

Left of Center

By: Hannah Hays

Top 10 Sherman High
New Year's Resolutions:

1. Lose more weight
2. Get better grades
3. Do better on tests
4. Complete the mile run
5. Treat my parents with more respect
6. Be a better friend
7. Start living for myself
8. Keep my new year's resolutions
9. Keep my room cleaner
10. Save my money

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2011 Leadership Summit- Time to Deliver

By: Maddie Belshe

The Oregon Business Summit, held December 12th, 2011, was about improving Oregon's future, focusing on the economy, health care, and education. Invited to go to this Leadership summit by Judge Gary Thompson of Moro, were Miss Ross, Nick von Borstel, Devyn Roberts, Samantha Coons, Hannah Hays, Audrey Kaseberg, and Maddie Belshe. They learned a lot about Oregon's economy, what needs to be done to help Oregon, and how to make it a better place in the future. Oregon's goals include 25,000 net new jobs per year and having a per capita income above the national average by 2020. The summit focused on Oregon's strategy, that includes the following:

- People: A talented workforce
- Productivity: Quality infrastructure, resource

utilization, competitive regulations and business costs.

- Place: A high quality of life that attracts and retains talented people.
- Pioneering Innovation: A culture of research, commercialization and innovation in product process design.

Oregon is also intent on redesigning the education system in Oregon because it is believed that, "Best education means a better economy." To learn more about The Oregon Business Plan, visit their website at www.oregonbusinessplan.org.

Also attending was Dr. Toda from Columbia Gorge Community College who was excited to talk to the SJSHS envoy because they were the only high school students in attendance. Mr. Toda discussed the advantages one

gets from taking college classes during high school. If taking college classes during high school, there is a chance to enter college as a junior and to save about 80% on tuition. This is a real advantage and should be considered if one is currently in high school. If interested in taking college classes, contact Dr. Toda at ftoda@cgcc.cc.or.us or call him at (541) 506-6103.



John Kitzhaber, Governor of Oregon giving his speech at the 2011 Leadership Summit- Time to Deliver.

More about the Leadership Summit continued on pages 9 & 10



Sports Center

By: Riley Brown

Girls Basketball Overview

The season is still young for the Lady Huskies and the signs of promise hopefully will help them as they approach their league schedule. The season is yet to be shaped and with hard work, and dedication these ladies will have an excellent year.

Girls

Southwest Christian	L 25-38
Griswold	W 78-24
Trout Lake - Glenwood	W 41-25
Irrigon	L 29-45
North Clackamas Christian	W 54-15

Boys

Southwest Christian	W 72-34
Culver	W 89-58
Trout Lake - Glenwood	W 68-46
Irrigon	W 75-56
North Clackamas Christian	W 52-30

Husky Naismith Award

The Naismith award this issue is more of a challenge than an award. We have very high game attendance at SJSHS, but fans often seem quiet during games. I issue a challenge to all spectators who attend these games to make noise and create a great basketball environment.



Boys Basketball Overview

This year's boys' team is enjoying a stellar season, currently with a record of 10-2. The style of play is very exciting and fast-paced, which racks up a lot of points. With head coach Mike Somnis rallying his team to victory after victory it looks like this will be a great year. The Huskies are among the highest scoring teams in the state, at a clip of 76 points per game, with a stable of scorers, including Kyle Burnett who has scored a high of 45 points in a game.

