

Paw Prints

Sherman Central School District Newsletter



Millie Monka And The Salmon Cannery

The SCS Drama Club presented the comedy Millie Monka And The Salmon Cannery on March 24th and 25th. The play was written by Flip Kobler and Cindy Marcus and produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc.

The laughs were nonstop as the plot unfolded. The cannery is in danger of going bankrupt because the salmon have disappeared. Millie Monka, played by Taryn Palmatier, is desperate to save the cannery, but little does she know that her ever-so-friendly worker Artie Fischel, played by Ivy Yokom, was actually behind the scheme to ruin the cannery.

Other cast members included Gladys Canby, played by Emily Mecusker, Fisher Cutbait, played by Jasper Eschenbach, Lure O'Mally, played by Micah Dye, and Norman C, played by Logan Douglas, and Normandy, played by Gary Rotunda. Rounding out the cast were Bea N. Counter, played by Quinn Liffner; the hypochondriacal grandmother, Gramma Monka, played by Kristi Mecusker; Ratchet, played by Madalyn Wilson; Janet Orr, played by Payson Altzman; and Lure's crew of cranky fisherwomen, Helen Highwater, played by Elliye Ball; Annette Caster, played Arcana Osterhoudt; and Bruiser, played by Beth VanEvery.

The cast was backed up by a crew of three members: Scott James on lights, Elias Armes on sound and Galen Tehan taking care of backstage duties. Sally Berg served as graphic designer and Jared Oehlbeck and Ray Spacht were responsible for set construction. Numerous other individuals helped with painting the set and selling tickets.

Courtesy of David Prenatt of the Jamestown Post-Journal.



"Home of the Wildcats"

Spring 2023

Superintendent's Message

Dear Sherman Central School Community Member,

On behalf of the Sherman Central School Board of Education, staff, and students, I am pleased to be able to bring to you a budget for the 2023-24 school year that is fiscally conservative yet maintains student offerings across the board.

At the April 19th meeting, the Sherman Central School District Board of Education adopted a proposed \$12,115,391 spending plan for the 2023-2024 school year. The adopted spending plan represents an 8.4% increase over the 2022-2023 budget and will rely on a proposed 1.5% tax levy increase.

We have prepared a budget that recognizes and addresses the challenges of the current economy for our schools and the community. We are proposing a 1.5% tax levy increase that is substantially lower than our calculated allowable tax levy limit of 3.39%.

On average, this 1.5% increase computes to a tax rate of approximately \$14.89 per thousand of assessed value which is a difference of only \$0.21 from the 2022-23 school year for property owners in the Sherman Central School District. The increase will be based on the 2022 assessment.

Similar to prior years, the work to create the proposed 2023-2024 budget included difficult decisions on where and what to increase as well as reduce in order to meet the needs of our students. At the same time it was important to understand the challenges of a tax increase for our community. We will once again be using funds from our unassigned fund balance, to help offset the tax burden.

I would like to invite you to our annual budget hearing on Monday, May 8, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the auditorium where Mrs. Oehlbeck and I will be describing the budget and NYS public school finance in greater detail. If between now and then you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I would be more than happy to discuss this budget or any other areas of interest you may have.

As always, it is our goal to provide your children with the best possible education while being fiscally responsible to our community. We have been able to do this by being creative with our budgeting and programming, consolidating departments, and sharing services with our neighbors. We also feel very strongly that the cooperation between our school district and the community is what makes SCS one of the top school districts in the area and the Sherman community a great place to live and raise a family.

