

The Citizen-Reporter



SHERMAN COUNTY

A Sherman County Government Publication — February 2022

May 17, 2022 Primary Election

This is a list of public offices for which the Sherman County Clerk will accept declarations of candidacy or petitions for nomination or election for the Tuesday, May 17, 2022 Primary Election. Candidates can file for office until the deadline of 5:00pm on March 8, 2022. The following county offices will appear on the ballot:

Candidate for the below offices may file at the County Clerk's office by one of the following methods:

Submit form SEL 101 and pay a \$50 filing fee.

Submit form SEL 101 and petition to obtain signatures.

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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4-H Program in Sherman County

Yahoo, let's get excited about the 2022 4-H program in Sherman County. The new 4-H year started in October and the Sherman County 4-H leaders held a fun enrollment night at the fairgrounds in November. There are still youth who want to be part of 4-H, so make sure to get them enrolled by the deadline of February 15, 2022. Families can get enrollment forms by stopping by the Extension Office, calling and having us mail them to you, or go online to the OSU Sherman County Extension website: <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/4h/sherman>. Clubs will start meeting once enrollment closes.

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

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Random Acts of Kindness Day— February 17, 2022

This year Random Acts of Kindness week kicks off on February 13!

We can all work a little more at sharing kindness. Talk to your kids about ways that we show, share, and express kindness to those in our communities. Have conversations about how it feels when someone is kind to them.

You can download your Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) guide at www.randomactsofkindness.org. While there you can download and participate in the #RAK coloring contest and find ways to spread kindness.

#RAKWeek

#MakeKindessTheNorm!

#ShermanPrevention



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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)

Other public offices for which the Secretary of State will accept declarations of candidacy or petitions for nomination or election for this election can be found at the following link: <https://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Documents/open-offices.pdf>

Election manuals and forms are available on-line 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/>

www.co.sherman.or.us/archive-county-election-results/ forms are also available at the Clerk's Office in the Courthouse which is located at 500 Court Street in Moro. If you have any questions please contact the Clerk's Office 541-565-3606.

PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSONS:

SEL 105 Candidate Filing Form

- Deadline to file: March 8, 2022 5:00pm
- Must be a member of stated party at least 180 days prior to the filing deadline per ORS 249.046 **(September 09, 2021)**

Certification of Election will be issued.

SEL 105D Write-in Candidate Declaration

- Deadline to file: May 17, 2022 8:00pm
- Must be a member of stated party at least 180 days prior to the Primary election, per ORS 248.015(4). **(November 18, 2021)**

No write-in acceptance form will be issued, as candidate has attested they will serve if elected. Certificate of Election will be issued, if elected.

SEL 105N Write-in Candidate Nomination

- Deadline to file: May 17, 2022 8:00pm
- Must be a member of stated party at least 180 days prior to the Primary

election, per ORS 248.015(4). **(November 18, 2021)**

- Candidate will be sent a write-in acceptance form, if elected. If acceptance form is received by deadline, Certificate of Election will be issued.
- Nominator and candidate must be a member of the same party and the same State Representative district, within the same county.

*All Precinct Committeeperson forms can be completed and submitted electronically using the online forms located on the Oregon Secretary of State website: <https://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/electionforms.aspx>

Ambulance Memberships

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Sherman County Ambulance



Public/School Library Updates

WINTER HOURS

Monday 2:00 pm—4:00 pm
 Tuesday 2:00 pm—7:00 pm
 Wednesday 2:00 pm—4:00 pm
 Thursday 2:00 pm—7:00 pm
 Friday 2:00 pm—4:00 pm
 Saturday 10:00 am—4:00 pm

Curbside pickup during open hours.

PICK UP AND DELIVERY

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

MITTEN TREE

Thank you Sherman County Community members and School District staff and students for turning Sherman County Public/School Library's Mitten Tree into a beautiful giving tree. Our school and community donated 64 hats, 77 pairs of gloves and mittens, 13 scarves, 30 pairs of socks, 10 blankets, and one pair of boots to the Sherman County Food Bank. Your generosity is sincerely appreciated! Thank you Trent Harrison for picking up the Mitten Tree donations for us.

Phone:
541-565-3279

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Moro, Oregon, 97039

Website:
ShermanCountyPSL.weebly.com/

Email:
shermanlibrary@sherman.k12.or.us

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

LIBRARY BOOK CLUB—FEBRUARY 3 6:00PM

Join us for tea, dessert, and book discussion. March's book is *We Begin at the End* by Chris Whitaker.

