

The Citizen-Reporter



SHERMAN COUNTY

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Construction Progress Continues on Sherman County Courthouse Addition

It has been a great summer so far on the Sherman County Courthouse Addition. The structural steel is complete and it is exciting to begin seeing what the new campus will look like. Roofing is in progress and the exterior sheeting will be done shortly with brick work to begin by the end of August. Meanwhile, interior framing is nearing completion and rough-in of mechanical and electrical components is underway. Crews are expecting to begin hanging sheetrock in mid-August followed by interior finishes throughout the fall months.

On the existing Courthouse, final engineering and design work is being done to prepare the building to receive the new cupola which is currently under production. Once the engineering is complete, crews will begin the work of adding the necessary structural elements in anticipation of the cupola's arrival onsite.

The project team is well pleased with the high quality work that is being done by Kirby Nagelhout and their team of subcontractors. Now that the exterior is being buttoned up there will not be as much progress evident to those passing by, but rest assured that everyone is hard at work on the inside.

Heath Gardner, Wenaha Group



SOLAR ECLIPSE

On **August 21st, 2017**, a total solar eclipse will occur in the U.S. along a path from Oregon to South Carolina. Oregon Emergency Management expects as many as one million visitors in our State several days prior to the eclipse and several days following the eclipse. Since North Central Oregon has the best chance of clear skies and a clear view, we expect many of the visitors will be in our area or traveling through our area.

Created by Wasco County Solar Eclipse 2017 Planning Committee.

A Few Things Local Residents Should Consider Before August 21st, 2017

FOOD - Stock up with groceries/supplies in the weeks leading up to the event.

FUEL - With all the added vehicles in our State, be sure to fuel up prior to their arrival.

CASH - Keep some cash on hand, just in case the ATM's get overwhelmed.

TRAFFIC - Be prepared for the likelihood of prolonged travel time. Have a supply of non-perishable food, water, medications, etc., in your car.

COMMUNICATION - Back-up plan, in case the cell towers are overwhelmed.

FIRE - This event is happening during fire season. No parking or driving on dry grass, no campfires or other open flames, etc.

HOSPITALS & EMS - Limited ability to respond to the large increase of people expected. Take care of minor injuries/incidents by having a first-aid kit and be aware that if you need help, you may have a longer wait than normal.

911 - May be overwhelmed. Only call 911 for a true emergency. Check social media and/or call the info hotline at 541-506-2792 for general information and updates.

ECLIPSE GLASSES - To watch the eclipse safely, you will need eclipse-viewing glasses to block harmful light from damaging your vision. Regular sunglasses will NOT work. Be sure your eclipse glasses meet the ISO 12312-2 international standard.

Commentary

Lately, I have been hearing a great deal of criticism of Frontier TeleNet (FTN). When FTN was first developed, it was not about watching Netflix, but rather a mission critical communication system for our emergency services, and to provide internet to our rural schools. Anyone else that is now benefiting from use of the internet is a byproduct of the system. Additionally, the system was never intended to make money.

It is frustrating that it seems a handful of people are trying to destroy a system that we have worked so hard to build. The Sheriff's office has been involved since the beginning as a user of the system. It's time for the three counties to start working together and do what is right or suffer the

consequences of not taking action. This is about public safety, not about how fast our internet works.

The consequences of letting the system fail or having other users pull out will be catastrophic. There was a time none of us had a communication system or internet at our schools. I do not want to go back to those days. My emergency service people and the citizens of our three counties deserve better than this. Why would we invest millions of dollars on a system just to throw it away?

Because of our investment, FTN has brought 20 family-wage jobs to our community. FTN makes it possible for Frontier Regional 911 to dispatch for Jefferson County and soon a tribal reservation. FTN provides internet to our schools (except

Sherman County School District because they chose a different provider), and rural communities. We serve almost 30,000 people, and last but not least, FTN has saved hundreds of lives. We should be ashamed of ourselves for allowing people to give Frontier TeleNet a bad name.

Does anybody even know what the problem is? What is your motive? If so, please explain so that it can be fixed. No problem is too big.

On behalf of all the emergency services and the folks who put their lives on the line every day to serve our community, I beg the courts and the FTN critics to meet, and fix the problem before it is too late.

