

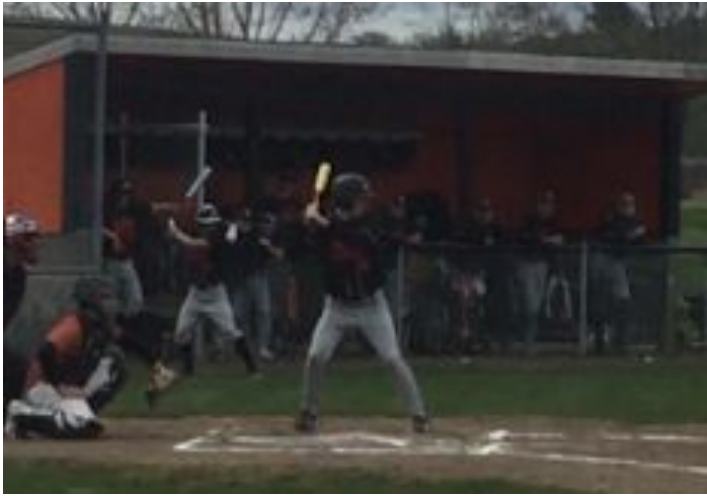


# Husky Happenings

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## **Sherman v. Irrigon**

By : Creed Weedman



Wow what a way to start the 2026 baseball season! The sun was shining, no wind, and tension was high. On Tuesday, March 31st, Sherman County played Irrigon at home. The first League game and the best so far.

In previous years the baseball program has invited players from surrounding schools to make a team. This year five freshman and one senior came out for the season to make a full Sherman team.

The game kicked off with three quick outs. Freshman, Creed Weedman on the mound throwing to freshman, Austen Alsop as the catcher. Both players started and finished the game. Offensively Gage Simpson, a junior, started the team off with a double between left and center field.

It was all up hill from there! Shermans fielding and defense impressively only had two errors.

Levi Alsop ended the game with a toss to first for the last out. Irrigon offensively had one hit, and one unearned run concluding the game 3-1. An exciting start to the season.

“There was a lot of improvement in the players from the beginning of pre-season to the first league game. They were swinging the bat a lot better and the infield and the outfielders’ performance is very much improved,” said Tyler Kido, Assistant Coach.

## **Lunch Activities**

By Robert Williams

Everyday during lunch, the Sherman County High School gives kids a wide variety of things to do after they eat lunch. The following list is the activities that students could participate in: library, gym where you can play basketball, football, and volleyball.

If you have husky tickets that you haven’t been able to use, there is the student store. You can buy drinks, snacks, and Husky merch.

Then there is the senior lounge that you have to be invited to unless you’re a senior. There is also the lunchroom activities like pingpong, and foosball. Freshman Austen Alsop said that he “plays basketball because he gets to be with his friends.” He also enjoys,“ sitting in the senior lounge drinking his “Dr Pepper and eating Nutella with breadsticks.” He says that, “he wishes there was more activities like going out onto the field to play football.” Austen enjoys the lunch activities, but overall he likes the student lounge the most.



In this picture is Skyler Arnell, Joni Burgett, and Ellery Bish working their lunch time shifts where they sell everything that the Husky Store provides.



### Strawberry DNA Extraction

By Levi Alsup

You thought DNA could only be seen under a microscope, well this week in science class, the biology students extracted real DNA from strawberries during a lab. Lately, in Biology class students have been studying mitosis and DNA. Students have taken lots of notes, taken tests and participated in various hands-on activities involving these major science topics. One of these activities that the class participated in was extracting DNA from strawberries.

On the first day of the experiment, students acquired the lab sheets giving them information on how to complete the lab. The instructions read a long process for which groups had to mix mashed strawberry juice, dish soap, salt, and water to make a "liquid-like" solution. After this, students gently poured the solution into a coffee filter and then squeezed into a cup. By this time, the bell was about to ring, so the groups left their experiments to sit overnight.

