

The Citizen-Reporter



SHERMAN COUNTY

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2020 Primary Election Unofficial Results and November 3, 2020 General Election Information

In the May 19 Primary Election 59% of Sherman County's registered voters cast their ballots. Due to space limitation unofficial abbreviated results in ballot order are listed below and also via the county clerk's page by following the "Election Results".

Official certified election results will be available online by June 8 at: <https://www.co.sherman.or.us/archive-county-election-results/>

Democrat: President – Joseph R. Biden 105; Bernie Sanders 14; Elizabeth Warren 14; Tulsi Gabbard 10; Write-in 13

US Senator – Jeff Merkley 136; Write-in 5

US Representative, 2nd District – Jack Howard 21; John P. Holm 16; Nick (Nik) L. Heuertz 27; Alex Spenser 37; Chris Vaughn 17; Write-in 9

Secretary of State – Mark D. Hass 51; Jamie McLeod-Skinner 54; Shemia Fagan 42; Write-in 7

State Treasurer – Tobias Read 120; Write-in 4

Attorney General – Ellen Rosenblum 124; Write-in 3

State Senator, 29th District – Mildred A. O'Callaghan 105; Write-in 3

State Representative, 57th District – Roland Ruhe 104; Write-in 3

County Commissioner – Position 1 – (No Candidate Filed); Write-in: Joan Bird 9

Precinct Committee Persons: No Candidates Filed and no Write-in Forms filed

Republican: President – Donald J. Trump 458; Write-in 11

US Senator – Paul J. Romero Jr. 128; Robert Schwartz 65; Jo Rae Perkins 168; John Verbeek 21; Write-in 1

US Representative, 2nd District – Mark R. Roberts 4; Knute C. Buehler 88; Cliff Bentz 302; Kenneth W. Medenbach 2; Jeff Smith 6; Travis A. Fager 2; Justin Livingston 2; Jimmy Crumacker 44; Glenn Carey 1; David R. Campbell 3; Jason A. Atkinson 21; Write-in 0

Secretary of State – Kim Thatcher 354; Dave W. Stauffer 66; Write-in 0

State Treasurer – Jeff Gudman 344; Write-in 1

Attorney General – Michael Cross 307; Write-in 34

State Senator, 29th District – Bill Hansell 404; Garison Lee Alger 19; Write-in 0

State Representative, 57th District – Greg Smith 401; Write-in 2

County Commissioner – Position 1 – Joan Bird 460; Write-in 3

Precinct Committee Persons: Wasco – Precinct 2: Mike W. McArthur 105; Christy Macnab 132.

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Class of 2020 Graduate Owen Christiansen

Class of 2020 graduate Owen Christiansen has accepted a track and field scholarship with the Oregon Institute of Technology. The Sherman Booster Club held a signing party in his honor on May 28 at Moro City Park.

Owen grew up in Sherman County and has also participated in football and basketball. Throughout high school, he has spent his Saturday mornings coaching Special Olympics. He hopes to continue working with the Special Olympics in college and plans to study to become an occupational therapist.

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Mid-Columbia Community Action Council

Mid-Columbia Community Action Council would like to announce the following:

Beginning June 1st we will be starting appointments for clients on last winter's Energy Assistance waiting list.

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Sherman County Sixth-Graders enter eCybermission Challenge

A group of Sherman sixth-graders took honorable mention at a U.S. Army Educational Outreach Program event for their fire protection robot prototype idea.

Allison Rolfe, Emma Goodenough and Renan Christiansen participated in the eCYBERMISSION challenge this spring, competing against teams of young scientists across Oregon. The students took on this project outside of school and sports activities. They designed, sketched, and built a prototype, compiled scientific evidence to back their claims, and interviewed local experts within the community.

"They scored just below the second place team and got great judging marks all around," said Sherman County School librarian and instructional assistant Deanna Christiansen. "This placed them in the top three with much larger schools from Corvallis and Portland metro area."

Wasco School Events Center

The Wasco School is slowly opening back up in accordance with the state's Phase I guidelines. The Fitness Center, gym and bathrooms are again available for use by members. We ask that pickleball players limit themselves to eight

per court, four on each side. Please follow directions for entry and exit, and be sure to wash your hands well and use sanitizer as needed. We are very excited to be offering fitness activities once again and hope to see you all soon! If you'd like to join the Wasco School Fitness Center as a member, call the school at 541-993-6838 or email us at wascoschooleventscenter@gmail.com. Cost for monthly membership is \$25 for an individual, \$45 for a couple.

