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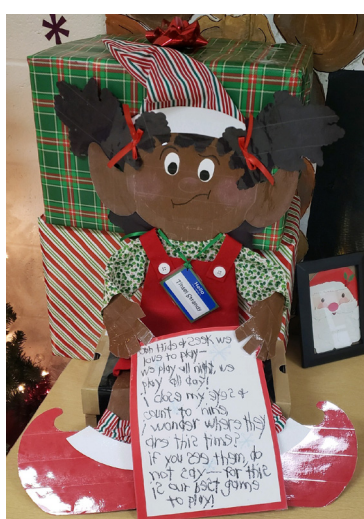
## Creativity abounds - Teachers/staff engage students



At Sherrard Elementary Ray Schwab, custodian (left) and Karen Millichamp, supervisor, (right) work hard to put up inviting additions throughout the school all year long. *Cala Smoldt/Communications Coordinator*



Third graders in Kayla Hollins' class have been studying the Midwest Region. As a cumulative activity - they went on a virtual field trip. Students "traveled" to different landmarks in the Midwest. "They LOVED it and were so excited to explore the St. Louis Arch, Mount Rushmore, Chimney Rock, and much more using google tour and youtube videos," said Hollins. *Kayla Hollins/SGS Teacher*



During the holidays Winola Evening custodian, Cyndi Adams, created elves (pictured above) that moved around the school at night. "The kids love it!" said Principal Kari Roberts. Daytime custodian Amber Hergert helped place them before kids arrived. Adams also made a large mailbox for letters to Santa. *Kari Roberts/Winola Principal*



An Augustana College visit was held outdoors in October. Bo Johnson (left) talks with a rep about his future. Academic and AP Coordinator Julie Drish made the arrangements. *Cala Smoldt/Communications Coordinator*

Pictured at right, Sherrard high school has a new look on the front doors. Student senate provided the vinyl wrap - each year they contribute to a school project and Operation Santa. *Cala Smoldt/Communications Coordinator*



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# Stay Encouraged; Focus on the good, says Boucher



Sherrard Superintendent Alan Boucher

## Good News

One of the ways we can stay encouraged during the pandemic is to feast on good news. Here are some positive points that should raise our spirits.

**Good News!** The Governor announced on Monday that Region 2 (our region) will be moving back down from Tier 3 to Tier 2 on Friday, January 15. To qualify for the move, the region must experience a lower positivity rate, have an adequate number of hospital beds available and have a declining number of hospitalizations. Some of the restrictions for businesses and group gatherings will be loosened for our region.

**Good News!** The Governor has announced that the next phase of vaccinations can begin. That means that front line essential

workers (includes school employees), those who live in congregate settings and those over 75 years old will now be able to get the vaccine.

**Good News!** Mather-ville Intermediate School principal Jeff Shillinger has been selected to be the Black Hawk Region Middle School Principal of the Year. We are proud of Mr. Shillinger and appreciate all he does to make our district the best it can be.

**Good News!** In time for the holidays, more than \$9,000 of Operation Santa money was distributed to our school district's families. Operation Santa has been

helping our families for more than two decades.

**Good News!** Our district is able to continue offering both in-person and remote learning opportunities for the students during the second semester. Currently, 86% of the students are choosing the in-person option for their schooling. We hope the COVID numbers will continue to go down during the spring months so that we can start offering more opportunities to the students.

**Good News!** In the fall, our boys golf team won the team sectional championship. Our boys cross country team won

the regional championship and placed section at sectionals. Senior Jacob Belha captured the regional and sectional titles as an individual.

We have completed the first half of the school year and have every reason to believe we will finish well. To quote A.A. Milne, "You are braver than you believe, smarter than you seem, and stronger than you think."



## Winola student and her family featured on People.com Type 1 diabetes children's advocate

Ellie Hampton – Winola Elementary 3rd grader, and her parents, Stephanie (3rd grade Winola teacher) and Jim Hampton, Viola, were one of the families featured on the 2020 Carousel of Hope Virtual Ball, streamed live on PEOPLE.com, PeopleTV and PEOPLE Facebook, Twitter and YouTube Saturday, Oct.10.

