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Sherman County Adopts Mass Notification System



Find this logo on the Sherman County website, www.co.sherman.or.us. Click on it to navigate to the Frontier Regional Emergency Alert Program log-in page. From here, you can sign up for an account or log in to a pre-existing account to manage how you receive emergency notifications.

The Sherman County Office of Emergency Management has teamed up with Frontier Regional 911, along with Gilliam, Jefferson, and Wheeler counties, to implement an Emergency Notification System designed to provide emergency notifications to residents and businesses in the four counties.

The Emergency Notification System gives us the ability to deliver pre-recorded emergency notifications and information messages to targeted

areas within one of the four counties. The system utilizes home phones, cell phones, texts, and electronic mail messaging. The system within Sherman County is called **FRONTIER REGIONAL ALERT**.

The system, known as **FRONTIER REGIONAL ALERT**, will be able to alert residents about severe weather events, power outages, floods, wildfires and much more. Messages can be sent to individuals using a variety of contact mechanisms—cell phone, landline, email, and text messaging—in minutes. Citizens listed in the 911 database (phone books) will be automatically subscribed by landline. However, citizens are strongly encouraged to “OPT IN” and self-register in order to provide additional information.

To opt in, simply click on the Frontier Regional Alert Logo and go through the sign-up procedures. Currently, the logo can be found on the Sherman County home page at www.co.sherman.or.us. If you don't have an email address and would like to receive your alerts by cell phone or texting, or if you need any other assistance with registering, please contact Shawn Payne, Sherman County Emergency Services, at 541-565-3100.

~ Shawn Payne, Director of Emergency Services

New Courthouse Facility Programming Completed

The project team started the programming effort by meeting with the Steering Committee. The project team and Steering Committee established guiding principles and goals for the project that will assist the decision making process through the duration of the project.

Principles:

- No winners or losers—all parties must benefit
- Function dictates space needs
- Be good stewards—spend money wisely
- The courthouse represents the entire county

Goals:

- Provide secure, flexible, efficient spaces
- Create one campus to the greatest extent possible
- Provide adequate space and privacy
- Do it right—provide long term solutions—think 100 years and beyond

We toured all the departments in Sherman County and interviewed each department head to understand how work is performed, what kinds of spaces they need do to their work, and which departments benefit from being adjacent to one other. We used this data to create the program, defining the space need requirements of each department, and reviewed it with each department to confirm what we heard.

As we refine the program and move into schematic design, it continues to be clear that the existing courthouse has serviced the Sherman County community well for a very long time. Modification of the building must respect its history yet address the complexities of today's society, streamline the county's workflow, adhere to life safety, the ADA, energy code regulations, and meet federal laws regarding information privacy.

Kirby Nagelhout Construction, the project's construction manager/general contractor (CMGC), assigned a preliminary cost to the new facility and

the existing courthouse renovation to establish a construction budget. Wenaha Group assigned cost estimates to other project related items needed to complete the project budget.

The County Court has approved the building program and target project budget. The Court has also given the project team authorization to proceed with schematic design. We are currently working through options that address department needs, adjacencies, and relationships to other spaces. In schematic design, we will address site development and explore what the new building will look like. We are planning to seek County Court approval of a Preferred Option later this spring.

~ *Meg Matsushima, Project Manager Hennebery Eddy Architects, Inc.*

Sherman County Appraiser Hired

Drew Messenger has filled the position of Sherman County Appraiser, effective February 2016. Messenger grew up in Gilliam County where he attended high school. He then attended Eastern Oregon University and received his degree from Oregon State University, majoring in Agricultural Science and minoring in both Crop Science and Soil Science. For the past two and a half years, Messenger worked for the Sherman County Soil and Water Conservation District until filling the position of Appraiser.

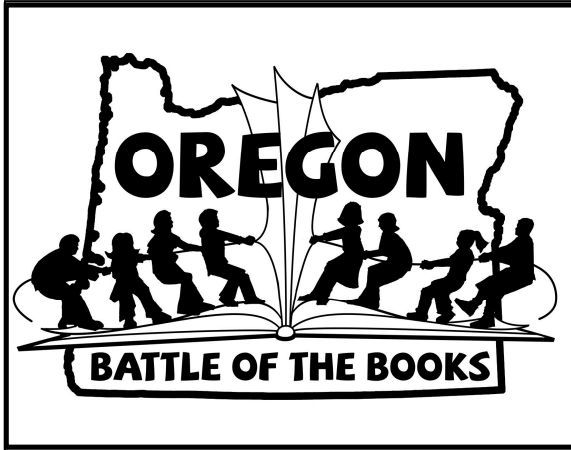
Now a resident of Moro, Messenger and his wife Chelsie recently purchased their first home. They are expecting their first child, a girl, in June.

