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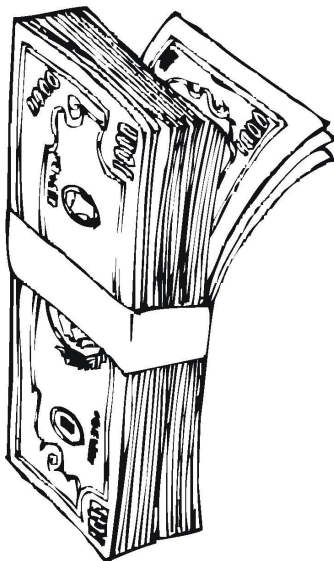


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Resident Incentive Program Applications Available

In keeping with the desires of the Sherman County Court, a portion of the funds generated from the wind tower projects is being dedicated as an incentive to residents to remain and invest in Sherman County.

On July 15, 2009, the Sherman County Court approved an ordinance establishing the **Sherman County Resident Incentive Program**. The purpose of this ordinance is to encourage and promote residency in Sherman County which will, in turn, facilitate economic development and stability. The County Court will review this program annually with the hope of maintaining it for many years to come.



To qualify as a recipient in this program, applicants must live in Sherman County at least one year and be over 18 years of age. Only **ONE** resident from each household may apply and applications must be submitted each year in

order to qualify. The application form was mailed to all County residents the week of June 1st and is also available on the County website at www.co.sherman.or.us where it may be printed out for completion. To receive your 2010 Resident incentive payment, complete the application in full and return to the following address no later than **August 31, 2010:**

**Sherman County
500 Court Street
P.O. Box 382
Moro, OR 97039**

Applicants will be notified within 10 days that their application has been received and approved. Qualifying residents will receive a check on or before December 15, 2010. If your application is rejected, you will be notified in writing and given instructions on the appeal process.

The ordinance establishing the Resident Incentive Program can be viewed in the Sherman County Clerk's Office or online at www.co.sherman.or.us/govt_commissioners.asp. If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact the County's Finance Department at (541) 565-3623.

~ Debbie Hayden, Finance Director

Fire Volunteers Train To Save Lives

On Saturday, May 22nd, volunteers from Moro Fire and North Sherman Fire spent most of the day training on vehicle extrication. The day started off with classroom instruction and then continued outside for the practical application. Classroom instruction covered safety, techniques and information on the new hybrid vehicles. The hybrids, with their electrical components, can be a huge safety risk to the rescuers. Another challenge is the vehicles with additional airbags. Although the airbags increase safety for passengers, they can be problematic for rescuers if they are not aware of their existence prior to cutting into the vehicle.

The primary instructor for the course was Hal Woods, a Fire Fighter/Paramedic with Mid Columbia Fire and Rescue. Hal started his career with the Moro Fire Department and Sherman County Ambulance in 2002.



~ Shawn Payne, Emergency Services

Don't Forget...
As of July 1st, a Burn Ban will be in effect for Sherman County.
More information to follow.

Rufus 2015 Plan

GIVE YOUR INPUT ON THE CITY'S FUTURE!



June 3rd Meeting

7:00 P.M.

Rufus City Hall

Business Owner Orientation

Drawing for gift certificate to

Baldwin Saloon!!!

Refreshments Provided

For more information: Kim at (541)993-0159.

~ Kim Gonzalez, Coordinator, City of Rufus

Website Updates

Attention All Sherman County Businesses!

Please review business listings on the Sherman County Website at http://www.co.sherman.or.us/agri_business.asp. If your business listing needs updates and/or corrections, please contact Melva Thomas at (541)565-3416 or email changes to mthomas@co.sherman.or.us.

If your business is not included in the directory for your community and you would like to be listed, please provide your business name, address, contact information and a brief description of products and/or services provided.

Thank you for your help in keeping our Website current and relevant.

~ Melva Thomas, Administrative Assistant

Sherman County Public/School Library News

Did you know that between the dates of March 1, 2009 and March 1, 2010, residents of Sherman County checked out a total of 8,399 items from the library? Here are the numbers: Grass Valley (557), Kent (206), Moro (5,678), Wasco (1,837) and Rufus (121). The students of Sherman Jr/Sr High School checked out a total of 1,605 items.

Summer Hours begin on Tuesday, June 15th

Tuesday.....12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday.....12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Saturday.....10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Libraries of Eastern Oregon presents....

WANTED...METEORITES! TUESDAY, JUNE 1st, 7:00 P.M.