The Carousel of Hope Ball and Children's Diabetes Foundation raise funds for clinical care, and diabetes research at the Barbara Davis Center for Diabetes, in Aurora, Co.

Stephanie said their story could potentially be seen by "millions." Ellie, 8, was diagnosed at age 6 with type 1 diabetes. She's an advocate through the Barbara Davis Center – she educates through community service projects – like writing letters to newly diagnosed children.

As an advocate, Ellie answers questions and helps others understand what type 1 diabetes entails.

"I want to help other

people," Ellie said it feels good to be an advocate.

"She loves telling people about what she has – and what she has to do." Stephanie said it's been an opportunity for her to move from shyness to boldness – it's helped her, "Find her voice," she said.

"Being willing to want to get up in front of people and speak, that's a huge hurdle for her."

This event was originally set for Beverly Hills, Calif., where Ellie was going to be the 'Prayer Child'. Since this year's event was virtual, she will do it next year in Denver, Co. As the Prayer Child, Ellie will get on stage and speak in front of 1,000+ people, she'll introduce herself and say a prayer. During the black-tie event, she and other advocates meet people, answer questions and get to know celebrity guests.

Serving as an advocate during the 2019 Carousel of Hope Ball – Ellie met Mario Lopez, and Reba McEntire. But she said the best part was, "Making new friends."

"They've raised al-

most one million dollars already," in advance of the virtual event, said Stephanie.

"We plan on being involved as much as possible. The whole purpose is to raise money and find a cure," she said.

Ellie said if a cure were found – it would mean she wouldn't have to have shots anymore. In the morning, every time she eats, at night – and anytime her blood sugar goes outside a specific range – she has to have a shot of insulin in her arm or leg.

"We can't do anything spontaneous, we have to make sure we have enough supplies... She can eat the same thing for breakfast every single day, and it's going to affect her totally differently," said Stephanie.

Stephanie said Ellie keeps a small pack with her everywhere she goes – with sugar and backup insulin, just in case.

"It's a constant everyday battle. When she's low she doesn't feel good, when she's too high she doesn't feel good. We try to keep her as level as possible,

but it's a challenge," she said.

Stephanie's sister, Amanda Miller is the Sr. Manager, Events and Sponsorships, The Children's Diabetes Foundation, the fundraising arm of the Barbara Davis Center. That's how they got connected with the Center.

"She worked there three years before Ellie was diagnosed, which is kind of ironic how that worked out," said Stephanie.

High profile celebrity guests performed on the lineup. Jay Leno was the master of ceremonies.



Stephanie Hampton (Left) and Ellie Hampton (Right) demonstrate the device they use to monitor Ellie's blood sugar at all times.

Cala Smoldt/Communications Coordinator

# Christmas lights display brings more than joy

## Help for local organizations



Braetan DeHamer put up the extensive Christmas lights display at his family's home in Fyre Lake, Sherrard. Photo submitted by Angie DeHamer

Braetan DeHamer, a 17-year-old Sherrard High School junior, loved bringing joy to those who stopped to see his Christmas lights display at his Fyre Lake home. He used it as a platform to collect charitable donations.

The first weekend, 30-40 cars came through and left donations for Humility Homes Services in Davenport, Amber Ridge Assisted Living in Moline, Rock Island County Animal QC Paws Shelter and New Kingdom Trailriders.

"Each organization is important", DeHamer said, but New Kingdom Trailriders is a cause especially close to his heart.

"I've seen kids that weren't able to talk — in a couple weeks they learned how to say a couple words," DeHamer said of the work done at New Kingdom Trailriders, a therapeutic horseback riding program for children and adults with social, emotional and physical disabilities in rural Sherrard.

DeHamer volunteered at NKT at 13 years old, cleaning horse stalls and eventually leading children on the horses. He volunteered there until last summer when he got a job.

The idea to use his Christmas display to support charitable organizations was sparked by an English assignment. When Sherrard English teacher Amanda

Fritch assigned the community-focused project, she didn't expect students to carry it out this year, during a pandemic.

"We watched a lot of videos on bringing happiness to the community, helping in the community. ... We're working on building our resume," Fritch said. Part of the purpose was to teach students how volunteerism can open up opportunities for potential work connections.

