

The Citizen-Reporter



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Congratulations Class of 2024

Congratulations to the Sherman County Class of 2024:

We wish all of the graduates good luck and great success in all their future endeavors.

Sawyer Baker	Sophie Hulke
Zander Berglund	Sean Parkki
Madalyn Berry	Kaelex Peters
Josiah Carlson	Henry Poirier
Lexi Carlson-Lange	James Richman
Courtney Coelsch	Kiyonae Riggs
Talon Dark	Pyeper Walker
Canon Dorzab	Winter Walker
Luke Fritts	Violet Woods

Sherman County Graduation:

Saturday, June 1, 2024

Quotes:

“My wish for you is that this life becomes all that you want it to. Your dreams stay big, your worries stay small and that you never need to carry more than you can hold.” - **Rascal Flatts**

“How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and the strong. Because someday in life you will have been all of these things.” - **George Washington Carver**



Resident Incentive Program

Applications for the 2024 Resident Incentive Program will be mailed out during the first week of June. Only one person from each residence address is eligible and that person must be over 18 years of age and live in Sherman County for at least one year as of August 31, 2024. The last day to submit completed forms is August 30, 2024. Payments applied to Sherman County property tax accounts are processed before tax statements are sent out in order to take advantage of the discount earned when paying by November 15. Any remaining balance is mailed out with the other Resident Incentive checks expected to go out on or before December 15, 2024. Please note that those applicants who qualified, but move out of the county before payment is sent are no longer eligible and will not receive a check. Applications are also available online at Sherman County's website: co.sherman.or.us or by contacting Sherman County Financial Services at 541-565-3623.

Sherman County Community Transit

MEDICAL RIDES

This service provides individual and/or shared Medical, Dental & Optical rides for Veterans, qualifying Medicaid Clients, Seniors, and other Sherman County Residents.

Call to schedule your ride at least 48 hours in advance. Phone: 541-565-3553

As a non-profit, Sherman County Community Transit greatly appreciates any and all donations.

If you are satisfied with our services, please consider making a donation. Please notify the dispatcher if an ADA (wheelchair accessible) vehicle is needed when scheduling your ride.

SHOPPING BUS—TUESDAY

This bus is dial-a-ride for light shopping, medical, and business.

We provide door-to-door pickup for all Sherman County residents for shopping in The Dalles and a once monthly shopping trip to Hood River, including a stop for lunch.

Additional shopping days may be added depending on need and driver availability.

Call at least 24 hours in advance to reserve a seat on the shopping bus.

Suggested Donation: \$5.00 one-way \$10.00 round trip.
Approximate departure times:

Grass Valley—9:15 am
Moro—9:30 am
Wasco—9:45 am
Rufus—10:00 am
Biggs—10:15 am
Return trip—2:15 pm
*Departure times subject to change

Medical/Business Appointments on Shopping Days

1. Please schedule your appointments on Tuesdays between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm.
2. Please call dispatch at least 24 hours in advance to notify them of said appointment.
3. There are no age restrictions for medical and/or shopping. Clients with children must provide their own approved child safety seat and ensure the child is properly secured. As a transit provide the following apply: ORS 811.210, ORS 811.215 (1) (c) (B) & ORS 811.215 (1) (c) (A)

Office and Dispatch Hours:
Monday—Friday 8 am-5pm

Closed Federal Holidays. Please leave a detailed message and we will return your call.

Phone: 541-565-3553

Grass Valley Farmers Market

Every Second Saturday

May—October

10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Grass Valley Park

Baked Goods, Crafts, Plants, Produce, Preserves, Balms, Candles, Soaps, Lotions, Eggs, Meat & Much More!

