

The Citizen-Reporter



SHERMAN COUNTY

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Renewable Energy Planning Grant

Sherman County received a planning grant from the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) Community Renewable Energy Grant Program to design a resilient solar plus storage system at the Sherman County School. The end goal is to bolster emergency operations by having a facility that can serve the entire County in the event of an emergency, especially those events that result in power outages. During outages, a solar plus storage system would produce ongoing energy to power the facility and allow the County to use the school as a base for emergency operations or an emergency shelter for evacuated residents. The first step is designing the system. The planning team will look at options for a solar microgrid that can operate in conjunction with the existing electrical grid during normal times or operate as a stand-alone system during power outages. The system will include panels to collect solar energy that will be stored

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Sherman County Historical Society

Join the Sherman County Historical Society on October 22, 2023 at the Grass Valley Pavilion and experience the Mongol Derby with local racers, Shandie Johnson and Amy McNamee. Bratwurst and German side dishes are on the menu with local winery, Moody Tollbridge Winery, serving wine and beer. Tickets are \$18 and the event will start at 1pm.

The Mongol Derby is known as the world's longest endurance race, with riders racing 1,000 kilometers (620 miles) through the Mongolian Steppe. Horses are changed every 35km at checkpoints throughout the course. Riders endure saddle time up to 200km every day and face the challenge of riding 28 semi-wild horses, with varying temperaments and bucking abilities. The course recreates the horse messenger system developed by Genghis Khan in 1224. The exact course changes every year and is kept secret until shortly before the race begins. Shandie and Amy were 2 of the 46 riders for the August 2022 competition.

Questions? Call the museum at 541-565-3232 or email director@shermanmuseum.org

New USDA Service Center

Sherman County is getting a new USDA Service Center in Moro! The USDA Service Center houses Farm Service Agency (FSA), Natural Resource Conservation Services (NRCS), Sherman County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD), and Sherman County Area Watershed Council. For many years the Service Center operated out of the old Moro Grade School. After over a year of being displaced, all four agencies will be under one roof again.

The new USDA Service Center is located at 2004 First St in Moro, just down the hill from the OSU Extension Office. We will be working on getting moved in the first week of October so please give us time to get settled. We will be having an Open House at a later date for you to come by and see the new office. All agencies are excited to be back together in one office again, serving the landowners and producers of Sherman County!

Visit our website at
www.shermancountyswcd.com

Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan

Wildfire, windstorm, winter storm, landslides, drought, earthquake, flood, volcanic events, and extreme weather, including heatwaves and cold snaps; these are the natural hazards Sherman County faces every year. Some of these hazards are more likely to happen than others, with the county currently being in a declared drought and firefighters already responding to several wildfires this year. Rough winters and strong winds are also a common occurrence, and something everyone in the community plans on annually. To lessen the effect of both common and less common natural disasters, Sherman County engages in hazard mitigation, which is a method of reducing or alleviating the losses of life, property and injuries resulting from natural hazards through long and short-term strategies. One way that Sherman County conducts this hazard mitigation is through maintaining a current Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (NHMP). The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires that all communities maintain a NHMP and update their plan every five years. The NHMP prepares for long-term effects resulting from natural hazards through identifying hazards, vulnerabilities and risks facing a local, state, or tribal government and prioritizes actions to reduce that risk. The plan is composed of two core parts: a risk assessment and a mitigation strategy. The risk assessment involves characterizing each hazard, assessing vulnerabilities, and describing risks. The mitigation strategy involves

creating mitigation goals, conducting a capability assessment, developing mitigation actions, and developing a plan to implement those actions. On June 29 Sherman County Emergency Management, local first responders and representatives from County Government, Grass Valley, Moro, Rufus, and Wasco met to begin Sherman County's risk assessment by conducting a hazard vulnerability analysis for the identified hazards facing the County. They will be meeting again in early fall to develop mitigation actions for the identified hazards. An important part of hazard mitigation is including the whole community, and you can participate by completing the Natural Hazard Survey available at this website <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RYXP66L>. The survey is about public perceptions and opinions regarding natural hazards in Sherman County and will be used to help draft the NHMP.

