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Elected Officials Take Oath of Office

On Monday, January 5, 2015, at 8:30 a.m., newly elected Sherman County officials were sworn into office during a brief ceremony at the Courthouse in Moro. Elected to four-year terms were Marnene Benson-Wood as County Treasurer, Ross Turney as County Assessor and Tom McCoy as County Commissioner. Ron McDermid was elected to a six-year term as Justice of the Peace. Congratulations to all!!



Left to Right: Justice of the Peace Ron McDermid, Commissioner Tom McCoy, Assessor Ross Turney and Treasurer Marnene Benson-Wood.

Sherman County Senior & Community Center Celebrates 10 Year Anniversary and Valentine's Day!!

Please join us as we celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Sherman County Senior & Community Center and Valentine's Day! A Silent Auction will be held along with a special lunch. Auction items include homemade delicacies, one Senior Meal Card and one General Meal Card for lunch at the Center and one Rental of the Dining Room. Please contact the Senior Center if you wish to donate or for further information.

Date:

Thursday, February 12, 2015

Time:

12:00 Noon – Lunch & Auction

Location:

*Senior & Community Center
300 Dewey Street, Moro
541-565-3191*

Special District Election - May 19, 2015

The 2015 Special District Election will be held on Tuesday, May 19. The first day to file for office is February 7 and the deadline to file is 5:00 pm on March 19. District candidates can file for office by declaration and \$10.00 filing fee or petition. Forms can be obtained from the clerk's office at the courthouse or online at: <http://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/electionforms.aspx>

The last day to register to vote in this election is April 28. Voter registration cards postmarked by this date or submitted online no later than 11:59 pm are valid registrations for this election. Registered voters who have moved or changed their names must update their voter registration. Registration cards can be obtained at any post office or county clerk's office. Residents can also register or make updates electronically at: <http://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/electionforms.aspx>

The election will be conducted by mail. Ballots will be mailed between April 29 and May 5. The Postal Service cannot forward ballots. If you will be away from home and would like to receive your ballot at a different address, an absentee ballot can be requested by contacting the clerk's office. When voting your ballot, please take care to fill in the oval next to your choice. For write-in candidates, fill in the oval and then write the person's first and last name on the line provided. Marks made outside these areas can delay ballot processing.

Your voted ballot must be received by 8 pm on May 19. Postmarks do not count. Official ballot drop site locations in Sherman County will be printed on the ballot insert and posted on our county web page at www.co.sherman.or.us/govt_clerk.asp. Please contact the clerk's office at 541-565-3606 for assistance. The following offices will be voted on at this election:

Kent Water District:
Position 3, Position 5 - 4 Year Terms

Moro Rural Fire Protection District:
Position 1, Position 4 - 4 Year Terms

North Central ESD:
Zone 3 (Rufus/Wasco Precincts) - 4 Year Term
Zone 4 (Moro/Grass Valley/Kent) - 2 Year Term

North Sherman County Rural Fire Protection District:
Position 2, Position 3 - 4 Year Terms

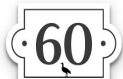
Sherman County Health District:
Position 1, Position 2 - 4 Year Terms

Sherman County School District:
Zone 1 (Rufus Precinct) - 4 Year Term
Zone 5 (Kent Precinct) - 4 Year Term

South Sherman Fire Protection District:
Position 1, Position 2, Position 3 - 4 Year Terms

~ Jenine McDermid, Clerk

Free House Address Numbers



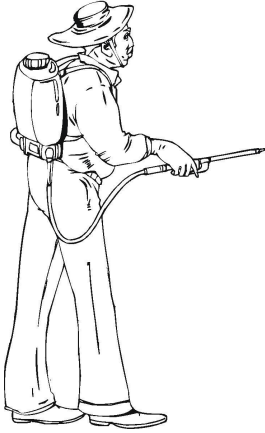
Please help us find you in an emergency! It is very important that each house have its address numbers displayed in a way that emergency service vehicles can find you in a hurry. The number should be at least 4" high and reflective. They also need to be placed in an area that is illuminated by a porch light.



