



Left of Center

Top 10 Holiday Treats

By Jeanna Hill

1. Roasted Nuts
2. Caramel Corn
3. Chex Mix
4. Pretzel "Turtles"
5. Bruschetta
6. Cheese and Salmi Bites
7. Pumpkin Dip
8. Mini Quiches
9. Spicy Pepper & Cream Cheese Spread
10. Roasted Pumpkin Seeds



World Wide Celebration

By Jasmine Wilson

All around the world many people stay up late and watch the old year pass and the New Year become a reality. Without fail throughout the world church bells ring, car horns blast, and people holler to celebrate the end of a year's worth of hard work and memories.

In America the most popular symbol of the New Year is Baby New Year. This is often a white male baby in a diaper wearing a sash of the year he represents. He is almost never newborn because he is shown sitting up or standing alone.

In China celebration of New Years is held on January 15th, instead of December 31st. This is celebrated much the

same with fireworks and 3D light shows at rock concerts. The Chinese years are represented by 12 designated animals; including, the rat, the horse, the rabbit, the tiger, and so on.

In Lebanon it is common to have a quiet dinner attended by family and friends to enjoy traditional Lebanese food. Although some places celebrate a little differently most people celebrate with friends and family in big parties that feature a special meal.

Many other countries show their patriotism through their own traditions such as the Scottish eating a haggis based meal, or waving the flag of your own country.

There is no real designated way to celebrate the passing of the old year but every place and family have their own special tradition, for example some people celebrate with fireworks or others with a special treat, but no matter what, everyone is spending it with close friends and family.

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Husky Happenings

By Katherine Shafer

For the last month, Sherman Jr/Sr High School has been bustling with basketball, charity work, and holiday spirit.

Beginning with an extraordinary start to the basketball season, both the boys and girls Sherman Husky teams placed second at the Sherman Invitational December 6th and 7th. They fought valiantly, and their skill level and persistence for such young teams has made everyone excited for the games still to come.

Santa Claus and Miss Candy Cane were seen handing out candy canes to children at the annual Christmas bazaar. Not only did the December 7th event help local vendors, but it also corresponded with the kick off for Sherman's basketball team. Attendees could purchase gifts in the cafeteria, drink a cup of coffee or two, and then enjoy basketball games played by Weston McEwen, Southwest Christian, Culver, and your favorite Sherman Huskies. While

cold weather made it difficult for people to attend, this year's bazaar was still festive and fun.

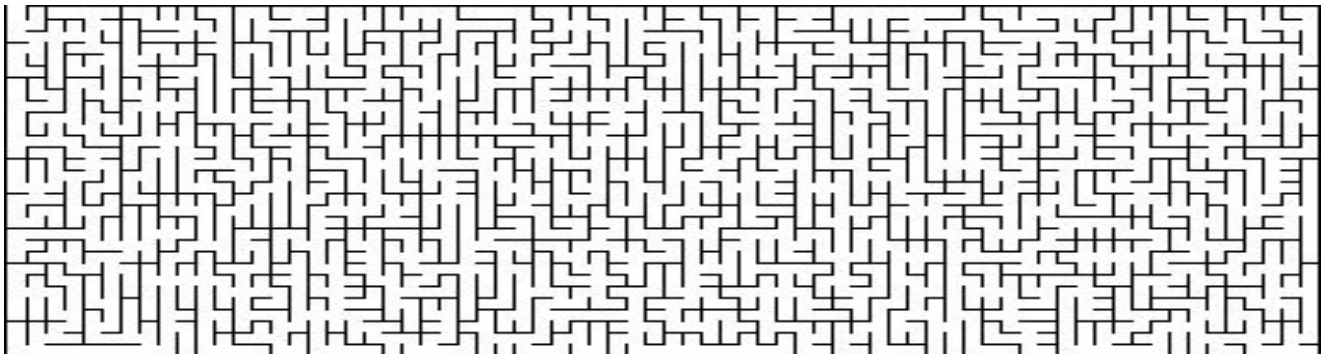
On December 9th, select students including Blake Evans, Brett Evans, and Ryan Asher were given the opportunity to travel to Portland for a leadership conference. Things such as education and a debate on whether a new bridge should be installed between Washington and Oregon to connect the two states were discussed. It was an interesting and fun trip for all three boys and hopefully the school will continue to send students in the future.

Every year classes compete to bring in the most food for the local food drive. What has become known as "Stuff the Bus" is a fun and creative way for students to help the community and those in need. This year has been the best year so far. Together the school was able to raise 3,591 pounds, 348 pounds more than last year. While staff participated too and

was able to contribute 1,261 pounds of food, the leading class was the juniors with 1,116 pounds. Second place was reserved by the sophomore class and third place went to the seniors. The seventh and eighth grade classes need to learn how to pick up the slack for next year as they both brought an exceedingly low amount of food, with eighth grade getting fifth place seventh grade getting sixth.

December 16th was the annual Christmas concert. Band members, conducted by Mrs. Lorraine Consoliver, prepared for months to amaze the crowd with their musical talents. They played songs such as *O come to the Manager* and *Reindeer Rag*. The concert was a success and left most of the crowd smiling.

