

# The Citizen-Reporter



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## Design Work Continues on New Facility



*Pictured above: A watercolor rendering of the courthouse facilities project, courtesy of Hennebery Eddy Architects, Inc. A full color version is available for viewing in the Office of the County Court.*

Design work for the new facility continues to progress as the design team develops the fine details of the project. The structure of the building is set, and our team has turned its attention to the design of the systems within the building, such as HVAC, plumbing, and electrical. Also, placement and design of casework and other provisions within individual departments is beginning to take form. A big thanks goes out to the

department leads, who have been taking the time to sit with us and help ensure that what is being designed will meet the specific needs of Sherman County.

Another exciting milestone will be the construction of a new Weed Department shop building adjacent to the county fairgrounds. This is necessary because the current facility, in addition to being inadequate for the storage of necessary equipment and supplies, will need to be demolished to make room for the new building. At this time, bids have been received, and the team has been authorized to move forward with construction. Structural calculations are being completed for the shop structure, after which the submittal and permitting process will be completed and construction will begin. This is an important step for the overall project and the much-needed facility that will help improve the delivery of an important county service.

*~Heath Gardner, Wenaha Group Project Manager*

## Fall Weed Control Strategies

Fall is an excellent time to spray many hard-to-control perennial weeds like Russian Knapweed and Canada Thistle. The following is an excerpt from “Fall Application of Milestone to Control Key Invasive Weeds” from Techline, a Weed Management Services publication from Helena, Montana:

Fall is an excellent time to control invasive weeds with Milestone. Late summer and fall rains in many areas of the west in 2012 [still relevant in 2016!] will provide land managers with a good opportunity to extend their application season.

Russian Knapweed - Milestone at 5 or 7 fluid ounces per acre is highly effective for controlling Russian Knapweed. Unlike other herbicides, applications of Milestone can be made on Russian Knapweed through late summer and until after the foliage has died back (leaves are brown and dead!) in fall. Milestone is taken up by the foliage through the root crown or from the soil into this noxious weed. Milestone will provide residual control of plants that try to re-grow and emerge after initial application.

Canada Thistle - Field research has shown that fall applications are extremely effective with Milestone at labeled rates of 5 to 7 ounces per acre. Tank mixing with another herbicide is not necessary; Milestone alone will control Canada Thistle. University of Nebraska research reports Canada Thistle is actually more susceptible to herbicides when applied in the fall following a frost. Applications can be made in the fall as long as there is live Canada Thistle foliage. Even though the leaves will begin to senesce, generally there is still excellent efficacy up to late October as long as there is some green foliage.

Rush Skeletonweed would also be a good candidate for fall applications with Milestone. Milestone is a non-restricted product with low-use rates and no activity on desirable grasses. ALWAYS read and follow the label.

For more information, contact the Sherman County Weed District at 541-565-3655.

~Rod Asher – Weed District Director

## Participation Invited to Shape Regional Economic Development Strategy

The community is invited to participate as partners begin the regular updating of the Regional Economic Development Strategy for the Columbia River Gorge. Led by Mid-Columbia Economic Development District, the strategy will outline a five-year plan for the region covering Hood River, Wasco, and Sherman counties in Oregon and Skamania and Klickitat counties in Washington.

Monthly meetings began in September to bring together regional participants to identify economic development strategies based on current trends and areas best suited for growth to sustain the region’s economy, reduce unemployment, and create family wage jobs. The first of the monthly events was held in September and focused on identifying the Gorge’s strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats.

If you would like to participate, please send RSVPs to Sherry Bohn at [sbohn@mcedd.org](mailto:sbohn@mcedd.org) or 541-296-2266.

~Amanda Hoey, Mid-Columbia Economic Development District Executive Director

### Future sessions include:

- Developing Vision and Goals—October 27, Stevenson
- **Understanding Our Industry Sectors—November 17, Sherman County Extension Office, Moro**
- Developing Strategies—December 8, Wasco County
- Developing Ways to Measure Our Success—January 19, Klickitat County
- Prioritizing Strategies and Projects—February 16, Hood River County

# Public/School Library Updates



## FALL/WINTER 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.

### TECHNOLOGY HELP

Help is available with programs like Microsoft Office software, Facebook, e-mail, smart phone technology, and more! Stop by or give us a call if you would like to make an appointment!

