

The Citizen-Reporter



SHERMAN COUNTY

A Sherman County Government Publication — April 2024

Sheriff of the Year award 2023-2024

Sheriff Lohrey was awarded the 2023-2024 Western States Sheriff's Association, "Sheriff of the Year" award. The Western States Sheriff's Association includes hundreds of Sheriffs from eighteen different states. The WSSA noted Sheriff Lohrey's fight against Measure 114 and his support for the Second Amendment in their decision making. Our office is extremely proud of Sheriff Lohrey and his commitment to protecting the rights of the citizens of Sherman County.



The Sherman County Fair Board is looking for cover art for their 2024 Fair Book

The Sherman County Fair Board is looking for cover art for our 2024 Fair Book. Our theme for this year's fair is: Harvesting 115 years of Memories at the Sherman County Fair. All ages welcome!

Please submit your art by May 1st on a white 8.5 x 11 sheet of paper.

Submissions can be mailed to the Sherman County Fair Board, 66147 Lonrock Rd, Moro, Oregon 97039 or emailed: shermanctyfair@hotmail.com



Moro Fire Presents "Touch a Truck" Event

Moro Fire presents "Touch a Truck" event on April 19th at 6:00 p.m. at Moro Fire Hall (309 Dewey St) in conjunction with Sherman County Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

Enjoy a free community dinner sponsored by Sherman Fire agencies and meet the men and women of Sherman's Emergency Team.

The following information will be available at this event:

- Everbridge
- Ambulance Membership
- Fire Safety
- Wildfire Mitigation Plan
- Defensible Space
- Life Flight Membership
- Escape Plan Help
- Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Partners in attendance will include OSFM, Pacific Power and Frontier 911.

Primary Election Set for May 21, 2024

The 2024 Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024. This is a closed party primary election; registered Democrats will receive a nominating ballot for Democratic candidates, and registered Republicans will receive a nominating ballot for Republican candidates. All other party affiliations will receive a nonpartisan ballot. To verify your registration you can check online at oregonvotes.gov/myvote, or contact the County Clerk's office. The deadline to update party affiliation or submit a new voter registration is April 30, 2024.

The State Voters' Pamphlet will be mailed out no later than May 1, 2024, and ballots will be mailed between May 1, 2024 and May 7, 2024.

Postmarks now count! Ballots received from the United States Postal Service after Election Day will be accepted if they are post-marked on or before Election Day and received by May 28, 2024. Be sure to check with your local post office for last collection times to ensure your ballot is postmarked in time. Ballots received by drop box must be received before 8:00pm on Election Day or it will not be counted. Don't forget, if mailing your return ballot postage is already paid, you don't need a stamp!

The following Sherman County positions will appear at the Primary Election, along with Federal and State Offices. State filed candidates can be located on the Secretary of State's Election Division website at oregonvotes.gov.

County Partisan Offices

County Commissioner, Position 1:

Democratic – No candidate filed

Republican – Joan Bird

County Nonpartisan Offices

Sherman County Judge:

Joe Dabulskis

The following nonpartisan offices move directly to the General Election and will not appear on the primary ballot:

Justice of the Peace (remaining two-years of an unexpired term):

Shandie Johnson

Sheriff

James Burgett

County Clerk

Kristi Weis

Precinct Committee Person: Two Precinct Committee Persons are elected per precinct.

Rufus: Democratic Party – No Candidate Filed
Republican Party – Kathy McCullough

Grass Valley: Democratic Party – No Candidate Filed
Republican Party – Darren Padget; Merrie von Borstel

Wasco: Democratic Party – No Candidate Filed
Republican Party – Harry Macnab

Kent: Democratic Party – No Candidate Filed
Republican Party – Carol von Borstel; Lee von Borstel

Moro: Democratic Party – No Candidate Filed
Republican Party – Molly Belshe

Contact the County Clerk's office at 541-565-3606 or elections@shermancounty.net, if you have any questions regarding the status of your voter registration or the election process.

County-wide Cleanup May 4th

On May 4th, 2024, Sherman County residents are invited to bring one pick-up load of trash to the Solid Waste Transfer Station without paying a fee with some exceptions.

