

**Special points of interest:**

- FFA represents Sherman County at the National FFA Convention
- Student leaders attend Leadership Conference in Seaside
- A look into some unique and special holidays this time of year
- Sherman Huskies clinch Oregon 1A football second place trophy

Holiday Issue

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Husky Happenings: FFA Huskies Travel to Louisville

By Kolton Busler

Sherman County FFA members represented Sherman Jr./Sr. High School at the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky on October 29th through November 1st, 2014. Along with Sherman FFA advisor Mr.

Collins, the Sherman County FFA members in attendance included: Parker Lepinski, Katherine Shafer, Shayne Holmes, Alex Fields, Hunter Grenvik, and

Max Martin.

When asked about the importance of the National FFA Convention to small schools, FFA



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advisor Mr. Collins responded, "It is important because it exposes students to a different environment where they get to see new advancements in

agricultural technology.

The convention also gives students the opportunity to be more self-reliant because they don't have their parents with them. It is an opportunity to travel to the other side of the country, and the students get to listen to great

public speakers."

Student responses to their experiences at the convention were positive, and underclassmen look forward to future conventions.

Cultural News: A Look into Holidays Around the World

By Bethany Lohrey

Different cultures have so many various ways of celebrating the holidays. For example Jewish people, Mexicans and African Americans have different ways of celebrating the holidays. These days are called

Hanukkah, Día de los Reyes, and Kwanzaa. Hanukkah started after the Jews witnessed a miracle. They continue to celebrate the holiday by lighting the menorah and eating traditional foods.

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Editorial Opinion

Thanksgiving: Death to Us all!

By Brett Lane

Thanksgiving is a wonderful holiday set on the 4th Thursday of November. Its a holiday set so the people of America can give thanks for the good things that happened throughout the year. Unfortunately, every year, families are hit with tragedies, losing loved one's in the process. In 2012, according to the NHTSA's fatality analysis reporting system, there were approximately 764 car-related deaths on Thanksgiving compared to the 654 car-related deaths on Christmas of the same

year. Unfortunately, car-related deaths are not the



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only tragedy on Thanksgiving day because, according to the

Red Cross, there were around 4000 cooking fires on

Thanksgiving in 2013 alone. With that, there are dozens of fire-related deaths, hundreds of major injuries, along with millions of dollars in property damage. Thanksgiving is a wonderful day; bringing loved ones together to give thanks to what we have had and what we currently have.

Too bad a such a day can also be filled with such sadness and heartbreak.

Editorial Opinion

Christmas: Cheer or Fear?

By Ken Earl

Christmas is a very cheerful time of year, but even these times have their own dark side. Every year, over 300 people die in hospitals alone, but this more than doubles when the seasons change. The most deaths occur in the ambulance on the way to the hospital or just after arriving. Few know of ways people kick the bucket throughout the whole season. Deaths range from slick

roads and speeding, to



MERRY CHRISTMAS

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choking on candy canes, and even shoveling snow, which may cause a heart attack. Death is never a laughing matter, but some of these ways of dying are just downright ridiculous. For example, in Russia alone, icicles kill over 100 people per year. In America, over 50 people die from simply falling out of bed Christmas morning. There are several ways to die anytime, anywhere, because Death never takes a holiday.

SHS Huskies End Season Second in State

By Breck von Borstel

For the first game of the 1A state football playoffs Sherman played Hosanna Christian on November seventh. We stomped them out like a fire with a score of 55-8.

The second game of playoffs, Sherman beat Lowell 50 to 44. We played them at Cottage Grove High School. It was 28 degrees when they played on November 15th.

Sherman played Camas Valley at Liberty High



The Huskies huddle up at the state championship game.

School in Hillsboro for the state semifinals. Sherman won with a score of 24-18.

The Sherman boys played

Adrian on November 29th. Sherman lost 46-28. Brett Evans ran 81 yards on 17 carries. Brett also had 11 tackles. Maverick Winslow led Sherman with 130 yards on 20 carries with

three touchdowns.

Jacob Justesen had 9.5 tackles. So, next

time you see one of the football players, tell them nice job.

Sherman Basketball Season Premieres with the Sherman Invitational Tournament

By Breck von Borstel

It wasn't exactly a tournament because of bad weather on Friday, December fifth, but the Huskies got in some good play on Saturday

the sixth.

The Sherman boys basketball team played Mac High and we beat them by ten points.

The Sherman county girls began a strong season when they walked all over Mac High.

Sherman Huskies Honored at the Fall Sports Awards

The Sherman Jr./Sr. High School fall awards ceremony took place on Thursday, December 11th. Jr. High athletes received awards for their participation in volleyball and football, and high school athletes received participation awards and varsity letters in volleyball and football. A special congratulations goes out to Janet Guzman for receiving a four-year letter in volleyball, and Blake Evans,

Brett Evans, and Tanner Sandquist for receiving four-year letters in football.

Special Volleyball Awards went to Brittney Orendorff (Ms. Hustle), Naomie Wollenmann (Most Improved), and Meagan McKinney (Most Inspirational). Maverick Winslow was awarded the Mr. Hustle award in football, and Wyatt Stutzman received the Most Inspirational award.

