

The Citizen-Reporter



SHERMAN COUNTY

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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 2023-24 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 office or was appointed during the tax year subject to appeal to BOPTA, or a

Congratulations Class of 2023

Congratulations to the Sherman County Class of 2023:

We wish all of the graduates good luck and great success in all their future endeavors.

- ◇ Logan Barrett
- ◇ Morgan Geary
- ◇ Stiehl Green
- ◇ Caitlyn Jauken
- ◇ Emily Lesh
- ◇ Kole Martin
- ◇ Natalie Martin
- ◇ Wyatt Owens
- ◇ Eduardo Rubio
- ◇ Cadence Smith
- ◇ Cade von Borsetel
- ◇ Tyler Ward-Burnett

Sherman County Graduation:

June 3, 2023 11:00 am

Sherman County Historical Museum Celebrates 40th Anniversary

Sherman County Historical Society operates the Sherman County Historical Museum which is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year! Celebrate on June 25th with a Social Hour at 3:30pm with local wine and appetizers before dinner at the Senior Center and the Society's Annual Membership meeting. The public is welcome and RSVP at the Museum by June 22nd!

The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday 10am to 5pm. Admission is \$5 adults, \$1 Students and Members are Free.

The museum is always really cool inside so it is a great place to escape from the heat!!

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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, 2023. 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, 2024.

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, 2023. BOPTA pool members will be appointed by the county governing body on October 4, 2023.

Hans The Produce Guy

2023 Schedule

Starting June 24th

Mondays

Rufus: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Wasco: 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm

Moro: 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Grass Valley: 4:30 to 6:00 pm

Senior Center News

The Sherman County Senior Center would like to remind people to please call ahead for lunch if you have a group of 2 or more. We ask for at least a 24-hour notice so that we can make sure to defrost enough meat and prepare enough portions for a large crowd. Please call 541-565-3191 and leave a message with the # of people you are bringing. We open the salad bar at 11:30am and lunch is served at 12pm sharp. If you arrive after 12pm we cannot guarantee to have enough food to serve you, but feel free to call ahead and if you're going to be late we'll set a lunch aside for you. In the event we have a very busy day, in which people did not call ahead, we will serve lunch on a first-come first-serve basis. It never hurts to call ahead, even if just for one person, as that is the only way to guarantee you will have a lunch. Thanks so much!

Senior Citizen Donations Wanted

On June 12th we will be distributing Summer bags to senior residents of Sagewind Manor and Meals on Wheels recipients. You can help us fill these bags by dropping off donations to the EMS building in Moro, the County Court Office at the Courthouse, the Senior Center or by emailing countycourt@shermancounty.net. We are looking to fill 28 bags. Donations will be accepted until Friday, June 9th. Suggested items are: garden fresh veggies, fruit, Kleenex, toilet paper, quart baggies, foil, saran wrap, lotion, nuts, crackers, trail mix, canned foods, etc.

Resident Incentive

Applications for the 2023 Resident Incentive Program will be mailed out during the week of June 5th. This year will mark the 15th year since the program was first introduced in 2009. Qualifying applicants must live in Sherman County at least one year prior to the application due date of August 31, 2023 and must still be residents in December, 2023 when checks are usually mailed out. Applications are sent to all addresses currently registered with Sherman County post offices.

Information about the program and the application can also be found on Sherman County's website at www.co.sherman.or.us or by calling the Financial Services Office located in the Courthouse at 500 Court Street in Moro: 541-565-3623.

Fire Ban

Due to extreme fire danger conditions, the burn ban is in effect as of June 1, 2023, for South Sherman Fire District, Moro Fire District and North Sherman Fire District, which include the cities of Grass Valley, Kent, Moro, Rufus, and Wasco. This includes burn barrels, incinerators, and agricultural burning. Thank you for your cooperation.

Grass Valley Farmers Market

Every Second Saturday

May—October

10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Grass Valley Park

Baked Goods, Crafts, Plants, Produce, Preserves, Balms, Candles, Soaps, Lotions, Eggs, Meat & Much More!

Sherman Extension Offers Variety of Day Camps for Kids

This summer, OSU Sherman County Extension will be offering a variety of fun and educational day camps for kids. Call the Extension Office at 541-565-3230 for more information and to sign up your child. Youth do not have to be enrolled in Sherman 4-H to attend. Sherman County connected kids such as cousins or grandchildren are welcome.