"We didn't actually need to do it, but I decided to commit to it," DeHamer said. When he was stuck - his teachers pointed out how his love of Christmas lights could play into the project idea. DeHamer said his fascination with Christmas decorations began at age 7. Like other families, his parents took him around during the holidays to look at the lights.

"I was into flashing lights and stuff like that," he said.

His love grew from there, so much that he started asking for Christmas lights and decor for both Christmas and his birthday.

"I bet I have over 2,000 lights, and 4-5 blowups," DeHamer said of his display. He said sometimes people donate decorations or strings that have lights out, which he's willing to fix, and large Christmas blowups at the end of the season they don't plan to reuse.

His mother, Angie DeHamer, said it took him about a month to put up the display.

"Our yard is an acre; our house sits in the middle of three lots," she said. "There's no spot

**"Love and kindness will always win... They outweigh all the rest." - Angie DeHamer**

on the front of the house that doesn't have a light attached to it," she said with a laugh.

The trees in front, along the side and a couple in the back were all lighted. He has taken over putting up the lights display from his dad, all but the roofline.

"We still have so much left lights-wise," Angie said. "He ran out of places to put them or extension cords to run them. He literally has tubs and tubs of Christ-

mas stuff himself."

For Angie, watching her son help unload donations and interact with the community was extra special.

"It was super amazing ... it's awesome to see people step up to give," she said. "Most people around here know Braetan and know some of the struggles."

She said her son has struggled with learning disabilities all his life.

"To see him be proud of himself ... it's very heartwarming," she said. "He started it all, and he did the job. Because life has thrown him curveball after curveball, it's nice for him to have the limelight and let him see

it doesn't matter if he struggles in school, or the curveball life gives you. Love and kindness will always win...

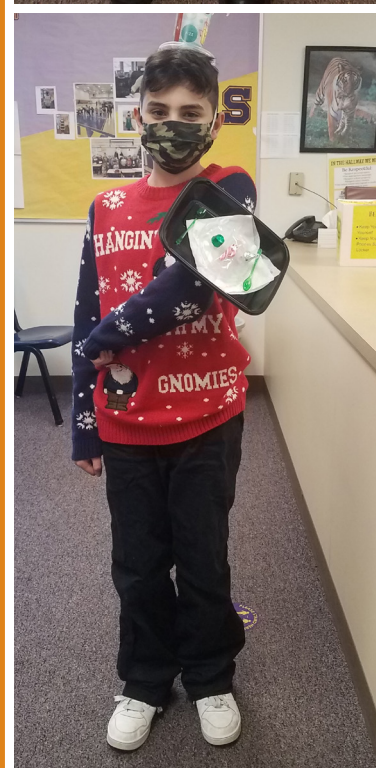
They outweigh all the rest."

Donations far exceeded their expectations, his mom said. The lesson for her son through this project is invaluable.

"I pray that he feels God," she said. "Doing things like this will help him know he's loved, he's worth it."

"We will probably be doing this next year. With hopefully more lights," said Braetan, who hopes to continue to expand his display.

## JH students raise funds for Operation Santa



"Whoville" at SJHS! 7th grader Megan Mackin (pictured above, top) and 8th grader Caleb Sanchez (pictured above, bottom) were the winners for the final day, "Whoville Dress Day" for Holiday Spirit Week. The Grinch did not steal Christmas at SJHS. Mrs. Bush and the JH Student Council collected \$111 in donations for the district's Operation Santa program during Spirit Week. Each day's winners were: Lilly Estes and Kennedy Shillinger; Wes Baker and Olivia Cushman; Madilynn Daves and Aidan Terronez; Mackenzie Volkert and Ryan Fowler.

