



FIG. 1 Above: Dr. M. Roanhorse-Dineyazhe, BIE Education Program Administrator addresses the Sherman Leadership Committee. Front left - former principal D. Ortiz and Dr. K. Redmond-Carr, BIE Program Specialist. **Upper Right:** The signing of the BIE/NAAF agreement. CEO T. Stranger-McLaughlin (left) and Director T. Dearman (right) **Lower Right:** Director Dearman chats with some of our summer staff.



The Endless Summer

By early June fifty Sherman students had completed their summer classes for credit recovery and credit earning. Summer school was once again coordinated by school counselor S. McMorris. In May Bureau of Indian Education officials met with our school's leadership committee to discuss school policies for the 2024/25 academic year (Fig. 1). During the summer SIHS also hosted the signing

of a memorandum of understanding between the Bureau of Indian Education and the Native American Agricultural Fund. Signing the memorandum were BIE Director Tony Dearman and Native American Agricultural Fund CEO Toni Stranger-McLaughlin (Fig. 1). Chef J. Morino and his culinary students prepared appetizers for the event. Experience the signing ceremony by clicking [HERE](#).

Ms. Sherman Davianna Woodman

At last year's Ms. Sherman pageant Davianna Woodman (White Mountain Apache and Navajo) was selected Ms. Sherman for 2024-2025. Runner up was Marlie Ute (Northern Arapaho). Click [HERE](#) to meet Ms. Woodman.

Campus Events Calendar

- Oct. 14 - Federal Holiday
- Oct. 18 - End of Progress Period 2
- Oct. 25 - Parent-Teacher Conference

From The Editor AI - To Use or Not To Use

Some educators feel AI (Artificial Intelligence) is a bias technology and when it is used in education puts sensitive personal data at risk, increases student cheating, and hinders critical student/student and student/teacher classroom interactions. Other educators believe that this technology has the potential to positively reshape education by personalizing and enhancing student learning while optimizing teacher instruction. Some teachers and schools are already developing AI-ready classrooms and resources. Interestingly, the Federal Government is currently adapting AI in various Federal Agencies to improve efficiency and decision making. It is said progress comes at a cost. Is AI education worth the cost? Click [HERE](#) to listen to Sal Khan (CEO and founder of Khan Academy) discuss AI technology in education.

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FIG 2: *Above Top Left:* Brandon Cryder (Front) and Vice Principle R. Priebe (back) come to the rescue to fix a malfunctioning water slide house. *Above Top Center:* Students at the all-school assembly in the cafeteria. *Above Top Right:* Culinary students inside the culinary tent. *Above Lower Left:* Students during Welcome Back Week. *Above Lower Center:* Fine Arts teacher Cindy Beeshligaii receiving her 30-year service award. *Immediate Right:* Tasty bison cheese nacho treats. *Far Right:* Tasty and nutritious foods can be found at the culinary tent.

Welcome Back Week

Sherman Welcome Back Week was held August 12-16. Both teachers and students felt that surge of energy and anticipation that only the start of a new school year can bring. During the week students learned about new routines, policies, and Sherman history; obtained their laptops, went through Indian Health Service screening, toured campus, obtained class supplies, were tested for placement in mathematics and English classes, and participated in water activities and a movie assembly (Fig. 2,3). Returning Culinary Art Students got an early start on cooking and serving fellow students during the first week. The culinary students prepared tasty bison sirloin nachos for our student body (Fig. 2). The bison sirloin was purchased from the Modoc Nation Ranch in Oklahoma. A Friday Service Awards Ceremony concluded the productive week (Fig. 3). Principal A. Ward and R. Cox of the Chemawa Indian School presented length of service certificates and pins to our Sherman staff. A list of the longer serving individuals follows:



- Kara Schwab - 35 years*
- Lorene Sisquoc - 35 years*
- Lorna Hoffs - 30 years*
- Galene Townsend - 30 years*
- Michelle Laramie - 30 Years*
- Dana Slawsby - 30 years*
- Dawnes Sims-Stevenson - 30 years*
- Richard Priebe - 30 years*
- Tina Torres - 30 years*
- Cindy Beeshligaii - 30 years*
- Eric Begay - 30 years*
- Joshua Hathaway - 20 years*
- Brandon Cryder - 20 years*
- Monica Royalty - 20 years*
- Jason Miller - 20 years*

Welcome Back Week activities were organized by Pathway teacher Desiree Trapp and Vice Principals M. Townsend and R. Priebe.