If you do not have address numbers, Sherman County Emergency Services has them available for free. Please contact Shawn at the Emergency Services Building in Moro or call at 541-565-3100.

~ Shawn Payne, Emergency Services Director

Pesticide Training for Applicators



Tuesday February 10 is set for a training class for current pesticide applicators and for those who wish to become certified to apply pesticides in Oregon. The class is 4 hours long beginning at 8:30 am at the Conference Room at the Steve Burnet Extension and Research Center.

The State Department of Agriculture must approve all such classes and is responsible for certifying applicators in any of 23 various license categories. The licenses demonstrate that regular and updated training is made available for any persons who may handle or apply various agricultural pesticides. The Department also handles the testing of all applicators.

Once a person is licensed to apply, they should plan to either retake the exam in five years or score enough credits of recertification to show that they are current in new regulations, materials, safety procedures and product uses.

The amount of recertification varies by degree of license. For example, a private applicator need only receive 16 hours during that five year license period to recertify while a consultant or commercial applicator requires 40 hours during that same period. The number of hours an applicator can receive during a given year are limited so the applicator must plan to participate in training programs throughout his 5 year license period. This is to assure on-going updates are available and keeps applicators from cramming all their training into a last ditch effort to recertify without re-taking the state exams.

All applicators are required to include in their training hours a 4 hour class called a "Core Class." While an applicator can pick up hours in a wide array of classes, many specific to their particular

trade of interests, the Core Classes have certain items to cover that all applicators should be knowledgeable in.

The Sherman County Extension Office is providing this Core Class in Moro but reminds persons who wish to obtain a license that it also serves as a refresher for those who need to take the exams. An exam proctor form ODA will be present following the class beginning at 1 pm at the site.

Seating may be limited so be sure to pre-register by contacting the Extension Service at 541-565-3230. Separate fees of \$10 for the class and \$25 for taking the exam may be paid on site.

~ Sandy Macnab, Extension Agent

Fire District Annexation Proposal

The North Sherman Fire District invites the public to comment on the potential annexation of Rufus into the District. Annexation would re-draw the political and taxation boundaries to include the Rufus city limits as part of the District, similar to the inclusion of Wasco into the Rural District over 15 years ago. A final decision would be made by the voters of Wasco, Rufus and the Rural District but the Board is interested in the public's opinion on whether or not to pursue the annexation.

Please attend the Fire District Board meeting on Tuesday February 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the North Sherman Fire Station in Wasco or contact one of your Board members: Martin Richelderfer, Fred Reser, Ken DeGrange, Doug Southward and Trevor Fields.

~ Rod Asher, North Sherman RFPD



Grant Awards Announced by Development League

Sherman Development League (SDL) has announced the successful completion of grant awards for 2015 committing \$46,600.00 to projects of benefit to Sherman County.

Formed in 2000 as a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization, SDL's mission is to provide grants and/or loans in support of community-based programs and projects to enhance the social, cultural and educational environment of Sherman County. SDL provides fiscal sponsorship to organizations and/or unincorporated groups for projects which further its tax-exempt purposes and are of public benefit to the residents of Sherman County. A revolving loan fund has also been established to provide loans to for-profit and non-profit businesses.

Five project applications met the requirements and goals established by SDL. Included are projects proposed by City of Rufus, Moro Rural Fire Protection District, Sherman County Ambulance, Sherman County Fair and Sherman County Health District.

Since 2007, the Sherman Development League has distributed \$1,111,555.00 in grants to Sherman County organizations and/or projects with another \$46,600.00 awarded by not yet expended.

Applications for the next round of grant requests will be available in the fall of 2015. Requests for loans may be submitted at any time.

~ *Sherman Development League*
Board of Directors



Sherman County Historical Society Membership Notice!



It's time to renew your Sherman County Historical Society Membership for 2015! If you are not a member of the SCHS, then now is a great time to join.

Annual membership dues are \$30 per household for the calendar year. Membership benefits include free admission to the Museum, 10% discount in the Museum Store, twice-yearly newsletter, *The Plow*, and our historical anthology, *Sherman County: For The Record*.

