



FIG. 1 *Top Left:* New fencing around our campus. *Top Right:* Impressive cranes were used to lift new air conditioning/heating units onto campus buildings. *Center Left:* New chairs, tables, and flooring for the cafeteria. *Center Right:* Choices, choices, choices. *Bottom Left:* Sherman Cafeterial Staff (*left to right*): Cafeteria Supervisor Lisa Rivera, Erica Calzada, Devin Ortiz, Anna Calzada, Sabrina Calzada, Julian Segovia, Richard Aguilera, Maggie Ekonomo-Carranza. *Bottom Right:* Student cafeteria workers (*standing left to right*) Temper Tillman, Shoshani Lopez, Brandee Lewis; (*sitting left to right*) Brandon Dude, Malia Calabaza, Kevin Brock, Ryelei Bauer.

From The Editor

Sherman Facilities and numerous contractors have worked tirelessly the past half year to modernize and improve the safety of our campus. These enhancements range from upgrading fire alarms and electrical wiring to renovating the school cafeteria (pictures). In the cafeteria the tables, chairs, and flooring were replaced (Fig. 1) and informative and colorful posters now adorn the walls. Noteworthy, there have also been several cafeteria policy changes. Students now have options of selecting tasty food plates during meals and are no longer limited to one meal choice (Fig. 1). On weekends during brunch students can make their own waffles. These creative ventures have been hits with students. Besides the eight full-time cafeteria staff members, seven paid Sherman students also work in the cafeteria during weekdays and on the weekends (Fig. 1). Students can work a maximum of twenty hours per week. Overall, our many recent school improvements convey the BIE and Sherman's continuing support for Native American Education.

Click on the YouTube link below to access our library of Sherman videos. Old issues of our newsletter are posted on the Sherman website.



Campus Events Calendar

Feb. 17 – President's Day

Mar. 20-23 – Schoology Professional Development

April 18 – Ms. Sherman Pageant (2 PM)

April 19 – Pow Wow

April 29-30 – Senior Finals

May 5-7 – Underclass Finals

May 7 – Intertribal Ceremony (2 PM)

May 8 – Class of 2025 Graduation (10 AM)

AVID College Acceptance List

Congratulations to the following AVID seniors for being accepted to one or more universities/colleges.

Lacy Whipple – Arizona State University/University of Hawaii/Mira Costa Community College/Cal State San Bernardino/University of Arizona

Jordan Delma – Northern Arizona University/San Diego State University

Jontae Calabaza – University of New Mexico/University of Nevada, Las Vegas/Central New Mexico

Conrad Colelay – Feather River College/Northern Arizona University/Montana State University/Arizona State University

Harley Johnson – Central New Mexico College/University of New Mexico, ASU

Allen Pena – UNY/Wyo-Tech

Emoni Smith – Arizona State University/Fort Lewis College

Lacey Tso – Northern Arizona University/Cal State University Northridge/University of Arizona

Raine Begay – Cal State San Marcos/Cal State Humboldt/University of Oregon

Serena Selvage – Cal State San Bernardino/University of Calif. Merced/Arizona State University/Lake Area Tech/Northern Arizona University



FIG. 2: Above Left: SIHS Board of Education members front row (*from left*) Sherman parent Alberta Burnett, Harmony Spoonhunter, Roy Tracy, Derrick Leslie, Cindy Deevers. **Top Right:** Dr. Maxine Roanhorse-Dineyazhe (*center*) leads the orientation for the 2025 school board members. **Bottom Right:** Sherman School Administration (*back row from left*) Tina Torres, Business Specialist; Amanda Ward, School Supervisor; Richard Priebe, Vice Principal; Matthew Townsend, Vice Principal.



FIG 3: Above: Student officers at an Inter-Tribal Council meeting.