Through the Eyes of an Elder

The Through the Eyes of an Elder is a monthly column in the Columbia Gorge News contributed by the Aging in the Gorge Alliance. We hope to share stories from older adults, their loved ones, and caregivers in the Mid-Columbia region. The subject matter can be reflective, personal, or even practical. Authors can write an article (~720 words) or can choose to be interviewed. Articles are usually accompanied by a high-quality photo and a 1-2 sentence description of the author. We can provide support with deadlines, writing, and editing. We are seeking authors from May 2024 onward.

We would love to hear diverse perspectives, stories, and wisdom from all across the Gorge. Contact Grace Wesson at Grace.Wesson@OregonState.edu for details or column suggestions.

Fire Ban

Due to the fire danger conditions, the burn ban is in effect as of June 1, 2024, for South Sherman Fire District, Moro Fire District and North Sherman Fire District, which includes the cities of Grass Valley, Kent, Moro, Rufus, and Wasco. This includes burn barrels, incinerators, and agricultural burning. Thank you for your cooperation.



Sherman County Fair

Don't forget to mark your calendars—Fair is the 3rd week in August.

Cyber Security Training for Seniors

Sherman County will be holding a Cyber Security Training for Seniors on June 28th at 11:00 a.m. at the Senior Center. Come and learn some tips and tricks to help protect yourself in an ever-increasing digital world. What signs to look for if someone is trying to take advantage of you over the phone, on a computer or personal device such as a tablet or smartphone. Learn to keep yourself safe from scammers in these troubling times.

This training is made possible through a collaboration of Sherman County, ASI/ACCTech Solutions, Sherman County Sheriff's Office and the Bank of Eastern Oregon. Please RSVP at 541-565-3416 or court@shermancounty.net All participants who RSVP for this training will receive a free lunch at the Senior Center following the training.



Hans The Produce Guy Schedule

Every Friday:

- 12:30-2:00 p.m. Rufus
- 2:30-4:00 p.m. Wasco
- 4:30-6:00 p.m. Grass Valley

Every Sunday:

- 4:30—6:00 p.m. Moro

Sherman County Soil & Water Conservation District

Local Poster Contest

SWCD and the school library held an "Ag in the Classroom" art contest for grades K-4. This was a local contest only. All posters (not just our winners) were mailed to Salem to be judged in the State contest. Congratulations to our local Sherman County winners!

Arbor Day

SWCD and NRCS had a great time planting trees on Arbor Day with Sherman County students. Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Farrens brought their classes out to the Bill Todd Memorial to plant a Willow tree and a Northern Red Oak. All of the students worked really hard digging large holes, planting the trees, and refilling the holes. We talked about the benefits of trees, such as cleaning the air, providing habitat for wildlife, boosting our mental health, and much more!

Sherman County SWCD Scholarship

The Sherman County SWCD Board was pleased to award eight \$1,500 scholarships this spring to past and present graduates of Sherman County School District. Congratulations to: Cannon Dorzab, Courtney Coelsch, Josiah Carlson, Kole Martin, Logan Barrett, Natalie Martin, Rebecca Hilderbrand, and Sawyer Baker. All of these students have chosen a career in some area of agriculture or vocational education.

Visit our website at

www.shermancountyswcd.com

Follow us on Facebook @ Sherman County SWCD

Sherman Extension Day Camps

Sherman County Extension will again be offering several day camps during the summer months.

4-H Summer Day Camp is Wednesday, June 12 and Thursday, June 13 at Camp Morrow near Wamic. This camp is for Sherman-connected youth who just finished 4th, 5th or 6th grade. Youth do not have to be enrolled in 4-H to attend. Camp fee is \$50 per youth. Busing will be provided from and to Sherman County each day. Camp brochures are available on Sherman County 4-H Facebook page, Sherman County School elementary desk and library bulletin board, at county post offices, and the Sherman Extension Office. Registrations due on or before Monday, June 3.