Sherman County Trunk or Treat

Sherman County Trunk-or-Treat will take place Saturday, Oct. 28, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the parking lot of the Wasco School Events Center. The event is co-sponsored by Sherman PTO and Sherman Kids Zone. Locals are encouraged to bring their cars, trucks and tractors, decorate them for Halloween, and hand out treats. To register your vehicle, email wascoschoolec@gmail.com

Please visit each trunk only ONCE to ensure there are enough treats for all Trunk or Treaters.

Renewable Energy Planning Grants *Continued from Page 1...*

in batteries. It may also include vehicle-to-grid technology that would incorporate bi-directional electric vehicle chargers at the facility that could be used to pull energy from electric vehicle batteries if needed. The planning team will discuss the critical areas of the facility that should be prioritized for power during an outage and determine design options that will be able to provide an ongoing energy supply for those areas. The planning project is expected to take about 6 months to complete. The intention is to apply for additional ODOE funding for construction of the system in the future. Project details will be presented at the School District Board meeting in October if you'd like to learn more. If you have questions or feedback about the project, please contact Judge Joe Dabulskis (jdabulskis@co.sherman.or.us, 541.565.3416).

Veterans Day

The first celebration was on Nov. 11, 1919, to commemorate the end of World War I. Hostilities formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect.

This holiday honors everyone who has served in the military, whether or not they served in wartime or died in battle.

Liberty comes at a price, and the men and women who serve our country are willing to pay that price for our freedom and peace. Today, we thank you, we salute you, we honor you Veterans! Wishing you a happy Veteran's Day.

Stop The Bleed Training

Free Stop the Bleed training available from North Central Public Health District

Why Learn? A bleeding injury can happen anywhere. We've all seen it happen too often—on the news or in everyday life. Life-threatening bleeding can happen in people injured in serious accidents or disasters. Instead of being a witness, you can become an immediate responder because you know how to STOP THE BLEED®.

What You'll Gain from the Course?

The person next to a bleeding victim may very well be the one who's most likely to save him or her from bleeding to death. By learning how to STOP THE BLEED®, you'll gain the ability to recognize life-threatening bleeding and act quickly and effectively to control bleeding once you learn three quick techniques. Take the STOP THE BLEED® training course and become empowered to make a life or death difference when a bleeding emergency happens.

How We Teach? Our instructors will teach you using training materials specially developed to teach bleeding control techniques. They will keep working with you until you demonstrate the correct skills to STOP THE BLEED® and save a life.

Please email mattj@ncphd.org to sign up for this **free** lifesaving training.

4-H Youth Development

Yahoo, let's get started with the new 4-H year! 4-H is "learning by doing"....a youth development program where kids get to do things usually only adults do. These activities can be: select, care for and raise livestock; 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; bake cookies and muffins; cook outdoors and learn how to can fruit or make jerky; be part of an organization and participate in meetings, and more.

Traditional 4-H clubs led by volunteers in Sherman County include: horse, beef, sheep, swine, goat, poultry, dog, sewing, photography, indoor cooking, outdoor cooking, and food preservation. If we have leaders and youth interested in developing and leading additional clubs, let us know!

Sherman County 4-H enrollments will be done ON-LINE this year, using the national 4H Online website. Go to the Sherman County 4-H Extension webpage via beav.es/sherman4h Links there will take you to the 4-H Online website. You should end up at <https://4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

Make sure to select Sherman County when creating your account. If you have previously been enrolled in 4-H, you already have an account with the email you have provided on your previous enrollment forms. You will need to

create a new password. If you have any questions, or don't quite remember what email was used give Christian Ayles a call at the Extension Office at (541) 565-3230.

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 to 19 (as of September 1, 2023). The divisions are: Juniors ages 9-11; Intermediates ages 12-14; and Seniors 15-19 (and still in high school). If we have volunteer leaders interested in serving, we can also have a 4-H CloverBud program for youth ages 5-8. CloverBud is a totally fun, non-competitive program with no record books and no mandatory meetings.

Sherman County 4-H enrollments start October 1, 2023 and close January 31, 2024. The state fee is \$30/youth up to two youth per family, with no fee for additional youth from a family. Late enrollments accepted through February 15, 2024. A late fee of \$5 per enrollment is added after January 31, 2024.

Sherman 4-H is not set up for on-line payments, so enrollment fees will need to be paid to the Sherman County 4-H Association c/o Sherman County Extension Office, 66365 Lonerock Rd, Moro OR 97039. 541-565-3230.

