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Our New Sherman Website

Kudos to social science teacher Lorna Hoffs for maintaining and paying for our Sherman school website the last eleven years. We now have a new Sherman website. The site is still under construction but it is up and running. Webmasters student registrar Dayna Alderman and technology specialist Rick Kossoris along with web designers Veronica Valliera (Rec-

reation) and Dawn Carmello (Home Living) (pictures) will be responsible for our new website. Current and prior issues of the Sherman Times (2017-2024) will be available on the website.

Principal's Corner

Join Principal Delbert Ortiz for a short message on upcoming Sherman events and school objectives. (click [HERE](#))

Ms. Sherman

It has been a busy and exciting year for Ms. Sherman Junior Lacey Whipple. Click [HERE](#) to learn about her amazing year.

Proverbs

It is not enough for man to know how to ride, he must also know how to fall.
Native American Proverb

Weak people revenge. Strong people forgive. Intelligent people ignore.
Albert Einstein

Life's biggest tragedy is that we get old all too soon and wise too late.
Benjamin Franklin

From The Editor

In January West ED educational specialist Dr. Mario Molina visited Sherman and gave a seminar on educating Native American students. The West ED Group is working with Sherman teachers to improve the academic content of our courses.

Many Native cultural activities are available to students through the Clarke Cultural Center (L. Sisquoc, Director). These activities expose our students to varying Native perspectives. This year the activities have included field trips, Indigitize film making, Sons and Daughters of Tradition meetings, Grandmother Talking Circles, basket weaving, beading and drum workshops, Cahuilla language classes, Earth Day Art Contest, Native arts and craft activities, and even guitar lessons.

The **May 9, 2024 Sherman Commencement** is rapidly approaching. High school graduation is one of the most memorable events that teenagers experience and it happens only once. Plan to attend our commencement this year.

Click on the YouTube link below to access our library of Sherman videos. You can also view these videos by clicking on the links provided within the information box on the last page of this newsletter.





Above Left: Nikki Crisofomo on stage in Washington, DC. **Above Right:** Lorene Sisquoc and NHS members with third graders from the Pechanga Reservation.

National Honor Society

As we first reported in the Sherman Times November 2023 issue, NHS member Nikki Crisofomo was nationally selected with seven other high school students to serve on the National Association of Secondary School Principals (LEAD) Student Advisory Group. Listen to Nikki convey her experiences with this group. (click [HERE](#)) (pictures)

In January a group of third graders from the Pechanga Reservation visited the Sherman Museum and toured our campus. National Honor Society members Jordan Delma, Vermeka Josay, Lacey

Whipple, Raine Begay, and Chloe Wright helped with the tours. (picture).

Our NHS students visited Santa Catalina Island on March 29. This ecologically diverse island is located twenty-six miles off the coast of California and over the years has been inhabited by many southern California Native American tribes. Catalina Island was made famous by a hit song during the 1950s by the group The Four Preps. Today the island is a major tourist destination and has a population of over 4,000 people.



Above 6 Photos: Views from our recent March Spring Fling Week.

Spring Fling

Sherman held its annual Spring Fling Week from March 11 – 15. In the afternoons students and staff shared fellowship in stress-free and entertaining environments. (pictures) We thank Pathways Health Instructor Amanda McMorris for coordinating this year's events.

Fine Arts Department

This year our Sherman students were once again recognized for their exceptional art talents at the annual Heard Museum Youth Art Show in Phoenix, Arizona. The winners included:

Special Award – Judges Choice –

Chesiah Tessay – drawing

Lower Division – 7th, 8th, 9th grade

Linoleum printing:

1st Place – Josiah Declay

2nd Place – Jazzlyn Colelay

3rd Place – Zaley Lupe

Upper Division – 10th, 11th, 12th grade

Collage & Mixed Media – 3rd place

– Chesiah Tessay – drawing

Computer Generated Art

2nd Place – Jayna De Los Santos

3rd Place – Taja Mwamba

Linoleum Printing

1st Place – Shaun Van Fleet

2nd Place – Conrad Colelay

3rd Place – Mathieson Miller

Photography

1st Place – Faith Wilson

3rd Place – Davianna Woodman

Sculpture

3rd Place – Trevin Goklish

In addition, the Heard Museum Guild's Youth Art Program honored Sherman's Fine Arts teacher Monica Royalty with the 2024 Stephenson-Holroyd Teacher Recognition Award. This award recognizes teachers that display exemplary commitment to Native American art education.