On the second day of the experiment, groups distributed their solutions evenly into test tubes for each student. A rubbing alcohol solution was then added to the tubes and then lightly mixed. Shortly after, the final step was taken. Each student used a wood swab stick to successfully extract strawberry DNA only to see it for themselves! After asking freshman Creed Weedman if he enjoyed participating in the lab, he responded with, "Yes, I enjoyed it because it was a hands-on activity where we got to extract real strawberry DNA...I even learned that DNA comes in long strands."



Junior Gage Simpson, left, and Freshman Hannah Mendoza, right, divide the solution for the rest of their table group to conduct the experiment.



Pictured above is Madysen Kemp playing the National Anthem on the stage in front of nearly 3,500 people.

### Oregon FFA State Convention

By Arwen Dorzab

"LET US IN! LET US IN! LET US IN", the crowd shouts while banging on the locked doors with their closed fists; pushing closer together as the clock turns to 7:00 pm. You can finally hear the music blasting with the bass pulsating throughout the building. They open the doors and the crowd pushes in; excitement etched on everyone's faces. This is state convention.

State convention is held at the Redmond, Oregon fairgrounds during the first four days of spring break where members from all FFA chapters in Oregon come together to compete in various competitions and celebrate each other's accomplishments.

This year Allison Nerdin, Gage Simpson, Lilly Erickson, and Madysen Kemp competed in in the state talent competition in a band playing "No More Tears" by Ozzy Osborne. Madysen Kemp was chosen to play the national anthem on her electric guitar for the second session. Mady admitted that her "heart was racing. It was really scary" to play the National Anthem in front of about 3,500 people.

Allison Nerdin, Arwen Dorzab, Emma Sampson, and T'Sharra Lanthorn competed in Farm Business Management. Sara Jo Tolentino entered a couple of pictures in the state photography competition where she got 3rd place for one of them, bringing home Sherman County's only state banner so far this year. Addison Smith, Emma Sampson, and T'Sharra received their state degrees. Addison Smith committed her time to the Nomination Committee and all other participants were on various committees as well. We are so proud of all of the work that everyone who competed put in. Thank you for representing Sherman County so well at the state level.



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## Cookie Grams

By Ireland Stockton

Over 300 cookies baked, packaged, and sold! After missing the cookie sales for Valentine's, the freshmen class decided that they needed to find another way for a fundraiser. After a couple of meetings and a long list of ideas, the freshmen finally knew what they were going to do: Cookies for Saint Patrick's Day. The freshmen only had one week to prepare for this big event. After scrambling to get everything together and making over 300 cookies, the freshmen finally got them done. The next day, students reserved their cookies that they have been longing for.

There were smiles everywhere, students from all grades loved looking at the messages. Some students even bought cookies for themselves to make sure there were enough cookies for days.

Preparing for the Saint Patrick's Day cookie sale was quite stressful for the freshman class. There was little time to get everything done and little people to help. Freshman Lilly Erickson said, "I wish we were way more prepared and we had more help". If the freshman had more help and were more prepared, they wouldn't feel so stressed.



## The Return of Gaming Club

By Sara Jo Tolentino

This spring, Donovan Ihrke decided to restart the gaming club during lunchtime. Donovan decided to start the gaming club because, "Everybody loves games, and many people enjoy the gaming club. It's also a good club to bring back," he said.

How he was able to do this? With the help of Mrs. Sallee. It took a lot of planning, getting electronics, and staying after school. Even with how simple it sounds, there was some worry that people wouldn't show up or find that the games weren't interesting enough to play.

All that worry went away when he held the first middle school gaming club. When you walk into the middle school gaming club, you would most likely see them playing Super Mario Smash Bros, their favorite and most played game.

Donovan hopes that in the future they could bring back the V.R or get some computers. Also, he would like to get more games like the Wii or Wii Sports.

Students, if this is something that you are interested in, you can check out the gaming club during lunch. Tuesday is for high schoolers and Thursday is for middle schoolers.



