

The Citizen-Reporter



SHERMAN COUNTY

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Welcoming New Sherman County Medical Clinic Provider

New changes are once again happening for the Sherman County Health District and Sherman County Medical Clinic. We are thrilled to announce the newest member of the Clinic team! Erin Haines, PA-C will become our full-time provider beginning in March 2021.

Ms. Haines comes to us after spending 12 years at Cascade Orthopedics and Sport Medicine in The Dalles and Hood River, with a short stint working in Orthopedic Spine Surgery in New Orleans, LA. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Zoology from Idaho State University, and her Master of Science Degree in Physician Assistant Studies from the University of New England. She is the co-owner of Salvos Training in The Dalles and spends her

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Notice of Election of District Board Members

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Tuesday, May 18, 2021** an election will be held in Sherman County, Oregon for the purpose of electing board members to fill the following positions and terms, including any vacancy which may exist on the boards of the following districts:

KENT WATER DISTRICT:

Position 1 – 4 Year Term
Position 2 – 4 Year Term
Position 4 – 4 Year Term

MORO RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Position 2 – 4 Year Term
Position 3 – 4 Year Term
Position 5 – 4 Year Term

NORTH CENTRAL ESD:

Zone 4 (Moro, GV & Kent)
– 4 Year Term
Zone 7 (At Large) – 4 Year
Term

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Distinguished Service Award

Tom McCoy—For dedication and service to the Oregon wheat industry. Tom McCoy served on the OWGL Board as Sherman County President for a decade before moving through the OWGL Chairs as President in 2001. Tom was also heavily involved with the Oregon Wheat Commission and served as chair, 2011-12. Tom was instrumental in updating the Commission's strategic plan in 2010, was a strong advocate for research and worked on expanding marketing education for growers. He worked with the Commissioner to establish the block grant to support the Ag Research Station and support investments into research to benefit growers across the state.



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free time hiking, fly fishing, and flying airplanes. Having grown up in a rural, small town in Montana, Erin is excited about providing much needed medical services in Sherman County and is looking forward meeting the patients. At the Sherman County Medical Clinic, she plans on expanding the current general family practice to include a focus on overall wellness for all patients. Call 541-565-3325 to set up an appointment with Erin.

Christina Rust will be leaving at the end of February and will be relocating to Sandpoint, Idaho to be closer to her children and grandchildren. Ms. Rust has been an asset to this community and has helped broaden healthcare services in Sherman County. We wish her the best in all her future endeavors!

Agricultural Wildfire Refresher

Agricultural Wildfire Refresher Webinar, Wednesday, February 10th, Noon to 1:30. OSU Extension Service is putting on a free webinar to cover wildfire safety and prevention for agricultural operations and small landowners. This webinar is one option for producers to attend an annual agricultural wildfire refresher in 2021 to meet Oregon OSHA requirements for producers with employees who engage in fire suppression on their property. You can find more information and register here: <https://beav.es/Jxc>

OSU Land Steward Online Course

OSU Land Steward online course starts February 11, 2021.

Are you an owner of a small farm, pasture, or oak woodland? Learn how to manage your property's natural resources more effectively with this online offering from OSU's Land Steward Program. It is well-suited for busy adults who enjoy online learning and want to figure out what their land needs. Included are three live virtual classes with resource experts and nine self-paced, online lessons. Topics include wildfire risk reduction, forest management, encouraging and controlling wildlife, stream/riparian ecology, pasture management, healthy soils, water systems, rural economics and land management planning. The online classes costs \$150. For more information visit <https://beav.es/Jgr>

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541-565-3100**

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NORTH SHERMAN COUNTY RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:

Position 1 – 4 Year Term
Position 4 – 4 Year Term
Position 5 – 4 Year Term

SHERMAN COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT:

Position 1 – 2 Year Term
Position 2 – 2 Year Term
Position 3 – 4 Year Term
Position 4 – 4 Year Term
Position 5 – 4 Year Term

SHERMAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Position 2 – 4 Year Term
Position 3 – 4 Year Term
Position 4 – 4 Year Term

SOUTH SHERMAN FIRE PRO- TECTION DISTRICT:

Position 4 – 4 Year Term
Position 5 – 4 Year Term

This election will be conducted by mail. Each candidate for an office listed above must file a **Declaration of Candidacy form (SEL 190)** including a \$10 filing fee, or file a **Declaration of Candidacy form, Candidate Signature Sheet(s) Nonpartisan (SEL 121)** with signatures of eligible Sherman County voters, and a **Petition Submission form (SEL 338)** at the Sherman County Clerk's Office no earlier than February 6, 2021 and no later than **5:00 p.m. on March 18, 2021**. The Sherman County Courthouse is located at 500 Court Street in Moro, Oregon. If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk's Office at 541-565-3606.

