Sherman County Courthouse Facility Final Stages

The long anticipated conclusion of the Sherman County Courthouse Addition and Renovation Project is scheduled to occur in early August. The final stages of construction include completion of all landscaping, electrical work, heating and cooling system installation, and painting. Newly commissioned artwork, as well as historic photographs, will also be on display.

Sherman County is grateful for the support and patience displayed by the residents of Sherman County throughout the construction process. The understanding of those neighbors living near the courthouse in tolerating prolonged periods of traffic disruption, noise, and dust is especially appreciated. We look forward to the courthouse neighborhood returning to a more normal routine in the near future.

Sherman County sincerely hopes that many of its residents and friends will attend the Sherman County Courthouse Facility Dedication and related events on September 7, 2018.

- Ron McDermid, Project Steering Committee Member
Resident Incentive Program Application Deadline

The Sherman County Finance Office will be accepting applications for the 2018 Resident Incentive Program until August 31, 2018. Applications received or postmarked after that date will be rejected. Applications can be found on the Sherman County Website: co.sherman.or.us or you may call 541-565-3623 to have one mailed to you. Checks are expected to be mailed out on December 11, 2018.

- Debbie Hayden, Financial Officer

Sherman County Receives Grant

Sherman County has been awarded a $10,000 grant from the Preserving Oregon Grant Program offered through the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office. These funds are dedicated to rehabilitation work on properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places and were used towards the repair of the wood and metal trim elements of the original courthouse and the restoration of its unique striped paint scheme. Through historical research and microscopic paint color analysis, the design team was able to identify the original paint scheme and match the two colors that were used. This project along with the replacement of the cupola transformed the exterior of the historic courthouse to look much like it did when it was first built in 1899. The Preserving Oregon Grant helped make that possible for Sherman County to complete.

- Debbie Hayden, Financial Officer

Ambulance Service Area: Your Opinion Matters

Two of Sherman County Ambulance Service’s core values are to provide quality patient care, and customer service and transparency. We also recognize that there is room for improvement in all service fields. If you would like to make a comment or suggestion to help us improve our customer service, please contact Shawn at emergencyserv@embarqmail.com or 541-565-3100. You can also contact the Sherman County Ambulance Service Area Advisory Committee Chairperson, Bryan Cranston at 541-980-7041.

- Shawn Payne, Emergency Services

2018 General Election News

The 2018 General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 6 and conducted by mail. As a reminder to voters interested in becoming a candidate for city office, the filing deadline is Tuesday, August 28. Candidates must file at their local city hall. Please contact your city recorder/administrator for office hours and other details. Nonaffiliated and minor political party members interested in the partisan office of County Commissioner must file a certificate of nomination on or before August 28 at the clerk’s office.

The final day to register to vote or change party affiliation is Tuesday, October 16. Voter registration cards postmarked by October 16 or an online registration submitted no later than 11:59pm are valid. For online registration or to update your voter information go to: https://sos.oregon.gov/voting/Pages/registration.aspx?lang=en

Registration cards can be obtained at any post office, county clerk’s office or printed from: https://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Documents/SEL500.pdf

Ballots will be mailed between October 17 and 23. It’s important to update your voter registration if you have moved or changed your mailing address. The Postal Service cannot forward ballots. An absentee ballot can be requested if you will be away from home and would like to receive your ballot at a different address. To obtain an absentee ballot request form, please contact the clerk’s office or go to: https://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Documents/SEL111.pdf

Your voted ballot must be received on or before 8:00pm on Election Day or it will not be counted. Postmarks do not count!

Sherman County official ballot drop sites are found outside the following locations (Do not deposit your voted ballot into any City Hall drop box):

♦ Rufus City Maintenance Building – 400 Main Street (right of the city drop slot)
♦ Wasco City Hall – 1017 Clark Street (freestanding white ballot box just uphill from the stop sign)
♦ Grass Valley City Hall – 109 SW Mill Street (freestanding white ballot box just left of the city drop box)
♦ Sherman County Courthouse – 500 Court Street, Moro. New! Drive-up ballot box at the corner of Court & 5th Streets; Or use the drop slot at the counter in the Clerk’s Office

If you have any questions, need a replacement ballot because you made a mistake, need an absentee ballot, or are in need of further assistance, please contact the Sherman County Clerk’s Office at 541-565-3606.

- Jenine McDemid, Clerk
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.

BOOK CLUB
Our Library Book Club meets once a month. Please join us for tea, dessert, and discussion. Call or e-mail for more information. The book for August is *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng on Thursday, August 16 at 6:00pm.

SUMMER READING PARTY 11AM—3PM SATURDAY, AUGUST 11
Everyone who met their summer reading goals will get ice cream, free books, and a sound wave t-shirt. Come to get your prizes and enjoy snacks anytime between 11am and 3pm.

