

The Citizen-Reporter



S H E R M A N
C O U N T Y

A Sherman County Government Publication — February 2024

2024 Primary Election Notice

On, Tuesday, May 21, 2024, the Sherman County Clerk's office will be conducting the 2024 Primary Election by mail. Candidates may file for office at the Clerk's Office, 500 Court St, Moro, OR 97039, until 5:00pm, March 12, 2024.

Filing methods for County Office candidates:

File by Fee: Submit form SEL 101 and pay a \$50 filing fee.

File by Petition: Submit form SEL 101 and petition to obtain signatures: SEL 121 (Nonpartisan offices) or SEL 102 (Partisan offices).

COUNTY PARTISAN OFFICE:

Major party candidates will be nominated for this office at the Primary and elected at the November 5, 2024 General Election:

Continued on Page 3...

Sherman County Education Foundation

Our fundraising letter went out in November 2023 and we have had a wonderful response once again from our generous donors! We have been able to open an endowment fund and we have funded over 55 projects in the past five years. Some of our dedicated funds include ones in memory of Bryan Peters for music, Pat Jacobsen and Dick Voll for art, Brenda Coats for reading, as well as a Biglow Canyon STEM fund, a drama fund and a Student and Community Leadership fund.

These funds are available for grants for educational projects for all ages. You can download a grant application on our website

www.wesupportshermaneducation.org.

You can also like us on Facebook to see some of the photos of projects we

Continued on Page 4...

Tables and Chairs

Are you thinking about having an event in Sherman County? Do you have enough tables and chairs for the event?

Did you know that the County has 186 chairs and 12 round tables and 7 rectangle tables that you can use? All you need to do is call 541-565-3416 to see if they are available on your event date, fill out a form, pay a \$200 refundable cleaning deposit, show proof of insurance and a driver's license.

Tables and chairs are for use within Sherman County year round. for weddings, memorial services, reunions, family gatherings, parties, etc.

Certain months do fill up, so scheduling in advance is always advised.

Use Agreement Form can be found online at [https://](https://www.co.sherman.or.us/trailer-tables-chairs/)

www.co.sherman.or.us/trailer-tables-chairs/

TC Energy Grant Provides Purchase of AED's

Sherman County Emergency Services received a TC Energy grant that made it possible to purchase AED's to be placed in businesses in Sherman County. The list of businesses/places that received the AED's are as follows: Grass Valley Market, Grass Valley Pavilion, Huskeys Market, Moro Public Works building, Rescue 1, Sherman County trailer table and chair rentals, Fair Grounds new building, The Dirty Cowgirl, TA express, EZ Trip and the Rufus Market. In addition to the receipt of this grant we are offering HANDS ONLY CPR to the residents of Sherman County. You can sign up for this class at Grass Valley City Hall, Moro City Hall, and Wasco City Hall. The dates and locations are as follows: Moro City Hall March 22 at 1 pm, Grass Valley Market April 5 at 1 pm and North Sherman Fire Station April 19 at 1 pm. There is a 10 person limitation for the class sign ups. If more interest is shown then we will offer additional classes. This class is not a AHA CPR certification class.

Frontier Regional Alert

Frontier Regional Alert and Everbridge offer free alerts for notifications for events throughout Sherman County. To sign up for free Alerts go to: www.co.sherman.or.us/departments/emergency-services/

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.

Tree and Shrub Sale

The order deadline for the Sherman County SWCD tree sale is April 1. This sale is pre-order only. Pick-up will be at the USDA Service Center. An order form is available at the SWCD office or on our website under "Events".

Annual Meeting

The SWCD and Watershed Council Annual Meeting will be held on March 5th at the new Sherman County Fair building. Social Hour starts at 5pm. This will also be in conjunction with the Sherman County Wheat League meeting. More details will be coming soon!

Public Meeting

A public meeting will be held on February 21st in the foyer of the new Sherman County Fair Arena to provide updates on SWCD grant programs. We will start at noon with lunch followed by updates from the SWCD, NRCS and others.