Dec 13	6:30pm	Culver
Dec 16	7:30pm	Nixyaawii
Dec 17	5:30pm	Dufur
Dec 20	7:30pm	Riverside
Dec 29	2:45pm	Enterprise (Oregon Trail Classic)
Dec 30	TBD	TBD (Oregon Trail Classic)
Jan 3	7:30pm	Central Christian
Jan 6	7:30pm	Arlington
Jan 7	5:30pm	Condon / Wheeler
Jan 10	7:30pm	Trout Lake - Glenwood
Jan 14	5:30pm	Ione
Jan 17	7:30pm	Horizon Christian
Jan 20	7:30pm	Central Christian
Jan 21	4pm	Dufur
Jan 24	7:30pm	South Wasco County
Jan 27	7:30pm	Echo
Jan 28	7:30pm	Griswold (Helix)
Feb 4	5:30pm	South Wasco County
Feb 10	7:30pm	Horizon Christian

Review of 2011 School Year By: Devyn Roberts

The first half of school has been full of excitement: We had a successful football/volleyball season, an addition of four new teachers, a hit at Homecoming, and a school/district newsletter that took flight.

Our New Teachers:

Mr. Gradek, the Science and general Math teacher, who previously taught at a huge school with around 2,500 students said that coming from a big school to a small school was very different, "Having several preps, having small classes, and the fact that everyone knows everyone." He originated from Eureka, California and stated that the first half of the school year has been, "Outstanding. I love it here. The students and staff are amazing." Mr. Gradek said his favorite part of Sherman County was, "The strong community," because not many other places have such a close bond. Mr. Gradek is currently teaching Algebra 1, Middle School Algebra, Green Energy, Fish & Wildlife/Marine Science, Chemistry, and Science Elective.

Ms. Kunding, the History teacher, was born in Park Falls, Wisconsin. Ms. Kunding came from a small and, at the same time, a large school. When asked how that was possible, she said, "It was a charter school. It was small making it similar [to SJSHS], but large because it was located in the city, more urban." She stated that the first half of school has been "exhausting, but

a fulfilling learning process." The students of SJSHS are Ms. Kunding's favorite part of Sherman County. Ms. Kunding is currently teaching World History, Social Studies 8, American Government/ International Relations, AP U.S. Government & Politics, and Intro to Law/Debating the 1st Amendment today.

Mrs. Echlin, the Art teacher, was born in Portland, Oregon. Mrs. Echlin previously taught at a school which was big, but separated into three smaller sections. She said that the first half of the school year has been, "Exhausting, but interesting," and that the change from a large school to a small school was not difficult, "I like getting to work with all the students individually." The birds on Mrs. Echlin's daily bike ride to school are her favorite part of Sherman County, "All the birds make me feel happy to be alive." Mrs. Echlin is currently teaching Art, English 11, ESL Language Arts, Jr. High Art, and Theatre Arts.

Ms. Ross, the English teacher, previously taught at Southwest Career and Technical Academy, which is huge compared to Sherman, for she stated that they have 4,000 students and she would teach six classes totaling about 400 students. She originated from Clarkson, Washington, and when asked how the first half of the school year has been, she

answered, "Interesting. It's fast paced and I'm not used to teaching Junior High." Ms. Ross said her favorite part of Sherman County was her house because it's adorable and she likes all the fields. For fun, Ms. Ross was asked, "Do you like cheese?" and she simply stated, "Love it." Ms. Ross is currently teaching English 7-12 and Accelerated Junior English.

Homecoming:

Homecoming week was topped with a victory win by the Sherman High School Football team vs. Maupin with a score of 66-26 and with the Sherman High School Volleyball team beating Maupin with sets of 25-16, 25-14, 21-25, 25-15. Homecoming was an epic and entertaining week for all of SJSHS. The senior boys won the volleyball match, Hollee Kaseberg and Ryan Asher won overall Spirit Dress up, and Chloe Van Gilder was crowned Homecoming Queen. Jason Earl, A.K.A. "Giggles" took control as the Homecoming dance DJ, having colorful strobe lights and hip new music, the dance was enjoyable and louder than ever.