When: Saturday, May 4, 2024 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. **NOTE: Station may close early if bin is full before 3 p.m.**

Where: Sherman County Solid Waste Transfer Site located at 72526 Welk Road between Highway 206 and Biggs Junction.

How: Upon arrival, wait for the attendant to direct you to the appropriate unloading site.

Limited: One trip per vehicle.

Restrictions:

No household, hazardous, or medical waste will be accepted.
No recycling.

Fees are required for:

- Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners \$10.00 each
- Appliances \$13.92
- Tires without rims \$13.28
- Tires with rims \$17.72
- Furniture \$13.92

You may also bring:

YARD WASTE – Clean brush & trimmings under 6 inches in diameter

CAR BATTERIES

E-WASTE - Computer towers, laptops, monitors, televisions

Please note:

Recycling will not be accepted on this day. Recycling will be accepted on any regular scheduled day:

- 2nd Friday and Saturday in Moro
- 3rd Friday and Saturday in Wasco
- 4th Friday and Saturday in Rufus
- Weekly Monday and Tuesday in Grass Valley

Tri-County Hazardous Waste & Recycling Program Event

Our event season is in full swing, don't miss out! Take a look at our 2024 event schedule to save the dates on your calendar at tricountyrecycle.com/24. We will have our first event in Sherman County on Friday April 26th at the Moro Road Department from 10:00am-2:00pm. **This event is open to Small Businesses, Ag Producers and Households! Small Businesses and Ag Producers are required to register for this event! Please visit: www.tricountyrecycle.com/biz to sign up.**

We accept products with labels with the words “caution”, “warning”, “danger” and “poison”. Things we do not accept are asbestos, ammunition, explosives, sharps, tires and empty aerosol cans. For more information on where to take these items you can visit tricountyrecycle.com.

If you have any questions on what you can and can't bring or questions on upcoming events please don't hesitate to call our office at 541-506-2529.

Sherman County Booster Club to Host “Safe & Sober” Grad Night Party for Class of 2024

The goal is to offer a fun night of activities to help the Class of 2024 celebrate in the best way possible.

Over the last several months Sherman Boosters has been fundraising for the costs of hosting the events, and providing prizes for the night. We have been fortunate to raise funds towards this effort, and are hoping to raise more to help contribute to rental fees, entertainment costs, laser tag rentals, and prizes that will be awarded to attendees throughout the event. If you are able to contribute to this very worthy event please send donations, or direct any questions to:

Sherman Booster Club
ATTN: Grad Night '24
65912 High School Loop
Moro, Oregon 97039.

Sherman County Soil & Water Conservation District Updates

USDA Service Center (Open Monday through Friday, 8:00am—4:30pm)

Sherman County's USDA Service Center houses Farm Service Agency (FSA), Natural Resource Conservation Services (NRCS), Sherman County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD), and Sherman County Area Watershed Council. We are located at 2004 First Street in Moro, just down the hill from the OSU Extension Office.

Sherman County SWCD is hiring! We currently have two open positions:

Full time Watershed Technician:

Will provide outreach and technical assistance to landowners for programs offered and managed by the Sherman County SWCD and USDA. The Technician will provide support for the SWCD on all aspects of conservation projects (design, implementation, completion, and monitoring), grant submittals and tracking, and provide Farm Bill support.

Full time Watershed Coordinator:

Duties include coordinate and administer Sherman County Area Watershed Council, organize Council meetings, write and edit documents/grants and coordinate projects on behalf of the watershed councils, and provide public outreach and education.

Entry level salary range for both posi-

tions is \$44,117 to \$59,966 annually, Depending on Experience. Benefits include full health, vision, and dental along with paid time off for vacation and sick and 11 paid holidays. Full job description and application instructions can be found at www.shermancountyswcd.com. The SWCD is an equal opportunity employer and service provider.

Send cover letter, resume and employment application to Sherman County SWCD, PO Box 405, Moro, Oregon 97039, or email amanda.whitman@or.nacdn.net. For more information call (541) 565-3216. Position open until filled.

