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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR COLD HANDS, WARM HEARTS!

It was 20 degrees at the 2nd Annual Tree Lighting at Village Park a few weeks ago. That's the coldest day of the season so far, yet, several hundred people showed up to usher in the holiday season in Sherman together.



What a great evening! Village Park was gorgeous, thanks to our Public Works Department workers who strung lights on the new trees and on the roofs of the Park structures and trustee Brian Long who donated his time, labor and staff for decorating the amphitheater and large pavilion. The Amphitheater was stunning with its decorated trees, giant wreath, and poinsettias.

Our talented WHS Madrigals, the SES 6th grade school choir and the Living Faith Baptist Church Worship Ministry Band turned in festive performances, despite the frigid temperatures. We enjoyed hot cocoa, hot cider, and decorated cookies, thanks to Fern's Coffee House & Cafe.

A surprise fireworks display was prelude to flipping the switch on the roundabout evergreen turned Christmas tree. It was a heart-warming event and I was reminded once again of how important it is to establish these traditions to keep us connected through shared experiences. That's how you build a real community.

There are way too many people to thank here. See inside for the complete list as well as photos from the evening.



IF IT'S NOT 20 DEGREES & SNOWY, IT'S RAINING!

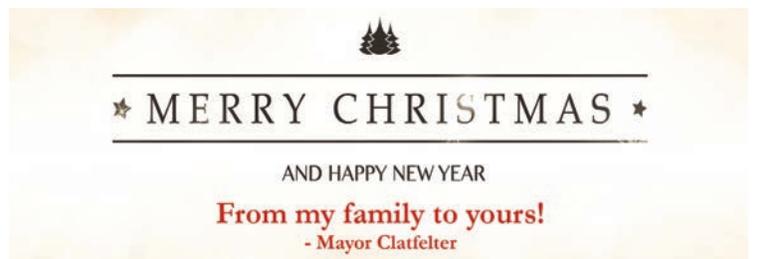
We wisely moved the tree lighting ceremony to Tuesday, November 27, but the other big event – the Chili for Charity contest - went on as planned on Sunday, November 25, despite a steady, chilly rain. Isn't that what pavilions are for?

Our Sherman Police Department and the Sherman Fire Protection District sponsored this great event. We lit a cozy fire in the fireplace and, for a donated canned good or a dollar a ticket (that's how we voted), we enjoyed some amazing chili from some local culinary geniuses.

The Police and Firefighters collected canned goods to support local families, and raised \$385 in cash, plus many items of clothing for Contact Ministries. Congrats to these generous first responders! See the entire list of winners on page 2.

WILLIE THE FROG RETURNS!

Check out some of the cutest photos ever of Sherman's youngest residents on page 3, "finding" Willie and becoming eligible for contest prizes. The businesses participating this year are good sports and we thank them for



SEASONAL FUN IN SHERMAN!



Mayor Trevor Clatfelter begins the countdown.



Willie the Frog Makes his debut LIVE on Stage at Village Park Amphitheater



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE IT POSSIBLE!

Living Faith Baptist Church Worship Ministry Band & Pastor Adam Cruse
 WHS Madrigals & Eric Hendrickson
 SES 6th Grade Choir & Kristy Cole
 Superintendent Tip Reedy, SES Principal Ibbotson & Vice Principal Compardo
 Levi, Ray and Shoup, Inc. & Katie Hahn
 County Market & Randy Tremain
 United Community Bank & Darlene Kmett
 Williamsville State Bank & Trust & Dennis Shackelford
 Green Family Stores West & Josh Wagoner
 Noonan Grand Rental & Matt and Lisa Noonan
 Central State Fireworks & Larry Lefferts
 Fern's Coffee House & Café and Rachael Bennett-Paul
 Funky's Trophies & Gary Funk
 Sherman Area Chamber of Commerce (SACC) & Sean Bull, President
 Springfield Pepsi & Larry Kane
 Contact Ministries & Cindy Drum
 The Village Board of Trustees, village employees and families serving as volunteers
 Santa Claus & Willie the Frog!

...and anyone we missed, and all our volunteers!



Judges Award (Traveling Trophy)
 Sherman United Methodist Church

Tim Swanson

People's Choice
 Sherman Fire

Chief Todd Masterhan

People's Choice, 2nd Runner Up
 Sherman Police

Shari Bangert

People's Choice, 3rd Runner Up



NEITHER RAIN NOR SLEET.... POLICE & FIREFIGHTERS HOST CHILI COOK OFF

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The Sponsors
 United Community Bank and County Market

The Contestants
 Sherman Police (event organizers)
 Sherman Fire Protection District
 Sherman United Methodist Church
 Brian Mancini
 The Villas Senior Care
 Fern's Coffee House and Café
 Fire & Ale
 Mike and Michelle Stratton

Funky's Trophies for providing the Traveling Trophy
 Santa Claus & Willie the Frog!

2ND ANNUAL WILLIE THE FROG CONTEST A HIT AGAIN IN 2018

He jumped all over the Village but Sherman Elementary School students were on the prowl and blowing up social media. Here are a few successful hunters. Watch this space next month to find out who scored the grand prizes.



COMING SPRING 2019 TO VILLAGE PARK!





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Thanks to all who came out to celebrate and support the wonderful small businesses and what they do for our community on Small Business Saturday, November 24. Keep them in mind as you shop for gifts this season.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DISTINGUISHED AWARD WINNERS!

(A) Deputy Chief Chris Fulscher (right) was honored with the Meritorious Service Award for professionalism and devotion to duty. Officer John Turasky (left) and Officer David Craven (middle) were recognized for their bravery and good judgment during the quick apprehension of an armed and dangerous suspect on September 13, 2018 at Riverside Park. (B) Sandra Walters received a Letter of Appreciation for her actions in reporting suspicious activity on September 13, 2018. Her actions resulted in the apprehension of two fugitives. (C) Mike and Marilyn Sebring received a letter of Appreciation for their actions in reporting suspicious activity in August 2018. Their actions resulted in the rescue of an elderly woman who had walked away from her apartment, fallen, and was unable to get up.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, December 15 Children's Christmas Party – 9-11 a.m. Sherman Elementary

Tuesday, December 18 Village Board meeting – 6 p.m. Village Hall

Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25 Village Offices Closed – Merry Christmas!

Tuesday, January 1 Village Offices Closed – Happy New Year!

January 2 – 31 Christmas Tree Pick Up Begins – place trees at curbside