Phone: 541-565-3279
Address: 65912 High School Loop
Moro, Oregon, 97039
Website: ShermanCountyPSL.weebly.com/
Email: shermanlibrary@sherman.k12.or.us
“Like” us on Facebook at Sherman County Public School Library

MUSIC & MOVEMENT (AGES 0-6) 10AM FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH
Join the fun of creative play, rhyme, and rhythm while fine tuning motor skills and coordination.

TECHNOLOGY HELP
Help is available with Microsoft Office software, Facebook, e-mail accounts, smart phone technology, and more! Stop by or give us a call to make an appointment.

MOVIE NIGHT THURSDAYS 6PM
August 9: *My Little Pony* (PG 1 hour, 35 minutes)
August 23: *Pacific Rim Uprising* (PG-13 1 hour 50 minutes)

NEW BEST SELLERS
*Barracoon* Zora Neale Hurston
*Noir* Christopher Moore
*The Forgotten Road* Richard Paul Evans
*Circe* Madeline Miller
*The Death of Mrs. Westaway* Ruth Ware
*Spinning Silver* Naomi Novik
*The President is Missing* Bill Clinton and James Patterson
*The Perfect Couple* Elin Hilderbrand

DISCOVERY KITS
Themed buckets contain “Early Learning Kits” for teachers, parents, and caregivers of children. They include read-aloud books, books for emergent readers, video, and hands-on materials for young ones to enjoy. Teaching guides and early learning tip sheets are included.

ADAM MILLER “OLD SONGS FOR YOUNG FOLKS” JULY 21 1PM
It wasn’t that long ago when only kings and queens were rich enough to have other people play music for them. In the old days, regular folks like you and me had to make our own music. That’s why it’s

-Marylou Martin, Library Director
Fall Fundraiser

The Wasco School Events Center Board of Directors is very excited to show off all the work that has been done throughout the building, so they have scheduled a Back-to-School Dinner and Silent Auction on Saturday, September 22, which will be held in the auditorium. Tickets need to be purchased in advance, and are $40 each. With your ticket, you will be treated to a prime rib dinner, receive two drink tickets (a selection of beer and Moody Tool Bridge wine available), and be able to bid on the Alphabetical A-Z Silent Auction items. The evening will also include musical entertainment and the dedication of the Leland Schwendel Auditorium. In addition, raffle tickets will be for sale for the grand prize drawing: three nights at a Wallowa Lake cabin, courtesy of Dick and Sandra Richelderfer.

The fun begins at 5:30 p.m. with appetizers and opportunity to peruse and make bids on the auction items. There will be an time between each of the dinner courses to check your bids; winners will be announced after dessert. All items purchased will need to be paid for by check or cash that evening.

Some of the A-Z auction items include:
- A: Anna and Elsa (from the movie Frozen) child’s quilt
- B: Bath products from Happy Coconuts
- D: Decadent and delicious chocolates from Pemberton Chocolates
- H: Hamburger, 10 lbs., from WK Ranch
- L: Lisa’s in Stitches $100 gift certificate good towards long arm quilting
- M: Making Memories – Family Photo Session
- P: Pickleball lessons for 2 people (two one-hour lessons) at WSEC
- S: Sherman County Photo Book
- Y: Year of cookies, a batch a month

A complete list of auction items is provided with ticket purchase. For more information & tickets, contact Melissa Kirkpatrick at 442-5778, or stop by WSEC during business hours (M-Th, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.), or visit Wasco City Hall.

Substation Fire & Post Fire Resources

On July 17 the Substation fire began in Wasco County and with the help of high winds, crossed over into Sherman County rapidly becoming the top priority wildfire in the nation. With the significant threat to farms and ranches along with Level 3 evacuations in many areas, it became apparent that everyone had to do their part to help deal with the effects of this devastating fire.

A group of “Sherman County Alumni” lead by Jamie Whitley put together a donation site at www.gofundme.com/substationfirerelief in order to help raise emergency funds for those who had to pay for housing and travel, lost wages, fought on the fire lines and took time away from work or any other fire related expense that caused a hardship.

I received a call from Jamie asking for assistance finding help to distribute funds in a responsible way throughout the county and to seek further donations. I made several calls for donations and quickly set-up a group of dedicated “can-do” minded volunteers. A $2500.00 donation from the Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization (EOCCO) was received after a single call. The Greater Oregon Behavioral Health, Inc (GOBHI) created a deductible donation site at www.gofundme.com/substation-fire-relief-deductible and matched all donations from their employees at 100%.

