

# The Citizen-Reporter



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## History Guarantees Essential Change!

Yes, Sherman County had a newspaper! The *Sherman County Journal* linotype, presses, paper folding machine, Addressograph, paper cutter and Hamilton type cabinet will shape an exhibit to open in May. Journal Team volunteers, assisted by Metro Rigging, moved 14 heavy machines to space under a shed roof for cleaning on November 1. Over 15 volunteers applied elbow grease to decades of oil, ink and grime, rubbing elbows with new and seasoned volunteers ages 30 to 82. Support for the Journal Team has come from preservation technicians, museum professionals, Mac Stinchfield of the *Times-Journal*, C.C. Stern Type Foundry, The Museum Team, Sherman County Cultural Coalition, and local donors of noon meals and cleaning supplies. With these machines inside the museum, volunteers will conduct research and design and produce the exhibit.



Since 1982, the Society's all-volunteer operation demonstrated extraordinary achievements, including the vigor, scholarship and imagination shown in this national award-winning Museum. Ready for change, the Board of Trustees interviewed applicants for the first full-time paid position of director. The new director's time will be allocated 80% to museum-specific tasks and 20% to assisting the Board with planning and administration. Stay tuned!

New editors of *Sherman County: For the Record*, Sue Smith, Molly Faria and Elwin Grout, are planning the spring issue of our twice-yearly historical anthology.

Volunteers will continue to be valued and essential partners in Society and Museum activities. The Exhibit Team offers opportunities for research and exhibit production – currently the exciting *Sherman County Journal* exhibit. Museum Hosts serve once or twice a month May through October, a great way to meet and provide services to travelers.

See for yourself at [www.shermanmuseum.org](http://www.shermanmuseum.org) or contact us at [info@shermanmuseum.org](mailto:info@shermanmuseum.org).

~ *SCHS Board of Trustees: Kathleen Ahearn, Del Peake, Myrna Melzer, Carrie Kaseberg & Terry Fuhrer.*

# OSU Extension Administration & Facility Updates



## ***Extension Changes Reflect Statewide Moves:***

The assigned duties for County Agent Sandy Macnab have changed again. Beginning November 1, Sandy's assignment has changed to Crops Agent for Sherman and Wasco Counties, the third time in his career he has held the dual county post. Picking up the extra responsibilities in agriculture, however, means he forfeits his assignment of a .3 FTE staff member for Youth, primarily 4H in Sherman County.

Macnab notes however that an agreement earlier this year between Sherman County and the State 4H Office allowed for the increase in time assigned to youth programs in Sherman County. That time was assumed with the hiring of Cindy Brown who, in her nine months on the job, has experienced nearly every aspect of the position and has proven very capable of handling the role.

The moves were predicated by decreases in state budgets and the Oregon Extension decision to regionalize their administration. This prompted the change of assignment for Macnab, who is filling the vacated crop duties in Wasco County.

Although Macnab will return to working two counties, his base will remain in Sherman County and contact information remains the same.

## ***New Office Proceeds & Qualifies for Special Incentives:***

The new office building being built by the County at the OSU Ag Experiment Station in Moro is proceeding on schedule. Workers anticipate an end of January completion target, weather permitting.

The office facility represents a unique cooperative effort between Sherman County, OSU Extension and the OSU College of Agricultural Sciences via the Ag Experiment Station. The building will

become the new home for the County Weed District and County Planning Office in addition to the Ag Experiment Station and Extension Service. A small meeting room is included for educational and community use.

Word has been received that the 3,600 square foot office qualifies for incentives from the Energy Trust of Oregon. Officials are working with the Trust to determine exactly which aspects qualify and at what level but it should add revenue to the pool for the building. Current contributors, in addition to Sherman County, include the Sherman Station Endowment, Sherman Development League, OSU College of Agriculture Sciences and OSU Extension Service.

The facility is designed and being built to offer improved energy efficiency. Much of the wood from the old Experiment Station office building is being recycled to become a part of the new structure. An early March dedication is being planned.

~ Sandy Macnab, OSU Extension Agent

## Announcement

Mid-Columbia Council of Governments (MCCOG) currently has two (2) Sherman County vacancies on the Senior Advisory Council. The council meets once a month to advocate for the needs of seniors in their county. Our members come from Gilliam, Hood River, Wasco, Wheeler and Sherman Counties. At this time, Sherman is the only county not represented. Meetings begin at 9:30 am and end at 1 pm (lunch is provided). Please call 541-298-4101 and volunteer to represent Sherman County on the Senior Advisory Council!

