

#SherrardRoars

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK



We have come to the end of another productive school year in the Sherrard School District. The students and staff have worked diligently to improve learning and are now off to enjoy a host of interesting summer activities.

Here is a small sampling of the many highlights from the past year.

The district hired a new school resource officer, a district journalist, a new principal at Matherville, a new assistant principal at the high school and a new district special education director.

A new Strategic Plan

was established by the district.

Online student registration was used for the first time last summer.

Heart rate monitors were purchased for HS PE classes.

The elementary schools implemented a new math program called Ready Math.

New stadium lights were installed at the high school, secure entrances were constructed at Matherville and Sherrard Grade School, and the roof was replaced at Matherville.

The district purchased a staff car, a large bus, a mini bus, a passenger van and a band trailer.

A number of new classes were implemented at the high school

along with 4 new student clubs.

The district adopted a new school logo, crest, hashtag and motto.

Thousands of dollars were raised for charities and more than a ton of student-grown fresh vegetables were donated to local food pantries.

Next year is shaping up to be the best yet. We are grateful for the families and community members who support our efforts to be good stewards of our programs, resources and facilities.



Upcoming Events:

Aug. 14 - First Day of School

High School
Aug. 7 - 9th Grade Orientation 5:30 p.m.
Aug. 28 - Picture Day
Sept. 19 - Picture Retakes

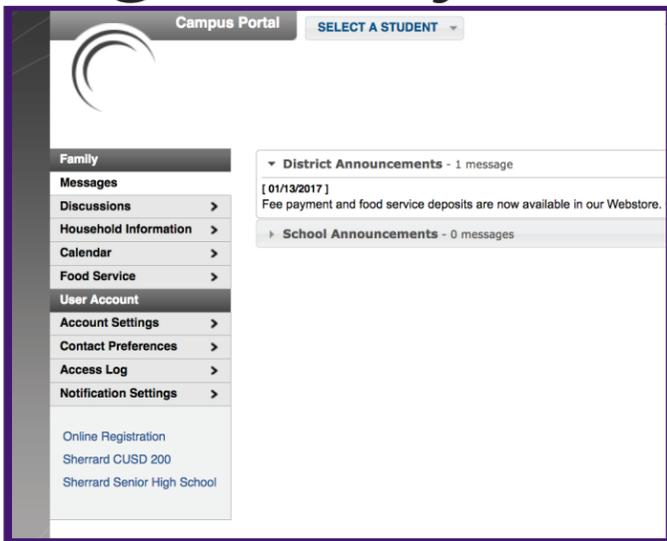
Jr. High
Aug. 9 - 7th Grade Orientation 6 p.m.
Aug. 29 - Picture Day
Sept. 19- Picture Retakes

Matherville Intermediate
Aug. 20 - Picture Day
Sept. 20 - Picture Retakes

Sherrard Grade School
Sept. 5 - Picture Day
Sept. 12 - Senior Pictures
Sept. 25 - Picture Retakes

Winola Elementary
Sept. 6- Picture Day
Sept. 27 - Picture Retakes

Registration Begins July 6



We no longer accept paper registration. Computers are available in any of the schools for parents or guardians to come in and register their student(s)

Registration opens on July 6, for ALL returning students.

Parents - you have to login to their portal account on a computer, online registration does not work well on a tablet or phone.

If you forgot your login info or you have not setup a portal account, contact Jennifer Thurman when the HS office opens on July 12 at (309) 593-2175 ext 5. Or, email Janette Finch between the July 6 and July 12 at finchj@sherrard.us.

NOTE: Student accounts do not work for registration as you would only see information for that student.

Once logged in, on the left side of the window towards the bottom where links are for the district are the words "Online Registration". Click on this link to begin the registration process.

Review the students listed for the application. If the list is correct, select Begin Registration. Possible reasons the information may not appear correctly:

- Student no longer lives in

the household.
- Step parent may be trying to complete registration and is not listed as a guardian.

Contact the school if you have a problem with the list.

The individual completing the application will need to type their name, which is equivalent to signing a paper document.

The existing information from Infinite Campus, the student information system will populate the tabs in the registration application.

Parents can edit the existing information and add any new information on the tabs.

Submit the application when finished.

The payment of fees is not part of the online registration. Fees can be paid by mailing in or dropping off payment to the school offices. OR, they can be paid online by using the RevTrak/Webstore link on the district website.

This is something a lot of people did not know or understand when we registered last year. I've added some pages to the website if want more information.

New Student Registration

The Sherrard Community School District 200 welcomes your interest in our schools!

Grades K - 4 and Preschool will attend either Sherrard Elementary (Sherrard) or Winola Elementary (Viola). All 5th & 6th grade students attend Matherville Intermediate (Matherville). Students in grades 7 - 12 attend the Junior or Senior High School located outside of Sherrard on 176th Ave (County NN). Phone the district office at 309-593-4075 with questions.

Parents/Guardians will need to contact the school your child will attend to receive an email link for online registration or

to make an appointment to come into the building and register if you do not have a computer or internet connection. All student(s) in a household can be registered on the same application.

Children who are five years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2019, will be permitted to enter kindergarten for the 2018-2019 school year.

Students registering at the Junior or Senior High School will need to call 309-593-2175 and make an appointment to meet with a counselor on new student scheduling days Aug. 2 and 3.

Infinite Campus Online Registration

Welcome [redacted]. Please type in your first and last name in the box below.

By typing your name into the box below you attest that you are the person authenticated into this application or an authorized user of this account, and the data you are entering/verifying is accurate and true to the best of your knowledge.

Submit

BUSTOS PRAISES SHERRARD'S VOCATIONAL AND SKILLED CLASSES

SHERRARD — Students and administrators at Sherrard High School on Monday, April 9, showed U.S. Rep. Cheri Bustos, D-Moline, programs that emphasize skilled trades.

Rep. Bustos visited the district at the invitation of Sherrard School Board President Rhys Fullerlove.

"We feel like we're doing a good job of providing a very high quality level of education and offerings that you wouldn't typically find at a rural school district," Mr. Fullerlove said. "Having her see that first hand was important."

Sherrard seniors Ann Weber, Adam Barber and Matthew Nevin led Rep. Bustos through the school, showing the district's industrial arts program, TV production lab, Chromebook repair class and heart-rate monitors used in physical education classes.

Agriculture department students discussed an industrial oven they made to save the school \$6,000 this year. They also presented her with a metal wall sign, #SherrardRoars, for her Washington, D.C. office.

Ms. Weber told how the school's five-acre plot produced more than one ton of produce for local food pantry donations. She also noted \$3,000 raised for Hurricane Harvey relief through the sale of sweet corn.