Kevin Campbell, the Executive Director of GOBHI, had $4600.00 in Visa gift cards delivered to me the day the evacuation order was lifted back to Level 2. I was able to get those cards in the hands of our volunteer group and then sent out Facebook posts and other communications to spread the word. These funds started helping those in need that very day.

To date we have raised roughly $15,000.00 and have distributed approximately $12,600.00 in gift cards. The level of generosity, teamwork and volunteer spirit is alive and thriving in those who live in and love Sherman County.

For those who are in need or would like to donate please contact the Substation Fire Relief Volunteers.

- Rufus Baptist Church and the Rufus Family Market: the Holliday Family
- Wasco Church of Christ: Pastor Jerry Krewson
- Husky’s 97 Market: Carrie Hughes
- Grass Valley Market: Aly Sedlock
- Grass Valley Baptist Church: Joe Burgess
- Sherman County Prevention: Amy Asher
- Volunteer Coordinator: Mike Smith

-Mike Smith, Volunteer Coordinator, Sherman County Judge Candidate

Sherman County would like to express our gratitude to the Fire Departments, firefighters, farmers, locals, and other agencies who band together during these times of crisis to keep our County and Communities safe during the treacherous fire season.

-Kayla von Borstel, Administrative Assistant
Hi, my name is Shelby Reed. I am the 17 year old daughter of Marsha & Bert Benson, and Tracy and Jennifer Reed. I live in Grass Valley, and attend Sherman County High School as an upcoming senior. Although my love for horses may be strong, I hope one day to obtain an Associate’s degree in Cosmetology. I was lucky enough to grow up with horses. With my mom and dad both riding, I picked it up quickly and was riding by age two. Many of my interests include: animal care, 4-H sheep, rodeo and volleyball.

I am proud to be this year’s 2018 Sherman County Fair Queen. I have enjoyed traveling and representing Sherman County at many different parades and rodeos with my horses, Signer and Pixie. I would like to thank everyone for your support and look forward to seeing you at the fair!

-Shelby Reed, Sherman County Fair Queen
2018 SHERMAN COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULE
~ 541-565-3510 ~
www.shermancountyfairfun.com

**Friday, August 17, 2018**
7:00 pm  Cattle Sorting

**Monday, August 20**
8:00am – 3:00pm  4-H Static Judging @ 4-H Pavilion

**Tuesday, August 21**
10:00 am  4-H Horse Show (Showmanship followed by English, Western Equitation, Trail Horse & 4-H Gaming)

**Wednesday, August 22**
10:15 am  Queen (2019)Applications due @ fair office
10:30 am-12:00 pm  All Beef Weigh-In
11:00 am-6:00 pm  All Open Class Entries to be made
12:30 pm-6:00 pm  All Swine, Sheep, Goat & Poultry Weigh In
3:30 pm  Dale Coles Classic Car Show Check in
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  Long Horn Show on Mid-Way

**Thursday, August 23**
7:00 am – 9:00am  High School Sports Practice

**TBA**  LONGHORN & MUTTIN BUSTIN SHOWS

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-10:00 am  Showmanship Clinic (4-H & FFA)
9:30 am  4-H & FFA Records Books Due 4-H Pavilion @ grounds
10:00 am-12:00 pm  4-H & FFA Swine Market Judging, followed by Breeding Class
11:00 am-12:00 pm  4-H & FFA Sheep Market Judging, followed by Breeding Class
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

**Friday, August 24**
TBA  LONGHORN & MUTTIN BUSTIN SHOWS
8:00 am  4-H Home Economics Contests @ 4-H Pavilion

**ALL OPEN CLASS ANIMALS WILL SHOW AFTER THEIR SPECIFIC 4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK CLASSES.**

RDO Breakfast time will be announced at beginning of fair week
8:00 am – 9:00 am  4-H & FFA Swine Showmanship (SR/INT/JR)
9:15am-10:45 am  4-H & FFA Goat Showmanship (SR/INT/JR)
11:00-12:00 pm  4-H & FFA Sheep Showmanship
                 (SR./INT/JR)
12:15 pm-1:30 pm  4-H & FFA Beef Showmanship (SR/INT/JR)
***2:00-5:00***  HS Football/Volleyball games
                GO HUSKIES!!
Frontier TeleNet passes “trial by fire” with flying colors!

During the massive Substation fire, as well as the fires to follow, the Frontier TeleNet system performed its core mission of a Mission Critical Radio Network, flawlessly. While facing multi-county power failures, constant threat by fire and coordination with multiple agencies, the system performed as designed and without a single failure.

This system serves our Police, Fire and Ambulance crews during the most critical times. Every citizen should be proud of those leaders who had the vision and understood the importance of a system like ours. It took years of planning, vision and dedication to build a system that serves those who serve us all so very well.

-Mike Smith, Frontier TeleNet
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.

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