- Fern Charley-Baugus - 45 years*
- Tom Colley - 40 years*
- Stephanie McMorris - 40 years*



FIG 3. Above Upper Left: Attendance coordinator Eric Begay receives his 30-year service certificate and pin. R. Cox of Chemawa Indian School presenting with Principal Ward (front left). **Above Upper Center & Right:** Students and staff enjoy the Welcome Back Week activities. **Above Lower Left:** Home Living Supervisor and Registrar D. Alderman (front microphone) at the all-school meeting in the cafeteria. **Above Lower Center:** Native Studies teacher Fern Charley-Baugas proudly holds her 45 years of Sherman Government Service Certificate. **Above Lower Right:** Pathways instructor D. Heard enlightening students on the Wild Fire Academy offered by our Career Technical Education Pathways Program.

Sherman Academic Administration

An administration team has been assembled for 2024/2025 to improve our academic programs. Team members include:

Amanda Ward – Acting Principal of Sherman; Principal and Superintendent, Chemawa Indian School, Salem, Oregon

Matthew Townsend, NBCT – Acting Assistant Vice Principal

Richard Priebe – Acting Vice Principal

Dr. Kara Schwab, NBCT – Athletic Director

Our school administration Staff are:

Dayna Alderman – Home Living Supervisor and School Registrar

Celestina Torres – Business Specialist

Carlita Key – Business Technician

Billy Pewo – Facility Manager

Lisa Rivera – Food Program Supervisor

Click [HERE](#) to visit with acting Vice Principal M. Townsend.



FIG 4. Above Left: Sherman Rodeo Club, 1950s/60s. **Above Right:** "Ride'm Cowboy"

Sherman Cowboys

Following the American Civil War there was an expansion of the American cattle industry. This growth created a need for more American cowboys; cow punchers with the skill set to perform difficult and laborious work alongside diverse people with cattle and horses. In the Western United States cowboys were ethnically diverse and included Native Americans. Native American cowboys are still seen today near Indian Reservations on small Native-owned cattle ranches. Indian cowboys are also active today in the rodeo circuit. Over the years various students with back-home cowboy experiences have ventured to Sherman. During the 1950/60s some of these students formed and participated in the Sherman Rodeo Club where they tested their skills in rodeo competition. (Fig. 4) This past April our student body was offered some afternoon cowboy experience. Students showed off their riding abilities on a mechanical bull. The afternoon was enjoyed by all. Click [HERE](#) to watch our fearless Sherman riders.

"Runnin' Down a Dream"

Famous American abolitionist Harriet Tubman once advised people to dream big and use inner qualities to make dreams a reality. "Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach the stars to change the world." Sherman Athletic Director and coach Kara Schwab recently achieved her dream. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.



FIG. 5. Top Left: Operation Lady Justice activity. **Top Center:** The Storming Bear Drum Group. **Top Right:** Students participate in Native dance. **Right:** Native attire on display.

California Native American Day 2024

California recognizes Native American Day in September to commemorate the culture and history of California’s first people. This event was celebrated at Sherman on Friday, September 27 under a bright and warm sky. Sherman Culture Tradition Leader Lorene Sisquoc organized the event and Sherman’s administration and Miss Sherman and her court were on hand to welcome distinguished guests, community members, and organizations that attended. Numerous students adorned the occasion in colorful cultural attire. Golden Eagle Awards were presented to individuals and organizations for donating time and supplies to our school the past year. The volleyball and cross country teams were introduced and Desiree Trapp and her Future Farmers of America students organized and demonstrated Native games for our students. During the afternoon Native culture was shared by our students through dancing, singing, and drumming. Click [HERE](#) to enjoy the ceremony.



