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The Sherman FFA Chapter Recap!

By Katherine Shafer

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8 Signs That Spring is in the Air:

1. Birds are singing.
2. Flowers are blooming.
3. Bees start to buzz in the air again.
4. You start to get allergies from all the pollen in the air.
5. Sports like Tennis, Track, and Baseball are back.
6. The days are longer and the nights are shorter.
7. Drinks like lemonade and ice tea are more popular than hot chocolate again.
8. 4-H and FFA members are getting their animals!

The month of April is probably one of the biggest months for the Sherman County FFA Chapter. Not only does the chapter vote for new officers, but members begin getting their SAE (Supervised Agriculture Experience) products, begin preparing for the annual banquet, and go to leadership camp.

At the end of March seven members came back from their trip to the State Convention at Oregon State University. Mr. Collins excitedly said that “this was one of the best conventions yet” and one of his “favorite events the chapter got to attend all year.” FFA members who went included: Makenzie Blay-

lock, Garak Casper, Shaun Casper, Karolyn Kaseberg, Meagan McKinney, Brooklyn Sandquist, and Katherine Shafer. These members attended seven different conferences and took tours on farms and at the OSU vet clinics. Members had a blast seeing and making friends from around the state and they brought back a lot of new skills and ideas to help the chapter really exceed in the future!

On April 1st, the chapter gathered together to decide who would represent Sherman as the new 2013-2014 chapter officer team. It has been decided that Shayne Holmes, who acted as the 2012-2013 chapter President will be continuing her presidency into the new year. Shaun Casper, our 2012-2013 Vice President, is stepping down and Meagan McKinney will take his place. Meagan McKinney was the 2012-2013 Treasurer for the chapter and, upon

taking the Vice President position, Sabrina Green-Hite will now be Treasurer. Katherine Shafer will be handing the responsibilities of chapter Secretary to Makayla Stearns, who was elected for the position.

Karolyn Kaseberg will be stepping down from the position of chapter Reporter and Katherine Shafer will take her place. Lastly, Hunter Grenvik was elected to be the chapter Sentinel for the 2013-2014 year, taking the place of Michaela Hays.

When asked about the new officer team and what he believed they would bring to the table, so to speak, for this year Mr. Collins stated that he was “very happy with the new team” and believed that “there are many new officers that were elected that will make FFA one of their

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Sports Center

By: Katie Poirier

TRACK

March 16: The 2013 Sherman track team is off to a running start! They had an excellent first track meet at The Dalles. The Huskies did really well considering that they were competing with 2A schools.

March 23: The Sherman County Invitational was a huge success! Samantha Coons was the highest scoring girl out of all the teams there, followed closely by Andie Harrison. Good job girls!

April 5: At the Carnival of Speed in Milton-Freewater, the Huskies had some awesome new personal records! Jasmine Wilson shaved 30 seconds off of her 1500 meter run time. Way to go Jasmine!

April 9: At the Arlington Twilight, Sherman did quite well with many new personal records.

April 12: The Huskies traveled to Stanfield to partake in the Dick Horyna Invitational, the team did a good job with a lot of new personal records. Tanner Sandquist did an amazing job in the boys 4x4 relay, running a 57 second 400!

The Sherman Track team would also like to thank every volunteer and parent who helped out with the Sherman Invitational track meet. It was much appreciated!

BASEBALL

March 14: The Sherman baseball team has joined with Arlington again this year, and so far the season is respectable. The first game of the year was against Culver which ended in a loss, 3-10.

March 16: Our team got their first win against Corbett, 3-2.

March 19: Sherman/Arlington, better known as, SCA, took on Culver again, and won. The score was 3-2.

March 21: SCA played Riverside and lost 9-14.

March 23: Against Umatilla, the team lost 4-12.

April 6: A double header against Irrigon, SCA lost the first game, 8-17, but won the second, 7-5.

April 9: The team played Hepner/Ione and was victorious. The score was 6-4.

April 12: Facing a double header against Dufur/South Wasco, our boys lost the first game, 0-10, but had a slight improvement in the second game; however, still losing, the score was 3-17.