Sherman County SWCD Scholarship

The Sherman County SWCD Board is pleased to announce the annual Sherman County SWCD scholarship program. In 2024 up to \$7,500 will be divided among eligible Sherman High School Seniors or College/Higher Education Students. Eligible applicants must follow these requirements:

- Are a graduate of Sherman County School District
- Be a current High School Senior or enrolled in trade school or college/university
- Have chosen a career in some area of agriculture or vocational education

Holds a minimum GPA of 2.5

Applications must be mailed, emailed, or dropped off at SWCD by 4pm April 1st. Call 541-565-3216 or email Amanda.whitman@or.nacdn.net. You can find more information, instructions, and the application on our website under "Education".

Conservation Calendar

February 13: SWCD Regular Board Meeting, 8:30 am
 February 19: Presidents' Day, Office Closed
 February 21: Public Meeting, SWCD grant programs, 12 pm
 March 5: SWCD and Watershed Council Annual Meeting, 5 pm
 March 12: SWCD Regular Board Meeting, 8:30 am
 April 1: Tree Sale order deadline
 April 1: SWCD Scholarship deadline

Visit our website at www.shermancountyswcd.com
 Follow us on Facebook @ Sherman County SWCD

Continued from Page 1...
2024 Primary Election Notice

County Commissioner, Position 1

– 4 year term

NONPARTISAN OFFICES:

Candidates for the following non-partisan offices may be elected to office at the Primary:

County Judge – 6-year term

Candidates for the following non-partisan offices will be nominated at the Primary and elected at the November 5, 2024 General Election:

Sheriff – 4-year term

Justice of the Peace – remaining 2-year term (No filing fee is required)

County Clerk – 4-year term

PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON:

Candidates for Precinct Committeeperson must choose one of the two filing methods:

Candidate Filing: Submit SEL 105

Write-In Candidate Declaration:

SEL 105D (due no later than 8 pm, May 21, 2024)

An elector who wishes to nominate another elector as a write-in candidate for Precinct Committeeperson must file:

Write-In Candidate Nomination:

SEL 105N (due no later than 8 pm, May 21, 2024)

Election manuals and forms are available online at the Oregon Secretary of State, Elections Division [https://](https://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/laws-)

[rules-publications.aspx](https://www.co.sherman.or.us/archive-county-election-results/) or on the Sherman County Clerk's web page <https://www.co.sherman.or.us/archive-county-election-results/>. Forms are also available at the Clerk's Office in the Courthouse, located at 500 Court Street in Moro. If you have any question please contact the Clerk's Office 541-565-3606.

Don't forget! If you wish to vote in the upcoming election, you must register by April 30, 2024. Voter registration, party affiliation updates, and address updates can be done online at www.oregonvotes.gov, or by completing a Voter Registration Card available at most post offices, or the Clerk's office.

“I Love My County Because” Art Contest

Students (homeschool/public/private) living in Sherman County, who are 18 or younger during 2023-2024 are eligible to enter one piece of artwork by March 5, 2024. Each piece of artwork must represent an activity that shows “What I love about Sherman County” and be inspired by the sentence “I love Sherman County because...” Artwork can be dropped off at the County Court Office in the Courthouse or by mailing to :

Tammi Gaskey, 500 Court St, PO Box 365, Moro, OR 97039

Artwork will be displayed in the Courthouse between March 11-April 30. Come see the show and vote for People's Choice Awards.

North Central Public Health District Updates

North Central Public Health District's WIC Program will be holding its traveling satellite clinic at the Sherman County Senior & Community Center in Moro on February 13th. The clinic is by appointment only.

Anyone who is interested in the WIC program is encouraged to call or text ahead at 541-506-2610 to get more information about WIC, and then set up an appointment at the satellite clinic. The length of time the satellite clinic is open varies, but it typically runs from 10 a.m. to noon.

