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Another issue has been COVID restrictions. Students are social distancing in the band room and must have a bell cover over their instruments, which can alter the

"We can't get the dynamic that we would without the bell covers and on certain woodwind instruments, there's notes that become really difficult to play, but the safety factor makes it worth it," Hering

sound of the instruments.

Hering noted that she will continue to follow the COVID guidelines and adjust the students' sound accordingly.

Through all the challenges so far, Hering's biggest priority is making a comfortable and safe environment for her students.

"In my classes, it's very important that it's a safe place for the kids. They have to

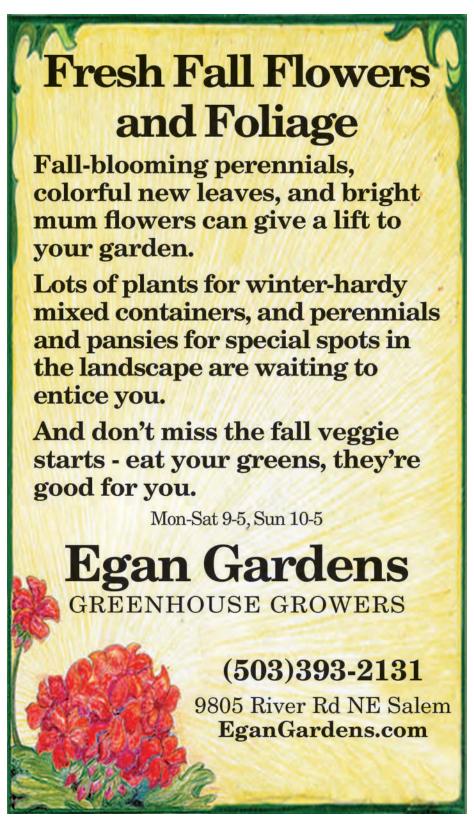
be somewhat emotionally vulnerable to be able to play music in front of each other," Hering said. "We need to build that relationship between the kids and then also between myself and the kids so that they can feel safe to play, learn and to grow as musicians in the class."

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