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Interesting facts about April:

By: Samantha Coons

- 1. On April 1, 1960, the first weather satellite was launched by the United States.
- On April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee, Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated.
- 3. After striking an iceberg the Titanic sunk on April 15, 1912.
- 4. The birthstone is the diamond.
- 5. The Romans called the month "April" which is from the Latin word "aperire" which means to open.
- 6. The flower of the month is the sweet pea or the daisy.
- 7. Earth Day is celebrated on April 22nd.
- 8. April is National Poetry month.
- 9. Easter is April 8th.
- 10. The first time the United States declared war on Germany was on April 6th, 1917.

Easter Egg HUNT!

The reporters at The *Husky Times* found the Easter Bunny's basket lying in an open field full of Easter eggs. They snatched five different colored eggs and have hid them across the Husky Times for your enjoyment. Good luck in your search for all five of the Easter eggs!



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History of April Fool's Day By: Jason Earl

Once upon a time the first day of the year wasn't on January 1st, but instead it fell every year on the first day of April. People would come out of their homes in the spring and shout for joy that the New Year and a new growing season had at last arrived. However, the French thought it would serve them better to start the year just after Winter Solstice and Christmas, and so they moved the first day of the year to January. All too soon, this strange idea spread from country to country until the all of Europe celebrated the first day of the year on January 1st. Of course, there were still those who preferred the old way of beginning the year on April first and soon these became the original April Fools. However, they were by no means the last.

Over the years, the world has witnessed the coming and going of fools of all shapes and sizes, but perhaps more interesting than the fools are the

pranks that they fell for, and so here they are, some of the greatest April Fools pranks in history.

Of these great pranks there are several that truly stand out above the rest. The first of these was the Great Spaghetti Harvest. On April 1st, 1957, viewers of the British Broadcasting Channel tuned in to watch the news, and for a short while they actually got the news, but a moment later the broadcast turned to a video clip of a Swiss family pulling large strands of spaghetti off the branches of The reporter told trees. audiences that, due to the sudden disappearance of the dreaded spaghetti weevil and prime growing conditions, the spaghetti harvest that year would be rather excellent. After the broadcast ended, several viewers called in asking how they could grow a spaghetti tree of their own, to which they were given the answer, "Place a sprig of spaghetti in a tin of tomato sauce, and hope for the best."

In 1995, The Irish



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Sports Center By: Riley Brown

Tennis Overview

The tennis team has had two matches thus far and there have been numerous performances that deserve recognition, such as Scot Stroud and Maddie Belshe who played mixed doubles versus Goldendale's number one boys' doubles team. Against Riverside, Krista Perisho and Chloe Van Gilder came away with victories for the girls while the double teams with Makayla Sterns/ Cierra Holzboog and Janet Guzman/ Karolyn Kaseberg were successful. There are quite a few players who are vying for a place at the state tournement. Hopefully their season continues to be a success.

Track Overview

With the Sherman track team under the new leadership, coaches Todd Swan and Whitney Cabral, the boys and girls seem to be setting personal records at a dizzying pace. The standouts are Megan McKinney—leading the districts in the 100m dash, Gus Loweleading in the 100m dash and 400m dash, Kyle Burnett—leading in the 800m, the boys' 4x100m and 4x400m relays. They are tops in the districts. The 4x100 girls' relay is a close 2nd in districts and look to overtake Condon for the top time in the district. Hopefully the tracksters will continue to improve, and have a good run this season.

Baseball Overview

The young baseball team that is a combination of Sherman, Arlington, and a singular Condon kid. They have played half a dozen games and have yet to scratch the win column. With Sherman players such as Riley Brown, Zach Smith, Ben Holiday, Isaac McAllister, and Cody Jauken. These boys hope to grow this year, and hopefully have a season that they can be proud of. With little Senior Presence on the team this year seems to preparing the baseball program for the future. The boys Split their league opener versus Dufur, by scores of 6-4, and 7-8. A decent start to league.

Spring Sports Standout

This edition's spring sports standout is the high school track relay teams. With both of the 4x100m relay teams running at a very good pace they are looking to take their act to Monmouth for the state meet. The girls' team consists of Megan McKinney, Megan Ball, Andie Harrison, and Samantha Coons, while the boys relay team is made up of Dan McDermid, Kyle Burnett, Nick Coleman, and Gus Lowe. The relay teams look to continue to perfect their craft through the track season, and get their handoffs down to a routine.