The Husky Times:

With Ms. Ross – the Advanced English teacher at SJSHS – leading the Advanced Junior English class

with "The Husky Times," it has been a hit in the school and now is catching the District's attention. "The Husky Times" is going big. It is a monthly paper written, and created by the Advanced Junior English class including Audrey Kaseberg, Samantha Coons, Nick von Borstel, Riley Brown, Mad-die Belshe, Devyn Roberts, Hannah Hays, Brian Simantel, Jason Earl, and Jesse Whitley. Under the supervision of Ms. Ross, this class has been working hard to keep "The Husky Times" full of SJSHS news. The rebirth of SJSHS's school newsletter has sparked many new ideas for the school and, hopefully, community.

Sports:

2011 was a year in which the Sherman Huskies once more showed that we continue to hold a high standard for our sports enthusiasm. Our Football team this year ended with an overall record of 8-4 and a league record of 6-0. The Volleyball team ended this year with an overall record of 11-14 and a league record of 5-3.

With 2011 coming to an end, the excitement for another year – 2012 – has never been greater.

Husky “Pups”

S.K.O.R.E. by Rebecca Earl

S.K.O.R.E is an awesome place where you can play games, do homework, and get experience doing the fun activities like tumbling, Tae Kwon Do and many others. You get snacks every day and they are usually different than the snack the day before. Like, one day you have Coco Puffs and the next you will have a cheese stick with a fruit rollup. The teachers are Deanna and Jerry. They are perfect for the job because they are fun, dependable, and strict about homework. I think that you should come to S.K.O.R.E

SpongeBob Square Pants By Bri

Who lives in a pineapple under the sea???.....SPONGEBOB SQUARE PANTS!!!!!!

Everybody should love SpongeBob in my opinion. SpongeBob is a nice, creative, interesting, and possibly crazy sponge who lives, like the song says, in a pineapple under the sea in a town called Bikini Bottom. He works at the Krusty Krab with his friends Squidward and Mr.Krabs. In his spare time he goes jelly fishing with his best friend Patrick. SpongeBob has a pet snail named Gary, who he loves very much. I LOVE SpongeBob!



“Year's end is
neither an end
nor a beginning
but a going on,
with all the
wisdom that
experience can
instill in us.”
~Hal Borland



Craft of the Month

By: Hannah Hays

Green Slime

What you will need:

- 2 mixing bowls
- 8 ounces of Elmer's glue (must be Elmer's)
- Green and yellow food coloring
- Spoon for stirring
- 1 tablespoon Borax (you can find this in the laundry detergent aisle)
- Resealable plastic bag or clean plastic-covered container

Instructions:

1. **Mix one cup cold water** with 8 ounces of Elmer's Glue in one mixing bowl.
2. **In a second bowl**, mix 1 tablespoon of Borax with one-half cup of very hot water (not boiling). Stir well until the Borax is dissolved.
3. **Add about 10 drops** of each food coloring to the Borax-water mixture.
4. **Slowly add the hot Borax-water mixture** to the glue-water mixture. Stir with a spoon for a few seconds.
5. **Using your hands**, reach into the bowl and mix everything together. In less than a minute you'll have a gooey, nonstick, stretchy material.
6. **Store the goop** in a resealable plastic bag or covered plastic container. You can keep the goop for several weeks as long as you refrigerate it when you're not playing with it.



Superintendent's Corner By: Ivan Ritchie

I am excited, pleased and proud of this student newspaper! The students and their advisor, Amanda Ross, are doing an exceptional job of communicating what is happening at Sherman Junior/Senior High School. I have asked the students to take on the responsibility of putting out this publication in hard copy for distribution throughout the county. At our November 1st, 2011 Community Forum we learned that many residents of the school district prefer to get information in print instead of electronically. This publication will be distributed monthly throughout the county in place of the Husky Handout.

The Sherman County School District completed a strategic planning process over the last 14 months. The board received the report and will review it at the January 9th school board meeting. The public is invited to this meeting to see the document and give their input. The board will take action on the plan at its February 13th meeting. The plan includes sections on curriculum, funding, community relations and district facilities planning.