Breast Cancer Awareness

Breast Cancer Awareness is the month of October. EMS responders will be wearing pink gloves for the month of October in recognition of Breast Cancer.

Public Transit Driver Opening

Public Transit Driver: Sherman County Community Transportation is accepting applications for paid driver positions. Applicant must be comfortable driving in populated areas and in adverse weather and road conditions. Position may require applicant to physically assist passengers in addition to mobility devices i.e. walkers, wheel chairs, scooters.

Sherman County Community Transportation provides rides for non-emergency medical appointments to The Dalles, Portland, Bend and surrounding areas. Applications may be obtained at the Sherman County Courthouse from the Transportation office, located at 500 Court St, Moro, Oregon, or online at <https://www.co.sherman.or.us/documents/employment-application/> and <https://www.co.sherman.or.us/documents/criminal-check-form/>.

Sherman County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. For more information, please contact the transportation office at 541-565-3553. Position open until filled.

Business Loans For Sherman County

Mid-Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD) offers flexible business loans to support Sherman County businesses. From \$500 to \$500,000, the program is designed to help new businesses or expansions. MCEDD was happy to recently support The Dirty Cowgirl

in Wasco with their remodel! Find out more about MCEDD's loan program at mcedd.org/financing

More about The Dirty Cowgirl:

The Dirty Cowgirl Saloon is a full-service restaurant and bar in Wasco, Oregon, that provides lunch and dinner options to locals and travelers. The business originally began its operation in Goldendale, WA, first as a food cart and then a full-service restaurant during the Covid-19 pandemic.

In 2022, the Dirty Cowgirl moved to Sherman County with a business plan to provide an inviting and comfortable place with great food and drinks, where locals and travelers could meet and connect. The building purchase, initial remodel and restaurant opening were all done without outside funding or hiring contractors, and in November 2022 the Dirty Cowgirl opened its doors for business as a classic saloon, rough and ready, in true Sherman County style.

Business owners Celeste Jackson and Kory Geddes have continued to work towards their long-term business plan's main goal: to provide high-quality food in an inviting and comfortable dining experience. In pursuit of their goal to provide the restaurant experience that locals want, they have modified their menu to include offering breakfast, soft serve ice cream and espresso beverages, all based on customer feedback. After the first winter's operation, they were ready to address the building improvements needed to create the comfortable and inviting dining experience that will ensure their restaurant's long-term success.

With funding from MCEDD, the business was able to make renovations needed to improve the building's energy efficiency and accessibility for customers, including removal of the diesel heat and installation of a new heat pump, adding a door to the outdoor seating area, making the front entry ADA compliant, repairing and upgrading equipment, and replacing a broken skylight and some windows. Congrats to Celeste and Kory on the project!

Ambulance Membership Fee

Due to increase cost of expenses, effective January 1, 2024, the price of yearly ambulance memberships will increase from \$30 to \$50 a year, per household. The ambulance is a self-funded entity for the County. If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to Sherman County Emergency Services at 541-565-3100.

Lifeflight memberships and Airlink are two separate services that are not covered by FireMed services. You can visit www.lifeflight.org or www.airlinkcct.com for pricing and coverage area map.

Soil & Water Conservation Calendar

October 9: Columbus Day, office closed

October 10: SWCD Regular Board Meeting, 8:30am

November 10: Veterans Day observed, office closed

November 14: SWCD Regular Board Meeting, 8:30am

November 23: Thanksgiving Day, office closed

Weed Board Vacancy

The Sherman County Weed District has an opening for a Weed Advisory Board Member. This is a volunteer position that is appointed by the Sherman County Court. The term is for four years and there are five Members.

The County Weed Board meets four times annually to discuss noxious weed matters throughout the County and state. The Board reviews and makes recommendations for the County's Noxious Weed List and reviews the Weed District policies.

The current vacancy is from the south end of the County, but people from all areas are encouraged to apply.

For more information, contact Rod Asher at 541-565-3655.

