

# The Citizen-Reporter



## SHERMAN COUNTY

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### Sherman County Courthouse Project Update



*Pictured: A conceptual model of the new building attached by link to the existing courthouse. Note: The model is a draft in progress.*

During May, an important milestone was met with the completion of the schematic design phase of the new Sherman County administration building. This process included representatives from all affected County departments as well as the County Court and the Circuit Court. Hennebery Eddy Architects facilitated their involvement and identified features and requirements that would be needed in order to provide efficient services to the county now and in the future. The result was several design options which were narrowed and refined through the work of the steering committee and with additional input from department representatives. Finally, the preferred option was developed into a schematic design, which includes a rough floor plan, site plan, and information on the intended systems and building materials. Over the coming months, this design will be developed and refined into a complete set of documents that can be used to construct the building. At completion of schematic design, the project is on

schedule for an anticipated start of construction in early 2017.

Many people have inquired of team members and county staff as to various aspects of the project and process. The following are examples of questions that have been directed to project team members as the project has developed, with answers provided by team members:

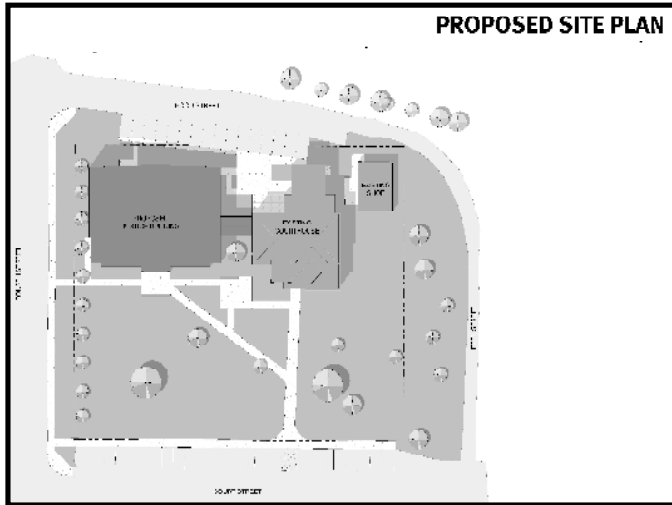
**Q: Why is this project important to Sherman County?**

A: In the hundred plus years since the current courthouse was built, the number and type of services required to govern Sherman County have transformed to the point where the building is no longer able to accommodate the many demands placed upon it. The well-documented shortcomings include lack of adequate workspace, security and code compliance concerns related to design limitations, challenges in maintaining confidentiality while conducting the county's business, and scheduling conflicts due to a shortage of appropriate spaces for meetings and judicial proceedings, to name several.

**Q: How much will the project cost, and how will it be paid for?**

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## Courthouse Project Update (Continued)



*Pictured: The proposed site plan showing the location and projected placement of the new building.*

A: The project has a budget of 8.7 million dollars, which includes the addition of a 15,250 square foot two-story building that will be located next to the existing courthouse and connected at the ground level. Also included is the renovation of the existing building to extend its useful life well into the future. Additionally, the Sherman County Weed Department will be relocated to a facility that will be established adjacent to the fairgrounds on county-owned property. The project will be funded with Strategic Investment Program funds associated with wind projects operating in the county. All aspects of the project will be paid for in full upon final completion.

**Q: Did Sherman County consider alternative locations so the building would not be located beside the courthouse, and will the historic value of the courthouse be diminished by this project?**

A: The project team identified that it was important to consolidate as many county functions as possible in the area including and adjacent to the current building in order to provide the desired level of access to governmental services. Project architect Hennebery Eddy has provided a design that allows the new and existing buildings to complement one another in terms of appearance and function while assuring that the historic

building will retain its appropriate role as the dominant architectural feature on the site. Hennebery Eddy has extensive experience with projects involving historic buildings and has an established working history with the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office, which will provide approval of the project prior to the beginning of construction. The team recognizes that if a suitable location on the existing county-owned site had not been identified, the county would have faced the need to acquire additional property, which would have likely been an expensive undertaking.

**Q: How will the new and existing buildings be utilized upon completion?**

A: After the conclusion of an extensive programming effort that was designed to identify the optimum location of the various departments, it was determined that the existing and new buildings would each have a distinct purpose. The existing courthouse will contain the administrative function of the county, while the new building will house the law enforcement and judicial function. It became clear during the programming phase that the current building is better suited to providing for the administration of the county, while the more specialized design requirements of the law enforcement and judicial entities can best be achieved through new construction.