Sherman Elementary's winter program was a huge success. The program included the Preschool. They sang *Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer* and *Jingle*

Bells. The K-4 classes sang a medley of songs including *Polar Puppy*, *Christmas Wishes*, *A Silly Holiday Song*, and finished with *We Wish you a Merry Christmas*. Santa arrived on time and all of the children had candy canes.

After 37 years in education, I am retiring this year. The Board is taking action to find a superintendent to lead the district in providing the best education possible for the children of Sherman County. I have enjoyed my five years of service to the district.

"Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right."
~Oprah Winfrey

Principal's Corner by: Wes Owens

Starting on January 10th and continuing throughout the spring, students at Sherman Jr./Sr. High School will be completing state assessments (OAKS – Oregon Assessment of Knowledge and Skills). These tests are the statewide assessments that students across Oregon take to measure academic progress in the core subject areas of math, reading, science, social studies, and writing. The results of these assessments provide an indication of a student's progress toward state learning goals. Additionally, these results are a large part of what the State of Oregon and the federal government use to evaluate and

determine the quality of our school's teaching and learning. The overall results can be analyzed on the yearly State Report Card issued by the Oregon Department of Education. It is important that students approach these (OAKS) tests seriously and strive to do their best. The following are some tips for parents to assist their students in doing their best on each test.

- A good night's sleep prior to taking each test.
- A healthy breakfast each morning before school.
- Excellent attendance. Students who are absent the day of a test must later be

pulled out of class to take the test, which can be a major disruption to their learning.

- Discuss the tests with your student and share encouragement and support.
- Ask your student when they will be testing and invite them to report their score to you. Some tests have up to three testing opportunities and you can set goals with your student to increase their score the next time they test.
- You can also visit the Oregon Department of Education website to learn more about state assessments

and content standards. Please visit www.ode.state.or.us.

As always, I encourage your feedback and participation in the life of our school. I welcome your comments, questions, or concerns. You can reach me at 541-565-3500 or wowens@sherman.k12.or.us.

Thank you so much for your continued support of our school. I wish you the best in 2012!

The Pack! By: Maddie Belshe



“For last year's words belong to last year's language
And next year's words await another voice.
And to make an end is to make a beginning.”

~T.S. Eliot, "Little Gidding"

Basketball season is a great time to join The Pack! If you didn't sign up for The Pack in the fall, I hope you will during winter sports. The Pack is a great way to get involved and support our school and athletes. Don't forget about the rules of The Pack:

- Attend all 2011-12 sports events (if possible).
- Exhibit outstanding sportsmanship.
- Demonstrate positive character traits in and out of the classroom.
- Follow school rules and policies.
- Sit in designated rooters section and wear PACK t-shirt.

- Support teams and generate enthusiasm.
- Stand during the Husky team introductions and the Sherman Fight song.

(Rules taken straight out of "The Pack" sign-up sheet)

The Sherman basketball season has nine more home games. Each night has its own dress theme. The themes are as followed:

Jan 6th: Black out night

Jan 14th: Rock star night

Jan 20th: Hippie night

Jan 21th: Orange Crush night

Jan 27th: Retro night

Feb 4th: Pack Tees, past and present night

Feb 10th: Star Wars night.

Giving you these themes ahead of time will allow you to get ready and to be prepared for each night. Go all out with your costumes and have fun with it!

To help with the spirit, our Pep Band is stronger than ever and we are adding new songs to our folders. We love playing our up-beat fun songs for all of you. There is no better feeling than playing in front of a crowd and playing fun songs.

The Pep Band would like to thank the school, athletics, and the community for supporting us.

Robotics By: Jesse Whitley

Robotics has taken Sherman Jr./Sr. High School by storm. There are two robotics teams at SJSHS—the Junior High team, better known as, "Mindstorm," which uses Legos; and, the Senior High team, which creates robots designed to dispose of explosives, or, better known as, Explosive Ordinance Disposal. The team coaches are science teachers Jacob Gradek and Kathy Thompson. Robotics is designed to help students "build basic mechanical skills that

could be used in certain aspects of different jobs," as Daniel Taylor explains. Recently, the Junior High robotics team competed in a robotics competition in The Dalles, placing third, which means they will be going to the state championships later this year.

