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EDITORIALS

How Valentine's Day Came to Be

By Moses Lara-Ramirez, Tech Director

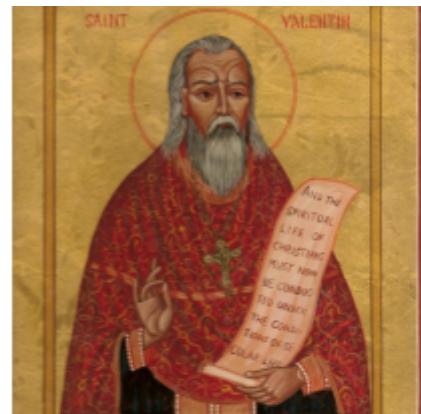


Shoot your Shot!

Used as one of the universal symbols for Valentine, Cupid, the Roman god of love, would shoot his arrows at people to make them fall deeply in love with another.

was on seynt Valentyne's day when every foul cometh there to chese his make," to honor the first anniversary of King Richard the II and his wife Anne of Bohemia. It was also believed that in France and England, February 14th was the start of the birds' mating season, which helped the date be more associated with romance. Now, the name for the day came from the patron saint, Saint Valentine. The problem is that there were multiple accounts of a Saint Valentine so the real Saint Valentine that the name takes after is not certain. However, all accounts tell of a saint who was martyred after secretly marrying couples to keep the husbands from war.

On February 14th of each year, we celebrate Valentine's day: the day where many share flowers, Valentine cards, candy, and other sorts of gifts with their loved ones. But how was this celebration created, and how did it get its name? Information on the origins of how it came to suggest that it could be related to the Roman festival of Lupercalia, a fertility festival that included fertility rites and the pairing of men and women by lottery, due to the similarities between them. Another account of which the celebration could have originated was towards the end of the 5th century, when Pope Gelasius would establish The Feast of Saint Valentine on February 14th in honor of Saint Valentine. The day, however, would not be associated with love until the 14th and 15th centuries with English poet Geoffrey Chaucer's "Parliament of Foules" in 1382, where he wrote "For this



"From your Valentine"

It's said that the tradition of sending cards during Valentine's day originated from St. Valentine, a holy priest from Rome, who left a farewell note to his jailer's daughter signed "From your Valentine".

2022 Winter Olympics Recap

By Ginna Buller, Editor-in-Chief

Disappointment for Team USA



USA! USA!

At the opening ceremony, team USA had no idea what would come during the games.

The 2022 Winter Olympics were difficult to watch for America. Though Norway typically comes in first, the United States is normally not very far behind. This year, however, the U.S. seemed to be stuck on the number 4. The team placed fourth, and several highly favored athletes also placed fourth, just shy of the podium. Along with team USA dropping in the rankings, the ratings and views of the Olympics have been plummeting quickly due to the pandemic. The viewership was down as much as 55 percent. Even here in Turpin, according to our community members, most people only watched an hour or two of Olympic competition, if they happened to watch any at all.

Snowboarding G.O.A.T. Officially Retires

In 2006, American snowboarder Shaun White made history as he won gold in the halfpipe at his first Olympics. White was only 19 years old when he changed snowboarding forever, having the greatest career that anyone has ever seen out of a snowboarder. He qualified for the Olympics in 2006, 2010, 2014, 2018, and finally, in 2022. 3 of those visits resulted in a gold medal, with the other 2 having White just off the podium in 4th. His career turned snowboarding from just a hobby to what is not considered a sport. Here in Turpin, many people said that snowboarding was their favorite winter Olympic sport to watch. Though he barely missed a medal in his last Olympics before retirement, White's impact on the sport and the competitors changed what anyone thought was possible when you're 40 feet in the air on the halfpipe.



Leaving a Legacy.

After the final run of his career, Shaun White rode down the halfpipe waving goodbye.

Figure Skating Scandal Leaves Russians in Ruins



Tears of Joy?

Though she landed 5 quad jumps in her nearly flawless routine, Alexandra Trusova said that she hated skating after her second place finish.

