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Sherman County Board of Property Tax Appeals Board Openings

The Sherman County board of Property Tax Appeals (BOPTA) has openings for the 2022-23 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

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Broadband Speed Survey

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Accessible, affordable, and reliable internet is an essential piece of infrastructure for our communities and businesses. Sherman County is working with Mid-Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD) and other broadband partners to support a Broadband Speed Survey. Your response to this survey will provide information on the internet service needs in the region and help us:

- clearly identify gaps in high-speed Internet service
 - ensure that funding decisions can be made based on accurate service information
 - learn about how we are using broadband today
- Please complete the broadband survey at: <https://bit.ly/Speed-Survey>

Questions? Please contact Natasha Blaircobb at Natasha@mcedd.org or 541-296-2266.

Senior Citizen Donations Wanted

On August 22nd we will be distributing Summer bags to senior residents of Sherman County.

You can help us fill these bags by dropping off donations to the EMS building in Moro or the County Court Office at the Courthouse, the Senior Center or by countycourt@shermancounty.net We are looking to fill 28 bags.

Donations will be accepted until Friday, August 19th. Suggested items are: garden fresh veggies, fruit, Kleenex, toilet paper, paper towels, quart baggies, gallon baggies, foil, saran wrap, lotion, nuts, crackers, trail mix, canned foods, etc.

We want to thank everyone for their continued support by donating, packing and delivering these goodie bags.

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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, 2022. 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, 2023.

If you are interested in being considered for the BOPTA board, please contact the Clerk’s office 541-565-3606 no later than Friday, September 29, 2022. BOP- TA pool members will be appointed by the county governing body on October 5, 2022.

Quote

“Summertime is always the best of what might be.” - Charles Bowden

**North Central WIC
is returning to
in-person visits**

WIC is the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). It is a nutrition program that helps families identify healthy nutrition choices that work for them.

The WIC program provides:

- Pregnancy and breastfeeding guidance
- Access to wholesome foods
- Nutrition focused counseling
- Free health screenings
- Connections to resources

The WIC program at North Central Public Health District will be visiting the Sherman County Senior & Community Center in Moro on Aug. 9 to hold in-person WIC visits there.

The satellite clinic will start at 10 a.m. and will go as long as needed. To make an appointment, call WIC at 541-506-2610.

At appointments, you and/or your child will be weighed and measured, and you and/or your child will receive a hemoglobin or iron screening. Growth and development will be explained and a health and diet assessment will be done.

You will receive an eWIC card loaded with food benefits for you to shop with at any WIC approved store.

WIC is all about healthy babies, kids and families. If you are pregnant, breast-

feeding or have a child under 5, WIC could be for you!

Women on WIC eat a healthier diet, have healthier babies and receive early prenatal care.

Infants born to WIC mothers weigh more and have improved growth and development rates. Children on WIC eat foods with more iron and Vitamin C, and visit their doctors regularly.

WIC serves lower-income pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding women, infants and children under age 5 who have health or nutrition risks. Also eligible are people who are fathers, guardians or foster parents of an eligible infant or child under the age of 5. Please visit the website to learn more at www.ncphd.org/wic.

There are income guidelines for qualifying for WIC. Household income must be less than 185 percent of federal poverty guidelines. A family of three for example, can have an annual income of \$42,606 and qualify.

Even if you don’t fall within the income guidelines, you may still qualify for WIC benefits if you are participating in SNAP or the Oregon Health Plan. Please call the WIC office at 541-506-2610 to verify your eligibility.



Mid-Columbia Community Action Council

Mid-Columbia Community Action Council (MCCAC) Housing Assistance Programs as of 2022.

Shelter—Program is ongoing as of now.

Street outreach services—Program end date is September 30, 2022 as of now.

Short-term hotel voucher for use while client looks for permanent housing—Program end date is September 30, 2022 as of now.

Rapid re-housing assistance for houseless folks (application fees, landlord incentives, security deposits, limited duration rent assistance) - Program end date is September 30, 2022 as of now.

Limited duration rent assistance for clients who have NOT yet received an eviction notice (up to 6 mo’s overdue rent, up to 3 mo’s future rent depending on need) - Program end date is September 30, 2022 as of now.

