

Left of Center

March historical events

1. March 4TH at age 32
Jessie James died
(1882)
2. March 7th Alexander
Graham Bell received
patent for telephone
(1876)
3. March 8th presidents
Millard Fillmore
(1874) and William
Howard Taft (1930)
died
4. March 12th the Girl
Scouts of America was
founded (1912)
5. March 13th Uranus was
discovered (1781)
6. March 14th Albert Ein-
stein was born (1879)
7. March 15th Julius Cae-
sar was assassinated
(44 B.C.)
8. March 18th first electric
razor was marketed
(1931)
9. March 20th John Len-
non married Yoko Ono
(1969)
10. March 21st Alcatraz
prison emptied (1963)

Find the Leprechaun!

In this edition of "Husky Times", a little leprechaun has gotten loose and is running around inside the "Husky Times". He brought some of his friends, and they are wild. Help us find the leprechaun and his two other friends!

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Sherman Boys Take 3rd at Baker

By: Riley Brown

With what was called the "most exciting game of the 2012 1A state championship tournament," the Sherman boys' basketball team was able to send out their seniors the right way, by being able to beat Country Christian, 68-66, to capture the 3rd place trophy. They had been working for the chance to get to Baker City, not only to try and garner recognition, but also because of

some greater motivation..... PRIME RIB. They arrived in Baker City on Wednesday and watched the Condon Girls win their first round game, and then were treated to the meal they so longed for. By all accounts the meal was amazing, and the boys were fueled for a Tournament that would prove to be a test. In the first game at Baker City, Sherman was matched up with the Elkton Elks. They played a tough game and

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Sports Center

By: Riley Brown

Boys Basketball Recap

The boys ended their season 3rd in the state. They had a really good season, they were regular season champs in the Big Sky, and they were honored by having Kyle Burnett on first team all-league, and Scot Stroud and Zach Smith were heralded on second-team all league. Coach Mike Somnis was named coach of the year in the Big Sky, and our boys were given the sportsmanship award. They were able to beat Columbia Christian in Portland and go to the state tournament in Baker City. The boys were extremely pleased with the way they were able to finish the season with a 27-5 record. They were extremely happy about the amazing support they received all year and would really like to thank all those who have followed and cheered for them this season.

Husky Naismith Award

This edition's Husky Naismith is the Sherman supporters—from the amazing crowds that have been cheering the teams on, to boosters helping keep the kids comfortable on the buses, to the volunteers who help in all aspects of the sporting events. I issued a challenge earlier in the year and I have been shocked by the amount of support that the teams have been receiving. The Husky faithful have packed our own gym numerous times, and at away games there is also a good amount of Husky faithful. The support is truly appreciated by the teams.



Girls Basketball Recap

This season ended abruptly for the Lady Huskies at districts. They ended the year with a 14-12 record. "We felt we could have done more, but we just couldn't get it done," said Junior Samantha Coons. The girls fought for a district berth and were beginning to play some of their best basketball of the year towards the end of the season. There were a couple of girls who were recognized for their play. Audrey Kaseberg was tagged on the honorable-mention team and Krista Perisho was awarded Second team all-league. They have several players who gained tons of experience that will be returning next year. They plan on using this year on building a base of talent and, hopefully, using this year as a springboard to grow as a girls program.

Good Season Ladies

Big Sky Districts Recap

This year's Big Sky district tournament was held in Hermiston. The Lady Huskies played on Thursday and fell victim to a red-hot Echo team. The girls side ended with a championship game between Condon and Ione, with Ione capturing the district title. On the boys' side, the Huskies reached the championship game, beating Echo. They fell short in the championship game. With great fan support traveling from Sherman County the gym had an electric feel. Sherman fans were among the best fans in Hermiston.

"Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, others make it happen." ~*Michael Jordan*



Husky Happenings at SJSHS

By: Devyn Roberts

As busy as SJSHS is, it's almost hard to keep up with all the events. Several things have occurred during the last month of February and several are coming up for March.