In the world of figure skating, things were heating up as Russian figure skater Kamila Valieva failed her doping drug test before the Olympics. Valieva, only 15, was the favorite to win the gold medal in the individual competition, as she became the first woman to ever land a quadruple jump at the Olympic competition. After debate, the skater was cleared during a hearing with the Olympic committee, saying that preventing her from competing could cause "irreparable harm". Unfortunately, her clearing caused harm to not only Valieva but to her teammates Anna Shcherbakova and Alexandra Trusova. Valieva's final skate was filled with many errors, an unforeseen side of the seemingly perfect skater, which caused her to fall to 4th. Shcherbakova won the gold, but instead of celebrating, she

sat by herself and described feeling "empty". Trusova, the silver medalist, cried and claimed that she would quit figure skating, refusing to stand on the podium.

Black History Month

By Nayeli Norez, Activities Section Editor

February is known for the holiday of love: Valentines' Day. But did you know that it is also the month to honor the African Americans for all their achievements throughout U.S history? It used to be "Negro History Week" in 1926, created by Carter G. Woodson, writer and a publisher known as the father of black history. However, 50 years later, it became "Black History Month". But why February? February was the birth month of two great people: Abraham Lincoln and Fedrick Douglass. These two people were crucial in the abolishment of slavery by creating the Emancipation Proclamation, which they successfully were able to pass in 1863, with the help of so many other great people. People like Rosa Parks helped by taking a stand and claiming her seat on the bus in 1955. Martin Luther King Jr. gave the infamous "I have a dream" speech. He persuaded so many people to stand up for themselves in 1955. Here are a few more great African Americans that have left their mark on the world through their inventions. Frederick McKinley Jones, also known as Mr. Freeze, created the refrigeration equipment that we still use today. It helped provide fresh food and helped with the preservation of blood and medicine during World War 2.



Garrett Augustus Morgan Sr. invented the three-position traffic signal in 1922, saving so many lives from accidents waiting to happen. He also invented one of the first versions of a gas mask.



For being the only African American student at Turpin High School junior Keison Holmes says, "It's fun! Sometimes it has its downsides, but it has its upsides too." Keison has gone to Turpin since he was in kindergarten. He wants to go straight into the workforce after high school. He has achieved so much here in Turpin: he has built his facemask for football season and recently became a state champion in powerlifting, lifting 445 pounds during a deadlift and squatting 425 pounds. "I'm very happy that I got to receive [the state championship]," he states. Everyone here in Turpin is so proud of his success!



SPORTS

"My Gosh!" What A Great Season For the Lady Cards

By Shelbi Moses, Co Photo Editor



We Are the Champions!

Here are the Lady Cardinals after winning districts and regionals this year.

They themselves better athletes and fought hard for every victory they got this year. Almost every day after school, since the end of September, they practiced for hours to get themselves as far as they did.

The Lady Cardinals were district champs this year, for the first time since 2004! They played Texhoma for the championship and beat them with a score of 52-45. After winning districts, the Lady Cardinals went into regionals with a winning mentality. They beat Frontier, 62-51, who is ranked 8, which ensured their spot in Area, and put them in the Regional championship. Then, they played Arapaho-Butler, who was ranked 12th, and beat them, making the Lady Cardinals regional champs! That game consisted of five overtimes, but the Lady Cards pulled through to end the game with a score of 78-71. Winning that game also automatically put them in the Area championship. They will play Garber, ranked 13th, for the game to make it to state. These girls were unranked all season and surprised many with their talent. They gained a few nicknames this season, our personal favorite being "spider monkeys hopped up on Mt. Dew."



Raining 3's!

After an important three was made to keep the Lady Cards in the game and go into another overtime against Arapaho-Butler, the bench and crowd got rowdy!

One of the greatest things about all of this is seeing how proud our small community was. Every game of the playoffs, we had a huge rowdy crowd to support. During the games, the bleachers were filled with people cheering, including Texhoma fans, and the pep bus brought a minimum of 23 people! Come out and support the Lady Cardinals against Garber!

Here are a few of the many memories that were made this season: Junior Brianna Behrendt states that her favorite memory is "When we had the five-overtime win, and the relief I had when it was over." She said, "Also, it was so fun when we got to stay in a hotel for the Merritt Tournament, we made lots of memories and bonded with each other."

Kymper Post says that her favorite memory is "When we win a game, and we write down the opponent's name on the whiteboard and cross it out. I love those moments because the whole locker room cheers, and it is just such an exciting feeling of accomplishment."

Turpin Cardinal Basketball

By John Epp, Junior Editor



Boing, Boing, Pass!

Aaron Resendiz takes the ball down the court against Shattuck's defender.

