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Top 10 Worst Valentine's Day Gifts

By Stormie Slotman

1. A Weight Watchers membership
2. Funeral plans
3. Anything in a ring size box that isn't a ring
4. A copy of "He's Just Not That Into You"
5. A vacuum
6. Cookies that say "it's over"
7. Scale
8. Singing fish
9. A chocolate statue of your ex
10. Pooper-

Bizarre February Holidays

By Hollee Kaseberg

February is popular for being Black History Month and Valentine's Day on the 14th, but this month is filled with bizarre holidays that are often over looked.

The month of February is also referred to as National Cherry Month, National Children's Dental Health Month, National Grapefruit Month and National Weddings Month. Every day within this month has its own bizarre holiday to celebrate. Here are some examples from each week's outlandish holidays.

The strangest of holidays in the first week of February is "Wave All Your Fingers at Your Neighbor Day" on February 7th. The creator and origin of this day is unknown but the point is to spread happiness around your neighborhood.

The second week features more holidays that spark interest, including "Don't Cry over Spilled Milk Day", "White T-shirt Day", "Get a Different Name Day" and "Singles Awareness Day". "Don't Cry over Spilled Milk Day" (February 11th) is a day to feel positive even when bad

things happen. White T-shirt Day (also February 11th) honors the men and women who participated in the sit-down strike at General Motors that ended on this day in 1937. The strike at GM helped the United Auto Workers union to become the sole bargaining agent for GM. "Get a Different Name Day" (February 13th) is for those that are not satisfied with the name their parents gave them at birth and for one day they can be referred to as whatever name they choose. "Singles Awareness Day" (February 15th) is for those who are not in a relationship and didn't have a date for Valentine's Day, conveniently Valentine's chocolate is on sale on this day.

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Husky Happenings

By Brett Lane

There was a lot going on at SJSHS in the month of February. Students were required to participate in OAKS testing. There was English and Literature OAKS in the week of the February 3rd – 6th, then math OAKS were taken on February 10th – 14th, then students finished this unit of testing with the History OAKS test in the week of February 18th – 21st.

The annual Crab and Oyster Feed was held on Saturday, February 8th at Morrow County Grain Growers in Wasco. Student-Athletes were busy this month with many regular season basket-

ball games and rescheduled games against Central Christian, Dufur, South Wasco County, Central Christian and Horizon Christian. The varsity boys' team also had a tie breaker game in The Dalles on the 17th against Dufur to determine which team made it to the District Tournament held in Hermiston on February 20th – 22nd.

February is also the month that includes National FFA week. Our FFA Chapter will attend FFA State Convention in Bend next month.

Now that winter sports are over, spring sports will start again

with the first week of practice on Monday, March 3rd 2014 for tennis, track and field, and baseball. With spring approaching and the weather getting better, come out and support our athletes representing Sherman County this spring! Good luck Huskies!



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In the third week of February there are three days dedicated to being friendly and improve your character; "Do a Grouch a Favor Day", "Random Acts of Kindness Day", and "Be Humble Day". "Do a Grouch a Favor Day" (February 16th) is self-explanatory, if you come across somebody being grouchy do something nice for them. "Random Acts of Kindness Day" (February 17th) is used by schools to promote the value of kindness because this day is all about spreading kindness through random acts throughout the day.

This day is special to both the giver and receiver because they both feel good about themselves. "Be Humble Day" teaches a quality that should be used and appreciated every day, not just on February 22nd; it is used to humble and teach modesty to everybody.

The month of February concludes with "National Tortilla Chip Day", "Tell a Fairy Tale Day" and "Public Sleeping Day". "National Tortilla Chip Day" (February 24th) is a day to eat all the tortilla chips and dip as you

want. Celebrate "Tell a Fairy Tale Day" (February 26th) by lounging around in a cozy blanket and read fairy tales or watch a fairy tale movie. "Public Sleeping Day" is your opportunity to sleep in public.

