

The Citizen-Reporter



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A Sherman County Government Publication — August 2023

Sherman County is Hosting a Public Open House to Provide Information About the Updated Flood Insurance Rate Map.

JOIN US

September 7, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Sherman County Extension Office
66365 Lonerock Rd.
Moro, OR 97039

WHY IS THE FLOOD MAP CHANGING?

Flood risk changes over time, and mapping technology has improved. By working with the state, county and local communities, FEMA is using newer data and technology to update the flood map. An updated map will more accurately represent the risk of flooding in your community.

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Sherman Prevention Updates

Harvest Fest 2023 was a wonderful success. It is a beautiful reminder of how much support there is here in Sherman County. Grateful for the more than 30 vendors, artisans, and local children and family resources that came out to support Sherman County, and to offer a fun afternoon to our community.

Sherman Prevention's *Not 'THAT' Club* and Wasco County's *YouthThink* have been collaborating on several public service and awareness campaigns this spring and summer. Look for upcoming social media and radio messages from Sherman County youth voices. We are proud of the amazing work being done by some outstanding youth!

Sherman Prevention, OSU Extension, and GOBHI will be joining together to

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Sherman County Volunteer Positions Available on the Mid-Columbia Housing Authority Board of Directors

The Mid-Columbia Housing Authority currently has two positions available on their Board for Sherman County residents. Meetings are held monthly and are offered in a hybrid format.

Mid-Columbia Housing promotes affordable housing throughout the Columbia River Gorge (Wasco, Hood River and Sherman Counties) and works towards safe, healthy and sanitary housing for these communities through the various programs offered to renters, land-lords and homeowners, as well as through partnerships that build new affordable housing developments.

If you are interested in applying for one of these Board positions, please contact the Sherman County Court office at 541-565-3416.

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A new map will give your community a better understanding of its flood risks. This leads to more informed decisions about how to protect itself from damage and loss.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ME?

The new flood map, officially known as a Flood Insurance Rate Map, identifies areas of flood risk (high, moderate, low). It will influence financial, planning, investment and development decisions. The owners of buildings in high-risk areas will be required to have flood insurance, if they have a loan from a federally regulated or insured lender. We encourage everyone to be aware of their flood risk and carry flood insurance. The revised map is available online for public review and comment. You can view it here: bit.ly/shermanviewer. For more information, visit: bit.ly/shermanmapupdate.

WHAT CAN I LEARN AT THE OPEN HOUSE?

Our goal is to help residents understand the risks of living or owning property in or near a flood zone. We want them to know the steps they can take to protect their homes and families. During the presentation, you can:

- ◆ Learn about how the flood map is updated and reviewed.
- ◆ See how the map revision might affect your property and community.
- ◆ Ask about the risk to your property

and learn what happens next. FEMA will be giving a presentation at 6:45 p.m. and will be available to answer questions and offer information.

UNABLE TO ATTEND?

Contact Georgia Macnab, Sherman County Planning Director, at 541-565-3601, to learn more.

Sherman County SWCD and the Sherman County Area Watersheds Council Updates

The Sherman County SWCD and the Sherman County Area Watersheds Council are housed in the OSU Extension Office in Moro at 66365 Lone Rock Rd. Moro, OR 97039. Come by and say hi during business hours, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

New Building

The anticipated move-in date for the new building is Fall of 2023. This building will house FSA, NRCS, and SWCD together once again! We will announce the exact date as soon as we have more information.

New Office Assistant

We would like to welcome Marylou Martin to SWCD! Marylou was recently hired as the office assistant and has been assisting in the day-to-day administrative tasks as well as some outreach to the community including youth events. She received an Associate of Applied Science in Office Administration at Columbia Gorge Community College in

2014. Marylou has lived in Sherman County for 15 years and worked at the Sherman County Public/School Library for most of those years. She is very excited for this new adventure!

Sherman SWCD Scholarships

The Sherman County SWCD Board was pleased to award five \$1,500 scholarships to graduates of Sherman County School this spring. Congratulations to Allie Marker, Kenneth Berry, Kole Martin, Logan Barrett, and Natalie Martin. All of these students have chosen a career in some area of agriculture or vocational education.