Messenger expressed, "I am very excited to begin this new adventure in the Assessor's Office as the Appraiser for Sherman County. I look forward to meeting everyone, and I appreciate the opportunity to assist the taxpayers of Sherman County."

Best wishes to Drew Messenger in his new role as Sherman County Appraiser!

~ *Lauren Hernandez, Administrative Assistant*

Public/School Library Updates



OREGON BATTLE OF THE BOOKS SUCCESS!

Amy Dabulskis, Becca Earl, and Athena Marvitz comprised Sherman County’s Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) high school team. OBOB is a volunteer run, trivia-style competition that focuses on building literacy and team work skills by encouraging competitors to branch out and experience literature from an eclectic mixture of styles and viewpoints. Amy, Becca, and Athena attended the invitational in The Dalles, winning a first place trophy. Congratulations to Amy, Becca, and Athena, and thank you to all of the volunteers who make OBOB possible!

NEW BEST SELLERS

- “Golden Son and Morning Star” - Pierce Brown
- “When Breath Becomes Air” - Paul Kalanithi
- “A Mother’s Reckoning” - Sue Klebold
- “The Aeronaut’s Windlass” - Jim Butcher
- “Brotherhood in Death” - J.D. Robb

FALL AND WINTER HOURS

Monday	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday	8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Thursday	8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

BIMONTHLY ART EXHIBITION

Open to artists and residents of Sherman County

“Between the Lines”
April 6 – May 31

Website: www.scpslibrary.wix.com/scpsl
Email: shermanlibrary@sherman.k12.or.us
Phone: 541-565-3279
Address: 65912 High School Loop
 Moro, Oregon 97039

“Read. Everything you can get your hands on. Read until words become your friends. Then when you need to find one, they will jump into your mind, waving their hands for you to pick them. And you can select whichever you like, just like a captain choosing a stickball team.”
 —Karen Witemeyer

~ Marylou Martin, Library Director

Support Little Wheats at Paint Nite

Little Wheats, Inc. Daycare in Moro, Oregon, will host a Paint Nite fundraiser on Friday, May 6, 2016, at the Wasco Annex. Doors open at 5:00 p.m., and painting begins at 6:00 p.m. sharp! Don’t be late! There will be beer, wine, and appetizers to purchase from Moody Tollbridge Winery Company and The Feed Trough.

Go to <https://paintnite.com/events/1063687.html> to purchase your tickets! Tickets are \$45 each. A portion of each ticket purchased will support Little Wheats, Inc. Daycare. You may also contact Little Wheats directly at 541-565-3152 or email at littlewheats@centurylink.net if you have questions.



Pictured: The painting for the May 6 Paint Nite.

This is a wonderful gift for the mother in your life. Send them on a night out to paint or come paint something special for them! This is not an art class - Paint Nite is a fun and relaxed setting with friends! This event is for adults 21 and older. Thank you in advance for your support and we hope to see you at Paint Nite!

~ Kara Lanthorn, Little Wheats, Inc. Daycare

Primary Election Set for May 17, 2016

The 2016 Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, May 17. The last day to register to vote or change party affiliation for this election is Tuesday, April 26. Registration cards postmarked by this date or submitted online no later than 11:59 pm on April 26 are valid registrations for this election. Online registration is located on the Secretary of State's website:

<https://secure.sos.state.or.us/orestar/vr/register.do?lang=eng&source=SOS> .

Voters who have moved must update their registration information. The postal service cannot forward ballots. Registration cards are available at any post office or county clerk's office. Your voter information can also be updated online at the link above. The Secretary of State's office will mail state voter pamphlets between April 20 and April 22.

The Democratic Party of Oregon, the Independent Party of Oregon, and the Oregon Republican Party will hold primaries on May 17 to select candidates to represent each party at the November general election. Oregon law allows major political parties to decide whether to hold "open" or "closed" primaries. In this year's May Primary, both the Democratic and Republican parties will hold "closed" primaries – meaning that a voter must be registered with that party to participate in its primary election. The Independent Party will "open" its first primary since qualifying as a major political party. Their primary will be "open" to both registered party members and to all non-affiliated voters in the state. In March, the Secretary of State's Office sent a mailer to non-affiliated voters across Oregon describing available options and with a response deadline of April 26, 2016.

Along with federal and state offices, the following Sherman County positions will appear on the primary ballot. Names of filed candidates are listed below in the same random order as they will be listed on the ballot in accordance with ORS 254.155. State filed candidates can be found on the Secretary of State's Election Division website at: <https://secure.sos.state.or.us/orestar/CFSearchPage.do> .