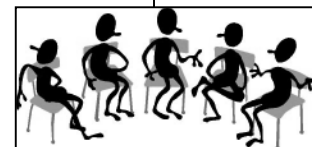


### DISCOVERY KITS

Come in and check out buckets that contain “Early Learning Kits” for teachers, parents, and caregivers of children. They include read-aloud books, books for emergent readers, video, and hands-on materials for young ones to enjoy. Teacher guides and early learning tip sheets are included.

### LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

Join us for tea, dessert, and book discussion! Please call or e-mail the library for times and dates.



### NEW BEST SELLERS

“The Perfect Horse” - Elizabeth Letts  
 “Saving My Assassin” - Virginia Prodan  
 “Homegoing” - Yaa Gyasi  
 “When Breath Becomes Air” - Paul Kalanithi  
 “The Underground Railroad” - Colson Whitehead



### STICKS IN STACKS: A SOCIAL FIBER ARTS CIRCLE EVERY THURSDAY 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. All fiber arts are welcome.

### FACEBOOK



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

“We don’t need to have just one favorite. We keep adding favorites. Our favorite book is always the book that speaks most directly to us at a particular stage in our lives. And our lives change. We have other favorites that give us what we most need at that particular time. But we never lose the old favorites. They’re always with us. We just sort of accumulate them.”

— Lloyd Alexander

#### Phone:

541-565-3279

#### Address:

65912 High School Loop  
Moro, Oregon, 97039

#### Website:

[www.scpslibrary.wix.com/scpsl](http://www.scpslibrary.wix.com/scpsl)

#### Email:

[shermanlibrary@sherman.k12.or.us](mailto:shermanlibrary@sherman.k12.or.us)

~ Marylou Martin, Library Director

## Exploring the Future of the Wasco Annex

The Wasco School recently held its centennial celebration, and many former students and teachers showed up to celebrate the historic building. The building now operates as a community center, hosting community programs like Sherman County Foodbank, Pioneer Potlatch, and the Wasco City Library. Sherman County acquired the Wasco Grade School, now called the Wasco Annex, in 2012 after it was vacated when Sherman County School District consolidated all elementary school functions to the Grass Valley campus.

When the county took ownership of the Annex, several community meetings were held in Wasco to collect input about how the building should be used and how it could provide the best value to the City of Wasco and Sherman County. The meetings were led by DiLoreto Architecture. During discussions with the Wasco City Council after these meetings, the county explored whether the City of Wasco might be interested in taking over ownership of the building. The county proposed offering the City of Wasco an upfront sum to aid with restoration and maintenance costs plus yearly payments until the end of SIPs to help pay operating costs. Wasco City Council did not express an interest in accepting this proposal, and the County maintains ownership of the building. However, the county still hopes to find a way for the City of Wasco to participate in the ownership and control of its historic school.

The building requires constant upkeep, so a maintenance technician was hired in 2012 to manage the Annex. Three years ago, Sherman County Court hired an architect to develop specifications for reroofing the building. The architect suggested that, before investing hundreds of thousands of dollars, the Court develop a sustainable, long-term plan for the building. Since then, the county has been working with the architect to create a long-term plan. Recently, DiLoreto Architects and Wenaha Group have been exploring the possibility of renovating the newer gym to reduce operating costs and still maintain the community functions of meeting space, hosting Potlatch, and hosting the library. Sora Design Group is currently conducting an energy study of the Annex. The Court is also working to determine if the original building can be made to operate at significantly lower costs.

The Court has explored other options, including meeting with Mid-Columbia Housing Authority, to determine if the site would be a good fit for senior housing. Negotiations with Representative Greg Smith are also underway to determine if the facility can be used to host state workers. The building was hooked up to fiber in 2016, and the availability of high-speed Internet will open up new possible uses for the Annex.

Although no course of action has been decided, it is important to explore all options so an informed decision can be made about the future of the building. Once a viable option is found, the Court will approach Wasco City Council to discuss the plan. The ultimate goal is for the Wasco Annex to be self-sustaining. Operating at the current level of cost is not sustainable. The Annex is used by many entities, and having it open as a community center is a great asset to Wasco. The Court is actively seeking input regarding feasible, long-term solutions to keeping the Wasco Annex a usable asset in the community. Any suggestions or ideas can be forwarded to the Office of the County Court at [lhernandez@co.sherman.or.us](mailto:lhernandez@co.sherman.or.us) or (541) 565-3416.

*~Lauren Hernandez, Administrative Assistant*

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### Pink Gloves in October!

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Sherman County Ambulance personnel will be sporting pink gloves for the month! This is to honor those who have personally dealt with breast cancer or have a friend or family member who has dealt with breast cancer.