The district basketball tournament held in Hermiston was a blast. Our boy Huskies played Echo and won. Then, they played Horizon Christian and lost a long battle. After the district basketball tournament, the boys' basketball team played in Portland against Columbia Christian, and headed to the state finals! State finals basketball tournament was held in Baker City. Elkton was the first team our Husky boys played at the state tournament. They won their first game, lost their second game to McKenzie, but won their last game against Country Christian, taking third in the state.

February was the month of OAKS testing. There was Science, English, History, and Math OAKS testing this last month. SJSHS has had a good history of successful OAKS testing, and let's hope all our SJSHS students did well and passed or exceeded the tests! A student at SJSHS should always keep in mind that if they pass all their OAKS tests required to graduate, they get a

\$100 certificate at graduation.

Like every year at SJSHS, a Missoula Children's Theater play is coming up! The theme is "The Little Mermaid" and it's said to have many "large and small important roles". The practices will be held from March 12th to March 17th.

The high school Robotics team - Katie Wilson, Blake Evans, Brett Evans, Alex Riggs, Lance Belshe, Tyler Henriksen, and Daniel Taylor - here at SJSHS had their first Tech Challenge at St Helens this month. Katie Wilson commanded the team as "team captain" and placed them as 20th place, of which Gradek states "is a pretty respectable place for your first time." Robotics is now finished for this year, but "we are looking forward to next year."

State Convention for FFA is approaching rapidly and it is a huge convention for young students. This year's State Convention is being held at the Hermiston High School from March 23rd to the 26th. Several workshops are going to occur, sixteen to be exact. A dance will follow Sunday's schedule, which is being hosted by the Hermiston FFA and Hermiston FFA Alumni. Another act of which will excite several attending FFA members/students, a

hypnotist show will occur on Monday. This year's FFA State Convention will be more exciting than ever and let's not forget the FFA's motto; "Learning to do, doing to learn, earning to live and living to serve."

The third annual Mr. Husky pageant was held on March 9th. Four seniors—Mic Dabulskis, Zach Smith, Jesse Whitley, and Kyle Burnett—competed for the title "Mr. Husky." It was an exciting night for all, raising an astounding \$1400 for grants and scholarships. The judging system was points based using judges' scores and money raised. And this year's winner? Mic Dabulskis!!!! Congratulations.

Spring break is from March 26-30th!

"May your blessings

outnumber

The shamrocks that grow,

And may trouble avoid you

Wherever you go."

—Irish blessing





History of St. Patrick's Day

By: Jason Earl



Once again March has rolled around, and with it comes a holiday filled with Leprechauns, Shamrocks, and red hair. St. Patrick's day has long been celebrated as a day for the Irish people to come out of their homes with pride in their hearts and a song in their bagpipes, but the history of this special day is far more than a mark on the calendar to remind oneself to wear green. Its significance dates clear back to before the 400th year A.D.

St. Patrick's Day gets its name from none other than the legendary St. Patrick himself. This figure shrouded in legend is said to be one of the greatest saints known to Ireland. The rumors say that he was born in England in the late fourth century, where he actually claimed not to be a Christian at all. When he was about twelve he was captured by Irish pirates who took him to the land that would one day come to honor him with his own day. He spent several months in captivity until he had a dream one night in which God spoke to him telling him how to escape. The young St. Patrick then made his way back to England where he spent his days studying under a bishop, for he believed that it was

his destiny to go back to the Irish people. When the time came about that he was granted the title of Patrick, which means, "Father of his people," he set out for the land of his captivity.

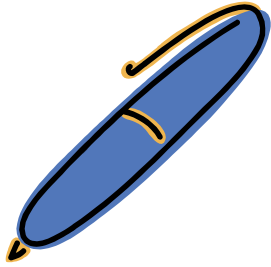
Back in Ireland, St. Patrick traveled across the land, giving gifts to the locals, but accepting none of their gifts for himself as they were usually symbols and idols of their pagan gods. It is said that he drove out all of the snakes in Ireland and into the sea. However, this may be a parable saying that he drove out the evil from Ireland, and turned it from paganism to Christianity. The Shamrock also comes from St. Patrick, who used the three leaves to explain the Holy Trinity. On the other hand, the four-leafed clover was believed by the old druids of Ireland to grant good-luck and fortune if a person managed to find one, but don't spend too much time looking for them, for as the old Irish saying goes, "Many an opportunity is missed by a person out looking for four-leaf clovers."