Memberships are a great gift and a wonderful way to support your local historical society. Our mission is to gather, preserve, research, interpret, exhibit and publish materials related to the history of Sherman County. Mailing address: Sherman County Historical Society, PO Box 173, Moro, OR 97039.

~ *Patti Fields, Executive Director*
Sherman County Historical Museum

Recycling Tip **BATTERIES**

Bring any/all batteries to our free hazardous waste events. We recycle the hazardous batteries. Alkaline batteries are recycled into rebar near Seattle. The National Rechargeable Battery Recycling Organization (RBRC) has a drop site locator on its website: www.call2recycle.org

Tri-County
Hazardous Waste & Recycling Program



www.tricountyrecycle.com
(541)-506-2636

Library Offers Social Crafting & Technology Help

FALL 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. – 4:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Website: www.shermanlibrary.plinkit.org

Email: shermanlibrary@sherman.k12.or.us

Phone: 541-565-3279

Address: 65912 High School Loop
Moro, Oregon 97039

Thank you Sherman County Community members, School District staff, and students for decorating Sherman County Public/School Library's Mitten Tree. Our school and community donated 72 hats, 10 pairs of gloves and mittens, 2 pairs of slippers, 15 scarves and 5 blankets to the Sherman County Food Bank. Your generosity is sincerely appreciated!

“STICKS IN STACKS” 1ST AND 3RD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH 6:00 P.M.

Social crafting starts at 6:00 p.m. Instructional assistance for knit, crochet and spinning will be available at 7:00 p.m. Bring your knitting, crochet, spinning, quilting, cross-stitch, etc.

LIBRARY EXHIBITION SCHEDULE

“Birds of a Feather” February 5 – March 31

“The Golden Land” April 6 – May 30

TECHNOLOGY HELP

Help is available with Microsoft Office software, Facebook, Smart Phones Technology and more! Stop by or give us a call to make an appointment.

NEW BEST SELLERS AT THE LIBRARY

“What If? Serious Scientific answers to Absurd Hypothetical Questions” Randall Munroe

“Somewhere Safe with Somebody Good” Jan Karon

“Edge of Eternity” Ken Follett

“The Burning Room” Michael Connelly

“Revival” Stephen King



FACEBOOK

“Like” us on Facebook at Sherman County Public School Library *and* Sherman County Public/School Library Youth Programs.

AWE COMPUTER

Stop in soon to use our AWE computer in the children's area provided by an Oregon State Early Learning Council grant. It's loaded with over 100 fun and educational programs suitable for all ages and has a touch screen.

GENEALOGICAL DATABASES

Heritage Quest provides a collection of research materials for tracing family lineage and American culture. Find a link on www.shermanlibrary.plinkit.org. You will need your library barcode to login.

Ancestry Library Edition gives access to more than 7 billion names from more than 4,000 genealogical sources including United States Census records, passenger lists, and records from several other countries.

Ancestry Library Edition is available only when visiting the library.

~ Mary Lou Martin, Library Director

Harassment at School

Being picked on by a school bully is frightening for your child, and frustrating for you. Ignoring a bully is never the answer. The faster you act, the better your chance of controlling the bully's behavior.

What Is Bullying?

Bullying can take many forms, including:

- Sexual harassment of another student
- Teasing and excluding
- Name calling
- Physically pushing, hitting or otherwise attacking
- Threatening or hazing
- Damaging or stealing belongings
- Demanding money



School Sexual Harassment

Title IX of the Federal Education Amendments of 1972 makes it illegal for any public school receiving federal funding to discriminate on the basis of sex. Recent federal court cases give parents of children sexually harassed in schools a right to sue their school districts, where:

- The school district knew of the harassment and deliberately ignored it
- The harassment was so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive it deprived the victims of access to the educational opportunities or benefits provided by the school

What Can You Do As a Parent?

If your child is sexually harassed or bullied by another student, it's best to take action right away. Don't wait for the students to work it out themselves.

Talk to teachers and the school principal immediately, as soon as you find out the specific facts. It's important to document times, places and witnesses carefully, so you can give detailed information to school authorities. Take photos of any injuries, and have your child write down a detailed description of what happened.

If other students are also harassed by the same bully, encourage their parents to speak up to school officials. School representatives are more likely to respond immediately if they see the problem as widespread.

