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Emily Apple Named Executive Director Sherman Historical Society



Sherman County Historical Society recently announced the selection of Emily Apple as Executive Director. She began work at the Museum in Moro on March 5th.

“SCHS trustees are pleased to bring our first full-time paid director on board. Her work will strengthen our

ability to market the Sherman County Historical Museum and to care for the collections we hold in the public trust,” noted Society president Carrie Kaseberg.

A native of Holland, Michigan, Apple attended Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo on academic scholarships which provided full tuition and fees in exchange for academic success. Initially working on an education degree to teach history, she graduated in April 2011 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in public history (museum studies) and a minor in English with focuses on World War II, Holocaust studies and American history, as well as literature and creative writing. “This was a way for me to be involved in history and to teach about it, but through more avenues

than traditional classroom teaching could offer me,” Apple stated.

Traveling from Michigan to Oregon with only what would fit in two cars, including a dog and cat, Apple and fiancé Mark Karlichek arrived in Sherman County the first of March and have settled into a house in Moro. The couple met at WMU and a November wedding in Michigan is planned.

~ Sherman County Historical Society

*Sherman County Historical Society
Invites you to join us for an Open House
To introduce and welcome*

*Emily Apple
Museum Director*

*Sunday, April 15, 2012
2 - 5 in the Afternoon*

200 Dewey Street, Moro, Oregon 97039

*Preview the New
Sherman County Journal Exhibit*

Court Members Attend National Conference In Washington, D.C.

Judge Gary Thompson and Commissioner Mike Smith attended the National Association of Counties (NACO) Legislative Conference March 3-7 in Washington, D.C.

Arriving a couple of days early, the Court members took time to visit Congressman Greg Walden and Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden. Topics covered included the BPA's treatment of wind power, EPA's dust regulation, BLM concerns, as well as many other issues. Concerning one of the important topics covered, Smith has continued to work with congressional staff in order to gather more resources to defend and protect our local Post Offices from threatened closure.

Commissioner Smith dedicated another day to the Technology Summit which is a time for counties to share, discuss, and present new and innovative technologies to other member counties in order to showcase improved services for gaining efficiencies.

Representing the Energy and Environment Steering Committee, Judge Thompson introduced a resolution concerning energy storage. Thompson stated "Out of eight resolutions submitted to the committee, six were from Oregon."

As a member of the Telephone and Technology Steering Committee, Commissioner Smith discussed the recent dedication of the D-Block of wireless spectrum which has been dedicated to public safety. "This steering committee was a big player in that victory," Smith said.

Other meetings/sessions attended included Running Power Lines Across America's Counties, The Right Way to Run a Meeting, Hydraulic Fracking: Balancing Energy Independence vs. Environmental Concerns, Using Data Analytics to Make Smarter Public Safety Decisions, and many others.



Left to Right: Judge Gary Thompson, Congressman Greg Walden, Commissioner Mike Smith

Additional highlights of the trip included a lively debate between Tucker Carlson and Eleanor Clift, as well as speeches from Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL), Senator Michael Enzi (R-WY), Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) and the Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood.

Both Court members agreed there was great value in the time spent with local officials from all over America exchanging ideas and gathering information, the Congressional Members and Administration Officials they met and interacted with, the classes, steering committee meetings and in the multiple opportunities they had to learn and grow.

~ Commissioner Mike Smith

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Free Workshop for Tourism Businesses



In partnership with Sherman County, the *John Day River Territory* regional tourism marketing organization will be providing a free one-hour workshop for all tourism-related businesses. Any business or organization that serves tourists (lodging, restaurants, markets, gas stations, retail, guides, tourist attractions and others) should attend to learn:

information about statewide and regional dollars coming from tourism, regional tourism trends, opportunities for free and paid marketing from the local to state level, business support information such as loan and grant opportunities, customer service tips, website and Facebook development how-to, plus come connect with other businesses in the area!

Help your business be better equipped to connect with tourists, keep them coming back and have information about tourism opportunities and activities in the region. Tap into this important revenue source for your business!

Workshops are at 6:30pm on April 5 at the Grass Valley Pavilion and April 9 at the new North Sherman Fire Hall in Wasco. For more information, contact Jessica Metta at 541-296-2266 or jessica@mcedd.org.

Volunteer Needed

The Oregon Army National Guard needs a volunteer to represent Sherman County for the Selective Service. The time commitment is minimal with a 5 hour online training requirement in the first year and a 2 hour training annually thereafter.