~ Jean Hockman, MCCOG

## Sherman Students Join Community 101 Team

***\$5,000 in Grant Money Available to Non-Profits  
in Sherman County:***

Community 101 is a program of The Oregon Community Foundation and their mission is to provide students opportunities for service and leadership through grant making and community service. After surveying students in grades 7 – 12, Sherman's team will focus on the promotion of healthy children and families. Our mission statement is as follows:

*"The Students of Sherman Jr./Sr. High School Leadership/Community 101 intend to address issues that affect the youth of our community and their families. With assistance from PGE Foundation and Meyer Memorial Trust, we will support non-profits to help with these issues."*

Our class will operate as a mini-foundation by researching nonprofits, reviewing grant applications, perform community service and award grants. Grants will be given to qualifying 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations in Sherman County that deal directly with children and families and can make a positive impact in this focus area.

If your non-profit group would be interested in receiving a grant application, or if you would like more information, please contact:

Jessica Kaseberg or Gail Macnab at 541-565-3500,  
[gmacnab@sherman.k12.or.us](mailto:gmacnab@sherman.k12.or.us).



*Nathan Earl, Samantha Coons, Mic Dabulskis, Chloe Van Gilder, Karolyn Kaseberg, Jessica Kaseberg, Maddie Belshe and Shelby Kaseberg.*



## Board of Property Tax Appeals Notice of Session

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 9:00am, the Board of Property Tax Appeals (BOPTA) of the County of Sherman, State of Oregon will meet to:

- Hear petitions for reduction of the real market, maximum assessed, specially assessed, or assessed value of Property as of January 1, 2011, or as determined under ORS 308.146(5)(a), ORS 308.146(6)(a), or ORS 308.428.
- Hear petitions for reduction of value corrected under ORS 311.208.
- Hear petitions for waiver of penalties for late filing of real or personal property returns.

**Petitions must be filed with the clerk of the board or postmarked not later than January 3, 2012.**

The board will meet at the Sherman County Courthouse in the city of Moro, Oregon.

A schedule of hearings for those who request to be present will be posted 48 hours prior to the meeting on the door of the Office of the County Court, Sherman County Courthouse, Moro, Oregon.

If you have requested to be present at the hearing, you will be notified of the date, time and place to appear. All other hearings will be scheduled as time allows. Contact the Board of Property Tax Appeals for further information.

Executive sessions may be held during the session as authorized by ORS 192.660(2)(F) to consider documents and information made confidential under ORS 308.290(10a), ORS 308.411, and ORS 308.413.

It shall be the duty of the persons interested to appear at the time and place appointed.

*~ Jenine McDermid, County Clerk*



## Holiday Happenings



### Annual Christmas Bazaar

The **Sherman County Scholarship Association's Annual Christmas Bazaar** will be held on **Saturday, December 3, 2011**, at the Sherman Junior/Senior High Cafeteria in Moro, Oregon. The bazaar will begin at **10:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m.** Handcrafted gifts, Christmas trees plus an assortment of swags will be available. While shopping at the bazaar plan to take in the spaghetti lunch beginning at 11:00 a.m. or just enjoy a choice of homemade desserts. A high school basketball tournament will also be held in the gym.

For more information or to **reserve tables** contact Molly Belshe at 541-565-3315 or email [mollybelshe@gmail.com](mailto:mollybelshe@gmail.com).

~ Arla Melzer, Scholarship Association

### Decorate the Mitten Tree



Sherman County Public/School Library will be decorating their annual "Mitten Tree" during the holiday season. Donations of gloves, mittens, hats and scarves of all sizes and kinds will be used to adorn the bare branches. Students, school staff and community are asked to place your donated items on the Mitten Tree located

in the library, 65912 High School Loop, Moro. You are also encouraged to drop off warm throws and blankets to place under the Mitten Tree.

~ Arla Melzer, Librarian

### Christmas at The Museum Store

Christmas at The Museum Store will offer all kinds of Christmas treasures for young and old at the Sherman County Historical Museum on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10 until 3 o'clock. The Museum in downtown Moro will be open free of charge.

Jane Kirkpatrick's *Log Cabin Christmas* will be featured along with several children's books for the holidays. Creative candle holders, holiday plates, clever note cards, Yule Logs, ornaments and decorations will make things festive. All of the wonderful year-round standbys will be in stock – windmill/turbine/wheat design t-shirts and caps, the 1913 Sherman County atlas on CD, all of Jane's books, lotions, jams, honey, tea towels embroidered by Mavis, and very special stocking stuffers to surprise and delight!