We are also booking small gatherings, parties, and events with fewer than 25 guests. We have plenty of indoor and outdoor space, and a full kitchen and auditorium for rent. We also have smaller rooms and classrooms for rent, a perfect spot for you to host meetings, discussions, and workshops for your business needs. Contact the school for a full list of rental availability. We now have another space for rent upstairs, approximately 800 square feet for just \$500 per month, includes utilities. If working from home is getting harder with kids and pets and distractions, consider renting an office space where you can keep your supplies organized and your mind focused.

Think of us for your next family reunion, small party, paint night, bunto game, or company event! We've postponed the majority of our larger events and fundraisers for now, and we'll let you know when Coffee Hours are back on the table. Many thanks to the community for your unwavering support during these times, we appreciate you.

2020 National EMS Week

May 17-23, 2020 was the 46th annual National EMS Week. In 1974, President Gerald Ford authorized EMS Week to celebrate EMS practitioners and the important work they do in our nation's communities.

Sherman County EMS is proud to acknowledge and thank all of those who serve in our community. We also would like to acknowledge the family members who support our EMS personnel. Personnel miss dinners, family functions and other activities in order to answer the call of duty. Personnel respond all times of the day and night and in all types of extreme weather conditions.

Sherman County Court signed a Proclamation on May 6th to honor its EMS personnel.

Please take the time to thank your Sherman County EMS Personnel and let them know how much they are truly appreciated.



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"He has been surrounded by an amazing community, and has built strong relationships with his coaches over the years," said his mother, Deanna Christiansen. "Evan and I are blessed that he has the opportunity to continue to participate in this sport. We are beyond proud of the man he is becoming, and honored to share in his journey."

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS!!

Sherman County is offering two **CASH GRANTS** to ease costs and address the demand for more livable housing in Sherman County. Act now before the money runs out!

The **New Rental Housing Development Grant** will contribute **\$10,000** per new rental housing unit constructed to the developer. Funds are given as a grant upon completion of the project with a commitment to keep the property as a long term rental for a minimum of 5 years.

The **Housing Rehabilitation Grant** provides a reimbursement grant of up to 20% of eligible expenses, not to exceed **\$20,000**, for the rehabilitation of existing non-owner occupied stick-built dwellings.

For more information and links to applications visit co.sherman.or.us and search for rental housing. Contact Marla Harvey at (541) 296-2266 or via email at marla@mcedd.org with any questions or to apply. Funding is limited and you must contact program staff prior to starting project to be eligible. This program is funded by Sherman County.

Resident Incentive Applications

Mark Your Calendars:

Resident Incentive Applications will be going out the first part of June with a due date of August 31, 2020.

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 emcyserv@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.

Little Free Library

Your Rufus, Wasco, Moro and Grass Valley **Little Free Library** will be going up soon. Please consider taking some time to recommend and donate a book you have loved reading.

Has a particular book made an impact on your life or could you not imagine the world without it? Now you have a great opportunity to share! It could be a beloved children's book, first chapter book, adult love story, enthralling science fiction you couldn't put down, a favorite by a local author, or even a book sponsored by our own Sherman County Historical Society.

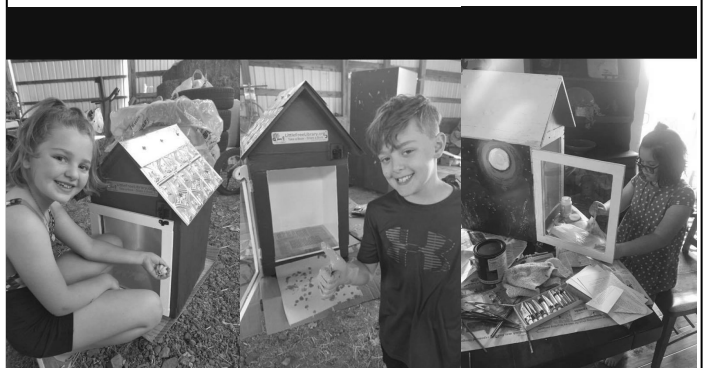
If you are so inclined, please write your recommendation on the provided library card and simply peel and stick the book pocket to the inside front cover of your gently used book. Once you have done that, go find your **Little Free Library!**

You can find more libraries at <https://littlefreelibrary.org/ourmap/>.