WIC offers pregnancy and breastfeeding guidance, wholesome foods, nutrition-focused counseling, free health screenings, and connections to resources. WIC is all about healthy babies, kids and families. If you are pregnant, breastfeeding, or have a child under 5, WIC could be for you! Please give WIC a call or text at 541-506-2610.

For more information on NCPHD's WIC program, please visit <https://www.ncphd.org/wic>

Ready to quit smoking, vaping or chew? Sign up for our free in-person cessation counseling and free nicotine replacement patches, gum and lozenges by visiting <https://www.ncphd.org/tobacco-programs>, or call 541-506-2609, or email neitac@ncphd.org. We're excited to help you on your quit journey!

Wasco Memorial Day Parade

Planning is getting under way soon for the annual Wasco Memorial Day celebration on Monday, May 27! This is a long-held tradition for the town of Wasco, and all of Sherman County, and we need lots of volunteers to pull it off. If you're interested in joining the planning committee for monthly meetings, please contact Brittany Dark at the City of Rufus, or Jessica Wheeler at the Wasco School Events Center. If you're not able to attend planning meetings but would like to volunteer on the day of the event, we will take all the help we can get! Volunteer organizers are needed for the memorial service, parade, car show, raffle, pastry auction, artisan market, entertainment, kids activities, and of course setup and clean-up. Or come on over and help decorate the historic Wasco Train Depot in red, white and blue! Even better, enter a float or vehicle in the parade to represent your business, organization or family farm. This event is a meaningful tribute to our county's veterans and a fun day for the whole family. We would love to have you on board.

QUOTE

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” Margaret Mead

Getting to Know Dementia 6 Part Series

The Sherman County Senior Center will be holding a 6 part series on “Getting to Know Dementia”. It will cover simplifying dementia care education, so you can focus on what matters most. The classes will be held Wednesdays from 10am-11:30am on the following dates: 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, (no class 3/27), 4/3, 4/10 and 4/17. You can RSVP to Roni Hyde at 541-705-4870 or rhyde@gobhi.org

Sherman County Cultural Coalition 2024 Spring Grant Cycle

Applications may be submitted beginning March 1, 2024, for the Sherman County Cultural Coalition 2024 Spring Grant Cycle. Applicants may be individuals and/or groups and need not be legally recognized non-profits.

Application Deadline: March 31, 2024

Awards up to \$1,500 will be granted in support of local Sherman County activities and events which promote Culture, Humanities, Heritage and the Arts in Sherman County.

Additional information including Updated Grant Guidelines and the application form, may be found at: www.shermancountyculturalcoalition.com

Completed grant applications may be mailed to:

Sherman County Cultural Coalition
c/o Melva Thomas
P.O. Box 7
Wasco, OR 97065

Or emailed to: shermanculturalcoalition@gmail.com

Questions?

Contact Melva Thomas at 541-980-4968 or shermanculturalcoalition@gmail.com

*Continued from Page 1...
Sherman County Education Foundation*

have funded. Contact us via email: shermancoeducationfoundation@gmail.com or send applications to P.O. Box 68, Moro, OR 97039.

Sherman County Education Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit organization. Reach out! Apply for a grant or donate to one of our funds. Thank you!
Janet Pinkerton, Secretary
Sherman County Education Foundation

Make & Take Meals

Make & Take
Free Meal Prep

February 13, 4:00 @ Sherman County Senior Center

Come and prep meals to take home and bake at your own convenience!

This is a FREE event, and all supplies are included. LIMITED to 20 spots – Sign up @ kari@shermancounty.net or 541-565-3191

Funded in part by Rural Oregon Aging Adult Grant Funds and Sherman County Prevention.

“Social” Sundays – Scarf Dying

Sunday, February 18 @ 2:00

Sherman County Public Library

Deanna @ deannac@co.sherman.or.us
541-565-5036 to reserve a spot, or for more information.

