

Left of Center

Top Ten Things NOT To Give Your Mom For Mother's Day

1. A Snuggie. (These are massively overpriced, and slightly ridiculous. Why not just wear a robe?)
2. A watch that reads the time to you. (this will only insult her eyesight.)
3. Dead or poorly arranged flowers. (You might as well just insult her!)
4. Self-improvement products. (Just don't.)
5. A gift certificate. (As great an idea as this seems, it shows you have put little effort into a gift for her).
6. Homemade coupon books. (Sure these were cute when you were 5, but when you get to be in high school it is no longer cute, just plain creepy.)
7. Vacuum. (You might as well just tell her, that her house is disgusting!)
8. Diet Books. (Telling your mom that she is overweight, is sure to make her day extra special.)
9. A Bouquet of flowers you picked from her front garden. (Real Classy.)
10. Take her to McDonald's and tell her she can have anything from the \$1 menu, but with a limit of \$2.



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Superintendent Search Over By: Maddie Belshe

We would like to congratulate Mr. Wes Owens for his promotion as the Sherman County School District Superintendent. Given the opportunity to be the Superintendent of the Sherman County School District, Owens plans to further develop a strong and successful school district, as he stated, "I am very fond of the Sherman County School District and am excited to support all students, staff, parents, and community members of Sherman County." His Philosophy is, "Every student can learn and should keep learning for a lifetime." Mr. Owens views our school district as the best and hardworking district in the state. He thrives to, "Continue

that excellence to support all staff and students K-12, and to continue to develop outstanding programs for students."

Mr. Owens brings a lot of experience to Sherman County. He has served as the Sherman Jr/Sr High School principal for six years. Prior to that, he was the Redmond High School Dean of Students and Assistant Principal for 7 years, was a School to Work Coordinator at Hillsboro and LaGrande School District, and a Health teacher and elementary title 1 coordinator and Physical Education teacher. Before that he earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Pacific University and, later,



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I SPY

In this final edition of "Husky Times", an inspired version of "I Spy" (a classic book series) has been incorporated into the newsletter. On page 3, a detailed section will provide all the hidden summer/graduation items.

Sports Center

By: Riley Brown

Tennis Overview

The tennis team has been recently enjoying success, they took 2nd at the Stanfield tournament. Maddie Belshe took first in singles and the doubles team of Krista Perisho/Chloe Van Gilder took second. At the Umatilla boys' tennis tournament, standout Scot Stroud took first in the singles. The district tournament is on May 11th and 12th, there are many state tourney hopefuls who would also love to see the tennis team crowned as the district's elite. The state tourney is in Eugene on May 17th-19th. Good Luck to all the tennis participants in the post-season.

Baseball Overview

The Sherman Team has accumulated a overall record of 3-18, this has been a season that, by their own standards, subpar. They hope to still use the rest of the season to improve upon their record, and turn games that they were close to winning into actual wins. Junior, Nick Von Borstel said, "We really have a chance to gain a few more wins, and go into districts with a good record". The team has 4 more games remaining, all league games which have a huge impact on how their season will look. With all the young players gaining good playing time the future is still looking up for the Sherman Huskies baseball team.

Track Overview

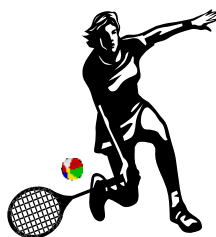
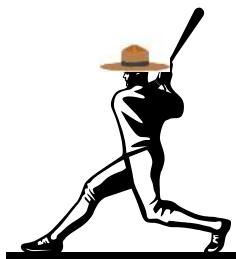
The track team is looking to return to a district power. They have multiple people atop the district in multiple events, such as Gus Lowe in the 100 and 400 meter dashes, both girls and boys 4x100 relay teams, boys 4x400m relay. Coach Todd Swan was quoted saying, "We have done well so far; we are hoping to improve on our times, and hope to be at our best when we need to be in a few weeks". The team is looking good, and by most accounts they feel well coached and happy about their team. Hopefully the new coaching techniques will show dividends at districts and state meets.