The **Little Free Libraries** mission is to inspire a love of reading, build community, and spark creativity by fostering neighborhood book exchanges around the world.

*Take a Book * Share a Book

This project was made possible, in part, by funding from the Sherman County Cultural Coalition. Thank you to all our volunteers from the Sherman County PTO and Sherman County School Ag. Department who helped build them. Thanks also to the Huffman, Susi, Cranston and Holliday families for painting and finishing. We would like to thank Dan Talley for lending tools and also Nels Swenson. Initial books were donated from Sherman County Public/School Library, Sherman SCHoLaRs program and Sherman County Prevention.



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Moro – Precinct 3: (No Candidate Filed)
Write-in - Jeff Kaser 8

Nonpartisan Offices: Judge of the Supreme Court, Position 1: Thomas A. Balmer 382; Van Pounds 208; Write-in 1

Judge of the Supreme Court, Position 7: Martha Walters 490; Write-in 5

Judge of the Court of Appeals, Position 11: Joel DeVore 337; Kyle L. Krohn 234; Write-in 1

Judge of the Court of Appeals, Position 1: Josephine H. Mooney 478; Write-in 8

Judge of the Court of Appeals, Position 12: Erin C. Lagesen 476; Write-in 3

Judge of the Court of Appeals, Position 13: Doug Tookey 480; Write-in 3

Judge of the Circuit Court, 7th District, Position 3: Karen Ostrye 478; Write-in 6

Justice of the Peace: Ron McDermid 329; Jeremy E. Shull 190; Deanna Christiansen 282; Write-in 2

Locally, the County Commissioner contest, along with the top two finishers in the Justice of the Peace contest move forward to the November 3rd General Election ballot (ORS 249.088 (a)), which will also include filed candidates for the offices of Sheriff (Brad Lohrey) and County Clerk (Kristi Brown). Potential candidates for Soil & Water Conservation District director positions must contact their local SWCD office for filing details. The General Election voter registration deadline is October 13.

Upcoming City Mayor & Council Positions: Voters residing in cities will elect mayors and council members to fill expiring terms at the General Election. The filing window for these offices is no sooner than June 3, 2020 and no later than August 25, 2020. Candidates must file with their city election officer by paying a fee or by petition to obtain signatures of active registered voters residing within the city and meet any charter requirements. All petition signature sheets must be approved in writing by the city elections officer before circulating. Candidates must allow sufficient time for signatures to be verified before the filing deadline. Please contact your city election official for information.

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On July 1st, we will begin accepting calls from the general public to schedule an appointment for additional energy assistance for those affected by COVID-19 and who are facing challenges with their utility bill.

Are you homeless or behind on your rent? Has the COVID-19 virus affected your ability to work and/or impacted your income? If so, you may qualify for MCCAC's new COVID-19 Rent relief funds, otherwise known as CVRRP! Please call Corene Stewart, Housing Program Manager at 541-298-5131, Ext. 204, and leave a message. You can also e-mail her at corennes@mccac.com for further assistance.

Are you a veteran living in Sherman, Wasco or Hood River County? Do you have an honorable discharge? Has COVID-19 effected your income or housing security?

Give Amanda a call at 541-980-7586 to see if you are eligible for Supportive Services for Veteran Family funds!

Reopening Resources for Businesses

During Phase 1 of reopening, businesses are required to operate under guidelines that require increased sanitation practices, following social distancing, and continuing to protect the health of employees and the public. Up-to-date information on the most current guidelines for businesses in general and in specific sectors like restaurants, retail, child care, and others can be found on OHA's website here:

<https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19>

(scroll down and click on OHA Guidance and Signage). MCEDD continues to keep a page devoted to COVID-19 resources up-to-date for small businesses at

<https://www.mcedd.org/covid-19->

resources/

If you have questions specific to your business model and how to operate under the guidance, the Small Business Development Center at CGCC can help you think through the impacts as your business adapts. Contact them at <https://bizcenter.org/centers/columbia-gorge-sbdc/> or 541-506-6121. They can help answer your questions, or support you in navigating to the best resources.

Eastern Oregon Opioid Solutions

Eastern Oregon is no stranger to the opioid epidemic, yet resources to address the issue are stretched thin across a vast geographic landscape.

A new program has emerged to tackle this issue: Eastern Oregon Opioid Solutions (EOOS).