COUNTY PARTISAN OFFICES

Commissioner, Position 1:

Democrat – No candidate filed

Independent – No candidate filed

Republican – Joe Dabulskis; Mike Smith

Precinct Committeeperson:

(Only precincts and political parties with filed candidates are listed)

Precinct 2—Wasco/Republican/Mike W. McArthur

COUNTY NONPARTISAN OFFICES

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

Sheriff:

Brad A. Lohrey

County Clerk:

Jenine McDermid

Ballots will be mailed between April 27 and May 3. Your voted ballot must be received in a county elections office or at a designated official elections drop site before the deadline of **8:00 pm on Tuesday, May 17, 2016.** Postmarks do not count. If you have a question or need assistance, please call the Clerk's Office at 541-565-3606.

~ Jenine McDermid, Clerk



Sherman Community Transit Continues to Serve Our County

Sherman County's transportation service has continued to grow, serving more of our population each year. Sherman County residents may call each week to reserve a seat on the regularly scheduled Monday and Thursday bus for shopping, personal business, and morning medical appointments into The Dalles. The door-to-door approximate pick-up times and locations are:

7:15am Kent	8:15am Wasco
7:40am Grass Valley	8:30am Rufus
8:00am Moro	8:45am Biggs

We suggest at least a 24 hour advance notice and a \$5.00 minimum donation for this round trip. Call Sherman County Transportation at **541-565-3553** to request a ride.

Priority is given to seniors and individuals with disabilities. Most transit vehicles accommodate a wheelchair or scooter. If a wheelchair accessible vehicle is needed, please advise when calling for a ride. All drivers complete a 16 hour class for Defensive Driving & Passenger Assistance & Sensitivity Training and must have a current First Aid/CPR & Blood Spill Procedures Card.

There are no age restrictions for Community Transit. Clients with children must provide their own approved child safety seat and ensure the child is properly secured. Veterans may request medical, dental & optical rides, or a prescription pick-up by calling our office. A minimum of 48 hours should be provided before the appointment.

Oregon is one of seven states receiving veterans transportation funding. Sherman County is one of eight rural counties in Oregon that welcomes funding to transport veterans to access much needed health care. This funding was authorized by Congress in late 2014 and was extended through September 2016.

Sherman County contracts with the Medicaid



2016 coaches and athletes at Mt. Hood Meadows pictured in order from left to right:

Front row—Melody Nielson, Taylor Meckell, Lauren Evans

Back row—Mike Nielson – Coach, Robin Curry – Coach, Dylan Bigelow, Melissa Bigelow, Genevieve Harmon – Coach, Joe Cannon, Nolan Carlson

Brokerage in The Dalles through Mid-Columbia Council of Governments to provide non-emergency medical rides. **Medicaid clients** must call dispatch 48 hours prior to appointments for transportation at **1-877-875-4657**.

This was the 9th year transporting athletes and coaches to Special Olympic trainings and competitions on the mountains for snow-shoeing, skiing, and snow-boarding. Athletes come from Sherman County, The Dalles, and Hood River. Transportation is also provided to their basketball, track & field, and swimming competitions.

~ Marnene Benson-Wood, Transit Coordinator

HOOD RIVER LION'S FOUNDATION FOLLIES

Sherman County Transit will provide a bus trip to the Hood River Follies "**Forty Years of Magic**" with arrays from Mash, Cheers, Broadway, and Bonanza.

Date: Sunday, April 17, 2016

Time: 2 p.m. matinee performance

Advance Ticket Price: \$9/adults, \$7/children

Advance Bus Reservation Price: \$10/person

Sign up early to reserve tickets and a bus seat.

**FOR RESERVATIONS PLEASE
CALL: 541-565-3553**

58th Bull Tour Arriving April 8, 2016

The Bull Tour begins Friday, April 8, at 8:00 a.m., at the The Dalles Auction Sales office. Registration begins at 7 a.m. and is \$45 per person (including lunch, dinner, and refreshments provided by Cobblestone Catering). Sign up by calling the Sherman County Extension Office at 541-565-3230. A school bus will be provided for those who wish to leave the driving to a professional. Pre-registration is requested by April 4.

Four stops are planned as well as speakers during lunch and before the steak dinner. The first stop is the Bill Hammel Ranch, where four different breeds of bulls are mixed into the herd's bloodlines. David Brewer's stop features his breeding stock, bulls and cows, and discussion of his management leading to his direct sales of grass fed beef. During lunch, Bob Thornberg will discuss Nutrition and Supplements.

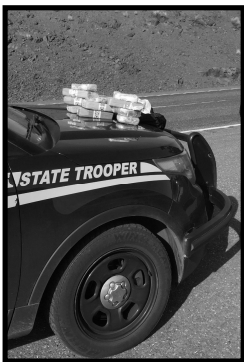
Next is Williams Ranch where Noah Williams will present the difference between show hogs and market hogs. As Williams is one our innovators in cover crops, we'll also hear about his last cover crop trial, how it was grazed, and how much beef resulted from that effort. Martin's Land and Cattle near Rufus follows and features their powerful bulls, used to produce highly-marketable beef. Then, we head to the fairgrounds in Moro to hear Mike Alley discuss feed efficiency and genetics before ending the day with the steak feed.