Limited duration rent assistance AND legal assistance for clients who HAVE received eviction notice (up to 6 mo’s overdue rent = fees, up to 3 mo’s future rent depending on need, AND MCCAC pays costs of legal assistance to navigate/ prevent eviction) - Program

end date is June 31, 2023 as of now.

Veteran housing stabilization supports (also known as Supportive Services for Veteran Families/ SSVF) - Program is ongoing as of now.

For more information regarding these housing programs along with MCCAC’s energy, utility, and weatherization assistance programs, contact Mid-Columbia Community Action (mccac.com).

Ambulance Service Areas: 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 Dana at emergencyserv@embarqmail.com or 541-565-3100.

Quote

“When the sun is shining I can do anything; no mountain is too high, no trouble is too difficult to overcome.”

Wilma Rudolph

Do You Own A Business in Sherman County

Do you own a business in Sherman County? Do you get periodic emails from the County? If you don’t get emails from the County, please send us your business name, town, phone number and email to [coun-tycourt@shermancounty.net](mailto:court@shermancounty.net). We send out group emails to disseminate information once in a while and would like to make sure that we reach all Sherman County businesses.

Wasco School Events Center

The Wasco School Events Center is open for business, and the City is committed to keeping this beautiful building up and running. The City is in the process of recruiting a Facility Manager, forming an Advisory Committee, and looking for volunteers.

The Facility Manager position is part-time and will pay \$18/hr. The application and full job description are available at City Hall, Monday – Thursday from 8:30 AM to 1 PM. If unable to make it in person, you can also call (541) 442-5515 to have one mailed or e-mailed to you. Please also call City Hall if you’re interested in volunteering.

2022 Sherman County Fair Schedule

Monday, August 22

7:00 am - 9:00 am High School Sports Practice

8:00 am - 3:00 pm 4-H Static Judging @ 4-H Pavilion

Tuesday, August 23

7:00 am - 9:00 am High School Sports Practice

10:00 am 4-H Horse Show (Showmanship followed by Western Equitation - break for lunch - then Trail Horse & Western Games)

ARENA WILL BE CLOSED AFTER 4-H HORSE SHOW EVENT IS FINISHED

Wednesday, August 24

7:00 am - 9:00 am High School Sports Practice

10:15 am Queen (2022) Applications due @ fair office

10:00 am - 11:00 am All Beef Weigh-In

11:00 am - 6:00 pm All Open Class Entries/Contests to be entered

11:00 am - 11:30 am All Turkey Weigh-In

11:30 am - 2:00 pm All Swine Weigh-In

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm All Sheep & Goats Weigh In

3:30 pm Antique Farm Equipment

5:00 pm BBQ Burgers/Hot Dogs

Cooked by Fair Board

7:00 pm Cattle Sorting

Thursday, August 25

7:00 am - 9:00 am High School Sports Practice

8:30 am Final placement for all Open Class Baked Goods & Flowers

9:00 am Open Class Pavilion Judging starts

9:30 am 4-H & FFA Records Books Due (4-H Pavilion @ grounds)

9:30 am - 9:45 am Market Show Clinic (4-H & FFA)

10:00 am 4-H Rabbit & Cavies Show (market & showmanship) followed by 4-H & FFA Poultry Show (market & showmanship)

10:00 am - 12:00 pm 4-H & FFA Swine Market Judging, followed by Breeding Class

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm 4-H & FFA Goat Market Judging followed by Breeding Class

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm 4-H & FFA Beef Market Judging, followed by Breeding Class

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm 4-H & FFA Sheep Market Judging, followed by Breeding Class

5:00 pm Chili Cook-Off General Public Tasting

7:00 pm Down on the Farm Chore Course

Friday, August 26

7:00 am - 9:00 am High School Sports Practice

TBD RDO Breakfast

9:30 am - 9:45 am Showmanship Clinic

10:00 am - 11:00 am 4-H & FFA Swine Showmanship (SR./INT/JR);