Now that you have gained some insight to February holidays, finish out this month and use this knowledge for future reference to participate in some bizarre holidays.

Husky Helper

By Ashley Berish

The Husky Helper for February is Gail Macnab! She is helpful and kind. She is always willing to assist anyone who asks for help. A few days ago, one student's button fell off of his shirt; Gail saved the day and helped him fix it. Gail is always very friendly and open with her students. She lets them use her first name, which most teachers don't

do. This makes the students feel at home and comfortable.

Sadly, this is Gail's last year teaching. Gail will be sorely missed by all of the students and staff. Hopefully Gail will occasionally visit us at school events and games.



Rose Colors & Meanings

By Sean Orsborn

Many people give roses to the people they care about on Valentine's Day. But what do the different colors of roses mean? There are many colors of roses with many different meanings.

Red roses symbolize love and romance. They are a traditional way to tell someone you love him or her. Dark pink roses represent gratitude, while light pink roses represent gentleness, admira-

tion, and sympathy. Yellow roses were originally associated with dying love and jealousy but today they symbolize happiness and friendship. White roses symbolize innocence, purity, and remembrance. Orange roses represent desire and passion. Orange roses can also represent emerging romantic feelings because they are a mix of yellow, which represents friendship, and red, which repre-

sents love. Lavender roses symbolize love at first sight and enchantment.

Keep these meanings in mind when giving someone flowers because you might send the wrong message and things might get really awkward.



FFA

By Katherine Shafer

Spring is one of the busiest periods for FFA members. Not only do many CDEs, that is Career Development Events, occur at this time, but the season also plays host to National FFA week and State Convention.

On Wednesday February 12th, a group of students including Ryan Asher, Kevin Hart, Shayne Holmes, Karolyn Kaseberg, Grace Kuettel, and Katherine Shafer embarked on a trip to Redmond to participate in various Leadership CDEs. Each student contributed to the Parliamentary Procedure team and Ryan Asher and Grace Kuettel acted as tough competitors in the Creed Speaking Competition. While there was no wins resulting from the trip it still remained a fun and educational day and the Chapter is proud of its members.

February 26th marked the Proficiency CDE in Bend, Oregon for the Chapter. There wasn't much time to prepare for the competition that included job interviews and other important leadership driven CDEs. However, Shayne Holmes bravely went against the grain and competed honorably. Results have not been announced, but there is no doubt that Shayne

did an amazing job!

Though National FFA week was technically held February 15th through the 22nd, the Sherman Chapter opted to move the celebration to March 3rd through 7th in hopes of preventing schedule conflict with district basketball. Still members were encouraged to spend the original FFA week lighting up their Facebook pages with blue and gold banners and reminiscing on their FFA careers thus far. For those that were unaware, the FFA is a national organization that has smoothly incorporated technology into everyday life. Facebook pages such as the National FFA Scrapbook are great ways to stay up to date with different chapters and their events around the globe.

During the week of March 3rd all students, not just FFA members, are encouraged to show spirit by partaking in the dress up days and activities. The dress up days go as followed:

Monday- Blue & Gold

**Tuesday- Carhartt/
Camo**

**Wednesday- Cowboy
Day**

Thursday- Official

Dress

Italian Sodas will be sold on Tuesday during lunch for \$2.00 and FFA members will be driving to the Sherman grade school on Thursday to talk about agriculture and FFA with the students there. This should be a great week and the Chapter Officer team wants to express their excitement for what is to come.

Besides celebrating FFA week next month, the Chapter has even more occasions coming up. Many members are excited to travel to Bend for State Convention during Spring break. There, Shayne Holmes will be taking stage to receive her State degree. Congratulations Shayne!