Public/School Library Updates

CURBSIDE SERVICE

Our curbside service is available from 8:30 am—7:00 pm, Monday-Friday and 10:00 am—4:00 pm, Saturday. Call us, e-mail us, or use the Sage system to place holds. When your books/materials are ready, we will call or e-mail and let you know. Please call the library when you arrive and we will bring your books out to you.

PATRON 30 MINUTE APPOINTMENTS

Appointments are available from 4:00pm—7:00pm, Monday-Friday and 10:00am-4:00pm, Saturday. Call or e-mail us to make an appointment.

PICK UP AND DELIVERY

Books and materials can be dropped off and picked up from various locations. Please call the library for pick up and drop off locations in Sherman County.

ZOOM STORYTIME EVERY FRIDAY 10:00AM

Visit the Sherman County Public/School Library website or Facebook page for the link. Join Natasha for a fun experience learning more about early literacy skills and practices through songs, rhymes, and reading stories.

FACEBOOK

“Like” us on Facebook at Sherman County Public/School Library.

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

ED's ANECDOTES

Life Story (USS Philippine CVA47 Sea)

When I reached my fourth year in my Navy career we got orders to go to Yokosuka, Japan and join the seventh fleet in support of the carrier task force which included many different types of ships.

Among them was the USS Philippine Sea CVA47.

I hadn't seen my younger brother for several years and I learned from one of his letters that he would be aboard the CVA47 Aircraft carrier and arriving in Yokosuka around Christmas of that year.

My plan was to somehow transfer to that ship without telling my brother. The captain of my ship was going on leave back to the States and the executive officer who was second in command was now in command. I knew him better than the captain.

Much of the equipment he used to navigate was maintained by the electronics group in my area.

Thankfully, Executive Officer Schnep accepted my request for transfer. It seemed like weeks and months went by and then on Christmas Eve I got orders to report to the USS Philippine Sea CVA47.

My brother was totally surprised when I got to his Battery Shop in the late afternoon. We celebrated that Christmas in Yokosuka, Japan. Then on January 2 we left for port for North Korean waters. My brother and I were awarded three battle stars that year on the carrier and never saw the faces of the enemy. War is horrible.

BOOKS TRAIN
YOUR IMAGINATION
TO THINK BIG.

— TAYLOR SWIFT

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Senior Center

The Sherman County Senior Center has recently opened a Facebook page. You can find us at: <https://www.facebook.com/shermandcountyseniorcenter>

We will post daily lunch photos, special recipes, menu changes, and any news or updates we have available. We will also occasionally do drawings for a free lunch. So give us a like and a follow!

Sherman County Weed District

Sherman County Weed District is hiring (2) Invasive Species Technicians to work on the Lower Deschutes Cooperative Weed Management Area.

Seasonal work will begin in March/April 2021 and run through October 2021. The technician's day to day focus will be to control the spread of invasive noxious weeds within the Deschutes River corridor using various integrative pest management methodologies including: herbicide, mechanical, cultural, and biological controls. Technicians will work as part of a multi-agency team responsible for carrying out day to day operations of noxious weed control, data collection and reporting, and GIS mapping.

Primary job duties: You will be part of a multi-agency team working on a long term habitat restoration project managing noxious weeds on the Lower Deschutes River. Daily activities will include surveying and treating noxious

weeds, measuring/mixing and applying herbicides, using ArcGIS and other mapping software for treatments and surveys of noxious weed infestations, operating an unmanned aircraft for invasive species surveys, re-seeding and re-vegetation, whitewater rafting, overnight camping, and performing daily/weekly updates to social media platforms.

Applicants must be capable of performing physically demanding labor in a backcountry setting for 10 hours a day, 4 days a week. Candidates will be required to properly identify targeted noxious weeds within their different growth stages. Applicant should expect to hike extended distances on steep, rough terrain while carrying backpack sprayers weighing up to 40 lbs. Rangeland work will be performed in an arid environment where fire danger is extreme, and safety paramount. Ideal candidates are willing to work in a variety of weather respective to central Oregon (high winds, extreme temperature fluctuations, rain, intense sunshine, etc.)

This is a great opportunity to receive training and experience with vegetative monitoring, IPM, noxious weed management, rangeland management, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and working among a diverse group of public agencies, private landowners, and the general public.

Thank you for your interest in the position.

Interested candidates may apply by submitting a resume to dson@shermancounty.net

Sherman County Education Foundation

The Sherman County Education Foundation, formed in 2018, says "Thank you for your support!"