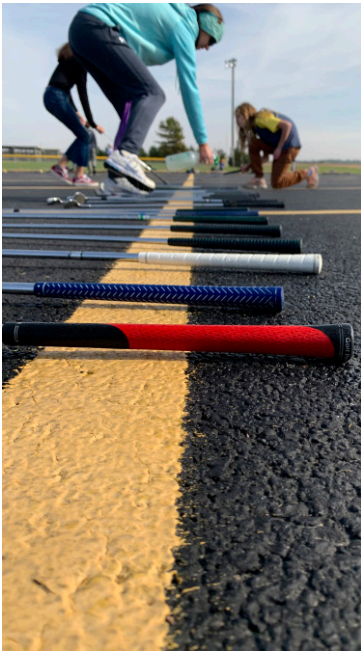
## Tiger Talks on YouTube



Pictured above, Alan Boucher, Sherrard Superintendent, conducts "Tiger Talks" - a video series on the district's YouTube page created to answer questions in an informal format. So far, the series has a total of 730 views on all videos combined. Subscribe Sherrard School District on YouTube to be notified when new content is posted.

Cala Smoldt/Communications Coordinator

# JH P.E. teachers get creative; integrate personal sports



JH PE teacher Paula Zigler sanitizes golf clubs between classes. *Cala Smoldt/Comm. Coord.*

"I'm pretty excited about this year, I know pandemic-wise it's not exactly exciting... but it is for us because we get to go into those units that kids typically don't get to see. They are lifelong sports," said Sherrard Junior High Physical Education teacher Paula Zigler.

Golf roots run deep in the Sherrard area that boasts a serene course at Fyre Lake Golf Club - but that doesn't mean every kid has had the opportunity to learn about the sport. Sowing the seed earlier - may mean more interest in the sport once students hit high school, especially on the heels of the first ever IHSA Sectional win from the high school boys' golf team recently, Oct. 12. Because of the pandemic, the IHSA did not host state golf finals.

This year in Physical Education classes - no team sports, including basketball, football, soccer are allowed - since the equipment is shared during the sport. Personal sports - where every student uses their own equipment, followed by sanitization, has meant new PE units.

Their first unit was frisbee golf. Teachers Zigler and Brandon Oelmann, got creative.

"We set up the course with tomato cages and a laundry basket sitting inside an elevated target,"

she said.

When PE teachers Zigler and Oelmann heard they couldn't do any shared equipment team sports they reacted by brainstorming ideas, creating an Amazon wish list to purchase the needed supplies - and asked friends and family to consider donating. Within a few days they were fully funded.

Golf balls were donated by teachers to help lessen expenses.

Zigler said the kids

**"It's worth it to wear masks - to get to come to school" ... -7th grader, Jazmyn McCray**

enjoyed it - learning the basics, like how to swing a golf club.

She said most students began golf not knowing much, "They're doing great. Most of them, honestly, haven't played golf before. To see them progress from day one to day ten... it is night and day."

"When I first started I didn't understand it. I feel like my hitting has gotten better," said 7th grade student Jazmyn McCray. She said she was excited when she heard the district would have an in-person option when school started, "I was excited to see how junior high was - (it's my) first year in junior high, 7th grade. I was excited to see my friends, see the teachers, meet everyone. At the same time I was nervous because I didn't know how everything was going to play out.

"It's worth it to wear masks - to get to come to school... No one is going to like it, but it's worth it."

Upcoming PE units include bags, dance, lacrosse, pole vaulting, "We just got our last load of pool noodles we'll use for fencing. I'm excited about that. I've never taught it, but I have lots of resources - I've reached out to colleagues

that have. I'm excited about doing that in the winter," said Zigler.

Eighth grade student Kaylee said she's glad to be back - because it's harder for her to work from home. "They're (teachers) not always around to ask questions and stuff - they can't respond to emails as fast as in class." She said she likes the new PE units this year.

"I've never really played golf - it's pretty fun, my grandpa used



JH students practice their swing during the golf unit. *Cala Smoldt/Communications Coordinator*

you go that have bags tournaments?" said Zigler.

She said on average they go through six to nine bottles of cleaning solution to sanitize equipment handled by students each week. "We're trying the best that we can to keep everyone safe, healthy and in school so they can enjoy physical education."

Remote students

are still doing physical education activities - and checking-in with PE teachers.

"They are still required to do our activity - or (PE) assignment," said Zigler.

"They want that physical activity - they are craving it. They need it... They really have been receptive to what we're teaching," she said.