Over time, St. Patrick's Day has become a celebration of Irish culture as a whole, the secular and fantastical were blended with the original traditions during the op-

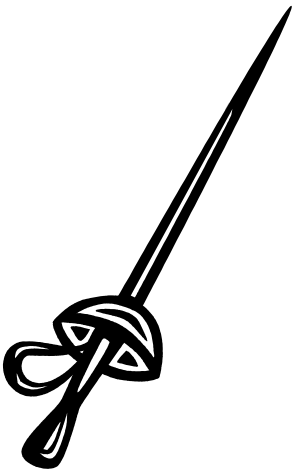
pression of Irish immigrants in America. On March 17th, the Irish would gather together in the streets of New York and other cities to hold a massive parade in honor of St. Patrick and it quickly developed into a day to remember and celebrate their Irish roots. Irish children were told to wear green as it was the color of their homeland, and any unfortunate boy or girl who was seen without the green was given a pinch and sent home. As people began to see the floods of green clothes in the streets they realized how many Irish were among them, politicians began to treat them with respect in order to gain their votes and soon the prejudice against them faded.

Overall St. Patrick's Day is a jolly festival that celebrates Irish history in all its completeness. From the traveling St. Patrick who gave the day its name, to the mysterious little Leprechauns who will give you their gold if you manage to catch one of them, nothing is left out. Just don't forget to wear green or you might just find a pinch or two waiting in store for you.





"A best friend is like
a four leaf clover:
hard to find and
lucky to have."



Junior High

The Pen is Mightier than the Sword

By: Tyler Lyon

STEP 1: SELECTING THE RIGHT TOOL

Many people suffer with bad handwriting. Improving handwriting is extremely important. An English writer by the name of Edward Bulwer-Lytton once said, "The pen is mightier than the sword." Our first step to improving your handwriting is to pick out the right "tool." You won't need a gold plated pen with your name encrusted in diamonds, but you don't want to have a pen that is running low on ink and has a broken tip. What you need to do is experiment with types of pens (or pencils). A good type of pen would be your normal ball point pen.

STEP 2: GRIPPING YOUR TOOL

Our second step is how you should grip the pen. Your pen is not a weapon; it is more of a tooth paste tube. Do not squeeze your pen like you are holding onto a sword preparing to go to battle. You should hold your pen in a comfortable position. The common, and more professional, way is having the end of the pen rest on or above your index knuckle.

STEP 3: POSTURE

The third step you may want to work on is your posture. Don't slouch over and use the table to support your body. Some people find it comfortable to lay your wrist on the table and that is perfectly fine! Make sure you have space. You may feel you need to slouch because your environment encourages laziness. When you're writing, clear your desk of empty coffee cups and other papers that don't

relate to what you're doing.

STEP 4: SUGGESTED BUT NOT REQUIRED

The fourth step is suggested, but not required. People say that if you hold your paper your writing is neater. This works for almost everyone. Another suggested, but not required would be writing on a softer surface. Try not to write on a desk or table. Put a notebook under your paper.

STEP 5: PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

The final part, which everyone hates. You need to practice to make your writing improve. It doesn't just magically happen. Try working on the letters you have trouble with. Eventually move on to writing out sentences and then essays and maybe even a story!

Superintendent's Corner

By: Ivan Ritchie

Planning is under-way for spring planting here at Sherman Elementary. Donna Burtwhistle has been instrumental in getting a garden planted for the school. Plants will be started in our greenhouse soon and will be planted in the garden when the weather warms in the spring. Shannon Hansen and other staff are working with the children to make the project a success. Cindy Brown, with the Oregon State University Extension Officer, is also assisting with the project. We hope to have a harvest in the fall that will pro-

vide vegetables for some student meals.