The "Science of Super Heroes" is a free camp for youth ages 6-9 years (older youth are welcome), with a limit of 15 youth. It will be held Monday, July 15 through Thursday, July 19 from 9am-12pm at Sherman Extension. Many of the world's most famous superheroes modeled their identities after creatures with unique abilities by using engineering and design techniques. Students will be given an opportunity to dissect these skill-sets and uncover the science behind such super skills. There will be lots of plastic brick-building activities. Funded in part by a previous grant from the Columbia Gorge STEM Hub. Call the Extension Office to sign up at 565-3230.

2024 Spring Grant Awards Announced by Cultural Coalition

Spring grant awards for 2024 have been announced by the Sherman County Cultural Coalition (SCCC) committing \$6,380.00 to projects that strengthen existing cultural resources or engage the community in the arts, heritage or humanities in Sherman County.

Six project applications met the goals and priorities established by the Coalition in the Sherman County Cultural Plan. Successful applicants and projects are as follows: Amanda West – *Sherman Soapbox*; City of Rufus – *Rufus Welcomes You Sign*; City of Wasco – *Wasco Memorial Day Celebration*; Hotel Moro – *Ballroom History Wall*; Sherman Co Worship – *Personal Monitoring System*; Sherman Kids Zone – *Expanding Saturday Programming*.

Funding for these community projects was made possible with a grant award received from the Oregon Cultural Trust plus matching funds generously provided by Sherman County. Applications for the next grant cycle will be available in the fall of 2024.

The Oregon Cultural Trust, with donations from Oregonians, funds 1400+ nonprofits in Oregon in the areas of arts, heritage, and humanities. When you donate to any of the 1400+ on the list, you can qualify for a state tax credit. Visit <https://culturaltrust.org/> to learn how you can get involved and

qualify for the tax credit.

For additional information on the Sherman County Cultural Coalition, please visit our website at <https://www.shermancountyculturalcoalition.com>.

Tri-County Hazardous Waste & Recycling Program

We had our first Sherman County Household Hazardous Waste Event held at the Sherman County Road Department in Moro on Friday April 26th and collected 6,688 pounds of hazardous waste! Events held in Sherman County are open to Agricultural Producers, Small Businesses and Households for free disposal of hazardous waste. To advertise and prepare for these events in rural communities we set up signs along heavily traveled roads, in town and next to local businesses a week in advance to give locals the opportunity to learn about our events. Signage is one of the largest advertising options we use in rural communities as it does give folks who don't have access to social media, newspaper or the radio the opportunity to learn about our events. We kindly ask if you see our signs to please leave them as you see them as we have had signs tampered with or damaged within the last 2 years and they are costly for staff to replace.

If you have any questions about our program, what we do or how to sign up for our events please contact our office at 541-506-2529. We thank you for your continued support and participation in our events!

WIC Program

The WIC Program will hold its traveling satellite clinic at the Sherman County Senior & Community Center in Moro on June 20th. The clinic is by appointment only.

Anyone 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 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.

Senior Citizen Donations Wanted

On July 22nd we will be distributing Summer bags to residents of Sagewind Manor and Meals on Wheels recipients. You can help us fill these bags by dropping off donations to the EMS building in Moro, the County Court Office at the Courthouse, or the Senior Center. We are looking to fill 28 bags. Donations will be accepted until Thursday, July 18th. Suggested items are: garden fresh veggies, Kleenex, toilet paper, quart baggies, saran wrap, lotion, hand soap, nuts, crackers, trail mix, canned foods, puzzles, cards, etc.

Sherman County Harvest Festival

The Third Annual Sherman County Harvest Festival will be Sunday, July 21st in Moro, Oregon from 3 - 7 p.m.

There will be children/family activities from 3-5 p.m., an Artisan Market from 3-6 p.m., and live music by Country-fied from 4-7 p.m.

Fun for the whole family; a day filled with fun, festivities, and community spirit. Mark your calendars and see you there as we celebrate the bountiful harvest and the vibrant spirit of our community.

This event is sponsored by the City of Moro, Oregon Frontier Chamber of Commerce, Sherman Kids Zone, Sherman County Court, Sherman County Prevention, Sherman County Historical Society, and many other local and regional businesses.

