

The Citizen-Reporter



SHERMAN COUNTY

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2022 PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE

On Tuesday, May 17, 2022, the Sherman County Clerk's office will be conducting the 2022 Primary Election by mail. Candidates may file for office at the Clerk's office, 500 Court St, Moro, OR, until 5:00pm, March 8, 2022, by one of the following methods:

File by Fee: Submit form SEL 101 and pay a \$50 filing fee.

File by Petition: Submit form SEL 101 and petition to obtain signatures: SEL 121 (Nonpartisan offices) or SEL 102 (Partisan offices).

The following county offices will appear on the ballot:

PARTISAN OFFICE:

Major party candidates will be nominated for this office at the Primary and elected at the November 8, 2022 General Election:

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Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment

Do you have a serious health condition? Have you completed a POLST Form? POLST is a medical order that stands for **Physician Order for Life-Sustaining Treatment**. It directs your care in a medical crisis. POLST orders give seriously ill people control over the treatments they do or do not want to receive in a medical crisis. POLST is for those with advance illness, such as advanced heart disease, lung disease or cancer that has spread. Or for someone who is older and frail, and may not want to go to the intensive care unit. In a medical crisis, a POLST directs emergency staff to the type of care you do or do not want. EMTs and physicians are required to follow POLST orders. If you would like to have more information on the POLST Form, you can either contact your primary care physician or contact Dana Pursley-Haner at 541-565-3100.

Volunteer Spotlight

Janet Pinkerton has been volunteering in a variety of roles in Sherman County for many years.

Here is a list of some of the organizations she has been involved with:

Proofreader for Sherman County: For the Record off and on since the 1990's; Sherman County Public/School Library board member, community representative; SMART/SCHoLaRs reading program coordinator – 2014 -2020 (on hold due to Covid); Senior Center Advisory Board member – 2018-2021; Sherman County Education Foundation – Board member since 2018. Secretary since July 2020; Meals on Wheels driver – twice a month since May 2020.

Janet along with Nancy Simpson and Julie Triebelhorn Fong worked to produce a historical timeline of Sherman County Schools, titled "From One-Room Schools to One Campus".

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County Commissioner, Position 2 – 4 year term (Current: Justin Miller)

NONPARTISAN OFFICES:

Candidates for the following nonpartisan offices may be elected to office at the Primary:

County Assessor – 4-year term (Current: Ross A. Turney)

District Attorney – 4-year term (Current: Wade McLeod) - *Candidates for the office of District Attorney are required to file directly with the Oregon Secretary of State's office.*

Candidates for the following nonpartisan office will be nominated at the Primary and elected at the November 8, 2022 General Election:

County Treasurer – 4-year term (Current: Marnene Benson-Wood)

PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON:

**Due to a delay in receiving 2020 U.S. Census population data, precinct boundaries will not be finalized by September 9, 2021 (first day to file). As a result, the precinct associated with a candidate's address may change. Candidates are encouraged to wait until the precinct boundaries are final before filing.*

Candidates for Precinct Committeeperson must choose one of the two filing methods:

Candidate Filing: Submit SEL 105
Write-In Candidate Declaration:
SEL 105D (County elections offi-

cial) will only count the write-in votes received by candidates who file Form 105D no later than 8 pm, May 17, 2022)

An elector who wishes to nominate another elector as a write-in candidate must file:

Write-In Candidate Nomination:
SEL 105N

Election manuals and forms are available online at the Oregon Secretary of State, Elections Division <https://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/laws-rules-publications.aspx> or on the Sherman County Clerk's web page <https://www.co.sherman.or.us/archive-county-election-results/>. Forms are also available at the Clerk's Office in the Courthouse, located at 500 Court Street in Moro. If you have any questions please contact the Clerk's Office at 541-565-3606.

Emergency Preparedness for Livestock Webinar

Tuesday, October 19, 12-12:40 pm
This free webinar will cover considerations to take now, during, and after a flood or fire impacts your livestock, regardless if you are a large or small commercial operation or if you're a hobby farmer with just a few horses. Jacob Powell with OSU Extension Service will be the main presenter. Register here: <https://beav.es/U4V> The recording will be posted on YouTube here: <https://beav.es/42a>

NEW Sherman County Housing Programs Approved in 2021

Since 2018, Sherman County has had two housing grant programs that support rehabilitation of non-owner occupied housing properties and the development of new long term rental. The New Rental Housing Development Grant and the Housing Rehabilitation Grant have been successful in helping ease development costs for several property owners. In early 2021, the County added two more housing grant programs to help spur housing development.