Housed within a nonprofit behavioral health organization, Greater Oregon Behavioral Health, Inc. (GOBHI), EOOS is engaged in an ongoing initiative addressing morbidity and mortality from the opioid crisis region wide. In Sherman County, the program has supported the training in and distribution of naloxone, a life-saving opioid overdose reversal drug, to members of the general public, first responders and community partners. EOOS also oversees a number of educational initiatives, offers technical assistance for clinical entities establishing or strengthening treatment programs and oversees a statewide learning collaborative around medication-assisted treatment. EOOS leverages federal funding* to create innovative solutions to combat substance misuse and overdose.

"I was initially hesitant about moving what would have been an in-person to Google Meets because this work is strongest when you are able to shake someone's hand, look them in the eye a

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and give them the information and skills they need,” said Kelley Butler, Opioid Response Program Associate and naloxone trainer at GOBHI. “But we managed to train 26 people across the county. That’s enough to start to see a transformation in a small community.”

Butler has trained a wide range of professionals, from law enforcement to emergency medical service providers, in the practical application of Narcan (naloxone). She is working directly with Amy Asher, Sherman County Prevention Coordinator to ensure every individual that is trained has access to the life-saving medication free of charge.

How To Connect With EOOS:

- Naloxone: EOOS can train people, bulk purchase or provide individual kits for nasal Narcan. Email naloxone@gobhi.org or call (971) 256-6029 for ordering.
- Training: EOOS will also be helping oversee a statewide learning collaborative examining best practices in medication assisted treatment (MAT) and other evidence-based practices for addressing addiction and preventing overdose. Email tia@ocbh.org for more information.

* This grant program is administered in partnership with the Oregon Health Authority. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration oversees two federal grant initiatives: the State Opioid Response Grant Program and the Statewide Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis Grant Program.

Noxious Weeds Growing in Rufus and Biggs

Rush Skeleton Weed, Yellow Star Thistle, Diffuse and Russian Knapweeds and Puncturevine are found frequently on roadsides, abandoned lots, yards and pastures. All of these weeds

are listed as “A” or “B” Class in Sherman County, which means the Landowner is required to prevent them from going to seed.

Some of the weeds, such as Yellow Star Thistle, are toxic to horses and can cause a condition similar to “lock jaw”, which prevents the horse from eating or drinking, eventually leading to death. Most of these species also form dense stands which help spread fires, such as the fire in June of 2018. Common rye, which is a grass that can grow 3 to 5 feet tall in dense stands, is also a fire hazard, but it is not a listed County Noxious Weed due to its abundance. Noxious Weeds are those considered to be a threat to agriculture and the economy, but fire danger should also be considered.

The first step to good weed control is identification, knowing what weeds you are dealing with, which will lead to the best methods for control. County Staff through the Weed District will be attempting to contact those individuals with known weed issues by in-person visits, phone or letter to help you identify the problems.

If you have immediate questions or concerns, please call the Sherman County Weed District office at 541-565-3655.

Bike Helmets

Sherman County Emergency Services just 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.

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



Sherman County Board of Property Tax Appeals Board Openings

The Sherman County Board of Property Tax Appeals (BOPTA) has board openings for the 2020-21 tax year. These positions are open to nonoffice-holding residents of Sherman 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, 2020. 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, 2021.

If you are interested in being considered for the BOPTA board, please contact Kristi Brown at 541-565-3606 or by email at: deputyclerk@shermancounty.net no later than Friday, October 2. BOPTA pool members will be appointed by the county governing body on October 7, 2020.

Be A Food Hero

For fast, fun, healthy recipes featuring fruits and vegetables, check out Oregon State University's Food Hero website:

<https://www.foodhero.org/>

Here's a great recipe for Spring Green Salad featuring seasonal favorites spinach and strawberries:
<https://www.foodhero.org/recipes/spring-green-salad>

Ingredients:

- 6 ounces spinach
- 3 oranges
- 1 1/2 cups strawberries halved
- 1 cup walnut pieces

Dressing:

- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika
- 2 Tablespoons orange juice
- 1 Tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vinegar
- 1 teaspoon finely chopped onion
- 2 Tablespoons salad oil

Directions:

1. Wash and dry spinach, tear into pieces, and chill.
2. Cut and peel orange and cut into sections.
3. To make dressing: Combine all ingredients in a jar and shake well or blend in a blender.
4. Right before serving, toss orange and strawberries with walnuts and spinach. Add dressing. Serve immediately.