## Stand-out athletes recognized by Quad City Times

### *Boys Cross Country, second at Sectionals*



Jacob Belha, sr., (pictured above) was named the Quad Cities All-Western Illinois Boys cross country runner of the year by the Quad City Times Newspaper. He captured his first individual Class 1A regional and sectional titles to cap a perfect 10-0 season, taking first

place at the Alleman Regional with a time of 15 minutes, 22 seconds for 3 miles and then winning the Seneca Sectional in 16:44.5. It helped lead the Tigers to the regional team championship and a second-place sectional finish.

Three more Sherrard standout seniors were

named among 11 to the QC Times 'First Team'.

Mike Gorey, sr., Sherrard: Finished ninth at the 1A regionals (16:39) to help the Tigers to the team title, then placed 30th at the 1A sectionals (18:17)

Dayton Hauger, sr., Sherrard: Took fourth at the 1A regionals with a time of 16:17 and went on to finish 18th at the 1A sectional meet in 17:49.

Alex Wilson, sr., Sherrard: Helped the Tigers to their 1A regional team title with a 10th-place finish of 16:46, then went on to finish 27th at the sectional meet (18:12).

Sherrard finished second as a team at the Class 1A Seneca Sectional. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, the IHSA did not have a state meet this season.

# Sherrard Boys Golf team made history as Sectional Champions



IHSA Boys Golf Sectionals was held at the beautiful Fyre Lake Golf Course in Sherrard. Fall colors popped against the background of the greens... especially after the sun made its debut on what began as a dreary day. *Cala Smoldt/Communications Coordinator*

The Sherrard boys golf team won the first ever IHSA sectional championship in Sherrard history at Fyre Lake Golf Course, Oct. 12. What started out as a cold, blustery day – ended in sunshine and a record-setting win for the Tigers.

Normally, the team would go on to compete at the state-level, but that was cancelled this year by IHSA officials, due to the pandemic.

Standout Evan Earl said, “The goal is to always get to state, but it’s better than nothing.” The players are glad they got to have a season, despite the restrictions.

The top ten finishing teams were: Sherrard with an overall score of

333, Alleman and Brimfield tied for second with 359; Illini west and Lincolnwood tied for third at 366; North Mac and Williamsville tied for fourth with 371. Illini Bluffs came in at 5th place with 382; Hamilton (West Hancock) tied with Peoria Christian for 6th place with 384.

Sherrard coach Brett Williams said the day went well, “(I’m) So thankful for Fyre Lake Golf Club for being the host course, and Hy-Vee for the awesome catering job! Everything went well... Best way to end this 2020 season!”

Upon reflection on the season, Earl said, “I played good for our last two conference meets... lows were at the begin-

ning of the year.”

He said, “putting more thought into my practice,” is what made the difference for him.

Earl was named the Quad City Times “Illinois Pacesetter” on Sept 29 with a feature article in print and online.

In their regular season, Sherrard’s record was 14-3; post-season was 20-1, placing second at regionals, and now sectional champions.

Sherrard junior Brennan Welch said he had his personal best at the first meet of the season, “Which was really nice. To follow that I didn’t really do what I wanted to... now that we’re finishing off, I’m getting back to where I wanna be.”

The Tigers took the advantage playing on their home course and their hard work paid off, “We play here everyday... we know that we have to do really well – because that’s what we expect of ourselves. We know we can do really well here,” said Welch. The top two individual finishers overall – Jeremy Ott, Brimfield senior finished in first – beating out Dain Richie, Waverly senior, in a final tie-breaker hole. Both finished with an overall score of 75.

Four Sherrard players placed in the top 15 for individual scorers. Evan Earl, senior came in 5th with a score of 79, and Brennan Welch, junior finished overall with a

score of 80 for 6th place.

Sherrard top finishers Evan Earl, senior placed 6th, and Brennan Welch, junior placed 7th. Juniors, Blake Wynn and Clayton Matkovic, both finished with individual scores of 87, placing 12th overall.

Rockridge saw two top players in the top 15; juniors, Drew Hall finished 3rd with 78 and Dan Oneill placed in 10th with 86 overall.

Ten schools and 21 individuals for a total of 81 students came to the Sectional competition hosted at Fyre Lake Golf Course.



