

# The Citizen-Reporter



## SHERMAN COUNTY

A Sherman County Government Publication — October 2018



### Sherman County Courthouse Facilities Dedication Day Success

*The Sherman County Courthouse Facilities Dedication was held on September 7, 2018 with much success. The day was beautiful, the food delicious, and the company grand! Thank you all to those who came and participated in this special and long awaited event; community support was, and continues to be, a very important aspect of the County Courthouse. We would like to graciously thank those who spoke during our ceremony, those who provided music for the day, and to those who provided delicious lunch and sweets. Another thank you goes out to all of the partners the County has had along the way in completing such beautiful buildings.*

*Sincerely,*

*Sherman County Court & Steering Committee*



## Participate in Knox HomeBox System

Sherman County Emergency Services agencies participate in the Knox Rapid Access System. Knox HomeBox single key vault provides homeowners with the same secure, rapid access system that several government buildings in Sherman County already have. The key vault is heavy duty, and comes in a variety of color and mounting options. The advantages of the Knox HomeBox are that it reduces risk of injury to responding personnel, helps entering property quickly, and reduces property damage.

### ***How does it work?***

The homeowner purchases the Knox HomeBox vault and then places a key to the residence in the locked vault. The vault is then placed in an easy to find location at the home, usually next to the front door. Once you purchase the key vault, the Knox Company will alert Sherman County Emergency Services that you have ordered the product. Each fire agency, Sherman County Emergency Services, and the Sheriff's Office, hold a master key that will open the vault. These keys are highly protected and only one key is issued per agency.

### ***How much does it cost?***

The one-time cost ranges from \$159 - \$174.

### ***How do I sign up?***

You can either call 855-438-5669, or visit: [KnoxHomeBox.com](http://KnoxHomeBox.com). You may also contact Shawn with Sherman County Emergency Services at 541-565-3100.

Shawn Payne, Emergency Services



## 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](mailto: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

## General Election - November 6, 2018

The 2018 General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 6 and will be conducted by mail. The final day to register to vote in this election is Tuesday, October 16. Voter registration cards postmarked by October 16 or an online registration submitted no later than 11:59pm are valid. If you have moved, changed your mailing address or your name, you need to update your voter registration information. Registration cards can be obtained at any post office, any County Clerk's office, DMV or printed from: <https://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Documents/SEL500.pdf> New voter registration and updates can also be done online at: <https://sos.oregon.gov/voting/Pages/myvote.aspx?lang=en>

Ballots will be mailed between October 17 and 23. The Postal Service cannot forward ballots. If you will be away from home and would like to receive your ballot at a different address an absentee ballot can be requested by contacting the County Clerk's office or print a form at: <https://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Documents/SEL111.pdf> The

state voters' pamphlet will be mailed by the Secretary of State's office no later than October 17.

Your voted ballot must be received in a County Elections Office or an Official designated dropsite by 8pm on Election Day. Postmarks do not count. If your ballot arrives at the County Elections Office after 8pm on Election Day, it will not be counted. Official ballot drop-site locations for Sherman County will be printed on the ballot insert and posted on the County's web page at [www.co.sherman.or.us/govt\\_clerk.asp](http://www.co.sherman.or.us/govt_clerk.asp).

Official Sherman County 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!** White, red and blue ballot box at the corner of Court & 5<sup>th</sup> Streets; Or use the official ballot drop slot in the counter at the Clerk's Office

In addition to federal and state candidates and measures, local offices will be voted on. To see a list of local candidates, follow this link to the Sherman County website:

<https://www.co.sherman.or.us/documents/2018-general-election-information/>

Candidate names are arranged by surname in random order in accordance with ORS 254.155. If you have questions about voter registration, need an absentee ballot, or have other questions, please contact the County Clerk's office at 541-565-3606.

Jenine McDermid, Clerk

# Public/School Library Updates

### FALL/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.

### LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

Join us for tea, dessert, and book discussion. Please call or e-mail the library for times and dates. Our October book is *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid.