Ambulance Membership Sponsors needed

We are looking for people to sponsor Sherman County Ambulance Service Memberships. Anyone interested in sponsoring an Ambulance Service Membership, please contact Dana Pursley-Haner at 541-565-3100.

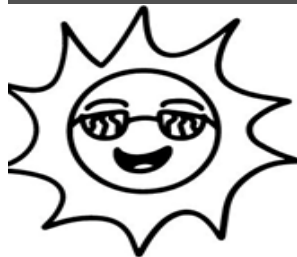


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they hear you®

BEFORE THEY MAKE PLANS WITH FRIENDS...
Establish some family rules for social and extracurricular activities.

Young people don't always have all the facts when it comes to alcohol and other drugs. Talk with your children about the risks of underage drinking and substance use, and be clear and consistent about your expectations. For tips on how—and when—to begin the conversation, visit www.underagedrinking.samhsa.gov

#TalkTheyHearYou PEP20-03-01-054



SUMMER

SUMMER EVENTS CALENDAR AND SWIM BUS INFORMATION WILL BE SENT HOME WITH ALL KINDER - SIXTH GRADE STUDENTS THE LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT ALL THE WONDERFUL EVENTS HAPPENING THIS SUMMER!



EXAMPLES OF FIRE-RESISTANT PLANTS

Groundcovers

- Kinnikinnick—Arctostaphylos-uva-ursi
- Rock cress—Aubrieta deltoidea
- Sedum—Sedum species

Perennials

- Basket-of-gold—Aurinia Saxatilis
- Columbine—Aquilegia species
- Penstemon—Penstemon species

Shrubs—deciduous

- Lilac—Syringa species
- Flowering current—Ribes species
- Vine Maple—Acer circinatum

Trees—deciduous

- Quaking Aspen—Populus tremuloides
- Flowering Dogwood—Cornus florida
- Chokecherry—Prunus virginiana

For the complete list of Fire-Resistant Plants for Home Landscapes and how best to use plants to help protect your home from wildfire, please visit <https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/pub/pnw590>

The Sherman County Historical Society

Mark your calendars! The Sherman County Historical Society will be hosting its annual meeting on June 9th, 2024. Starting with a social hour at the Sherman County Senior Center at 3 pm, the annual meeting and dinner will follow. The cost for dinner is \$20 per person. Please RSVP to 541-565-3232. This year, we will welcome our new director, Kristen Stuart.

Kristen is a local home business owner and graphic designer. She has been designing everything from magazines to logos for new businesses, all manner of print material such as brochures but also websites. She was also previously a park ranger for the US Army Corps of Engineers for five years where she created and presented interpretive programs on local history, electricity production, fish migration, and commerce along the river. With the exception of a one-year sabbatical in the bush part of Alaska, Kristen has lived in the Columbia River Gorge her whole life. She has now lived in the county for seven years and her husband is the social studies teacher at the Sherman County School. She is very enthusiastic to bring her knowledge and love of the area and skills in graphic design to the job. Kristen is excited to start work as the Director of this treasured historical museum!

June is Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month

This June during Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month, the Alzheimer's Association is encouraging all Americans to take charge of their brain health.

Today, there are nearly 7 million people age 65 and older in the U.S. are living with Alzheimer's dementia, including 79,100 in Oregon. The lifetime risk for the disease at age 45 is 1 in 5 for women and 1 in 10 for men. The brain changes that cause Alzheimer's are thought to begin 20 years or more before symptoms start, which suggests that there may be a substantial window of time in which we can intervene in the progression of the disease.

Experts believe there isn't a single cause of Alzheimer's. It's likely the disease develops as a result of multiple factors. While not a direct cause of Alzheimer's, the greatest known risk factor is advancing age. Although some risk factors like age cannot be changed, others — including physical activity, not smoking, education, challenging your mind, blood pressure and diet — may be modified to reduce a person's risk.

“Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month offers the perfect opportunity

for residents of Sherman County to take charge of their brain health,” said Tracy Morgan, Oregon & SW Washington Alzheimer's Chapter Executive. “We want people to know there are steps they can take to potentially reduce their risk of cognitive decline. We also want to encourage anyone experiencing memory or thinking problems to talk to their doctor. There are many possible causes — and if it is Alzheimer's disease, there are numerous benefits to getting a timely diagnosis.”

During June, the Alzheimer's Association is offering these 5 suggestions to take charge of your brain health:

Incorporate healthy habits that may reduce the risk of cognitive decline: Research shows that adopting healthy habits may reduce the risk of cognitive decline. As many as 40% of dementia cases worldwide may be attributable to modifiable risk factors. Based on mounting scientific evidence, the Alzheimer's Association encourages individuals to incorporate these [10 Healthy Habits](#) to reduce the risk of cognitive decline and possibly dementia. Whatever your age or stage of life, now is the time to take charge of your brain.

Learn the early warning signs of Alzheimer's and other dementia: Many people equate Alzheimer's to memory loss — and while that is one

of the most common signs — there are other warning signs that can signal cognitive decline, including altered judgment, mood changes, challenges in decision-making, and planning and carrying out projects. Some memory changes can be a normal part of the aging process, but when changes start to interfere with daily living or stray drastically from the person's normal behavior, it's best to get it checked. The Alzheimer's Association offers these [10 Early Signs and Symptoms of Alzheimer's](#) to help people identify potential early warning signs of Alzheimer's or other dementia.

Be proactive in addressing memory and thinking problems: Studies show many individuals experiencing memory and thinking problems often put off discussing them with a doctor. A [2022 Alzheimer's Association report](#) found that 60% of U.S. adults say they would not see a doctor right away if they were experiencing symptoms of mild cognitive impairment. Rather, they would wait until symptoms persisted, worsened or until family and friends expressed concern.

However, [early detection and diagnosis of Alzheimer's and other dementia](#) offers the best opportunity for care, management and treatment. It also provides diagnosed individuals more time to plan for the future, participate in clinical trials and to live

with a higher quality of life, for as long as possible. In addition, there are now [treatments](#) that may slow disease progression for people in the early stage of Alzheimer's, making a timely diagnosis critically important. If you or a family is experiencing memory or thinking problems, it is important to get it checked. The Alzheimer's Association offers [tips and resources](#) to help families navigate these conversations.

Help accelerate disease-related research: Clinical trials hold the key to new and better Alzheimer's disease treatments. Individuals living with Alzheimer's and other dementias, caregivers and healthy volunteers are needed to participate in clinical trials that help advance Alzheimer's research. Today, approximately 55,000 volunteers are needed for more than 180 clinical trials. The [Alzheimer's Association TrialMatch®](#) is a free, easy-to-use service that connects interested individuals with appropriate trials.

Volunteer with the Alzheimer's Association: Volunteers are the key to making a difference in the lives of people facing Alzheimer's and dementia. When you [volunteer with the Alzheimer's Association](#), you join a network of passionate people who are working to fight this devastating disease, honor loved ones, and bring care and support to those who need it.

About Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month

Established by the Alzheimer's Association in 2014, Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month is dedicated to encouraging a global conversation about the brain and Alzheimer's disease and other dementia. To learn more about the Alzheimer's Association, available resources and how you can get involved to support the cause, visit alz.org/abam.



FREE HELMETS

Sherman County Emergency Services has received a new batch of helmets. We have bicycle helmets from toddler to X-Large and Multi-sport (skaters) helmets from small to X-large. These are free to Sherman County youth.

Did You know?

- ◇ The number of preventable deaths from bicycle transportation incidents increased 16% in 2020
- ◇ There has been an increased 44% in the last 10 years, from 873 in 2011 to 1,260 in 2020

If your child is in need of a helmet, please contact Dana Pursley-Haner at 541-565-3100 or stop by the Sherman County Emergency Services Building.