Open class swine to follow

11:00 am - 12:00 pm 4-H & FFA

Sheep Showmanship (SR./INT/JR); Open class sheep to follow

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm 4-H & FFA Beef Showmanship (SR./INT/JR); Open class beef to follow

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm 4-H & FFA Goat Showmanship (SR./INT/JR); Open class goats to follow

2:30 pm Livestock Judging Contest

3:30 pm—4:00 pm Grand Champion All Around Showmanship meeting and animal draw

4:00 pm—5:30 pm Rocket Launch

7:15 pm Special intros in rodeo arena

7:30 pm - 9:30 pm Rodeo Event

9:00 pm - 1:00 am Countryfied

Saturday August 27

8:30 am Horse & KIDS Games @ main rodeo arena

9:00 am Premium Payouts @ Fair Office (Open Class Only)

10:00 am Queen's Reception @ grounds

10:00 am - 1:00 pm Farmer's Market

12:30 pm 4-H Grand Champion All Around Showmanship Contest

4-H/FFA awards will follow all-around

1:00 pm Austen Martin Classic Car Show Check-in

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm 4-H & FFA Livestock sale

4:00 pm FFA BBQ Meal

5:30 pm Derby Check in

6:30 pm Demo Derby

9:00 pm Live Music

9:00 pm **ALL FAIR EXHIBITS**

CLOSED

Resident Incentive Applications

To receive your 2022 Resident Incentive payment, complete the application in full and return it to Sherman County 500 Court Street, PO Box 382, Moro, OR 97039 by August 31, 2022. If you have mailed in your Resident Incentive Application and have not received a confirmation postcard; your application has not been received. To verify receipt of your application, you can call the County’s Finance Department at 541-565-3623.

Mid– Columbia Community Action Council

Heat can be deadly! Mid-Columbia Community Action Council (MCCAC) has summer cooling assistance available now for Sherman County residents! Please call 541-298-5131 to make an appointment to see if you qualify.

Sponsors for Ambulance Memberships

We are looking for sponsors for Sherman County Ambulance Service Memberships. Anyone interested in sponsoring an Ambulance Service Membership, please contact Dana Pursley-Haner at 541-565-3100.



News from the Wasco School Events Center

For the past five years, a group of energetic, dedicated volunteers have spent thousands of hours creating what is now the Wasco School Events Center. On June 30, the City of Wasco dissolved our Board of Directors and took over management of the Events Center.

We, the former Board of Directors and staff, wish to thank everyone who has had a hand in making the Events Center what it has become today. The Sherman County Court, who gifted the school to the City of Wasco and provided substantial funds to repair the building, as well as six years of money for the day-to-day operations, deserves the biggest thanks. Without you, this would not have been possible. Thank you so much.

To all our tenants, thank you for creating such a variety of businesses here. To the Sherman Development League and the Sherman County Cultural Coalition, thank you for approving the many grant requests that went toward improvements at the Events Center. Thank you to everyone who has used the auditorium for an event, joined the Fitness Center, volunteered and/or donated to the numerous fund raisers these past five years, or patronized any of the businesses located here. There are not too many people in Sherman County who have not benefited from the Events Center.

We are proud of all we have accomplished since 2017, and while we had plans for continued improvements to the school, including a new heating/cooling system and increasing the number of tenants, the City Council has decided they want to go in a different management direction. We wish the City of Wasco continued success in the running of the Events Center.

Linda Bird, Jessie Fuhrer, Glenn Humphrey, Megan Jensen, Linda Krafscic, Tom Lepinski, Gail Macnab, Cal McDermid, Carol Olmstead, Ian Melzer, Jessica Richelderfer-Wheeler – former Board of Directors and Staff

Want to volunteer to help your community

Want to volunteer to help your community?

Want to become an Emergency Responder?

If you are interested or know anyone that is, please call the Sherman County Emergency Services Office at 541-565-3100.



Sherman County Public/School Library

SUMMER HOURS

Tuesday 10:00am—6:00pm
 Thursday 10:00am—6:00pm
 Saturday 10:00am—4:00pm

The library will be open for walk-ins and curbside service during all of our open hours.

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.

