

Heraldine "Deanie" Rommel Ettrick's "Citizen of the Year" For 2010

The Ettrick Lions Club announced their nominee for "Citizen of the Year" in conjunction with the Village's Annual Fun Days Celebration scheduled August 26-29. Heraldine Rommel, long time resident and active volunteer in many organizations and community events, will receive her award on Thursday, August 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the Ettrick Community Center. Known to many by her nickname "Deanie", she was born in Sumner, Iowa in 1954 to Marjorie and Harold Maurer. Heraldine has one brother and four sisters (two are deceased). She attended grade school in West Union, Iowa and transferred to Melrose Elementary when the family moved to Wisconsin in 1964. She graduated from Melrose-Mindoro High School in 1972. She married Robin Rommel in 1972 and they have two children - Randi and Ryan. Her daughter Randi married Chad Stanley and they have two children - Macaid (9) and Sada (5). Son, Ryan married Nikki Hornberg and they provided three more grandchildren, River (7), Randon (6), and Reece (4). "These five grandkids are so very special to me. I look forward to anytime I can spend with them" she commented.

Heraldine worked for Kasten Hardware Hank in Ettrick for 23 years, until October 2001. She is currently employed at Howard's Hardware Hank in Arcadia for the past 9 years. "The Kastens and Howards have been mentors for me, I've learned so much about the hardware business from them" she said. She is the manager of Howard's Rental Department, and is a member of UDAC Plumbing Committee for United Hardware, the provider of Hardware Hank plumbing products. Heraldine is a volunteer for the Chippewa Valley Chapter of The American Red Cross for nearly 20 years, and coordinates blood bank days in Ettrick. A Charter Member of the Ettrick Jaycees and Ettrick Businessmen's Association until both groups dissolved, she maintains an active role as a volunteer for the Lions Club's annual "Fun Days" Celebration for the past 25 years. Additionally, Heraldine is involved with the fund raising walks for the American Diabetes Association.

Despite her full-time employment and volunteer activities, she has maintained her 13 year role as an area Avon representative, and has been the Number 1 Sales Person in her district



**HERALDINE "DEANIE" ROMMEL,
chosen Outstanding Citizen
for Ettrick's 2010 Fun Days Celebration**

for the past 6 years.

An avid collector of copper knick knacks, she also has many rosemaled items and over 200 bells decorating her home. "I also like to bowl, and started when the TranHaus opened in 1979. My gardening now is mostly flowers, as the time required for my vegetables has evaporated" she quipped. Heraldine also loves to bike, and has delivered hundreds of her Avon orders with her bike. The Rommel's are members of the South Beaver Creek Lutheran Church.

When asked her reaction to receiving this award, she said "I was very surprised to be selected for this honor. When we moved to Ettrick in 1973 we didn't know anyone in town, but were made to feel very welcome almost immediately. It's easy to help when something needs to be done. Everyone in Ettrick is your friend. I love Ettrick, it's a great community to live and work in and to raise a family. I thank everyone for their support", she concluded.

The public is invited to attend the ceremonies on Thursday, August 26th at 7 p.m. at the Ettrick Community Center, and show their support throughout the week-end at "Fun Days".