Come and hear the latest about a possible first meteorite find in north central Oregon! This program will be presented by Dick Pugh, Scientist, Cascadia Meteorite Laboratory, Portland State University. Meteorites are pitted, heavy with a burnt surface and valuable. Help find them! There is one meteorite on every ½ square mile in Eastern Oregon!

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER - TUESDAY, JUNE 15th, 7:00 P.M.

International commerce, diplomatic relations, cultural exchanges and tourism were important nearly 12,000 years ago among the indigenous peoples who lived along the Columbia River. These civilized, prosperous nations developed an international marketplace that, by the 1700s, included trade with Russia, Spain, England, China and America. Pat Courtney Gold, a Wasco native enrolled in the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation, will discuss native people's relationship to the land and their rich heritage of cultural and financial commerce conducted up and down the Columbia River. Transportation is

available through Sherman County Community Transit by calling (541)565-3533.

* *All library programs to be held in the Program Room at Sherman County Public/School Library.*

Make a Splash - READ!

TUESDAY'S 11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

July 6 Wow! Wonders of Water
July 13 An Ocean of Fun
July 20 High Sea Adventures
July 27 Splish Splash Summer
August 3 Squish, Squash, Freshwater &
 Wetlands
August 10 Dragon Theatre Puppets presents
 The Underwater Adventure

LIBRARY2GO

Download digital audio books, video titles and e-books to your home computers, then transfer to your MP3 player or burn onto a CD for listening on-the-go. Offered through GorgeLink, you will find access through the library's website at www.sherman.k12.or.us/library.html.

~ *Arla Melzer, Librarian*

Head Start & Healthy Start

Head Start:

North Central ESD Early Education is now accepting enrollment applications for the 2010-11 school year. Children need to be three on or before September 1, 2010, to be eligible for the program. Please contact our office at (541)384-3808 to receive an application by mail. We contract with the following community preschool sites in Sherman County: North Sherman Preschool in Wasco and Sherman Preschool in Moro.

Healthy Start:

Healthy Start provides a home visiting curriculum that encompasses parenting skills, child development and literacy. If you are expecting or have a new baby three months or younger, you are eligible for a \$50 gift certificate from your local merchant. If this applies to you, please contact our office at (541)384-3808.

~ *Charmayn Alley, NCESD Early Education*



Sherman County Cleans Up Chemicals

Sherman County residents took advantage of a sunny day to clean up and properly dispose of over a ton of leftover, unwanted chemicals at the free hazardous waste collection held Saturday, May 8, at the County Road Department. The 2,160 pounds from this year's event brings the total collected since 2006 in Sherman County to almost eight tons of chemicals.

Results of Sherman County hazardous waste collections:

May 2010	2,160 pounds from 18 participants
May 2009	4,498 pounds from 21 participants
May 2008	3,740 pounds from 12 participants
May 2007	2,515 pounds from 14 participants
September 2006	2,620 pounds from 15 participants
Total	15,533 pounds (7.8 tons) from 80 participants

Sponsored by the Tri-County Hazardous Waste & Recycling Program, these events give agricultural producers, businesses and households the opportunity to properly dispose of leftover, unwanted chemicals such as pesticides, oil-based paints and solvents, fluorescent bulbs and old ballasts. In addition to events held in rural communities, the Tri-County program holds monthly waste collections at its permanent facilities in Hood River and The Dalles the third Friday-Saturday of each month.

Upcoming collections for households and businesses:

Friday, June 18	Hood River Garbage Service, 3440 Guignard Drive, 9am-2pm
Saturday, June 19	The Dalles Disposal Service, 1317 W First St, 9am-2pm
Saturday, June 26	Mel's Sanitary Service Transfer Station, Tygh Valley 10am-2pm

For more information, call (541)506-2636 or visit www.tricountyrecycle.com

~ *Cindy Brown, Coordinator*

County Road Clean-Up a Success!

Sherman County recently employed three local students over Spring Break in the 4th Annual County Road Clean-Up with great benefit to the County!

Supervised by Juvenile Director, Amber DeGrange, these youth did an amazing job picking up garbage off our county roads, walking over seven miles a day. With great attitudes and hard work, Jesse and Ryane Whitley and Terran Casper picked up over 105 bags of garbage! The roads covered include Scott Canyon, Van Gilder, China Hollow, Hilderbrand and many more throughout our area.



This effort was supported by the Sherman County Court, the Road Department and the Commission on Children and Families. Let's keep Sherman County beautiful!

~ *Amber DeGrange, Juvenile Director*

Recycle - It's Never Been Easier!!