Sincerely,

Carrie Yohe

Superintendent



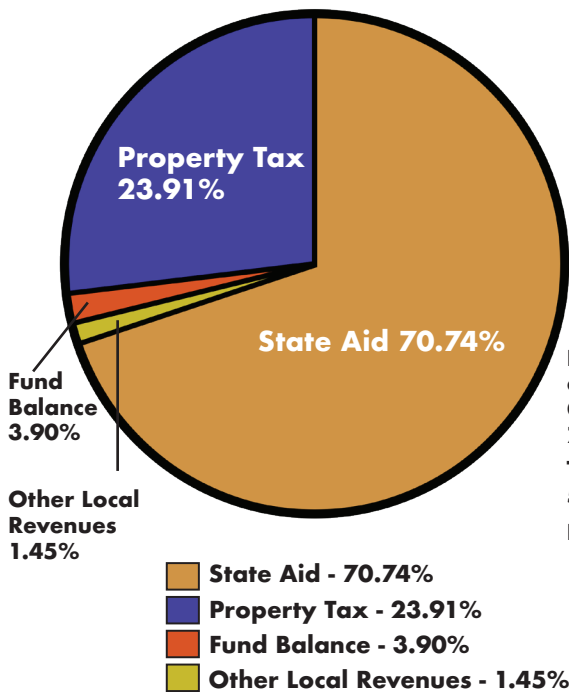
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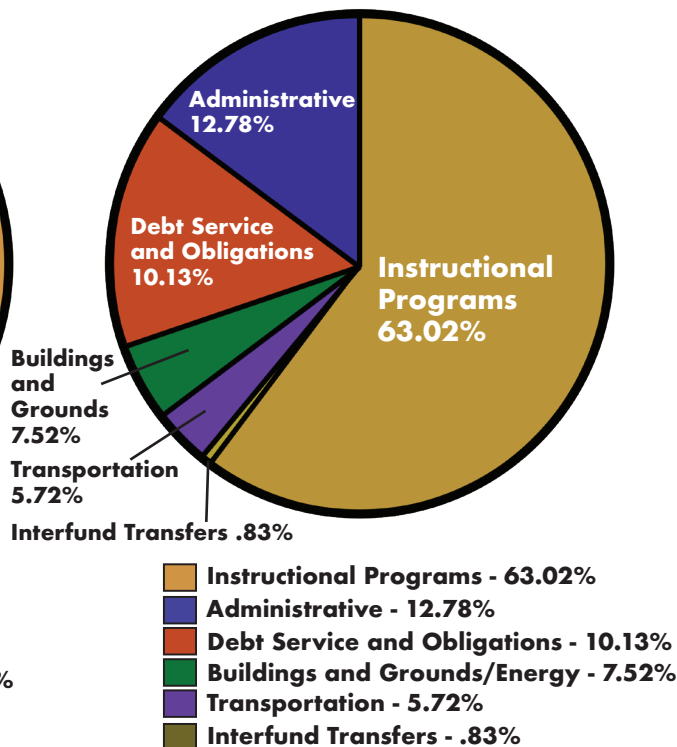
BUDGET INFORMATION

Revenues by Source	2022-2023 Revenue Budget	2023-2024 Revenue Budget
State Aid State Aid consists of a number of components. Foundation Aid is the major component. Other types of aid are transportation aid, building aid, textbook aid, computer hardware aid, library materials aid, aid for pupils with disabilities, and others. Some of these components are expenditure driven. Categorical aids must be spent on specific items.	\$7,808,265	\$8,570,384
Property Tax This includes funds from the real property tax levy and the School Tax Relief Reimbursement.	\$2,854,476	\$2,897,156
Other Local Revenue BOCES refund, E-Rate, Admissions, Youth Services Tuition, Interest, Insurance Recoveries and Distance Learning Reimbursement is recorded here.	\$115,950	\$175,347
Fund Balance This amount represents monies that are being appropriated toward next year's operating budget.	\$397,809	\$472,504
Total Revenues	\$11,176,500	\$12,115,391

Revenues by Source



Expenditures



BUDGET INFORMATION

Expenditures By Use	2022-2023 Expenditure Budget	2023-2024 Expenditure Budget
<p>Buildings and Grounds/Energy This category includes all expenditures for the Operation and Maintenance of our Building and Grounds.</p>	\$867,658	\$910,947
<p>Debt Service and Obligations This primarily represents principal and interest payments on bonds.</p>	\$1,214,319	\$1,227,114
<p>Transportation This category includes expenditures for the Transportation program, including Salaries and Fringe Benefits, Materials and Supplies, Contractual and Bus Garage Utilities.</p>	\$638,913	\$693,537
<p>Instructional Program All Expenditures for the Regular and Special Education Programs, Computer Assisted Instruction, Guidance, Attendance, School Libraries, Student Health Services, Co-curricular Activities, and Interscholastic Athletics are accounted for here.</p>	\$6,923,745	\$7,634,890
<p>Administrative This category includes all expenditures of Board of Education, Superintendent's Office, Business Office, Independent Audit, District Treasurer, Personnel, Legal Services, and Insurance Costs other than Transportation.</p>	\$1,431,865	\$1,548,903
<p>Interfund Transfers This category includes transfers to Capital Fund to be used for a capital outlay project. This project will be for new floor and wall tile in student bathrooms</p>	\$100,000	\$100,000
Total Expenditures	\$11,176,500	\$12,115,391
Dollar Change from Prior Year \$938,891	Percent Change from Prior Year 8.40%	



Principal's Message

Happy Spring Wildcat Families!