Spring Sports Standout

The spring sports standout selected for this edition is Gus Lowe. He is currently leading the districts in the 100m dash with a blistering time of 11.73, and also leading the districts in the 400m in a time of 53.15. He has been running very well and has been improving his times throughout the year. Hopefully as the weather gets warmer he'll continue to run faster, and do well at the state meet.

New sports Fad: Tchoukball

A fast-paced game that originated in Europe, it is played with 9 player on each team on a court slightly smaller than a basketball court. The goal is to throw a ball off of a net and have it hit the ground before the other team can catch it. There are two nets placed at opposite ends of the court, both nets are available for both teams to play off of. There is zero interference allowed between teams, and the goal is to fool the opposite team so they are unaware of where your trying to throw the ball. The games have gained popularity in Europe and Asia, but not as much in America. There are worldwide tournaments and China has been the world powerhouse at Tchoukball.



Principal's Corner

By: Wes Owens

It is hard to believe that another school year is almost over. I want to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful staff for an outstanding year (National Teacher Appreciation Week is May 7-11). The success of SJSHS this year is directly attributed to the efforts of the finest faculty and support staff in the state. It is also the result of a supportive community and parents who understand the growing importance of a quality, rigorous education for the future success of their students.

This is also a perfect time to congratulate our student body on a terrific year. I am continually amazed with the outstanding behavior of our students in the hallways, classrooms and all the activities that they participate in on a daily basis. I commend our parents and our community for raising outstanding young people. We are all fortunate to be associated with the pride of Sherman Jr./Sr. High School.

I would also like to wish the best of luck to our graduating seniors and extend

my congratulations to you on your collective and individual accomplishments. You all are very special and SJSHS is a better place because of you. It has been a privilege serving you and I wish you happiness and success in all of your future endeavors.

Excitement and inspiration fills our hallways this time of year as we reflect on the impressive efforts and successes of our graduating class. The remainder of the school year our staff, parents, and students are planning special events to recognize and honor the accomplishments of the class of 2012. Graduation is a special time, one designed for reflection and celebration. The following events surrounding graduation have been designed to allow students and their families the time and the forum to engage in both:

- May 23 – Junior Recognition of Seniors (6:30 p.m.). This is an evening where our junior class honors the senior class at the Mo-

ro Senior Center.

student body.

- May 29 – Spring Awards Night (7:00 p.m.). This is an event designed to honor the academic, leadership, and athletic achievements of our students.
- May 31 – Senior Scholarship Program (7:00 p.m.). This is a special evening where our senior scholarship recipients will be announced.
- June 1 – Senior Breakfast (7:15 a.m.). Our staff and Booster Club will serve all seniors a wonderful breakfast prior to graduation practice.
- June 1 – All School Assembly (8:20 a.m.). Senior scholarship recipients will be recognized in front of our entire
- June 1 – Graduation Practice (8:45 a.m.). This is a time for seniors to practice the entire graduation ceremony.
- June 2 – Graduation (11:00 a.m.).
- June 2 – Drug and Alcohol Free Graduation Party (7:30 p.m.). This celebration is sponsored by the parents of the Class of 2012. They will be departing for Bullwinkles at 7:30 p.m. For more information please contact Jeanne Dabulskis at 442-5548 or Laurie Perisho at 565-3506.

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.

I SPY a surf board, an umbrella, a sun, a beach ball, flip flops, sun glasses, an ice cream cone, a hat, a watermelon, a graduation cap, and a diploma.

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completed his administrative credentials at Lewis and Clark College.

With much experience, Mr. Owens is ready for his new position as superintendent of the Sherman County School District. "SJSHS is a very special place and the last six years have been wonderful supporting the staff and students. We are very fortunate to live in such a supportive community," says Mr. Owens.