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.

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
 12 noon until 4 p.m.

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: Every Monday & Tuesday

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.

Sherman County Fair Celebrates 101 Years

The Fair Board invites you to the 101st Sherman County Fair August 24th - 29th: "Sherman County Fair Where the Wind Meets the Grain." Grand Marshal Sharon Ramsey will preside over the festivities which will include new events along with some old favorites. Watch for more details!

- ◆ Painted Hills Beef Grill-Off
- ◆ Oregon Trail Valley Boys Band @ Classic Car Show
- ◆ 4-H Style Show
- ◆ Kick-Off BBQ with Paradise Rose Chuck Wagon
- ◆ Donkey Basketball
- ◆ 4-H & FFA Showmanship
- ◆ Geocache Challenge
- ◆ Shipley Shuffle
- ◆ Family Concert - Carrie Cunningham & the Six Shooters
- ◆ Four-Wheeler Event
- ◆ Demo Car Derby
- ◆ 4-H & FFA Market Animal Sale
- ◆ Parade
- ◆ FFA BBQ
- ◆ Dance to Countryfied



~ Sherman County Fair Board

Commission Receives OYCC/OYEI Grants

The Sherman County Commission on Children and Families has received an OYCC (Oregon Youth Conservation Corp) and two OYEI (Oregon Youth Employment Initiative) grants through the Oregon Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development in the amount of \$75,111 to provide summer youth employment for Sherman County youth during the 2010 summer. The purpose of these grants is to create employment opportunities for youth and supporting adults. The Commission will be hiring at least 14 youth crew members and 3 adult crew leaders to work for 8-9 weeks during the summer.

The Oregon Youth Conservation Corps (OYCC) Summer Conservation Corps (SCC) was established by the Oregon Legislature in 1987 to provide a program to increase educational training and employment opportunities for youth; to improve work skills, instill a strong work ethic and increase their employability; and to increase social skills such as tolerance of diversity, team work, social responsibility, appreciation of the environment and personal development such as improved self-esteem.

The OYCC builds on the strong connections between positive work experiences, work skills, personal responsibility, commitment to education and future employment for youth. OYCC was established by the Oregon Legislature to:

- protect, conserve, rehabilitate and improve the natural, historical and cultural resources of Oregon; and
- to increase educational, training and employment opportunities for youth for the purpose of improving work skills, instilling work ethic and increasing employability.

Youth with strong work skills, positive future education and employment goals are more likely to achieve two important Oregon Benchmarks:

- Completion of high school; and
- Avoidance of juvenile crime delinquency

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) granted the State of Oregon, through the Oregon Youth Conservation Corps (OYCC) program and the Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development (CCWD), American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for OYEI (Oregon Youth Employment Initiative). The federal funds are awarded to fund natural resource conservation projects operated by local programs and partners.



Partners and work sites for the 2010 summer include: Sherman County, DeMoss Park, Sherman County Public/School Library, Sherman County Sheriff's Office, US Army Corps of Engineers - John Day Willow Creek Project, City of Grass Valley, Deschutes State Park/Heritage Landing, City of Moro, Wasco Railroad Depot, City of Wasco, Sherman County Childcare Foundation (ABC Huskies Day Care), Little Wheats, Inc., Sherman County Soil and Water Conservation Service District (Bill Todd Memorial Nursery), Sherman County Historical Society and Museum, Sherman County School District, Tri-County Hazardous Waste and Recycling Program, Sherman Jr/Sr High School, Mid-Columbia Producers, Sherman County RV Park and Sherman County Fair.

The Commission is excited to share this resource with Sherman County and looks forward to working with the crews and partners during the 2010 summer!

~ Dee Lieuallen, Executive Director, Commission on Children & Families

Primary Election News & General Election Filing Information

The May 18 Primary Election is complete, with 56.62% of the registered voters in Sherman County casting their ballots. Due to the number of races and measures, only local results are listed. More detailed election returns are available at the courthouse or online at: <http://www.co.sherman.or.us/documents/ElectionsResultsOfficial5.18.10.pdf>

Democratic Races: County Commissioner – No Candidate Filed, Steve Burnet 60 Write-in votes, Don Richelderfer 31 Write-in votes; Precinct Committee Persons, Male or Female, All Precincts – No Candidates Filed and no Write-in votes of three or more for one candidate.