## Jones : Top Archer



Congratulations to Kaiden Jones - overall top archer at the Bi-State Sportsman’s Association in Colona, over break on Oct. 12. As a team - Sherrard placed 4th out of six teams in trap shooting. *Photo submitted*



Pictured above Landen Ernat, sr.; below Brennan Welch, jr. *Cala Smoldt/Communications Coordinator*



Pictured above, Clayton Matkovic, jr.; below, Evan Earl, sr. *Cala Smoldt/Communications Coordinator*



# Winola students think of seniors for Thanksgiving



Carly Minch's 4th grade class gathered supplies and stuffed gift bags to bring joy to seniors.

*Cala Smoldt/Communications Coordinator*

"They're going to feel loved - and this is what's most important." Beth Springer, Life Enrichment Coordinator, Brookstone, Aledo, a senior living facility.

Tuesday, Carly Minch's fourth grade class at Winola Elementary packed and deliv-

ered Thanksgiving Gift Bags for the 76 senior residents at Brookstone.

Each year Minch's class chooses community outreach projects. She said her class works on character-building throughout the year.

"I'm excited that they'll probably have a

smile on their face when they get these. I want them to know that we care about them.

"I'm excited for them to be happy because they don't get visitors there right now," said Justine Elsbury, 10.

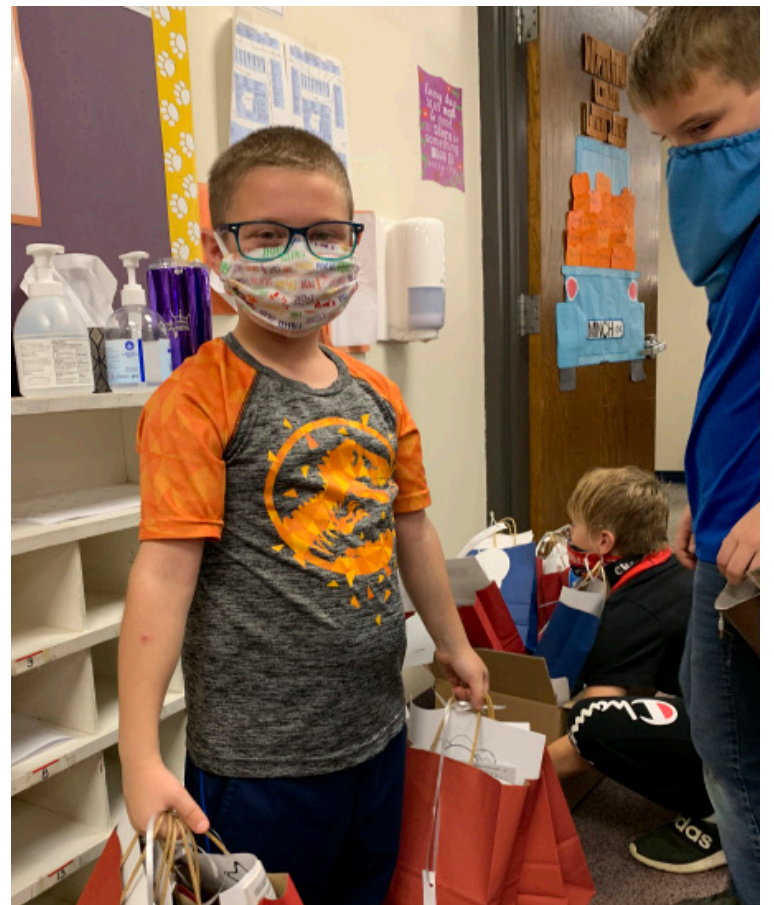
"We talk all the time about spreading kindness and paying it forward... In our room, we're a community group. But it doesn't stop here. I think it's just as important to the residents as it is for the kids to see the importance of thinking of others," said Minch.

She said the class brainstormed how they could reach out to the senior residents.

The purpose of the gift bags, according to Minch's class, is to, "Show that people care about them in a time when they are restricted on having visitors... to spread the kindness we do in our classroom everyday to people in our community... put a smile on their face.... And pay it forward."

"I really wanted them to take the ownership here, they were super excited this morning to get to do that," said Minch.