"We really do strive for community service and reaching out to our community members and try to make a difference," she said.

Rep. Bustos said Sherrard was meeting the need for more people to go into farming. She said she was impressed that, in the two years since the district added an ag instructor for a total of two, the program had grown from 70 to 200 students.

"At a time when, for every one person going into agriculture under 35 we have six over the age of 65 leaving, we need more people to go into ag," Rep. Bustos said. "That is still our biggest economic driver in the state of Illinois."

"This is part of the answer, right here at Sherrard High School," she said.

Sherrard senior Chase Martens interviewed Rep. Bustos for the school's news program, asking her educational priorities for the district. She said she wanted to ensure students received the best education possible, and that she was concerned the Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos doesn't believe in public education.

Rep. Bustos also heard about new heart-rate monitor technology at the school from PE instructor Sarah Souhrada and a Chromebook repair class. Technology coordinator Jay Wyckoff, who teaches the class, fixed more than 400 computers

the first year the school bought the Chromebooks. Instructional Technology Coach Steve Miller said the class had cut the time needed to fix the Chromebooks from days to hours.

"As a rural school district, our budget is not nearly as big as some of those in-town school districts," Mr. Fullerlove said. "We're doing a lot more, I feel, with a lot smaller budget. People don't realize that."

"What we want people to realize, you can get a very good quality education," he told Rep. Bustos. "We do offer all those nice things: AP (advanced placement) classes, honors classes. You can still get all that quality education."

Rep. Bustos said one reason the district was able to stretch its resources was because teachers were engaged and willing to build a "tremendous vocational program."

"Not everybody wants to go to a four-year university," she said. "I think it's great that Sherrard is in a position where they are educat-



ing students so they can go into the work world."

Superintendent Alan Boucher said he was proud of the district's vocational and skilled trade programs, saying the school has "a lot of dedicated, hard-working teachers and students who accept their leadership and want to

learn and grow, and develop new skills."

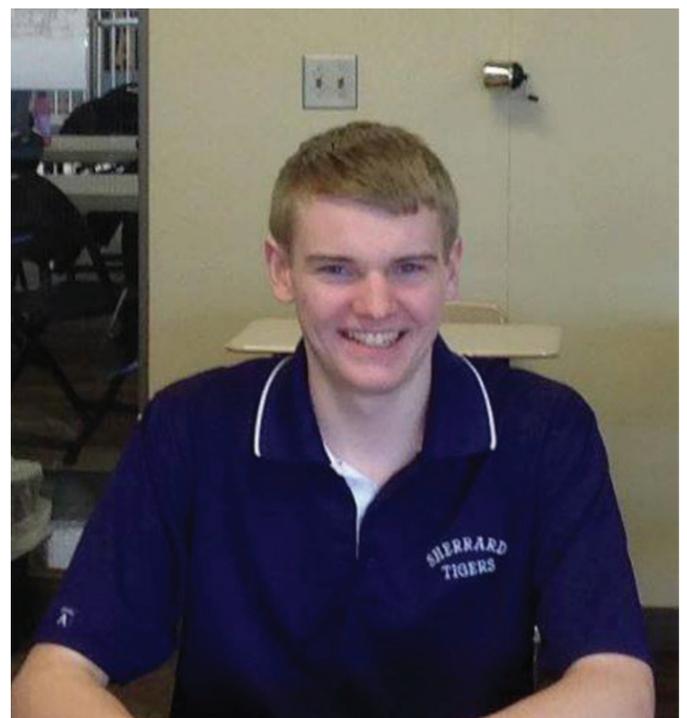
After leaving Sherrard, Rep. Bustos delivered donated books from the Library of Congress to the Western District Library in Orion.



FRICITION



Students in Mrs. Hollins's third-grade class learned about FRICITION this week by discovering which materials slide best down a slide. Students had a blast investigating which materials provide the least amount of friction for optimum speed.



Joshua Gibson got 1st place in his division on the U S History test at the Minnesota Regional Tournament, qualifying him for the National U S History Bee Tournament in DC

Illinois Lieutenant Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti visited Sherrard



Illinois Lieutenant Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti - R, visited Sherrard High School Thursday, May 24.

She said she accepted the invite because as the Chair of the Governor's Rural Affairs Council she wanted to see a rural high school at it's best.

The tour included the school's most progressive departments - Metal Fabrication Shop, the STV (Sherrard Television) room, a Chromebook repair class, a plot of land students use to grow food for local food pantries and a stop in the band room.

Sanguinetti received a bachelor's in piano performance before she got a J.D. in law school. She encouraged band students to, "Dream big because the skills you learn here are incredibly transferable."

Principal Tim Wernentin told her the district is adding two more advanced placement classes next year - for a total of 10.

She said Sherrard is doing "amazing" to offer so many AP classes.

"That's not the case in all of our rural schools across the board. We're making that happen as an administration, and we're very proud of that as well," she said. As part of the Rural Affairs council she launched a program to get AP classes in 10 rural schools.

"Rural Illinois has been ignored for many decades, but that's why we're here," she said.

She said her and Governor Bruce Rauner heard the sentiment that

people south of I-80 felt completely, "deleted," and children weren't being treated equitably across the state's 102 counties.

"I was glad that one of the main things we were able to work on was the equitably based funding formula," she said.

Officials talked about safety.

Superintendent Alan Boucher said the district is continually revisiting crisis plans.

"We take safety measures very seriously here." He said that evening officials will meet to update crisis management plans. They collaborate with police, the fire department, and counselors to assess possible threats before they happen.

Following the averted tragedy in Dixon recently, when a student brought a gun to school, Sanguinetti said, "(We) saw something good at work - we had a resource officer that was able to act quickly and avoid what is foreseen to be a great tragedy in that school."

She said the safety package introduced by Governor Rauner recommends a resource officer in every school across the state. It also protects second amendment rights, provides a 72 hour waiting period, and looks at mental health issues, she said.

"We're hopeful the general assembly will say that it's the right thing to do," she said funding for the package is yet to be determined. "Our children feeling safe in our schools, or wherever they go is very important."

Mr. Boucher said the purpose of inviting state elected officials is twofold - to show officials why Sherrard is proud of it's district and so they can see firsthand how their decisions directly affect rural schools.

"We're hoping it will better inform them as they make decisions for the future and we want to have some input on that... We're anxious to see how they can make decisions that benefit Sherrard School District," he said.

"Sherrard High School is doing a magnificent job and I leave here with tremendous hope for our future, because when I grow up, I want to be just like all the students here at Sherrard, good job," said Lt. Sanguinetti.