Sherman County 4-H Day Camp: June 20 and June 21, 9am to 7pm each day. At Brooks Memorial Retreat Center, Goldendale WA. For Sherman youth completing 4th-6th grades. \$40 per camper. Maximum of 40 youth. Busing provided. A natural resource based outdoor experience in the woods, with swimming each day at the Goldendale pool. Three meals a day provided to campers.

Food Preservation Workshop: June 27-June 30, 9am to noon each day. At Sherman Extension Office, Moro. For youth ages 9 and up. Limited to 10 youth. Learn how to jam, can, freeze and dry seasonal foods. Free.

Sports Science STEM Enrichment Day Camp: July 10-July 13, 8am to 11am each day. At Sherman County School, Moro. For youth who completed grades 1-4. Free. Maximum of 30 youth. Sponsored in part by the Sherman County Educational Foundation. Each day, learners investigate the mechanics of a different movement, connecting STEM concepts like force, motion and

the influence of gravity, to the movement of their own bodies.

Pirate Camp STEM Enrichment Day Camp: July 24-July 27, 9am to noon each day. At Sherman Extension Office, Moro. For youth who completed grades 1-3. Free. Maximum of 30 youth. Sponsored in part by the Sherman County Cultural Coalition. Just like real pirates, students must work together with their crew to accomplish challenging tasks such as building a catapult, tying knots, making maps, and following them to hidden treasure.

Sports Science STEM Enrichment Day Camp: August 7-August 10, 8am to 11am each day. At Sherman County School, Moro. For youth who completed grades 1-4. Free. Maximum of 30 youth. Sponsored in part by the Sherman County Educational Foundation. Each day, learners investigate the mechanics of a different movement, connecting STEM concepts like force, motion and the influence of gravity, to the movement of their own bodies.

North Central Public Health District's Updates

North Central Public Health District's WIC office is getting ready for the 2023 Farm Direct Check season. Eligible families enrolled in the WIC Program can receive vouchers to spend on fresh, locally-grown fruits, vegetables, and cut edible herbs directly with authorized farmers. Look for your postcard in the mail soon for further information. The WIC office will be holding its trav-

eling satellite clinic at the Sherman County Senior & Community Center in Moro on June 13. The clinic is by appointment only.

Anyone who is interested in the WIC program is encouraged to call ahead at 541-506-2610 to get more information about WIC, and then set up an appointment at the satellite clinic. The length of time the clinic is open varies, depending on how many appointments are made, but it typically runs from 10 a.m. to noon.

WIC offers pregnancy and breastfeeding guidance, wholesome foods, nutrition-focused counseling, free health screenings and connections to resources. WIC is all about healthy babies, kids and families. If you are pregnant, breastfeeding, or have a child under 5, WIC could be for you! Please give WIC a call at 541-506-2610 if you are interested in learning more or to set up an appointment to enroll in the program.

Are you ready to quit tobacco? We're ready to help! NCPHD is offering free tobacco cessation counseling to anyone in Wasco and Sherman Counties, and is offering free nicotine replacement therapies (such as gum, patches or lozenges) to anyone 18 or older. To use this free service, you can call 541-506-2609, email neitac@ncphd.org, or visit <https://www.ncphd.org/tobacco-programs> to sign yourself up! We look forward to helping you achieve a tobacco-free life!

Sherman County Fair

Don't forget to mark your calendars—Fair is the 3rd week in August.

Sherman County Education Foundation

Since 2018, donations from the "Sherman County Community" have allowed your Sherman County Education Foundation (SCEF) to fund more than 50 varied activities and projects. Expressed another way, this is over \$40,000, and its making a huge difference.

One of the unanticipated outcomes since 2018 is the number of donations made as a memorial for a family member, friend, or community member; some of these are earmarked for a particular type of activity, which we will try to fulfill. At present, we have the following dedicated activity funds:

- ◇ Pat Jacobson memorial art fund
- ◇ Bryan Peters memorial music fund
- ◇ Drama and theatre arts fund
- ◇ Student and community leadership training
- ◇ Biglow Canyon STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) fund
- ◇ Endowment

Want to see what your donations are making possible? Check out our web page or follow us on Facebook [wesupportshermaneducation.org](https://www.facebook.com/wesupportshermaneducation.org)



Kimi
and
Sophie
Hulke

2023 Spring Grant Awards Announced by Cultural Coalition

Spring grant awards for 2023 have been announced by the Sherman County Cultural Coalition (SCCC) committing \$6,215.00 to projects that strengthen existing cultural resources or engage the community in the arts, heritage or humanities in Sherman County.