Students left school with laughter and joy on December 20th and didn't have to return until January 6th. Though that left everyone with two weeks off, the days went by quickly like most breaks do.



Sports Center

By Hollee Kaseberg

December 6th/7th: The boys and girls Husky basketball teams, coached respectively by Bill Blevins and Steve Kaseberg, started off their season with a great win over Southwest Christian in the Sherman Invitational Tournament. Saturday brought on a tough loss to both teams after facing Weston-McEwen.

December 10th: After being down by 11 points at halftime, the Lady Huskies pulled through to a 38-31 point win over Stanfield. The boys also played Stanfield at home but were defeated 49-79 after an intense game against the Tigers.

December 13th: Varsity girls and boys basketball teams traveled to Trout Lake, Washington for games against the Mustangs. The Lady Huskies held a lead through most of the game, but a fourth quarter comeback by Trout Lake resulted in a Sherman loss. The boys played an excellent game and left with a win.

December 14th: The Huskies faced the Lyle Cougars but both Varsity teams were unsuccessful in their efforts at winning. JV girls and boys had their first games of the season although the girls were beat by three points, the boys JV team won.

December 17th: Although Riverside grabbed the win from both JV teams, the varsity girls and boys came out and made the home crowd proud with wins over the Pirates. Katie Poirier led all scorers with 16 points in the girls game.



Sherman High School Basketball
2013-2014

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	SITE	GJV	BJV	GV	BV	Bus. Departure
Dec. 6	Fri.	Sherman Invitational	Sherman			3:00	4:30	
Dec. 7	Sat.	Sherman Invitational	Sherman			TBD	TBD	
Dec. 10	Tue.	Stanfield	Sherman			6:00	7:30	
Dec. 13	Fri.	Trout Lake-Glenwood	Trout Lake			6:00	7:30	
Dec. 14	Sat.	Lyle-Wickram	Lyle	2:00	3:30	5:00	6:30	
Dec. 17	Tue.	Riverdale	Sherman	3:00	4:30	6:00	7:30	
Dec. 20	Fri.	Triad Tournament	Klamath Falls			TBD	TBD	
Dec. 21	Sat.	Triad Tournament	Klamath Falls			TBD	TBD	
Jan. 3	Fri.	South Wasco	Mosby	3:00	4:30	6:00	7:30	
Jan. 4	Sat.	Sunacres Christian	Sherman		2:30	4:00	5:30	
Jan. 10	Fri.	Cooden Wheeler	Fossil	3:00	4:30	6:00	7:30	
Jan. 11	Sat.	Ione	Sherman	1:00	2:30	4:00	5:30	
Jan. 14	Tue.	Horizon Christian	Sherman	3:00	4:30	6:00	7:30	
Jan. 17	Fri.	Central Christian	Redmond Prof. Academy			6:00	7:30	
Jan. 18	Sat.	Siletz Valley	TBD					
Jan. 21	Tue.	Trout Lake-Glenwood	Sherman			5:00	6:30	
Jan. 24	Fri.	Nixaville	Sherman		4:30	6:00	7:30	
Jan. 28	Tue.	Arlington	Arlington		4:30	6:00	7:30	
Jan. 31	Fri.	Dufur	Dufur	3:00	4:30	6:00	7:30	
Feb. 1	Sat.	Helix	Helix	1:00	2:30	4:00	5:30	
Feb. 4	Tue.	South Wasco	Sherman	3:00	4:30	6:00	7:30	
Feb. 7	Fri.	Central Christian	Sherman			6:00	7:30	
Feb. 8	Sat.	Dufur	Sherman	12:00	1:30	3:00	4:30	
Feb. 14	Fri.	Horizon Christian	Hood River	3:00	4:30	6:00	7:30	
Feb. 15	Sat.	Echo (Junior Hoops: Halftime Show) (Hygiene Hurdle)	Sherman	1:00	2:30	4:00	5:30	
Feb. 20	Thurs.	District	Hermiston			TBD	TBD	
Feb. 21	Fri.	District	Hermiston			TBD	TBD	
Feb. 22	Sat.	District	Hermiston			TBD	TBD	

Head Boys Coach: Bill Blevins
Head Girls Coach: Steve Kaseberg
Principal: Bill Blevins
Athletic Director: Todd Swan

Asst. Boys Coach: Austin Justison
Asst. Girls Coach: Steve Bird
Superintendent: Dr. Brian Metke

*Basketball schedules change frequently depending upon JV numbers on opposing teams. Please refer to www.schedulista.com for confirmation of games.



The December FFA Recap

By Katherine Shafer

Even though the days continue to get shorter through the winter months, the Sherman County FFA Chapter has done a great job of getting great amounts of work done. Members have participated in Ag. Sales, the annual FFA Fruit Sales, and State Degree testing all month long, and were even given a great surprise when Mr. Collins announced that his wife was expecting!

The annual FFA Fruit Sales was held at the beginning of the month. Enthusiasm was seen by all members as the chapter sold over 19 boxes to the local community. Money made will be going to the Chapter's "Fun Day" – a bonding experience for members – and other events. Thanks to everyone that contributed to this event's success.