Sherman Elementary adopted the *Bridges* math curriculum last year. This is the second year using the curriculum. Teachers are seeing growth in children's abilities to conceptualize math. The curriculum uses grids and arrays to demonstrate concepts. Students are able to see how addition and multiplication really works from the grids. For example, 5 times 5 on a grid is 25 squares. This can be applied to division and money skills. This conceptualization will

better prepare our children for higher math like algebra.

The 6th grade will be going to outdoor school in May. Outdoor school is at Camp Tupper near Heppner from May 13-17th. This is truly a school experience. There are lessons each day from teachers and federal and state experts in the areas of plant and animal science. Shelter building and other fun activities are done. This learning experience cannot be duplicated in a classroom. For many children, this may be one of the few experiences they have in the outdoors.

"Here's to you and
yours and to mine
and ours. And if
mine and ours ever
come across to you
and yours, I hope
you and yours will
do as much for
mine and ours as
mine and ours
have done for you
and yours!"

—Irish toast

Principal's Corner

By: Wes Owens

The week of March 5-9 is National Classified School Employee Week. This is a perfect opportunity to recognize the outstanding classified employees that work at Sherman Jr./Sr. High School. These employees take their jobs very seriously and are completely committed to doing whatever it takes to reach higher levels of performance for our school community. Their continued service and devotion is vital to the everyday operation of our school.

•Patti Ketchum and Jeanie Pehlke are the faces and voices of SJSHS. They are professional, friendly, and

helpful to everyone they come into contact with during their work day. They answer questions and process a tremendous amount of requests from parents, students and teachers. We are extremely fortunate to have them working in their positions.

- Our Instructional Assistants do amazing things daily that go unnoticed by the public. Debbie Bird, Connie Greenwood and Megan Stone perform a variety of tasks over the course of a school day to support teachers and students. They pride themselves on jumping in and assisting with anything that they can. These wonderful ladies are all tremendous team players.

- Our beautiful Public School Library is directed by Arla Melzer and her caring and dedicated staff. They professionally support students, teachers and the community on a daily basis. Their friendly and helpful service is noteworthy and they provide an abundance of helpful materials and information.

- We are very fortunate to have an outstanding food service program in the Sherman County School District. Ree Ella von Borstel and Jack McAllister do a fantastic job preparing nutritious breakfast and lunch meals for our students.

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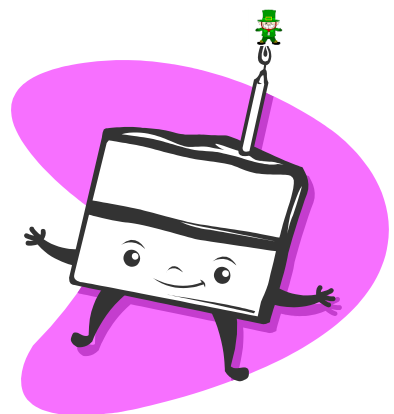


March Birthday's

By: Hannah Hays



Bethany Lohrey	3rd	Elvia Rubio	24th
Makenna Clossen	11th	Joel Blakely	26th
Adalynne Bates	14th	Jeanna Hill	28th
Hannah Hays	14th		
Shelby Kaseberg	16th		
Alex Riggs	17th		
Shaun Casper	20th		
Brian Simantel	21st		
Hollee Kaseberg	22nd		



Husky Helper: Leo Baptiste

By: Maddie Belshe

Leo Baptiste is the special education teacher at Sherman Jr/Sr High School. Baptiste is always around the school helping other teachers with their lessons and providing help for students who need it. When Baptiste is not teaching, you can find him serving it up on the tennis courts as the head coach of the High School tennis team, or on the field whipping the Junior High and High School football boys in to shape. Baptiste inspires many people every day with his positive approach to everything he does, his love of

helping others and his hard work ethic.

Some of Baptiste's jobs and duties that he performs every day are creating individual education plans for students, monitoring their progress, and making sure he meets the teaching style and needs for all students. Baptiste gives his students the skills that they will need to be successful in the future and attain their goals. His favorite parts about working at SJSHS are the students at the school, the small community, and the parental in-

volvement. There are many struggles that take place in working in this job, but with his strong problem solving skills, Baptiste can work his way through anything.