The new Housing Property Preparation Grant program is intended to address unsafe, blighted properties in the County and stimulate the housing construction market. It offers reimbursement of 50% of eligible costs, up to \$20,000, to responsibly demolish unsafe housing units and/or clean up any environmental contaminants on a property. The program is not intended for residents seeking to redevelop houses they are living in. Additionally, the grant recipient must put the lot up for sale or start construction on a new housing unit within 90 days after the project is complete.

The New Housing Construction Grant program will provide \$10,000 for newly constructed housing units. Single family or multi-family housing units are eligible, as are stick-built units or a new manufactured home if it is double-wide or larger and on a permanent foundation.

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**FREE Hazardous Waste(+ E-WASTE) Event
for Households, AG Producers and Farmers *Businesses
MUST pre-register. It's FREE**

WHAT: Get rid of unwanted hazardous waste, electronics and medicine too

WHEN: Friday, October 29th, 10am-2pm

WHERE: Wasco School Event Center, Wasco, OR

HAZARDOUS WASTE Accepted Items:

- Paints and stains of all types
- Yard, garden, pool and spa chemicals
- Cleaners, disinfectants, solvents and glues
- Automotive fluids (gasoline, antifreeze, brake fluids, motor oil, etc...)
- Art and hobby chemicals
- Fluorescent lamps, CFL bulbs and ballasts, thermostats
- Propane bottles and tanks
- Fire extinguishers and Batteries (all types)

ELECTRONICS Only Accepted Items:

Computers, Monitors, Laptops/Tablets, TV's, Keyboards, Printers, Mice, and Cell Phones

MEDICINE

Unwanted prescriptions, over-the-counter medications, vitamins, nutritional supplements, and pet medicines. **NO sharps** (Free sharps disposal for households at: Hood River Transfer Station, The Dalles Disposal, Moro Medical Clinic)

Items NOT Accepted

Explosives, ammunition, asbestos (call us to find out how to dispose of), microwaves, appliances, tires

Businesses ---Although *FREE*, **pre-registration is required for businesses.**
This helps our contractor bring the proper supplies. **To Register**, please contact:
Stericycle Environmental Service at (360) 772-2838, John.Pitman@STERICYCLE.com

**OSU Extension
Service**

Jacob Powell, local extension agent, is requesting producer and stakeholder input on the needs and preferred delivery methods of extension programming going forward. Anyone who gets this newsletter is invited. This anonymous survey will only take a minute of your time. Link: <https://beav.es/UoP> or scan the QR code with your phone:



**October Is
National Substance Abuse
Prevention Month**

Early intervention and education work.



DON'T CONTRIBUTE TO MINORS

"We don't need
your help
in making bad decisions."

Thank you,
Your Sherman County Youth

**Sherman County
Ambulance Personnel to
Wear Pink Gloves in
October**

The Sherman County Ambulance personnel will be wearing pink gloves while providing patient care for the month of October. They will be doing so to recognize Breast Cancer Awareness Month!



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Nancy and I did the historical research and Julie did the graphic design. We presented it to the school in October 2019 and a large poster version of it hangs in the school. It was a fascinating project and we are very proud of the way it turned out.

When asked for highlights of volunteering, this is what Janet had to say....

The SMART/SCHoLaRS reading program. I knew when I retired in 2014 that I would need something to do that would give me a sense of purpose. My lifelong love of reading spurred me to start the SMART reading program in Sherman County (actually re-start it; it had existed in the past) in 2014. After three years of learning how to organize and run that program, we decided to do it on our own and we created the "Sherman County Huskies Love Reading" program, or SCHoLaRs. I organize the adult volunteers who come in to read with selected students in grades K-3 twice a week. We also give books to kids periodically. It has been a tremendously rewarding program for all involved, I believe, and I can't wait until we can get back to doing it!

Advice: If you are thinking of volunteering, choose something that you love to do and do something connected with that.

Janet added that she has lived and taught in other areas in Washington and Oregon and this county has something very special. Kids grow up here with a

sense of community-mindedness and the idea of giving back is natural. We come together here to do things to help kids and others as naturally as breathing. That isn't the case everywhere and I think our students fare better in the world because of that upbringing.

Sherman County is a better place because of its many volunteers. Thank you to Janet and all of the many other volunteers that make this county great!

Herbicides for Annual Grass Control Webinar

Thursday, October 21, 1-1:50 pm.

This free webinar put on by Jacob Powell with OSU Extension Service will provide an overview of herbicides to consider for annual grass control in crops, pastures, and rangelands. In addition, he will cover his research on cheatgrass control with Zidua and RyzUp Smartgrass in winter wheat. RyzUp Smartgrass is a plant growth regulator spray formulation containing gibberellic acid (GA3). The addition of RyzUp Smart-grass with Ziuda reduced cheatgrass cover to 12% while cheatgrass cover was reduced to 27% with Zidua alone. This research was made possible with field space provided by Remington Farms and funding from Valent. Register here: <https://beav.es/U4H>. The recording will be posted on YouTube here: <https://beav.es/42a>. 1 ODA pesticide credit is anticipated.

