



Back on Track, While Still Being Careful

I knew this community would rally!

Even a late summer state mandate requiring masks indoors again couldn't stop the enthusiasm to make Summer 2021 feel a lot like Summer 2019.

While we remained vigilant and considerate of others, the parks were busy again. Waldrop Park was full of softball players. Our concerts and events at Village Park



Captain Geech and the Shrimp Shack Shooters on Aug. 5

saw record numbers, and pavilion rentals were through the roof! The new playground was rarely without families enjoying it. It was a wonderful sight and heartening for all of us yearning for things to be normal again.

The best news, of course, was the schools starting on time, safely and in person. Our kids are back in the classrooms, our reigning state champion WHS Bullets are playing under Friday night lights again, and we are actually looking forward to holidays with everyone in attendance.

No, we're not at the end yet. But, with apologies to Winston Churchill for this slight revision, we just might be closer to the beginning of the end.

Volunteers Extraordinaire

I hope you got a chance to attend at least one of the great concerts at Village Park this season. The dance floor was rocking! Attendance at all of our events was

at an all time high, with guests traveling from around the state. Our Amphitheater is truly becoming one of the region's great concert and event destinations.

None of the success we're having at the Park would be possible without 1) our dedicated staff who plan, coordinate & manage the events and our police officers that keep our events safe for guests and performers and, 2) our fantastic group of citizen volunteers, who do everything from collect gate receipts and sell drink tickets, to staff the concession stands and clean up afterwards.



Volunteers Shari Cutler Bangert and Pam Gray staff the gate for the recent Brewfest at Village Park.

Sincere thanks to the record number of local and area-wide sponsors who contributed to bring in talented performers at an affordable cost for our guests and their families. We encourage you to support these businesses that support us.

Congratulations to Christopher Thomas!



We have another new police officer in Sherman. Sherman resident Christopher Thomas was sworn in at the September 21 Board of Trustees meeting. We are delighted to welcome him to the force. See inside for photos of the officers hired earlier this year and officially sworn in at the same Board meeting.



PARKS AND RECREATION

A Hip Hop Farewell to the Summer 2021 Season Too Hype Crew draws big crowd for final concert at Amphitheater





What A Difference a Few Months Make!

Plantings by Coppertree Landscaping creating lush backdrop for Playground



The new Pollinator Habitat planted under the new trees came to life this summer with birds, bees and butterflies, creating an innovative teaching hardscape at the playground.



UPDATE: Trail Extension on Old Tipton Road

The Trail Extension from Village Park north to St. John's Road is set to break ground in the Spring of 2022.

This project is designed to provide a safe route for non-motorized pedestrian traffic along Old Tipton School Road to more safely visit Sherman Village Park. Funding for this project is provided by the Illinois Motor Fuel Tax fund and grant funds from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Development (DCEO), part of the last Capital bill passed by the state legislature.

The plans call for Phase I to extend the trail to Red Bud Run. Phase II extends it all the way to St. John's Drive.

"Again, thanks to State Representative Tim Butler (R-Springfield) for his advocacy on the capital funds for our trail extension," said Village President Trevor J. Clatfelter. "We can move forward immediately. This is tremendous progress on our priority to make getting to Village Park safe for hundreds of people living north of the park along Old Tipton School Road."



Concession Success = Open Again in 2022

Thanks to all the Sherman teens who worked at our Village Park concession stand this summer.

The concession closest to the Playground had snacks and drinks for sale during the hot summer days, providing treats for the families and friends at play. Looking forward to





What A Season!

2021 Concert Series, Movies at Village Park, and Special Events



First Annual Sherman
October Brewfest



Ag Spectacular



"Car Pool" Tribute to The Cars
w/"Damned Torpedoes" Tribute to Tom Petty

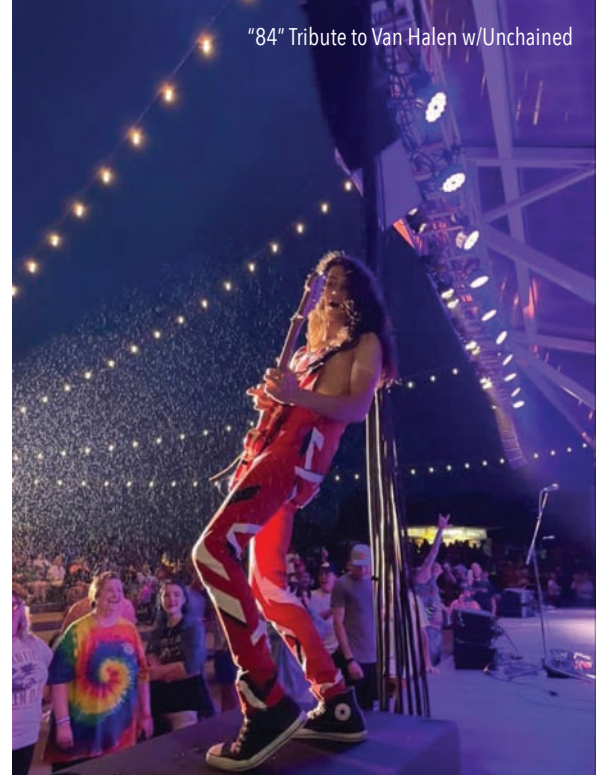


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 Jumbo Movie - Rochester



"84" Tribute to Van Halen w/Unchained



"Hells Bells" Tribute to AC/DC
w/"Nightrain International"
Tribute to Guns & Roses





UPDATE: Splash Park

We have final approval from the Illinois Department of Public Health on the Splash Park designs.