Contact: LTC Sharon Banks @ 541-915-9322

National EMS Week May 20th - 26th

If you have ever been in need of emergency medical help or know of someone who has, please take the time to thank your Sherman County Emergency Medical Services volunteers. Even if you haven't had an the opportunity to receive care from one of Sherman County's finest, this is the perfect time to let them know just how much they are appreciated.

May 20th through May 26th is National EMS Week. Please recognize these fine individuals for their hard work and dedication.

~ Shawn Payne, Emergency Services Director

WANTED!

Sherman County Area Watershed Council is looking for interested persons to join our board! The Watershed Council actively partners with Sherman County SWCD and NRCS.

Board Member Benefits:

- Voice your opinion on natural resource concerns you would like to see the Council focus on
- Draft an action program for the watershed
- Hold public meetings
- Implement, evaluate and monitor action plan progress
- Seek funding

The Watershed Council currently has an opening for a South Sherman Watershed member!

If you would like to be a part of our board, please contact: Emily Lyle - Watershed Council Coordinator
541-565-3216 extension 109

County-wide Cleanup May 5th

On May 5th, 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 5, 2012; 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 \$28.85 each
- Appliances \$10.30
- Tires without rims \$10.30
- Tires with rims \$13.40
- Furniture - \$10.30

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

Tips for Healthy Homes

April 22 is Earth Day. All month long, you'll probably see and hear messages about what you can do to celebrate Earth Day. But here are 5 simple steps you can take to protect your family's health and the environment all year long:

- 1) *Buy only latex paint and don't buy more than you need.* Oil-based paint causes air pollution. New latex paints provide equal quality and because they are water-based, cleanup is easy. Look for "Low-VOC" paints, which are the least polluting. Also, look for latex paint with recycled content, like MetroPaint, a quality recycled latex paint. Paint is the biggest household hazardous waste stream – so buy only what you need.
- 2) *Light your barbecue with an electric or chimney starter.* Charcoal lighter fluid causes air pollution and is very flammable. Both of these alternatives are cheaper and make lighting a fire easier and more reliable - and you'll never run out of lighter fluid. Bring your leftover fluid to a Hazardous Waste Collection center.

- 3) *Replace your mercury thermometers and thermostat.* Buy a new non-mercury thermometer for the medicine cabinet. Replace your mercury thermostat with an electronic programmable one – you'll save on heating and cooling costs too! Even a few drops from a broken thermometer or thermostat can raise mercury air concentrations in a room to unsafe levels. Bring any mercury-containing items you have to a Hazardous Waste Collection Center or event.
- 4) *Buy (or ask your mechanic to use) re-refined oil and safer propylene glycol antifreeze.* To ensure that you're getting high-quality re-refined oil, look for the API Certification Seal.
- 5) *Buy rechargeable batteries.* Start replacing your battery-powered electronics with products that have integrated rechargeable batteries. When you're done with rechargeable, lithium, ni-cad, button-type or alkaline batteries, bring them to a Hazardous Waste Center or collection event.

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

Mortgage Assistance Program Now Open

Residents of Wasco and Sherman counties can now apply for the Mortgage Payment Assistance Unemployment Program. The program is administered by Oregon Housing and Community Services and can provide up one year in mortgage payment assistance or \$20,000, whichever comes first to approved homeowners.

The program is available to homeowners that are receiving Unemployment Insurance to help them avoid foreclosure while they seek work. OHCS expects to serve approximately 3,000 homeowners with the program.

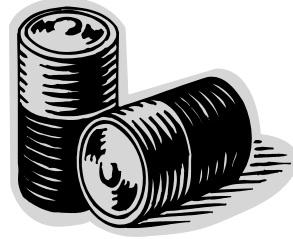
Homeowners can start the process with the program's online application at www.oregonhomeownerhelp.org. Local agencies, such as Columbia Cascade Housing Corporation, will process applications and support participants throughout the program.

"We are very happy to be a part helping our unemployed neighbors," said David Peters, Housing Center Specialist, Columbia Cascade Housing Corporation. "Mortgage payment assistance will allow people to focus on getting a job without the added anxiety of making a monthly mortgage payment." Homeowners can apply for the program online, during two-week application cycles. The program website provides helpful information about application cycles, including a how-to video that answers the most common questions about the program.

A first round of the state's mortgage assistance program has provided more than \$40 million in benefits on behalf of more than 4,000 Oregon homeowners.

Homeowners without internet access can visit their local Work Source Oregon Center at 700 Union St. The Dalles, OR, 541.296.5435 for computer and printer use. Prospective applicants can also call OHCS at 503.986.2025 for application support.