**Q: When is construction anticipated to begin, and when will the project be completed?**

A: The remainder of 2016 will involve completing the Design Development, Construction Document, and Permitting phases for the new building and courthouse renovation. It is likely that actual construction will begin in early 2017 and continue throughout most of the year. Construction of the Weed Department building will take place in the fall of 2016. Sherman County will continue to provide updates throughout the preconstruction and construction phases of the project.

*~ Heath Gardner, Wenaha Group;  
Ron McDermid, Project Team Member*

# Public/School Library Updates

## SUMMER READING—On Your Mark, Get Set...READ! (Ages 0-11)

**\*All programs start at 10:00am except the Saturday program**

- June 14** Tuesday 10:00am “*Traveling Lantern Theatre Company*” brings a young athlete to take you on an Olympic adventure!
- June 21** Tuesday 10:00am “Numbers” (0-3 years), “Global Playground” (4+years)
- July 9** Saturday 11:00am “*Penny’s Puppet Productions*” Enjoy this original mini-musical.
- July 12** Tuesday 10:00am “Music” (0-3 years), “Out of the Ordinary” (4+years)
- July 19** Tuesday 10:00am “Water” (0-3 years), “Fueling Your Engine” (4+years)
- July 26** Tuesday 10:00am “Senses” (0-3 years), “Motion Commotion” (4+years)

\*Kids can get on the swim bus at 11:15am at the library

### 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.

### NEW BEST SELLERS

- “Lilac Girls” Martha Hall Kelly
- “Chicago” Brian Doyle
- “Journey to Munich” Jacqueline Winspear
- “Miller’s Valley” Anna Quindlen

### 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.

- Website:** [www.scpslibrary.wix.com/scpsl](http://www.scpslibrary.wix.com/scpsl)
- Email:** [shermanlibrary@sherman.k12.or.us](mailto:shermanlibrary@sherman.k12.or.us)
- Phone:** 541-565-3279
- Address:** 65912 High School Loop  
Moro, Oregon 97039

“In the case of good books, the point is not to see how many of them you can get through, but rather how many can get through to you.”

- Mortimer Adler

### SUMMER HOURS

- Tuesday 11:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.
- Thursday 11:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.
- Saturday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

### LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

Our newly-formed book club meets once a month. Please call or e-mail the library for times and dates.

~ Marylou Martin, Library Director

## 2016 Primary Election Unofficial Results and General Election Information

In the May 17 Primary Election, 56% of Sherman County's registered voters cast their ballots. Due to space limitation, abbreviated results are listed. Official certified election results will be available online by June 6 at: [http://www.co.sherman.or.us/govt\\_clerk.asp](http://www.co.sherman.or.us/govt_clerk.asp) .

### Democrat:

President – Bernie Sanders 81, Hillary Clinton 67  
US Senator – Ron Wyden 125, Kevin H. Stine 20  
Rep. in Congress, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dist. – James (Jim) Crary 106  
Governor – Kate Brown 104, Dave Stauffer 23  
Secretary of State – Brad Avakian 53, Richard Devlin 41

### Republican:

President – Donald J. Trump 279, Ted Cruz 59  
US Senator – Mark Callahan 116, Sam Carpenter 99  
Rep. in Congress, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dist. – Greg Walden 340, Paul J. Romero Jr. 51  
Governor – Allen Alley 145, Bud Pierce 119  
Secretary of State – Dennis Richardson – 267, Sid Leiken 55  
Commissioner – Joe Dabulskis 196, Mike Smith 180  
Precinct Committeeperson, Wasco – Mike W. McArthur 95

### Independent:

President – No Candidate Filed  
US Senator – Steven C. Reynolds 8, Marvin Sandnes 2  
Governor – Cliff Thomason 6, Patrick Barney 3

Nonaffiliated or minor political party candidates for the partisan county commissioner office must file a certificate of nomination no sooner than June 1, 2016, and no later than 5:00pm August 30, 2016. The last day to withdraw a nomination is September 2, 2016. Information is available online at <http://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/laws-rules-publications.aspx> or by contacting the clerk's office at 541-565-3606. The offices of sheriff and county clerk will also appear on the November 8 General Election ballot.

**Upcoming City Positions:** Also at the November 8 General Election, voters residing in cities will elect mayors and council

members to fill expiring terms. The filing window for these offices is no sooner than June 1, 2016, and no later than August 30, 2016. Candidates must file with their city elections officer by paying a fee or by petition to obtain signatures. All signature sheets must be approved in writing by the city elections officer before circulating. Candidates must allow sufficient time for signatures to be verified before the filing deadline. For more information and specific requirements, please contact your city elections official.