## Sherman Development League Applications

Sherman Development League (SDL) grant application forms for projects and/or programs in Sherman County are now available. Grants can be applied for by 501(c)(3) and other non-profit organizations. Organizations that have received a grant from SDL are not eligible to apply until their current grant requirements have been met. Revolving loan funds are available to for-profit entities and businesses.

Applications will be accepted until November 15, 2016, and grants will be awarded by February 1, 2017. To receive appropriate grant/loan application forms, please submit a letter of request which includes:

- A brief description of your project.
- State if the project is a capital expenditure, one-time program or pilot project, emergency assistance, or a loan request.
- Identify the type of organization requesting funding.

Mail or email requests to:

Sherman Development League, Inc.  
 P.O. Box 11  
 Moro, OR 97039  
[shermandevelopmentleague@gmail.com](mailto:shermandevelopmentleague@gmail.com)

If you have questions, contact Melva Thomas by phone at 541-442-5488 or by email at [shermandevelopmentleague@gmail.com](mailto:shermandevelopmentleague@gmail.com)

*~Melva Thomas, Sherman Development League*

### The Oregon Drive Less Challenge October 1-15

Not making it to the gym? Looking to reduce your carbon footprint? Want to save up for that vacation?



Discover healthy, green travel options that can save you money and time!



**Join at [DriveLessConnection.com](http://DriveLessConnection.com), and you could win prizes!**

## Sherman County Preschool in Session!

Sherman County Preschool is excited to announce our first year joining the Sherman County School continuum of education services; this was made possible through the foresight and generosity of the School District to build a preschool classroom and private play area during their larger consolidation process. The transition between preschool and kindergarten is a vital stage in early education, and we are so grateful for our families to have this opportunity to connect and share resources. Sherman County Preschool worked hard over the last year to blend the assets and strengths of the two previous preschools in order to merge them into a quality unified program for our youngest students. We are gifted with an experienced and innovative teaching team and a great bunch of kiddos. This year, Sherman County Preschool is also offering a new transportation option to best serve our families and ensure that every kid that wants to attend preschool is able to (we're still looking for a driver to allow us to run our own bussing in-house – applications welcome!). For questions, or to inquire about our few remaining openings, please contact Sherman County Preschool at 541-565-3320.

*~Amber DeGrange, Juvenile Director*

## Access South Sherman Fire & Rescue Online

South Sherman Fire & Rescue encourages people to 'like' our Facebook page and check out our website to stay up to date with their fire department and community. Please be aware, these pages are maintained by volunteers who do their best to update regularly but are not always able to. To access the website, go to [www.southshermanfire.com](http://www.southshermanfire.com). To find us on Facebook, search for South Sherman Fire and Rescue.

*~Amber Kuettel, South Sherman Fire & Rescue*


# General Election—November 8, 2016

The final day to register to vote in this election is Tuesday, October 18. Registration cards postmarked by this date or submitted online no later than 11:59pm are valid. Ballots will be mailed between October 20 and 25. 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.

Your voted ballot must be received by 8pm on November 8, 2016. Postmarks do not count. The Postal Service recommends that voters mail ballots one week before the due date to account for any unforeseen events or weather issues and to allow for timely receipt and processing by election officials. Official ballot drop-site locations for 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](http://www.co.sherman.or.us/govt_clerk.asp). The state voters' pamphlet will be mailed by the Secretary of State's office no later than October 19.

In addition to federal and state candidates and measures, the following local offices and measure will be voted on. Candidate names are arranged by surname in random order in accordance with ORS 254.155. If you have questions about voter registration, need an absentee ballot, or have other questions, please contact the clerk's office at 541-565-3606.

**SHERMAN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT:**  
Zone 3 – Vote for one  
 Thad N Eakin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Write-in \_\_\_\_\_  
At Large 1 – Vote for one  
 Clint Moore \_\_\_\_\_  
 Write-in \_\_\_\_\_



**PARTISAN COUNTY OFFICES:**  
Commissioner  
Position 1 – Vote for one  
 Joe Dabulskis  
 (Republican)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Write-in \_\_\_\_\_


