



# Husky Happenings

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## The Plant Sale

By: Sara Jo

The horticulture class worked hard for months, leading up to two important days. On May 8th and 9th, they held a Mother's Day plant sale at the greenhouse behind the school. It is to support the FFA and the horticulture class.

May 8th. The first hour was super busy, which was very hard to keep track of things. Then things slowly tapered off and calmed down.

May 9th was pretty slow which was easy after the chaotic day before. Seeing all the people leaving with their new hanging baskets or patio plants which were some of the most popular that sold.

One surprising thing was that these pretty blue flowers called bachelor buttons did not sell very well. This is good to know going into the next year, so we don't buy seeds that might not sell.

One new thing this year was vinyl posters given to the FFA chapter courtesy of Meadow Outdoor Advertising. These helped give better directions to the plant sale.

Some things that we want to do differently next year are to do more advertising near the south side of the school and adjust the time that we are selling plants.



Left: One of many hanging baskets that was for sale.  
Above: New vinyl posters for the plant sale.

## A New Start

FFA Banquet, By Emma



Tap, Tap, Tap. "The banquet hall will come to order." This is the first thing you hear at the Sherman County FFA Chapter Banquet. Imagine the cafeteria filled with blue and gold, family and friends, and sponsors rallied in celebration. This is one of the most important events for FFA of the year. It's where old officers retire, and new ones step in. An emotional time for everyone involved.

Not everyone experiences the same thing, for some this is a stressful time of planning, and others an emotional ceremony. Take, for example the Ag leadership class that is the brains of the whole operation, they work for two months or more, planning, writing, and advertising.

Before Banquet we will see other opinions on why it's important. Sophomore Payton Burnett, one of the main leaders in setting up shares, "I think it is important because it's the day that people get recognized for their awards and their accomplishments." It's also important because that's the day the retiring officers say goodbye and new officers get put into position.



But there are hard times. Like T'Sharra Lanthorn comments, "the most stressful thing is speaking, sometimes there can be hiccups in the script." But with the little mistakes and stress, banquet was a success and a event worth going to.

Top: Trysten Lofthouse receives a metal flag station maker as a gift for his work as a Jr Officer.  
Bottom: Skyler Arnell, Jacob Lanthorn, Dev Patel, and Cael Bish serving tri-tip steak, potatoes, and salad at the banquet.





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## Life Springs into Action

2nd Grade Hatches Chicks  
by Zander Clark

Ms. Macnab showed the 2nd grade the development of chicks and the stages they go through in the egg until they hatch in their STEM class. From what I heard, the 2nd grade learned a lot about how to hatch chicks. As a group they learned that it must be nice and warm for them to hatch, not cold. They also learned that it takes twenty-one days for the chicks to hatch. Everyone thought that the chicks were cool/cute. There was a total of 18 chicks, but there are some ducklings still incubating.

In the end, Ms. Macnab's favorite part of the whole experience was watching the process of the chicks together with 2nd grade.

Fun Fact: There are a total of three primary egg hatching stages internal pipping (breathing), external pipping (breaking the shell), and zipping (final stage of hatching where the chick rotates and fully breaks the egg.). This process can take up to twenty-four hours.

Karter B and Natalie M holding baby chicks.

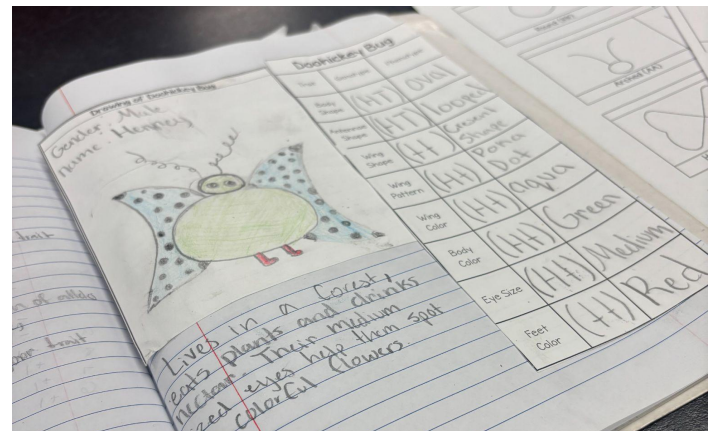


## Doohickey Bug Model

Cute Bugs or Creepy Crawlies!  
By Ashley Galvan

The biology class did an amusing bug model! They had to flip a rusty penny to get their type of body part! The possibilities listed were: (HT), (HH), and (TT). That way you could get three different choices! Once you got all your body parts picked out, you get the marvelous chance to draw a Doohickey Bug! Some people got crescent wings, swirly antennas, purple skin, ect. The idea of the model was to learn about heredity.

After you finish drawing your colorful vibrant bug you got the opportunity to use it for notes by gluing it down in your science notebook. Notes are actually found fun now since Mrs. Cranston always has wonderful bright ideas to share with the class!



Freshman, Ashley Galvan's composition notebook displaying the wonderful creative notes. Her Doohickey Bug is a male, his name is Henry. She describes him as a forest insect that drinks nectar from pretty flowers.



