

## German class sends greeting to Elton Oltjenbruns

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**Students from a high school in the city of Gardelegen, Germany, gather for a picture to be sent to Holyoke's Elton Oltjenbruns to honor him as part of the 102nd U.S. Infantry Division that came across the Gardelegen massacre in 1945.**

With the help of Elton Oltjenbruns of Holyoke, author and historian Torsten Haarseim was able to complete a book earlier this year recounting the WWII massacre that took place in his hometown of Gardelegen, Germany.

Oltjenbruns was part of the 102nd U.S. Infantry Division that discovered massacre in a barn where more than 1,000 concentration camp prisoners were burned alive.

On Saturday, Nov. 2, Haarseim was accompanied by 86 students for a class project to the site of the massacre that took place at the barn on April 13, 1945. During the day, Haarseim gathered the students for a photo to send to his friend in Holyoke.

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