From right to left Luke Holliday, Grady Webber, Brooklyn Hall, Landon Campanella playing Super Mario Smash Bro's one Thursday.



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## Wheat Marketing Center

By: Haley Blagg

From left to right: Evan Lancaster, Dev Patel, Drake Dark, Sara Jo Tolentino, Katelynn Garcia, Kaileigh Kopczynski, Rylee Norris, Payton Burnett, Mya DeGrange, Marie Susi, Alexa Sallee and Rhyder Smith are listening to and getting a tour of where bread is made.



Wheat has been cultivated for over 10,000 years. It was so valuable to ancient Egyptians that it was buried with them.

Mr Swenson took twenty high school students on a field trip to the Wheat Marketing Center in Portland, on April 9th, 2026.

Before the field trip, freshman Skyler Arnell thought it would look like somewhere you'd sell wheat and barley. She was hoping to learn where the wheat our county harvests goes too.

After visiting the Wheat Marketing Center, Marie said she was expecting to make and eat food that they personally made out of their wheat. She said "I would visit the Marketing Center again."

Marie did find it weird that they showed pictures of others getting a tour and making food. While we got a tour, we did not get to make food or bread. The thing that's going to stick with Marie the most is that they gave a lot of information.

## FFA April Meeting

By: Marie Susi

Mr Swenson hollered across the room, "There's one slice of pepperoni left." Ten students leapt to their feet and rushed the almost empty box.

Monday April 4th, the Sherman FFA chapter met to report on the state convention and play a game afterwards. Of course, there was food. Sara was the only one who got a banner from state while the band was very close. She got 3rd in photography and took home a banner for her picture underneath a bridge. We also talked about how much money was spent from state convention, and it was pricey!

Our last thing we discussed was voting for the Honorary Chapter Degree Award presented to someone who has helped the chapter in different ways such as helping with dinner or other events. After the voting was closed, everyone agreed. It will be presented in May at banquet.

To wrap up the meeting, the board said "Easter Egg hunt!" in big bold letters. Everyone ran outside.



Mr. Swenson smiling while holding The Owl emblem that represents the advisor.



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### Spring Sports Assembly

Almost summer!  
By Ashley Galvan

It's starting to get hot outside. You know what that means- Spring Sports are rolling in! The Spring Sports Assembly, hosted by the leadership class, began with a shoutout from Senior Allison Rolfe for the people participating in baseball, track, and tennis. After the crowd applauded the fun games began!



Jayden Mondragon going in between Arthur Cron and Levi Alsup legs to quickly snatch a basketball to avoid getting eliminated.



Left to Right; Freshmen Trysten Lofthouse, Austen Alsup, Creed Weedman, and Diego Ambriz get ready to lift Levi Alsup using only pool noodles. Levi Alsup said "It was pretty fun but scary because I didn't want to get dropped." Sadly they did not win, the victory went to the Sophomores. Diego Ambriz stated that he felt, "Sad because we could've won but we got second place."

### Games Played

The **first game** was a tennis relay where you had to bump up a tennis ball repeatedly while running over to your teammate without dropping it. It was the baseball team, v.s the tennis team, v.s the track team. The game went by very quickly, by the end the baseball team won!

The **second game** played was catch the racket game, you had to run for a racket and grab one without it dropping.

The **third game** played was to balance a ball on papers in a line while the last person in the line runs back to receive the ball on the paper, it repeated until arrived to the half court and back.

The **fourth game** played was called Pip, Squeak, and Wilbert; the rules of the game were that there was three people from each grade one kid called Pip, one Squeak, and one Wilbert. If the host of the game, Allison Rolfe, yelled Squeak, the person named Squeak had to run around the circle, go in between their teammates legs, and grab a basketball. Whichever team didn't grab a basketball would be eliminated.

The **fifth game** was a class activity, they would all link arms and run away from the person selected to grab the pool noodle which was in one of the classmates back pocket.