All of the seniors on the football team were honored with the Most Improved award.

Special recognition was given to the football team for their outstanding second place finish at state. In addition, many of the football players received first and second team honors in the Big Sky conference.

Husky Happenings Continued: A Successful Leadership Conference in Seaside, Oregon

By Kolton Busler

The Sherman High School student council represented our school at the Oregon High School Leadership conference on November first through third in Seaside, Oregon. The student council members arrived at Seaside on the 1st, participated in an all-day conference on the 2nd, and after a half-day conference on the 3rd, headed home.

Student council members who attended this conference included Austin Kaseberg, Wyatt Stutzman, Jasmine Wilson, Meagan McKinney, Meghan Belshe, Jeanna Hill, Karolyn Kaseberg, Katie Asher, and Brett Evans. While in attendance, these students listened to motivational speakers who talked

about relevant high school issues. Students also attended many informative workshops.

Jill Jensen, the Sherman student council advisor, explained, "The Oregon High School Leadership Conference is an opportunity for conversations and collaboration between many smaller Oregon high school students."

Not only did our student council have the opportunity to meet student leaders from other schools, but they also learned valuable information at the workshops. Workshops taught student leaders about new support systems and programs that are available to smaller school student governments. The workshops also covered new leadership ideas, and how to put

those ideas into action.

SJSHS Student Council member Meghan Belshe said that the most important thing that she learned at the conference was that being a leader means that a person must know about problems different people are facing, and how to help them. Belshe commented, "I was very impressed by the amount of people that were attending the conference. It was a very good experience, and I learned a lot. It was also fun to meet new people and see my friends from other schools." Belshe plans on attending future conferences.



Currently, the SJSHS Student Council is holding the annual "Stuff the Bus" competition, in which students and staff are trying to donate enough canned foods in order to fill an entire bus. The competition continues through December 18th and all food will be donated to the Sherman County Food Bank.

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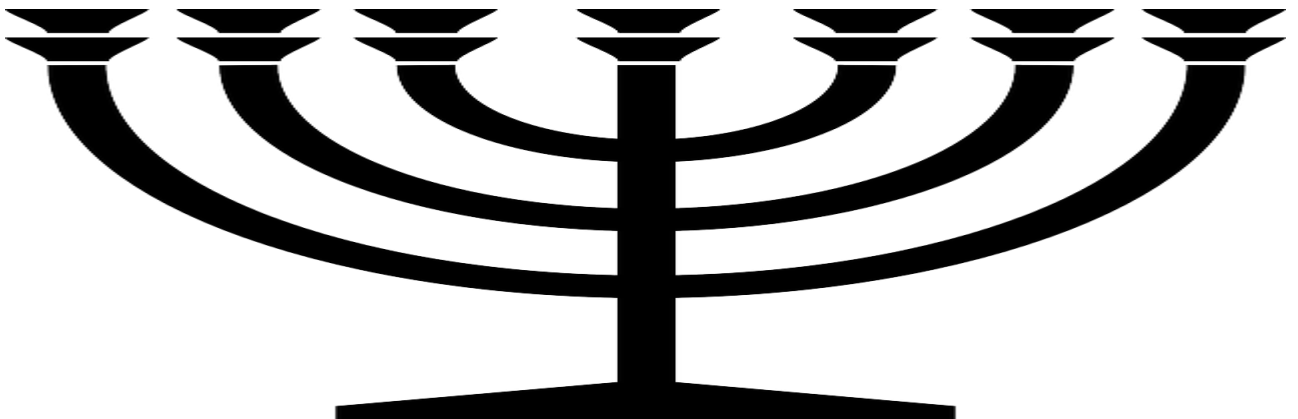
The Hanukkah miracle happened in 166 B.C. The Jews had only enough oil to light the menorah for one day. But, it kept burning for eight additional days. This led to Hanukkah becoming an eight-day celebration. The menorah has nine candles. One of the candles is used only to light the other eight candles. Candles are lit one at a time; one candle for each of the days of Hanukkah. During Hanukkah, people play with dreidels, eat food that's been deep fried in oil, and exchange gifts.

Día de los Reyes celebrates the three wise men; festivities include writing letters to the three kings, and opening gifts. January 6th is known as Epiphany, which is the 12th day of Christmas and when the three kings came and gave gifts to baby Jesus. Mexican children get to open their gifts on this day instead of the 25th of December. Before the holiday ensues, the children write letters to

the three kings. The night before, the children will put out their shoes with hay in them to feed the camels belonging to the three kings. The morning of the holiday, the hay in the children's shoes will be replaced with gifts. On kings day, they make a sweet bread called Rosca de Reyes. It is a sweet bread with candied fruit on top, and a figurine of baby Jesus baked inside. The person who finds the figurine has to treat everyone to tamales.