Although primarily sponsored by the Extension and NCLA, several others have made contributions to bring it all together.

~ Sandy Macnab, Extension Office

Drug Seizure on Highway 97

Pictured below: Some of the drugs seized during the traffic stop.



On February 23, 2016, an Oregon State Trooper stopped a northbound 2008 Dodge Caravan, Washington license plate, on US 97 near milepost 16 for a traffic violation. At the beginning of the stop, the trooper observed a handgun in the vehicle's glovebox after a passenger opened it. Neither the driver or passenger had a concealed weapons permit, and both were detained. Sheriff Lohrey overheard the trooper's request for another police officer and immediately responded to the scene to assist.

The vehicle's driver was identified as Alberto Alejandro Martinez, 32, Moses Lake, Washington. The passenger was identified as Jose Joel Helguera Del Rio, 31, Royal City, Washington. A subsequent search of the vehicle revealed approximately 25 pounds of cocaine and 44 pounds of methamphetamine. Both Martinez and Helguera Del Rio were arrested and lodged in the Multnomah County Jail for multiple Federal drug and firearm related charges.

The Oregon State Police Patrol Division was assisted at the scene by the Sherman County Sheriff's Office. Troopers from The Dalles Area Command were also assisted by Detectives from the Oregon State Police and Portland Police Bureau, US Marshals Service, and US Attorney's Office. The investigation is ongoing with the assistance of the Homeland Security Investigations.

This is one of the more significant recent seizures of illegal drugs in transport by the Oregon State Police. The estimated street value of the drugs is over 2.3 million dollars. It is believed that seizures such as this have the capability to make an immediate impact on the safety of numerous communities throughout the northwest.

~ Lieutenant Pat Shortt, Oregon State Police

Sherman County Cultural Coalition Spring Grant Cycle

Sherman County Cultural Coalition (SCCC) spring grant applications will be available April 1, 2016. Applicants may be individuals and/or groups, need not be legally recognized non-profits, and must have completed all reporting for any prior grants received.

Application Deadline: April 29, 2016

Grant Funds Available: 30 days following board review

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 and can meet one or more of the following goals/priorities established by the Coalition:

- ◆ Protect and strengthen investment in existing cultural resources
- ◆ Engage youth in the arts, heritage, and humanities
- ◆ Promote cultural programs that stimulate economic growth
- ◆ Promote publication and dissemination of cultural information related to the arts and culture within Sherman County

Mail or email requests for Grant Guidelines and Grant Application to:

Sherman County Cultural Coalition
P.O. Box 23
Moro, OR 97039 or
shermanculturalcoalition@gmail.com

If you have questions, please contact Melva Thomas at 541-442-5488. You can also email at shermanculturalcoalition@gmail.com

~ Melva Thomas, Sherman County Cultural Coalition

Sherman County Ambulance Purchases New Medic



Pictured: The newly purchased 2016 Horton Ambulance.

Sherman County Ambulance recently took ownership of a 2016 Horton Ambulance. The chassis is a Dodge Ram Laramie 5500 with a crew cab, which is a fairly new concept. The cab protects the crew, keeping them in safety restraints while the ambulance is in motion without a patient. The crew cab added 2 ½ feet to the length and shortened the patient compartment by 1 foot.

The ambulance is equipped with a Stryker Power-Load cot fastener system. This system will allow the crew to load the patient into the ambulance with a touch of a button. It is designed to reduce the risk of injuries during loading and unloading. The Power-Load system requires a specialized cot, which is in the process of being ordered. The ambulance will not be put into service until the cot arrives.

Shawn Payne, Emergency Services Director, stated, "Sherman County Ambulance Board of Directors put a lot of thought into the specifics of the new ambulance. They did a great job. Another very important note to mention is that this ambulance was not paid for with tax money or wind tower money. It was purchased primarily with patient revenues, which has been accumulated over several years. We are very proud of the fact that Sherman County Ambulance is not a tax supported agency."

~ Shawn Payne, Emergency Services Director



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Three Easy Steps to Recycle!

First Sort: Commingled:

- PAPER - white and colored paper (staples OK) newspapers, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, phone books, paperback books, spiral-bound notebooks, shredded paper in a paper bag, cereal & cracker style boxes (liner removed), cardboard tubes, paper bags, egg cartons, milk cartons & juice boxes.
- PLASTIC - plastic bottles with a neck, plastic tubs 6 oz. to 5 gal, plant containers 4 inches & larger.
- 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.

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

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



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

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.