TENNIS

March 11: The tennis season is off to a swinging start! The first match played by our Huskies went really well against Umatilla. Maddie Belshe, Alex Riggs and Brian Simantel all won their matches. One of our players, Hannah Hays, suffered an injury during the matches, but we hope to see her out on the courts winning again soon!

March 15: The Huskies played Stanfield, and the doubles team,

Katherine Shafer and Hollee Kaseberg, did a great job and won one their matches. Brett Lane also got a taste of victory and won his match as well.

March 18: The Huskies played The Dalles and had some success with wins from several team members such as Katherine Shafer and Maddie Belshe.

March 22: In Umatilla, Sherman Tennis won many matches and did a phenomenal job.

April 9: Against Madras, the Dawgs did a good job, and had some success.

April 11: Against Ione, the Sherman Tennis did really well and had some winners, including Carolyn Kaseberg and Janet Guzman who won their doubles matches. Carolyn also won her singles match.

April 13: The Huskies traveled to Madras to participate in the Madras Tournament. Maddie Belshe won the singles tournament! Good job Maddie!



Husky Happenings

By: Audrey Kaseberg

With the ending of the 3rd quarter successfully over, students can now look forward to experiencing their last quarter of the 2012-2013 school year! This year has been full of events for everyone at each school. The main event this month is PROM! However keep close tab on some early May events that are right around the corner, too.

Prom is the main highlight of April that many students look forward to attending. Traditionally, the Junior Class is in charge of the entire event. They choose the location, theme, and design of the dance.

This year's Prom will be held, once again, at the Rufus Community Center in Rufus on April 27th, 2013. The theme of the night is a Masquerade! Jazz It Up Productions will be

performing/DJing for the night's entertainment. The dance will begin at 7:00 p.m. and end at 11:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale at the front entrance of the school. They are selling for \$10 for singles and \$18 for couples, luckily the Senior Class gets free tickets, but still have to pay the additional \$10 if they are bringing a date. If anyone has any further questions, you may ask Ms. Kunderinger or any member of the Junior Class.

The Drama Class would like to make a big announcement: the students are planning, directing, and performing a play composed of two stories intertwined with each other "High School 101" written by our very own Andie Harrison. The class is still unsure of when this will be debuted, but they promise it'll be a performance you

won't want to miss! The school announcements as well as *The Husky Times* will keep you updated on this play.

The annual Fine Arts Festival is happening once again! It will be held on May 16th, 2013, at 6:00 PM. There will be plenty of events and arts for everyone to enjoy; quilts from the Textile Arts class, Poetry projects from English class, entertainment from the band, and maybe even a glimpse into the upcoming play "High School 101". Plus, there will be plenty of food and drinks available. The Spanish classes are putting on the dinner and the Library sells desserts so starvation will not be a problem. Come and enjoy the evening and celebration of the arts!

Husky Helper

By Hollee Kaseberg

This month, in honor of Secretary Day and our hard-working office staff, Patti Ketchum and Jeanie Pehlke have been selected as this month's Husky Helpers.

In the office, Patti and Jeanie do countless jobs to help our school, staff, and students. These tasks include, but are not limited to, taking calls, updating parents, managing visitors, pre-arranging absences, receiving notes from parents and writing notes for bus drivers. They also keep track of attendance, cash boxes, and the Lost-and-Found items. When students need something from home during school, from medicine to sports gear or homework, Patti and Jeanie do a great job of letting someone know when they have something dropped off for them and waiting at the office.

Both of these women are always happy and excited about their jobs. Their

enthusiasm is contagious to those around them. Patti said, what she likes most about her job is, "The people I work with and the variety, lots of variety." Jeanie also said the people she works with is her favorite part of her job, stating, "What I like most is how Patti and I work together so well, we have a really cohesive relationship. And I really like having Mr. Somnis in the office. He's delightful! What I miss, this year, is not being by the window and near the students."

They both chose this career because they enjoyed the atmosphere, the people, being around students and their own kids. Patti said, "When I was in high school, I knew I did not want to be a school secretary, but once I started volunteering and helping, I began to like it and the atmosphere. When the job came open, I applied." Jeanie chose this

career because, "I wanted to be close to my boys, I had been working too far away from them. And I love my job, my co-workers and being around my children and other students, it is really fun and I know what's going on." April 24th is Secretary Day so be sure to stop by the office and show your appreciation to these two hard-working women. Thank you Patti and Jeanie for all of your help!