Hazardous Waste Event

We will be holding a Hazardous Waste event in Sherman County on Friday October 27th, 2023 at the Wasco Event Center from 10am-2pm. If you are an Ag-Producer or small business you will be required to pre-register 1 week in advance.; if you are a household you do not need to pre-register for this event. You can find applications online at tricityrecycle.com/hazardous-waste/business/. Please be sure to submit your completed applications back to Brittneys@co.wasco.or.us

North Central Public Health Update

North Central Public Health District's WIC Program will be holding its traveling satellite clinic at the Sherman County Senior & Community Center in Moro on Oct. 10. 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 satellite 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're ready to quit smoking, vaping, chewing, or using other tobacco products, the health district continues to offer free in-person or via-phone tobacco cessation counseling to residents of all ages in Sherman County. We also offer free nicotine patches/gum/lozenges to anyone 18 or older. If you're ready to quit, we can help! Give us a call to sign up for our free service at 541-506-2609, or email neitac@ncphd.org.

Sherman Development League Grant/ Loan Applications

Applications are now available for 2023 Sherman Development League (SDL) grants. Grants can be applied for by 501(c)(3) and other non-profit organizations. Organizations that have received a grant from SDL are not eligible to apply until their current grant requirements have been met. Revolving loan funds are also available to for-profit entities and businesses.

Applications will be accepted until November 15, 2023, and grants will be awarded by February 1, 2024.

To receive appropriate grant/loan application forms, please submit a letter of request which includes:

A brief description of your project

State if the project is a capital expenditure, one-time program or pilot project, emergency assistance or a loan request.

Identify the type of organization requesting funding.

Mail or email requests to:

Sherman Development League, Inc.
c/o Melva Thomas
P.O. Box 7
Wasco, OR 97065
shermantdevelopmentleague@gmail.com

2024 Primary Election Notice

On, Tuesday, May 21, 2024, the Sherman County Clerk's office will be conducting the 2024 Primary Election by mail. Candidates may file for office at the Clerk's Office, 500 Court St, Moro, OR 97039, until 5:00pm, March 12, 2024.

Filing methods for County Office candidates:

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).

COUNTY PARTISAN OFFICE:

Major party candidates will be nominated for this office at the Primary and elected at the November 5, 2024 General Election:

County Commissioner, Position 1
– 4 year term

NONPARTISAN OFFICES:

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

County Judge – 6-year term

Candidates for the following nonpartisan offices will be nominated at the Primary and elected at the November 5, 2024 General Election:

Sheriff – 4-year term
Justice of the Peace – remaining 2-year term (No filing fee is required)

County Clerk – 4-year term

PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON:

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

Candidate Filing: Submit SEL 105

Write-In Candidate Declaration:

SEL 105D (County elections officials will only count the write-in votes received by candidates who file Form 105D no later than 8 pm, May 21, 2024)

An elector who wishes to nominate another elector as a write-in candidate for 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 question please contact the Clerk's Office 541-565-



Sherman County Fair

Sherman County SWCD and Sherman County Public/School Library hosted 2 events in the old beef barn at the fair.

Thursday was bee day with pollinator resources and projects. Saturday was recycling day. The kids turned egg cartons and toilet paper rolls into works of art and designed recycle bags with stencils. Thank you to Jeanne Kuettel, with the Sherman County Library, for providing support, free pollinator books, prizes for the kids, and supplies at the crafting tables in the beef barn. Thank you to Susan Mobley and Deanna Christiansen for helping the kids with their creative crafting projects.

Small Grant Funding Available

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) allocates Small Grant funds every two years split by small grant watershed areas. Sherman County has two Small Grant Areas, Lower John Day and the Lower Deschutes. Projects \$10,000 and under have a 75% cost share rate and projects \$10,001 to \$15,000 have a 50% cost share rate. You have two years to complete your project. Projects are approved monthly by the appropriate Small Grant Team.

Projects can include improving cropland health, improving range health, restoring riparian processes, improving fish passage, increasing watering facilities for wildlife and livestock, managing weeds and other vegetation, increasing water use efficiency and more!

Contact the office if you are interested in applying for a Small Grant project.