Popular NCAA National Championship Picks

Coach Mike Somnis- Baylor

President Obama- North Carolina

Principal Owens- Indiana

Ms. Ross- Kentucky (of course)

Coach Todd Swan- Kentucky

Ms. Kundinger- Wisconsin

Singer Lil Wayne-North Carolina

Mr. Riley Brown-Kentucky

Vegas Odds-Kentucky

Husky Happenings By: Devyn Roberts

Since March and April surfaced, spring sports have sprouted and summer is almost visible.

Mr. Todd Swan, joined by Whitney Cabral have taken power as the new Track & Field coaches, and Leo Baptiste, Gary Shelton, and Joe Justesen continue to coach the tennis and baseball teams as in previous years. This year's Baseball team has joined forces with Arlington, due to lack of players.

Sherman Jr./Sr. High School's first ever "Jog-A-Thon" occurred on the 13th of March. Participants of the track and tennis teams both ran several laps to sup-

port/raise money for the track and tennis teams. The track team raised an estimate of \$2,400 and the tennis team raised \$2,448, which averaged out to \$174.80 per person.

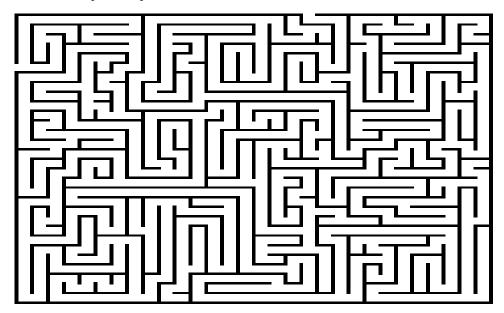
While in Hermiston, the Sherman FFA Chapter attended the 84th annual FFA State Convention from March 23rd to 26th; the first weekend of Spring break. At the first session, Grace Wildhaber. the State FFA Secretary stated there were 1,346 FFA members from across the state attending and at the 6th session (last one) Wildhaber stated there were 2,334 FFA members attending, showing an increase of 988 members! Several FFA officers and members from the Sherman County Chapter attended, with the guidance of Jared and Rachel Collins. A future reminder, FFA Leadership Camp is at Suttle Lake on April 25th. Ten members can attend and, if interested, please contact Mr. Collins for more information.

Prom is being held on April 28th at the Rufus Community Center and Maddie Belshe, Junior Class President, states, "We are very fortunate for having prom in a local building in the community and having live music from The Dalles perform."

As a reminder, the SATs taken by several

Junior/Senior students here at SJSHS have been scored and are available to view at sat.collegboard.org as of March 29th.

"The April rain, the April rain,
Comes slanting down in fitful showers,
Then from the furrow shoots the grain,
And banks are fledged with nestling flowers;
And in grey shawl and woodland bowers
The cuckoo through the April rain
Calls once again."
- Mathilde Blind, April Rain



Have fun
Finding Your
Way
Through!

Robotics Recap By: Nick von Borstel

There have been many additions to this year's 2011-2012 school year. One of these additions is the Robotics The season went through fall and winter and the two head coaches were Mr. Gradek and Mrs. Thompson and assisted by Cindy Brown. The group consisted of two main teams, the junior high team that competed in the First Lego League (FLL) and the High School Team that competed in the First Tech Challenge (FTC). The participators in the FLL included Joe McAllister, Alex Fields, Hunter Grenvick, Sean Osborn, Ryan Asher, Garak Casper, and Carlos

Ambriz. The FTC consisted of Lance Belshe, Katie Wilson, Brett Evans, Blake Evans, Tyler Hendrickson, Alex Riggs, Shaun Casper, and Daniel Taylor. As this was the first year in which Sherman County has ever had a robotics team, nobody was sure what to expect. Gradek and Mrs. Thompson both agreed that it was a learning year and that thier goal was to learn as much as possible and have a good time. Throughout the year the teams traveled across the state to compete in many competitions including some tough state qualifying tournaments. Mr. Gradek recalled that his

favorite part of the robotics season was going into competitions and seeing everybody in their crazy costumes working their hardest to take first, yet at the same time walking around and associating with people from other teams. He loved seeing the people from separate teams mingling, complimenting each other, and working together. only did the robotics team accomplish their goal of having fun, but were also a competitive threat to other teams. The FTC team surprised everybody as a first year team taking 20th out of 25 teams in the state qualifying rounds. FLL team even qualified to go to the state competition

but was unfortunately unable to go due to weather complications on the day of the competition. It is clear that the Sherman Robotics teams have bright futures ahead of them. Thank you to everybody for your support of the Sherman Robotics teams throughout the year, it is much appreciated. Also, thank you to the Robotics team for your great job of representing Sherman County throughout It is groups like state. these and others that make SJSHS so diverse and competitive. Good luck next year!