The Turpin Cardinal boys basketball team worked hard this year to succeed in the sport. They started their season off winning four of the first seven games, and then they had a rough time at the Merritt Tournament, having a three-game losing streak. Junior Kaden Moses said, "We started off slow and couldn't get into the groove of things." The Cardinals went on to beat 13th ranked Forgan in Class B and 15th ranked Tyrone in Class B, but unfortunately lost to 11th ranked Texhoma in Class A. The Cardinals' performance improved as well as their knowledge of the game over the season.

"We grew together and we got better together throughout the season,"

said Kaden. The Cardinals ended their season with a 10-12 record after a close loss to the Mooreland Bearcats for their final game. The Cardinals grew mentally and physically over this season. Moses said his favorite part of the team was the bond and the special connection they had with each other. The Cardinals are upset that their season is over, but they look forward to next year.



Chuck It!

Aldo Espino looks for an opening so he can throw the ball inbounds.



February Scoreboards

with Aldo Espino & Shelbi Moses



HS Basketball



Boys

2/4 Goodwell
51-67
2/8 Elkhart
53-64
2/11 Mooreland

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HS Basketball



Girls

2/4 Goodwell
56-35
2/8 Elkhart
59-49
2/12 Texhoma
52-45
2/18 Frontier
62-51

Powerlifting

2/16 Snyder Invitational Powerlifting Meet

**Up! Up!**

Junior Keison Holmes lifting an astonishing 445 placing him first place in his heat!

The Turpin Cardinals headed to Snyder, Oklahoma for the Snyder Invitational Powerlifting meet, which was also the state championship! Our competitors are Keison Holmes, Aaron Resendiz, Aron Fraire, Blake Johnson, Braden Ratzlaff, Gwynlyn Hannah, Drew Batt, Ricky Olguin, Austyn Peters, Ryan Hammock, Damean Maravilla, Garrett Isaacs, and Hunter Isaacs all competed to place at the meet. To prepare for a big lift, senior Aron Fraire says, "I am always a little nervous and shaky before every lift but there isn't anything to be scared of. I try to relax and control my breathing before and I do a little bit of stretching which is important before and after a big lift." Senior Gwyn Hannah prepares "a couple of days before the meet. I rest my body completely by not lifting super heavy weights, and I pay extra attention to how much water I drink." Gwyn had a bench of 115 and a squat of 220. Keison Homes, a junior, had an impressive 425 squat and a 445 deadlift placing first in his heat and overall, making him a state champion! Ricky Olguin, a sophomore, placed seventh in his heat with a whopping 215 on bench, and a 425 on squat. Sophomore Ryan Hammock, who had a 370 on squat, 225 on bench, and a 430 on deadlift placed 5th at the meet. Overall they learned from their mistakes and the lowerclassmen will be ready for next year. Aron Fraire also concluded that they had great team bonding on their trip.

Lift Weights Not Egos

By Aldo Espino, Photo Editor

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**Big Body.**

Junior Aaron Resendiz deadlifting some big weight on his opening lift.



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ACADEMICS

A+ A+ A+ Student of the Month Program & Awards A+ A+ A+

Turpin Schools recognizes February's Students of the Month for their hard work and achievement. Students are nominated for this award by teachers, based on their accomplishments during the current month. Nominees are then presented to the administration for a vote. Three winners receive a certificate and a Sonic gift card. Senior selectants will also be eligible for a \$500 Bank of Beaver City Scholarship, to be presented to a pair of THS seniors at their graduation in May.



The senior student of the month is Macallister Jones. Macallister is the daughter of Randi and Jason Jones. She is a 4.0 student this year at THS and in her concurrent classes at Oklahoma Panhandle State University, where she is currently taking 16 hours. The sports she is involved in are cross country, basketball, and track. She is also involved in art, and she is the journalism design editor. Calli's favorite memory from this school year is "winning the regional championship in basketball in a five-overtime game." A way that she believes that Cardinals can lift others to rise together is by "having camaraderie. When other people in the community succeed, we should be happy for their success, and vice versa."



The high school student of the month is junior Brianna Behrendt. Brianna is the daughter of Cynthia and Josiah Behrendt. She is a 4.0 student at THS and in her concurrent classes at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. Brianna is the StuCo junior class representative, Class of 2023 Officer, an FCA member, and is in the band. Brianna is also a member of softball, basketball, and track. Brianna's favorite memory this school year is "when a couple of members of the junior class got together for the first time and we made our football homecoming float. It was just a group of people that you'd never think would get

together, but we did, and it was fun." A way that she believes that Cardinals can lift others to rise together is by "just supporting each other. In team sports, one person can't carry the team all by themselves. If you don't play sports, you can support people in other ways and be someone to lean on or maybe you need to lean on someone. Just be a supportive figure."