AMBULANCE MEMBERSHIP FOR CHRISTMAS

Do you have that special someone who you just don't know what to get for Christmas? If you do and they live in Sherman County, think about an Ambulance Membership. Sherman County Ambulance has a membership program, which costs \$30 per household, per year. Also, you might think about getting a Membership for yourself, if you haven't already. This is a huge savings if you don't have insurance. An average ambulance call can be around \$2,500. The Ambulance Membership Program is also part of the reciprocal network with approximately 80 other agencies in Oregon. That means that if you need an ambulance in another city and they are part of the network, your Sherman County Ambulance Membership will cover that. If you do have insurance, we will still bill for the call, but if it doesn't pay the entire bill, the Membership will cover the balance. If you don't have insurance, the Membership covers the entire bill.

If purchasing for a gift, we will send you a holiday inspired gift certificate to give to your loved one.

We also have Life Flight brochures available if you are interested in purchasing a Life Flight membership or you can log onto lifeflight.org.

If interested, contact Dana at the Emergency Services Building in Moro at 309 Dewey Street. You can call 541-565-3100 or email to emergencyserv@embarqmail.com.

LOTS HAPPENING AT WASCO SCHOOL EVENTS CENTER

The Board of Directors is excited to finally have gotten the exterior of WSEC painted. In addition, the new WASCO SCHOOL letters have been installed above the entryway. These letters were purchased from a donation made in the memory of Dean Macnab. While installing the letters, our painter discovered the original school bell in the attic, and we are attempting to get it out of there and put on display at the school.

If you haven't been in the city library lately, come by and check out all the new books as well as books on tape/CD that have been purchased. We also have a collection of jigsaw puzzles for you to check out, or for you to put together in the library.

Two pickleball clinics were held in September with pickleball pro, Kevin Beeson: a 2-hour clinic, which was attended by six people, and a 4-hour clinic, with 10 people in attendance. Kevin puts on clinics all over the United States, so we were fortunate to get him to come to Wasco. A lot of skills, drills, and strategies were learned by our local players. Thanks to Trena Gray for arranging the clinics. In addition to two pickleball courts, the gym is also available for open basketball. Check with our business manager, Linda Bird, at 541-993-6838, for available gym hours and to get a Fitness Center application.

There are still rooms available to rent at WSEC, so if you or someone you know would like to locate a business here, get in touch with our business manager.

One of the rooms is on the main floor, and has been painted and had new flooring installed. Two rooms on the second floor are also available. One of those rooms was set up as a massage business, and we have the massage tables and other items related to the business available for use. Tenants at WSEC include: Sherman Food Bank, City Library, Mid-Columbia Center for Living, Leaps and Beats Dance Studio, Kids Zone, North Central ESD Early Intervention, and Pure Romance by Talese. We continue to host Coffee Hour on Mondays beginning at 9:30 (the coffee and conversation are free, but donations are welcome), and AA meets every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room. In addition, our meeting room, auditorium and commercial kitchen are available to rent. Our Staff and Board want to thank all of our tenants, Fitness Center members, and auditorium users for their continued support. We are a success because of you.

Board Directors: Jessie Fuhrer, Glenn Humphrey, Megan Jensen, Linda Krafscic, Tom Lepinski, Gail Macnab, Jessica Wheeler

WSEC Staff: Linda Bird, business manager; Ian Melzer, office asst. and tech support; Jessie Fuhrer, building manager.



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However, the units must be sold or occupied by the owner within 30 days of completing the project and cannot be used as a second home or short-term rental.

All grant program applications can be found on Sherman County's website. All housing grant decisions are made by Sherman County with the help of an appointed Housing Grant Review Committee. Mid-Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD) is supporting the County in administering these programs. Jacque Schei is available to answer questions about the application and grant process (jacque@mcedd.org, 541-296-2266 ext 1006). Potential applicants are encouraged to review the applications in detail and reach out to MCEDD staff prior to starting their projects.

Sherman County TRUNK or TREAT

Please join us for the Sherman County Trunk or Treat that will be held at the Wasco School Events Center on Saturday, October 30th from 6-7 p.m.

You can decorate your car, truck or tractor and hand out treats. There will be prizes for the best vehicle entry. Setup is at 5:30 p.m. Please pre-register online at Sherman Kids Zone Facebook Page.