VETERAN'S DOWNPAYMENT

INCOME LIMITS BY FAMILY SIZE IN AVAILABLE COUNTIES

<u>HOOD RIVER</u>	<u>WASCO</u>	<u>SHERMAN</u>
1. \$62,100	\$53,200	\$53,200
2. \$71,200	\$60,800	\$60,800
3. \$81,010	\$68,400	\$68,400
4. \$89,000	\$76,000	\$76,000

*** CONTACT US FOR LIMITS FOR LARGER FAMILIES**

- UP TO \$30,000 AVAILABLE ONLY TO VETERANS BUT ADDITIONAL DOWN PAYMENT FUNDING UP TO \$90,000 CAN BE ADDED
- MUST PROVIDE CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE OR DISCHARGE FROM ACTIVE DUTY ("DD-214")

8.50 x 11.00 in



Columbia Cascade Housing Corp.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT DAVE PETERS AT
541.370.2746 DAVEP@COLUMBIACASCADEHOUSINGCORP.ORG

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MILD SCARY 5-7 PM
VERY SCARY 8-11 PM

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SOCIAL HOUR 5

TRI-TIP DINNER 6 • DANCE 8-12

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COME DOWN AND CHECK OUT WASCO'S

Haunted Train

HALLOWEEN NIGHT

5 pm to 9 pm

Free!

UNION PACIFIC CABOOSE AT WASCO DEPOT PARK

SPONSORED BY CITY OF WASCO AND NORTH SHERMAN FIRE



Sherman County Kids Zone

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

Wasco School Events Center

- ◆ Movie Night—October 13th with Muppets Haunted Mansion and Hocus Pocus 2 playing from 5 to 8 p.m.
- ◆ Sherman County Garden Club is doing a Harvest Dinner on Sunday, October 15th from 4 to 6 p.m.
- ◆ Trunk or Treat is October 28th from 6 to 8 p.m.

Ways to Prevent a Fire in the Home

- Keep combustible items at least three feet away from objects that create heat, such as heaters.
- Never smoke in bed or while lying down on a couch.
- Do not leave portable heaters on overnight.
- Keep lighters and matches out of reach where kids cannot get to them.
- Do not leave the kitchen unattended when cooking. Unattended cooking was a factor in one-third of reported home cooking fires.

Other Safety Measures

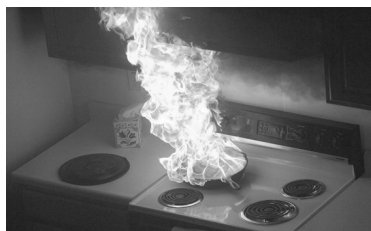
- Install smoke alarms on every floor of the house and in every bedroom. Test the alarms at least once a month and change the batteries as needed.
- Have an approved and functional fire extinguisher in the kitchen.
- Have a plan of evacuation and teach kids what to do if there is a fire. Have backup plans in case the fire blocks the primary route or exit.
- Practice fire drills periodically with the whole family.

Cooking Fire Safety Tips

- Keep an eye on what you're cooking; don't leave cooking unattended.
- Have a lid or cookie sheet within reach while cooking to smother flames in case of a fire.

Safety Tips For If A Cooking Fire Does Start

- Put a lid on it! Slide a lid over the pan from the side, then turn off the burner.
- Don't move the pan until the fire is completely extinguished and cooled, and don't try to transfer the pan to the sink.



Sherman County Public/School Library Updates

541-565-3279

shermanlibrary@sherman.k12.or.us

ShermanCountyPSL.weebly.com/

Storytime

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Ages 0-5 yrs

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STARTING OCT. 7
@ 9:30 AM

Join us
the first
& third
Saturdays
of every
month at 9:30am



We'd like to recognize Sherman County Prevention Coordinator, Deanna Christensen and our previous director Marylou Martin for working together to rekindle the library Storytime.

November Book Club

November 2, 2023
Lessons in Chemistry
By Bonnie Garmus

Chemist Elizabeth Zott is not your average woman. In fact, Elizabeth Zott would be the first to point out that there is no such thing as an average woman. But it's the early 1960s and her all-male team at Hastings Research Institute takes a very unscientific view of equality, except for one: Calvin Evans; the lonely, brilliant, Nobel-prize nominated grudge-holder who falls in love with— of all things—her mind. True chemistry results.

Ask us to reserve your copy—we offer audiobooks & large print when available.

NOTICE OF JOB POSTING

Sherman County School District
65912 High School Loop
Moro, Oregon 97039

Instructional Assistant II -Public Library Assistant

Position: .5 FTE Instructional Assistant II - Public Library Assistant
Links: Brochure - Sherman County School Employment Opportunity
Application Deadline Date: Open Until Filled

Posting:

Sherman County School District is seeking a .5 Instructional Assistant candidate to provide support in the public library. The successful candidate will work under the direct supervision of the School Administration to perform a wide variety of general library work and assist with daily operational needs.