Jeanie Pehlke and Patti Ketchum

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top priorities, which is important in a school with so many students dedicated to things like sports.”

The 2013-2014 chapter officer team will be officially installed at the Sherman FFA Banquet on May 3rd. Doors will open at 6:30PM and dinner is at 7PM. The chapter team is working endlessly to make this an awesome event and would like to invite anyone and everyone who is interested in celebrating the successful year with them. There will be free food for anyone who attends and a silent auction to make money for the chapter.

Leadership Camp is scheduled for April 24th through 26th at Suttle Lake. Seven of our FFA members will be attend-

ing this camp including Sabrina Green-Hite, Hunter Grenvik, Kevin Hart, Shayne Holmes, Meagan McKinney, Katherine Shafer, and Makayla Stearns. During camp these students will get the chance to make new friends from around the district and learn new leadership skills while attending multiple hands on classes. They will also get to participate in sports competitions like volleyball and horseshoes and get the chance to jump in the lake during the polar plunge. It should be a fun and exciting camp!

As the new year begins, the Sherman County FFA chapter is looking forward to new and exciting adventures! When asked what the chapter will be looking to improve on this year

Mr. Collins said the chapter would hopefully see an “increase in dedication, more commitment to all FFA activities, and assurance that every FFA member would get to do something they’re excited for.” This new year is looking to be a great one and we should all be expecting success from our FFA chapter!



Principal's Corner: Brandon Hammond By: Brandon Hammond

Sherman Elementary School is in full bloom—hopefully the weather will cooperate with our budding students. OAKS tests are underway again and have started with a bang! Our staff does a tremendous job preparing our students for this experience as well as providing the assurance that they have already succeeded regardless of their score. We are focused on student achievement through growth, not scores.

The spelling bee has returned to the district. Thanks to the Commission on Children and Families we will be holding an official county competition on April 24th, 10:00 am, at the elementary school. We have

invited students in the county, grades first through fifth to participate. Our division will consist of 25 words, with 5 words given for possible tie-breakers. Students will not be standing and reciting the words, but will be given a blank sheet of paper and asked to write the words down, similar to a traditional classroom spelling test. This will be a great opportunity for the students in our county and I am looking forward to seeing our school full of competitors.

The students of Sherman Elementary are extremely fortunate to have the support of our community and school board. Whenever I look at the calendar and see the up-

coming events I am reminded of this very fact. Our school has the latest advances in technology with our Smart Boards, computer labs and iPads (2nd & 6th graders). We have staff members who go above and beyond what is expected, volunteers who give more and more of their time each week and students who are not only focused on education, but who are looking to help their peer next to them. What a great place!

I know that I do not express my appreciation enough to our community, so thank you for all that you do for the students at Sherman Elementary School.



Superintendent's Corner

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By: Wes Owens

With less than two months of the 2012-13 school year remaining, it is exciting to witness the continued efforts of our staff on the essential mission of supporting the growth and achievement of ALL of our students. As always, the Sherman County School District staff will focus on a strong finish to the 2012-13 year. As we get closer to June, I would like to update you on a few topics that we have been working on.

2013-14 School Year Budget

We have been working diligently to develop the 2013-14 School Year Budget. I want to take this opportunity to thank Kim McKinney for her meticulous efforts preparing the proposed budget. We will have our first public Budget Committee Meeting on May 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the program room of the Public/School Library.