Museum Store proprietors, Forest Peters-Makelim and Marlene Wallace, invite you to enjoy refreshments and shopping on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and suggest that you visit the Sherman High School Scholarship Association Bazaar, as well.

~ Sherry Kaseberg, Museum Director

### Christmas Raffle/Dinner

The Sherman County Senior & Community Center is extending an invitation to their annual Christmas Raffle/Dinner to be held on December 15th. This is a fundraiser raffle to support the meals program and other senior activities at the Senior Center. Tickets may be purchased at the Senior Center.

Donations are also being accepted and may be made in memory of loved ones. Names will be posted in a donation space on our bulletin board.

~ Jan Byram, Senior Center Manager

## Santa is Coming To Wasco!



On **Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**, *Santa* will be setting up a holiday workshop from **4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** in the **old fire hall** located on the corner of Armsworthy St. and Clark St. in **downtown Wasco**. Goodies will be handed out to the kiddies, along with a chance to have a picture taken with

*Santa*....and while the little ones are occupied, parents and grandparents can browse through the workshop to look for candles, jewelry, baked goods, crafts and more.

Once you leave the workshop, be sure to take time to visit with the **downtown merchants** (many will be offering extended hours for your shopping convenience)...and then head over to the **Wasco City/Community library** to take part in the annual fundraiser featuring new and used books for sale, along with games and special treats for the kids, door prizes for the adults and refreshments for all.

If you would like to set up a vendors table at the workshop, contact Cassie Strege at Wasco City Hall at 541-442-5515. In keeping with the holiday spirit, and to thank those individuals who participate, vendors will **NOT** be charged a **SPACE FEE** for a table and tables will be provided.

~ *Cassie Strege, City of Wasco*

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## Thank You!!

The Sherman County Senior & Community Center is pleased to announce the installation of a new commercial gas stove and hood has been completed. A huge thank you to All American Fire Protection Inc. of Redmond and Don Fraly of Prairie City Builders for a job well done!

## Ambulance Memberships Make Great Gifts!!

Don't know what to get that person who has everything? How about an Ambulance Membership. The cost is \$30.00 per household, per year. An average ambulance call costs \$1800. Gift Certificates are available. Life Flight Memberships are a great idea, as well. The cost for a Life Flight Membership is \$60.00 per year. For an ambulance membership or more information on Life Flight, please contact Shawn at 541-565-3100.

~ *Shawn Payne, Sherman County Ambulance*

## 2012 Primary Filing Dates

On Tuesday, May 15, 2012, the Sherman County Clerk's Office will be conducting the 2012 Primary Election. Candidates for the following offices may file for office until 5:00 pm on March 6, 2012: County Judge, Commissioner, Assessor, Sheriff and Clerk.

Precinct Committeepersons may file for office between the dates of February 1, 2012, and March 6, 2012. These are 2 year terms and are elected at the primary. For information please contact the Clerk's Office at 541-565-3606.

## Upcoming Library Programs

### **GAME ON for Ages 7-18**

Join your friends and neighbors on Saturday, December 3 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the library program room for an afternoon game or two of Monopoly, Apples to Apples and more. Snacks and fun!

### **A Holiday Craft Event for Ages 7-18**

Come enjoy some holiday crafting in the library program room to be held on Saturday, December 10th from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. We will have crafting supplies and easy gift ideas.

### **Library Exhibition Schedule**

Sherman County Public/School Library's bi-monthly art exhibit schedule is open to artists and residents of Sherman County. Entries must be recent, original works and will be displayed on the gallery wall in the library foyer.

"Just Kidding Around" December 2 – January 31

"The Sky's the Limit" February 6 – March 31

"A Different State of Mind" April 5 – May 31

### **NEW BOOKS**

FICTION: "Explosive Eighteen" Janet Evanovich; "Lost December" Richard Paul Evans; "The Christmas Wedding" James Patterson; "The Litigators" John Grisham; "11/22/63" Stephen King; "Win-Quatt" Philip and Linda Klindt; NON FICTION: "Steve Jobs" by Walter Isaacson; "Rin Tinn Tinn, The Life and Legend" Susan Orlean; "Jacqueline Kennedy: Historic Conversations on Life with John F. Kennedy".