Inter-Tribal Council

The student council represents the government arm of a student body. The student council at Sherman is called the Inter-Tribal Council (ITC). Our ITC is made up of school-wide elected students along with an advisor. The duties of the ITC is to represent the best interests of our students by helping to plan and organize school-wide events and to help implement the current school year. To do this the council works closely with our principal, teachers, and our School Board. The first meeting of our Inter-Tribal Council was in December (Fig. 3). Alexis Duro is this year's ITC advisor. The student officers include:

Lacey Tso – President

Billy Robinson – Vice President

Sherman School Board

The 2025 SIHS School Board (Fig. 2) met at Sherman on January 31 for a school board orientation presented by Dr. Roanhorse-Dineyazhe (BIE Education Program Administrator) Fig. 2) and to conduct business with our school administration (Fig. 2). The school board members are: Derek Leslie (President), Roy Tracey (Vice President), Harmony Spoonhunter (Secretary), Lee Spoonhunter, Cynthia Devers, and June Star. Sherman wishes our new board members the best as they help develop short and long-term policies for our school.

Kashtin Lizotte – Treasurer

Quincy Chico – Secretary

Ciara Tenorio – Sergeant at Arms

Kagllian Lewis – Public Relations

Tate'ota Semens – School Board Representative

Corey Wilson – Male Pep Commissioner

Caylee McLaughlin – Female Pep Commissioner

Onix Walema – Member at Large

Senior Voices

We will officially bid farewell to our graduating class of 2025 on May 8. However, at this time we would like to thank all of our seniors for the memorable times they have shared with us. Some seniors recently reflected on their Sherman journey and their plans for the future; their comments follow (Fig. 4).

Sherman has helped me escape from my shell and I met a lot of people from different tribes and places. I have learned a lot about Sherman. I love the history and I like sharing pictures of campus to my alumni family members to show them how much Sherman has changed.

After graduation I want to be a veterinarian and take care of all animals. But before I go to veterinary school I plan to go to Community College in Arizona and learn the O'odham Language"

Kiara Molena
Tohono O'odham, Arizona

"I got to meet many new people at Sherman and build bonds with them. I had fun at Sherman. I would like to work in forestry."

Lawrence Romero
Pueblo of Laguna, New Mexico

"I want to work at forestry to help my people. Sherman taught me to never give up and to keep going strong."

Andre Caddo
White Mountain Apache, Arizona

I would like to attend Coso Community College in Ridgecrest, California to further my education in accounting. I'm a proud member of the Death Valley Timbisha Shoshone Tribe."

Jessey Dewey

"I would like to learn a trade after I graduate. I would like to become a glass blower or silver smith. Sherman changed my life by helping me make friends and learn skills for the real world."

Hector Sosa
Navajo, New Mexico

"After graduation I will be attending a trade school in Laramie, Wyoming called Wyo Tech. I will learn about welding, automotive body repair, and diesel technology. Sherman showed me job possibilities outside my hometown."

Elijah Martinez
Tohono O'odham Nation, Arizona



FIG 4. Top Left: K. Molena. Top Right: J. Dewey. Above: L. Romero. Center Right: A. Caddo. Bottom Right: H.Sosa (front), E. Martinez (back)



Proverbs

The two most important days of your life are the day that you were born and the day you find out why.

Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain)

Before eating, always take time to thank the food.

Arapaho

It often requires more courage to dare to do right than to fear to do wrong.

Abraham Lincoln

You can't connect the dots looking forward; you can only connect them looking backwards.

Steve Jobs

Around Campus

This semester diverse Native cultural activities continue at the Clarke Center (Fig. 5). Both the boys (Brandon Cryder, head coach) and girls (Kara Schwab, head coach) basketball teams completed successful seasons (Fig. 5). Both teams finished in third place in the Arrowhead League standings and competed in the 2025 California Interscholastic Federation Basketball playoffs. Noteworthy, the girls Junior Varsity basketball team (Michelle Laramie, head coach) completed the season undefeated. Sherman Athletics has transitioned into the spring sports schedule of baseball (M. Townsend, head coach), softball (M. Laramie, head coach), and track and field (T. Colley, head coach). The BIE testing of students for mathematics and English proficiency will continue this semester.

Our AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) program has been active this year preparing and inspiring students for college and success following graduation. An important goal of the program is having students visit universities and colleges. As stated by D. Sims-Stevenson co-coordinator of our AVID program “We try to visit both large and small public and private campuses to expose our AVID students to different types of post-secondary options.” This year our AVID students have visited the University of California, Riverside; Redlands University; La Sierra University; California State Universities at Pomona and Northridge; and Riverside City College. In January AVID students competed in a campus writing contest to select a representative for the sectional RIMS (Riverside, Inyo, Mono, San Bernardino) AVID writing contest.