Kaithen Kallenbach, 10, said he loves making people happy, "It feels great, because you're helping other people that don't get to see their



Kaithen Kallenbach, tests his muscles and carries gift bags to send to the assisted living facility in Aledo.

*Cala Smoldt/Communications Coordinator*

friends or family."

Pre-packaged items were chosen by the fourth graders - they chose fun activities and toiletries to help in the coming winter months. Gift bag items included; hot cocoa, tissues, chapstick, lotion, hand sanitizer, candy, blow pops, color sheets, colored pencils, word searches, a picture colored by students, a message to them and an ornament.

The contents of the bags were donated by student's families.

Minch delivered the gift bags to the

facility Tuesday before Thanksgiving - so they had plenty of time to get them to the residents in time.

In the future, Minch said her class is hoping to connect with seniors virtually.

Springer said she was overwhelmed when Minch contacted her about the idea, "It's amazing to have people from the community reach out and do things like this. The residents are going to be thrilled."



The fourth graders helped load the boxes of gift bags into Minch's vehicle - stuffing it full of goodies.

*Cala Smoldt/Communications Coordinator*

## Sherrard students commissioned to create signs for Culver's restaurants



Metals instructor John Rasty presented a sign for Culver's owner Mike Martel to hang at his Moline location.

*Cala Smoldt/Communications Coordinator*

Sherrard Ag Teacher John Rasty presented a metal sign made by his Ag Metal Fabrication 2 class - commissioned by Culver's Franchise owner/operator Mike Martel.

He was impressed with the sign, "That's excellent! I'm confident we'll take at least two more.. it's good and heavy."

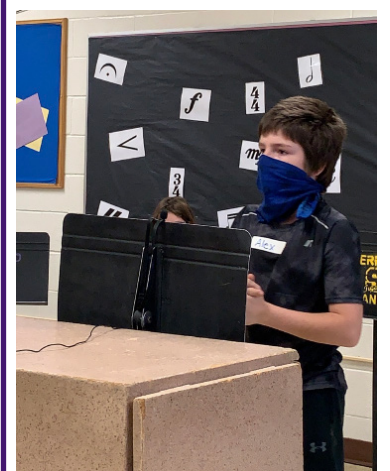
This first sign will go up at his Moline location, when they're finished, he said he

plans to put signs up at his Silvis and Geneseo locations.

He was impressed with the work students were doing in the class - during a visit with Rasty last year following a donation he made to Sherrard's FFA organization.

Martel said Culver's event, 'Scoops of Thanks' will fundraise money for area FFA Chapters - Sherrard's FFA is one beneficiary.

## Spelling Bee Champ



Dec. 18 - Matherville Intermediate held a school-wide spelling bee. Congratulations to our spelling champion - Alex Schriener! Everyone did a wonderful job. *Photo submitted*

# ILMEA All-State: Sherrard band students top in state



Photos submitted by Band Director David Grayson

Four Sherrard High School Band students made ILMEA All-State for 2021.

Logan Holliday, Evan Gagliardo, Keaton Egel, and Steven Shaw are all going to State (full virtual March 20, 2021).

Steven has already placed 2nd at State for the Composition Arranging Category.

"This is the most students we have had make All-State in Sherrard High School history! It's a huge honor for these students and there is no higher accomplishment in the State of Illinois for Band or Composition," said Band Director David Grayson.

#### About the students

Logan Holliday, Senior Bari Saxophone,

made All-State Band for the second year in a row. Logan is also a Drum Major and a Band Manager in the Sherrard Band Program. Last year, as a Junior, Logan made the ILMEA All-State Honors Band (top band) and sat second chair, which placed him as the second-best Bari Saxophone in Illinois. He also performed a feature on Bari Sax with the Sherrard High School Jazz Ensemble I, when they performed at ILMEA State in 2020. Only 4 Bari Saxophones make All-State Band each year from around the State of Illinois regardless of school size.

Logan will audition when he goes to State with hopes of placing

first chair in the Honor Band.

