

The Citizen-Reporter



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County Court Members Attend NACo's 2010 Legislative Conference

County Judge Gary Thompson and Commissioner Mike Smith participated in the National Association of Counties' (NACo) 2010 Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. to help ensure that the voice of the nation's counties is heard by Congress and the administration. The Conference, held March 6-10, featured remarks from House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and President Obama cabinet secretaries Kathleen Sibelius and Tom Vilsak.



One of the main objectives of the Legislative Conference was to bring county officials face-to-face with federal government officials to discuss key county government priorities and specific legislation, regulations and funding levels affecting essential services and programs.

As a member of the Environment, Energy and Land Use Steering Committee, Judge Thompson participated in debates concerning proposed Cap and Trade legislation, Energy Efficiency Block Grant programs, supported Estate Tax Relief and opposed Waters of the USA wording in the Clean Waters Act.

As a member of the Community & Economic Development Steering Committee, Thompson supported a resolution on 2011 appropriations for Department of Housing, Small Business Administration Hub-zone program changes and a resolution on Community Action Program funding.

Educational sessions attended by Thompson included Renewable Energy, Changing National Health Policies, Work Force Development, Climate Change, Federal Investment in County Juvenile Justice and Energy Policy.

Following the NACo conference, Thompson attended the Wind Power on Capitol Hill Conference. There he received a brief update on the wind industry, legislative update by seasoned lobbyists and participated in a class on how to talk to "Donkeys" and "Elephants."



As a member of the Telecommunications & Technology Steering Committee, Commissioner Smith worked on issues concerning the protection of the 700 MHz band used by emergency services, the Rural Broadband Initiative

and several other issues of importance to Sherman County.

Smith attended the Technology Summit on the future of Telemedicine, Electronic Medical Records and grants available through the Community Health Centers Initiative to assist rural communities in building and strengthening small clinics. He also learned about NACo's discount prescription plan available to all counties and their citizens, attended a class on inmate emergency medical coverage, met with the Vice President of Verizon to discuss the project planned for Sherman County, made several contacts regarding the possibility of diversifying the county's power production and attended the Information Technology Subcommittee meeting.

Educational sessions attended by Smith included Renewable Energy, Sustainable Communities, Health Care, Public Land Use, Economic Development, Information Technology and Telecommunications & Technology.

While in Washington D.C., Judge Thompson and Commissioner Smith had an opportunity to visit Arlington National Cemetery where The Women's Memorial honoring Women in Military Service For America is located. In the fall of 2008, a group of fourteen Sherman County quilters delivered a special quilt as a tribute to the American servicewomen who died serving in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. Since the special unveiling ceremony on September 17, 2008, the quilt has remained on display at the Women's Memorial. While viewing the display, Thompson and Smith were unexpectedly approached by Donna Houle, Director of the Memorial Education Center, who asked if they knew about the origin of the quilt. Much to her

Surprise, she learned they were from Moro, Oregon, and were quite aware of the story behind the quilt.

Overall, both Court members felt the conference was very informative and the networking realized will be of benefit to Sherman County.



Every Second Counts!

In the midst of life-threatening situations, it is very important to have vital medical information readily available.

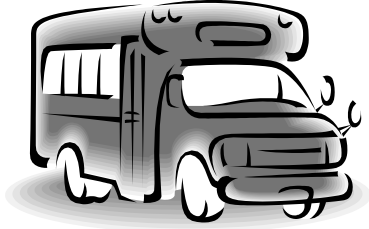
The ***File of Life Program***, which is **free**, enables medics to obtain a quick medical history when the patient is unable to offer one. A card, which is kept in a red plastic pocket, lists the patient's name, emergency medical contacts, insurance policy, health problems, medications, dosages, allergies, recent surgeries, religion, doctor's name and a health care proxy. The entire pocket is held with a magnet to the outside of the refrigerator.

If you already have the ***File of Life***, please take time to review and update your information. If you need another card, please contact Shawn Payne at 541-565-3100.

If you don't have the ***File of Life*** and are interested in obtaining your free kit, please give Shawn a call or stop by the Emergency Services building in Moro.