Conservation Calendar

April 4: Budget Committee Public Meeting 8:30am

April 9: SWCD Regular Board Meeting, 8:30am

May 14: SWCD Regular Board Meeting, 8:30am

Visit our website at

www.shermancountyswcd.com

Follow us on Facebook @ Sherman County SWCD

Use of Delta-8 rates increasing in teens

Delta-8 is a psychoactive substance that is typically derived from hemp, a variety of the Cannabis sativa plant. Delta-8 has intoxicating effects similar to THC. According to National Institute on Drug Abuse, researchers measured the use of Delta-8 for the first time in 2023, and found that approximately 11% of 12th grade students across the United States are reporting use. Among teens that report use of Delta-8, 91% of those are also reporting use of

marijuana.

Things to know, and talk about with your teen:

TALK THEY LISTEN – studies continue to show that youth respect the opinion of their parents!

Delta-8 is one of over 100 cannabinoids in the Cannabis sativa plant

There is no minimum age requirement to purchase delta-8 products

FDA has issued warnings of serious health risks associated with use, including reports that there have been adverse events involving delta-8 products having exposure to toxic byproducts

Getting to Know Dementia Classes

The Getting to Know Dementia education series continues in April! Stop by the Sherman County Senior/Community Center for one, or all, of these classes that offer practical dementia care education. This program is for everyone who has a curiosity about dementia including professionals, volunteers, and the general public. No charge to attend & free lunch offered to the first 5 people to register. Register with the senior center, or contact Roni at rhyde@gobhi.org or (541) 705-4870.

Classes held from 10am - 11:30am:

April 3: Looking at Progression and Seeing More than Loss: The GEMS State Model

April 10: GEMS State Model: In the Right Setting with the Right Care, all GEMS can Shine

April 17: New Skills for Helping and Supporting

April 24: Being an Advocate and Building a Support Team

Alzheimer's Association Oregon & SW Washington Chapter

Alzheimer's disease is the most expensive illness affecting Americans today. It costs more than Breast cancer and Prostate cancer combined. Aside from the financial tolls, we have the emotional and physical tolls the disease takes, not only on the person who is diagnosed, but their caregiver as well.

At the Alzheimer's Association Oregon & SW Washington Chapter we were honored to receive a substantial grant dedicated to enhancing the lives of those impacted by Alzheimer's in underserved rural areas. Over the next two years, we will be focusing our efforts on Douglas, Hood River, Josephine, Lincoln, Sherman and Wasco counties to establish a network of support groups, educational programs and community resources tailored to meet the unique needs of rural residents facing Alzheimer's and related dementias. Whether you are a caregiver seeking support, a healthcare provider looking for resources, or a community member eager to make a difference, we invite you to join us in this vital mission. Together, we can provide resources, foster a sense of belonging and build a brighter future for those affected by Alzheimer's in our neighborhoods.

This grant assists us in growing awareness of the free programs and services the Alzheimer's Association offers, such as:

- Our 24/7 Helpline (800) 272-3900

- Our website at alz.org
- Educational Classes- in person, via Zoom or on demand at alz.org/training
- Support Groups- in person or via Zoom
- Awareness Presentations- 20 minute presentations to educate the public about Alzheimer's disease and the Association.

In the coming months, we aim to establish a network of support groups, educational programs, and community resources tailored to meet the needs of neighbors in your community. In order to take this next step we will need volunteers. We are looking for volunteers in the following areas:

- Become a Support Group Facilitator
 - Lead Educational Classes
 - Become an Awareness Champion
- Be a Community Representative

Please go to alz.org/volunteer to learn more!

We would love to connect with you further to explore how we can collaborate to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those affected by Alzheimer's and all other dementia's in your community.

Please contact Andie Shepard at anshepard@alz.org or 503-782-4869 to set up a time to meet with us.

Wasco Market Business of the Year

Over the past three years owners of the Wasco Market, Travis and Michelle Lawrence have exhibited an unparalleled commitment to revitalizing both the interior and exterior of the building, all while personally staffing the grocery store and meat counter. The unwavering dedica-

tion to meeting the needs of their community is evident in their proactive approach to offering quick and delicious meals, including top-notch sandwiches and pizza, as well as a meticulously curated selection of convenience foods, pantry staples, fresh produce, and gourmet picnic fare.