Evan Gagliardo, Senior Alto Saxophone, made All-State Jazz this year. Evan is also a Drum Major and a Band Manager in the Sherrard Band Program. Evan has been featured multiple times with the Sherrard Jazz Ensemble I, including a feature solo song as a junior when the Sherrard High School Jazz Ensemble I performed at ILMEA State in 2020.

Evan also performed with the Macy's Great American Marching Band (2019) in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City. Only 5 Alto Saxophones make All-State Jazz each year from around the State of Illinois regardless of school size, and

Sherrard has two of them. Evan will audition again at State for placement in either the All-State Jazz Band, Honors Jazz Combo, or Honors Jazz Band.

Keaton Egel, Sophomore Alto Saxophone, made All-State Jazz this year. Keaton is a member of the Sherrard Jazz Ensemble I and performed at ILMEA State in 2020 as a Freshman with the Sherrard High School Jazz Ensemble I during his first year of playing jazz.

Keaton plays the Tenor Saxophone in the SHS Symphonic Band, Sherrard Jazz Band II, and with the award-winning SHS Marching Tigers. Only 5

Alto Saxophones make All-State Jazz each year from around the State of Illinois regardless of school size, and Sherrard has two of them. Keaton will audition again at State for placement in either the All-State Jazz Band, Honors Jazz Combo, or Honors Jazz Band.

Steven Shaw, Junior Clarinet, made All-State Composition and placed 2nd for Arranging at State. Steven plays the Clarinet in the Sherrard Band Program and took SHS Music Theory last year as a Sophomore.

Steven also performed with the Macy's Great American Marching

Band in 2019 in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City. Steven placed 2nd in the State this year under the ILMEA Arranging Category for his arrangement of "The Credits Roll", arranged for jazz big band. Over 300 students from around the State, regardless of school size, submitted compositions this year, which was a record by far. Steven will attend All-State for an amazing composition experience.

The following students who not only made ILMEA Jazz but also placed First Chair (top player) in the top District 2 Jazz Band. "This makes them the best on their instrument in this district for jazz and puts them in the running for All-State Jazz," said Grayson.

Evan Gagliardo - Jazz Alto Saxophone  
Payne Suman - Jazz Trombone  
Vincent Wiley - Jazz Bass Trombone  
Marshall Warner - Jazz Vibes

These band students have worked hard in the Sherrard Bands and now they sit amongst the top musicians in the State of Illinois - regardless of school size.

"We are so proud of them!" said Grayson.



## The show must go on: Sherrard Bands perform outdoors



Sherrard's concert band, junior high band and jazz bands all performed outdoors for a socially distant performance, carefully adhering to all safety measures early last fall. The band performed another outdoor concert close to Halloween. They played Halloween-themed tunes to entertain their adoring audience. Photo submitted by Director of Bands David Grayson.

# Matherville Virtual Concert honors Veterans



Matherville Intermediate Veterans Day Celebration Nov. 11, 2020 - Students and staff honored the United States service men and women virtually. Normally, the school holds an assembly. Guest speaker State Representative, Army Lieutenant Colonel (retired) Daniel M. Swanson (pictured at left) answered questions about his time serving.



Fifth and sixth grade students recorded their renditions of patriotic songs - outside, socially distanced (pictured at left). The choral performance included U.S. Military Songs from the Army, Marines, Coast Guard, Air Force and Navy.

The video aired to every classroom on Veterans Day in lieu of an assembly. It can still be seen on the Sherrard School District YouTube channel.

# Metals Class honors Veterans



The metals class created this American flag and held a drawing to gift it to a local veteran. The class posted the winning name to their Facebook page, "We are very grateful for our veterans and their service. Happy Veterans day to you all! And congratulations to Alisha Kregel for winning this sign!" *Photo Submitted*



# Sweat for a Vet



In Junior High PE - teachers Paula Zigler and Brandon Oelmann integrated workouts with honoring veterans via - "Sweat for a Vet". They asked students to send in pictures, names, and branch of service of veterans they are close to. Zigler then created an interactive powerpoint with their information and a specific workout. *Screenshots of workouts pictured above*

# "Thank You Veterans" flag display by Sherrard FFA



On Veterans Day, the Sherrard FFA went to the five fire departments in our school district with their military flag display to thank the veterans. *Photo Submitted*



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