Finding a replacement for the High School Principal will be difficult, but Mr. Owens is determined to find the right individual who he knows and trusts will run this school efficiently. Mr. Owens is currently in the process of finding a replacement with the help of teachers, staff, administration, and county residents. Working together in screening and interview committees, they are ready to make their

decision in finding the right person. April 26th marked the first day of interviews of the six finalists. A decision will be made soon and announced to the county when possible.

In a statement from Mr. Owens about his plans as superintendent, we leave you with his words, "I am honored to continue the rich tradition that has been developed through many years

of hard work from students and staff and the strong support of parents, board, and community members. As we embark on this journey together, with everyone associated with the Sherman County School District, we need to stay focused on the recent strategic planning mission of 'Working Together to Put Student Success First'." - Wes Owens

Craft of the Month

By: Hannah Hays

Summer Edition: Ice Necklace

Materials

- 3 feet of Plastic Lanyard
- Ice Cube Tray
- Plastic Beads, Buttons, and/or Colored Plastic Drinking Straws cut into 1-inch lengths
- Clear Tape

Instructions

1. Tie a knot in one end of the lanyard. Count the number of ice cube slots in one side of the tray and thread at least 1 bead, button, or straw per cube slot onto the lanyard (larger beads and such work best since they stay in the middle of the cube). Knot the other end of the lanyard when you're done.
2. Center the lanyard over 1 row of an empty ice tray so that several inches drape over each end. Push the beads, buttons, or straws down into each ice cube slot. To keep the beads submerged when you add water, tape the lanyard to the edge of the tray and between each cube, as shown above.
3. Use a small pitcher to fill the slots with water. To avoid ice "bridges" between the cubes, don't overfill. Place the tray in the freezer and remove it when the ice is solid. Pop out the necklace, tie it on, then step outdoors to chill in style.



Husky Helper

By: Maddie Belshe

Husky Helpers! Amanda Ross and Connie Greenwood

Two of the most helpful people to students in the school are Amanda Ross and Connie Greenwood. Mrs. Greenwood is always around the school assisting other teachers and helping students who need extra help with their school work. She is cheerful, fun, and very helpful to have around the school. Many teachers rave about her hard work and help in their classrooms, "Connie is really good with work-

ing with all types of students and can work with them in accordance to their needs," says Leo Baptiste, coworker. Being patient is key to working with others.

Since the beginning of the school year, Miss Ross has come out of her shell and has succeeded in helping students with their academics. Miss Ross spends a lot of her personal time helping students who are in need of assistance. Throughout the year, Miss Ross stays after school until 6pm, on Tues-

days and Thursdays for Husky Helping Hands (HHH). In HHH, Ross helps students who are failing classes get their grades up to a passing grade. Miss Ross is very passionate in helping her students pass and cares a lot about helping them succeed in the future. She is always in her room before school, during lunch, and after school helping students.

Together, Miss Ross and Mrs. Greenwood have helped many students succeed in school,

and have helped many teachers along the way. These two are easily Husky Helpers because of their love of teaching others and helping others succeed.



Connie Greenwood



Amanda Ross

Fascinating Foliage

By: Brian Simantel

"The Kiwi"

I haven't done a fruit or many edible plants in general. So, for the last fascinating foliage of the year, I have decided to cover the delicious Kiwifruit. Most people do not know that the Kiwifruit is actually a vine and not a tree. The Kiwifruit is known for its fruit, which is covered in a furry brown skin with a light green tint. The inside

is green with small black seeds. It has been described as tasting a lot like a strawberry. The Kiwifruit is cultivated similar to grapevines in that they need to be pruned regularly. It also takes a year or longer for the vine to start producing fruit.