But their contributions extend far beyond convenience. Travis and Michelle have become pillars of support for the community of Wasco, generously sponsoring and donating to local events and actively participating in their organization.

However, it is during times of crisis that their true impact shines brightest. As demonstrated throughout recent years, with Covid, winter storms & weather, and in general a remote location, their well-stocked market serves as a lifeline for locals.

Community members feel a great debt of gratitude to Travis and Michelle Lawrence for their selfless dedication to Wasco and its surrounding communities. Their decision to purchase and pour their hearts and souls into this establishment has transformed it into a vital lifeline for us all.

Upcoming Events:

Open House for EMS/Fire at Moro Fire Hall – April 19th

Hazardous Waste Collection – April 26th

Countywide Clean-Up Day – May 4th

Grass Valley Saturday Market - May 10th

Annual Catfish Derby in Rufus – May 25th-26th

Wasco Memorial Day Celebration – May 27th

Grass Valley Saturday Market - June 8th

Sherman County Fair – August 19th 24th

Public/School Library Updates

****PLEASE NOTE****

PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS

Sunday	CLOSED
Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	10 am – 6 pm
Wednesday	10 am – 6 pm
Thursday	10 am – 6 pm
Friday	10 am – 6 pm
Saturday	10 am – 4 pm

PICK UP AND DELIVERY

Books and materials can be dropped off and picked up from various locations all year round. Please call the library for pick-up and drop-off locations in Sherman County.

LIBRARY BOOK CLUB - April 4th @ 5 pm

Ordinary Grace

By William Kent Krueger

Join us for tea, dessert, & book discussion.

Give us a call

To reserve your copy.

NEW CHILDREN'S/JUVENILE

<i>Finally Heard</i>	Kelly Yang
<i>Heroes: A Novel of Pearl Harbor</i>	Alan Gratz
<i>Into the Game! (Minecraft Woodsworld Chronicles #1)</i>	Nick Eliopoulos
<i>Grumpy Monkey: Spring Fever</i>	Suzanne Lang
<i>Jaclyn Hyde</i>	Annabeth Bondor-Stone

NEW YA BOOKS & GRAPHIC NOVELS

<i>Legendborn (The Legendborn Cycle #1)</i>	Tracy Deonn
<i>The Bad Ones</i>	Melissa Albert
<i>Frieren: Beyond Journey's End Vol. 6</i>	Kanehito Yamada
<i>Solo Leveling Vol. 1&2</i>	Chugong
<i>unOrdinary Vol. 1</i>	uru-chan
<i>The Beginning After The End Vol. 1&2</i>	TurtleMe

BEST SELLERS

<i>The Women</i>	Kristin Hannah
<i>The Teacher</i>	Freida McFadden
<i>The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store</i>	James McBride
<i>Max in the House of Spies</i>	Adam Gidwitz
<i>Icebreaker</i>	Hannah Grace

NEW NON-FICTION

<i>Masters of the Air: America's Bomber Boys Who Fought the Air War Against Nazi Germany</i>	Donald L. Miller
<i>The Sock Project: Colorful, Cool Socks to Knit and Show Off</i>	Summer Lee
<i>Mostly What God Does: Reflections on Seeking and Finding His Love Everywhere</i>	Savannah Guthrie



SHERMAN COUNTY PUBLIC/SCHOOL LIBRARY 65912 HIGH SCHOOL LOOP, MORO, OR 97039 Phone: 541-565-3279 website: <http://shermancountypsl.weebly.com/>



The Judges Corner



March Madness can mean so many things. The weather can be maddening. After a week of beautiful weather I planted some lettuce, radishes, and spinach for a salad garden. Then the weather turned and the temperature dropped to 22 degrees at night. That means I am still eating salad out of a bag. It is maddening that the year is now a quarter gone and I am still working on the “honey do’s” list from last year. One Friday afternoon it was maddening that my grandson hooked 6 fish (bass) while I only hooked 2. Then the following Friday he landed a whopper smallmouth bass that weighed 5 pound 3 oz. and the biggest fish I caught that afternoon was only 3/4 of a pound. He does make me proud. I do realize maybe fishing interferes with that “honey do” list.