Six project applications met the goals and priorities established by the Coalition in the Sherman County Cultural Plan. Successful applicants and projects are as follows: Sherman County Fair Board – *Fair Entertainment*; Sherman County 4-H Association – *Enrichment Summer Day Camp*; Sherman County Garden Club – *Luncheons, Projects, Events*; Sherman County Worship – *Sound System Upgrade*; Sherman Kids Zone – *Summer Events*; Wasco School Events Center – *Art at the Wasco School*.

Funding for these community projects was made possible with a grant award received from the Oregon Cultural Trust plus matching funds generously provided by Sherman County. Applications for the next grant cycle will be available in the fall of 2023.

The Oregon Cultural Trust, with donations from Oregonians, funds 1400+ nonprofits in Oregon in the areas of arts, heritage, and humanities. When you donate to any of the 1400+ on the list, you can qualify for a state tax credit. Visit <https://culturaltrust.org/> to

learn how you can get involved and qualify for the tax credit.

For additional information on the Sherman County Cultural Coalition, please visit our website at <https://www.shermancountyculturalcoalition.com>.

Tri-County Hazardous Waste & Recycling Program

In 2022, 58 Sherman County residents took advantage of the opportunity to clean up and properly dispose of 5,141lbs of hazardous waste. So far this year, we have had a total of 21 participants with a total of 8,615lbs of hazardous waste properly disposed of. As of now, that is 3,747lbs more than last year with one more event to go in Sherman County! Tri-County Household Hazardous Waste and Recycling Program sponsors these annual events in Sherman County to give farmers, households and small businesses the opportunity to dispose of leftover, unwanted chemicals such as pesticides, paints, solvents, fluorescent bulbs and batteries. In addition to these events held in rural communities, the Tri-County program also holds quarterly hazardous waste collections at its permanent facilities at Hood River Garbage service and The Dalles Disposal.



Sherman County Harvest Festival

The Second Annual Sherman County Harvest Festival will be Sunday, July 23rd in Moro, Oregon from 2-7 p.m.

There will be children/family activities from 2-4 p.m., an Artisan Market from 2-5 p.m., live music by Countryfied from 4-7 p.m.

Fun for the whole family; a day filled with fun, festivities, and community spirit. Mark your calendars and see you there as we celebrate the bountiful harvest and the vibrant spirit of our community.

This event is sponsored by Oregon Frontier Chamber of Commerce, Sherman Kids Zone, Sherman County Court, Sherman County Prevention, The Bank of Eastern Oregon and many other local and regional businesses.

2023 Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show

Join SCCT for a day in Beautiful Central Oregon at the 48th Annual Quilt Show.

Bus will depart Sherman County at 8:00 am. (Pick up times will vary based on location.)

\$25 per person Call 541-565-3553 to reserve your spot as space is limited

Saturday, July 8th, 2023
Sisters, Oregon

Sherman County Community Transit

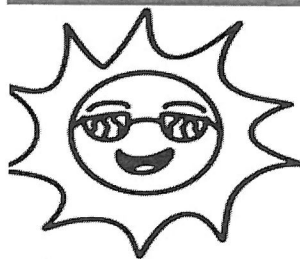


BEFORE THEY MAKE PLANS WITH FRIENDS...

Establish some family rules for social and extracurricular activities.

Young people don't always have all the facts when it comes to alcohol and other drugs. Talk with your children about the risks of underage drinking and substance use, and be clear and consistent about your expectations. For tips on how—and when—to begin the conversation, visit www.underagedrinking.samhsa.gov

#TalkTheyHearYou PEP20-03-01-054

SUMMER

SUMMER EVENTS CALENDAR AND SWIM BUS INFORMATION WILL BE SENT HOME WITH ALL KINDER - SIXTH GRADE STUDENTS THE LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT ALL THE WONDERFUL EVENTS HAPPENING THIS SUMMER!



FREE HELMETS Sherman County Emergency Services has received a new batch of helmets. We have bicycle helmets from toddler to X-Large and Multi-sport (skaters) helmets from small to X-large. These are free to Sherman County youth.



Did You know?

- ◇ The number of preventable deaths from bicycle transportation incidents increased 16% in 2020
- ◇ There has been an increased 44% in the last 10 years, from 873 in 2011 to 1,260 in 2020

If your child is in need of a helmet, please contact Dana Pursley-Haner at 541-565-3100 or stop by the Sherman County Emergency Services Building.

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.

Library Book Club—July 6th @ 5 pm

The Door by Magda Szabo

Join us for tea, dessert, and book discussion.