Groundbreaking is expected in the Spring of 2022 with the goal of opening Summer 2022!



UPDATE: Village Park Fencing and New Entrance

The funds for the perimeter fencing around the Amphitheater, playground, and future Splash Park have been secured and the six-foot tall, black wrought iron fence will be erected in 2022.

The designs for the new entrance to the Amphitheater are still under review by the Board of Trustees. The entrance structure will be installed at the same time as the fencing.



Draft rendering of the new entrance. Design still under review.



Plan Ahead for Park Pavilion Rentals

It's a positive for Village Park that pavilion rentals are much higher than in previous years. All rental fees return to park operations and maintenance.

The rates for 2022 will remain the same. Residents of Sherman pay half the rate of outside rentals. Check out the Sherman website for rates and instructions on how to RSVP. www.shermanil.org



Village Transitions to Fall; Readies for Holidays

Sherman Community Foundation pulls out the stops



The planters around the Village look like Fall and the Sherman Community Foundation is preparing to decorate for the holidays.

The Foundation is seeking new members. Anyone interested in meeting new people, having some fun, and being part of the positive impact on Sherman should visit www.shermanil.org and click on the Foundation tab.



The Villas donated two benches and two blue planters that flank the entrance to the Village Park Amphitheater. The Sherman Community Foundation planted them with mums for the season.



UPDATE: Sherman to Williamsville Bike Trail

Soft opening in November; Ribbon Cutting Spring 2022

It's almost finished! The approximately 5-mile asphalt-paved trail will be ready for riders as soon as contractors sign off and turn the project over to IDOT, and the Villages of Sherman and Williamsville.

Bikers are urged to stay off the trail until the contractor has approved the path safe for public use, which is planned for sometime in mid to late November. Then, bundle up and take a ride! The Sherman end of the trail begins at the corner of Andrew Road and Bahr Road. There is a parking lot, benches along the trail rest stops, and bike racks.





POLICE AND FIRE

New Hires Sworn in; Commendations Awarded



Sherman Police Chief Craig Bangert (far left) and Mayor Trevor J. Clatfelter (far right) swear in new officers (l to right) Officer Shawn Burnley, Officer Chris Thompson, Officer Stephen Brent.



Letter of Commendation: Officer Joe Vallar

For actions related to his response to a search for a homicide suspect vehicle on August 22, 2021. Based on a cell phone tracking, OFC Vallar searched several areas in the vicinity subsequently locating the occupied suspect vehicle at the I-55 southbound rest area. OFC Vallar radioed for assistance, positioned his squad for tactical advantage, and held the suspect at gunpoint. He provided verbal commands to civilians to evacuate the area safely. His actions resulted in the apprehension of an armed and dangerous homicide suspect in the face of hazardous personal safety conditions.



Sherman Police Department recently put its newest police vehicle – a 2020 Ford F150 squad – into service.



Merit Award: Deputy Chief Aaron Entringer

For exemplary service. DC Entringer organizes, oversees and conducts multiple duties for the department. His efforts have certainly made an outstanding contribution to the efficiency and effectiveness of the department and to the safety of the citizens of Sherman.

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LOCK UP

your car, house, windows, garage, gate, shed



TURN ON

exterior lights, security camera, alarm system



BRING IN

valuables from your car, yard, patio

A Safety First Bedtime Routine!

Cut this out and place it somewhere to remind yourself to do these simple things to keep your home and family safe.



Letter of Commendation: Officer Ryan Howard

For actions related to his response to an alarm at Poe's on the Hill Reception Center on April 27, 2021. OFC Howard arrived and determined the structure was on fire. He deployed a fire extinguisher and put out flames he could safely reach which delayed additional damage to the business until fire department arrival.





ADMINISTRATION

Road Improvements Scheduled for 2022

Last March, the Village issued \$2.5 million in bonds for infrastructure improvements - slightly over a half million to fulfill the Village of Sherman commitment to the shared funding commitment/requirement for the Sherman to Williamsville Bike Trail – and the

remaining approximately \$2 million for road resurfacing in various subdivision areas within the Village. Priorities will be based on an engineering assessment from the Village’s engineering consulting firm.



ZONING

Old Tipton Estates Expansion

The Sherman Village Board has approved Phase 4 of the Old Tipton Estates subdivision. Infrastructure work is already underway.



The Village has purchased the remaining land south of Village Park, all the way to the tree line adjacent to Cabin Smoke Drive. The Board is in the early stages of exploring the future use of the space. We will keep you posted.



The Friends of Sherman Library held a well-attended book sale at Seaney's Greenhouse on October 1 and 2.



