

## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

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Hello, everyone,

We live in a great part of the world. Where else can you experience such ever-changing, keep-you-guessing, weather diversity. Snow in October, spring in November, 60 degrees on Christmas and then, of course, the reality of winter in January. These sometimes dramatic changes can make some beautiful sunrises or sunsets, and frosted art on trees and fences... or just crisp, clean countryside views. Take some pictures and share them. You may capture the moment that helps someone escape the winter blues. There is always something good in everything if we just notice it.

Please watch for weather alerts and snow emergencies so you are prepared to keep vehicles off the streets and allow the plows to completely clean them. Everything works better when we all work together.

Did you see the Christmas video? WOW what a great job! If you haven't seen it look on Facebook, it really shows the warmth and beauty of Shellsburg in a way you may not have seen before. A big thank you to Wayne Anderson and his son for the video work and Jim and Jill Hidingier for pulling it all together.

The bridge on the Prairie Trail by the school is finished. We still need to remove the old bridge, but the new one is ready. So, grab your snowshoes and check it out, or maybe wait until the weather is a bit better, take a walk and enjoy the great outdoors. Just another example of what a few volunteers on a mission can accomplish.

Shellsburg REC department has open gym on Sunday afternoons, so grab the kids or be one and come have some fun. They have also started preparing for youth spring softball and baseball. This is a great opportunity to volunteer and help the young people learn some of life's most important lessons in working together and being involved in something bigger than themselves. These may be just games, but they can be so much more.

The Shellsburg museum is finally starting to take shape. Like many things that are started from scratch, you're not quite sure what to do next, but there should be enough set up in the next few weeks to start showing it to the public. I'm convinced that once it gets rolling, it will be a place to reminisce, remember our history, and share some stories. We will let you know when it is ready. If you would like to help, give Barb a call at City Hall, and we will get in touch.

That is all for now. Stay safe in this unpredictable weather.

As always, thank you for your time.

Lonnie