Kwanzaa celebrates African heritage, and involves lighting seven candles to celebrate the seven principles of the holiday. Kwanzaa was created in 1966, and is celebrated on December 26th through January 1st. Kwanzaa celebrates seven principles of African heritage, which are called Nguzo Saba: Umoja (Unity), Kujichagulia (self determination), Ujima (collective work and responsibility), Ujamaa (cooperative

Economics), Nia (purpose), Kuumba (creativity), and Imani (faith). The celebration of Kwanzaa includes the lighting of seven candles; one candle for each day of the celebration. The candles are in three different colors: red, green, and black. Red represents blood shed by the African people, black represents the faces of African people and green represents hope and the color of the motherland. Three green candles are on the left the black candle is in the center, and the red candles are on the right. Hanukkah, Día de los Reyes, and Kwanzaa have similarities and differences. The similarities include that every culture is celebrating something that is important to them. Differences include traditions, and foods eaten on those days. Most importantly, every holiday involves giving to others.



Language Arts Corner: Helpless and Greedy

A short story that frames the tale of *Hansel and Gretel*

By C.J. Johnson, 8th Grade

Hansel and Gretel; that story makes me sick with disgust. You want to know why? It's because it's all a bunch of rotten lies coming from those worthless brat's parents. Now, the real story will be revealed without lies. Without make believe and without dishonesty coming from a brutally straightforward person. Which of course is me, the witch whose reputation got ruined from this story.

First off, you need to know that Hansel and Gretel weren't perfect, obedient kids. They were monsters. They got whatever their little, evil hearts desired. Anything they wanted even if it wasn't theirs to take. Everyone knew they were savages, so those two little brutes were nicknamed Helpless and Greedy. They fit the names pretty well.

Now, it was late October, in fact, it was my favorite day of the year; Halloween. As you know I'm a witch, but I keep to myself except only on Halloween, which is the only day that I can express myself. I'm one of those people who go all out on Halloween, all out. What other holiday am I going to celebrate and enjoy it? This year I decided to have a corn maze that went throughout the forest and ended at a haunted house. For those few, brave souls that make it through my death wish playhouse get a huge prize; dog sized chocolate cows! I work for a chocolate business so the cow molds were easy to get and I had 15 ready to go.

6:00 came and soon after that the dark started flowing in. Time for trick- or- treaters! I waited a half an hour until the first kid dragged himself out of the haunted house along with a few others. I handed over four of the delicious chocolate cows and told them to scam. They sprinted while pulling the hollow cows in wagons, afraid I would do something horrific...

To be continued in the January installment of The Husky Times

HOLIDAY PUZZLES

Ken Earl

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Word List

Christmas	Turkey	Buffet	Cheer
Grinch	Thanksgiving	Dinner	Family
Fruitcake	Snowflakes	Pilgrims	
Presents	Mistletoe	Stuffing	

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Congratulations to Jasmine Wilson, who was inducted into the National Honor Society at the Fall Awards Ceremony on December 12th!!



Christmas Fun Facts!

Christmas Stockings

"According to legend a kindly nobleman grew despondent over the death of his beloved wife and foolishly squandered his fortune. This left his three young daughters without dowries and thus facing a life of spinsterhood.

The generous St. Nicholas hearing of the girls' plight, set forth to help. Wishing to remain anonymous, he rode his white horse and threw three small pouches of gold down the chimney where they were fortuitously captured by the stockings the young woman had hung to dry."

Mistletoe

"The ancient Celts believed mistletoe to have magical healing powers and used it as an antidote for poison, infertility, and to ward off evil spirits. The plant was also seen as a symbol of peace and is said that among Romans, enemies who met under mistletoe would lay down their weapons and embrace. Scandinavians associated the plant with Frigga, their goddess of love, and it may be from this that we derive the custom of kissing under the mistletoe. Those who kissed under the mistletoe had the promise of happiness and good luck the following year."

The Candy Cane

"It was not long after Europeans began using Christmas trees that special decorations were used to adorn them. Food items such as candies and cookies, were used predominantly and straight white candy sticks were one of the confections used as ornamentation. Legend has it that during the 17th century, craftsmen created white sticks of candy in the shape of shepherds' crooks at the suggestion of the choirmaster at Cologne Cathedral in Germany. The candy treats were given to children to keep them quiet during ceremonies at living crèche, or Nativity scene, and the custom of passing out candy crooks at such ceremonies soon spread throughout Europe. According to National Confectioners Association, in 1847 German immigrant August Imgard used the candy cane to decorate a Christmas tree in Wooster, Ohio. More than 50 years later Bob McCormick of Albany, Georgia supposedly made candy canes as treats for family, friends and local shopkeepers. McCormick's brother in law, Catholic priest Gregory Keller, invented a machine in 1950s that automated the production of candy canes, thus eliminating the usual laborious process of creating the treats and the popularity of the candy cane grew. More recent explanations of the candy cane's symbolism hold that the color white represents Christ's purity, the red the blood he shed, and the presence of three red stripes the holy trinity. While factual evidence of these notions does not exist, they have become increasingly common and at times are even represented as fact. Regardless, the candy cane remains a favorite holiday treat and decoration"

Compiled by Bethany Lohrey from:

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