Brad Lohrey
Sherman County Sheriff

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Teri Thalhofer, RN, BSN, Director
North Central Public Health District

Bats & Rabies

Three Steps to Protect Your Family

1. **Never handle bats AND be sure that your kids understand the importance of this.**
2. **Make sure your pets are up-to-date on their rabies vaccine.**
3. **Use screens in all open windows.**

Bats play an important role in the ecosystem, especially in controlling insects and aiding agriculture, and they pose virtually no danger to people who do not handle them, however a small percentage can carry rabies. If you find a bat during daylight hours, it is most likely unhealthy and should be avoided.

Rabies is a viral disease that affects the nervous system after exposure to a rabid animal. Exposure is usually through a bite, but saliva contact with broken skin is a possible route of entry. Effective treatment is available, but must be given soon after exposure. The rabies virus is invariably fatal once symptoms appear. Please seek medical attention immediately if you've been bitten or had contact with the saliva of a bat.

If contact does occur, DO NOT dispose of the bat, as it should be tested for rabies. A rabies treatment must be considered for anyone having saliva contact with a bat that tests positive for rabies, or if the bat is unable to be tested.

While a bite is obvious contact, contact between a person and a bat can also be considered a possible rabies exposure if a bat is found in the presence of: An unattended child, a sleeping individual, or anyone unable to rule out possible contact.

If contact has occurred, please call an Environmental Health Specialist at North Central Public Health District at 541-506-2600 for instruction and coordination of services immediately. Each occurrence is unique, and not all situations require testing.

If you find a dead bat on your property and you're certain no human or pet contact has occurred, please take extra precaution when disposing of the bat:

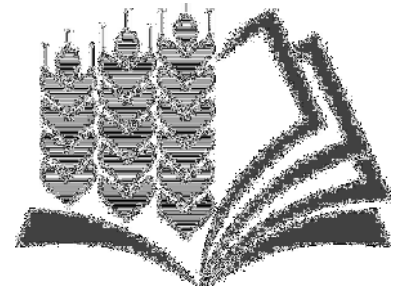
- Wear heavy gloves, or preferably scoop up the dead bat with a shovel while wearing disposable gloves.
- Bury the bat at a depth of at least 1 ft. under the surface or dispose of it in the garbage receptacle.
- If you place it in the garbage, please consider the safety of others and ensure that no accidental contact will be made with the dead bat, by double bagging it in plastic garbage bags.
- Wash your hands thoroughly and dispose of the gloves.

(For more information, please contact North Central Public Health District at (541) 506-2600 or visit us on the web at www.ncphd.org or our Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/NorthCentralPublicHealth/>.)

Public/School Library Updates



SUMMER HOURS	
Tuesday	11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



**AUGUST 2
CHRIS LEEBRICK**

National award-winning Storyteller Christopher Leebrick has enthralled audiences with his remarkable storytelling ability since the age of thirteen. He has performed from coast to coast at festivals, theatres, concert halls, schools, libraries, and campfires. All three of his CDs, “Good Stories From All Over”, “Critters, Kids, and Cowboys”, and “Spooky!” have won national Storytelling World awards.

**CRAFTS IN STACKS
LITERARY CANVAS**

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 20
2 to 4 P.M.**

**ECLIPSE VIEWING PARTY
MONDAY, AUGUST 21 AT 9:30AM**

Join us for crafts and fun, and snacks as we learn about the eclipse. Free, safe-viewing glasses are provided. Please be careful traveling on highways, as traffic is expected to be heavy.

- Marylou Martin, Library Director

BOOK CLUB

“The Importance of Being Earnest”
August 17, 6 p.m.

THURSDAYS 6:00PM

**Snacks and drinks provided
All ages welcome!**

Aug 10 *Power Rangers* (PG-13 2 hours, 4 minutes)
Aug 24 *Beauty and the Beast* (PG 2 hours, 9 minutes)

**BABY LAP-SIT STORY TIME
THURSDAYS 11:00AM**

Come build early literacy skills with your little one as we read a story, sing songs, and play games like "peek-a-boo."

**GAME NIGHT 1ST AND 3RD THURSDAYS
6-8PM (AGES 10 AND UP)**

Begins June 15 with a Magic the Gathering draft night. Snacks and drinks provided.