OSU Extension Sherman County Crop Tour

OSU Extension Sherman County Crop Tour, Tuesday, June 4, 8:30 am to noon

3 ODA pesticide credits available

Agenda:

8:30 - Coffee and doughnuts at the Sherman County Extension Office (66365 Lonerock Rd, Moro, OR 97039)

8:45 – Agency Updates

9:00 – Wheat variety trials, Sherman Experiment Station, Ryan Graebner

9:30 - Winter wheat biofertilizer trials, Sherman Experiment Station, Jacob Powell

9:45 – Seed treatment trials, Sherman Experiment Station, Christina Hagerty and Grayson Namdar

10:00 – Using precision spraying systems and drones in wheat, TBD

11:30 – McGregor / MCP seed treatment trials and wheat varieties, next to Sherman County Fairgrounds

Noonish – Return to Sherman County Extension Office for lunch

Thanks to our great sponsors this year! Including MCP, McGregor, AgWest Farm Credit, and Sherman County SWCD!

Scam & Fraud Prevention Event

Save the date! Six Signs it's a Scam presentation at the Sherman County Senior & Community Center - July 23 from 1pm-2pm. FREE community event.

Join us for an educational talk led by Ellen Klem, Director of Consumer Outreach & Education with the Oregon Office of the Attorney General. Every year, thieves and con artists cheat thousands of Oregonians out of their hard-earned money and valuable personal information. This presentation will help you stop the fraud before it starts and teach you how to alert others so they can avoid becoming victims. Please join us and spread the word to your family, neighbors and friends across the state, to help them become smarter consumers as well.



Pictures from the 2024 Wasco Memorial Day Parade and The Catfish Derby.



Public/School Library Updates

541-565-3279

shermanlibrary@sherman.k12.or.us

ShermanCountyPSL.weebly.com/

Public Library Hours

Tuesdays/Thursdays 10:00am -6:00pm
 Saturdays 10:00am-4:00pm

Curbside pickup available

Library Book Club—July 6th @ 5 pm

Sleep No More

By Jayne Ann Krentz

Join us for tea, dessert, and book discussion.

Give us a call to reserve your copy.

New Children's/Juvenile

<i>Ferris</i>	Kate Dicamillo
<i>Secret Agent 6th Grader</i>	Marcus Emerson
<i>Grand Canyon</i>	Jason Chin
<i>Watercress</i>	Andrea Wang
<i>Water Is Water</i>	Miranda Paul

Summer Reading Program Read, Renew, Repeat

June 18th - *The Quest for the Kakapo!* with Traveling Lantern

June 25th - *Dig In!* with Soil & Water Conservation

July 2nd - *The Mystery of Butterflies* with Sherman County Prevention

July 9th - *Composting for Kids* with OSU Extension

July 16th - *Dissecting Owl Pellets* with Liz Cranston

Fiction

<i>The #1 Lawyer</i>	James Patterson & Nancy Allen
<i>The Inmate</i>	Freida McFadden
<i>The Stolen Heir</i>	Holly Black
<i>The Prisoner's Throne</i>	Holly Black
<i>Words of Radiance</i>	Brandon Sanderson
<i>Oathbreaker</i>	Brandon Sanderson
<i>The Hero of Ages</i>	Brandon Sanderson
<i>The Familiar</i>	Leigh Bardugo
<i>James</i>	Percival Everett

Non-Fiction

<i>The Wonders of Nature</i>	DK Publishing
<i>An Anthology of Our Extraordinary Earth</i>	DK Publishing
<i>PlantYou: Scrappy Cooking</i>	Carleigh Bodrug
<i>The Secret World of Plants</i>	DK Publishing
<i>An Anthology of Aquatic Life</i>	DK Publishing
<i>My Encyclopedia of Very Important Dinosaurs</i>	DK Publishing
<i>My Very Important Earth Encyclopedia</i>	DK Publishing
<i>My Encyclopedia of Very Important Things</i>	DK Publishing

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.