~ Shawn Payne, Emergency Services

2010 Community Transit Excursion Schedule



- ◆ April 15 - Hood River Follies Vaudeville play "Get Your Kicks on Route 66"
- ◆ April 26 - Kah-nee-ta Casino & Resort - Senior Day
- ◆ May 4 - Portland Zoo
- ◆ May 19 - Pendleton Wildhorse Resort & Casino and Pendleton Underground Tour
- ◆ June 3 - The Dalles Theatre Company "The Playboy of the Western World"
- ◆ June 8 - Mural Tour at Toppenish & Legends Casino - Senior Day
- ◆ June 19 - Hood River Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum and Fruit Loop Tour
- ◆ July 12 - Kah-nee-ta Casino & Resort - Senior Day and Warm Springs Museum
- ◆ July 28 - Pittock Mansion Tour in Portland
- ◆ August 10 & 11 - Lincoln City for shopping, dining and visiting the beach
- ◆ October 14 - The Dalles Theatre Company "Steel Magnolias"
- ◆ October 27 - Pendleton Wildhorse Resort & Casino

We continue to offer service to Sherman County residents on Mondays and Thursdays to The Dalles for shopping, business, medical and dental appointments. In addition, we provide transportation to veterans and Medicaid clients for health related appointments on all weekdays.

All ages are welcome. For reservations and more information, contact the Sherman County Community Transit Office at 541-565-3553 Monday - Thursday from 8 am to 5 pm.

~ Marnene Benson-Wood, Transit Coordinator

4H Gets in Your Face (Book)

Sherman County 4H is now offering a Facebook page for communication between the local Oregon State University Extension Office, 4H leaders and club members, alumni and anybody interested in the depth and breadth of the program. 4H manager Elizabeth Wallis deserves credit for setting up the page.

The Facebook page is set up as a fan page, but participation is monitored to ensure it is limited to those we know. That's only one of the safety protections being built into the system.

Presently there are some photos posted of recent events, but youth are not identified by the Extension Office and we monitor to ensure that others do not identify persons for safety reasons. Frequently, members identify themselves in the "friend" pictures, but other personal profile information can be hidden from view. You will find reminders for club meetings but locations, times or names of children are not involved. These add extra safety for parents and youth alike.

All interactions on the page are monitored by the local 4H office twice a day.

Do not be surprised if your kids are not already active participants on Facebook. Many new phones allow access to simplified versions of Facebook.



Participation in the 4H Facebook is a good way to get used to the idea and to use this social network site. Check us out and become a friend by logging into Facebook at: Facebook.com then turn to "Sherman County 4H Oregon."

The Sherman County 4H page is monitored frequently so unwanted or dangerous notices can be pulled quickly. Sherman County has one of only a couple 4H pages in the state and many counties are watching to see how it is handled.

~ Sandy Macnab, Extension Agent

Free Chemical Round-Up in Moro: May 8th

If you've got old chemicals lying around the house, garage, shop or shed...don't throw them in the trash or dumpster. Round'em up and properly dispose of them for free. Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 8 for the free hazardous waste collection at the Sherman County Road Dept. 4th & Hood Street in Moro.

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS can bring their leftover chemicals to the collection from 10am-12pm. Please call our contractor to let them know what you're bringing, this helps them prepare with the proper packaging supplies. Call 1-800-547-2436.

HOUSEHOLDS can bring their materials from 1pm-3pm.

What to Bring:

- ◆ Products labeled "Caution" "Warning" "Danger" "Poison"
- ◆ Oil-based paints and stains (not latex)
- ◆ Pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers and poisons
- ◆ Pool and spa chemicals
- ◆ Septic field and drain cleaner, oven cleaners
- ◆ Antifreeze, brake fluid, contaminated fuels
- ◆ Thinners and solvents
- ◆ Aerosol sprays
- ◆ Florescent lamps and CFL bulbs
- ◆ Thermostats and thermometers
- ◆ Fire extinguishers
- ◆ Household batteries: alkaline, lithium, button or rechargeable

Do NOT Bring:

- ◆ Latex paint (not toxic, just dry out and discard in garbage)
- ◆ Motor oil (can be recycled locally)
- ◆ Car batteries (can be recycled locally)
- ◆ Explosives, ammo, asbestos, medicines (not accepted)

Sponsored by the Tri-County Hazardous Waste & Recycling Program, 541-506-2636 or visit www.tricountyrecycle.com

~ Cindy Brown, Coordinator

County-wide Cleanup: May 8th

On May 8th, Sherman County residents are invited to bring **one** pickup load of trash to the solid waste transfer site without paying a fee with some exceptions.