Valentine's Day Poems

Coordinated by Jasmine Wilson

Valentine's Day

By: Anonymous SJSHS Student

There is a day that's quite contrary

It's on the 14th day of February

It is a day of hearts and candy

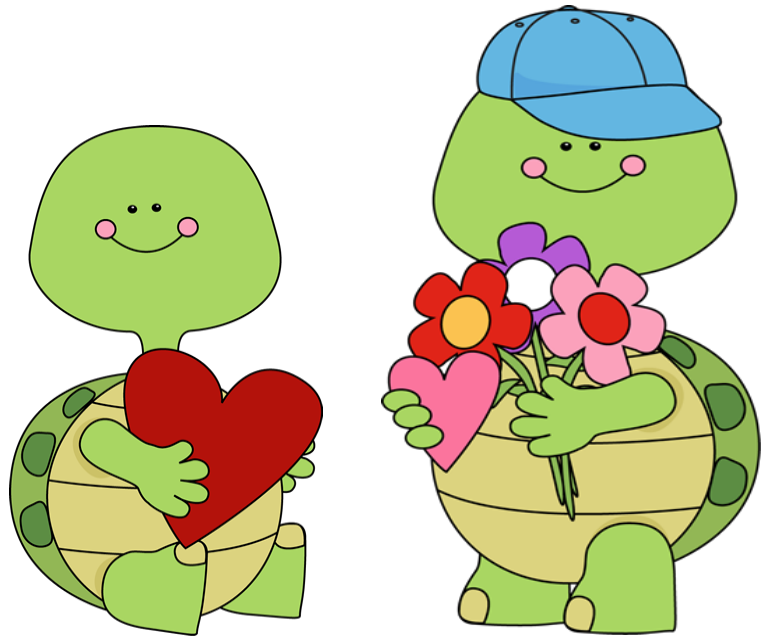
Roses, cards and mush

I don't like this day of love

It doesn't appeal to me from above

I don't get cards or gifts and such

I don't like this day of mush



Valentine's Day

by Bree Rhayne

Valentine, oh valentine, you're so Devine.

True as the stars that always shine.

Valentine, oh valentine, from you I learned love.

Someone like you I thought was undreamed of.

Valentine, oh valentine, won't you be mine?

To make dreams reality, by love sublime.

Valentine, oh valentine, a scarlet rose?

On this day when roses reign,

A rose from you is all I wish to gain.

Valentine, oh valentine, can this be fate?

My fate is always changing, but for you it can wait.

Valentine, oh valentine, two hearts combine.

I've never felt a heart touch mine 'till ours entwined.

Valentine, oh valentine, sing me a song,

A song that can't be forgotten, something lifelong.

Valentine, oh valentine, won't you be mine?

Together, forever. Until the end of time.

Stuck On You

By: Kenneth J. Miller

You're sucrose, you're glucose,

You're fructose and more,

From your head to your feet...

Which are stuck to the floor.

You're Hershey's, you're Snickers,

You're sweet English Toffee.

If you spit in my cup,

You'll just sweeten my coffee.

I love you so much

That I'm getting frenetic,

But I can't even kiss you,

'cause I'm diabetic.