NEW NON-FICTION

The Dying Citizen by Victor Davis Hanson
Rooted by Lyanda Lynn Haupt
An Industry Worth Fighting For by Derrick Josi
The President and the Freedom Fighter by Brian Kilmeade
Will by Will Smith
These Precious Days by Ann Patchett
Immune by Philipp Dettmer

NEW FICTION

The Winemaker's Wife by Kristin Harmel
House on Endless Waters by Emuna Elon
The Judge's List by John Grisham
Go Tell the Bees That I Am Gone by Diana Gabaldon
In An Instant by Suzanne Redfearn
Cloud Cuckoo Land by Anthony Doerr

Wish You Were Here by Jodi Picoult
The Stranger in the Lifeboat by Mitch Albom
The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles
Waltz Into Darkness by Cornell Woolrich

BOOKS TRAIN
YOUR IMAGINATION
TO THINK BIG.

— TAYLOR SWIFT

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to 19 (as of September 1, 2021). The divisions are: Juniors ages 9-11; Intermediates ages 12-14; and Seniors 15-19 (and still in high school). 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.

We've got a great bunch of volunteer leaders and board members for Sherman County 4-H, including a number of new folks. Clubs this year will be: horse, beef, sheep, swine, goat, rabbit, poultry, photography and outdoor cooking/food preservation. Due to challenges of Covid restrictions, unfortunately we will not be able to offer 4-H sewing or indoor cooking this year.

OSU Sherman Extension continues to offer "Extension Afterschool" on Tuesdays, giving youth an opportunity to experience a variety of activities. These have included science and the galaxy, building with cardboard and plastic con-

nectors, fall and Thanksgiving arts and crafts, stitchery and hand sewing, and making pet treats and toys. Spring will bring a variety of hand weaving activities, art and drawing, gardening, and outdoor cooking. Call the Extension Office at 541-565-3230 for details or email cindy.brown@oregonstate.edu.

Lower Deschutes Cooperative Weed Management Area Is Hiring A Weed Technician

Primary job duties include: surveying and treating noxious weeds within the Deschutes river corridor as part of a team, measuring/mixing and applying herbicides, using ArcGIS for collected GPS waypoints and data.

Full-time seasonal position with no benefits, \$17.20/hr.

Must be able to pass a criminal background check.

Successful candidate must obtain their Public Pesticide Apprentice License within 1 month of employment.

Technician must be able to hike in steep, uneven terrain with up to 50 lb. packs.

Technician will work outside during all types of weather respective to Central OR.

Mechanical, biological, and chemical treatments will be conducted on targeted weed infestations.

Technician will be responsible for maintaining, servicing, and repairing equipment.

Experience operating off-road vehicles, pulling a trailer, identifying noxious weeds, applying herbicides, and using ArcGIS is a plus.

Should be willing to camp in the field for up to a full workweek at a time.

Employment is funding and weather dependent; tentative start date of 3/7/22, tentative end date 10/28/2022.

This is a great opportunity to get involved in a habitat management project on the beautiful Lower Deschutes River, while gaining experience with ArcGIS, mapping, and interacting with the public.

For more information and to receive an application, please contact

Tyler Holeman at 514.714.3373,
tylerh@co.sherman.or.us

Lower Deschutes Cooperative Weed Management Area
Sherman County Weed District
66143 Lone Rock Road
Moro, OR 97039

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

"Never Doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Mead

The Judge's Corner

As I write this I have my granddaughter sitting on my lap watching a kid's program on my iPad. Not sure what it is called but she explained to me how to find the page on Netflix and she chose what she is watching. This means I am multitasking. I'm working and babysitting. That could be a benefit from the crazy situation we are living with – we all had to learn how to navigate the internet, Zoom, Gotomeets and other made up words.

Speaking of multi-tasking, the Sherman County Court is preparing for budget season. The county budget is only one of the many budgets that the commissioners and I are involved in. I am part of the budget process for NORCOR, (our community jail), Biggs Service District, Frontier Regional 911, Frontier TeleNet, and MCEDD (Mid-Columbia Economic Development District) just to name a few. Both County Commissioners are part of just as many budget committees.

One budget has recently received some help. The Kent water tank project just got a community grant for \$20,000 from TC Energy. TC Energy is the owner of the natural gas pumping station south east of Kent. This water tank will provide clean water for the community of Kent, and during fire season there will be a much greater volume of water available to assist the heroes that fight those fires.