Husky Helper: Craig Wood By: Maddie Belshe

Craig Wood is the head custodian at Sherman Jr/Sr High School. You can always find Craig in the halls doing a variety of different tasks. Each day he's at work, is never the same as the last. Some of the tasks Mr. Wood does for SJSHS are cleaning, mowing grass, doing

laundry, making sure the water gets tested, any maintenance/fix-it jobs, student supervision at lunch times, and he is ALWAYS walking! Mr. Wood plays a big part in the success for SJSHS, "He does way more for the students and staff then he should. He works long hours and keeps our school nice and clean. He is an awesome guy," says Leo Baptiste. "He is the bright spot in my day," says Amanda Ross. Without the help of Mr. Wood, the school would fall apart!

Mr. Wood says that his favorite part of

working at SJSHS is, "The students and staff." Working with the younger generations at the high school, he has a lot more "faith in their success because they are all really good kids." Wood Mr. says, "Sherman High School is a great place to be, and I love my job very much."

Principal's Corner

By: Wes Owens

Starting in April, our current eighth, ninth, tenth, and eleventh graders will begin the process of selecting their classes for next year. I encourage parents to get involved in this process to assure that the courses selected are the most appropriate for their student based on the student's abilities and goals. I want to remind students and parents that high school should be a place where we are preparing for the next phase of our lives. course work should help advance students toward their vision of the future. Simply accumulating cred-

its to fulfill graduation requirements is not the best way to maximize their ability to achieve future ambitions. In short, students need to aim high and challenge themselves. The extra effort will pay off.

During the month of April your student will bring home registration material and information provided to them by Mr. Shelton through our Advisory Period. Please review this with your student and use the Academic Program Planning Guide to put together a

relevant and meaningful course of study. Insist on academic rigor and classes that make sense in order to develop the skills needed to pursue a job, entry to college, etc. In thinking beyond just graduating, it is important for seniors to challenge themselves. The old notion of working hard in grades 9, 10, and 11 so that one can "coast" or take it easy as a senior is a poor strategy in order to prepare for the rigors of a trade school, community college or university.

The time that you spend with your student discussing school and its

implications to their future can be very rewarding and challenging. Remember a little encouragement and the benefit of your wisdom can make a big difference in the direction their education takes. Please call Mr. Shelton or myself if you have questions or need assistance.

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.

Congratulations to Wes Owens for his promotion to Superintendent/Elementary School Principal! Make sure you congratulate him when you get the chance!

Superintendent's Corner By: Ivan Ritchie

On March 22 Sherman Elementary hosted a, "Lab with Dad," night to build the highest tower with Dad or another family member that could support a tennis ball. After a pizza dinner each child built a tower with their parent helper. Materials used were paper, paper plates, cups and paper bowls. Each of the towers were unique with

some exceeding two meters in height. A time limit was set and the students sprang into action. first place winner was Page McCloud, who received a gift card to the Moro Café. Other competitors that built very tall towers were Luke Martin and Owen Christiansen. The activity emphasized **STEM** skills, Science Technology, engineering

and math. It was a very fun time for all who attended.

A new greenhouse is being installed on the grade school campus. Water and electrical lines have been installed at the site. The new green house will be able to operate year round to produce more produce. Next year's students may be eating produce grown in the greenhouse with their school lunches. Funding for the project has come from a donation from the estate of Lee Gunnels and various grants. Many people have been instrumental in making this project a reality including Donna Burtwhistle, Shannon Hansen, and various other community members.

How to Survive a Bear Attack By: Nick von Borstel

Last month, "Dear Ed" mail box was overflowing with letters from all of our very faithful readers with questions waiting to be answered by Ed. was so busy that I decided to help him out by sorting and reading all of the letters. I came across one letter that I found very interesting as the question is discussed very often and yet little people actually know a definite answer to it. Knowing the actual answer has actually saved some people's lives and not knowing has cost other people's theirs. I took the letter into my own hands and performed some research on how to survive a grizzly bear attack.