It appears that the state is close to finalizing a budget for the next biennium that would fund K-12 education at \$6.75 billion, which includes savings from PERS reform. This is up from the \$5.7 billion for the 2011-13 biennium. This is good news for K-12 education, but even with this additional funding level, there will still be gaps to fill for the Sherman County School District. We are anticipating \$100,000 in PERS increases, \$12,000 in insurance increases, and \$8,000 in property/liability insurance increases, and potential cuts in Federal IDEA and Title 1. Preliminary figures show a potential of a \$390,000 gap at the \$6.75 billion funding level. (Please remember that the budgeting process in Oregon is interesting, in that, it is based upon projections of revenues and expenses over a two-year period.) Last year the Board approved a \$525,000 transfer from County SIP Funds to balance the budget. In addition,

the District cut 6 days (4 instructional, 2 non-instructional) and the entire certified, classified, and administrative staff took pay freezes. I want to again thank our employees for their shared sacrifices and concessions for helping meet the deficit and ensuring that students remain a top priority. We will again need to look at creative ways to balance the 2013-14 budget with declining enrollment.

We will keep the Sherman County Community informed as we move forward with this budget development process.

Facilities Planning Committee Update

The Facilities Planning Committee, consisting of 12 members, has met six times to discuss options, research information, and formulate a consolidated plan to present to the School Board on July 8, 2013. The next meeting will actually be a trip (April 18) to visit schools that are currently in the process of construction. The committee will be visiting both "Site Built" and "Systems Built" building construction sites. Site Built construction is built entirely on site and Systems Built is modular construction that is partially assembled off site.

I encourage you to visit the Facilities Planning Committee page on the Sherman County School District Webpage, which you can visit directly at <http://shermancountyschooldistrict.weebly.com/facilities-planning-committee.html>. Meeting notes, agendas, and information can be found under the information tab. The committee has spent a great deal of time and effort working on this plan. I want to thank all committee members for their dedication and focus during this important process.

Common Core State Standards/Teacher and Administrator Evaluation and Support Systems

Recently there have been state and national movements to develop common core state standards and improved frameworks for teacher and administrator evaluation/support. The Sherman County School District is welcoming these new policies as they will ultimately lead to better education practices. Our teachers have been highly involved in the development and implementation of these new expectations. This month we will be sending teams of teachers and administrators to two important trainings. The first will be regional trainings titled, "Digging Deeper Into The Common Core State Standards for Mathematics" and "What Do The Common Core State Standards in Literacy Mean for History/Social Science, Science, and Technical Subjects?". The second training will involve "Educator Effectiveness". This training will support us in understanding educator standards, setting student growth goals, and learning new best practices for evaluation systems. The Sherman County School District is committed to implementing researched based strategies that will assist us in educating and supporting each and every student.

I welcome your feedback, suggestions, and questions. Please give me a call at 541-565-3500 or send me an email at wowens@sherman.k12.or.us. Thank you for your continued support of the Sherman County School District.

Sincerely,

Wes Owens

Fascinating Foliage By Katherine Shafer

One of the best articles *The Husky Times* has ever published would have to be its “Fascinating Foliage” article. Last year, “Fascinating Foliage” taught many people about flowers like the whirlybird cream, the angel face rose, and the hoya. At one point, “Fascinating Foliage” even taught us about tools! It was a pity that the article wasn’t continued and so, with very little convincing, it has been decided that “Fascinating Foliage” will return to the pages of *The Husky Times* for this month only.

The Fascinating Foliage for this month is the common daisy! The daisy is a simple yet beautiful flower that often represents the idea of purity and innocence. Its name comes from the Anglo Saxon words *daes eage* meaning day’s eye. People called the daisy *daes eage*, because many daisies shut their petals at night and open them again in the morning when the sun rises. The daisy is native to North and Central Europe and is a part of the daisy family of Compositae, known now as the Aster-

aceae family. It comes in an assortment of colors though people tend to favor the pink, white, and yellow colored daisies. As well, the gerbera daisy has become extremely popular in the flower industry. Not only is the daisy beautiful to look at, it is very helpful, too! Daisy petals can be eaten and are often used in tea!

The daisy is really cool and really pretty. As time goes by the flower is becoming more popular and being used more for people’s special occasions like weddings. Awesome!

Students of the Quarter By: Katie Poirier

As the third quarter came to an end on April 4th, the staff members at Sherman Jr/Sr High School and Sherman Elementary were left with the hard task of selecting students for the student of the quarter award. The students of the quarter were as follows: For the senior high, Cody Jauken and Maddie Belshe, for the junior high, Audrey Stone, and for the elementary school, Jed Harrison and Mercedes Cardona. Congratulations to all of these hard working and very deserving students on this award!