Robotics is also offered at Sherman Elementary school where students also use Legos to construct their robots. There are approximately eight students on the robotics team and

recently received a first place trophy for core values, meaning they worked better together than any other team. One enthusiastic team member, David McClendon, stated, "The Robotics team would like to thank our coaches Dianna Christiansen, Coby Horton, and Jesse Whitley, and we want to give a very special thanks to our Head Robotics Coach, Jason Danielson."

Thanks to all participants and coaches for making the Robotics teams at both Sherman Elementary School and Sherman Jr./Sr. High School a success.



Sherman's Young Salesmen By: Nick von Borstel

What comes to mind when you think of FFA? You may think of the more common things like tractors, cows, and crops, but do you think of a well-dressed salesperson eager to do business and make sales? For the Sherman Agriculture Sales team, this is definitely what comes to mind.

After weeks of preparation and anticipation, these determined salesmen and women traveled to Culver on December 7th to take part in the 2011 Central Oregon District Agriculture Sales competition. The teams consisted of Nick von Bor-

stel, Krista Perisho, Jessica Kaseberg, Karolyn Kaseberg, Meagan McKinney, Mackenzie Blaylock, Michaela Hays, and Shayne Holmes.

The contest consisted of two main parts, a sale and a practicum. During the sale, the competitors had seven minutes to meet with a "client", explain and demonstrate their product, and try to close the conversation by making a sale. The sale follows scenarios that the students make themselves and are observed by judges to determine the members score as a sales-

person. Jessica Kaseberg followed her scenario to demonstrate and sell a horse pad to a race horse ranch.

Each member also took part in one of four practicums. Ten minutes before the practicum begins, the competitors are given a scenario and have to follow that scenario to best deal with the situation as a professional salesperson. The practicums range anywhere from dealing with customer complaints to creating advertisements and more. This competition and other similar competitions ensure that Sherman County, Oregon,

and the rest of the United States will have successful and professional salesmen and woman for the years to come.

Contests like these and others prepare students for future careers and give them the leadership they need to succeed. The FFA is currently preparing for a competition located at North Lake in February that will consist of parliamentary procedure (the use of proper meeting room etiquette), FFA creed speaking (reciting the official FFA creed), and public speaking (creating and presenting an agriculture related speech). Good Luck Sherman FFA!

Events Going on in January By: Samantha Coons

Finals Week: January 23rd the finals week will begin. There will be a block schedule so begin studying and getting all of your homework done and turned in so you will pass your class with flying colors.

End of the Quarter/ Semester: January 26th is the end of the 2nd Quarter and 1st semester.

State Robotics: The Junior High Robotics team will be sent off to state for the first time ever. This is their first time participating in Robotics, so it's an exciting time for the kids. Cheer them on January 15th in Portland Oregon.

Mock Trial: On January 25th there will be a Mock Trial held by the Law students, which will be the second half of finals the block schedule, starting at 12:37 in the cafeteria.

Annual Crab Feed: On January 21st the annual Crab Feed will be taking place. It will start at 5:00pm and held at Morrow County Grain Growers.



Will the World Really End in 2012?

By: Nick von Borstel

The year 2012 brings up many important events including presidential elections and the summer Olympics, but could it also bring the end of the world? This is one theory made by philosophers based upon the Mayan long-count calendar. Other professionals, however, state that the day the calendar ends on December 21, 2012 could mean, instead, that the world will face a change for the better or a significant event to be remembered for centuries. Whatever this date brings, why is it so studied and popular amongst historians, scientists, and philosophers? The answer to this lays in the history of the Mayans and of their famed long-count calendar.