County Cost Share

The SWCD has county cost share grants still available! County cost share grants cover conservation projects in crop, range, and/or riparian areas. Eligible projects include cross and border fencing, haul roads, spring development, solar water development, weed treatment, range seeding, riparian restoration, and more. Projects up to \$10,000 have a 75% cost share rate and projects \$10,001-\$15,000 have a 50% cost share rate. Projects must be completed within 2 years. Call the SWCD at 541-705-5070 to learn more or to apply. There is no deadline to apply. Applications are reviewed every month at SWCD board meetings.

Visit our website at www.shermancountyswcd.com



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Sherman Prevention Updates...

offer Living Well, an evidence-based program designed to help anyone living with chronic conditions and is interested in learning about ways to support health and well-being. Living Well will be offered Tuesdays from September 5 – October 10 at the Sherman County Senior Center from 9:30 -12:00.

Sherman County is invited to “Get Ready The Dalles!”

Join us for Get Ready The Dalles! Yes, it says The Dalles but we'd love to see the whole Mid-Columbia region attend. September is Emergency Preparedness month and we'd like to help you and your family be more prepared for an emergency. Saturday, September 16th at Mid Columbia Fire and Rescue from 10am-1pm we'll have representatives from NW Natural, North Central Public Health District, Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue, Oregon State Police, American Red Cross, One Community Health, and many more. Does your family have an emergency plan? Do you have a go bag? Do you know what you will do with your animals (pets/livestock)? Come learn about this and more! As a bonus the first 100 families will receive free preparedness items and the first 300 people will receive lunch for free! See you there.

Sherman County Housing Program Funds Available

A reminder for anyone looking to develop housing in Sherman County, the County offers housing incentives for specific project types. Awards are based on funding availability. Additional funds were added to the program in 2023. Below is a summary of each grant offered. All applications can be found on Sherman County's [website](#). The County Court will make decisions on all awards. All grants are reimbursable, meaning if awarded, you will receive the funds after your project is completed. Mid-Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD) is supporting the County in administering these programs. Jacque Schei is available to answer questions about the grants (jacque@mcedd.org, 541-296-2266 ext. 1006). Potential applicants are encouraged to review the applications in detail and should reach out to Jacque prior to starting their projects.

New Rental Housing Development Grant

Grant amount: \$10,000 per unit constructed.

Development of new rental housing to stimulate growth in the rental housing market. Units must be stick-built or new manufactured homes (at least double-wide on a permanent foundation). Each qualifying rental unit constructed must be self-contained. The grant recipient must agree to keep the new unit (s) as a long-term rental for at least five years.

New Housing Construction Grant

Grant amount: \$10,000 per newly constructed housing unit .

Construct new stick-built or install new manufactured home (at least double-wide on a permanent foundation). Housing 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.

Housing Rehabilitation Grant

Grant amount: Up to 20% of the eligible project budget, not to exceed \$20,000. Rehabilitate rental units or newly purchased homes (must submit application prior to owner moving in) by improving or fixing aging or broken structures to increase the amount of habitable housing. The dwelling must meet FHA/VA habitability standards once the rehabilitation is complete.

Housing Property Preparation Grant

Grant amount: Up to 50% of the eligible project budget, not to exceed \$20,000.

Responsible demolition of dilapidated structures (non-owner-occupied) or abatement of lots with hazardous materials to support construction or installation of new dwelling units. The grant recipient must put the lot up for sale or start construction on a new housing unit on the lot within 90 days after the project is complete.



2023 Sherman County Fair Schedule

Monday, August 21

7:00 am - 9:00 am High School Sports Practice
8:00 am - 3:00 pm 4-H Static Judging @ 4-H Pavilion
1:00 pm Dog Show

Tuesday, August 22

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 23

7:00 am - 9:00 am High School Sports Practice
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 - 12:00 pm Scale Operator Lunch
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm All Swine Weigh-In
12:00 pm Antique Farm Equipment
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm All Sheep & Goats Weigh In
3:30 pm Classic Car Show Check In
5:00 pm BBQ Burgers/Hot Dogs
Cooked by Fair Board