The Kiwifruit originated in southern China and spread to be commercially grown in

countries like New Zealand, Chile, Italy and France. The Kiwifruit went through many name changes throughout its history (such as Chinese



gooseberry and Melonette), but New Zealand officially named it

the Kiwifruit after the flightless bird. The Kiwifruit can be grown in most temperate climates with decent summer heat. It is also very difficult to pollinate because bees are not attracted to the flowers. In the United States, the fruit is just called the Kiwi, but in almost all other parts of the world it is known as the Kiwifruit. So next time, when choosing fruit at the store, skip the strawberry's and choose a Kiwifruit.

Junior High



Junior High Track Team

Get prepared for High School

- Develop balanced routine early in the year
- Learn to balance school and personal fun time
- Get on the teachers good side
- Take classes you feel you will be interested in
- Get plenty of pencils, and paper, its good to be prepared
- Try new things, high school is a time to find what you like

Champion By Hollee Kaseberg

He is a champion

Standing Tall

16.1 hands high and

As black as the night sky

Muscles bulging through his skin

As the crowd chants “ A victory! A win!”

A fire in his eyes

A victor in disguise

Hearts thud as he races

Through the mud

When his hooves hit the ground

Others hopes will go down

But he will not stop now

His neigh, it seems to say,

“And they said ‘ No way.....’”

He is a champion

Junior High Jokes

What do you call a dinosaur with 1 eye?

A Do-you-think-he-saurus

What do you call a lion with a tooth-ache?

Rory!

What kind of illness does Bruce Lee get?

Kung Flu!

What do you get when you cross Dracula with Microsoft Word?

A word count

Tribute to Mother's

By: Nick von Borstel

Mothers have been long celebrated throughout the history of mankind. Even before the beginning of "Mother's Day" by Ann M. Jarvis in 1908 festivals were still held to celebrate the importance of mothers. The Greeks, the Egyptians, and the Romans all had special days that were dedicated to celebrating the importance of mothers. Today the celebrations continue. With Mother's Day approaching on May 13th the Husky Times is dedicating an entire page to thanking mothers for what they do. Without their constant love and affection who knows where we would be.

A Mother's Love

There are times when only a Mother's love
Can understand our tears,
Can soothe our disappoints
And calm all of our fears.

There are times when only a Mother's love
Can share the joy we feel
When something we've dreamed about
Quite suddenly is real.

There are times when only a Mother's faith
Can help us on life's way
And inspire in us the confidence
We need from day to day.

For a Mother's heart and a Mother's faith
And a Mother's steadfast love
Were fashioned by the Angels
And sent from God above...

- Author Unknown.

"God could not be everywhere, and
therefore he made mothers."

-Rudyard Kipling

Things Mom Would Never Say

"How on earth can you see the TV sitting so far back?"

"Yeah, I used to skip school a lot, too"

"Just leave all the lights on ... it makes the house look more cheery"

"Go ahead and keep that stray dog, honey. I'll be glad to feed and walk him every day"

"Well, if Jake's mamma says it's OK, that's good enough for me."

"The curfew is just a general time to shoot for. It's not like I'm running a prison around here."

"I don't have a tissue with me ... just use your sleeve"

"Don't bother wearing a jacket - the wind-chill is bound to improve

Mother's Dictionary of Meanings

Dumbwaiter: One who asks if the kids would care to order dessert.

Full Name: What you call your child when you're mad at him.

Independent: How we want our children to be for as long as they do everything we say.

Puddle: A small body of water that draws other small bodies wearing dry shoes into it.

Sterilize: What you do to your first baby's pacifier by boiling it, and to your last baby's

pacifier by blowing on it and wiping it with saliva.

Top Bunk: Where you should never put a child wearing Superman jammies.

Whodunit: None of the kids that live in your house



Child Sent to Bed

A small boy is sent to bed by his mother...

[Five minutes later]

"Mom..."

"What?"

"I'm thirsty. Can you bring me a glass of water?"

"No. You had your chance. Lights out."

[Five minutes later]

"Mom..."

"WHAT?"

"I'm THIRSTY...Can I have a glass of water??"

"I told you NO! If you ask again I'll have to spank you!!"

[Five minutes later]

"Momm..."

"WHAT??!!"