For their time, the Mayan people were extremely advanced in math, astronomy, and science. They created a series of calendars to record and keep track of important dates and events. The long-count calendar was created to record a certain astrological change that is today called Precession of the Equinoxes. This astrological cycle corresponds to the relationship of our sun orbiting the central star of the seven sisters Pleiades constellation

called Alcyone, and was to last over a period of 26,000 years. The end date for this 26,000 year period was set for December 21, 2012 in which the Mayans believed that a new world age would begin, thus bringing along an apocalypse to destroy the old world. It is said that at this time sunspot cycles will flip the sun's magnetic field causing massive earthquakes and floods on earth. Also on this day at 11:11 p.m. the sun will be aligned with the center of the Milky Way for the first time in 26,000 years meaning, to some, that whatever energy that streams to earth from the center of the Milky Way will be disrupted causing doomsday.

The Mayan people considered that the events were already underway and would continue steadily accelerating as the 21st of December approaches. Structures were even found in Mayan ruins that some believe are to warn future generations of "Judgment Day."

The Mayans were not alone in their predictions. The Egyptians, Navajo, Cherokee, Apache, and Iro-

quois are also thought to have believed in this. But what if the Mayan calendar was misread and the prophecies are wrong? Other historian and philosophers disagree with the theory and state that the end of the calendar marks a positive spiritual or physical transformation that could mark the beginning of a new era. Professional Mayanist scholars state the predictions of impending doom are not found in any of the extant classic Mayan accounts.

December 21st could simply be an important celebration date for the Mayans after completing the 26,000 year cycle. It is one of the most famous prophecies in the world today and yet it still remains a mystery. What does December 21st bring? Is it the end of the world or the start of a new beginning? And why did the Mayans so anxiously await the year 2012?



"Here's to the bright New Year, and a fond farewell to the old; here's to the things that are yet to come, and to the memories that we hold."
-- Anonymous



<http://www.vegetablegardener.com/item/7914/basic-gardening-tools-101>

Fascinating Foliage

By: Brian Simantel

To be a successful gardener you need more than just some dirt and plants, you need tools. Every good garden starts with the tools you use. The most helpful, and probably the best, garden tool is the wheel barrow. With a wheel barrow you can carry soil, lumber, rocks, water, cement, sand, weeds, harvested foods and much, much more. Wheelbarrows range from \$30-190 and motorized ones can cost up to \$1,300. You can get a wheelbarrow at most farm stores or gardening stores.

Another helpful garden tool is the shovel either, a pointed shovel for hole digging, round shovel for scooping or square shovel for distribution. Shovels are mainly used for digging up soil, trenches or prying rocks. They can also be used for packing and distributing soil. Shovels range from \$10-25 and can be found at most big stores

or farm stores.

If you have a weed problem you will need a hoe to get rid of them. You will need either a long or short handled hoe depending on the space you are de-weeding. Short handled hoes are used for tight spaces and long handled hoes are for open areas. Hoes range from \$5-25.

If you need to do some major cleaning up you need a rake, either a rock rake or a leaf rake depending on what you're cleaning up or making look good.

Last, but not least, you need to have garden gloves to keep your hands in tip top shape. The last thing you want is blistered beat up hands half way through your gardening process.

Oregon Business Summit

By: Hannah Hays, Nick von Borstel, Samantha Coons, Devyn Roberts, and Audrey Kaseberg

Biotechnology

For years, Oregon has been very involved in biotechnology, making sure that hospitals and health care facilities throughout Oregon and the United States are equipped with the best tools possible. At the biotechnology session at the Oregon Business Summit, three main speakers took the stage to talk about their success and progress in this important industry. One of these speakers, Robert E. Erb, Vice President of Operations for Micro Systems Engineering spoke about their business located in Lake Oswego, Oregon. Micro Systems Engineering

employs 5,000 people and distributes products to over 100 countries. Another guest, Mark Ahn, CEO of Galena Biopharma Inc. talked about his groups work which also takes place in Lake Oswego. Galena pursues cancer treatments with promising results and is anxious to enter phase three of clinical trials that could help reduce the recurrence of breast cancer in patients. The last speaker, Peter Murray, Vice President of Operations for Welch Allyn, Inc., located in Beaverton, Oregon, spoke about the company's success since 1915. They were the first to

use fiber optics in medical instruments and today produce and distribute many medical devices including patient monitoring systems throughout the U.S. With the continued success of these companies, Oregon is sure to improve healthcare and its economy.