If talking to teachers and your principal doesn't bring results within a couple of days, write a letter to the principal and school district superintendent. Outline the facts and demand an immediate response to the problem. Many public schools have adopted **zero tolerance** policies against bullying in the aftermath of nationally-publicized school violence incidents. There is increased awareness and sensitivity to bullying.

Call the Police

Call the police right away if there is a physical **assault** of any type. This includes shoving, hitting, kicking, slapping, tripping and hair-pulling. The police can investigate and check to see if the bully has a juvenile record. Even if there's no prior record, the bully will hopefully end up in juvenile court - and possibly detention - as a result of the incident.

The police can help you get a **restraining or anti-harassment order** to keep the school bully a safe distance from your child.

Talk to a Lawyer

If your child has been physically or sexually assaulted by another student, talk with a local attorney right away. Attorneys who sue public school districts or concentrate in personal injury lawsuits may be best suited to help you.

Lobby for Anti-Bullying Laws

Once you've resolved the particular bullying situation you're concerned about, consider lobbying for and supporting laws to punish school bullies in your state. If your school district has an anti-bullying policy, but isn't following up with specific education programs or consistent enforcement, it's important to speak out. Your efforts can help spare other children from bullying.

~ Article Posted in [School Law](#) by [Lawyers.com](#)

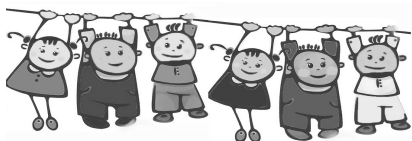
Child Care Foundation Receives Community Sponsorship Grant

The Sherman County Child Care Foundation (SCCCF), a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, is the recipient of a \$1,000.00 Community Sponsorship grant from Iberdrola Renewables in support of the ABC Huskies Day Care "Computer Workstation & Software Upgrade" project. This project replaced a twelve year old PC and donated printer with new hardware, updated Microsoft Office software and purchased a curriculum development program specific for two-year-olds and three to five-year-olds. As a non-profit, SCCCf relies on support from many sources in order to keep rates as low as possible for child care clients. Equipment upgrades are not typically in the budget so this award is greatly appreciated.

The mission of the Foundation is to provide dependable, high-quality child care services that are affordable. ABC Huskies Day Care, located in Wasco, Oregon, is a state-certified provider and serves children six weeks to 12 years of age in a child friendly environment staffed by trained child care professionals. This program has been serving the child care needs of Sherman County families since March 1998.

Iberdrola Renewables, LLC, is the second-largest wind energy operator in the U.S. and owns Klondike I, Klondike II, Klondike III, Hay Canyon and Star Point wind projects in Sherman County producing a total of approximately 524 MW of power. The company periodically makes selective donations of money, goods or company-sanctioned employee volunteer hours in support of local communities and their activities.

~ Sherman County Child Care Foundation
Board of Directors



Happy
Valentine's
Day

EMT Course Planned In Sherman County

Sherman County Ambulance is in the process of applying for grants to offer an EMT course in Moro. This course will be offered to residents of Sherman County with an emphasis on the Moro area because the ambulance responds from Moro.

The Course is approximately 6 months long and will be offered on two weeknights and an occasional Saturday. The Course is slated to start in late Winter or early Spring 2015, depending upon grants and if there is enough interest in the County. Upon completion of the Course and successful licensing with the Oregon Health Authority, the EMTs would then respond with Sherman County Ambulance.

Ambulance crews who sign up for on call rotation receive a stipend for each week that they cover. They also are paid an hourly wage when responding on the ambulance.

This Course requires a lot of commitment from the students and their families but it is truly a rewarding service to provide to the community, while earning a little extra money.

If interested, please contact Shawn Payne at:
541-565-3100.

Email: emergencyserv@embarqmail.com.

~ Shawn Payne, Emergency Services Director



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Recycle - Three Easy Steps!!

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: 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

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.

The Dalles Disposal
1317 West 1st Street -The Dalles, 97058
(541) 298-5149

The Solid Waste Transfer Site:

72526 Welk Road
Open every 2nd & 4th Saturday
10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