Phone: 541-565-3279
Address: 65912 High School Loop
Moro, Oregon, 97039

**Fairy Garden Craft Day
Saturday, August 12**

Make your own fairy garden. Bring your own 10” - 18” container with drainage. All ages. Pre-registration is required by August 1. Space limited to the first 15. To register, call (541) 565-3279

108 Years of Community Support!!

To Patrons & Exhibitors:

“We are happy to present to you, this 35th edition of the premium list for your Sherman County Fair. The Loyal support and cooperation with which the fair has been received in the past years gives us confidence that we will have continued support this year. While the fair board is charged with the duties of caring for the property and holding a fair, we realize that we can succeed only with your continued help and cooperation. We ask for your continued assistance in making this year’s fair an outstanding success.

We are looking forward to seeing our former exhibitors return with more and better exhibits this year and we ask your help in encouraging new exhibitors to participate and attend. All working together, we can make this 1952 Fair an outstanding achievement. “

Very Truly Yours;

Harold Eakin, President & Mary Coons, Secretary

As you read the message above from the 1952 County Fair Premium book, those words hold very true still as the board has planned the 108th Annual Sherman County Fair!

Again, the board has lined up another exciting and great list of events and entertainment for everyone to enjoy. Nashville recording artist Susie McEntire will be singing the National Anthem at our Bull Riding event on Saturday evening and then return on Sunday morning for Cowboy Church. Added to the Challenge of Champions Bull Riding Tour event this year is the “Free Style” Bull Fighting section. These bull fights are very fun to watch! Freddie Prez is returning with large money Bingo and Frisbee toss games along with his many other crazy contests and his special cannon. The Demolition Car & Truck Derby has some added money to the final heat pots for the drivers. The Fair Board will again be cooking up some awesome burgers and hotdogs (with all the trimmings) Wednesday evening during the car show.

This year’s theme is “Wheat, Wind and Waves”. Please plan to join us to visit with friends, enter a special contest, enjoy the livestock show exhibited by the 4-H or FFA members, attend the bull riding, hear and dance to “The Countryfied Band” or watch the Demolition Car/Truck Derby. Remember to check the schedule as several items have a new time or day. This year’s fair is going to be a special one, and you don’t want to miss out!

Mark your Calendars and join Queen Lexi Grenvik and the fair board August 22nd through August 27th in Moro Oregon.

See you at the fair!

Beth McCurdy, Fair Secretary

Due to extreme fire danger conditions, the burn ban is in effect as of June 1, 2017, for Moro Fire District and North Sherman Fire District, which include the cities of Moro, Rufus, and Wasco. This includes burn barrels, incinerators, and agricultural burning. Thank you for your cooperation.

- Shawn Payne, Emergency Services Director

**BURN BAN
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1**

THANK YOU TED & BETTY SABEY!

The Sherman County Fair Board extends a sincere and hearty expression of appreciation to Ted & Betty for their many years of volunteer service and dedication to the Sherman County fair and the Oregon Fairs Association.

Ted first became a Sherman County fair board member in 1980 and Betty volunteered as the Kitchen Division superintendent in the Open Class building, and a few years later she became the open class building superintendent. Ted and Betty were honored as Grand Marshals in 2005. Their over 30 years of service have not only been at the County level but also at the State level. Ted has served on many committees (Betty always at his side) of the Oregon Fair's Association (OFA) and the Oregon Fairs Foundation Board. In 2001 – 2002 Ted served as State president of the OFA, and was honored in 2003 with the Distinguished Service award.

Ted & Betty traveled thousands of miles across Oregon to attend every County Fair and fairs in other states as well, making many lifelong friends. You can ask anyone today in the fair industry, new members or a veteran member if they know who Ted is and they will all say "Oh, yes!" and jump right into a great story about Ted.

The Fair Board members thank and acknowledge Ted & Betty for their commitment and hard work in serving Sherman County and wish them the best in retirement road trips. ~ *Board Chair Bryce Coelsch, Vice-Chair Shandie Johnson, members Bert Perisho, Rick Jauken Jr., Jennifer Zimmerlee, Tom Rolfe and Amanda Whitman and Secretary Beth McCurdy*

Sherman County Senior Center

- ◆ Supports Seniors
- ◆ Offers Public Resources



Date:

Saturday, September 16, 2017

Time:

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Location:

**Senior and Community Center
300 Dewey Street
Moro, OR**

(541) 565-3191

Please join us for a Prime Rib Dinner Fundraiser at the Senior and Community Center.

Pre-sold tickets: Adults \$15, Kids (10 and under) \$10.