Republican Races: County Commissioner – Steven Burnet 265, Donald Richelderfer 82, Ruth Bourgeois 31; Committee Persons, Male or Female, Rufus & Grass Valley Precincts – No Candidates Filed; Precinct Committee Person, Male, Wasco Precinct – Mike W. McArthur 88; Precinct Committee Person, Female, Wasco Precinct – Sherry Kaseberg 13 Write-in votes; Precinct Committee Person, Male, Moro Precinct – Brian Cranston 9 Write-in votes; Precinct Committee Person, Female, Moro Precinct – Liz Cranston 3 Write-in votes; Precinct Committee Person, Male, Kent Precinct – No Candidates Filed; Precinct Committee Person, Female, Kent Precinct – Cathie Martin 24.

Non Partisan Races: District Attorney – Wade M. McLeod 522; Measure 68 – Yes 312, No 276; Measure 69 – Yes 362, No 222.

In the county commissioner race, the candidate from each major political party with the majority of votes moves on to the General Election ballot in November. Additionally, the deadline for any nonaffiliated or minor political party members interested in filing for the office of county

commissioner is no sooner than June 2, 2010, and no later than August 24, 2010, for the 2010 General Election. Information is available online at: http://www.sos.state.or.us/elections/publications/county_candidate/index.html or by contacting the clerk's office at (541)565-3606.

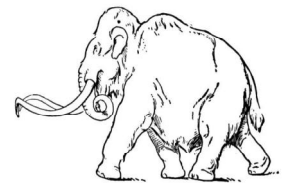
Also at the November election, voters in Sherman County cities will elect mayors and council members whose terms are expiring. The filing deadline for these offices is no sooner than June 2, 2010 and no later than August 24, 2010. Candidates must file either by declaration or by petition at their local city hall. Additional information is available by contacting the clerk's office or a city recorder/administrator.

~ Jenine McDermid, Clerk

Historical Society Luncheon, Ice Age Floods Presentation

Sherman County Historical Society announces June 27, 2010, as the date of the Society's annual meeting at the Sherman County Senior & Community Center in Moro at 1 p.m. with a no host luncheon.

Guest speaker Terry Hurd will be presenting a short video about the Missoula Floods and a slide show of flood features in the gorge. Terry is employed by the US Army Corps of Engineers as a fisheries biologist at John Day Dam. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and is currently president of the Columbia River Gorge Chapter of Ice Age Floods Institute (www.iafi.org).



Everyone is welcome.

Please call the Museum - (541)565-3232 - **by June 11th to reserve your meal.**

~ www.shermanmuseum.org



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Meyer Memorial Trust To Host Community Meetings In Sherman & Wasco Counties

PORTLAND, May 27, 2010 -- Today Meyer Memorial Trust, Oregon's largest private foundation, announced three community meetings in Sherman and Wasco counties from Tuesday, June 15, through Thursday, June 17, 2010.

MMT Program Officer Sally Yee will appear at these events to provide advice about seeking grants from Meyer Memorial Trust and to collect information about the needs of nonprofits and communities in north central Oregon.

The Two Way Street Tour (TWST) program began in 2007 to increase MMT's outreach efforts to help non-profit organizations better understand the foundation and its programs as well as to help MMT learn more about the communities and organizations it serves.

Because Meyer Memorial Trust is located in Portland, the foundation is conducting a series of tours across the region to help it better understand needs and requests for grants from all parts of Oregon and SW Washington. Through May 2010, MMT staff had held meetings in 57 communities in 24 counties through Oregon and southwest Washington. MMT reports on the meetings on its website blog:
<http://www.mmt.org/category/blog-type/program-officers/twst>

"These TWST meetings are one way we create an ongoing dialogue with our communities to better understand the issues/challenges they face and learn about the wide range of approaches they have taken to address their needs," Meyer Memorial Trust CEO Doug

Stamm said. "We hope these meetings encourage conversation, networking, and sharing resources and ideas among community groups."

The complete Sherman and Wasco counties schedule:

Moro:

Tuesday, June 15, 5:30-7:30 pm
Senior and Community Center
300 Dewey St., Moro
Contact: Melva Thomas, Sherman Co. Court
541.565.3416
mthomas@co.sherman.or.us

The Dalles:

Wednesday, June 16, 4-6 pm
Building 2 Lecture Hall
Columbia Gorge Community College
Contact: Dan Spatz, CGCC Foundation
541.506.6110
dspatz@cgcc.cc.or.us

Maupin:

Thursday, June 17, 10 am - Noon
Imperial River Company
304 Bake Oven Road, Maupin
Contact: Denny Ross, Mayor
541.395.2698
ddross@centurytel.net
541.372.2978

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