~ Jenine McDermid, Clerk

## Station Manager Named

Kyle Bender has been named to replace Erling Jacobsen as Field Manager at the Sherman Experiment Station in Moro. Bender was raised near Culver and has experience with farm production, management, and machinery operating and repair. He does not officially start until after graduating from Blue Mountain Community College but is expected officially by June 13, two days before the Station's annual field day, Wednesday June 15. He is currently completing his studies while maintaining a position as a student worker at the Columbia Basin Ag Research Center in Pendleton.

~ Sandy Macnab, OSU Extension

### Parenting Classes

Who: Parents with children ages 12-17

When: September-November  
Monday 5:30-8:00pm

Where: Moro Community  
Presbyterian Church

Topics: Behavior, support,  
risks, etc.

\*Daycare and dinner provided

Sign up: Nancy 1-855-308-2236

~ Katie Paul, Victims' Assistance

# Margaret Snider Named 2016 Sherman County Fair Grand Marshal



Margaret Snider was born and raised in Sherman County and has lived her entire life in Grass Valley aside from a short time attending Girls Polytechnical Institute in Portland and three years when she and her second husband, Leo, were temporarily stationed at Basque Junction with Oregon Department of Transportation. Joe

Hammond, Margaret's first husband, was the Sherman County trapper for the United States Department of Interior for over ten years. He was later employed by the Sherman County Road Department until his death in 1972.

The older daughter of Dick and Polly (Wilson) Reckman, Margaret was raised on the family ranch tending sheep, cattle, pigs, chickens, and horses. Her 4-H critters included Shorthorns and Herefords. In 1947, one of her Shorthorns went to the Pacific International Livestock Exposition in Portland.

While attending Girls Poly, Margaret learned cake decorating and other culinary skills that have given her a lifetime of fulfillment. She made dozens of wedding and anniversary cakes over the years and cooked for hundreds of students in her twenty three years as head cook at Sherman High School and thirteen years at South Sherman Elementary. Margaret's biscuits and gravy are still in great demand. She learned how to embroider and knit at an early age, and many people have been recipients of her beautiful work.

Margaret has always enjoyed being involved with youth in her community. She began leading 4-H clubs in the 1950s and has been involved off and

on for fifty years, most recently helping in the 4-H Cloverbuds Sewing Club. When her daughters were young, she was a Brownie Scout leader and later a Theta Rho Girls Club Advisor. Margaret was active in the Rebekah Lodge for forty years, holding state and local offices. She served on the Grass Valley City Council for more than thirty years, including two terms as mayor. Margaret and Leo were vital in the formation of the South Sherman Fire Department in the 1980s. Whether it was driving truck during harvest, taking in ironing, cleaning houses, cooking, waitressing, wrapping meat, delivering rural route mail, or chauffeuring friends to appointments, Margaret has worked hard all her life and now enjoys spending her time working in her yard and riding along with her grandkids at they go about their ranching chores.

~ *Beth McCurdy, Fair Board Secretary*

## Veterans' Benefits Available

As a veteran, you have benefits earned as a result of your service to your state and country. Survivors and dependents of veterans may also qualify for benefits. Benefits are available only if applied for. Laws covering veterans' benefits are complex, and you are urged to get help in applying for them. No veterans' benefits are awarded automatically. The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs and most counties provide free benefits, counseling, and claims service. These advocates can help obtain all entitlements due.

**Local Contact Information:**

**Veterans' Service Officer:** Bryan Hunt  
**Phone:** 541-993-9144 (Cell)-Outreach-Mon  
 541-763-3032-Wheeler County-Tues  
 541-565-3408-Sherman County-Wed  
 541-384-6712-Gilliam County-Thurs  
**Email:** bhunt@ncesd.k12.or.us

~ *Bryan G. Hunt, Tri-County VSO*

## Report Safety Problems: Truck Safety Hotline

Are you frustrated with how fast traffic travels through the towns of Sherman County? Did you know if you spot a safety problem on the road, you have the option to report it? The Motor Carrier Transportation Division maintains a *Truck Safety Hotline* to take reports from motorists who see truck safety problems while traveling in Oregon. You don't have to be traveling to report the issue. Anytime you spot problems such as a truck speeding, tail gaiting, changing lanes unsafely, or spilling its load, you can report the incident by calling the toll-free number at 1-800-248-6782 or completing a form online at <http://trucking.odot.state.or.us/cf/mchotform/>. All complaints are confidential. Calls are recorded 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and the online form is available at all hours. Regardless of how reports are made, if enough information is received about an incident and the truck involved, the Motor Carrier Division will send a letter to the company responsible.

An ideal report would include the following: time, location, a description of the incident, the Oregon Department of Transportation license plate number (a red plate with white letters), or the company name and truck ID number on the cab. Because truck trailers are often leased, the trailer ID number may not be enough to identify the company using the trailer.