The Judges Corner

With High School graduation just around the corner I often think back to when my kids graduated. I remember giving my son 3 bits of advice as I helped load his car before he left for college. I told him - "1st Don't phone home for money - you won't get any. Period. 2nd Drive carefully - You will have somebody else's kid in the car so drive accordingly and last I told him - You are going to do stupid stuff - be smart about it." When my youngest daughter left for college I added these words of advice - "1st Be yourself, be confident of who you are, don't be afraid to be different. 2nd Do not make big important decisions at night, that is when the demons come out - sleep on it and make important decisions in the daytime. And 3rd You will regret the things you don't do way more than you will regret the things you do do." I hope those words of wisdom helped them. They helped me, - neither phoned home for money!

Last month both our State Representative Greg Smith and our U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley came to Sherman County. Not sure if I would say we got words of wisdom from them but there was discussion about the borders, both with Idaho and Mexico at Sen. Merkley's town hall in Rufus. Sen Merkley did tell us that the saying used to be, "A 'Lie' will be half way around the world before the 'Truth' gets its pants on". I guess that could fall under "Words of Wisdom". The Senator awarded "The Kid's Zone" with a flag that had flown over the capital. Rep. Smith did state he owes Sherman County a million bucks because of an error in a piece of legislation that was written wrong. Rep. Smith then educated the group on how the State House of Representatives has 60 members. 19 are from Multnomah County, 11 from Washington County, 8 from Clackamas County and 4 are from Lane County. Totaling 42 of 60 Reps from just 4 of Oregon's 36 counties. Rep. Greg Smith stated that is why so much legislation is passed that this side of the state often disagrees with. Those 4 counties have a super majority.

Sherman County had 1461 eligible voters this election cycle of 1499 registered voters. Republicans 714, Democrats 232, Non Affiliated Voters 458, Other Parties 95. Our total county population is 1938. Thank You to everyone who took the time to vote.

We have a new museum director, Kristen S. of Moro. Welcome! Can't wait to come in to say "Hi". Thank you Carrie K. for all your hard work filling in while searching for a director.

Mattie's Hump on Highway 30 between Rufus and Biggs should be open soon. ODOT had a delay in stabilizing the rocks above the highway due to funding. That issue has been solved, the road should be open and safe well before wheat harvest starts.

Sherman County along with the Sheriff's Office and the Bank of Eastern Oregon will be teaming up to put on a Cyber Security "Dos and Don'ts" class for Senior Citizens soon. Please be on the lookout for more information as a date, time and location is decided on. The County employees were able to take a similar class earlier this month.

Mark P. is now part of the Sheriff's Office as a Deputy keeping Sherman County safe. Welcome Mark.

I attended a Consulate meeting at the Maryhill Museum in April. The Pump Storage project was the main topic of discussion. There where Consulates from Nepal, Finland, Germany, Ethiopia, and Uzbekistan present. I was the only other "foreigner" in the room - all the rest of the attendees were from Washington State. Interesting listening to Germany mention the difficult process of not using Russian energy. The Pump Storage project is supposed to get build permits this summer.

Starting to have conversations with multiple Renewable Energy Companies. 4 different companies have reached out to the county this past month about possible projects.

Check out the new Gazebo at DeMoss Park. Bruce O. keeps the park and the Courthouse looking like they should be on the cover of a magazine. Thanks Bruce.

Back to "Words of Wisdom" for a quote - this author surprised me. Very different from "The Star Spangled Banner" of the 1969 Woodstock Festival.

"Knowledge speaks, but wisdom listens." Jimi Hendrix



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June

Presorted Standard
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Moro, Oregon 97039
<http://www.co.sherman.or.us>

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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