**Phone:**

541-565-3279

**Address:**

65912 High School Loop  
Moro, Oregon, 97039

**Website:**

[ShermanCountyPSL.weebly.com/](http://ShermanCountyPSL.weebly.com/)

**Email:**

[shermanlibrary@sherman.k12.or.us](mailto:shermanlibrary@sherman.k12.or.us)

“Like” us on Facebook at Sherman County Public School

### 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.

### NEW BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY

<i>Why We Sleep</i>	Matthew Walker, PhD
<i>All She Left Behind</i>	Jane Kirkpatrick
<i>From Cold War to Hot Peace</i>	Michael McFaul
<i>Mind of the Raven</i>	Bernd Heinrich
<i>Star Wars Thrawn Alliances</i>	Timothy Zahn
<i>Twisted Prey</i>	John Sandford
<i>The Hidden Life of Trees</i>	Peter Wohlleben

### CRAFTS IN STACKS

Crafts in Stacks is a monthly crafting class. Each month features a different seasonal theme. We will learn a new skill as we create wonderful arts and crafts. October 27 at 2pm: semi-precious stone necklaces. This is a free class, ages 8 and up.

The first three Saturdays in November we will be hosting a gift craft program. Each craft costs \$5.00. Come make gifts for your whole family! This project made possible, in part, with funding from the Sherman County Cultural Coalition.

November 3 at 2pm: hand painted enamel mugs, ages 8 and up, \$5.00.

November 10 at 1pm: customize a picture frame with your handwriting or the handwriting of a loved one. Bring a digital copy of your picture and we will print it on photo paper, ages 8 and up, \$5.00.

November 10 at 2:30pm: monogram or message ornaments, ages 8 and up, \$5.00.

November 17 at 1pm: peg people ornaments, ages 8 and up, \$5.00.

November 17 at 2:30: leather feather or leaf earrings, ages 8 and up, \$5.00.



-Marylou Martin, Library Director

## FREE Hazardous + E-Waste Day

When: Friday, November 2, 2018  
10am-2pm

Where: Wasco Event Center,  
903 Barnett St, Wasco

\* Although FREE, *pre-registration is required* for businesses and farmers due to needing the proper disposal supplies.  
Contact: 360-772-2838

### Accepted items:

Hazardous Waste: AG chemicals & pesticides; paints & stains; yard/garden & pool/spa chemicals; cleaners, disinfectants, solvents & glues; automotive fluids; art & hobby chemicals; fluorescent lamps, CFL bulbs & ballasts; propane bottles & tanks; old gasoline; fire extinguishers; batteries.

Electronics: computers; monitors; laptops/tablets; keyboards; printers; mice; cell phones

Medicine: unwanted prescriptions; over the counter medications; vitamins; nutritional supplements; pet medicines.  
NO SHARPS ALLOWED.

For more information call  
541-506-2632, or visit  
[www.tricountyrecycle.com](http://www.tricountyrecycle.com).

## Ambulance Personnel to Wear Pink Gloves in October

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. Sherman County Ambulance personnel will be sporting pink gloves for the month of October to honor those who have personally dealt with breast cancer, or have a friend or family member who has dealt with breast cancer.

- Shawn Payne, Emergency Services

## Sherman County Housing Programs

After hearing many stories of new local employees who would like to live in Sherman County but can't find housing, Sherman County explored options to help spur the development of additional rental housing. To address this, the County created two new housing grant programs.

The **New Rental Housing Development Grant** program provides \$10,000 per unit for construction of new rental housing. Houses must be stick-built or new manufactured homes that are at least double-wides on a foundation. Additionally, the grant recipient must agree to keep the new house as a long-term rental for at least five years and each qualifying rental unit constructed must be self-contained.

In acknowledgement that dilapidated and vacant houses create blight in communities and that the investment required to bring existing housing up to standards needed for a family to live in them is a barrier, Sherman County developed a **Housing Rehabilitation Grant** program. This grant is for non-owner occupied, stick-built housing and is up to 20% of approved project costs, not to exceed \$20,000. Up to \$50,000 of the purchase price of a home is eligible matching funds for the home owner's contribution to the project. The dwelling must meet FHA/VA habitability standards once the rehabilitation is complete.