Baptiste is a great person to have around the school and is very helpful to everyone. If you are looking for someone to look up to, Mr. Baptiste is the guy to look up to. Having the skills and positive approach to everything is the key to life and that is what Baptiste has.

"Never iron a four-leaf clover, because you don't want to press your luck!"

Fascinating Foliage

By: Brian Simantel

Japanese Pieris

(Lilly of the Valley Shrub)

The Japanese Pieris also known as, the Lilly of the Valley shrub, has a maroon starfish shaped flower. It thrives in acidic (containing or having the properties of an acid) soil. It can grow up to 5ft tall and 5ft wide. It is a shrub that grows only in the spring. It is also a container plant meaning that, with the right conditions (acidic soil, full to partial sun and some maintenance) you could grow it in a pot at home quite easily. It produces many

flowers and needs to be dead headed (dead flowers cut off) regularly. It is also poisonous so do not eat it! It is not known for its smell, but more for its looks. It grows best in the northwest United States and was first recorded by members of the Dutch East India Trading Company in Japan in the 1830's.

There are now many different variations of this plant with similar characteristics. Many of the different Pierises have red, white or a mix of both flowers and have a dark



green body as a background. Other than color and name there isn't a whole lot of difference between the types.

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Track

By: Samantha Coons

Track season is fast approaching and kids are beginning to get ready. This year Sherman Jr/Sr High School has a new head coach, Todd Swan. He is very dedicated to the track program. The track program is expecting many other coaches, too. The Track-

sters are doing fundraisers so they can earn money for much needed equipment. The kids are currently selling ESPN magazine subscriptions for \$40.00, which they will get to keep \$30.00 for every subscription sold. If anyone is interested contact the High

school at 541-565-3500 for any information. The deadline will be April 1st, 2012. Everyone is very excited for this track season. They are going to be attending many meets and are hoping for a great turn out.



Baseball

By: Nick von Borstel

The baseball season has officially begun. Practice began on Monday, March 5th, when three of Sherman's baseball players traveled to meet up with eight of Arlington's players in Arlington. The majority of Sherman's ball players competed in Baker City for the state

basketball tournament and were unable to attend. When these athletes do begin their baseball season, there will be an estimated six Sherman baseball players combined with Arlington's eight to fill a roster of 14 total players. The Sherman County Arlington base-

ball team will practice at Arlington part of the week, Sherman another part of the week, and on their separate fields for the remaining part of the week. There are currently two head coaches, one to coordinate Arlington's practices and the other to coordinate Sherman's.

Their logo consists of SCA and their colors will be blue and orange. If you are interested in playing baseball this season then contact either Joe Justesen or Mike Somnis, but please hurry because this season's first game is on Monday, March 12th against The Dalles.

Tennis

By: Maddie Belshe

The spring is coming and for most people this means the start of the 2012 tennis season! There are many new players trying out for the team. The tennis roster includes: Maddie Belshe, Terran Casper, Sabrina Greenhite, Janet Guzman,

Hannah Hays, Michaela Hays, Cierra Holzboog, Karolyn Kaseberg, Krista Perisho, Alex Riggs, Brian Simantel, Katherine Shafer, Makayla Stearns, Scot Stroud, and Chloe Van Gilder. The tennis courts are presently being cleaned up so they will be ready for the start of

the season. This year there is a lot of potential in everyone going out for the team and we should have many going on to the state level. One of the great things about tennis is that it is not a team sport, it is an individual sport and 95% mental. You have to be

mentally strong to succeed in tennis. Thank you for supporting the Sherman Tennis Team.



*Sherman Boys**Continued from front...*

entering the 4th quarter they were trailing by 14 points, but thanks to a high-pressure tempo and a valiant comeback Sherman stormed back, as the Elks seemed to wear down. The boys were able to capitalize and win the first round game by a score of 84-78.