Expired & Unwanted Medications

Are medications taking up space in your cabinet? Rid yourself of clutter and free up space by bringing expired and unwanted medications to the Sheriff's Office. Located outside the Sheriff's Office is a blue medication drop box provided through a program called MED-Project. The Sheriff's Office began participating in the MED-Project program in October 2021. This program has provided a great opportunity for a safe and convenient location to dispose of medications.

Acceptable items to place in the MED-Project container are medications in any dosage form, except for those identified as Not Accepted below, in their original container or sealed bag.

Items that are **not acceptable** in the MED-Project disposal container are herbal remedies, vitamins, supplements, cosmetics, other personal care products, medical devices, batteries, mercury-containing thermometers, sharps, illicit drugs, pet pesticide products, animal medicines, and biologics.

To protect your privacy, people are reminded to remove all personally identifiable information on medication labels or packaging before disposing of unwanted medicine.

Furthermore, there is the option to participate in Mail-Back Services. To order a Mail-Back package, visit the Mail-Back section of www.medtakebackoregon.org or call 1 (844) 482-5322, for additional information.

Tri-County Hazardous Waste & Recycling Program

Can you believe it's already the New Year- we can't! We had such an amazing 2023 season and we are looking forward to this years in 2024. In just a few short months we will back in full swing holding our FREE yearly household hazardous waste collection events throughout Wasco, Hood River and Sherman counties. Have questions on what you can and can't bring? Just visit www.tricountyrecycle.com.

As a friendly reminder if you have paints, batteries or e-waste, you do not have to wait for our hazardous waste events to dispose of these items. Batteries and E-waste may be taken to The Dalles Transfer Station or Hood River Garbage for free disposal (e-waste items are limited to 7 items per visit). If you need to dispose of paint, stains or varnish just visit paintcare.org to find a local year round take back site near you! If you have any questions regarding our events, please don't hesitate to call our office at 541-506-2529. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Ethos Academy

Ethos Academy will be held right here in Sherman County on April 9 and 10th from 9-12. Choose which day you want to come and then call Tammi at 541-565-3416 to sign up. Fee is \$99.

Harnessing Leadership: Through Purpose, Direction, and Motivation
Leadership is defined as the process of

influencing people by providing purpose, direction, and motivation to accomplish the mission/job and improve the organization. Purpose is the *why* in everything we do and the grounding force in our lives. Direction provides the *how* to accomplish all the tasks and goals we have. Motivation is the *will* to do what in necessary to make all of this happen. Leadership is one of the key components to effectiveness and achieving success in life. This course will focus on how to unlock your purpose, develop direction, and instill the motivation to increase your effectiveness in all facets of your life.

Course Objectives:

- Increase your personal and professional effectiveness through the application of leadership.
- Enhance your team and organization through the understanding of self-leadership.
- Recognize how leadership enables teams and organizations to realize their vision by increasing the effectiveness of all their members.
- Understand and assess yourself.
- Analyze your character and the five elements of character.

Understand the leadership principles and their value as a leader.

First Responder Class

Sherman County Emergency Services is offering a First Responder Class in Moro Starting in February. This class will be offered every Thursday. For more information please reach out to Sherman County Emergency Services 541-565-3100.

Sherman County Public/School Library Updates

*****PLEASE NOTE***** NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS

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

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 - March 7th @ 5pm

The Midnight Library

By Matt Haig

Join us for tea, dessert, & book discussion.

Give us a call

To reserve your copy.