We have made it to the final quarter of the 2022-2023 school year! With this early warm weather upon us our teachers and students have taken advantage of the warm days and spent many class periods at the outdoor classroom, the playgrounds have been full and walks are happening frequently! We are so happy they are getting the chance to get back outside on a regular basis! We only hope it continues!



Nicole M. Marino

Spring is a busy season here at SCS! Our teachers are working on test reviews with our students and we hope our fourth quarter grades are the best yet.

Our spring sports season is going great with track, trap, baseball, softball and girls flag football all up and running! Please check out the school district's web page calendar to find a date to go and cheer on all of our spring sports. That calendar will also give you dates for all state and regents testing days and times. It will also provide the spring concert dates, along with plenty of other important events here at SCS.

As spring continues to warm up, parents please continue to help us monitor students' clothing. As a reminder, tank tops and short shorts are not permitted in school.

We know that with the warmer weather most students are anxious for summer vacation. The more relaxed schedule is an appealing idea for all of us with late nights and sleeping in but until the end of the school year, we would like to remind everyone that students are to be in their homeroom by 7:50AM. Our teachers love to start right on time and tardy students slow down this process. Also, please keep up the good attendance as the school year winds down. Please note that graduation is June 23, 2023. Scheduling and planning for Fall 2023 is currently underway and the new school year will be an exciting time with many new faces and new beginnings for all.


Our school counselors offices are currently making changes as Mrs. Svenson has taken a new position at Pine Valley Central School. Mr. McKane took over the High School counseling duties as of April 17, 2023. Ms. Rebecca Cullum will be the Elementary counselor for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year. Thank you all for your continued support and helping us to make SCS a great place to be by sending your students to us each day! We will continue to make every effort to provide a safe and exciting school for all students!

Go Wildcats!

Mrs. Nicole Marino

Candidate Information

Teresa Guzman is the only candidate running for the seat on the Board of Education this year. Voters will be asked to elect one (1) member to the Board of Education for a term of five years to expire June 30, 2028.

PLEASE  Vote
Tuesday, May 16, 2023



Special Education



Mrs Collver's class enjoyed a fun, snack time activity to finish up a unit in Charlotte's Web

Mrs Collver's Crew enjoyed a charcuterie activity to commemorate the 100th day of school.

PreK

The preschool is having a lot of fun reading Fairy tales. We read several different versions of each story and then compare/contrast them. In doing this, we are learning about characters, settings, problems and solutions. The children like to retell the stories and tell us which one is their favorite. Some of the fairy tales we have read so far are: Little Red Riding Hood, The Three Little Pigs, The Magic Porridge Pot, The Gingerbread Man, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, The Ugly Duckling, The Little Red Hen, and The Shoemaker and the Elves.



Kindergarten



There have been many celebrations held within the walls of kindergarten this past quarter. We started off by showing kindness by decorating our classroom doors to kick off Valentine's Day. We all enjoyed sharing treats and special cards with our friends. Then, we celebrated the 100th Day of School with projects displaying 100 things and a parade. On St. Patrick's Day, we wore green and worked hard to keep out that pesky leprechaun. Although he made a mess of our classroom, he managed to leave a sweet treat for all of us! Aside from all the celebrations, the students are studying entomology in reading. We have learned life cycles, characteristics and read books all involving bugs. This is always a favorite study among kindergarteners!

First Grade

First grade has been exploring a variety of family stories. We created a March Madness bracket, so we could face off and see which book was the ultimate favorite. In math we have been studying geometry. We enjoyed a 3-dimensional snack eating cylinders, cubes, cones, and spheres.