Application Process:

Visit the school website, www.sherman.k12.or.us, for an application packet. If you are interested in applying for this position, please submit a completed application packet to the district office or email it to Julia Fall - jfall@sherman.k12.or.us. Please call 541-565-3500 for additional information.

NOTICE OF JOB POSTING

Sherman County School District
65912 High School Loop
Moro, Oregon 97039

Instructional Assistant III – Media II

Position: .75 FTE Instructional Assistant III - Media II
Links: Brochure - Sherman County School Employment Opportunity
Application Deadline Date: Open Until Filled

Posting:

Sherman County School District is seeking a .75 Instructional Assistant candidate to provide support in the public library. The successful candidate will work under the direct supervision of the School Administration to plan and organize the operation of the public library.

Application Process:

Visit the school website, www.sherman.k12.or.us, for an application packet. If you are interested in applying for this position, please submit a completed application packet to the district office or email it to Julia Fall - jfall@sherman.k12.or.us. Please call 541-565-3500 for additional information.

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.

The Judges Corner

There are so many things happening in Sherman County besides the good moisture for planting wheat, that I don't know where to start. And "Life on the farm" has been anything but "Laid back" as John Denver wrote in his lyrics for "Thank God I'm a Country Boy".

First – what a major success our fair was! The new arena is spectacular! The fair board, OSU staff, volunteers, parents, kids and all those that helped – Hats off to you! Rumor has it that one fair board member was working on the grounds most mornings at daybreak for a month before the fair. That means he was there around 4:30 am. That is true dedication! Thank you A. A.

Another thing that happened in Sherman County is that we got the Oregon Governor, Tina Kotek in a tractor. She came to Sherman County on her "One Oregon Listening Tour". While the governor was at Smith Farms she climbed in the cab of a Quad Track with Hunter K. He seeded a couple short passes in a field near Klondike with the Governor in the buddy seat. That is something that not many people experience. Auto steering made an impression. Her next stop was to our Sherman County School where student leaders took her on a tour. Then she bought and ate lunch with several local leaders at the Dirty Cowgirl before heading to Wheeler County. The visit to Sherman County was really short, only three hours. I'm told she has brought up agriculture and the visit several times since.

Sherman County is part of District 3 as a member of the Association of Oregon Counties. District 3 consist of 6 counties - Sherman, Wheeler, Wasco, Gilliam, Hood River, and Morrow. Last week it was Sherman County's turn to host the District's annual meeting. The meeting at the courthouse covered topics ranging from child care to the new Wildfire Hazard map. The County Court along with the county planner had questions about the draft map. Within a couple of months the draft of the Oregon Wildfire map will be available for public comment. Nearly all of Sherman County is in the "High" risk zone. The 20 plus participants of the meeting toured the grain piles in Wasco and a turbine at Golden Hills Wind Farm. I did not get my way – I was not able to take a group photo on top of a turbine or a grain pile.

Sometimes problems or issues surface unexpectedly. When they do, we all hope someone will step up and take charge. When a leadership void suddenly appeared at our award winning museum in Moro, Carrie K. stepped up. Thank you Carrie for everything.

Sherman County recently was awarded an ODOE grant to purchase 3 EVs and charging stations. A Sheriff, transit, and a county staff vehicle will be purchased with the grant. Sherman County put in for the grant to learn what we can about the capabilities of EVs before the state's mandates and goals on fossil fuels go into effect. I question how a sheriff deputies' car will perform at the site of an accident in the middle of the night when it is 10 degrees outside after a couple of hours. We hope that with this grant and the purchase of a few EV's, we can answer this question and others.

Sheriff's Deputy Cody C. earned the respect of staff, students and instructors at the police academy. He was awarded the "Victor G Atiyeh Award Outstanding Student", upon graduation. Great Job Cody!

Sherman County can currently produce enough power from wind turbines to provide power to 60% of Oregon households and we raise enough wheat to give 20% of Oregon households a loaf of bread every day of the year.

I got a new daughter last month. The following quote from Helen Keller was used during the wedding ceremony that made this wonderful person part of our family "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched, they must be felt with the heart". I agree – whole heartily!

Judge Joe Dabulskis



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- 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