7:00 pm Cattle Sorting

Thursday, August 24

7:00 am - 9:00 am High School Sports Practice
8:00 am 4-H & FFA Poultry Show (market & showmanship)
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)
10:00 am—12:00 pm 4-H & FFA Swine Market Judging, followed by Breeding Class
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm 4-H & FFA Goat Market Judging followed by Breeding Class
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm 4-H & FFA Beef Market Judging, followed by Breeding Class
3:00 pm - 4:00 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 25

7:00 am - 9:00 am High School Sports Practice
TBD RDO Breakfast
10:00 am - 11:00 am 4-H & FFA Swine Showmanship (SR./INT/JR); Open class swine to follow
10:15 am Queen (2023) Applications due @ Fair Office
11:00 am - 12:00 pm 4-H & FFA Goat Showmanship (SR./INT/JR); Open

class goats 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 Sheep Showmanship (SR./INT/JR); Open class sheep to follow
2:30 pm Livestock Judging Contest
3:30 pm—4:00 pm Grand Champion All Around Showmanship meeting and animal draw
TBD Queen's Reception @ grounds
6:00 pm Parade at the fairgrounds
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 26

9:00 am—12:00 pm Premium Payouts @ Fair Office (Open Class Only)
9:30 am Horse & KIDS Games @ main rodeo arena
10:00 am—1:00 pm Farmer's Market
12:30 pm 4-H/FFA Grand Champion All Around Showmanship Contest
4-H/FFA awards will follow all-around
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm 4-H & FFA Live-stock 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***

Livestock exhibits released at Barn Superintendent's Decision on Saturday/Sunday

Sale animal load out time will be posted at fair.

Resident Incentive Applications

To receive your 2023 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, 2023. 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.

Sherman Kids Zone

- ◆ LEGO Night - First Thursday of every month 5 pm—7 pm
- ◆ Game Night - Third Thursday of every month 5 pm—7 pm

Hans The Produce Guy's New Schedule

Friday:

- ◆ Rufus: 12:30—2 p.m.
- ◆ Wasco: 2:30—4 p.m.
- ◆ Moro: 4:30—6 p.m.

Saturday:

- ◆ Grass Valley 4—6 p.m.



Tri-County Hazardous Waste & Recycling Program

The Tri-County Hazardous Waste & Recycling Program has many resources that are just at your fingertips; all you have to do is get interested! We highly encourage utilizing the Waste Wizard App on our website when you have questions on how and where to dispose of an item. While you're there, check out our other tabs! We have helpful guides on how to recycle at work, at home, away from home, as well as taking a greener approach to cleaning supplies and how to identify those pesky chemicals you want to get rid of. You will also find us out in the community at your local fairs and farmers markets, so don't hesitate to stop by and say hi and ask us questions! Come visit us at www.tricountyrecycle.com.

Wasco School Events Center

The Wasco School Events Center has three upstairs office spaces available for lease! There are two classroom spaces, one large and one small, and one large dance studio or exercise room. Each one has lots of built-in shelving, nooks and crannies; wonderful views; and new mini-split heat pump units offering both heating and cooling. Lease options are flexible and include 24-hour building access; trash, water and electric; security system; and routine cleaning and maintenance for common areas. Contact the Wasco School via Facebook messenger, by email at wascoschoolec@gmail.com, or swing by dur-

ing open hours to take a peek! The facility is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or after hours by appointment. Staff are available by email seven days a week, or during office hours Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Wasco School Events Center also has a free family Movie Night scheduled on the second Friday of every month. They have free popcorn and fruit water, and with snacks and ice cream bars available at the concessions. Follow them on Facebook to find out which movies are planned next! Or email them at wascoschoolec@gmail.com to learn more.

And did you know the Wasco School can also host your own private movie or video game parties? Great for birthdays, family reunions, or even just a fun gathering for your friend group. Contact them via Facebook or by email if you'd like to find out more.

Little Free Library

Your Rufus, Wasco, Moro and Grass Valley **Little Free Libraries** are here for you to use. Please consider donating a book you have **loved** reading.

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

Public/School Library Updates

541-565-3279

shermanlibrary@sherman.k12.or.us

ShermanCountyPSL.weebly.com/

Public Library Hours

Tuesdays/Thursdays 10:00am -6:00pm
 Saturdays 10:00am-4:00pm

Curbside pickup available

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.