In early January Sherman teachers and staff completed a week of AVID training to enhance their classroom teaching (Fig. 5).



FIG. 5 *Top Left:* Delani Abeita (left), V. Jose (right), and L. Sisquoc (back) prepare for a Daughter of Tradition Meeting in Clarke Cultural Center. *Top Right:* Boys Junior Varsity basketball players in action against the United Christian Academy. *Center Left:* Teachers at AVID Training with Instructor, J. Swin (center). *Center Right:* The start of another winter school morning in Riverside, California. *Bottom Right:* Excited students at the Holiday Trivia Contest.



FIG 6. *Above Left:* The NHS at the Riverside Festival of Lights. (left to right) Tracy Pewo Advisor (waving), Julie Ortega, Tate'ota Semans, Conrad Colelay, Jordan Delma, Raine Begay, Vermeka Jose, Lacy Whipple. *Above Right:* NHS students keeping their area spic and span.

On the Move With The National Honor Society

This winter our National Honor Society (NHS) members attended the Festival of Lights Celebration in downtown Riverside, California (Fig. 6). Our students enjoyed the festival and also earned community service hours by cleaning up and keeping clean a large festival area (Fig. 6). National Honor Society Advisor T. Pewo and chaperrone B. Pewo also attended the event.

The Festival of Lights celebration was started in 1993 by Riverside Mission Inn Hotel and Spa owners Duane and Kelly Roberts. Over the years the Festival has become an iconic holiday event in Southern California. This event is held mainly during the evening and runs from the first Friday after Thanksgiving into January. The Festival features food vendors, millions of holiday lights, and good fellowship. A short video featuring the Festival of Lights by “California Through My Lens” can be seen [HERE](#).

News From The Back Forty - Pathways

Sherman Future Farmers of America members have been skillfully training their livestock projects to show in February at the Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival in Indio, California. Click [HERE](#) to watch our students and Chapter Advisor Desiree Trap during a training session.

Judge Sunshine Sykes is a Native American Magistrate of the Central Division of the California Court System. She recently invited students in D. Heard's Pathways Public Service class to attend two of her Federal Trials involving a copyright violation and an auto theft/robbery (Fig.7).

On an afternoon in November during Native American Heritage Month, Pathways culinary students, staff, and friends of Sherman prepared an impressive Native American feast for our student body and staff (Fig. 7).

In January Wildland Fire Academy Cadets completed their required FEMA examination on Introduction to Emergency Management, Incident Command System (ICS), and the FEMA National Incidence Management System (NIMS). Students are now registered in the Federal FEMA training portal for any required Federal training.

Congratulations to Kashtin Lizotte for finishing in fourth place at the Riverside Section FFA Prepared Speaking Contest (Fig. 7).

In late January advisor D. Trapp and her students D. Antonio, R. Begay, S. Francisco, K. Laner, R. Pewewardy, J. Sanchez and S. Van Fleet attended the FFA Made for Excellence and Advanced Leadership Academy.



FIG 7. Top Left: Pathways students with Judge Sykes (left to right) Romulus Pewewardy, Owen Mann, Judge Sykes, Autumn Peters, Tate'ota Semans, Robert Ryding (Ed. Tech), David Heard (Instructor), Julie Ortega. **Top Right:** Students Patricia Mouse (left) and Destiny Lejero contribute to the Native feast. **Above:** Lorene Sisquoc prepares an attractive salad for the feast. **Bottom Right:** Delighted FFA student Kashtin Lozotte.

Holiday Trivia Contest

In December librarian C. Dominguez hosted a Holiday Trivia Contest for our students (Fig. 5). For the competition four-member teams competed for the grand prize. Members of the winning team were: Onix Walena, Billy Robinson, Amer-ah Smith, and Ayden Shadrick. Each student earned a fifty dollar gift certificate for use at a local bookstore along with a delicious off-campus lunch.



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