### **WINTER LIBRARY HOURS**

Monday	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday	8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Thursday	8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### **HOLIDAY HOURS (Dec. 17th - Jan. 3rd)**

Tuesday	11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

~ Arla Melzer, Public/School Library



## Tips for a Simpler, Greener & Joyful Holiday

- Plan one family activity each night of December. Play games, bake goodies or make home-made decorations.
- Re-use the décor you already own or find items around the home to create interesting ornaments.
- Don't buy disposable cups, utensils or plates for your gatherings. Use durable dishware or borrow a set (serves 20) of **PreserveWare** from Tri-County Hazardous Waste & Recycling.
- Use cloth napkins and towels. Many families spend over \$260/year on paper towels and napkins.
- Buy LED light strands. They will save on your electrical bill and stay cooler, reducing the risk of fire.
- Give the gift of an experience. Any parent would appreciate a certificate for a night of babysitting or a certificate for a massage for mom. Support local restaurants, museums, art galleries and concert halls with tickets to a show or a gift certificate for a meal.
- Plan ahead to consolidate your holiday shopping trips and outings. By planning wisely, you will save yourself not only gas, but also time for more important and pleasurable activities.
- Plan your meals wisely to reduce the amount of left-over food. Ask guests to bring storage containers, or purchase your own, and send left-over food home with them or give it to a shelter.
- Support local businesses, retailers and farmers by purchasing your gifts and food locally. Take the GO! Local Holiday Challenge. Visit at least three local businesses through December 31, spend at least \$50 amongst them to spur our local economy. Fill out the GO! Local Challenge form and you could win prizes! Go to [www.gorgeowned.com](http://www.gorgeowned.com) for more information.
- Create your own gift wrap. Fabric gift bags are simple to sew, look beautiful, add a personal touch and can be reused for years. Check out [www.BoboWrap.com](http://www.BoboWrap.com) for classy wraps and instructions.

~ Heather Alexander, Solid Waste Specialist, Tri-County Hazardous Waste & Recycling Program

## Fire Districts Receive Rescue Training



Members of North Sherman, Moro and South Sherman Fire attended a 16 hour vehicle extrication class hosted by Parkdale Fire & Rescue. The class used mock vehicles to simulate various vehicle crash scenarios, and allowed the students to use advanced techniques in extrication and stabilization of vehicles. Students also back boarded and removed patients from the vehicles. The class was instructed by The Dalles Fire Department which has one of Oregon's top extrication teams and competes nationally every year. The training will enhance local volunteer firefighters' ability to safely and effectively remove victims from vehicles involved in crashes.

Volunteers from North Sherman, Moro, South Sherman Fire and Sherman County Ambulance also attended a 16 hour training for low angle rope rescue. Students learned various knot techniques, equipment and several ways to set up and use the equipment. On day two of the training students practiced mock rope rescue scenarios at Gordon Ridge. The class was instructed by Chief Rod Asher from North Sherman Fire. This training will strengthen the County's ability to respond effectively to rope rescue calls.



~ Glenn Fluhr, South Sherman Fire & Rescue

## Winter Fire Prevention Tips

The USFA's Winter Residential Building Fires report shows that each winter an estimated 108,400 residential building fires occur in the United States, resulting in 945 deaths, 3,825 injuries and \$1.7 billion in property loss. Cooking is the leading cause of winter residential building fires at 36 percent followed by heating at 23 percent. Winter residential building fires occur mainly in the early evening hours, peaking from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.



The NFPA and USFA recommend following these safety tips to prevent winter home fires:

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period, turn off the stove.
- Space heaters need space; keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from each heater.
- Check electrical cords often and replace cracked or damaged electrical or extension cords. Do not try to repair them.
- Never use your oven or stovetop to heat your home. They are not designed for this purpose and can be a fire hazard. In addition, carbon monoxide (CO) gas might kill people and pets.
- Do not put your live Christmas tree up too early or leave it up for longer than two weeks. Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times.
- Avoid using lighted candles. If you must use candles, place them in sturdy candleholders that won't burn.
- If you smoke, use only fire-safe cigarettes and smoke outside.

For more information, contact Shawn Payne, Director of Emergency Services at 541-565-3100.

~ Shawn Payne, Emergency Services Director



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## 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.

## Self-Haul Recycling Depot Schedule:

- Moro 9 am - 4:30 pm: 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday & Saturday
- Wasco 9 am - 4:30 pm: 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday & Saturday
- Rufus 9 am - 4:30 pm: 4<sup>th</sup> Friday & Saturday
- Grass Valley 1-3 pm: Monday & Tuesday weekly

## 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.

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