Freshman, Diego Ambriz coloring in his Doohickey Bug. It was very vibrant and illuminating, Diego Ambriz was very happy with his work he had accomplished. Diego was glad it was a drawing activity instead of taking notes he states "because writing too much hurts my arm." Diego even claimed that his "was the best out of all of them." He loved that he didn't have to take notes in the end!





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## Aquatic Animals

By: Austen Alsup

The transition from learning about biology in a classroom to experiencing it outside is a big difference. When the 6th graders went on a week long field trip - Outdoor School, the high school biology class visited them to teach them all about Aquatic Biology.

Outdoor school at the aquatic habitat was an awesome experience of science and fun. One of the hardest challenges the Biology class faced was getting sixth graders to listen. The high school students kept them on track by asking questions. The day was full of laughs, especially when Robert accidentally fell in the water and it went above his gators. To protect the environment, everyone followed strict rules using nets instead of flipping rocks and walking softly to avoid stomping on the habitat.

The teaching went through a 40-minute cycle led by two alternating teams of four High School students. Each session started with a 10-minute intro on what to look for, followed by 20 minutes of searching for bugs. A funny time was when Timmy kept catching every fish he could see. The class ended with 10-minutes of showing off their finds in buckets of clean water. The questions were very funny leading to questions like, "Can I cook this fish?" By the end of the day, the kids left with a bunch of scientific knowledge and fun memories.



Chloe Simpson, Tyson Degrange, and Claire Cranston search for Aquatic Animals



Colton Holliday, Jayden Mondragon, Dev Patel, Evan Lancaster hold their third place banner.

## AG Mech

By Jayden Mondragon

You ever thought of doing an FFA event? Well this might be the one. Freshmen Jayden Mondragon and Colton Holliday along with sophomores Evan Lancaster and Dev Patel went to an FFA event in the end of April, at Redmond High School. They had to wire a three way switch, identify tractor parts and electric motor parts, and land surveying.

They had thirty minutes to wire a three way switch. When they got to the station they had to gather their materials. After they gathered their materials, the judges said go and in this station they are looking for perfection. There was a licensed electrician grading them. Another competition was to identify the parts of the tractor. Jayden, Dev, Evan and Colton were confused because they could not figure out the last question. It was hidden behind a bunch of other wires.

Another activity they had to do was identify electric motors, but they had to be in the same shop as the welders. It was really loud because they were hitting metal. This made it hard to concentrate. The fourth activity they had to do was land survey which included finding the altitude of the land in four places. With a lot of careful measuring and a lot of math, you can figure out how much concrete you need to buy.

At the end of the day this was Jayden's first contest he went to, and he said he would do it again.



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## Sherman County State Chess

by Evan Lancaster

Boom!!! Checkmate. On April 17-18 Mr. Stuart brought the Sherman County Chess Club to the 19th annual state chess tournament at Seaside. Fifteen kids from Sherman competed, and all of them did well.

Seventh grader Aiden Devlaeminck thought hard and played hard. It's his first year of playing chess and did amazing winning 2.5/5 receiving an evens medal. This is big for him since he had only been playing chess for only a year now. Aiden was going against high rated players and still putting up a fight. When asked what goes through his mind when playing chess, Aiden said "I just think." Aiden's performance shows how fast Sherman is continuing to grow during these competitions. Mr. Stuart thinks that "in 5 years maybe we'll be state contenders."

As Sherman County continues to excel during these chess tournaments with the leadership of Mr. Stuart there will be plenty of opportunities to bring home a trophy and continue the legacy of chess at Sherman County School.

## Stanfield Game

Diego Ambriz

"Strike 3!!! You're out!" said the umpire after Cristian Rubio had a pretty needed strikeout to end the inning. It was a tough battle for both the Huskies and Stanfield. Unfortunately, Stanfield came out with the win with the scoring being 6-7.

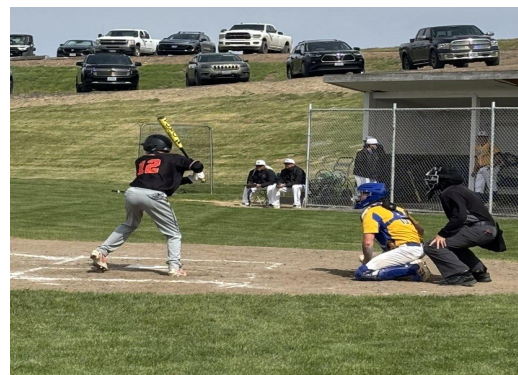
"I'm sad that we lost the game, but it wasn't a bad game for me as I had a good hit" says Levi Collier.

"I wish we would've won this game, but I know that we can still make it to playoffs," Cristian Rubio said optimistically after pitching a pretty good game.

Although the Sherman Huskies lost this game, they can still make it to the playoffs. They are currently 9-5 and have a game against Elgin to decide if they will make it or not. Come cheer the Huskies on to motivate them!



Seventh grader Aiden Devlaeminck, second to last on the right of the stage, receives a third in state medal for his division during the award ceremony.



Top: Freshman Cristian Rubio pitching in the 6th inning against Stanfield. Bottom: Senior Levi Collier getting ready to hit a single past first base.