Sanguinetti is the fifth elected official to tour the Sherrard high school in the past 18 months at the request of School Board



Sherrard scoreboard will honor Luxmore



SHERRARD — A memorial fund established for the late Cpl. Bryant J. "B.J." Luxmore will provide a state-of-the-art baseball scoreboard at Sherrard High School.

Luxmore, 25, of New Windsor, was killed in action June 10, 2012, in Afghanistan. The 2005 Sherrard graduate played both baseball and football at the school.

His mother, Brenda Luxmore, said his family is excited to complete the scoreboard project using funds accumulated by the Bryant J. Luxmore Memorial Fund.

"We feel this is another wonderful tribute and continuation of keeping B.J.'s life, legacy and sacrifice remembered and honored,"

she said.

"We are grateful that Sherrard High School has supported us on this project," she said. "We have wanted to do something at the school to keep his legacy a part of Sherrard High School and a reflection of his love of baseball."

Brock Luxmore, B.J.'s older brother by three years, said the memorial fund also donates four scholarships annually to Illinois College baseball in Jacksonville and to Mercer County and Sherrard baseball and football players.

Brock Luxmore said he consulted with Sherrard Activities Director Michael Applegate about establishing a memorial in his brother's name that also addresses the school's needs.

"We've been fortunate enough over the last six years to be able to donate to certain organizations," Brock Luxmore said. "We also have been able to accrue more dollars to that memorial fund that we wanted to just find something that was a little more permanent."

Brenda Luxmore said the family is "thrilled that this is a continuation of Brock and B.J.'s brotherly love of baseball and the bond between them both."

Following graduation from

Sherrard, B.J. Luxmore played baseball at Monmouth College and at Illinois College, where he graduated in 2009. He joined the Army in April 2011 as an infantryman and was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division.

He was posthumously promoted to corporal and awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart and Combat Infantry Badge. He left behind a wife, Jamie, and a son, Lane.

Each year, the memorial fund created in his honor holds a fundraising golf event the third Saturday in August. A wait list was formed this year when the field of 36 teams was sold out in less than three days.

This year's event is Aug. 18 at Fyre Lake Golf Course in Sherrard. Hole sponsorships and luncheon tickets are still available.

"The local community has been tremendous," said Brock Luxmore who now lives in Springfield. "It is crazy how that small town effect — people that actually go above and beyond on how they care — (is) always very much appreciated, especially on my end not being there anymore."

Cpl. Luxmore's parents, Leonard and Brenda, still live in New Windsor.



"It's hard to express how grateful we are that B.J. is honored and remembered by so many," said his mother. "Our friends, family and community have done so much to help ease the pain by knowing he will never be forgotten."

Applegate said he was overwhelmed by the family's generosity. He said that since the old scoreboard wasn't in disrepair, it wouldn't be replaced by school funding — but it did need an update.

The new scoreboard will show nine innings for each team, to better host IHSA events, Applegate said.

"B.J. is a hero to the community, staff and students," he said. "We

have many people that knew him from his playing days and know his family, and want to continue to keep his legacy fresh for all."

The scoreboard will bear his name and the memorial's logo. Brock Luxmore said he expects the scoreboard will be up before the end of the summer, installed where the almost 20-year-old board now stands.

Following its installation, there will be a dedication ceremony.

"I love it, because it will be a daily reminder for all about the sacrifice B.J. made for this nation and of all the other Sherrard alumni that are currently active," said Applegate.

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FFA BANQUET



On May 3rd Sherrard High School hosted the Section 3 banquet. Visiting schools were Al-Wood, Annawan, Bureau Valley, Cambridge, Galva, Geneseo, Kewanee, Orion, Princeton, Riverdale, Sherrard, Stark County, & Wethersfield. Each school brought representatives to vote on the upcoming year's section officers. They held a Greenhand quizbowl, a science fair,

and the chapters had their scrapbooks from this year judged. Sherrard placed 3rd in both the quiz-bowl and scrapbook judging. Greenhands are first year FFA members, and the quizbowl covers FFA



SGS Garden Club



June 14 - Sherrard Elementary Garden Club is off to a GREAT start! Students tilled the dirt by hand and planted a variety of vegetables today! They are planning to share the vegetables with needy families in our community.

SHERRARD FFA HELPS REDUCE FOOD INSECURITY

Last year the Sherrard FFA Chapter started a garden at the high school. The garden site had previously been one of the crop plots the FFA operated. With larger equipment being used for farming, it was becoming increasingly difficult to plant and harvest that small area. This prompted the chapter to look at alternative uses for the site. One of the Agricultural Education classes had been discussing the level of food insecurity in the area. This class discussion brought about a suggestion that the chapter make that plot into a garden with the intention of providing all of the produce to area food pantries. At the very next chapter meeting the Sherrard members voted unanimously to proceed with the project.

In the first year of operation, the FFA members planted sweet corn, tomatoes, peppers and onions. Over the summer, members tended the garden by pulling weeds and watering as needed. As the produce ripened, the FFA members started harvesting and delivering their garden bounty to three area food pantries. Their efforts were rewarded with a total harvest of 2705 pounds of fresh produce used to help offset the effects of hunger in our area.

Following the success of and lessons learned from the first garden, the Sherrard FFA decided to continue this project for the

summer of 2018. With the arrival of spring, the activity level related to the garden increased. Horticulture students seeded extra tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers and zucchini squash in the greenhouse. Other Agricultural Education students/FFA members tilled the garden and set out string lines to mark the rows. The garden now covers a total 0.4 of an acre. In the garden, Sherrard FFA currently has 3 rows of potatoes, 2 rows of peppers, 2 rows of onions, 1 row of tomatoes and carrots. Members also set out a number of cucumber and zucchini plants. One of the last things done was the planting of 18 rows of sweet corn. Each of the rows in the garden are 170 feet long with varying spaces between the rows depending on the type of produce.

The response from students has been good. Freshman Brian Sanders said, "I love the garden. It's good for the food pantry and I am proud I got to help." Bill Hammes, Sherrard FFA Advisor and Agricultural Education instructor said, "A garden like this takes a lot of manual labor. A number of students have stepped forward to help get things done. Many of them understand the benefit to people in the communities from Mercer and Rock Island counties. They also realize that the work



they are doing may be helping students who walk the same school hallways that they do." A secondary benefit is that they are developing a variety of basic gardening skills which they will be able to utilize if they wish to have a garden of their own.