Second Grade

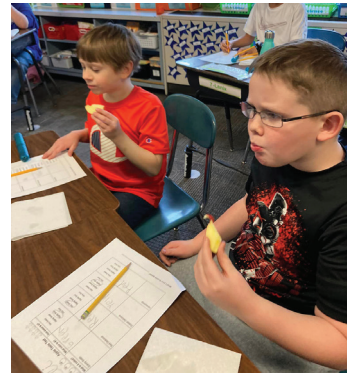
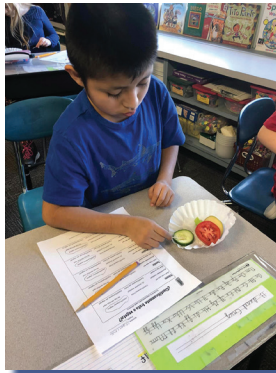
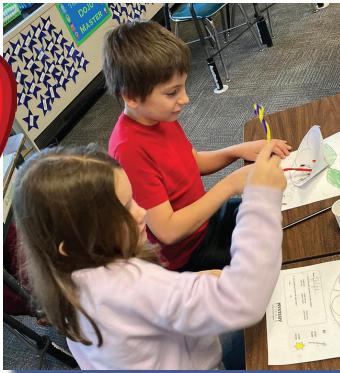
We have been working on animals in science and in ELA. We have been learning about animal adaptations. Here is a picture of our bird feeders we made.



Third Grade

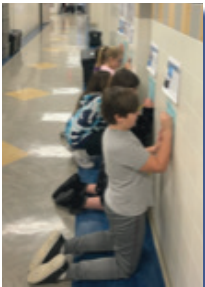
Science Fun

In their second science unit, third graders learned about the Power of Flowers with fun, hands-on activities. Students discovered how plants reproduce by exploring pollination. They also learned about why plants grow fruit by examining selected produce and determining if each item was a Science Fruit or Science Vegetable by looking closely at slices of each one and searching for the seeds. Third graders also investigated how plant traits are inherited from parent plants and how the food we eat is a result of selection. They tasted four kinds of apples and learned about their traits (color, texture & flavor) that humans have selected to create different delicious varieties.



Fourth Grade

The third quarter has flown by in fourth grade! We have been very busy. We received and responded to letters from our Florida pen pals. They sent seashells, necklaces and pirate eye patches from a festival they celebrate there annually. On our field trip students visited a classmate's family sugar house and learned about the maple syrup process from tree to table. Tasting included sap and syrup! Yum! In ELA, we read the book Holes. We completed many activities throughout this book study, including a review game where we were able to "dig" for holes with correct answers and taste-testing foods from the book! Snowglobe Stories. Students wrote stories about being trapped in a snow globe. They were able to write positive reviews on their classmates. In Social Studies, we are learning about government. We created and performed skits for the Bill of Rights. Students also learned Bucket drumming.



Fifth Grade

Fifth grade has been working hard in the classroom this Spring, learning about the Civil Rights era in ELA, getting hands-on with science, and reviewing skills learned throughout the year. Students have been making connections with each other in and out of the classroom by meeting for morning circle, practicing kindness, and getting to play basketball with some of the Jamestown Jackals!



Sixth Grade

Sixth graders engaged in a unit on Classical Civilizations. We spent time discussing and comparing the Han Dynasty, Qin Dynasty, Greece and Rome. Students completed mini-research tasks and poster activities. Our next unit is Comparative World Religions. We will discuss and compare Judaism, Islam, Christianity, Hinduism, and Buddhism.

In ELA we read *The Lightning Thief*. We will begin a Wax Museum research project at the end of April. Students will choose a famous person (dead or alive) to research and present in a Wax Museum manner. More information on this project to come!

Students of the 2nd Quarter



Sherman Central School's Senior High Student of the Second Quarter is **Cora Goldberg**. Cora is the daughter of Chad and Kristin Goldberg. Her favorite classes are English, Chemistry, and Biology. Cora's favorite activity is volleyball. Her career interests are to attend either Penn State Behrend or Indiana University of Pennsylvania to become a Pediatric Dietitian/Nutritionist. Cora is very thankful for all of her teachers who have prepared her for the next step towards her future.