Cody Jauken was nominated for student of the quarter by his Robotics teacher Mr. Jacob Gradek: “Synthesizing ideas from multiple subjects can be difficult, but Cody has been a master at it this year.” Mr. Gradek also wrote, “His writing has been good, his discussions and experiments excellent, and he has been a positive force in my classroom. He’s having a great year.” Congratulations to

Cody for all his hard work!

Maddie Belshe was nominated by Ms. Gail Macnab and by Mr. Craig Wood. As Ms. Mcnab wrote, “Maddie has done a great job with the position of student body president this year. The job is more than a title, it involves a lot of work behind the scenes to plan and implement student activities throughout the school year. Maddie has stepped up to the responsibilities and has led by example.” Craig Wood also added, “Maddie is a hard worker and very dedicated to helping me as my 4th period assistant.” Good job Maddie! Keep up the good work!

Audrey Stone was nominated by Mr. Gradek and Ms. Pinkerton. Ms. Pinkerton said, “Audrey sets herself apart as a 7th grader by being mature beyond her years. She is diligent and very quick to pick up on new vocabulary and concepts and goes the extra distance to study for Spanish tests and orals.” Mr. Gradek also said,

“Audrey is an incredibly hard working individual who always does more than what is asked of her. She’s been a good model in robotics for other students, even at such a young age.” Way to go Audrey!

Jed Harrison was nominated by his 4th grade teacher, Mrs. King. Mrs. King wrote, “Jed is an amazing student who chooses to use his abilities. He always does very neat, well thought-out and thorough work. He is an example of a student who meets our fourth grade motto, “Always put your best foot forward.” He is also very respectful, responsible, and considerate of his school mates. Excellent work Jed!

Mercedes was nominated by Mrs. Weedman, who said, “Mercedes has made wonderful gains in reading, writing, and math this year. She is completing all of her assignments on time and is staying on task. She has been a pleasure to have in class this year and we wish her the very best in 5th grade next year.” Good job Mercedes!



Cody Jauken



Maddie Belshe



Audrey Stone



Jed Harrison



Mercedes Cardona

Dear Ed...

Dear Ed,

I was wondering what some of your summer plans are this year? Got any advice on what to do?

Sincerely, Summer Lover

Dear Summer Lover,

This summer I plan to go to the river, A LOT! I also plan on spending time with my friends and going out and having a good ol' time! That's what you should do, too! Get out of the house and be adventurous. It's better than wasting the summer away doing nothing. Remember to enjoy it!

Sincerely, Ed

Dear Ed,

I just want these next months to go by so I can be out of school. How do you suppose I keep myself busy so time will go by faster?

Sincerely, Anxious

Dear Anxious,

Keep up in your schoolwork. You don't want to fall behind when finals comes up next month. And if you're in a sport that'll help big time with keeping you busy. But if you're not, then think about getting a job. Or possibly finding a new hobby.

Sincerely, Ed

Dear Ed,

Some of the Seniors graduating this year are some of my good and close friends. How do I cope with them leaving at the end of the school year?

Sincerely, :(

Dear :(,

Not being able to see your friends is really hard and I'm sure they're going to miss you just as much as you'll miss them. Spend lots of time together these last few weeks of school and over the summer. They'll always be there for you no matter what.

Also, try making new friends next year.

Sincerely, Ed

Dear Ed,

I'm debating on whether I should do Summer League basketball or not. What should I do?

Sincerely, !?!

Dear !?!,

Summer sports are actually a lot of fun! They keep you active and you still get to see your friends from school and from other places. I highly encourage you to participate in them, especially if you're going to play seasonal sports during the school year. By doing them they'll give you extra practice, and will prepare you for what to expect later in the year. Also if you're free, you should look into going to some sports camps! Those are extremely beneficial.

Sincerely, Ed

Dear Ed,

My friends keep making fun of me because I enjoy reading books, a lot. And it's starting to annoy me. What do I do?

Sincerely, Annoyed

Dear Annoyed,

There's nothing wrong with reading books. Read as much as you like. Your friends will find something else to talk about soon enough.

Sincerely, Ed