"When you come in to spank me, can you bring me a glass of water?"

Superintendent's Corner

By: Ivan Ritchie

Each year the school district convenes a budget committee. The committee is made up of five School Board members and five appointed members—each member represents one of the five areas of the county. The following are the representatives of each area: Rufus—Bill Martin and Mary McNab; Wasco—Verna Simantel and Steve Kaseberg; Moro—Ken Melzer and Teresa Hart; Grass Valley—Ted von Borstel and Darren Padget; Kent—Elizabeth Mills and Ron Holmes. The Budget Committee is responsible for setting the amount of the Budget for the coming school year.

Schools in Oregon are funded on a per pupil basis, meaning districts receive a set amount of money per student per year. There are many factors and laws that impact the final funding for schools, but the number of children in a school/district is critical. The student population of Sherman County continues to decline. The graduating class of 2012 is 24 students and the incoming class to Sherman County Jr./Sr. High School is only 14. As a small school district (less than 240, grades K-12), Sherman County offers an excellent education with an array of electives for all grades. Sherman County School District is fortunate

to have funding coming from the wind revenues collected by the County from the wind projects; without that funding the programs provided for our children would be greatly reduced. The budget gap is so severe at this time reductions in expenditures will have to occur because continuing to spend our reserves at the projected rate is not sustainable. The administration and the Board are exploring all options from administrative structure to every part of the educational program for ways to save money.

The Budget Committee is responsible for setting a total budget amount. The cur-

rent budget being examined by the Committee is \$3.9 Million. This budget requires an expenditure of \$800,000 in cash reserves including wind revenue and other reserves. The Budget Committee will make an informed decision to set a budget for the 2012-2013 school year. The Committee met May 7 and directed the administration to bring back budgets that reflect reductions from the \$3.9 million figure. The budget must be adopted by July 1st to meet state law. If you have questions, call Ivan Ritchie at 541-333-2250. Meeting times and dates are published in the e-news.

Town Hall Meeting Recap

By: Audrey Kaseberg

On May 3rd, 2012 this meeting, and how they would allow you to compare it to be passed. Sherman the Sherman Junior/Senior came up with more questions college choices to others, and man County greatly High School received a wel- than the adults did! Some of be able to view academic appreciated the visit, as comed visit from Oregon the main topics talked about history, how many college well as other county's Senator Ron Wyden. Ron was the difference between graduates actually received around our area. It's Wyden has kept to his prom- State and Federal laws and jobs after college, and how great to see Ron Wyden ise, by going to every county regulations, the economy of much money you should be keep to his promise he in Oregon and answering rural areas compared to ur- expecting to pay during and made in 1995, and con- questions from community ban areas, and a major topic, after college. I personally tinue to travel all across members, students, and staff a bill that Ron Wyden is try- find this bill to be really Oregon every year. member. This was his 162nd ing to get passed; the bill is helpful, because I too am Hope to see him next meeting that he has made called, "Know Before You starting to look at colleges, year, and see what new since the beginning of his Go", which would be ex- and it'd be nice to see simi- debacles Oregon and pledge made in 1995. He was tremely helpful for high larities and difference of all the Country will be fac- delighted by how the stu- school students preparing to my college interest compared ing then! dents were so active during choose a college . The bill together. So I'm pushing for

History of Memorial Day

By: Samantha Coons

Memorial Day is dedicated to the remembrance of those who have died for our country. It was originally called Decoration Day. Memorial Day was started on May 5, 1868 by General John Logan, who was the national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. He watched and helped place flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery on May 30, 1868. New York was the first state that made Memorial Day a holiday. By 1890, it was recognized by all the northern states, while the southern states would honor the dead on separate days until World War I ended; however, the southern states refused to acknowledge the day. Now, the last Monday in May Memorial Day is celebrated in almost every State. People have forgotten the true meaning of Memorial Day, though; the cemeteries are abandoned and people are starting to forget what the day is all about. It is not to get out of school for a day off or watch a parade; it is a time to remember the men and women who gave their lives for this country.