The SCEF sent out a holiday appeal letter in December, and board members are thrilled and excited by the generous response from folks supporting Sherman County educational efforts! Thru mid-January, almost 70 generous folks donated over \$19,000 to the Sherman County Education Foundation. These included general donations, memorial donations and donations specifically for the future SCED endowment fund. For more information on the SCEF, please visit our website at: <https://www.wesupportshermaneducation.org/>

It's a new year and the SCEF continues to award grant money to Sherman teachers for new learning projects. Watch the SCEF Facebook page for future updates on the first graders working with clay and the second graders doing painting and diorama activities. These art programs will be specifically funded through the SCEF Pat Jacobsen account. Teachers, talk with Liz Cranston at the school for details on how you can apply for grant funds for enrichment activities in your classroom or go to our website <https://www.wesupportshermaneducation.org/apply.html>

The Judge's Corner

The other day I was channel surfing looking for something to watch on TV and found channels that are actual HD fires burning in a fireplace. Since our TV sets in our fireplace, I turned one on, put my feet up and watched the flames. It was just like having a fire—without the mess, but also without the warmth. Having all of our meetings on “Zoom” or “Google Meets” is just like that—no mess (COVID), but also no warmth (personal interaction). It was fun to see my kids’ reaction when they came into the house and saw me sitting there with my feet by the fire.

County Court is again in the process of updating our goals and priorities. Housing, Broadband, and emergency backup power topped the list last year and will most likely remain. Some of the other goals are to finish what we have started in Biggs with the water project. A boat ramp that is safe to use at the end of Starvation Lane and start the new indoor arena at the fairgrounds.

One of the things we did get done this past year that had been awhile to get accomplished, was to get Scott Canyon taken off of Google Maps. It was sending an obscene amount of traffic, including trucks, thru Rufus, Scott Canyon, and Wasco, creating an unsafe driving scenario. After several flattened signs, run over fire hydrants, and other mishaps, Tammi Gaskey, the County Court Assistant was finally able to make something happen and got the travel app to change. Great job Tammi.

The Sherman County Road dept. with the retirement of Keith Fritz, will no longer be spraying the county roads and right-of-ways. The County Weed Dept. will be taking over this responsibility. Good Luck Keith with all that you do.

The County has had another longtime employee retire recently with the retirement of County Clerk Jenine McDermid. Jenine was a person that I relied on to help teach me some of the finer points of this job. I would have liked to have thrown her a retirement party, but COVID said no. So Jenine, here is my speech. Thank You for all you did—for Sherman County and for me. When you gave me an answer to my questions, it was always an answer I could rely on to be 100% correct.

Kristi Weis is the new County Clerk, there is no doubt she will be great—Jenine taught her as a deputy clerk for the past couple of years. Audrey Rooney is the new Deputy Clerk. Welcome Audrey.

The Sherman County Court has the responsibility to tour and inspect NORCOR, our regional correctional facility. This inspection was done this January. NORCOR is running and operating exceptionally well despite COVID. Facilities around the state are struggling with the issues of COVID, but the staff and management at NORCOR have done an outstanding job keeping that beast at bay. Keep up the good work.

With Valentine’s Day around the corner: It was July 23rd 1983 when I kissed my wife for the first time. We were going for a walk along a small lake near Boardman. She was wearing a black dress. I honestly thought to myself “this is the girl I’m going to marry”, after that first kiss. That is my memory. What she remembers are the 17 mosquito bites she got on that walk and she says she has the scars to prove it. With Valentine’s Day come up and our options to celebrate limited—please celebrate in a way you will remember the kisses, not the bites. Be Safe.

Life is 10% what happens and 90% of how you react to it. Charles Swindoll

Judge Joe Dabulskis

Mid-Columbia Center For Living

Dear Sherman Community Partners,
We are constructing a MCCFL Budget Committee and would like to know if you have interest in serving. The term of the committee is for 2 years and is strictly voluntary. The chair of the Budget Committee will be MCCFL Finance Director, Michael Macy. We will start a precursory review of MCCFL budgetary performance in December with our first formal meeting in March 2021. The responsibilities of the Budget committee are as follows:

Review of the budget doctrine and trends towards meeting the current year's objectives.

Working collaboratively with the chair to establish a budget recommendation for the Executive Director and Board recommendations.

Revise and prepare a Budget document that can be prepared for the Boards final approval.

Each county (Sherman, Wasco & Hood River) will be required to have one lay person as a Budget Committee representative. Please contact Joan Bird, Sherman County Commissioner, or Tammi Gaskey, Sherman County Court Administrative Assistant at 541-565-3416 or countycourt@shermancounty.net if you are interested in serving on this committee.