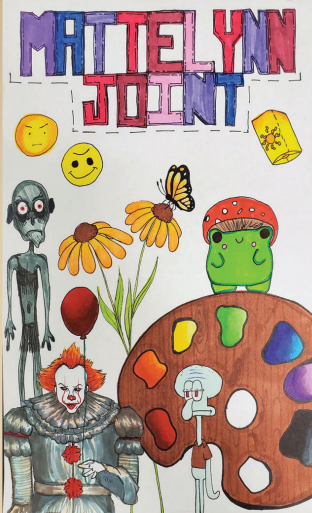
Sherman Central School's Junior High Student of the Second Quarter is **Megan Yokom**. Megan is the daughter of Dawn Yokom. Currently her favorite class is band. Her favorite activity is Chess club. Megan is not sure what her career interests are at this time.



Artist in the Spotlight:

Mattelynn Joint

Hello my name is Mattelynn Joint and I am a senior at Sherman Central School. Throughout my school career I spent a lot of time in the art room and I've taken all of the art classes here. I love all types of art from drawing, digital, and sculpting but my favorite is painting. I have been making art my entire life and I plan to have a career involving art in some way so that I can keep doing what I love.



Identity Art



Doodle 4 Google



Desk Wrap Illustrations



Pumpkin for Peak n' Peak



Stitch



Classroom Banner



Sherman Central School Honor/Merit Roll - 2nd Quarter

12th Grade Honor Roll

Karagan Ayers, Alex Carlson, Haleigh Christensen, Colton Courtney, Natalie Davis, Nicholas Devine, Hayden Fisher, Elisabeth Gibbons, Cora Goldberg, Paige Gratto, Brayden Hayes, Lillian Heverley, Mattelynn Joint, Memphis Kopta, Nellie Kopta, Emilie LaVoice, David Maleski, Desiree Mercado, Destiny Mercado, Gavin Parker, Curtis Smith, Gabriel Snow, Aiyana Stracener, Leighanne Swan, Camdin Trask

12 Grade Merit Roll

Trenten Phelps, Jarrett Rhebergen, Jacob Swabik, Ellie Whitman

11th Grade Honor Roll

Faith Gormley, Sophie Lindsey, Olivia Maleski, Lily Martin, Daniel Meeder, Taryn Palmatier, Ryan Perry, Tayden Persons, Brady Pugh, Aziel Rivera, Aziriel Rivera, Brandy Safford, William Scadden, James Sheare, Elliot Thompson, Kinsey Witherow, Ivy Yokom

11th Grade Merit Roll

Jacob Allen, Wyatt Applebee, Andrew Beatman, Lexus Eschenbach, Chloey Kopta, Zachery LaVoice, Gavyn Livermore

10th Grade Honor Roll

Isaiah Burkholder, Dylan Carey, Kellie Christensen, Erin Elder, Teagan Gratto, Max Guzman, Joseph Issler, Kenadi Long, Jonah Martin, Andrew Perry, Brady Phelps, Carson Pinzok, Zachary Schmitz, Aaron Stevens, Logan Swan, Kelsey Wagner, Jayden Zenns

10th Grade Merit Roll

Collin Crawford, Carson Gibbons, Isaphina Kioko, Brenna Livermore, Dominick Rater, Kendra Thornton

9th Grade Honor Roll

Elias Armes, Camron Bascom, Albert Burkett, Kaleigh Carlson, Troy Chambers, Logan Douglas, Jacob Ferranto, Mary Fuller, Kamryn Heinert, Delilah Heverley, Olivia Lindsey, Kristi Mecusker, Hannah Lee Phelps, Allison Rhebergen, Jordan Spitale, Delilah Stoddard, Larsen Swan, Brookelynn Wright

9th Grade Merit Roll

Bryce Carlson, Riley Johnson, Gary Rotunda

8th Grade Honor Roll

Isabella Barton, Iona Burkholder, Caleb Cook, Gracen Eddy, Madison Emory, Jasper Eschenbach, Adrienne Eshelman, Carlie Gable, Evan Gratto, Faith Hooks, Gabe Kopta, Kihomi Lilley, Kyle Maynard, Emily Mecusker, Abigail Mellors, Bria Palmatier, Talon Persons, Brianna Reeves, William Spitzer