When I speak of water projects I need to inform everyone that the water project in Biggs Jct. will be starting the first of March. There will be some inconvenience for us all. If you drive Highway 30, (the old highway) you will notice the enclosed area, pipe and equipment north of the road just west of Pilot's parking lot. This is the staging area. Expect delays when it starts. It should be completed late summer. The project will include a 400,000 gallon tank on the hill above Jack's, new 12 inch water main lines west of Spanish Hollow Creek, 8 inch crossing the bridge to the east and fire hydrants throughout Biggs Junction. As always, please drive safely and watch out for the construction workers.

FYI Just the other day I received an email requesting that I complete a survey on what our community is doing to combat climate change. Usually most of the unsolicited unknown emails I receive, I am hesitant to respond to due to cyber security. This one I am tempted to send a video of the 649 wind turbines and nearly 100 acres of solar panels that produce 1200 Megawatts of energy in Sherman County as a response.

I was told this morning in a meeting that there are over 90 bills introduced by state senators and twice that introduced by state representatives for this short legislative session. I am not sure if that is a contradiction to the following quote – I will leave that judgment to you!

“Life gives you a second chance, It's called tomorrow”

Judge Joe Dabulskis



Sherman County USDA Service Center

The Sherman County USDA Service Center, including Farm Service Agency (FSA), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), located at 302 Scott Street, Moro, OR will no longer be staffed at this site. Don't worry, we are NOT leaving Moro, just temporarily teleworking and working out of the Wasco County Office in The Dalles. Staff are working locally and are able to support customers for virtual or scheduled in-person visits. We appreciate your patience during this time.

To contact FSA or NRCS staff, please call the **Wasco/Hood River USDA Service Center at 541-298-8559** and use the extensions listed below. You will be able to contact each of us directly and/or leave a message if we do not answer. Our phone extensions will ring directly to our computers if we are not physically in The Dalles office.

FSA 130 – Kara Lanthorn

FSA 131 – Kayci Sharp

FSA 132 – Kayla Coulter

NRCS 133 – Misty Strayhorn

NRCS 134 – Lauren Healey

To contact SWCD staff call at the following: Amanda Whitman 541-705-5070, Hannah Fatland 541-705-5161

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month

We often see these awareness promotions and just look past them, **but 15 – 26% of teens will experience violence in a relationship before the age of 18. (CDC2021)**

TALK ABOUT IT, is a call to action for young people and those who support them to engage in meaningful conversations about healthy relationships. We need to have those “awkward” conversations with our youth. We can help make them less awkward if we talk and share openly with them more often. CHECK IN and TALK ABOUT IT.

If you are looking for a meaningful volunteer opportunity Sherman Prevention has open board positions.

If you have any concerns or would like more resources, please contact Deanna Christiansen at Sherman County Prevention. 541-565-5036 or deannac@co.sherman.or.us

Farm First Aid

Farm first aid training will be offered virtually from 1-3pm on Wednesday, February 2nd via Zoom. In person training will be from 10 am -12:30 pm on Friday, February 25th at the Wasco County Extension Office in The Dalles (3rd floor lecture hall, building 2, Columbia Gorge Community College). General first aid considerations for

farmers and ranchers will be covered with a focus on trauma in agricultural accidents. The training will feature Eric Lloyd with Oregon Risk Management Solutions, Inc. and Jacob Powell, OSU General Agricultural Extension Agent. Certificates of attendance will be given. Both classes cost \$15 per person, paid at the door by cash or check, or for the virtual class by credit card at this link: <https://beav.es/UvL>. Registration is required at the link above or if paying via mail or in person please call 541-565-3230 or email jacob.powell@oregonstate.edu Per state guidelines, masks and social distancing will be required and enforced for all attendees.

AG Wildfire Training

OSU Extension is putting on a free Ag Wildfire Training held virtually on February 16th (1-4pm) and in person on February 23rd (1-4 pm) at the Wasco County Extension Office in The Dalles (3rd floor lecture hall, building 2, Columbia Gorge Community College). This training is intended for both agricultural producers and those living in more rural areas in Sherman and Wasco Counties. Speakers include Wasco County Sherriff Magill providing an overview of the Incident Command Structure (ICS), Katie Wollstein, OSU Rangeland Fire Specialist, covering rangeland fuels and fire risk reduction. Marvin Vetter, ODF State RFPA Coordinator, will also be present and briefly talk about the new RFPAs (Rangeland Fire Protection Associations) being

created locally throughout the state. Jacob Powell will cover innovative ag fire suppression equipment, defensible space, and the use of vegetative fuels breaks, including ongoing local research with Forage Kochia. In addition, Ryan Scholz, State Veterinarian with ODA will provide an update on work being done to improve livestock evacuation. Please register online here: <https://beav.es/woF> or by calling 541-565-3230 or email ja-cob.powell@oregonstate.edu Certificates of attendance will be available.