4-H Youth Development

Yahoo, let's get started with the 2021 4-H year! The Sherman County 4-H Association announces that 4-H enrollments started in mid-January and will close Friday, February 12, 2021. We'll all be flexible and adapt to whatever changes come along, but do our best to offer positive youth development. In 2021, there may be fewer volunteer leaders, fewer clubs and/or fewer 4-H members, due to health-related restrictions and modified in-person programming. The Fair Board and the livestock leaders agree there will be a livestock show and auction no matter what.

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, 2020). The divisions are: Juniors ages 9-11; Intermediates ages 12-14; and Seniors 15-19 (and still in high school).

Enrollment forms were mailed to last year's 4-H families, are available on-line at <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/4h/sherman/become-member> or can be picked up at the Sherman Extension Office, 66365 Lonerock Rd, Moro OR 97039. 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 live-

stock, 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 virtually and in-person, and more.

OSU Sherman Extension continues to offer limited, in-person programming on Tuesday afternoons for all families with kids 5 and up. Starting last fall, these Extension Family Activities have introduced youth to a wide variety of learning experiences including camp crafts, painting canvas back packs, making chocolate and gummies from kits, science and Mars, stitchery, hand sewing, building gingerbread houses, plastic lacing, and leathercraft. Kids 10 and under may attend accompanied by an adult, kids 11+ may be dropped off. Call the Extension Office at 541-565-3230 for details or email cindy.brown@oregonstate.edu

Introducing a Sherman County Community Resource Website

Introducing a community website featuring resources to Sherman Co. residents, community announcements, job postings, houses for sale or rent and more.

Check it out at shermancommunity.com

COVID-19 Vaccine Update

The Sherman County Medical Clinic has received a very limited number of doses of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine. We are required to follow Oregon Health Authority's guidance regarding Oregon's COVID-19 Vaccine Plan and Recommended Sequencing. As of 1/21/2021 the Clinic has administered 127 doses of the vaccine, and we are currently out of stock. We do not know when we will get more, as this is not a vaccine we can order more of. We must wait for the State to send us more. If you are interested in receiving the vaccine, please call the Clinic at 541-565-3325 and ask for your name to be added to the list. Once we receive more vaccine, we will be reaching out to those individuals who are on our waiting list. Please understand that that next phase of vaccine distribution will be based on the individual's age, not the date their name was put on our waiting list.

The Moderna vaccine is shipped in a multi-dose vial consisting of 10 doses. Once the vial is punctured, all 10 doses must be administered within 6 hours. This creates an interesting logistical situation where we must have 10 people scheduled to get the vaccine, otherwise risk wasting a dose. In this current pandemic, wasting a dose of this vaccine is something we as a Clinic want to avoid as much as possible. This is a 2-dose vaccine, with the second dose being administered at least 28 days after the primary dose.

Our protocol regarding this vaccine is to require everyone to wait on-site for a minimum of 15 minutes after the administration of the vaccine so medical staff can watch for adverse reactions. If a person has had a previous anaphylactic reaction to anything in the past, we are requiring them to wait on-site for 30 minutes post administration.

As always, the Board of Directors invites your input, questions, and comments. Board meetings are held, typically, on the 2nd Thursday of every month. The next scheduled meeting will be on February 11th at 5:30pm in the Administration Office. Check out our website at www.shermancountymedicalclinic.net for up-to-date information about programs and activities being offered by the Clinic.

OWGL & OSU Shop Talks

OSU and the Oregon Wheat Growers League have partnered for free virtual shop talks during January-March on the last Wednesday of each month at noon. January 27th features Jacob Powell with OSHA wildfire requirements. February 24th features Russian Thistle management with Judit Barroso and grassy weed control with Ryan Graebner. March 31st will cover stripe rust outlook and management with Chris Mundt. You can register at this link: <https://www.owgl.org/shoptalks>

Grant Awards Announced by Development League

Sherman Development League (SDL) has announced the successful completion of grant awards for 2021 committing \$24,782.00 to projects of benefit to Sherman County.

Formed in 2000 as a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization, SDL's mission is to provide grants and/or loans in support of community-based programs and projects to enhance the social, cultural and educational environment of Sherman County. SDL provides fiscal sponsorship to organizations and/or unincorporated groups for projects which further its tax-exempt purposes and are of public benefit to the residents of Sherman County. A revolving loan fund has been established to provide loans to for-profit and non-profit businesses. SDL also serves as the Sherman County Cultural Coalition Board and provides related fiscal administration of funds received annually from the Oregon Cultural Trust and matching funds from Sherman County.

Two project applications met the requirements and goals established by SDL. Included are projects proposed by the City of Rufus and Sherman County Child Care Foundation.

Applications for the next round of grant requests will be available in the fall of 2021. Requests for loans may be submitted at any time.



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- 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

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- 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