8th Grade Merit Roll

Cadence Courtney, James DeLellis, Kaden Hallowell, Jasmine Osterhoudt, Caylee Pinzok, Tayler Pinzok, Galen Tehan

7th Grade Honor Roll

Payson Altzman, Elliye-Mae Ball, Jayne Chambers, Emmersen Crawford, James Douglas, Micah Dye, Lucas Gibbons, Kasen Goree, Kimber Hetrick, Parker Kenyon, Natalie Kranz, Quinn Liffner, Emily Lutgen, Shelby Melnick, Georges Meredith, Baya Oehlbeck, Riley Rhebergen, Elle Ross, Ely Smith, Charlotte Spitzer, Riott Treacle, Megan Yokom

7th Grade Merit Roll

Jonathan Coblentz, Hailley Eastham, Annabelle Fuller, Jamison Haag, Kiley Jones, Andrew Mecusker, Ella Paddleford, Bryce Pugh, Derek Zenns



Music News

Congratulations to the following students for being selected to sing in various All-County choirs at the Spring Festival! The concert is June 3rd at 7:00 pm in the amphitheater at Chautauqua Institution:

Payson Altsman, Nicholas Devine, Micah Dye, Ava-Kay Irwin, Quinn Liffner, Kihomi Lilley, Sophie Lindsey, Andrew Mecusker, Danielle Mecusker, Georges Meredith, Tucker Muller, Taryn Palmatier, Ryan Perry, Peyton Persaud, Ryan Sanders, Curtis Smith, Isabella Sorrento, Ethan Taylor, Galen Tehan, and Ivy Yokom. Congratulations also to Olivia Lindsey and Kristi Mecusker who will be playing in All-County band.



Please note the following events/dates

- Kindergarten Round-Up: Friday, May 19, 2023 from 12pm to 3pm.
- Pre-Kindergarten Graduation: June 21, 2023, 10am
- Kindergarten Graduation: June 21, 2023, 8:30am
- Class of 2023 Graduation: Friday, June 23, 2023, 6:30pm



Incoming PreK News:

- Pre-Kindergarten packets are available for pickup at the Main Office
- The annual Pre-Kindergarten screenings will take place over the summer. The dates will be forthcoming - please keep an eye out for them on the school's district calendar on the SCS website (www.shermancsd.org).



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Notice Of Budget Hearing/Annual School District Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Budget Hearing / Annual Meeting of the citizens of the Sherman Central School District qualified to vote at the school meetings in said District, will be held at the Sherman Central School, John Butler Auditorium, in the Village of Sherman, New York, on Monday May 8, 2023 at 6:00 PM EDT for the transaction of such business as is authorized by Education Law.

Voting will take place, Tuesday, May 16, 2023 in the front lobby of Sherman Central School during the hours of 12:00 Noon to 8:00 PM EDT for the following purposes:

To vote upon the adoption of a budget for the operation of the school district for the 2023-24 school year. Copies of the budget will be available at the Office of the District Clerk on or after May 1, 2023.

To authorize to undertake the acquisition of the following fleet vehicles: two (2) 66-passenger school buses, at an estimated maximum cost of \$159,954 each, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$319,908, less trade-in value, if any.

To elect one (1) member to the Board of Education, one seat for a term of five years to expire June 30, 2028.

To authorize to undertake certain capital improvements consisting of addition to, and construction and reconstruction of, the K-12 school building and facilities, site improvements and the acquisition of certain original furnishings, equipment, and apparatus and other incidental improvements required in connection therewith for such construction and school use, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$11,950,000; and to appropriate and expend from the existing capital reserve fund \$400,000 for such costs and to appropriate and expend from unassigned current fund balance up to \$500,000 for such costs, and that the balance of such costs, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax to be collected in annual installments, with such tax to be offset by state aid available therefor; and, in anticipation of such tax, debt obligations of the school district as may be necessary not to exceed \$11,050,000 shall be issued.

The complete legal notice can be found on the school website at <https://www.shermancsd.org/site/default.aspx?DomainID=86>. Absentee ballot applications are available for qualified district residents and military voters. Please contact the district clerk's office at (716) 761-6122 or e-mail lwaygood@shermancsd.org for further details.

By Order of the Board of Education
Luke A. J. Waygood, District Clerk