Giving Back To The Community

Some Sherman teachers give back to their communities by performing community service. For the past five years Social Science teacher Lorna Hoffs has volunteered many hours for the nonprofit and registered community organization Refresh and Renew (Fig. 5). This organization was created by Lorna and her father Pastor V. Hoffs. Through donations and alliances with other community groups Refresh and Renew provides the homeless in both Riverside and Redlands with free showers (Fig. 5), hygienic products, clothing, food, haircuts, and promotes the transition of the homeless back into



FIG 5. Above: Refresh and Renew volunteer Jeff Mays with a portable shower.

mainstream community life. An important milestone was achieved by Refresh and Renew earlier this year when they recorded their 10,000th shower. We thank L. Loffs and Refresh and Renew for improving the Riverside and Redlands communities. Click [HERE](#) to visit the Refresh and Renew homepage.

Proverbs

I do not think the measure of a civilization is how tall its buildings of concrete are, but rather how well its people have learned to relate to their environment and fellow man.

-Sun Bear, Chippewa

If you are ready your never have to prepare

-Anonymous

Nothing worth having was ever achieved without effort.

-Theodore Roosevelt



FIG 6. Above and Right Upper and Lower: Students engaged in STEM activities at the Library Workshops.

Makerspace Library Workshops

Each week Librarian Charlotte Dominguez hosts hands-on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) projects for our students. Recent activities have included slime-making, engineering kits, Lego, Perler beads, and mosaic art. Come join the fun each Monday after school in the library (Fig. 6).



Sherman Athletics

In September the boys 2024 Cross Country Team began defense of its Arrowhead League Championship within the new Tri-Valley Premier League. Coach Tom Colley's team consists of twelve boys including returning All-Arrowhead League selections Josiah Declay, Brandon Dude, and Rodney Palimo. The other team members are: Xavier Cody, Guilherme Ethelbah, Kai Hayes, Jesse Olivas, Seth Red Shirt, Ayden (Nimkii) Shadrick, Corey Wilson, Michael Ferrell, and Kevin Brock.

The 2024 girls cross country team is led by returning All-Arrowhead League performers Kelilah Becenti, Payton Killsonotop, Leanna Lomeli, Ayana Shadrick, and Marlie Ute along with team members: Amani Antone, Rayelle Johnson, Candice Melton, and Cashmere Shawano. Click [HERE](#) to see video.

We wish both teams the best this season.

The 2024 Lady Brave volleyball teams also began their season in September. Head Coach Kara Schwab's Varsity squad is anchored by All-Arrowhead League middle hitter Serena Savage and team members: Raine Begay, Taylor Boyd, April Caddo, Bianca O'Neal, Autumn Peters, Summer Peters, Kaitlyn Romero, Sena Seminole, Emoni Smith, Faith Wilson, and Denvryanna John.

Members of the Junior Varsity team are: Regina Akino, Regan Altsisi, Juanique Bancroft, Aiyana Buckman, Aariah Chico, Zanetta Conde, Angel Javier, Kourtney Lee, Katrina Lucas, and Amerah Smith. Click [HERE](#) to see video.

Sherman Alumni and Dough Boy Mathew Juan

Mathew B. Juan was born in San Tan, Arizona on the Gila River Reservation. His parents were Joseph and Mary B. Juan and he had two brothers and one sister. Mathew attended Sherman Institute where he studied agriculture. Following graduation he returned to his reservation and worked at the experimental farm for three years. Mathew loved sports and excelled in baseball, swimming, and running and took honors in competitions. Mathew also participated in the Sacaton rodeos where he won prizes in many events including his specialty of calf roping.

In September 1917 the famous Ringling Brothers Circus came to Phoenix for a show. After seeing the show Mathew was impressed and asked the manager for a job. Mathew was hired by Ringling Brothers and in 1917 he left his reservation to travel with the show. When the circus toured Texas, Mathew answered the call for volunteers and joined our military to fight in WWI. Noteworthy, it was only after he successfully joined the army that he informed his parents by postcard of his new occupation. He did this because he was not old enough to enlist without his parents permission. Mathew B. Juan entered military service using the made-up name of Mathew B. Rivers.