~ David Peters, Columbia Cascade Housing



Duracell Donates Batteries

The *Power Those Who Protect Us* battery donation program was a huge success. With your help, Duracell made a total donation of 18 million batteries to over 11,000 volunteer fire departments across the country. These local heroes are now using the donated batteries to power their communications devices and life-saving equipment.

Duracell is honoring volunteer fire agencies and has donated batteries throughout the United States. Your local fire agencies, including South Sherman, Moro, North Sherman and Rufus were all recipients of these batteries.

~ Shawn Payne, Emergency Services Director

Every Second Counts!

This statement is even more important in the midst of life-threatening situations. Our emergency personnel know how important it is to have vital medical information readily available. The free *File of Life* program enables medics to obtain a quick medical history when the patient is unable to offer one. The card is kept in a red plastic pocket and lists the patient's name, emergency medical contacts, insurance information, 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 a *File of Life*, please take time to review your information and update as appropriate. If you need new information cards or a new door sticker, we would be happy to get those for you.

Interested? Contact Shawn at 541-565-3100 or visit her at the Emergency Services Building (Fire Station) in Moro.

Public/School Library Schedule of Events

VICTOR JOHNSON, GUITARIST:

Saturday, April 14TH, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Music is good for the body, mind and spirit and one of the best ways to have fun and connect with others. Drawing from country blues, swing and traditional music from around the world, Victor plays tunes that kids and families can groove to.

ANNUAL READ ALOUD:

Wednesday, April 18TH, 6:30 p.m.

Library patrons, community members, high school staff and students will read aloud from their favorite books or writings at Sherman County Public/School Library's sixteenth annual READ ALOUD on Wednesday, April 18th at 6:30 p.m. Author, Jane Kirkpatrick will be our host, reading aloud from her newly released book "Where Lilacs Still Bloom."

THE LIVING ROOTS OF MUSIC:

Tuesday, April 24th, 7:00 p.m.

Lauren Pelon traces the story of music and instruments throughout history and performs music from the 1st to the 21st centuries on archlute, guitar, lute-guitar, lyre, recorders, gemshorns, cornamuse, krummhorn, pennywhistles, shawn, eagle bone flute, pedalboard, voice and more. Pelon's compositions are featured, along with music from ancient Greece, medieval and renaissance Europe, Asia, Africa, the Middle East and the Americas.

FINE ARTS FESTIVAL:

Thursday, May 24TH, 6:00 p.m.

The library will hold their annual book and dessert fundraiser to coincide with Sherman Jr./Sr. High School's Fine Arts Festival. Join us for books, fine art and dessert!

Dream Big... READ!

June 19th – July 24th

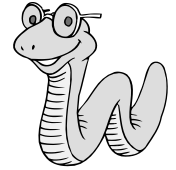
OWN THE NIGHT is the 2012 Ready to Read Summer program theme with reading programs to be held each Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. beginning June 19th and continuing through July 24th. Mark your

calendars to join us for crafts, stories, food and fun! A themed schedule will be forthcoming in May.

DIFFERENT STATE OF MIND:

April 5th through May 31st

The next art exhibit in the library foyer is "A Different State of Mind." These bi-monthly shows have been very popular. If you haven't had the opportunity to view a show, this exhibit will run from April 5th through May 31st.



For hours, events and information:

www.shermancounty.plinkit.org

~ Arla Melzer, Librarian

Cities Focus on Code Enforcement

Mayors and City Recorders from Rufus, Wasco, Moro and Grass Valley met with Sheriff Lohrey recently to review ways to simplify code enforcement in the cities. All four cities have an interest in cleaning up the communities to show the pride residents feel in living here and help support a positive image of our communities which will in turn support our businesses.

Nuisance issues that affect public health and safety are of primary concern including: accumulations of garbage, manure, and other refuse; stagnant water; abandoned vehicles including non-licensed/running vehicles on city streets; high vegetation that is a fire hazard or blocks traffic views; and accumulations of junk. The County and each city have at least one cleanup day per year, often in the Spring, to help everyone take care of their unwanted items.

If code violations persist after notification of the violation, the cities will work with the Sheriff's office to resolve the issues. The cities will be taking a look at nuisance issues to make sure there is consistent enforcement and that our communities are healthy and safe places to live that show our Sherman County pride. Contact your city recorder with questions.

~ Jessica Metta, MCEDD



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Recycling Made 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.



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