NEW CHILDREN'S/JUVENILE

<i>Very Good Hats</i>	Emma Straub
<i>The Harry Potter Wizarding Almanac</i>	J.K. Rowling
<i>The Magic & Mystery of Trees</i>	Jen Green
<i>If You Take Away the Otter</i>	Susannah Buhrman-Deever
<i>Just Because</i>	Matthew McConaughey

NEW YA BOOKS & GRAPHIC NOVELS

<i>Nightbane</i>	Alex Aster
<i>To Kill a Shadow</i>	Katherine Quinn
<i>The Edge</i>	Brandon Sanderson
<i>15 Secrets to Survival</i>	Natalie D. Richards

BEST SELLERS

<i>Cross Down</i>	James Patterson
<i>Alex Cross Must Die</i>	James Patterson
<i>The Edge</i>	David Baldacci
<i>Iron Flame</i>	Rebecca Yarros
<i>Inheritance</i>	Nora Roberts

NEW NON-FICTION

<i>The Last Hill</i>	Bob Drury & Tom Clavin
<i>Prequel: An American Fight Against Fascism</i>	Rachel Maddow
<i>Ghost of Honolulu</i>	Mark Harmon
<i>A Fever in the Heartland</i>	Timothy Egan
<i>My Effin Life</i>	Geddy Lee
<i>Democracy Awakening</i>	Heather Cox Richardson

FAMILY STORYTIME

**Ages 0-5 years
Self-guided crafts
available for older siblings**

The first & third Saturday
of every month @ 9:30am



Judges Corner

Yesterday, I was returning home after spending the day in Salem. As I drove along about 20 miles per hour on I-205, I passed 3 company vehicles for different companies advertising pest control. They were names “Axiom” with a scientific looking logo, “Killer” with a 1930’s gangster looking logo with lots of faux bullet holes, and “SQUISH” with a spattered bug for a logo. What the heck was going on that I would see 3 pest control company vehicles in under 25 miles in that short time frame? Then my thoughts traveled to....

The short Oregon legislative session starts February 5th. I am told every State Representative and State Senator can introduce two bills. Each committee can introduce three bills and the Governor was planning to submit one bill. That number would be 300 bills from the legislative body. Plus the one for the Governor – 301 total bills. Session ends March 10th, -35 days. Major conversations about paying for fire protection, an attempt to address the issues with Measure 110 (the legalization of drugs), and housing are taking place. If you have concerns about what you read or are hearing please reach out to our State Representative Greg Smith at rep.gregsmith@oregonlegislature.gov or Senator Bill Hansell at Sen.BillHansell@oregonlegislature.gov

Local leaders and community members were able to take an “Ethics and Rules” training put on by League of Oregon Cities at the Sherman County School in late November. It was a great training that covered public meeting laws and other dos and don’ts.

Do be aware that there will be two “Ethos” classes put on by Col. Jeff Crapo on April 9th and 10th. This will be a great follow up to the Ethics and Rules training we did in November. FYI - I did look up the word “Ethos” since it is something I don’t hear being used very often and I wanted to make sure I understood and got the definition right. The simplest way to put it is - “The guiding beliefs of a person, group, or institution”.

Also be aware that Sherman County is in the spot light again on the energy front. Numerous Renewable energy companies have been researching for locations in Sherman County to build new solar and wind turbine farms.

Do thank the Sherman County Emergency Management for being proactive. EMS was lucky enough to secure a grant that allowed them to purchase 11 AEDs to place in strategic locations throughout Sherman County. Thank You to TC Energy, the gas plant south of Kent, for the grant.

Speaking of don’ts – don’t drive on Hwy 30 between Rufus and Biggs. The pile of rock on Mattie’s Hump still needs to be removed and the hillside may need some work done to it to stabilize it. It is best to be safe and stay out of ODOT’s way as they address the problem. FYI – Mattie’s Hump was named after Mattie Finley a long time Biggs Jct. resident and business owner.

Don’t be hesitant to say yes when you are asked to be a volunteer or to be on a committee this year. Budget season is coming up and many groups need budget and committee members.

The quote I thought I would use this time is the title of a book I learned about from my youngest daughter. Written by Arnold Schwarzenegger, the book title “BE USEFUL” says volumes. (Not trying to tie that back to leaders in Salem, but...)

Judge Joe Dabulskis



SHERMAN
COUNTY



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