Since the hotline was established in 1988, thousands of motorists have used it to report hazards. The Oregon Department of Transportation thanks all who have used or plan to use the hotline for their help making Oregon's highways safe for everyone.

~ Shawn Payne, Emergency Services Director

## County Kids Hard at Work



Pictured from left to right: Connor D, Joe M, Gavenn L, Garak C, and Kolton B.

This March, Sherman County employed five local students over Spring Break for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual County Clean-Up. This hard working team did an awesome job picking up garbage off our county roads, often in freezing wind, collecting 70 bags worth of garbage (roughly 2900 pounds!), 17 tires, 2 giant tubes, a full barbeque, an antique stove top, and a truckload of random scrap metal. The team worked on new roads this year: Rutledge, Lone Rock, Joe Peters, Erskine, Klondike, South Scott Canyon (perfect timing since closed), and Hilderbrand. The team also continued in partnership with the school district, assisting classified staff with maintenance projects for one of the days. With great attitudes and work ethic, Gavenn L, Joe M, Garak C, Connor D, and Kolton B will be excellent additions to the work force. Thanks!

~ Amber DeGrange, Juvenile Department

### Resident Incentive Program

Applications for the 2016 Resident Incentive Program will be mailed during the first week of June. Completed forms must be returned no later than August 31, 2016, in order to qualify for this year's payment that will be sent out in December, 2016. Applications are also available online at Sherman County's website: [co.sherman.or.us](http://co.sherman.or.us) or by contacting Sherman County Financial Services at 541-565-3623.

## Grant Awards Announced by Development League

Sherman Development League (SDL) has announced the successful completion of grant awards for 2016, committing \$5,650.00 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 been established to provide loans to for-profit and non-profit businesses. SDL also serves as the Sherman County Cultural Coalition Board and provides related fiscal administration.

Four project applications met the requirements and goals established by SDL. Included are projects proposed by the City of Moro, City of Wasco, Sherman Elementary Library, and Sherman Elementary SMART program. Since 2007, the Development League has awarded seventy-four grants totaling \$1,157,235.00 in support of Sherman County organizations.

Applications for the next round of grant requests will be available in the fall of 2016. Requests for loans may be submitted at any time.

~ *Sherman Development League Board of Directors*

### **Job Skills Club:**

**When:** June 8-August 10, Wednesdays from 9:30-11am

**Where:** Sherman County Extension Office

**Topics:** Applications, resumes, interviews, etc.

**Sign-up:** Diane or Donitta (541) 298-4101

~ *Katie Paul – Victims' Assistance*

## Soil and Water Conservation District Board Member Openings

Sherman County Soil and Water Conservation District has openings for two board members coming up in November elections. Currently, an At Large opening and Zone 3 (south end of county) opening are available. If interested, please contact the office. Election applications will be made available in July. This is a great way to get your input into projects happening around the county. The Soil and Water Conservation District meets once a month for board meetings. At-large director must reside in the boundaries of the conservation district and be a registered voter. The Zone director must: Option 1 – own or manage 10 or more acres of land in the district, be involved in the active management of the property, reside within the boundaries of the district, and be a registered voter, or Option 2 – reside within the zone that is represented, have served at least one year as director or associate director of a district, have a conservation plan approved by the district board, and be a registered voter. Contact Tawnya Williams 541-565-3216 ext 101 or email [tawnya.williams@oacd.org](mailto:tawnya.williams@oacd.org).

~ *Tawnya Williams, SWCD District Manager*

## Oregon Senior Games

Bend, Oregon, is the mountain town that has it all, and now it has the Oregon Senior Games! From June 9-12, 2016, athletes age 50 and older can compete in one of the sixteen sports offered. Test your mettle against other seniors while enjoying a getaway in the outdoor playground of the west! Whether you're a super-competitive athlete or just someone looking to stay active, the Oregon Senior Games is a great event to add to your bucket list.

For more details, go to [http://www.visitbend.com/Bend\\_Oregon\\_Activities\\_Recreation/Oregon-Senior-Games/](http://www.visitbend.com/Bend_Oregon_Activities_Recreation/Oregon-Senior-Games/).

~ *Jan Byram, Senior Center Director*



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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.

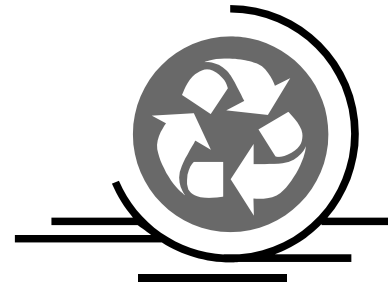
### Third Sort:

- 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.