Mid-Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD) also has unique loan funds set aside for the development of Attainable Housing, serving the middle housing market of 60-120% median family income. For more information about these programs, contact Carrie Pipinich Sherman County's Economic Development Coordinator with MCEDD, at [541-296-2266](tel:541-296-2266) or [carrie@mcedd.org](mailto:carrie@mcedd.org).

## Sherman County Photobooks

Back by popular demand we are selling another round of Sherman County photobooks. This time it will be a fundraiser for the Sherman County Senior & Community Center, and all proceeds from the sales will be donated to the senior center. Photobooks are expected to cost \$65 – \$79 each, depending on how many copies we sell. This is your last chance to purchase a photo book! The photo book is 70 pages, full color, and features work of more than a dozen local photographers. To view a copy in person, please stop by the Senior Center in Moro. If you're unable to view a copy in person and would like to have screenshots of the pages emailed to you, please contact Kari Silcox. To order a copy please contact Kari Silcox, 541-565-3191, [kari@shermancounty.net](mailto:kari@shermancounty.net)

Kari Silcox, Senior Center

## Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update

The Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan document is in its final stages of updates. Please feel free to check out the documents on the Sherman County Website at [www.co.sherman.or.us](http://www.co.sherman.or.us). Suggestions, comments, and questions are always welcome. Please contact Shawn Payne at [emergencyserv@embarqmail.com](mailto:emergencyserv@embarqmail.com).

***Sherman County would like to note that no campaigning or otherwise for elected positions prior to the election shall appear in the Citizen Reporter. Any notations of this in prior editions was due to oversight. Thank You.***

## Burn Ban Extended

Due to continued warm and dry weather and heavy fuel loads, the Sherman County burn ban will remain in effect until at least October 15, 2018. This ban covers North Sherman County Rural Fire Protection District, Moro Rural Fire Protection and the City of Moro. Thank you for your understanding.

- Shawn Payne, Emergency Services

## William A. Raymond Historic Photos

Currently, the Sherman County Courthouse in Moro, Oregon has on display several of the restored and impressive William A. Raymond photos that were shown at the Lewis and Clark Exposition in Portland, Oregon in 1905. Many of the first professional quality photos of Sherman County "life" were captured by Raymond. He came to Sherman County in 1898 and resided here for 45 years. He was a carpenter, a cement worker, a brick layer, a sheep shearer but was best known for his gift as an exceptional photographer.

Raymond was born in Michigan in 1864 when his family moved to the Willamette Valley. It was 1898 when Raymond landed in Sherman County. He was already noted as a fine photographer and is considered one of America's best during that era. His photos are in the State and National Archives, numerous publications and even movies. The Sherman County Historical Museum is also proud to exhibit and hold his photos in their archives.

In 2015, a group of volunteers donated funds and installed a headstone in the Moro, Oregon cemetery replacing a tiny bronze name plate giving William Raymond a proper memorial and tribute to his many skills and contributions to Sherman County over many years.

As community, Sherman County treasures the many photos Raymond took of our young county capturing the people, stock animals, farming, and country lifestyle giving a peek to our heritage during a time many years ago.

- Patti Fields, Museum Director

## Sherman Development League Grant/Loan Applications

Sherman Development League (SDL) grant application forms are now available for projects and/or programs in Sherman County. Grants can be applied for by 501(c)(3) and other non-profit organizations. Organizations that have received a grant from SDL are not eligible to apply until their current grant requirements have been met. Revolving loan funds are also available to for-profit entities and businesses.

Applications will be accepted until November 15, 2018, and grants will be awarded by February 1, 2019.

To receive appropriate grant/loan application forms, please submit a letter of request which includes:

- ◆ A brief description of your project.
- ◆ State if the project is a capital expenditure, one-time program or pilot project, emergency assistance, or a loan request.
- ◆ Identify the type of organization requesting funding.