Sports Center

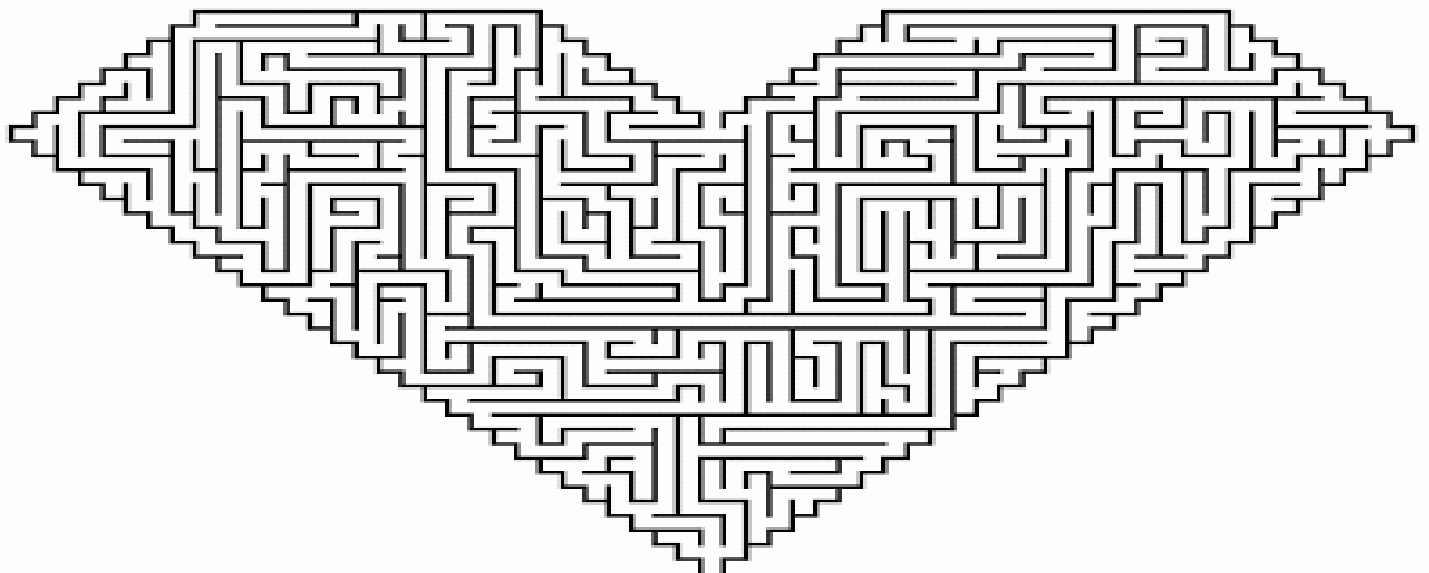
By Jasmine Wilson

Sherman boys and girls varsity teams won against Trout Lake on the 21st of January. Against Nixyaawii on the 24th the boys were beat in a tough game while the girls team pulled ahead for a hard earned win. On January 28th Arlington was beaten by both Sherman teams. Unfortunately the girls and boys teams suffered a loss against Dufur on the 31st. The Sherman huskies traveled to Griswold, on the first of February, to take on the Grizzlies and were successful in their efforts to take home another win. Way to go Huskies, keep bringing in those wins. In the Dufur game February 10th the girls were knocked down, but played very well for not having practiced

for 7 days. The boys however won 52-41 against Dufur. On the 12th Sherman girls had an incredible win against Maupin, our Sherman boys also beat the Maupin Red-sides. Both teams won against Central Christian who traveled to Sherman to play us on our home court on the 13th of February. The Sherman boys and girls traveled to Horizon Christian on the 14th, the boys suffered a loss although they fought hard. The Lady Huskies beat Horizon 39-22 with an amazing effort from everyone making their way into the second seed in districts. The Sherman boys had a playoff game against Dufur at The Dalles High. Sherman pulled ahead

and took the spot of third seed in districts.

Although the Lady Huskies had good placement going into the district tournament in the 2nd place spot on the West side, and the boys went into the tournament in third place, both team suffered heart-breaking losses in the first round of districts; both to Nixyaawii.



Dear Ed

Dear Ed,

Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers;
A peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked;
If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers,
Where's the peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper
picked?

Sincerely, Jose

Dear Jose,

Pickled peppers cannot be picked.

Sincerely, Ed

Dear Ed,

My boyfriend didn't give me a Valentine. I'm a
little upset but don't know if I should say any-
thing. Should I?

Sincerely, Down-and-Out

Dear Down-and-Out,

If you are truly upset about not getting a Val-
entine or upset at your boyfriend, talk to him
about it and how it upset you.



**Have questions you want
answered? Submit them to
the 'Dear Ed' box in the of-
fice between classes!**