If Stranded in a Vehicle

If you are stranded in a vehicle, stay in the vehicle. Call for emergency assistance if needed, response time may be slow in severe winter weather conditions. Do not leave the vehicle to search for assistance unless help is visible within 100 yards. You may become disoriented and get lost in blowing and drifting snow. Display a trouble sign by hanging a brightly colored cloth on the vehicle's radio antenna and raising the hood. Turn on the vehicle's engine for about 10 minutes each hour and run the heat to keep warm. Also, turn on the vehicle's dome light when the vehicle is running as an additional signal. Beware of carbon monoxide poisoning. Keep the exhaust pipe clear of snow, and open a downwind window slightly for ventilation.

Watch for signs of *frostbite* and *hypothermia*. Do minor exercises to maintain good blood circulation in your body. Clap hands and

move arms and legs occasionally. Try not to stay in one position for too long. Stay awake, you will be less vulnerable to cold-related health problems. Use blankets, newspapers, maps, and even the removable car mats for added insulation. Avoid overexertion since cold weather puts an added strain on the heart. Unaccustomed exercise such as shoveling snow or pushing a vehicle can bring on a heart attack or make other medical conditions worse.

An emergency Kit is Recommended

- ✦ Cellphone or two-way radio
- ✦ Windshield ice scraper
- ✦ Snow brush
- ✦ Flashlight with extra batteries
- ✦ Shovel
- ✦ Tow chain
- ✦ Traction aids (bag of sand or cat litter)
- ✦ Emergency flares
- ✦ Jumper cables
- ✦ Snacks
- ✦ Water
- ✦ Road maps
- Blankets, change of clothes

WASCO School Events Center

In lieu of our annual fall fund raiser, a fund-raising brochure was sent out to many WSEC supporters, which resulted in more than \$6,500 in donations. We would like to say a big thank you to the following who donated: Nancy Allen, Bank of Eastern Oregon, Jim and Jerri Belshe, Jim and Joan Bird, Gary and Susan Brown, Patty Burnet, Theresa and Bobby Byars, Bev Clarno, Ralph and Sue Fisher, Norm Fridley, Hilderbrand Family/LMTD Partnership, Barry

Hinkson, Larry and Sherry Kaseberg, Terry and Diane Kaseberg, John and Linda Krafscic, Bo and Mary Macnab, Gail Macnab, Harry and Christy Macnab, Michael S. Macnab, Jean and Malcolm McKinney, Nancy and Bruce Melzer, Mid-Columbia Producers, Kathy Neihart, Wendy Parker/McDermid Century Farms, Justin and Amanda Payne, Janet Pinkerton, Rich and Nancy Simpson, Smith Farms (Nathan and Samantha Smith), Kent and Melva Thomas, Clarence and Pat Turner, Weedman Ranches Inc., and Mike and Cheryl Woods. This money will be used for continued improvements to the school building as well as the gym and fitness center.

Our stage floor was refinished in January. This job was made possible, in part, by a grant from the Sherman County Cultural Coalition. The rest was funded with proceeds from a rummage sale and County SIP dollars.

As always, we would like you to consider renting our auditorium for events, becoming a member of the fitness center, visiting our library, joining us for Monday morning coffee, renting a classroom, take advantage of our commercial kitchen, and checking out the variety of businesses that are located here. It is because of our County citizens that we have made such strides in improving the school building and gym, and making it a place of pride for the city of Wasco as well as Sherman County.

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- 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.
- Plastic bags

First Sort: Commingled:

- PAPER - white and colored paper (staples OK), newspapers, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, phone books, paperback books, spiral-bound notebooks, cereal & cracker style boxes (liner removed), cardboard tubes, paper bags, egg cartons, milk cartons & juice boxes.
- PLASTIC - plastic bottles, #1 & #2 with a neck. Examples; beverages, milk jugs, shampoo, detergent, cleaners (rinse & remove caps)
- 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. No larger than 2' x 2' square

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