Mail or email requests to:

Sherman Development League, Inc.  
P.O. Box 11  
Moro, OR 97039  
[shermantdevelopmentleague@gmail.com](mailto:shermantdevelopmentleague@gmail.com)

Questions?  
Contact Melva Thomas at [541-442-5488](tel:541-442-5488) or [shermantdevelopmentleague@gmail.com](mailto:shermantdevelopmentleague@gmail.com)



# Regional Economic Symposium – High Tech Industry Focus

Mid-Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD) announces its annual 2018 Gorge Economic Symposium on November 2. This yearly, half-day event shares economic and employment trends at the regional and county level with presentations by Washington economist Scott Bailey and Oregon economist Dallas Fridley, covering Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Klickitat and Skamania counties.

This year the symposium will also include a focus on understanding the current status, and future potential of the high tech industry in the Gorge. Esina Alic, President and CEO of Insitu, will provide an overview as keynote speaker, and Jessica Metta with the Gorge Tech Alliance will moderate a panel of private industry leaders from different niches within the regional tech industry. The event concludes by tying the information back to the regional economic development strategy developed by MCEDD and adopted in 2018.

The event is on Thursday, November 2 from 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Civic Auditorium in The Dalles. More information and tickets (\$25) are available at [mcedd.org](http://mcedd.org) or by contacting Tatiana Eckhart at (541) 296-2266; [tatiana@mcedd.org](mailto:tatiana@mcedd.org).

- Tatiana Eckhart, Project Coordinator

## 4-H Enrollment

Yahoo! It's a new year in 4-H starting October 2018 - September 2019! 4-H is a National, State, and local program coordinated by State land grant universities, as an educational and outreach program to develop good citizens in our country. 4-H is for youth ages 9 to 19 (as of September 1, 2018). The divisions are: Juniors ages 9 -11 (yes, this includes older 3rd

graders); Intermediates ages 12-14; and Seniors 15-19 (and still in high school).

Kids, it's time to join Sherman 4-H and get enrolled now. Sherman County 4-H is starting enrollments this October to match the national 4-H year and give members more opportunities for meetings and activities. Stop by the Sherman Extension Office, 66365 Lonerock Rd, Moro OR 97039; 541-565-3230. Forms available on-line at: <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/4h/sherman/get-involved>

Clubs will begin meeting this fall and we want you to be ready to go. Sherman 4-H clubs hold at least 6 meetings during the 4-H year, as well as encouraging members to exhibit and participate in the Sherman County Fair. Enrollment is \$30/youth, with a discount for multiple children from one family.

4-H is "learning by doing"...a youth development program where kids get to do things usually only adults do .....select, care for and raise livestock, take photographs for exhibition, learn how to cook a variety of foods, participate in clinics and workshops to learn more about livestock or healthy living, sew their own clothing or craft items for home, make money and keep track of records, cook outdoors and learn how to can fruit or make jerky, be part of an organization and participate in meetings, and more.

4-H also means spring break and summer camps, fun outdoor adventures, youth leadership opportunities, 4-H Summer Conference at the Oregon State University campus in Corvallis, and travel opportunities nationally and internationally.

Current Sherman County 4-H clubs and leaders are:

- Goat.....Miranda & Ryan Owens
- Beef.....Sandi & Doug Martin
- Sheep.....Stephen Fritts
- Swine.....Samantha Roberts-Smith & Brennah Miller
- Horse.....Kayci Sharp
- Poultry.....DeeAnn Ramos,

- Deanna Christiansen,Niaomi Thibodeau
- Rabbit/Guinea Pig.....Melissa Montesanti
- Teen Leadership.....Cindy Brown
- Shooting.....Dowen Jones & Jon Ramos
- Sewing.....Karen Thompson Umemoto & Carol MacKenzie
- Cooking/Baking.....Liz Cranston, Marylou Martin & Jeanne Kuettel
- Outdoor Cooking/Food
- Preservation.....Cindy Brown
- Photography.....TBD
- Theatre Arts.....TBD

- Cindy Brown, 4-H & Healthy Living

## Sherman PTO Trunk 'R' Treat & Haunted House

Date: October 26, 2018  
Location: School District Paved Parking Lot & Library Conference Room  
Time: 6:00pm—7:30pm