**NONPARTISAN COUNTY OFFICES:**  
Clerk – Vote for one  
 Jenine McDermid \_\_\_\_\_  
 Write-in \_\_\_\_\_  
Sheriff – Vote for one  
 Brad A Lohrey \_\_\_\_\_  
 Write-in \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY OF WASCO:**  
Mayor – Vote for one  
 Carol MacKenzie  
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 Write-in \_\_\_\_\_  
City Council – Vote for two  
 Ken DeGrange  
 Sharon Chard  
 Scott Miller  
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 Write-in \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Write-in \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY OF RUFUS:**  
Mayor – Vote for one  
 Dan Pehlke  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Write-in \_\_\_\_\_  
City Council, Pos. 3 – Vote for one  
 Austin Evans  
 Sue Jensen  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Write-in \_\_\_\_\_  
City Council, Pos. 4 – Vote for one  
 Scott Holliday  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Write-in \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY OF MORO:**  
Mayor – Vote for one  
 John Waldron \_\_\_\_\_  
 Andy Anderson \_\_\_\_\_ Write-in \_\_\_\_\_  
City Council – Vote for two  
 Perry Thurston \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bert Perisho \_\_\_\_\_ Write-in \_\_\_\_\_  
 Jim Payne \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Write-in \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY OF GRASS VALLEY:**  
Mayor - Vote for one  
 Neil Pattee \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Write-in \_\_\_\_\_  
City Council, Pos. 4 – Vote for one  
 Joan Bird \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Write-in \_\_\_\_\_  
City Council, Pos. 5 – Vote for one  
 Meinrad Kuettel \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Write-in \_\_\_\_\_  
City Council, Pos. 6 – Vote for one  
 Bonne Whitley \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Write-in \_\_\_\_\_



**Measure proposing amendment of the Charter for City of Moro.**  
**Question:** Should the Moro City Charter, amended in 1962, 1985, and 2004, be amended?  
**Summary:** The measure, if adopted would adopt amendments to the Charter for the City of Moro. The Charter is the basic document governing how a city government functions. The City's current Charter was amended by voters in 1962, 1985 and 2004. Some of the provisions in the Charter are outdated or obsolete. The proposed amendments address these problems and uses simplified language with the intention of making the Charter more understandable and accessible to City residents.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Yes  
 \_\_\_\_\_ No

## Big Tobacco Targets Youth

The use of nicotine during adolescence can disrupt the formation of brain circuits that control attention, learning, and susceptibility to addiction. According to Oregon Health Authority, e-cigarette use has increased at alarming rates, especially in young people in Oregon. In Oregon alone, e-cigarette use among high school youth has more than tripled from **5.2% in 2013 to 17.1% in 2015.**



90% of smokers started before the age of 18. Department of Health and Human Services reported out of middle and high school students who used tobacco products in 2014, more than 60% smoked flavored tobacco. Kids who would otherwise not be attracted to e-cigarettes are being attracted because of appealing flavors such as watermelon, bubble gum, chocolate, and more.

In 2015, a study from The Journal of The American Medical Association reported minors successfully placed 75 orders with 23 unsuccessful purchases from 98 different online vendors. Only five were rejected for age verification, concluding that 93.7% of e-cigarette vendors failed to properly verify their customers' ages.

~Hayli Eiesland, Tobacco Prevention & Education Coordinator, North Central Public Health District

## Erin Burnham, MD, Medical Director of the Year!



Sherman County Ambulance's Medical Director, Erin Burnham, received the honor of Oregon Health Authority's Medical Director of the Year for 2016. Dr. Burnham has great passion for the

EMS community, as demonstrated through long years of service as EMS Medical Director for Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue and for North Central EMS, including Wasco County and Sherman County.

"Her in-depth case reviews and constructive, encouraging support for EMS personnel are truly appreciated. She responds to questions in a positive, informative manner, and volunteers feel comfortable when talking to her. Her supportive relationship with EMS volunteers has fostered a positive working and learning environment," states Shawn Payne, one of the two who nominated her for the honor. Burnham was co-nominated by Dr. Paul Rostykus.

~Shawn Payne, Emergency Services Director

## Hardest Hit Fund Assistance Available

Oregon Homeownership Stabilization Initiative is now offering Hardest Hit Fund assistance for property owners facing tax delinquency due to financial hardship. Your home's property tax account may be brought current through this program if:

- You can afford your property taxes going forward once you get caught up
- Your current income does not exceed 120% of the state median income
- You do not own other residential property
- Your home is a one-unit, single-family, owner-occupied primary residence (includes condos, townhomes, and de-tiled manufactured homes)
- Your property value does not exceed \$625,000

Visit [www.oregonhomeownrhelp.org](http://www.oregonhomeownrhelp.org) or call 503-986-2025.





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## Three Easy Steps to Recycle!

### 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



### The Solid Waste Transfer Site:

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

### The Dalles Disposal

1317 West 1<sup>st</sup> Street -The Dalles, 97058  
(541) 298-5149

### 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.