The Sherrard FFA Chapter set

an ambitious goal for their 2018 garden. The members want to deliver a minimum of 2.5 ton of produce to area food pantries. Last year the FFA members were told that the 2705 lbs of fresh produce they raised helped over 1000 people. The members realize that they will not eliminate the problem of food insecurity in our

area but through their efforts the Sherrard FFA members will do their part to help reduce it.

Garrick Utley
Sherrard Chapter Reporter 2018-2019

WAX MUSEUM A SUCCESS

MATHERVILLE — Fifth-graders at Matherville Intermediate treated parents and friends to the school's first ever wax museum Friday, April 20.

As visitors walked through the school, students stood still as though they were a display in a museum. Each had a small round sticker on their shoulder — when pushed, the student went into character.

The idea came from fifth-grade teacher Myka Walljasper — who did the project when she was in school.

"It's one of my best school memories," she said. She invited the other fifth-grade teacher's to join, and they all loved the idea.

She said the project helped kids, "take it to heart," by being in costume and integrating theater and the arts into learning.

"I'm from a very theatrical family — the theater arts don't get brought in a lot — especially to younger education. I try to pull it in as much as I can."

They were given the assignment in February.

"We tied it in with books. So they had to read a book about somebody not just get facts off the internet," Ms. Walljasper said.

Students memorized a speech containing 15 facts, including information about the person's childhood, what they're famous for and their impact on history. They also had to put together a fitting costume. She said students were hesitant to speak in front of people.

Savannah Wick, dressed as Amelia Earhart, said she enjoyed the project, but at first she wasn't sure if she could do it.

"I learned more about myself and what I'm capable of doing," she said. She said doing the speech was both her least favorite and most favorite part of the assignment.

"Memorizing was easy. Saying it in front of other people was the hardest part."

Principal Jeff Shillinger said: "The students did an amazing job preparing themselves and their costumes for the Wax Museum. Their accurate historical depictions were met with raving approval from the community. Hopefully this will turn into an annual event for our students."

Originally from Moline, Ms. Walljasper is in her second year teaching at Sherrard — her first year teaching fifth grade. She said she was proud of the 106 students who participated.



MACKIN: FEEDING THE HUNGRY

Sherrard Freshman, 14 year old Rachel Mackin, saw a need - and she did something about it. Last summer, after volunteering at a food packing event, she was inspired to host her own in Sherrard called, 'Feeding the Need.'

Saturday, April 14, around 165 volunteers arrived at 8 a.m. at the Sherrard Jr./Sr. High School and packed 18,000 meals for local food pantries. Ms. Mackin said the event went quicker than they anticipated.

"I'm very proud of my community that they were able to come together to help others in need and surpass expectations."

Volunteers set up an assembly line to fill packs with dehydrated vegetables, rice, a protein powder made from soybeans and chicken flavoring. She said it's like a casserole that expands - all that's needed is boiling water. Each pack has enough to feed a family of six. The contents for the packs were provided by the facilitating organization Illini Fighting Hunger.

Before the event, she raised over \$2,000 to pay for the 18,000 meals. She held fundraisers beginning last fall - by selling cupcakes at sporting events. Much of the money came in through donations and a \$750 grant through 4-H. She appeared on Paula Sands Live on April 6 to

discuss the event and invite volunteers.

"She's been around agriculture her whole life," mother Michelle Mackin described Rachel as focused and laid-back. She remembers a picture of Rachel as a 2 year old in a cornfield mesmerized by an ear of corn. Her father, Ryan, is an engineer at John Deere and they have family in the farming industry.

At just 8 years old she learned how to grow a vegetable garden and sold produce next to her house on a rural road. She donated proceeds and excess produce to local food pantries. It was at 10 years old that Ms. Mackin saw the need as a 4-H Teen Hunger Ambassador - preparing and serving meals once a month in the Quad Cities.

"It'll be interesting to see what she does down the road - at only 14 and she's got this far... It'll be amazing what she does with her life," Mrs. Mackin said she's proud of her daughter, "Something we instill in our children, we want them to have a good work ethic and give back."

Food packets were donated to



pantries in Coal Valley, Milan, Prophetstown, Orion and Viola. She said any left over would go to the Riverbend Foodbank in Davenport.

School administrators have been supportive through the entire process.

"I feel everyone at Sherrard is supportive of students that are driven and motivated for a good cause. I think Rachel has shown other students that they too can make a difference," said Activ-

ities Director Michael Applegate.

"The event today went great and it was amazing seeing the community, students, and athletes/clubs members helping out," he said.

Buffalo Wild Wings donated lunch for volunteers following the event. HyVee also donated 12 cases of bottled water for volunteers.

Ms. Mackin said hunger is her platform when she competes in pageants. She holds titles from the Milan Indian Summer festival pageant, Rock Island County Fair, and she competed for Miss Illinois Preteen following her 2015 win as Blackhawk Valley Preteen.

Mrs. Mackin said the reason they let her compete in pageants was to boost her life skills, "There's so much you can learn from it besides just winning." She said over the years Rachel has gained confidence from talking on stage, interviewing with judges, and making lifelong friends.

"Every year we want to not only raise more money, but we want to increase the number of meals that we pack." Ms. Mackin said

her goal is to increase the amount of meals packed each year, she hopes to reach 30,000 by her senior year.

"I think people getting the meals are going to feel the support from their community - the community cares and wants to them to be 'ok'."

She is currently a cheerleader for Sherrard - for both football, basketball and competition. She is looking at college programs to become a Physician's Assistant following high school.

"Hopefully other people will start to step up and do things on their own...I think the volunteers will feel good about helping out and making other people feel good," Ms. Mackin said she hopes to be an inspiration to peers.

Volunteers wore orange shirts - for hunger awareness - made by All Sports Screen Printing, Bettendorf. Contributors were East Moline sheet Metal and Klauer Heating and Air. The front said, "Feeding the need," and the back side has a quote from Jeff Bridges, chosen by Ms. Mackin.

The quote reads, "One of the greatest feelings in the world is knowing that we as individuals can make a difference. Ending hunger in America is a goal that is literally within our grasp."

Athlete Signing

Parents, relatives and friends gathered in the Commons area at the Sherrard Jr./Sr. High School, yesterday, April 19 to support five senior athletes signing to compete at the next level.

Callie Minch - Loras College, basketball, Karsen Elgas - Dubuque University, softball, A.J. Hatlestad - Monmouth College, baseball, Danielle Abella - Lincoln College, golf, and Carline Dochterman - Dubuque University, track.



Sherrard Activities Director Michael Applegate told the audience that those five, "Represent the very best of Sherrard."