Some winning Sherman entries from the 2024 Heard Museum Youth Art Show. **Top Left:** Chesiah Tessay. **Top Right:** Zaley Lupe. **Center Left:** Conrad Colelay. **Center Right:** Jazzlyn Colelay. **Bottom Right:** Shaun Van Fleet.



Pathways Highlights

In February members of the Sherman FFA Chapter attended the 76th Annual Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival in Indio, California to exhibit and sell their sheep and goat projects. Our students did well over their week at the fair. Serenity Manygoats' ewe won champion feeder ewe and Sierra Francisco's ewe won second place in her market class. Shawn Van Fleet and Danielle Antonio participated in the costume contest and took 3rd and 9th places, respectively. Special thanks goes to Dr. Butchko, the Jurupa Valley FFA Parent Support Group, and the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians for making this year's fair experience possible for our Sherman students (*pictures*).

During the fourth week of March six Sherman FFA members attended the State FFA Leadership Conference in Sacramento, California. The attendees included Serenity Manygoats, E. Laura Lopez, Danielle Antonio, Amerah Smith, Onix Walema, and Kashtin Lizotte. Pathways Robert Ryding and Sherman FFA Chapter Advisor Desiree Trapp also attended this conference. At this conference our students refined their leadership and social skills and gained inspiration by attending and participating in various sessions. Wilema Onix and A. Smith were chosen to represent our Sherman Chapter during conference business and in voting (*picture*).

During March Sherman students in the BIA Wildland Fire Academy (D. Heard, coordinator) gained valuable experience by field training twice with the San Manuel Fire Department. This year's Fire Academy students are: Marckeane Adley, Jaylyn Bahe, Dominic Francisco, Trevin Goklish, Kyra Harrison, Kai Hayes, Vermeka Josay, Derrick King, Leanna Lomeli, Jahleena Miranda, Chilali Uqualla, and Faith Wilson.

At Sherman some of our students enjoy high school life with a culinary twist. These students are part of the Pathways Culinary Program where they experience hands-on cooking. It has been a very active year for instructor John Moreno and his culinary students. His culinary students have provided healthy and delicious foods this year at various campus activities. In addi-



Top: Excited FFA and 4-H members in the show ring at the National Date Festival. **Bottom:** Sherman students touring the Brotherhood of Carpenter and Joiners Facility.

tion, students have competed in several Southern California culinary competitions. At the Norm's Hotcake Topper Competition Serena Kerl placed third for her spicy maple berry pork belly hotcake. Recently in February Tate'ota Semans medaled (second place) at the Wienerschnitzel Loaded Hot Dog Contest. His sweet and spicy hot dog creation consisting of slow-cooked Chile Verde pork with pepper relish and an

avocado spread with macha sauce awed the judges (*pictures*).

This semester Pathways construction instructor B. Hayden took 40 of his construction students to the Brotherhood of Carpenter and Joiners Facility. Students toured the facilities and listened to carpenter trainers discuss construction training and careers in this profession. (*picture*)



Top Left: Wilema Onix (Right) and A. Smith enjoying the State FFA Leadership Conference. **Top Center:** The pressure is intense for Sherman Students at the California Pro-Start Culinary Competition in Long Beach. **Top Right:** Medal winning students at the Wienerschnitzel Loaded Hot Dog contest (T. Semans, left). **Middle Left:** Tate'ota Semans winning hot dog entry. **Middle Right:** A very successful fair for Serenity Manygoats. **Bottom Left:** Sherman FFA members at the Riverside County Fair. **Bottom Right:** Sherman Culinary Team members.



Sherman Spring Athletics

The Sherman Athletics Department transitioned into their spring sports season in March (Baseball, Head Coach M. Townsend; Softball, Head Coach M. Laramie; and Track and Field, Head Coach T. Colley). Click [HERE](#) to listen to Sherman Athletic Director K. Schwab and enjoy a few scenes from our first baseball game of the season against the Public Safety Academy.



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Educating Native American youth since 1903