Tickets must be presented at the door.

Cost at the door will be \$20 per person.

Contact the Senior Center or a Board member for tickets or further information.

Sherman County Board of Property Tax Appeals

Do you have an interest in the tax assessment process, and a willingness to attend training sessions? Do you have working knowledge of real estate and/or finance?

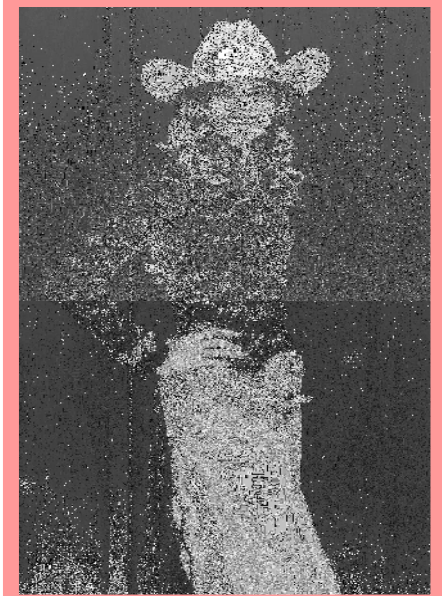
The Sherman County Court needs people who are interested in serving on the Sherman County Board of Property Tax Appeals (BOPTA) for the 2017-18 term. These positions are open to nonoffice-holding residents of the county. A nonoffice-holding resident cannot be: a member of the county governing body, a member of the governing body of any taxing district within the county, an elected official within the county, a person employed in or hired by the county or any taxing district within the county, a former county assessor, or any appointee acting in the place of the assessor that held the office or was appointed during the tax year subject to appeal to BOPTA, or a person previously employed in or hired by the office of the assessor during the tax year subject to appeal to BOPTA.

Board members hear petitions for reduction of the real market, maximum assessed, specially assessed, and assessed value of property placed on the roll by the county assessor as of January 1, 2017. The board will also consider requests to waive penalties assessed for the late filing of real and personal property returns.

An initial training session is required for new members and for those members returning after a break in service. Board members are required to attend training approved by the Department of Revenue at least every other year unless no petitions are filed. The BOPTA board generally meets for one or two sessions during the year between February and June. The one-year term ends on June 30, 2018.

If you are interested in being considered for the BOPTA board, please contact Jenine McDermid at 541-565-3606 or by email at: countyclerk@shermancounty.net no later than Friday, September 29. Members of the BOPTA pool will be appointed by the Sherman County Court on October 4, 2017.

Jenine McDermid
County Clerk



*Above: Queen Lexie Grenvik
Represents Sherman County*

The 108th Sherman County Fair will be held from August 22 through August 27, 2017. The fair theme will be Wheat, Wind, and Waves. Lexie Grenvik, daughter of Brad and Heather Grenvik, will act as 2017 fair queen.

For more information, please visit the fair website at:

www.shermancountyfairfun.com

Beth McCurdy

FREE WELL WATER TESTING

North Central Public Health District is offering **FREE** well water quality testing through August 2017 for residents of Wasco, Sherman, and Gilliam County who get their drinking water from a private well. Those interested should contact us directly at (541) 506-2600.

Free testing (\$60 value) includes:
Total Coliform/E. coli
Nitrates

You may be eligible for free testing if you or any household member:

- Are 65+ years of age
- Low income
- English is not your primary language
- Live in a rural geographic location

If you have questions about eligibility,

SOLAR ECLIPSE EVENT

[99.5% totality Eclipse and Star party
Oregon Raceway Park](#)

2017 Solar Eclipse and Star Gazing
Sunday Aug. 20th and Monday Aug. 21st
Oregon Raceway Park, Grass Valley Oregon

For more info and to purchase tickets, visit:

[http://www.brownpapertickets.com/
event/2993488](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2993488)

Sherman County Website Updates

Please visit
co.sherman.or.us to check
that your business contact
information is updated!

FINAL REMINDER

The final date to turn in applications for the 2017 Resident Incentive Program is August 31, 2017. Forms are available online at Sherman County's website located at co.sherman.or.us or by calling Sherman County's Financial Services Office at 541-565-3623.