They left a lasting legacy on their team and sport... You will be missed. We look forward to seeing you succeed at the next level."

Callie Minch - Basketball, Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa
Parents: Chad and Carly Minch
Coach: Doug Swanson
Future plans: Study kinesiology, become an occupational therapist

She chose Loras College for the basketball program and the size. "My first visit on campus felt super comfortable and familiar to me, I just fell in love instantly," she said.

"The basketball program has shaped everything I have wanted to do and wanted to become. Last year after we won our sectional championship I knew I wanted to do that and have that feeling for even longer." She said she has always felt supported by the Sherrard community.

Her mom, Carly Minch, said she is proud and excited to see what her daughter does at the next level. "(She's) Very fortunate to have the basis here - that she had that foundation to grow as an athlete and really make a difference here in this program."

Career Highlights: On the Elite 8 team 2017, Class 1A/2A 4th Team IBCA All-State, Class 2A AP Honorable Mention All-State, IHSA Class 2A 3 Point Contest Qualifier, QC Times 1st Team All-Western Illinois, Three Rivers All-Conference 1st Team (Unanimous), 67 3 Point FGs Made in a Year (School Record), 7 three-Point FGs Made in a Game (Tied School Record), 17 Made FTs in a Game (School Record), and Callie is also two time all conference in Volleyball, and has played Track, and volleyball.

Karsen Elgas - Softball, Dubuque University, Dubuque, Iowa
Parents: Todd Elgas and Kristy and Richard Furne
Coach: Katie Bertelsen
Future plans: Study human health science and become an occupational therapist

"When I was going through my college search, I always knew I wanted to play softball. I feel like I fit in very well with the team and the coach," she said about choosing Dubuque University.

When her traveling softball team placed second at a tournament in Chattanooga, Tenn. "It made me realize the progress I've made - and how much more I can make - and my team in general."

She said in her freshman year she was a varsity starter - "I knew from that time I wanted to continue my softball career."

Elgas said she appreciates Sherrard's administration, "They've helped through the whole process. I'm involved in a lot of clubs, all the clubs I've been in have really helped." She said the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Club has helped her continue in the right direction. She also learned about leadership in the Tiger Leaders Club.

Career Highlights: Senior Captain, three year starter on Varsity, lead team in fielding percentage

ready has friends that attend, and he can stay close to home.

"I've had some of the best coaches a kid could have," he said. He played with the Quad City Hitmen from age 8 -14.

"I've learned so much about baseball, it's a great program. (without it) I wouldn't be anywhere near where I am today."

Career highlights - Basketball 2000 point scorer, First team all conference in basketball two years in a row, baseball first team all conference, led team in batting and pitching

Danielle Abella - Golf, Lincoln College, Lincoln
Parents: Marty and Edward Gross
Coach: Brian Hutton
Future plans: Complete general education courses at Lincoln and transfer to ISU and major in education.

"My team and my coaches have really believed in me," she said of her high school golf career. All 4 years she made All Star

Caroline Dochterman - Track (pole vaulting), Dubuque University
Parents: Christine and Mick Dochterman
Coach: Todd Volkert

Future plans: Major in nursing - get a bachelor degree and continue on to become a nurse anesthetist or nurse practitioner

"My pole vault coach has been a really big influence on me - she gave me the push to be independent and go away to college. She pushed me to do better," she said her coach has been a big part of her life.

Dochterman said she chose Dubuque for the nursing program, and track team.

Career Highlights: 3 time state qualifier in pole vault

Applegate said, "Very few high school kids get that opportunity to play at the next level." He said throughout the year there



and stolen base prevention

A.J. Hatlestad - Baseball, Monmouth College, Monmouth
Parents: Mike and Becky Hatlestad
Coach: Brandon Oelmann
Future plans: Undergrad in physical therapy, go on to post grad and earn a doctorate in physical therapy

Hatlestad said he chose Monmouth College because he al-

Conference.

Abella said she will fondly remember her time in HS golf. "It's really bitter sweet - I'm sad that I'm leaving but very excited for what the future holds." She said she chose Lincoln College because it's close to home.

Career Highlights: two-time all conference, 2017 Regional winner; 2015, 2016 Conference Championship

are around 170 students that play sports.

"The biggest thing is what they accomplished here at Sherrard and that lasting legacy.

We're looking forward to following their success at the next level," he said.

State Champ



Don't blink or you might miss Max Ryner! He is the STATE CHAMPION in the 400 meter dash with a time of 55.6 seconds. Check out the picture to see his lead on the other runners!

CONGRATULATIONS TO MAX AND HIS COACHES FOR THE FIRST STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AT SJHS!

Congratulations to Olivia Meskan on her 9th place finish in the shot put and to Charlotte Frere and Abi Ernat for advancing to state!

Athletic Calender

To see team rosters, team photos, game schedules, event locations and more visit the 8to18 website at <http://il.8to18.com/SherrardHS>

Sign up to get game cancellation updates via email, just go to the athletic calendar on the 8to18 website.

- Go to E-Mail Alert - on the right side of the page and click the "Click to Join" link.

- On the next page click the "Create New Account" link to create a login.

- Once you're logged in you can then select the sports that you would like to receive email alerts on and click the "Add Selected Sports" button, then the "I'm Done Log Me Out!" - button at the top.

Also search the Sherrard Boosters Facebook group to stay connected.

ACHIEVEMENTS



BRRRR! The weather outside was frightful but the track stars were so delightful! Fantastic job to all the JR Tiger Relay participants!



Records broken by Sherrard Junior High Track Members!! Marshall Warner, Charlotte Frere, Danzel Clinton, and Elaina Johnson smashed the record for the weightman relay at the Orion Title IX with a time of 1:02.81.

McKenna Blackwell and Max Ryner also broke a record at the Orion Title IX in the 2x200 with a time of 55.62.

Congratulations to the entire 8th grade team for the 1st place finish and the 7th grade team for the 3rd place finish!! Good luck at sectionals on Saturday!!



2018 National Honor Society Induction Ceremony- Sixteen students were inducted into the Sherrard High School Chapter of the National Honor Society on April 11th. The ceremony took place at the Pinnacle Country Club in rural Milan. The speaker for the evening was 2016 Sherrard graduate Brittany Hatlestad. The inductees are: Ian Ausdal, Ben Kissner, Autumn Bell, Ashleigh Layer, Brooke Cabor, Kassidy Litton, Arden Clauss, Ryan Mack, Avery Dominique, Emily Mooney, Grant Gagliardo, Ethan Schmelzer, Joelle Gallagher, Kara Swanson, Casey Jacobs, Corey Tegtmeier



Congratulations to Max Ryner, Charlotte Frere, Abi Ernat, and Olivia Meskan for qualifying for the state track meet!! Max Ryner - 400, 200, and hurdles, Charlotte Frere - discus, Abi Ernat - pole vault, Olivia Meskan - shot put. Congratulations on a fantastic season!