~Nick von Borstel

As an attendee of the Oregon Leadership Summit, I learned about Agriculture at the "Agriculture: Oregon's Natural Cluster" Session. One of the major problems repeated throughout the session was the problem that farmers have with regulations. The rules that they have to follow are stressful and pushing the farmers into retirement. Some of the speakers at the session were farmers of Dairy Products, Azaleas, and Grass

Seeds. They spoke about how over the past few years farmers around the Klamath and Tillamook areas are retiring due to the fact that the government is prohibiting high school students to work on their farms. Also, that farmers do not have enough water to supply the farms.

One interesting fact is that Oregon is the highest Christmas tree seller, at about 41%, and products that

are exported are taxed at 15% while other states' imported products are only taxed 10%. ~ Audrey Kaseberg

On December 13th, I attended the 9th annual 2011 Oregon Leadership Summit with the accelerated Junior class. We were invited to attend by Judge Gary Thompson and it was an excellent opportunity to learn about all sides of business and what is happening in Oregon. Judge Thompson was so generous in helping us adapt to our surroundings and I would just like to thank him for everything he did for us, it was truly appreciated.

Once we broke off into our assigned break-out sessions, I attended "The Oregon Creative Industries Session". It was about explaining creativity, and how creativity is everywhere, especially in filming. It started out by showing different commercials that were filmed by students and industries in Portland. The one that stuck out to me the most was the group called Laika, the 350-450 people work on stop motion filming, which means that the people in a movie are made out of

clay, metals and other types of resources and they move them a little bit at a time to make a full movie. A great example would be the movie *Coraline* which was filmed in stop motion by Laika from Portland.

For an example of work in the creative industry go to youtube.com and type in Arizona Humane Society Commercial, or even watch the movie *Coraline* out on DVD.

~ Hannah Hays

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At the Portland Leadership Summit, I learned about the way the Governor, Senates, and House of Representatives, in conjunction with private businesses are helping the economy. There were hundreds of interested people that were willing to make a change and wanted to see a change happen. I went to a break

out session to learn about technology. The software presenters want to start teaching technology at the High school level and get more people interested in going into the software industry. The presenters such as Skip, Sam, and Louie, would talk about the upcoming new technology they are trying to bring to Portland. It was a very interesting and

exciting Summit to go to. I felt very privileged and it was a spectacular event to go to.

~ Samantha Coons

Clean Technology

Ron Pernick, author of "The Clean Tech Revolution," Ty Daul, founding member of "Element Power," and Tim Miller, CEO of "Green Lite Motors," all presented at a breakout session held at the 2011 Oregon Business Plan Leadership Plan Summit titled "Clean Technology," all of whom presented about natural energy contained in Oregon and ways to keep energy efficient for Oregon's future.

Ron Pernick, author of "The Clean Tech Revolution" and Co-Founder and Managing Director of Clean Edge, presented definitions of "Clean Tech." Clean Edge was founded in 2000, and it provides critical insight and intelligence to corporations, businesses, and schools. Pernick stated that Clean Tech, "Harnesses renewable materials and energy sources, reduces the use of non-renewable natural resources, and it eliminates emissions and wastes." Clean Tech has four domains; energy, transportation, water (also considered Agriculture), and materials/buildings. Oregon is a brand region as a hotspot for Clean Tech, nurtured development of local clean-energy startups, nurtured managerial talent base and fosters university research, and Oregon is second overall in the 2011 U.S. Clean Energy Leadership Index. Summing

up his presentation, Pernick also stated that Clean Tech has five laws:

1. Clean Tech can scale.
2. The developed world does not need new nuclear or coal.
3. "Small Tech" will play a central role.
4. It's a dispersed revolution.
5. Energy transitions take decades.