- **When:** May 8, 2010 - 9 am to 3 pm
- **Where:** Sherman County Solid Waste Transfer Site: 72526 Welk Rd
- **How:** Upon arrival, wait for the attendant to direct you to the appropriate unloading site.
- **Limited:** One trip per vehicle.
- **Restrictions:** No household hazardous or medical waste will be accepted.

Fees Are Required For:

- Refrigerators, freezers, air conditions \$25 each
- Appliances \$8
- Tires without rims \$5
- Tires with rims \$7.50
- Furniture - No Charge

Recycling Categories at the Transfer Site will include:

- Mixed - newspapers, magazines, office paper, junk mail, plastic bottles with a neck, plastic tubs, tin & aluminum cans
- Glass - bottles & jars
- Cardboard - flattened
- Yard waste - trimmings under six inches in diameter
- Car batteries
- Electronics - computer towers, laptops, monitors, TVs



~ The Dalles Disposal

Sherman County Public/School Library Events



JUSTICE IN FRONTIER OREGON, 1851-1905 *Thursday, April 8th, 6:30 p.m.*

Just over 100 years ago, many Oregon cities held executions with men, women and children congregating to watch convicted criminals hang from gallows erected in local fields. Even after it was common for stockades to hide the actual event, thousands watched and waited outside their walls. In a state known for its peaceful agrarian communities, what caused such events to be accepted and even celebrated? How is it that the names of many involved now dot our state's roads, buildings, parks and history?

The presenter is author and historian Diane Goeres-Gardner from Oakland, Oregon. She has presented in numerous communities and her program is excellent and well received.

ANNUAL READ ALOUD *Wednesday, April 14th, 6:30 p.m.*

In celebration of National Library Week, please join us at Sherman County Public/School Library, April 14 at 6:30 p.m. for the 14th annual Read Aloud. Jane Kirkpatrick, Sherman County's well renowned author, will host this event. Community members, high school staff and students will read selections from their favorite books or poetry, occasionally from their own pen. Everyone is welcome, either as a reader or a listener. Please contact library staff if you wish to sign up for a five minute reading spot on the program.

STRESS MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP *Saturday, May 8th, 10:00 a.m.*

Oregon Health Sciences University one-hour

Stress Management Workshop will be held on Saturday, May 8th at 10:00 a.m. This workshop is suitable for all ages and information presented will provide you with the tools to help manage the effects of stress on the body and how to avoid it.

WOMEN PHOTOGRAPHERS IN OREGON, 1852-1917

Wednesday, May 12th, 7:00 p.m.

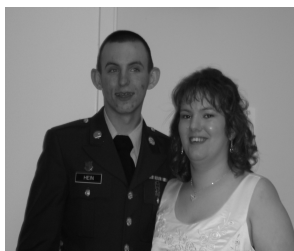
In this slide-illustrated program, photo historian Carole Glauber of Portland traces the distinctive work of four early women photographers, including that of Fanny Van Duyn of Tygh Valley who documented the Columbia River Gorge. Their work provides a window into our state's history that reflects community, culture and gender.

BESTSELLERS

Stop by the library and check out the Bestseller Display. Sherman Co. Public/School Library received a Cultural Trust grant to engage youth and community in the arts, heritage and humanities by purchasing popular books that promote literacy. Hurry in to choose your favorite.

~ Arla Melzer, Librarian

EMTs Join Forces in EMS & Wedded Bliss



On Sunday, February 7, 2010, Kristofer (Kris) Hein and Amber Barrow were joined in marriage. Both Kris and Amber are EMTs with the Sherman County Ambulance. They have been with the ambulance service going on three years. Kris is in the Army National Guard, while Amber works part-time at the Sherman County Community Center and Little Wheat's Daycare. Kris and Amber are the fourth married couple currently serving in Sherman County Emergency Services.

~ Shawn Payne, Director Emergency Services

May 2010 Primary Election

The 2010 Primary Election will be held on May 18th and conducted by mail. Completed ballots must be received by 8:00 pm on Election Day. Ballots can be returned by mail or deposited in an official Sherman County ballot drop site at any of the following locations:

Sherman County Courthouse
500 Court Street, Moro
(Clerk's Office at the Counter)

Wasco City Hall
1017 Clark Street, Wasco
White Ballot Drop Box
(Between City Hall & Fulton Street)

Rufus Fire Hall
400 Main Street, Rufus
(White Ballot Drop Box)

Grass Valley City Hall
109 SW Mill Street, Grass Valley
White Ballot Drop Box
(Next to the City Payment Box)



The final day to register to vote in this election is Tuesday, April 27th. Voter registration cards postmarked by April 27 are also valid registrations for the May election. Registration cards can be obtained at the Post Office, County Clerk's office or online at www.sos.state.or.us/elections/votreg/sel500.pdf. Residents having an Oregon driver's license, permit or ID number issued by the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles can register at the state's new online site:

<https://secure.sos.state.or.us/eim/vr/register.do?lang=eng>.