The Chapter's Ag Sales

teams did awesome this year. Not only did the team place 4th, members Sabrina Green-Hite placed first individually and Karolyn Kaseberg placed 3rd. Next for the Chapter is parliamentary procedure and public speaking. In the last couple of years Sherman has had teams do exceedingly well in these competitions and the expectations for the students participating this year are high.

Wyatt Stutzman was awarded the December FFA Member of the Month! Not only was Wyatt one of the best salesmen during the annual FFA Fruit Sales, he also contributed to the Tractor Driving CDE and Ag. Sales CDE. He is a leader in and out of the classroom and is constantly working to improve himself and support those around him. During fair, he

shows pigs in FFA and he plans to venture to the land of goats in the next year.

On Wednesday December 8th, Shayne Holmes was given the opportunity to travel to Portland to test for their state degrees. While her score hasn't been released yet, the Chapter is still so proud that she was even able to qualify for the test. To get a state degree, individuals must meet a long list of requirements and remain dedicated and competitive throughout the whole ordeal. If they pass, they could be given the opportunity to be recognized on stage before hundreds of members during the State Convention in spring. Good luck Shayne! The Chapter anticipates great things to come for you!

SJSHS Band Concert



SJSHS music conductor poser who combined these two Mrs. Consoliver and her Grade pieces is Steve Hodges. He lives in School, Junior High, and High The Dalles and earns his living by School students performed a concert for the community to watch. They heard wonderful holiday songs performed for them, like the song the High School band played: *O Come to the Manger*, which is a combination of two Christmas carols *O Come, O come Emmanuel* and *Away in a Manger*. The com-

writing music for Elementary, Junior High, Senior High, and College bands. They also played *Reindeer Rag*, which consisted of ten different Christmas carols, including Scott Joplins *The Entertainer* and *Maple Leaf Rag*.

Winter Word Search



Boots
Coat
Freezing
Gloves
Hat
Ice
Ice Fishing

Ice Skating
Mittens
Scarf
Skiing
Sledding
Snow
Snow Ball

Snow Ball Fight
Snow Flake
Snowboarding
Snowman
Toboggan
Winter

Husky Helper

By Ashley Berish

Craig Wood has been selected as the Husky Helper for December because he is a hard worker. He cleans and fixes things when they are broken. He always helps students or other staff members when they need help, even if he is busy doing something else. Craig repairs students'

lockers when they are not functioning properly. He is also an incredibly friendly person and really makes people smile. Students say Craig is great because "he's generous and a nice guy" and "he is really helpful". Thank you, Craig!



A Christmas History

By Luke Lawrence



The history of Christmas is both a religious and a cultural holiday. It is a religious holiday for the people that follow the birth of Christ. It is just as important for people who strictly follow Christmas as a cultural holiday, because many people give out gifts to each other. Who doesn't like gifts?

Christmas in the Middle Ages was merely a carnival in which everyone drank the celebratory mead until they could no longer stand.

The tradition of cutting down a "Christmas tree", dec-

orating it and putting it in their house started with the Romans, who would gather evergreen trimmings and decorate their houses and temples with them.

The history of mistletoe came from the Druids who believed the mistletoe had magical powers of love.

The history of Santa Claus is a little different though. The true story of Santa Claus begins with Nicholas who was born during the third century in Patara. At the time the area was Greek and is now

on the coast of Turkey. His wealthy parents, who raised him to be a good Christian, died while Nicholas was young. Obeying Jesus' words to "sell what you own and give the money to the poor" Nicholas used his whole inheritance to assist the needy, the sick, and the suffering. He dedicated his life to serving God and was made Bishop of Myra while still a young man. Bishop Nicholas became known over the land for his kindness to those in need.

Dear Ed



Dear Ed,

New Years is coming up, and I never stick to my New Year's Resolution. What can I do to make sure I stick to my goals?

Sincerely, Procrastinator

Dear Procrastinator,

To help keep you on track throughout the New Year, make a list or an organizer full of small goals to set for yourself. This helps achieve big goals one step at a time.

Sincerely, Ed

Dear Ed,

I see a sea down by the seashore. But which sea do you see down by the seashore?

Sincerely, Jose Q

Dear Jose Q,

The sea that I see down by the Seashore depends on which seashore I go to down by the sea that I go see.

Sincerely, Ed

Have any questions you want answered? Submit them on your way to class at the Dear Ed box in the office!

Dear Ed,

Finals are coming up soon, and I need help focusing on my studies. What can I do to make sure I don't get distracted?

Sincerely, Space Cadet

Dear Space Cadet,

Make a schedule until after finals to set aside time to study for all of your finals. On one day, you could study for your History and another for your Math. Just be sure not to overwhelm yourself.

Sincerely, Ed

Dear Ed,

The holidays are upon us, and I don't know what to buy my (very picky) best friend. Help!

Sincerely, Struggling

Dear Struggling,

Find out what your (very picky) best friend's favorite store is, and get them a gift card. This way you get them something nice, without putting too much pressure on yourself. Happy Holidays!

Sincerely, Ed