Ty Daul, founding member of "Element Power," presented about current and futuristic natural power in the U.S. and, more specifically, Oregon. Element Power was founded in September 2008 and specializes in wind and solar development. Wind provides approximately 2.3% of U.S. Electricity and solar provides approximately 0.2% of U.S. Electricity. Twenty-nine states provide and use renewable energy. Daul stated that some industry challenges in renewable energy includes lack of long term federal policy, changes to state policies, high cost perceptions, and perceptions of foreign jobs. Ty Daul concluded his presentation with "Looking into the Future." They are looking to integrate renewable energy into daily life, provide leadership on the long term U.S. energy policy, and change the cost effectiveness for energy storage.

Tim Miller, CEO of Green Lite Motors talked about the future in automobiles. Green Lite Motors is cur-

rently working on a car, which currently is not named, that gets 100 mpg, and is eight feet long and four feet wide. They plan on changing the life of motor vehicles, hinting their logo "The Future of Go." Miller presented that there are openings for new entrants, today's system is broken, design costs go down, big scale requirements of old-school players leave riches open, fuel costs go up, the environment and energy is a concern, and there's excess capacity. He stated that financing, testing, customer trials and infrastructures are all problems in building motor vehicles.

The breakout session about "Clean Technology" was really impressive. It showed the current and future standards for Oregon's renewable energy position. The session exemplified the fact that we as a state, country, continent, and planet, need to strive for healthier and cleaner sources of energy.

~Devyn Roberts

Dear Husky

Dear Husky,

How can I maintain good grades throughout my freshman year?

-Unknown

Dear Unknown,

You should study, study, and study some more. Maybe even get together with some friends and throw a studying party. Even though studying and doing homework can be boring, having help from friends is always a plus and makes it a little easier. It's essential to get good grades and be able to go to college when you're a senior. It may not seem like such a big deal now, but when you are a Junior it all sinks in.

-Ed

Dear Husky,

What if a girl says she likes you and then doesn't talk to you for about three months?

Sincerely,

Avoided

Dear Avoided,

When a girl says she likes you, she probably means it. She is also probably a little shy since she hasn't talked to you for quite a while. What you need to do now is step up. Be a man, if you like her, then tell her, don't just wait for it to drift away. If she's just a friend, let her know. Although it may be too late, so don't wait too much longer, good luck!

Sincerely, ~Ed

Dear Husky,

How can I get my homework done faster and do it well?

Help Me

Dear Help Me,

Well little buddy, to solve this problem you're going to have to use a thing called compromise. You can't do work super-fast and have it be A+ work, but you can do work super-fast and have it be B work. To help with reading long sections you can skim read and go off of what you already know. This will cut down on time but won't be as good as taking the time to actually do it. Speed and quality don't mix well so try to pick one or the other.

~Ed

Dear Husky,

How do you prepare yourself for college?

-Undercover Piggy

Dear Undercover Piggy,

You should study as much as you can. Try looking at a bunch of different colleges while you're still young and make sure to find a few colleges where you would enjoy living and studying. Make sure to study up on every test you have in order to get the best grades. Work hard and you should be ready for college.

~Ed

Thank you for the Letters!!! ~Ed

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New Year's Resolutions

"I'm going to go to college, and start extreme couponing to save money and live great."

"My new year's resolution is to go on a trip to Africa and help the children there."

"My new year's resolution is to be kinder to people."

"To eat a loaf of bread in 3.6 seconds."

"My new year's resolution is to grow a big beard and abnormally large mustache."