Sherman County Public/School Library

Website: ShermanCountyPSL.weebly.com

Email: shermanlibrary@sherman.k12.or.us

Phone: 541-565-3279

Address: 65912 High School Loop Moro, OR 97039

"Like" us on Facebook at Sherman County Public School Library

CURBSIDE SERVICE

Curbside service starts June 8. Details for how to use this service will be posted on our Website, Facebook, and on flyers around the County.

VIRTUAL STORY TIME

Virtual Story time videos will be posted every Friday at 11:00 am on our Sherman County Public School Library Facebook page and on our Sherman County Library YouTube Channel. Virtual Story time provides a fun experience for caregivers and young children to learn more about early literacy skills and practices through songs and rhymes.

FREE GRAB & GO CRAFT KITS

We will continue to offer the popular Grab & Go Craft Kits throughout the summer as part of the Summer Reading Program. Weekly Craft Kits are FREE for all ages, even grown-ups! Pick up times and locations can be found on the library website or the library Facebook page. <http://shermancountypsl.weebly.com/>

North Central Public Health District

North Central Public Health District (NCPHD) has been working hard to help Sherman County and its residents during the Covid-19 pandemic.

NCPHD, which serves Wasco, Sherman and Gilliam counties, has provided consultation to the Sherman County Medical Clinic and first responders, said Teri Thalhofer, director of NCPHD.

The health district office in The Dalles, at 419 E. 7th St., continues to offer immunizations, family planning and STD testing and treatment. People are asked

to call ahead at 541-296-2600 for an appointment. The health district also continues to offer WIC services, which is a nutritional support program for Women, Infants and Children up to age 5 and pregnant women. The program is currently offered via phone.

For more information, see the health district's web page, at ncphd.org, or visit us on Facebook, at North Central Public Health District.

The Judges Corner

“Whoa” I see my dad looking back at me when I look in the mirror. I sure need a hair cut. Things have changed thanks to COVID-19. Memorial Day weekend was one of those changes—no Wasco Parade—but the Catfish Derby put on by Gorge Outfitters still was a hit. Rufus was the fishing hot spot with 65 contestants and the largest fish at 15 lbs 5 oz. Thanks for the support from MCP, Sinclair Gas Station, The Family Market, and Bob’s Texas T-Bone. I did observe social distancing, safety procedures and protocols, as I watched the weigh in.

Memorial Day being the day to remember our loved ones (besides seeing my Dad when I look in the mirror), I went with my wife to the cemetery to put flowers on the resting places of family members. I was impressed with how well the cemetery looked. You couldn’t help but feel a sense of pride. Flags were numerous, placed at every veteran’s marker. Flowers were every where.

Craziness seems to be the best word to describe these past couple of months. It has been made easier with the help from The North Central Public Health District, The Medical Clinic, and our Emergency Manager. They all helped the County Court create a plan that allowed Sherman County to move into Phase I of the Governor’s Reopening Plan. At the writing of this, we haven’t received any guidance for Phase 2.

One of the things I have done to prepare for Phase 2 is to visit all businesses in Sherman County and give each a copy of the guidelines—and discuss the challenges they face. Please remember to support our local business, they are part of the fabric that creates a great community. I’ve been holding a phone conference every Monday morning with city mayors, some businesses, the school, medical clinic, the health district, emergency management, some county staff and others to provide an update, discuss issues, ask questions and a way to keep each other informed. It worked well. I also have been stopping by and checking with the school staff as they pass out lunches to the kids most days. A big hats off to the teachers and staff for creating this distance learning program and the parents who became teachers. That must have been a challenge.

Congratulations to our GRADUATING SENIORS! Way to go!!! Bummer, we couldn’t celebrate the way we wanted to.

Three county employees have had babies recently. Welcome to Sherman County Maxwell, Delaney, and Charlotte.

Thank you Stacey, Forest, and Justin for your time and commitment serving on the Budget Committee.

Camping should open at Cottonwood Canyon May 29th.

Finnegan Bridge is being replaced. It should be done by harvest. As you can see in the photo—not only did the county practice proper social distancing, but the project manager will not let anybody near the construction site without a hardhat and safety vest.

We don’t know what the future will bring or even what Phase 2 will look like, but I try to remember this Quote from Oogway in “Kung Fu Panda”. “Yesterday is History, Tomorrow is a mystery, but today is a gift. That is why it is called the Present.”





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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.

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.



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