Sherman Area Softball Relaunch Well Underway

Sherman athletes learning the fundamentals in Rec league



The SAS Board (l to r) Laikyn Harmony, Jill Paller, Lindsey Walker

Lindsey Walker, the new acting President of the Sherman Area Softball (SAS) organization, didn't start out seeking to run things. She was one of the 8U coaches in the rec league, delighted to coach daughter Alivia and help a bunch of young girls develop their early skills.

"John Barlick is the reason I love softball so much," said Walker. Dad taught me everything I know and more. Also, one of my softball coaches, Ken Campbell, was a huge influence for me. I'm just trying to pass that on to the kids."

Typically, about 100 girls register for the season – tee ball through 14U – from many area communities. With the pandemic, Walker said they didn't know what to expect. The count for the spring/summer season was 85, and interest was so high, they opened up a fall season for the first time.

But SAS – always popular – needed a little more structure by 2021. The kind that comes with being a registered not-for-profit, with a board of directors, a real treasurer, and a group of dedicated volunteers that can run concessions and work closely with the Village of Sherman.

Besides Walker, the SAS board includes Director Laikyn Harmony and Treasurer Jill Paller. All three moms also coach a team, as well as handle the registrations, bank deposits, order equipment, and manage the concessions and parent volunteers. They also recruit sponsors and were thrilled with the support they got this season.



Diamond Divas (Coach Katrina Westfall)

"We usually have seven to eight sponsors and this year, we had 19!" said Walker. "We were able to buy balls, all new equipment, and a Slushy machine so we can increase concession revenues. The best part – we didn't have to burden our volunteer coaches with fundraising."

Walker stepped up last February, in the middle of a pandemic. She recruited a board and started planning.

The Village administration also allowed SAS to set up donation buckets at the Village Park concerts this summer. The teams are planning a fundraiser/Slushy Drive partnering with Williamsville Sports Boosters. Patrons were generous, and now the teams are planning to purchase a slushy machine from Bunn Co., so they can increase revenue at the concession stands.

"I decided if we were doing this, we were going to do it the right way, and not just because our daughters were playing," said Walker. "We wanted to teach all the girls the fundamentals, let them have fun doing it, and maybe they'll remember a great time in their childhoods."

Big goals include shelters over the open dugouts, and

Just like Walker, growing up playing ball in Riverton. She played on rec league teams from age 6 through high school. The love of the game came easy, being part of a diehard baseball/softball family. Her great uncle Al was a MLB Umpire and a Hall-of Famer, but it was her dad that most inspired her.



Purple Reign & Sherman Stars
(Coaches: Lindsey Walker & Laikyn Harmony, and Heather Ausmus)



All Hands on Deck - Purple Reign's Alivia Walker lining the infield.

outfield fencing so the girls don't have to guess at whether they have hit a home run. Walker credits the Village administration for its solid support. "Both Trevor (Clatfelter, Mayor) and Mike (Stratton, Village Manager) are committed to adding another field at Waldrop Park and Sean (Newton, Public Works director) always has the fields ready for us. The support is so appreciated." The girls do their part, too. Last May, SAS organized a

Clean Up Day at Waldrop Park. The SAS girls, along with WJHS Beta Club members, pulled weeds and picked up trash, while their parents sanitized and stocked the concession stand.

"We are so grateful for our volunteers – the coaches and the parents," said Walker, who is especially proud that all her coaches are moms, with dads usually acting as assistant coaches. She says, the more help they have, the lower they can keep the registration fees.



Sherman Angels (Coach Jill Pallér)



Queen Bees (Coach Stacy Kmett)

Even with all the necessary administrative work, Walker says she and her board keep an eye on the prize – creating an experience for young girls to learn how to play and how to love the game. Many of them will go on to competitive travel teams, and many will play high school softball.

"I will never forget my Riverton softball days," said Walker. "I want these girls to remember how much fun they had, right here in Sherman."





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Queen of Hearts fundraiser

The Sherman Area Chamber of Commerce invites you to participate

in the Queen of Hearts fundraiser benefiting the Sherman Community Foundation and the Williamsville Garden Club. There is a drawing at Fire & Ale each Thursday night at 7:15 pm



Save the Date!

Help us kick off the holiday season with the annual tree lighting ceremony at Village Park on Sunday, November 21, 5 - 6pm. Join us for refreshments and a holiday concert by the Land of Lincoln Chorus.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, November 11 - Veteran's Day - Village Offices Closed

Tuesday, November 16 - Board of Trustees Meeting - 6pm - Village Hall

Sunday, November 21 - Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony - 5-6pm - Village Park

Thursday, November 25 - Thanksgiving Holiday - Village Offices Closed

Tuesday, December 7 - Board of Trustees Meeting - 6pm - Village Hall

Sunday, December 12 - Christmas Parade - 2pm - Village Park

Sunday, December 12 - Pictures with Santa - 4-6pm - Village Park Pavillion

Monday, December 13 - Willie the Frog contest begins - Village Wide

Tuesday, December 21 - Board of Trustees Meeting - 6pm - Village Hall

For all event information, like us on Facebook @shermanil.org