After training in Texas, Mathew was sent to Hoboken, New Jersey. Mathew boarded the S.S. Tuscania, which was a luxury ocean liner converted to a troop ship and set off for France along with over 2,000 other soldiers. On the 5th of February 1918, the S.S. Tuscania was torpedoed and sunk by a German U-Boat causing the loss of 230 lives. The Tuscania was the first American troop ship sunk in World War One. Fortunately, Mathew survived the sinking and continued to France where he was assigned to the 28th Infantry of the U.S. Army's First Division. The 28th Infantry regiment later became known as the "Black Lions" and the "Lions of Cantigny". On May 28, 1918 the American Expeditionary Force



FIG 7. Above: Mathew Juan Memorial

was engaged in the third Battle of the Aisne in France. On that day, Mathew was killed by machine gun fire during the battle and was buried in France. Recent research from the First Division Index to Citations from WWI revealed that Mathew was cited for gallantry in action during WWI and was entitled to the Silver Star Medal. Noteworthy, Mathew was the first Native American and the first Arizonian killed in World War I.

In 1927 the American Legion, Department of Arizona, voted at their annual meeting to erect a memorial monument to Mathew Juan in Sacaton, Arizona at the Veteran's Memorial Park. (Fig. 7) On Memorial Day 1928 the monument was dedicated. During World War II and again on the 50th Anniversary of Mathew's passing during the Vietnam conflict there were large ceremonies conducted at this monument. – Sherman Indian Museum History Corner.

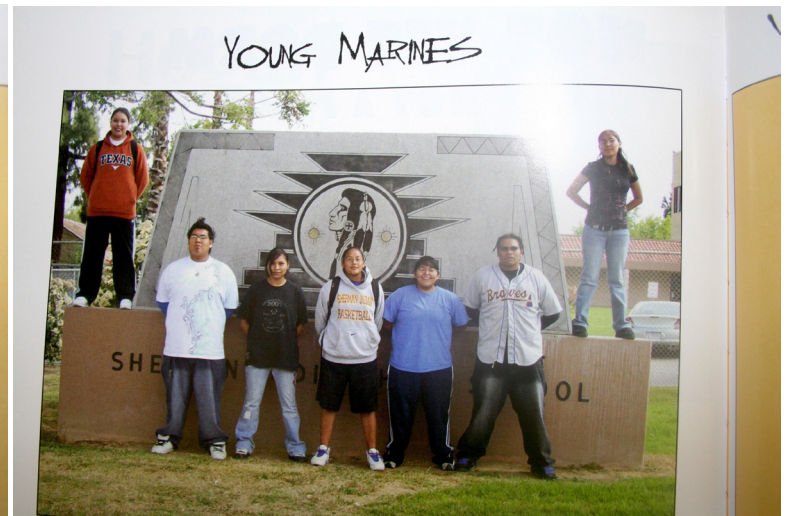
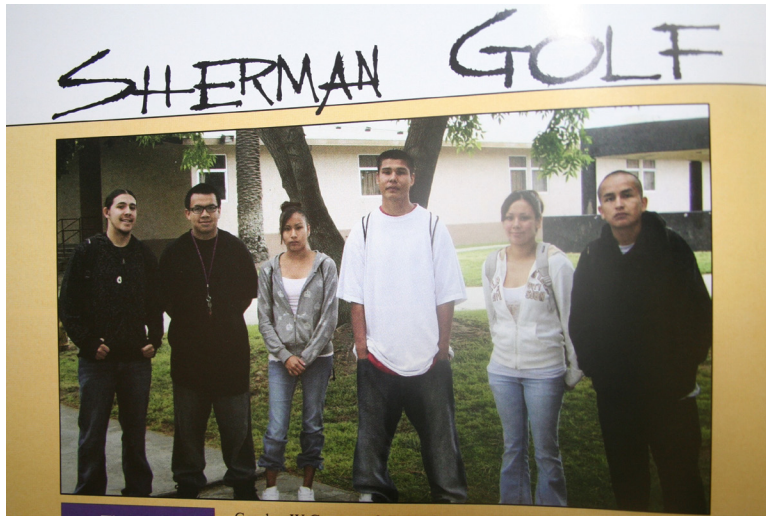


FIG 8. Top Left: Lettermans Club. **Top Right:** Native Dance Club. **Bottom Left:** Golf Team. **Center Right:** Young Marines. **Bottom Right:** Barber Club.

From the Sherman Archives

Over the years various social and athletic student organizations have been formed at Sherman. A few are pictured (Fig. 8).



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MISSION STATEMENT
 The Sherman Community empowers Native students through opportunities to find their purpose at school and in life.
 MIND • BODY • EMOTION • SPIRIT
 Educating Native American youth since 1903