In the next round the boys faced the presumptive top team in the state, the McKenzie Eagles. The boys were very pumped to play against the top-tier competition and they showed it. They came out flying and by halftime they were able to have a slight 4 point lead. Unfortunately the second half was owned by the Eagles. They showed they could deal with the Husky's pressure, and the boys went cold, as McKen-

zie heated up. They capitalized on the Husky's cold shooting and ran away with the game. The Huskies ended up with a 63-46 loss at the hands of the Eagles.

The next game was to decide who would take third place. The Huskies played the Country Christian Cougars. It was evident from the boy's play that their up-tempo style had worn on them and they were obviously tired. The game was tight throughout and the Cougars were up at the half. The second half was also very contested. The Huskies kept it close and in the 4th quarter it was extremely tight. The Cougars would split free throws at the end of regulation to force the game into over-

time. The overtime period was as tight as they come and in the final few possessions of the game the Cougars made a big shot to put them up by 3, but the Huskies answered back with a quick 2. The Huskies would then steal the ball and sink a breakaway layup to take the lead. The Cougars would then miss the next shot, and the Huskies rebounded the basketball, drawing a foul. Riley Brown was at the free throw line. He made the first shot, but missed the second with only four seconds to go, amazingly Zach Smith rebounded it and dribbled out the clock to give the Huskies a victory. It was the most exciting game of the tournament and the boys were extremely happy to claim 3rd for Sherman County.

*Principal's Corner**Continued from page 6*

Each day, the salad bar is prepared with fresh fruits and vegetables and the variety of delicious meals served is amazing. Their friendly service to our students and staff is exemplary.

- We have a maintenance and custodial staff that takes an unbelievable amount of pride in caring for our facilities. Craig Wood, Roger Whitley and Cindy Neil simply do a fantastic job. We regularly receive outstanding comments from

community members, parents from other schools, and students about how clean our building is at all times.

If you ever get the opportunity, please take a moment to thank these wonderful employees for all that they do to support the students, parents and teachers in our community.

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 wow-ens@sherman.k12.or.us.



Dear Husky!

Dear Ed,

How do I submit an article to the Husky Times?

-Journalist

Dear Journalist,

One way you can get something published in the newspaper is write an article and put it in Ed's mail box. We will edit it and most likely put it in the newspaper. Or you could come find one of the Accelerated English students and talk to them or Ms. Ross about wanting to write for the newsletter! Thank you for wanting to add to it. It is greatly appreciated for articles; we are always in need of something new and exciting to put in The Husky Times.

~Ed

Dear Ed,

Say I'm leaving school this year. How should I keep in contact with my fellow students/teachers?

-Pen Pal

Dear Pen Pal,

One way to keep in contact with teachers is by E-Mail, it is professional and I'm sure they will be happy to hear from you. A way to stay in contact with students is by text, phone, or Facebook. ~Ed

Dear Ed,

Why do some people not like pink flamingos? They're tall, pink, and AWESOME!

Sincerely, Confused.

Dear Confused,

I agree that pink flamingos are tall, pink, and awesome, but the fact that some people do not like flamingos surprises me. Perhaps some people have had traumatic events with flamingos or have been harassed with flamingo gifts and they then have grown to hate pink flamingos. Flamingos are a rare breed of bird and are loved by many. Did you know that flamingo's feathers turn the color of the food they consume? I am here to say, I love pink flamingos, and agree that they are awesome.

~Ed.

Dear Ed,

Do you think that is it right for "friends" to date your ex?

-?

Dear ?,

I think that if they are your real friends they will ask you if you would be alright with them dating an ex of yours. I wish you all the luck and hang in there.

~Ed

Dear Ed,

I don't run very fast! How can I run faster?

-Slow

Dear Slow,

One thing you can do to try and start running faster is make sure you are in P.E, doing all kinds of activities will make you healthy and build up your muscles. A way to test to see if you are running any faster would be to run the mile. If you beat your original time by even a little bit you are getting faster. Good luck!

~Ed

Dear Ed,

What is better to use for writing? Pencil, mechanical pencil, pen?

-Writer

Dear Writer,

It all depends on what kind of person you are; also in some classes others are favored over the other one. I think all are good; I personally like to take notes in pen, and write essays in pencil. I don't use mechanical pencils much because I always push too hard and break the lead.

~Ed