Junior High student of the month is eighth-grader Rorie Hendrich. Rorie is the daughter of Chelsea and Russell Hendrich. Rorie is involved in softball and cheer, and she is also the 4-H Treasurer and a member of robotics. Her favorite memory from this school year so far was "playing softball in the rain, while listening to Taylor Swift." A way that Rorie believes that Cardinals can lift others to rise together is by "starting a simple conversation with someone who doesn't seem to have friends."

TCEC Youth Program Winners

By Dulce Ogaz, Business Manager

Tri-County Electric Cooperative (TCEC) strongly believes in the power of community and supporting children and their education. They have their own youth and educational programs for their TCEC service territory. The three programs they have include the Energy Camp for 8th graders, youth trips for high school juniors, and scholarships for high school seniors.

The 8th graders have the opportunity to win a four-day trip to Canyon Camp outside of Hinton, OK. For students to win that trip, they have to write a creative letter to their school's principal naming specific actions the school should take to be more energy efficient. The high school juniors also have an opportunity to go on a youth trip to Washington D.C. and a trip to Steamboat Springs, CO. Three people are selected for the trip to Washington D.C. and two people are selected for the trip to Steamboat Springs, CO. For the Juniors to win the trips, they have to fill out an application including their contact information, community, school, and work activities, and a brief explanation of why they would make a good TCEC delegate. Then, ten finalists are selected for interviews. Lastly, the seniors have a chance to win a scholarship. The applications are available for Golden Spread Electric Cooperative and the Youth Leadership Summit.

For the TCEC youth programs, we had a couple of our THS students apply for all available programs. Rorie Hendrich and Scout Rorabaugh won the 8th grade Canyon Camp. Juniors Bailey Boyd and Reagan Romero won the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington D.C. Junior Brianna Behrendt was selected for Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp. Senior Virginia Buller won the Youth Leadership Summit. Congratulations to our THS students!

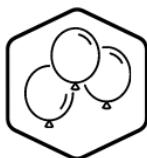


Oklahoma Academic All-State

By Dulce Ogaz, Business Manager



On February 24, 2022, Senior Sarah Estes was announced Oklahoma Academic All-Stater by the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence. These 100 top public high school seniors were selected from nearly 400 nominations in what has been described as "Oklahoma's most rigorous academic awards selection process". Recipients will be honored on May 21 at the foundation's Academic Awards Banquet in Oklahoma City, and Statewide on OETA public television.



February Mystery Person of the Month

By Calli Jones, Design Editor



We're back with the Mystery Person of the Month. Since it's February, we decided to make the questions Valentine's Day themed. If you're new here, read through this article and take your best guess as to who this school member is on our Instagram in a few days. And if you aren't new here, welcome back!

The best Valentine's gift this person has received was a giant, funny card from their children. Their favorite Valentines' candy? Smooth, rich, creamy, and dark chocolate! When asked if they prefer chocolate, flowers, or a card for Valentine's, they replied, "a chocolate flower."

This month's Mystery Person's favorite food is steak, which seems to be a fan favorite. When it comes to colors, they have two favorites: turquoise, because they love the stone, and red, because it represents the Turpin Cardinals! If this person could meet anyone they wanted to, it would be Jesus, because "He is the creator of all things and without Him, there would be no life."

This person loves their job. Their favorite part of their job is seeing their students grow and learn more. They love helping students understand skills that will help them in the future. Even though they love their job, if they didn't work at Turpin Schools, they would be an Herbalist. Why? Because they think plants are amazing!

Finally, for the last two hints, this person's favorite song is "As the Deer Pants for the Water" and their favorite childhood memory was visiting the Grand Canyon. Good luck, because you'll need it. This is a tough one!



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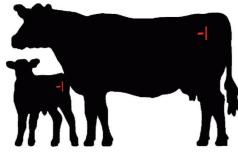
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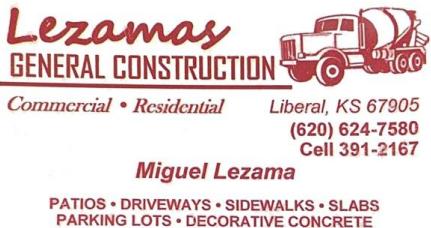
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