Debbie Hayden, Finance Director

2017 SHERMAN COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULE ~ 541-565-3510

www.shermancountyfairfun.com

Monday, August 21

8:00 – 3:00 4-H Static Judging @ 4-H Pavilion

Tuesday, August 22

10:00 am **4-H Horse Show** (Showmanship followed by English, Western Equitation, Trail Horse & 4-H Gaming)

3:00 pm Queen Applications due @ fair office

Wednesday, August 23

10:30 am-12,noon All Beef Weigh-In
 11:00 am-6pm All Open Class Entries to be made
 12:30 pm-6pm All Swine, Sheep, Goat & Poultry Weigh In
 3:30 pm Dale Coles Classic Car Show Ck in
 4:00 pm Freddie Prez on the Main Stage
 5:00 pm BBQ Burgers/Dogs by Fair Board
 5:10 pm Classic Car Show Awards
 5:30 pm 4-H style show
 6:30 pm Freddie Prez on the Main Stage
 7:15 pm Horse Games in the main arena

11am-12:30 pm 4-H & FFA Goat Showmanship (SR./INT/JR)
 12:30 pm-1:00 pm Judges Lunch Break
 TBA Freddie Prez on the Main Stage
 Times will be announced
 1:00 pm-2:00 pm 4-H & FFA Sheep Showmanship (SR./INT/JR)
 2:00 pm-3:30 pm 4-H & FFA Beef Showmanship (SR./INT/JR)
 3:00 pm *** Main arena CLOSED, for set up
 4:30 pm *** Livestock judging contest, 4-H & FFA
 7:00 pm Cattle Sorting

Thursday, August 24

7:00 am – 9:00am High School Sports Practice
 8:00 am 4-H Poultry, Rabbit & Cavie Show (market & showmanship)
 8:30 am Final placement for all Open Class Baked Goods & Flowers
 9:00 am Open Class Pavilion Judging starts
 9:50 am-10am Showmanship Clinic (4-H & FFA)
 9:30 am 4-H & FFA Records Books Due (4-H Pavilion @ grounds)
 10:00 am-11am 4-H & FFA Swine Market Judging, followed by Breeding Class
 11:00 am-12:00 4-H & FFA Sheep Market Judging, followed by Breeding Class
 12:00-12:30 pm Judges Lunch Break
 TBA Freddie Prez on the Main Stage
 Times will be announced
 12:30 pm-2:00 pm 4-H & FFA Goat Market Judging, Followed by Breeding Class
 2:00 pm-3:30 pm 4-H & FFA Beef Market Judging, followed by Breeding Class
 7:00 pm Down on the Farm Chore Course

Saturday, August 26

8:00 am Wellness Walk (Sherman Co. Health District – downtown Moro)
 8:45 am Parade Line up at fair grounds
 9:15 am Exhibit Parade at the FAIRGROUNDS
 10:00 am Queen's Reception @ grounds
 TBA Freddie Prez on the Main Stage
 12:00 pm **4-H Grand Champion All Around Showmanship Contest**
 4-H/FFA awards will follow all-around
 12:45 pm Premium Payouts @ Fair Office
 3:00pm- 4:00 pm **4-H & FFA Livestock sale**
 5:30 pm FFA Annual BBQ
 7:15 pm Special Intros in Rodeo Arena
 7:30 pm -9:00 pm **Bull Riding**
 9:30 pm -1:00 am Dance with "Countryfied"
 In the arena, right after the bull-riding

Sunday, August 27

9:40 – 10:15 am All Premium Payouts @ fair office
 10:30 am **Susie McEntire**; Cowboy Church
 12:30 pm Derby Check in
 2:00 pm Time Trials, & Demo Derby to start

1:00 pm **ALL FAIR EXHIBITS RELEASED**

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS RELEASED AT BARN SUPERINDEPENDENTS DECISION ## ON SUNDAY

Sale Animals load out time will be posted at fair

****DENOTES APPROXIMATE TIME****

>>>> SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE<<<<<<

Friday, August 25

7:00 - 9:00 am High School Sports Practice
 8:00 am 4-H Home Economics Contests @ 4-H Pavilion
 10:00 am – 11:00 4-H & FFA Swine Showmanship (SR./INT/JR)

ALL OPEN CLASS ANIMAL'S WILL SHOW AFTER THEIR SPECIFIC 4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK CLASSES.



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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.



The Solid Waste Transfer Site:
72526 Welk Road
Open every 2nd & 4th Saturday

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

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