

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

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Hello Everyone,

We have been blessed with a wonderful fall so far. I was told we had snow on October 19 last year. I don't remember, but I like what we have so far this year. I see a lot of folks out walking, biking, and driving golf carts and UTVs. I get so busy I forget to stop and take it in. I must force myself or I get lost in the too-much-to-do and not-enough-time-to-do-it syndrome. If you haven't yet, take a few minutes and enjoy; it's good for your soul. This weather won't last long.

Thanksgiving: A time to pause and reflect on what we have been so abundantly blessed with. Our exceptional country was founded on Christian principles by an overwhelmingly majority of Christian men. A time to stop and give thanks to God has been a part of our traditions since the very beginning, even before we were a country. In today's politically charged world where the mention of God is considered offensive, I will not hide my faith. I'm not out to offend anyone with it, but it seems today some people are looking for ways to be offended. I enjoy learning about our country's history and the more I learn, the more I'm convinced the reason this country has been so effective on the world stage is totally because of the grace of God. The United States of America is prosperous because what you don't have you can't share. Our country is the most giving because we have been so blessed. Also, the most supportive. Which country does the world look to when disaster happens; which is the most shining beacon of freedom and opportunity? People want to come here from all over the world; they aren't rushing the borders of Venezuela, China, or Russia. Everyone wants a part of our blessing. Our Christian roots are the basis of our country's morality, and the further we stray from those roots, the more confusion and turmoil there will be.

This Thanksgiving please pause, think about our country, our state, our Shellsburg and say a prayer for all of it. And may God continue to bless us.

As always, thank you for your time.

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