THE ARTS



The 41st Annual High School Invitational Awards - This exhibition featured the Quad Cities' most promising artists. It was sponsored by the William Butterworth Foundation and the Deere Employees Credit Union.

Sherrard High School award winners include Laila Haley, Curt Miller and Holly Jacobs. A piece by Avery Krahl was also chosen to be a part of the exhibition.



Winola Elementary held Fine Arts Night last week. Check out some of our awesome activities! We would especially like to thank Miguel Rosas from New Style Barbershop and School for the live haircut demonstrations and Mitch Bergeson for providing live music.

May 31 - SGS Writer's Restaurant was awesome fun. Parents were escorted to their seats, ordered student writing off a menu, and listened to their student read some writing they composed this school year. What fun! Thanks to our amazing student authors, families, and fourth grade teachers for this fun and educational afternoon complete with snacks, punch, and family time. #sherrardroars



The WYSE Academic Challenge is a competitive series of tests created and administered by Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering offered to high school students in Illinois and Missouri. The tests are now offered by more than 50 community colleges and universities and are designed to present a challenge to high achieving students. Test material is drawn from senior high school and freshman level college curricula; written by teams of college and university

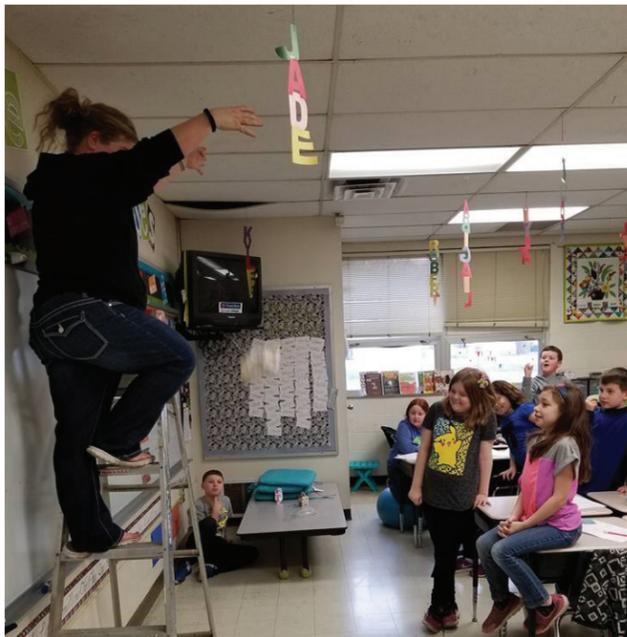


faculty. Subjects include biology, chemistry, computer science, engineering graphics, English, mathematics, and physics. Each test production team produces three tests of increasing levels of difficulty, regional, sectional and state finals. Students compete as individuals and as part of a team (when their school fields a team); they have 40 minutes to complete multiple-choice

tests that range in length from 30 questions (computer science) to 100 questions (English). This year the first WYSE competition took place in March. Congratulations to Senior Cole Bizarri at Sherrard High School! He qualified for the next level of competition in Champaign in April. What a fantastic accomplishment! We wish you the best Cole.

EGG DROP

Prior to Easter weekend, students at SGS prepared in “eggstra” special ways. Third grade students designed a home for their egg that would keep it safe, even if dropped from a tall height. They also made Easter “bonnets” from ball caps.



Hidden in Plain Sight - Awareness Event

Developing relationships has been the key to serving as Sherrard new school’s resource officer, Rock Island County Deputy Mike Mendoza said.

On Thursday, a day after a resource officer thwarted a school shooting in Dixon, Deputy Mendoza spoke with Sherrard parents about observing activities by their children.

This is Deputy Mendoza’s first year as resource officer at Sherrard which, for several years, did not staff the position.

“I believe having a resource officer gives a lot of teachers and students a sense of security,” Deputy Mendoza said. “I’m at one of the buildings. I’m in the classrooms. I’m interacting with the kids — knowing that at any given time, myself or another deputy could be here at a moments notice to take care of a situation.

“It’s been fun, exciting — not many dull moment’s,” he said.

Deputy Mendoza said he worked closely with resource officers from other local schools to share information on the ways kids try to hide illegal substances. He said his focus was on building relationships with the students.

“Today I took three kids and rewarded them,” he said Thursday. “During their study hall we went to play basketball, went to the weight room.

“When you do good, positive things can happen,” he said.

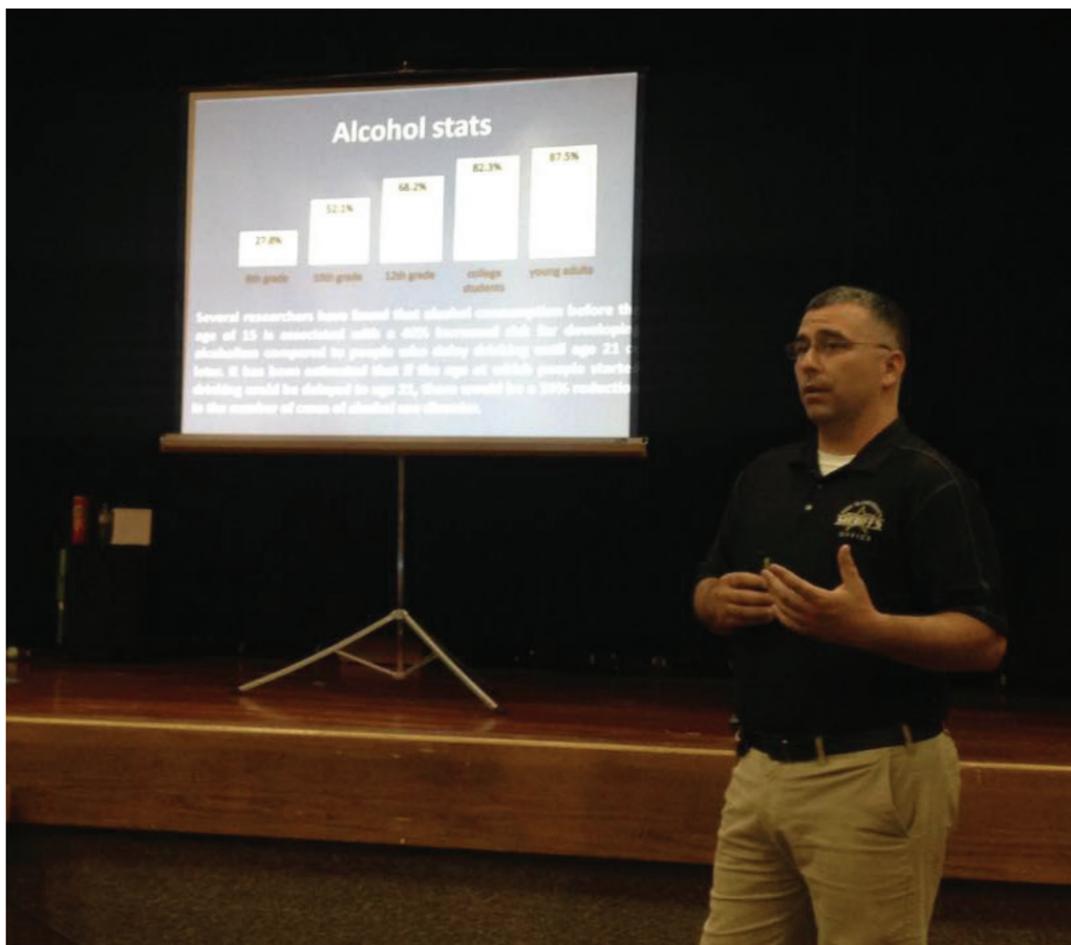
Deputy Mendoza and Sherrard school counselor Stacey Blackwell planned Thursday’s program for parents. A mock bedroom helped parents learn where children may hide drug paraphernalia.