The **sixth game** was to pick up all the plastic cups off the floor while four people carried one person off the floor with pool noodles.

After the assembly many students and teachers were content with how the assembly tried to include all grade levels.



People from all classes trying to run while catching tennis rackets. This game was intense, everyone worked hard to get the win but in the end Sophomore, Jacob Lanthorn won the game!



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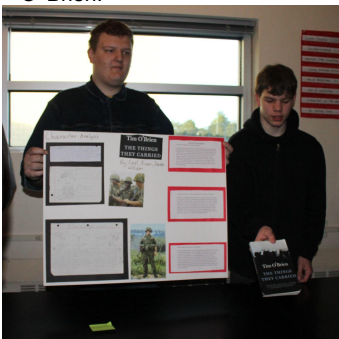
Shanoah Lane, Rylee Norris, and Sara Jo Tolentino are teaching Katelynn Garcia, and Emma Sampson about their book *The House of Dies Drear* by Virginia Hamilton.

### Book Museum

English Class with Erich Dorzab,  
Author: Rain Smith

“Settle down! Settle down!” Cried teachers as their students shuffled into Mr. Dorzab’s classroom, all the while the students laughed and excitedly chattered about seeing what projects their friends in the English class had done.

William Phelps and Jacob Lanthorn teaching their book *The Things they Carried* by Tim O’ Brien.



On March 18th, students gathered around poster boards and trifold. English students hosted a Book Museum displaying the literature circle books they had read. Mr. Dorzab’s students between grades of 8th-10th all had made projects, presenting the books they’d been given in

an appealing way to step out from the same old mold of book reports, in order to present to other classmates from other classes. This in return created a fun environment where students collaborated on a book and showed information about their books in a most creative way.

The books ranged from *The Things they Carried* by Tim O’ Brien to *The House of Dies Drear* by Virginia Hamilton. They were able to experiment with several different genres they might’ve not read on their own.

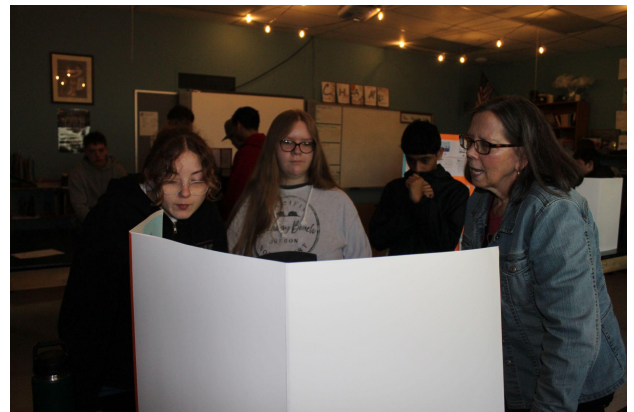
Shanoah “Thought [her book] would be a nice change of pace.” She reads a lot of fantasy books with horror and adventure but this slowed everything down. Surprisingly, the book kept her on the edge of her seat. This was a theme among other students: try something new that they probably wouldn’t have read on their own.

Some others had also just picked up a book that had an interesting cover or an intriguing synopsis.

Shanoah’s favorite part about the project was being able to draw, “especially drawing the people and characters which allows me to practice my art.” She also claimed that “It was really just a good book, but I think it was pretty good to be able to communicate with people and work as a team.” The project itself allowed students to find where they worked best in a team.

Mya shared “I think the drawing and making the character come to life in drawing and writing” is what makes this project cool. Incorporating the idea that students were able to use their imagination and creativity to make the characters come to life to the other students who might’ve not read the book.

All of the students even wrote a piece in the place of a main character which forced them to think further outside the box. Altogether many students involved and just viewing had a lot of fun presenting and viewing.



Mady Kemp, Katelynn Garcia, Dev Patel, and Mrs. Gunderson are all viewing a poster board and looking at the interactive pieces.