In my month of research, I learned that most of what I did know was actually myth and would do nothing for me if I came across a bear in the wild other than probably escalate the situation. After discarding these myths I learned the real steps to take in case of encountering a bear and began my article to inform all of Sherman County. Luckily, you will not have to worry about running into a bear in Sherman County and will definitely not have to worry about encountering a grizzly bear. Living in Sherman County, it would be way more practical to worry about cougars, but still when traveling in areas that contain wild bears knowing the steps to take could prevent a fight that nine times out of ten you are not going to win. Okay I lied, ten times out of ten you are not going to win and I don't care what Hollywood says.

What most people don't know is that there are plenty of steps to take to prevent bear attacks and increase your chance of surviving an encounter with one of these powerful creatures. First of all, it is easier to prevent coming in contact with a bear than to try your chances of beating it in a fight. Do not put food outside to attract bears and when hiking in bear country travel always with someone else (preferably someone who knows the territory), tell others where you are going, and take along some sort of protection device such as pepper spray. Also wearing a backpack could serve as good body protection in case of physical contact with a bear. You can pack this with your pepper spray and first aid too.

If you do happen to come across a bear, then first check to see if the bear has noticed you or not. If not, then stay downwind if possible, retreat slowly, detour around the bear, or find a safe place to wait for the bear to pass. If the bear has detected you then you still have a good chance of getting away unharmed. First, stay calm and do not make eve contact as the bear will take this as a sign of aggression. Try to talk in soothing tones and identify yourself as a human as best as possible. Bears have bad vision and may not immediately recognize you as a human. In most cases, bears are also trying to avoid encounters with humans and they will leave you alone as long as you leave them alone. While still talking and not making eye contact slowly start backing away. If the bear does not leave you alone and continues to follow you, then (if distance and time permits) slowly walk backward to a nearby tree and climb it. Make sure to get some distance from the ground so that the bear does not pull you out of the tree. Also, this may not work in the case of black bears as they have



been noted to be excellent tree climbers. Once in the tree, wait until the bear is long gone and detour away from the direction it went. If you are unable to find or get to a climbable tree then don't panic. Just keep talking calmly and backing away toward safety. Sooner or later you will either reach civilization or the bear will leave.

Bears sometimes bluff charges in order to give enemies a chance to back down before actually having to make physical contact. If the bear does happen to charge you, then DON'T RUN. Instead. stand vour ground and once the bears stops, continue to back away and talk in soothing tones. If the bear comes within a few feet of you and shows no signs of halting then use your pepper spray to spray the bear in the eyes. It is a good idea to get familiar before going outdoors on how to use the spray.

Some experts sug-

gest giving the bear a quick punch to nose. If I get attacked by a bear; however, I will not be doing this. Punching a grizzly bear in the nose is kind of like trying to pet a junk yard dog. It is either going to go really well or really bad. Also I won't be running downhill to escape from the bear or be running in zigzags to get away as some myths suggest doing. Bears can most definitely outrun any human downhill or in zigzags as you may find out if you try this.

If there is no other option and the bear makes physical contact then lie on the ground in the fetal position (bring your legs to your chest holding them in your arms and

bury your head into your legs) and lie motionless. This is especially effective if you have a backpack because it will help protect you. Do not however lie down until the last moment when there is no other option. Once the bear attacks and you lie down, the bear will most likely take this as a sign of nonaggression and leave feeling no longer threat-Once the bear leaves then remain in the same position motionless. After a few minutes determine if the bear is still in the area. If not, then get up, address all possible wounds with first-aid, and make your way towards assistance

being cautious of more bears.

Hopefully however, your encounter will not end in physical contact. If you follow the steps I have given to you, then it probably won't. Bears, like humans, are just trying to go about their lives. Just like you are avoiding them, they are also avoiding you. If we take the right steps to conflicts bears then there are no reasons that bears, humans, and other wildlife cannot share the great outdoors together. not let certain fears like grizzly bear attacks discourage you from going outdoors. The great outdoors is a great source of

and exercise recreation especially in Sherman Although most County. people in Sherman County will never be attacked by a bear, the survival steps are still interesting and helpful to know just in case of emergency. Thank you to "Forest" and all of Ed's faithful writers for your great questions. If you would like more information on how to survive a bear attack then there are many sites and sources of information that you can check out. The ones that I most frequently used were:

www.mountainnature.com /wildlife/bears/ bearencounters.htm and http://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=JJAVe57yH-o.