The following candidates have filed for office in Sherman County, with names in random alphabet order as determined by the Secretary of State:

County Commissioner: Ruth Bourgeois (R); Steven Burnet (R); Donald Richelderfer (R);
District Attorney: Wade M. McLeod (NP); Treasurer: Marnene Benson-Wood (NP);
Precinct Committeepersons: Precinct 2 – Mike W. McArthur (R); Precinct 5 – Cathie Martin (R).

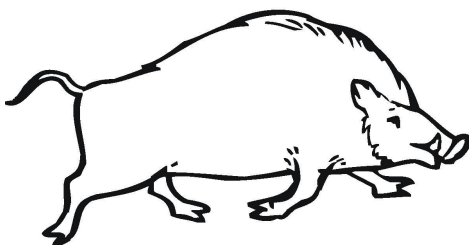
The following have filed for the four 7th District Circuit Court Judge positions:

Position 1 - Donald W. Hull, Incumbent; Position 2 - Janet Stauffer, Thomas C. Peachey;
Position 3 - Paul G. Crowley, Incumbent; Position 4 - John A. Wolf.

The District Attorney and Circuit Court Judges are elected in May. Because only one candidate filed for the office of Treasurer, this position will not appear on the Primary ballot and will be voted on at the General Election in November. The County Commissioner candidate with a majority of votes will be nominated for the General Election. The May ballot will also include federal and state office positions, as well as two state measures. Ballots will be mailed to registered voters the last week of April.

~ Jenine McDermid, Clerk

Notice: Feral Swine



Did You Know? There is a new law in Oregon which states, if you have feral swine on your property, you have sixty days to initiate an eradication plan or the state will fine you.

Questions? 541-413-0302.

~ Dean Dark, Wildlife Specialist

Funding Available for Cultural Projects

Individuals and groups can apply for grant funds from the Oregon Cultural Trust for distribution by the Sherman County Cultural Coalition in 2010.

Applications are due **April 16, 2010**.

Funding projects might include:

- Cultural Field Trips
- Visiting Performers
- Visiting Speakers or Storytellers
- Visiting Artists or Authors
- Enhancement of existing cultural programs or historical sites



Our Mission:

The mission of the Sherman County Cultural Coalition is to make a positive impact on the community and create a solid foundation for the future by identifying, preserving, developing and expanding cultural resources that reflect the unique spirit of Sherman County.

Our Priorities:

- Protect and strengthen investment in Sherman County's existing cultural resources
- Engage our youth in the arts, heritage and humanities
- Promote cultural programs that stimulate cultural opportunities and economic growth
- Promote the publication and dissemination of information related to the arts and culture within Sherman County.

Please visit our new website for more information and a downloadable application.
www.shermanculturalcoalition.org

~ *Melisa Smith, Coalition Chair*

Friends of the Rufus Community Center

SUPPORT!

To Advance the Renovation

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To Support the Project

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To Build Community Collaboration

SUPPORT!

To Build Community Pride

Meeting Notice:

- Wednesday, April 28th
- 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- 304 W 2nd Street, Suite 100, Rufus
- Refreshments Provided
- For More Information: Kim at 541-993-0159

~ *Kim Gonzalez, City of Rufus*

Become a Certified Storm Watcher

Would you like to Provide valuable weather information to the National Weather Service?

If so, you are invited to a free

SEVERE WEATHER SPOTTER SEMINAR

Date: May 25, 2010

Time: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Location: Moro Fire Station

Door Prizes!!

This training is also open to previously certified Storm Watchers if you would like to brush up on your skills.

Training is provided by NOAA and the National Weather Service.

For More Information: 541-565-3100

~ *Shawn Payne, Emergency Services*



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Recycle - It's So Easy!!

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 Solid Waste Transfer Site:

72526 Welk Road
Open every 2nd & 4th Saturday
12 noon until 4 p.m.

The Dalles Disposal

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

Mark Your Calendar!!

Saturday, May 8, 2010

- ◆ Hazardous Waste Collection - Moro
- ◆ County-wide Cleanup Day - one free pickup load to Transfer Site

