educational Strategies.**

7-11 PM **D & J Shows Carnival.** Located at NW corner of town. **Wristband Night Special \$20**

Friday, July 16th

7:30 AM **THE PRESIDENT'S BREAKFAST.** Invitation only. Located by the City Park. Sponsored by **Ellinwood Chamber of Commerce.**

5 PM - Midnight **BEVERAGE TENT.** Located just north of City Park. Sponsored by **VFW Post 5657.**

6 PM **RANDY'S MUSIC JAM SHOW** Located by the High School Auditorium. Enter through west door - Admission \$1. Sponsored by **Straub International, Innovative LiveStock, KW Auto and Hi-La Engine.**

7 PM-11 PM. **D & J Shows Carnival** Located at NW corner of town. **Last Night of Wristband Special - \$20**

Saturday, July 17th

6:45-7:15 AM **5k/10k AHF RUN Registration.** Run will begin at 7:30AM. Start and Finish at the City Park. 1 Mile Fun Run for children 12 & under will begin at 8:00AM. Sponsored by **CenturyLink, Ellinwood District Hospital, Farmers Mutual Insurance and Office Products, Inc.**

7:30 AM **33rd ANNUAL FISHING DERBY.** Located at Wolf Pond. Sponsored by **Home Lumber & Supply.**

10 AM **PARADE.** Main Street Ellinwood. Sponsored by **Ellinwood Rotary Club.** Theme "GOING GREEN...HEAR THE ECO."

11 AM **FREE KIDS FAIR and FOOD VENDORS.** Located at Wolf Park. Fun games for children. Food vendors will be set up in the Park. Sponsored by **Ellinwood Flying Service, Sunflower Bank, Community Bank of the Midwest and Bank of the West.**

11AM **LIVE BAND at FATTY'S** 3 Finger Freddy will be playing - food also available.

11 AM - Midnight **BEVERAGE TENT.** Located just north of City Park. Sponsored by the **VFW Post 5657.**

11 AM **LONE WOLF RESTAURANT OPENS** Whole Hog BBQ & Kabob's Special - Along with full menu available.

11 AM **AMERICAN LEGION OPENS** Featuring SUE'S BBQ

11 AM-2PM **LIONS CLUB SIGHT BUS** will be set up in front of the City Office for various health checks.

1 PM **GOLF TOURNAMENT. 2-Man Scramble.** Cost is \$40 per person. Call Grove Park Golf Club for registration. Limited to 36 teams. Sponsored by **Grove Park Golf Club.** Call 620-564-3132 for pre-register.

2:30 PM **DUCK RUN.** Located at the City Pool. Sponsored by the **Ellinwood Fire Department.**

6 PM **D & J Shows Carnival**

8 PM -Midnight **DANCE - FEATURING SECOND NATURE.** \$5 at the gate. Located at the City Park. Coolers Are Allowed. NO GLASS. Sponsored by **Stickney Distributing, Western Beverage, Lang Diesel, Southwind Drilling and LK's Liquor.**

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Green Home Labels

There is no standard definition for the term "green". That's where certification programs come in. Even then, standards among them vary. Here's the scope on some green labels.

Lumber - Look for wood labeled "FSC Certified", meaning it's certified by the Forest Stewardship Council. Unlike other certification systems, it prevents the conversion of natural forest to plantations, prohibits genetically modified trees and takes caution in wooded areas with high conservation value.

Appliances - Look for appliances with the worthwhile Energy Star Label. Be sure and check out how much energy your desired fridge, stove or other appliance will use compared to other Energy Star options. See anticipated energy costs listed on the **see LABELS page 5**