Sherman Elementary Trunk 'R' Treat is Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)-sponsored Halloween event. Children are given an opportunity to walk from trunk to trunk in parking lot during the evening of Friday October 26th, each receiving, individually wrapped goodies from costumed car owners. Community members will gather, parking their cars in the Sherman County School Parking lot in the designated area. This event provides a safe environment for trick or treaters. There is no registration or admission fees. To participate by providing a trunk at Trunk 'R' Treat, please contact Elizabeth Cranston by email at [PTO@sherman.k12.or.us](mailto:PTO@sherman.k12.or.us) for a car registration form.

**NEW!** This year PTO will provide a Haunted House in the Library Conference Room! Admission is \$3. If anyone is interested in donating unwanted Halloween decorations please contact Tionie Kock, 541-993-3212, or Kelsi Phillips, 541-639-5513. Donations can also be dropped off directly at Sherman County School.

- Sherman County PTO



# Wasco School Events Center

What a great Back to School Night we had. Several thousand dollars were raised from table sponsorships, silent auction, Wallowa Lake house raffle, and the dinner. Funds will go towards ongoing improvements at the Wasco School Events Center (WSEC). There isn't enough space in this article to thank everyone who helped with this very successful event, but your donations are immensely appreciated by all of us here at WSEC.

Some of the new things we plan to implement later this year are a "Pre-School Kid Gym", a community dinner/BINGO, and Monday morning coffee hour.

During the winter months when it's too cold to let youngsters spend a lot of time playing outside, we will be having an open gym one day a week for a couple of hours. This would be an opportunity to let your pre-school child run around, burn off some energy, and play with other preschoolers. Since this will be in the gym, our Fitness Center members will be able to take advantage of this at no cost; non-members will have to pay the \$5 daily use fee. This is not a babysitting service; all children must have an adult supervisor. Contact our director, Melissa Kirkpatrick, at 541-442-5778 for more information, and to obtain an application/liability form.

Join us for Coffee Mondays at the Wasco School Events Center. Starting Monday, October 1, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., we will have coffee (mugs provided) no cost, but donations appreciated. Coffee hour will be held again on October 8 and 15. After that we may go to an every other Monday schedule.

On October 22, the WSEC Board of Directors will host what we hope is the first of many community dinners/BINGO events. Stay tuned for more details.

- Linda Krafsic

**JOIN US FOR  
VETERANS APPRECIATION  
COFFEE & PASTRIES**



**Monday, November 12 -- 10:00 am. to Noon  
Leland Schwendel Auditorium  
Wasco School Events Center  
EVERYONE WELCOME!**

## THC and CBD Awareness

THC, or *tetrahydrocannabinol*, is the psycho-active ingredient agent in marijuana giving the "high" feeling. This is what shows up on urine and blood toxicology screens. CBD, or *cannabidiol*, is the analgesic, anti-inflammatory, and anti-anxiety properties of marijuana without the psychoactive effects of THC and actually counteracts the "high" effect of THC.

Often we see products advertised "with CBD". Beverages and food items can be injected and infused with CBD. The fact is, any amount of THC that did not get stripped from the CBD will show up in a toxicology screen. No one has been able to prove that, yes, you can still get fired from your job for using CBD.

Source; Clear Alliance, Bend Oregon.

For more information about the facts of Marijuana, positives and negatives, contact Amy Asher, Sherman County Prevention Department, at 541-565-5036 or [aasher@co.sherman.or.us](mailto:aasher@co.sherman.or.us).

-Amy Asher, Prevention Coordinator



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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.



### The Solid Waste Transfer Site:

72526 Welk Road  
Open every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday  
10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

**The Dalles Disposal**  
1317 West 1<sup>st</sup> 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday & Saturday
- Wasco 9 am - 4:30 pm: 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday & Saturday
- Rufus 9 am - 4:30 pm: 4<sup>th</sup> Friday & Saturday
- Grass Valley 1-3 pm: Monday & Tuesday weekly