“We’re just trying to make everyone aware to come together as a team,” Deputy Mendoza said. “We feel if we can educate the parents, they’re just another set of eyes and ears.”

Rock Island County Deputy Jim Miller has been a resource officer at Riverdale School District in Port Byron for eight years. He created the awareness program, “Hidden in Plain Sight,” after attending training in Ohio.

His team now takes the show on the road to educators and parents in Rock Island County and the surrounding area. In August, Sherrard schools plan to offer a similar event for school personnel.

“To me everything is about the



relationships we build,” Deputy Miller said. “That is the key to being a resource officer.”

Angie Nelson, a Sherrard parent of two young girls, said she was “flabbergasted at the creativity”

kids had to hide things from their parents.

“I’m really proud of the Sherrard district and our resource officer, that he brought this to our school,” she said. “I think

the resource officers are such an integral role in the school system. It’s my belief we should have one in every building.”

SHERRARD — An honorary military board featuring the names of alumni veterans is planned at Sherrard High School.

Connie Helm, assistant activities director at the school, said she came across the idea in a school product magazine. The proposed board will honor Sherrard and Winola high school graduates who have served or currently are serving in the military.

“I want kids to be thinking about their next step,” said Sherrard Activities Director Michael Applegate. The tribute, he said, is a great way to create a longstanding tradition in the school.

“We have some people that are giving and we’re very lucky and fortunate for that,” he said. “I think that always needs to be exemplified and modeled.”

Applegate said the tribute will both honor those who served and provide a visual for students considering their options following graduation. On average, three to four Sherrard graduates annually go on to serve in a branch of the military.

“That connection they have — that can always be a permanent fixture,” said Applegate.

MILITARY HONOR BOARD PLANNED

He said there was a big response to a request for help on the school district’s Facebook page. The school hopes to get as many names as it can before the tribute is created so it can be as current as possible. Annually, names will be added to the tribute board as students join the military.

Family ties bring a passion to the project. Helm’s son, Dalon, a 2012 Sherrard graduate, currently is serving in the Air Force.

She noted two recent Sherrard grads lost their lives while serving. Cpl. Bryant J. “B.J.” Luxmore, a 2005 graduate, was

killed in action in 2012 in Afghanistan. Lt. Col. Robert F. Baldwin, a 1989 graduate, died in a 2010 helicopter crash during combat operations in Afghanistan.

Sherrard’s All School Senate will be donating for the project.

“I just think as leaders of this school it’s important to show support for military ... past family members that have served,” said special education teacher Vanessa Redpath, Senate sponsor.

The tribute also holds special meaning for Redpath. Her father,

grandfather and cousin are all Sherrard graduates who served in the military.

The tribute board is planned for an open wall space in the commons area near the gymnasium. Organizers hope to have the project completed by Veteran’s Day this fall.

To submit a name, people should contact Helm at helmc@sherrard.us and include the student’s name, date graduated and branch of military.

Fourth Graders Leave a Legacy



Ms. Fry said the book, "Only One You," reminds her of the Dr. Seuss book, "Oh the places you'll go!" often used for graduations. Next year the fourth graders will enter fifth grade at Matherville Intermediate School.

"We don't graduate our fourth graders, but we do transition them," she said. "We move them on to a new building where there's a whole new different set of students to mix with and different ideas, a little more freedoms."

She said she wanted to start a tradition at the school, using the stones to teach students about being true to themselves. She plans on the legacy stones becoming an annual end-of-year event for departing classes.

"We have a little piece of them that they've left for us that stays with us," she said. Because many students will take the bus from Sherrard to Matherville, she said the students will be able to see the stones they creat-



ed before starting the school day.

"It'll be very colorful, and a nice reminder," she said.

Jan Anderson, a retired special education teacher from Silvis, taught the students rock painting at the request of fourth grade teacher Julianne Teerlinck. She also donated a stone that reads, "Teach Peace."

Ms. Anderson told students she continually fills a basket with her intricately designed stones and takes them to the University of Iowa's Adult Infusion Center, hoping to brighten someone's

day.

She encouraged her young artists to think in shapes.

"Even if you think you can't draw, you really can," she told them.

Ryan Shemek, the owner of Shem's Landscaping, donated the smooth textured stones for the project. His wife, fourth grade teacher Jacquie Shemek, said each student chose their own unique stone and excitedly discussed their designs.

SHERRARD — Fourth grade students at Sherrard are leaving a piece of themselves behind with painted legacy stones.

"We don't ever want to forget you," principal Konnie Fry told the students. She also read the book, "Only One You," to students to help the students transition to a new school this fall.

"You are amazing, incredibly bright, beautiful people," she told the students. "Be awesome. Be wonderful.

"It's time to leave this small building and go on and be with bigger kids and start doing bigger things," she told students. "That's pretty exciting, but it can also be a

little scary."

Ms. Fry shared with the students the importance of taking time to reflect on their time at the elementary school before starting new adventures. She told the students the character building skills they have learned so far from their teachers were some of "the most important things you will take with you."