Fascinating Foliage By: Brian Simantel

The Hoya

The Hoya is one of the most diverse plants in the world having hundreds of different kinds and variations like Hoya Anulata and Hoya Rigida. They are more commonly known as the wax flower for its fake looking flowers. These seemingly man -made plants are a very common house plant. People like them for their beauty and their maintainability; all they need is regular misting or watering and, depending on

where you are, some fertilizer. Hoyas are thought to have originated from Indonesia, Australia and tropical areas of India and Asia. Contrary to popular belief, there are no native species of Hoya to Ha-Being tropical plants, the Hoyas don't truly have a dormancy period (time of low to no flower production), but if temperatures drop low enough they will slow production. If you are planning to have a Hoya

around here keep it in a warm environment, like inside your house.



Library Happenings

VICTOR JOHNSON, GUITAR-IST SATURDAY, APRIL 14TH, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Music is good for the body, mind and spirit and one of the best ways to have fun and connect with others. Drawing from country blues, swing and traditional music from around the world, Victor plays tunes that kids and families can groove to.

ANNUAL READ ALOUD WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18TH, 6:30 p.m.

Library patrons, community members, high school staff and students will read aloud from their favorite books or writings at Sherman County Public/School Library's sixteenth annual READ ALOUD on Wednesday, April 18th at 6:30 p.m. Author, Jane Kirkpatrick will be our host, reading aloud from her newly released book "Where Lilacs Still Bloom".

THE LIVING ROOTS OF MUSIC TUESDAY, APRIL 24th, 7:00 p.m.

Lauren Pelon traces the story of music and instruments throughout history and performs music from the 1st to the 21st centuries on archlute, guitar, lute-guitar, lyre, recorders, gemshorns, cornamuse, krummhorn, pennywhistles, shawn, eagle bone flute, pedalboard, voice and more. Pelon's compositions are featured,

along with music from ancient Greece, medieval and renaissance Europe, Asia, Africa, the Middle East and the Americas.

FINE ARTS FESTIVAL THURSDAY, MAY 24TH, 6:00 p.m.

The library will hold their annual book and dessert fundraiser to coincide with Sherman Jr./Sr. High School's Fine Arts Festival. Join us for books, fine art and dessert!

Dream Big... READ! JUNE 19TH – JULY 24TH

OWN THE NIGHT is the 2012 Ready to Read Summer program theme with reading programs to be held each Tues-

day at 11:00 p.m. begin-June ning 19th and continuing through July 24th. Mark your calendars to join us for crafts, stories, food and fun! themed schedule will be forthcoming

in May.

DIFFERENT STATE OF MIND APRIL 5TH through MAY 31ST

The next art exhibit in the library foyer is "A Different State of Mind". These bi-monthly shows have been very popular. If you haven't had the opportunity to view a show, this exhibit will run from April 5th through May 31st.

For hours, events and information:

www.shermancounty.plinkit.org



Victor Johnson, Guitarist

Students of the Quarter

For the 3rd quarter of the 2011-2012 SJSHS school year, the high school students of the quarter are: Gus Lowe, Elvia Rubio, and Meagan McKinney.

Meagan McKinney was nominated by Janet Pinkerton and Debbie Bird Ms. Pinkerton wrote, "She sets a good example for others in class, volunteering readily in class activities and helping others."

Gus Lowe was nominated by Todd Swan, who wrote, "Gus has turned in 100% of his homework and has received some of the highest test scores in the class. He has shown a passion for learning and being successful."

Elvia Rubio was nominated by Jacob Gradek and Kimberly Kundinger, who stated, "For her young age, Elvia shows remarkable discipline, thoughtfulness and kindness to her fellow students."

While the Sherman elementary school students are: Ellie Stone and Garrett Peters. Congratulations to these hard working students and for their outstanding achievement.









Top (Left to Right): Elvia Rubio, Gus Lowe, and Meagan McKinney. Bottom (Left to Right): Ellie Stone, and Garrett Peters.



PROM! By: Maddie Belshe & Hannah Hays

"Sunset on a Country Night"

Come join us for a "Sunset on a Country Night" at the Rufus Community center for the 2012 Sherman High School prom. Prom will be held on April 28, 2012, at 8 p.m. to midnight and is being hosted by the class of 2013. This formal night will include refreshments, pictures, and dancing to the country band Unwound from The Dalles. In addition, Unwound will be DJing other songs as well

between sets. If there is a song you would like to hear, there will be a list in room 5 for you to request a song. So if country music isn't for you, request music that is your style. The Junior class has been working very hard the past two years raising money to make this night possible. More information will be available during daily announcethe ments at the High School concerning prom.