Prom Recap!

By: Samantha Coons

On Saturday April 28, 2012 the Junior/Senior Prom was held at the Rufus Community Center. Prom was absolutely outstanding with a major turn out and everyone was showing their awesome dance moves on the dance floor. With our DJ being the band *Unwound* it turned out

for a night that everyone will remember. Hannah Hays said, "Having the band there and getting involved made it so much fun; it really made me get on the dance floor." This year representing the 2012 Prom Court were five beautiful ladies: Courtney Kivett, Jorden

Lane,
Mara

Sanchez, Megan Ball, and Jessica Kaseberg and five handsome gentlemen: Scot Stroud, Zach Smith, Kyle Burentt, Dan McDermid, and Ryan Hart. The King and Queen were announced and Scot Stroud and Courtney Kivett were crowned. There are many to thank for all the hard work into making this prom a total success, Todd Swan, Jessica Swan, Kimberly Kunderinger, Mike Meehan, Jillian Echlin, Wes Owens, Molly Belshe, the Junior

class, the band *Unwound*, and the Rufus Community Center member's who let us use the building, and many, many others.



Bike Week

By: Brian Simantel

The second week of May is known as "Bike Week". This is an international event that promotes the importance of bicycle riding for every one of all ages. Its goal is for people to use their bikes as their mode of transportation. The problem is that in Sherman County it would be

quite the long bicycle ride to get anywhere and that is very discouraging, but you can still participate in this by just riding to places that you would normally drive to like to the mail box or, if you live in town, the post office. If you do choose to participate here are some important safety tips: 1)

Wear bright colors to make sure motorists know you are there because, unfortunately, not everyone will be participating in this event; 2) Always make sure you are aware of your surroundings; 3) looking both in front and behind yourself; 4) Make sure your brakes are in great

shape because the last thing you want is to be free falling down a hill (remember emergencies happen so always have a hand on your handlebars); 5) Last, but not least, wear a helmet no matter where you are going. I encourage you to get out and ride and make the most of bike week.

Bicycle Evolution!



High Wheel Bike



Two Wheel Velocipede



Race Bike



Mountain Bike

Congratulations *Husky Times* Staff!!

From Miss Ross

I want to take a little time to congratulate and thank the very hard-working *Husky Times* staff. Throughout this year, these students have learned alongside me as to what it means to produce a fantastic and ever-better school newspaper.

The Husky Times started out as a vision and became a reality through the hard work and dedication that the staff has exhibited throughout the year.

I especially want to thank my Editor-in-Chief,

Audrey Kaseberg, who has spent countless hours developing and fine-tuning each issue. Without her, our entire staff would be lost.

I also want to thank Maddie Belshe who has supplied numerous front-page articles and has written articles that required extra research and time.

Finally, I want to thank Hannah

Hays, Riley Brown, Brian Simantel, Samatha Coons, Nick von Borstel, Jason Earl, and Devyn Roberts for all of their hard work in making the *Husky Times* a success.



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Dear Husky!

*There is recently
a new way to send me
your questions. Send me
as many questions as
you want at my e-mail;
Sher-
mans.Dear.Ed@gmail.c
om. I can't wait to hear
from you!*



Dear Ed,

How do you
keep yourself from get-
ting sick?

-Sickly

Dear Sickly,

Since you're
stuck in class all day
bring some hand sanitizer
with you to every class, a
lot of people touch door
knobs so 100's of germs
are swarming them all
day, avoid touching your
face and whenever you
get a chance make sure
you wash your hands!

-Ed

Dear Ed,

On a scale of 1-10, 10
being the most. How
much do you want sum-
mer?

-SummerLover

Dear SummerLover,

10! I can't wait for sum-
mer! Swimming 24/7 is
the life that I can't wait
to experience again.

-Ed

ED

Congrat-
ulations
Class of
2012