Speaking on things that make us proud. U.S. Senator Merkley has a new field representative, Sarah Schmitt, covering Sherman County. Last month after she met with and introduced herself to the County Court. While talking to the Court she asked us “What makes us ‘Proud’ of Sherman County?” Not to be too predictable - I answered, “The People” She then asked the court if, in a couple of years she asked the question “What are we proud of that we have accomplished?” The Court responded with “Cities’ Infrastructure, and Housing”. I spent part of that day showing her some of Sherman County. The following week she emailed me to say thanks for the amazing tour and to let us know that Grass Valley got \$2 million in Congressional dollars to support building a waste water facility. That seems to be a good start on that infrastructure goal.

Also things to be proud of: If you stop by the Wasco Market, notice the beautiful trophy for “Business of the Year” placed on the top shelf. If you stop by the courthouse, look at the new art on display created by our school’s students.

With the completion of the indoor arena at the fairgrounds, a couple of part time positions have been approved by County Court. An “Arena and Event Coordinator” and a “Groundskeeper”. The arena is something I “proudly” show off to visitors such as Sarah from Sen. Merkley’s office and I tell all visitors that the fair board is priceless. (A note – other visiting counties officials have told me that they are jealous)

The Governor’s office reached out to ask for pictures of the wheat that was planted while she rode in the tractor last fall. I’m told the pictures could/would be used on social media. I sent her office pictures of the wheat I took on the first day of spring, March 19th. I learned that because this year is a leap year, the date of spring was a day earlier.

Travis B is a new face people will notice working with the rest of the road department crew. Welcome Travis.

Things that fall under March Madness: Recently I went to Christmas Valley in Lake County to attend a meeting of the RAC of the DLCD which falls under the LCDC. Confusing? RAC stands for Rulemaking Advisory Committee, DLCD is Department of Land Conservation & Development and then LCDC, which provides policy direction for the land use planning program and oversees DLCD operations, stands for Land Conservation and Development Commission. The DLCD administers the statewide land use planning program. Several Sherman County residents are involved with these committees. I learned I need to learn more!

That leads right to the quote - A notice I saw posted in Sherman County’s Road Department shop, said -
“Don’t let what you know, get in the way of what you can learn”

Judge Dabulskis



SHERMAN

COUNTY



APRIL

Presorted Standard
U.S. Postage
PAID
Moro, OR
Permit No. 4

500 Court Street, P.O. Box 365
Moro, Oregon 97039
<http://www.co.sherman.or.us>

Postal Patron

Three Easy Steps to Recycle!

Do Not Recycle:

- Carbon paper
- Food-contaminated packaging
- Clear “clamshells” (berry, bakery or battery packages)
- Frozen food boxes or food stained paper
- Label backing sheets
- Paper towels, tissue, napkins
- Photographs
- Plastic-coated envelopes
- Wax, plastic or foil-coated paper
- Styrofoam.
- Plastic bags
- Plastic tubs or plant containers

First Sort: Commingled:

- PAPER - white and colored paper (staples OK), newspapers, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, phone books, paperback books, spiral-bound notebooks, cereal & cracker style boxes (liner removed), cardboard tubes, paper bags, egg cartons, milk cartons & juice boxes.
- PLASTIC - plastic bottles, #1 & #2 with a neck. Examples; beverages, milk jugs, shampoo, detergent, cleaners (rinse & remove caps)
- METAL - aluminum cans, tin cans (flattened), clean aluminum foil & foil baking pans, empty aerosol cans (discard cap).

Second Sort:

- All glass bottles & jars - rinsed. No lids.

Third Sort:

- Corrugated cardboard - flattened. No larger than 2' x 2' square

All items should be clean & rinsed with lids removed & flattened if possible.



The Solid Waste Transfer Site:

72526 Welk Road
Open every 2nd & 4th Saturday
10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The Dalles Disposal
1317 West 1st Street -The Dalles, 97058
(541) 298-5149

Self-Haul Recycling Depot Schedule:

- Moro 9 am - 4:30 pm: 2nd Friday & Saturday
- Wasco 9 am - 4:30 pm: 3rd Friday & Saturday
- Rufus 9 am - 4:30 pm: 4th Friday & Saturday
- Grass Valley 1-3 pm: Monday & Tuesday weekly