CRAF-TER Days Every Day—During Open hours

*Various Craft Stations are available – we rotate and/or add new crafts periodically
 * Stop by anytime during summer open hours - All ages are welcome!

Paint a Pet Rock
 Perler Bead Designs
 Canvas Silhouette Wall Hanging
 Model Magic Clay
 Beaded Necklaces & More

LIBRARY BOOK CLUB-August 4 @ 6:00 pm

Join us for tea, dessert, and book discussion. August's book is *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho

NEW MOVIES

PAW Patrol: The Movie
Cruella
Death on the Nile
The Batman

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE PACKS Are available to check out

Come in and check out backpacks that contain materials for a day in the park, hiking trip or just a day at home in the yard - for parents, and caregivers of children. They include books, binoculars, compass, National Audubon Society Field Guides, a craft and other hands-on materials for families to enjoy. Teacher guides and early learning tip sheets are included.

Phone:

541-565-3279

Address:

65912 High School Loop
 Moro, Oregon, 97039

Website:

ShermanCountyPSL.weebly.com

Email:

shermanlibrary@sherman.k12.or.us

FACEBOOK

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

NEW FICTION

<i>The Summer Place</i>	Jennifer Weiner
<i>The Lost Summers of Newport</i>	Beatriz Williams
<i>The Shape Shifter</i>	Tony Hill
<i>Ordinary Monsters</i>	J.M. Miro

NEW NON FICTION

<i>Devoted</i>	Rebecca Ascher-Walsh
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Joey: How a Blind Rescue Horse Helped...

Jennifer Marshall Bleakley

NEW AUDIO BOOKS

<i>Sea of Tranquility</i>	Emily St. John Mandel
<i>Vanishing Acts</i>	Jodi Picoult
<i>Watching You</i>	Lisa Jewell
<i>Sooley</i>	John Grisham
<i>In Five Years</i>	Rebecca Serle
<i>The Vanishing Half</i>	Brit Bennett



The Judges Corner

Wow! Your Dad is so cool! My 4 year-old granddaughter said to my daughter while she watched me cut wheat from their front deck near their house on my first day of harvest. Besides the crop looking good—that statement just made my day.

It was “cool” to be able to open County Court on the doorstep of the “old Oskaloosa Hotel” in Wasco, 130 years to the day, that the last County Court was held there on July 6, 1892. I believe the court session we held in Wasco on July 6, 2022, was the first court session in Wasco since 1892. Now that the pandemic is a thing of the past, the Sherman County Court will try to hold a court session in each of Sherman County’s towns every year.

Going from “old” to new—the County Court was able to participate in the groundbreaking ceremony at the Fairgrounds for the new fair arena.

Along with the old and new—Sherman County said good-bye to long time employees: Justice of the Peace Ron McDermid and Dan Aldrich at an ice cream social. Good luck to both of you. Thanks and enjoy your next adventures.

Shandie Johnson, the new Justice of the Peace and Stephen Biagi will be having new adventures as the newest faces around the courthouse. Welcome!

For the past couple months the courthouse has been lucky enough to be able to display art work in the commissioners meeting room. This art was created by last years’ 3rd grade class. While U.S. Senator Ron Wyden was in the courthouse last month for a town hall, an arrangement was made for several of these art pieces to be sent to Washington DC to be displayed in Sen. Ron Wyden’s office. How cool is that! I did remind the senator to keep in mind that every time congress makes a law or rule that makes it harder for the farmer to grow food—that the world—man kind—can survive without legislators and politicians—but it cannot survive with out farmers.

Oregon State’s “wildfire Risk Map” has been posted on the state’s web site. Most of Sherman County is in the high risk category—this is understandable, our county is made up of mostly flash fuels and wind. Please be careful and safe. Take a look at the map—not sure what future ramifications will be.

Dawson Q. from Rep. Greg Smith’s office and I toured the SHIFT festival held in the South End of the county in July. We were mostly checking out fire safety and first aide capabilities. Looked like it was a successful festival.

At a recent job interview I was part of; the applicant wrote the following “Listening is more important than speaking”.

Judge Joe Dabulskis



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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