Sherman County Public/School Library

FALL AND WINTER HOURS

Monday and Friday 2:00pm—4:00pm
 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 2:00pm—7:00pm
 Saturday 10:00am—4:00pm
 Curbside service Monday-Friday starting at 10:30am

PICK UP AND DELIVERY

Books and materials can be dropped off and picked up from locations in Moro, Wasco, Rufus, and Grass Valley. Please call the library for pick up and drop off locations in Sherman County.

CRAFTS IN STACKS

Add some hand crafted fun to your fall decorating!
 October 16 at 4:00pm – Fall Wood Sign
 October 30 at 4:00pm – Votive Candle Holder
 November 13 at 4:00pm – Fall Garland

217 STEAM kits

were distributed to the youth in Sherman County during the month of July. We commend them for demonstrating their love of reading and learning by choosing to engage in these activities!

LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

Please join us for tea, dessert, and discussion of our monthly book. To request a hold, call, e-mail, or stop by. Available in Large Print and Audio by request. November's book is *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett.

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

2021 SUMMER READING PROGRAM REPORT "Reading Colors Your World"

Congratulations to all our contestants who participated in the Summer Reading Program! **All together they read 432 hours and 1300 books.** We are so proud of each one for putting in the work to strengthen their reading skills over the summer! Well done!

NEW NON-FICTION

The Case of the Murderous Dr. Cream by Dean Jobb
Crying in H Mart: A Memoir by Michelle Zauner
Trejo: My Life of Crime, Redemption, and Hollywood by Danny Trejo
A Swim in a Pond in the Rain by George Saunders

NEW FICTION

While Justice Sleeps by Stacey Abrams
Falling by T.J. Newman
Project Hail Mary by Andy Weir
The Final Girl Support Group by Grady Hendrix
We Were Never Here by Andrea Bartz
The Personal Librarian by Victoria Christopher Murray
Golden Girl by Elin Hilderbrand



The Judges Corner

My wife just loves the fall season. In fact she says there are only two seasons: fall and waiting for fall. What has been great about this fall is, it is off to a good start with moisture. With the recent rains, local farmers will be putting in long hours seeding their fields and moving equipment. Be on the lookout and help these guys out by being careful. Slow traffic is already congesting the roads crowded with wind turbine construction equipment and vehicles. Please plan accordingly and be safe.

With the recent moisture, fall road grading should take place after deer season. In the south end of the Sherman County, a little over 3 miles of Von Borstel Rd was recently paved.

Even farther south - Kent will be getting a new water tank/cistern. Soil test for the foundation work has been completed and drawings on the tank have been sent to fabrication.

Wow! What a great fair we had in August. The support the community showed our FFA and 4H kids was mind boggling. Every kid left the arena after the livestock auction with a smile on their face as did one lucky winner of a Honda Pioneer, 48 - \$500 and 5 iPad winners. Thanks to all who participated. Thank you everyone who helped make our fair the success it always is. The bid process is over for the construction of a new arena/multi use barn at the fairgrounds so that project is moving forward.

Earlier this summer, Sherman County teamed up with Wasco County for Parole and Probation Services. Two local Sherman County residents, along with the rest of Wasco County's P & P staff provide these needed services.

Sherman County's Prevention Coordinator Amy, is moving on. Good Luck! The program has been successful while you were at the helm.

Ryan LeBlanc of Sage Technologies has recently been hired to manage Frontier TeleNet. Frontier TeleNet is a three county entity that owns and manages the infrastructure that supports our 911 communications backbone in Sherman, Wheeler, Gilliam and Jefferson Counties.

U.S. Congressman Cliff Bentz spent part of an afternoon in Moro to talk to our Sherman County residents last month. Several gubernatorial candidates also have spent time in Moro meeting people and campaigning this past summer.

Sherman County according to the Oregon Blue Book has 1795 people living within its boundaries in 2020. We are the 2nd least populated county in the state. Our incorporated town populations are as such: Grass Valley 165 this is up 1 from 2010 and is the 227th on the list of town size in the state. Moro 340 this is up 16 and is 206th on the list. Rufus 290 up 41 and is 211th, and Wasco comes in at 425 up 15 and is 200th on the list. There is a total of 241 incorporated towns/cities in Oregon.

LIVING ON THE FARM: After each of us picked an apple from my backyard tree last evening, my granddaughter and I were walking back to the house when she said, "Grandpa Look", pointing at the ground. My Granddaughter, who is 3 ½ years old, then said, "It's deer poop". I was a little surprised she could identify the droppings. A couple steps later she pointed out more deer poop – then she pointed at something and told me, "That's dog poop". (Our dogs like to eat apples as much as the deer do) Don't you wish that all we see as adults, was as easily recognizable?

If I was following the above subject, the quote for the day would be "Your car warranty is about to expire", but I liked this quote from Zig Ziglar more, "You Can Disagree Without Being Disagreeable"





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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