Give us a call if you'd like us to reserve a copy for you.

New Juvenile

Iceberg Jennifer A. Nielsen

*Curse of the Shadow Dragon:
Dragon Masters #23*
Tracey West

Finally Seen Kelly Yang

New Ya Books & Graphic Novels

The Infinite Threads Tahereh Mafi

Hocus Pocus A.W. Jantha

My Hero Academia, Vol. 33
Kohei Horikoshi

New Non-Faction

*Unscripted: The Epic Battle for a Media Empire
and the Redstone Family Legacy*

*The Best Strangers in the World: Stories from a
Life Spent Listening*

Best Sellers

Never Never Colleen Hoover

Hello Beautiful Ann Napolitano

Count Down James Patterson

Killer of the Flower Moon David Grann

I will Find You Harlan Coben

New Audio Books

It Ends with Us Colleen Hoover

It Begins with Us Colleen Hoover

November 9 Colleen Hoover

SUMMER READING KICK-OFF
SAT. JUNE 10TH @ 10 AM
THE TRAVELING LANTERN PRESENTS
RHONDA APPLESEED AND THE TREE THAT LEARNED TO SPEAK

ENCUENTRA TU VOZ!

THE REMAINING DATES ARE ALL TUESDAYS:

JUNE 27
VOICES OF THE COMMUNITY

JULY 11
VOICES OF MUSIC

JULY 18
DRAMA-EXPRESSION-VOICE

JULY 25
READ AND CHILL

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SHERMAN COUNTY PUBLIC/SCHOOL LIBRARY
65912 HIGH SCHOOL LOOP
MORO, OR 97039
541-565-3279



The Judges Corner



When one of my daughters started traveling on her own as a teenager, I, as most parents do, worried. It was tough on me. One of the things I did to relieve some of my stress was to give her a large domination bill - and told her it was to be used "only" in an emergency. Several months later, she asked for more "emergency money". What! I hadn't heard of any emergency. I was quickly informed that there had been a shoe sale at Michael Kors and that constituted an emergency. Sometimes it is all about perspective. Budget season sometimes can be like that.

The members of the Sherman County Court are fully engaged in multiple budget committee meetings. While budgeting many things come up that happened throughout the past year that affect individual department budgets, such as the County Road Department. The Road Department is no longer selling gravel to private Individuals or companies. This decision was made by the county court because there are three local businesses within Sherman County that sell rock and gravel. Governments should not compete with businesses. Also it was mentioned during discussions, the last of the three major projects in the county should be completed soon. The County Courthouse Addition/Remodel, the Fairgrounds Arena, and the School Addition/Remodel were the big three.

The County, in partnership with the school, was just awarded a \$77,000 planning grant for a community resiliency center. This will involve putting solar panels on the school along with battery storage. The project, while lowering the power bill of the school, is designed to provide power to the school facility if there is a major disaster such as a Cascadia type event that shuts down the power grid. The school buildings could then be the hub where all could gather. Kudo's to Jacque from MCEDD for all her help in making our application stellar.

On June 10th, from 1 - 3:00 PM, one of Sherman County's finest will be honored and remembered at the Senior Center in Moro. Sheriff Deputy Douglas E. Smith was tragically taken from his family and Sherman County while performing his duties protecting the county. You may have noticed a new sign along Highway 97, North of DeMoss Park on top of the ridge, dedicating that stretch of road to him. Please come to the Senior Center to honor Deputy Smith. Bring a dessert to share if you wish.

Cycle Oregon came to Sherman County to ride on our gravel roads, and as luck would have it, they came on the hottest days of the year. The volunteers and the Oregon Frontier Chamber are what made this a great event! Thank you to all that helped. I overheard talk that the stop at Kyle B's was outstanding!!

I recently spoke at a conference in St. George, Utah on "The Potentials and Pitfalls of Renewable Energy" from a county's perspective. This conference was put on by NACo's (National Association of Counties), WIR (Western Interstate Region). Oregon's Malheur County Judge, Dan Joyce was the WIR president. As I spoke, I again felt grateful for the previous County Court members and how they set things up regarding renewable energy. There are counties in the western states that have massive projects built on federal lands within their boundaries and they get nothing but the pitfalls.

Comparing things in Sherman County and remembering that the last time I wrote this column I ended with a quote from "Rock Star" Jon Bon Jovi, that and with the demise of Tina Turner, the "Queen of Rock", this is what I have for Sherman County "You're Simply the Best Better than All the Rest"

Sorry if I got that song stuck in your head.

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, 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.

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