Sherman County Public/School Library would like to express our sincere thanks to the following community organizations and individuals for volunteering their time & talents.

Sherman County Prevention – Coordinator
 Deanna Christiansen

Sherman County SWCD - Office Assistant
 Marylou Martin

Sherman CO. Sheriff's Office -
 Under-Sheriff James Burgett

Sherman CO. Emergency Services – EMR
 Jenn Smith

Moro Fire Department - Firefighters
 John Barber
 Joe Belshe

Professional Musicians
 Bass Clarinet Player Dave Bergmann

Oregon Youth Corp. (OYC)
 Coral Talley
 Emma Goodenough

Sherman Co. School Music Teacher/
 Trumpet Player John Gronberg

Sherman Co. Sewing Group Members – Penny, Joni, Mavis plus Doris Hubbard & Marie Kuettel for donating materials & their time to make beautiful "Reading Pillows" to be given to each child who participated in the 2023 Library Summer Reading Program *** A

Total of 50+ Pillows **

** Without all of you, the 2023 Summer Reading program would not have been possible**

Pictures on pages six and seven are from the 2023 Library Summer Reading Program



The Judges Corner

This morning when I was walking out of the driveway to do my chores, I saw my wife standing in the yard. I asked her what she was doing and she answered that she was waiting for the sun to pop over the hill. I continued walking and then it “dawned” on me that it will be 40 years since our first date in a couple days. Time has really flown. I wonder how can we have been together for 40 years when I am so young.

While time flies by and it speeds up every year, it seems governments and projects don’t. I am happy to say we are making progress on several. The water tank in Biggs is painted, the pump house is nearly complete and the main water line will be pressure tested this month. The 100 foot tower that can reach and provide 911 communication into Cottonwood State Park is up and will be active any day now. That project started in 2013.

The 2023 Oregon legislative session ended with Sherman County getting an assist from the state for Industrial Development. I am not sure what all we will be able to do with the funds that will be coming or what the parameters are, but we are earmarked to get over a million dollars to do it. I did attend a U.S. congressional hearing in Richland, WA on dam removal on the Snake River. The County Court was invited to attend by U.S. Congressman Bentz. Almost all the testimony was opposed to the removal.

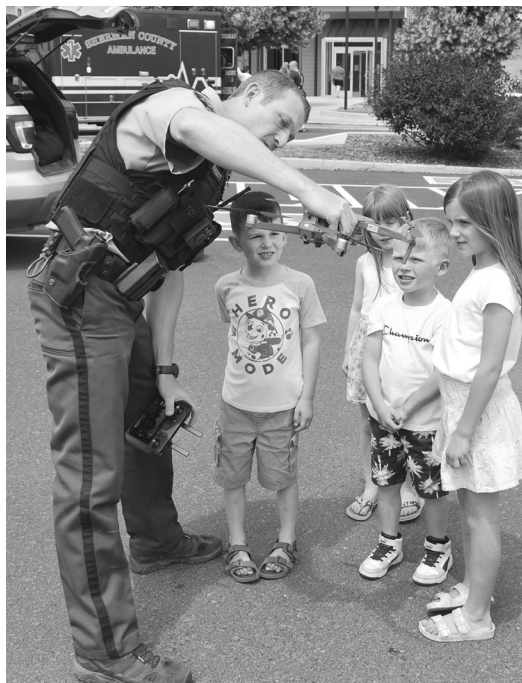
The Harvest Festival that was held in Moro last week was great! I have been eating a pie that came from the celebration in my lunch all week as I drive the combine harvesting wheat. The wheat has been a bit thin. It needed more timely rains.

A new face has been filling our Veteran Service Office. Eric A .has been doing a great job. Eric served as Hood River’s VSO prior to becoming the Tri-County’s VSO. Welcome Eric and thank you for what you do.

The Dalles Senior Center sent a bus load of patrons to visit our senior center last month. The report is they were very impressed, loved the food and are jealous of what our Sherman County Senior Center provides. Keep up the good work ladies!

On the note of doing good - “Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day.” —Sally Koch

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.
- Plastic bags
- Plastic tubs or plant containers



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

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, #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.

All items should be clean & rinsed with lids removed & flattened if possible.

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