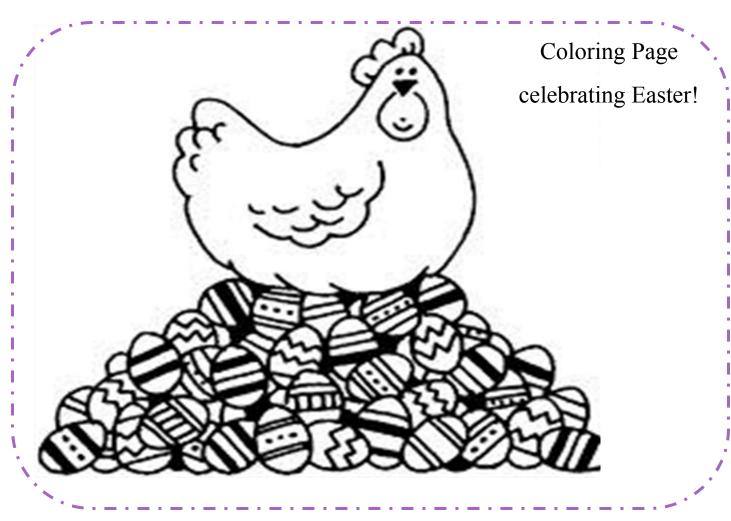
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Times wrote an article about the decision by Euro Disney to purchase the body of Russian leader Vladimir Lenin and the mausoleum that it was on display in. According to the article, Disney believed that having the body on view would boost the park's reputation and increase the amount of visitors dramatically. Their plan was to put the body in colorful lighting that would give the features of the deceased leader a much lighter and younger feel, along with the lighting they would also be playing excerpts from President Reagan's, "Evil Empire," speech. The article claimed that, although Russia was agreeable to the sale of the body, selling the Mausoleum would not be done. Liberal groups wanted to leave the mausoleum empty to symbolize the emptiness of communism, but Russian nationalists wanted to make it a memorial to Tsar Nicholas II and his family. However, it still was not decided which side would be the victor in the debate.

1959 witnessed the amateur astronomer Walter Houston publish an article claiming that the moons around Mars were artificially created and, although the civilization that put them there were quite likely dead and gone, the satellites still stood as markers to that amazing civilization.

The astounding part of this joke is not that many people believed it, for in fact several people scoffed at the idea that anyone would take it seriously, but shortly after the publication of the original article, a profound Soviet scientist by the name of Iosip Schklovsky claimed to have made the same discovery. He made no signs to be joking and never gave away his sources.

Throughout history, April Fool's day has seen wise men fooled and fools fall further into their foolishness, but the question that's on everyone's mind this April first is, "What's next?"



Dear Husky!



Dear Husky,

So I like this guy from out of town, but his friends don't like me. I think he likes me, too, but he won't tell me because of his friends or because of his popularity rank. What should I do, just be friends or talk to him about it?

From,

In love and stressed!

Dear In love and stressed,

First of all, you need to talk to him about it. Don't begin getting all these thoughts in your head without asking him about it first, that is what makes a relationship crumble. Second of all, out of town relationships are not the best. Try your best to avoid those as much as possible while in high school. The biggest part of a relationship is communication. Talk to him about what you are feeling. Good luck!

Sincerely, ED



Dear Ed,

Why don't you select any of my messages? I write every day!

Bob

Dear Bob,

I am sorry that I haven't written to you before, but I get a lot of letters every day and only so many can go in the newsletter. I would like to encourage everyone to keep writing me and I will do my best to write back to as many of you as possible. Eventually your letters will end up in the newsletter like this one, so don't give up hope. Keep writing!!!

From.

Ed

What's your favorite band?

DAROCK!

Dear DAROCK!

That's an easy one. Of course my favorite band is the SJSHS pep band, they rock!!! Thanks to the expertise of Mrs. Consoliver and her dedicated band students, all of the Sherman Husky fans have had great music to listen to at sporting events all year long. I am just sad that I have to wait till football next year to hear them again. Thank you pep band for entertaining us with your great music!

From.

Ed

Dear Ed

What's your favorite animal?

Cat Man

Dear Cat Man

I would have to say my favorite animal is the husky, but seeing that I am one, I'm not sure that counts. I mean people don't say that their favorite animal is the person. So other than a husky I would have to say a koala. They are adorable!!!

From

Ed

Dear Ed.

What's your favorite movie?

-Steven Spill

Dear Steven Spill

I would have to say "Eight Below" is. It's nice to see a movie starring huskies, but why does it have to be so sad. I can't imagine what those huskies went through. I'm just glad I chose to be a mascot instead of a mushing dog.

From,

Ed