The students recently painted stones to represent their legacy and memories made at Sherrard Grade School. The stones will be integrated into the front landscaping at the grade school where the students will be able to see them.

Winola unveils sensory room



Winola special education teacher Lori Staves said the school had students who needed breaks to calm down and regroup or self-regulate.

"I think this is a great place for them to come and explore and see what will help them calm down and get back to class," she said.

Students selected for the room are by teachers in tandem with the special education department and occupational therapist. The blue/green room includes a "cozy canoe" with LED lights draped over it, a mirrored wall, jumping boards, weighted blankets, bean bag chairs, sensory sacks and tents for kids who need their own space.

A projector with calming scenes and sounds can be played. Organizers also plan to add a barrel roll, a bubble tube and mats for the floor.

The cost so far has run around \$5,500. Ms. Roberts said the school used items already on hand and had other products donated. She acknowledged all the volunteers who made the room possible.

"Everybody's had their hand in it," she said, adding the school hopes to add things to the room as needed. "We're going to see what we use the most and then maybe add some additional items after we figure out what we really need."



Superintendent Alan Boucher said the district hoped the room "weaves into our educational program." He said the district someday would like to have a sensory room at the Sherrard Elementary School as well. School

board member Kim DeBlock helped paint the room with her father, a retired painter.

"It was really fun," she said. "It makes it really worth it to see it put together."

Winola Elementary preschool teacher Kim Hutchins, left, and special education instructor Courtnie Wyant hold a weighted blanket offered in the school's new sensory room. The teachers say the blanket helps students deal with anxiety and feels like a big hug.

VIOLA — Winola Elementary School on Wednesday unveiled a sensory room designed to help students deal with anxiety.

In August, Winola Elementary Principal Kari Roberts approached the school board about dedicating a classroom for use as a sensory room. Along with money from the school's Children's Fund, the project was aided by \$10,000 from the school board.

Ms. Roberts said the room was designed to meet the needs of special education students as

well as students with sensory needs or behavioral issues. The room is divided into two spaces — a calming area and an active one.

She said the district had discussed such a room for a few years and it had become more of a need for students with sensory issues.

"We hope to get the behaviors in check before they become a problem," she said.

The room won't be an escape for students who get in trouble, she said. Instead, it will be scheduled at the beginning of the day to set the tone, or throughout the day for students who need breaks.

"It's amazing what some time in a tent with a weighted blanket can do for some of these students that just need the break," Ms. Roberts said.

Family Book Club



On a snowy Spring evening, families gathered at Sherrard Grade to discuss, laugh, and share thoughts about the beloved story, *A Wrinkle In Time*, by Madeleine L'Engle. Inspiring our youth to Love Reading.

STEM DEMONSTRATION



May 30 - Thank you, Mrs. Basala for the fun book swap at SGS!



The Sherrard High School STEM team presented their robotic design to 3rd and 4th grade students in the district on Friday. Starting with only a cookie sheet and an idea, they were able to show students how to brainstorm, create, program, and problem solve. As

our 3rd and 4th graders begin to learn computer programming and coding, these high schoolers demonstrated that innovation is possible, and all it takes is an idea. Failure is not the end game. It is only a speed bump to success. What an amazing team

of self-driven students! So proud of their accomplishments. These grade school students could have sat and listened to them all day. Thank you Casey, Holly, Aidan, Ryan, and Ethan for inspiring kids today! Amazing, innovative work!



Staff Appreciation Week Matherville Intermediate.



Winola Elementary staff recognizes World Autism Awareness Day



AP Lang students wearing their shirts and enjoying Whitey's after taking their test!



Winners of the Americanism Essay- Ian Ausdal, Joelle Gallagher, Abram Warner, Evan Gagliardo, Michael Wherry and Taylor Barber.



The seniors in English 4 said good bye to their awesome student teacher, Mr. Dierikx. He will be teaching next year at Mercer County.



King and Queen:
Chase Martens and
Audrey Epperly

Class of '18



The Class of 2018 graduated from Sherrard High School in a ceremony that took place Sunday, May 27, at the school.

The graduates are:

Danielle Abella, Gregory Appleby, Jarrett Bailey, Adam Barber, Trey Bishop, Cole Bizarri, David Brewer, Vanessa Bucher, Brooke Cabor, Eric Campbell, Logan Cashen, Jacob Cederstrom, Adam Chandler, Tyler Covey, Katherine Crain, Brandi Crawley, Makayla DeLoose, Emma DeSchepper, Caroline Dochterman, Laura Dybro.

Ryan Ebberson, Kyle Edmond-

son, Karsen Elgas, Audrey Epperly, Shawn Epplin, Sydney Erichsen, Joseph Ernat, Wyatt Gerdes, Nathan Gorey, Dalton Gradert, Tyler Green, Nicholas Grubbs, Austin Guile, Steele Gustafson, Karsyn Hanson, Alex Hatlestad, Schylar Hawotte, Hayley Hazen, Tessa Henton, Matthew Hines, Kinsey Hutchinson, Trinity Hutchison.

Bailey Iverson, Brock Iverson, Andrew Jackson, Braeden James, Rebecca James, Hunter Jones, Zachary Kester, Avery Krahl, Logan Lingle, K'Lea Logue, Tristin Lukaszewski, Chase Martens,

Anthony Martin, Ashley Mathias, Jade Mathis, Nicolas McDaniel, Colton McManus, Kenzie McWade, Curt Miller, Callie Minch.

Harli Nelson, Matthew Nevin, Nathan Nevinger, Dallas Novitske, Brittanie O'Brien, Logan Ortner, Kaycie Palmer, Preston Parrish, Grace Peckenschneider, Rosa Perez, Jessica Peterson, Cierra Piasecki, Taegan Randolph, Ronald Raymond, Tyler Romine, Aaron Ryckeghem, Lilly Ryner.



Ryan Sackfield, James Schriener, Caylea Seaberg, Noah Secor, Ethan Sheese, Justice Shields, Lance Shunick, Ricardo Sigala, Harpreet Singh, Nathan Slater, Jacob Slavish, Colton Smith, Taylor Smith, Alexis Spengler, Zachary Staver, Alisha Suarez, Baily Taylor, Corey Tegtmeier, Alexia Torres.

Hunter Verplaetse, Jenna Vestal, Joesph Waggoner, Grace Walz, Steven Wardlow, Abram Warner, Ann Weber, Dalton Wells, Courtney Whitsell, Gary Wiggs, Kadie Wilson, Brandon Wolford, Spencer Woodward, Gerind Wurslin and Jacob Zimanek.

SENIOR WALK



SENIOR TRIP

