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News from Wasco School Events Center

Since July 1 of this year, a group of volunteers has been busy planning for the future of the Wasco School Events Center. A Board of Directors has been formed, a part-time events center director has been hired, and dozens of volunteers have spent hundreds of hours working on different projects.

The biggest project to date is the creation of the Wasco Fitness Center. We offer monthly memberships for \$25 per person or \$45 per couple. If you pay for a year at a time, you get one month free. Your membership also includes a locker and access to the gym. The Fitness Center is open daily from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. We have the following equipment available for our members to use: treadmill, Bowflex tread climber, stationary bicycle, recumbent bicycle, elliptical, total gym, weight bench, squat rack, ballet barre, hand weights, and a TV with several exercise videos. With Christmas just around the corner, a gift certificate for a monthly or yearly membership would be the perfect present to put in someone's Christmas stocking.

We are also excited about the Cultural Trust grant we received. This grant will provide monies to purchase paint for the Leland Schwendel Auditorium (formerly the cafeteria) as well as a sound system, stage curtains, and portable coat racks. We also have black tablecloths for the round tables in the



Pictured above is the various fitness equipment available for use at the new Wasco Fitness Center.

auditorium. The room would be the perfect venue for your family reunion, company dinner, bridal or baby shower, wedding, birthday party . . . and much more.

Free coffee, cookies and donuts were served in the auditorium on Veterans Day, November 11, for all veterans, friends, and families.

We have rooms to rent for office space or for meetings. Our meeting room has Wi-Fi availability. If you are interested in booking an event or would just like to come see what we have been doing, please call 541-442-5778 or stop by anytime between 10:00a.m. and 1:00p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays. Our director, Melissa Kirkpatrick, would be happy to assist with whatever you need. Our Board meets the second Wednesday of every month at 6:00p.m., and the public is welcome to attend.

- Linda Krafscic, Wasco School Events Center Board Director



Are You Ready for Winter?

If you haven't already done so, please take time now to prepare yourself and your family for winter weather.

Winterize your vehicle:

Check maintenance/service issues like the antifreeze level, the heating system, and the wear on your tires. Also remember to update your vehicle emergency kit to include such items as water, snacks, a shovel, and a flashlight with working batteries. For a complete list of recommended maintenance and emergency kit items for your car, please visit the websites listed below.

Weatherize your home:

Weatherize your home to protect against the cold. Also, be sure your home emergency kit is up-to-date and includes things like extra blankets, a battery-powered radio, and an extra supply of non-perishable foods. For a complete list of recommended winter maintenance and emergency kit items for your home, please visit the websites listed below.

Protect your family:

Learn the signs of hypothermia and frost bite and understand weather warnings. Remember to keep emergency numbers in an easy to locate area, like on your refrigerator. For more great winter safety tips visit the links below.

Important info for anyone with respiratory issues - Keep in mind that stagnant air is often trapped beneath an inversion during the winter. This traps pollutants near the surface, impacting those with respiratory conditions. If this is a concern for anyone in your family, please check Oregon DEQ Air Quality Index at <http://www.deq.state.or.us/aqi/often>.

Oregon Health Authority:

<https://public.health.oregon.gov/Preparedness/Prepare/Pages/PrepareForWinterStorms.aspx>

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention:

<http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/winter/>



American Red Cross:

<http://www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/winter-storm>

FEMA:

<http://www.ready.gov/winter-weather>

(For more information, please contact North Central Public Health District at (541) 506-2600 or visit on the web at www.ncphd.org.)

- Teri Thalhofer, North Central Public Health District

Coming Soon: New Sherman County Website

Welcome to our future website!

We're excited to be launching a new website that will help us better serve Sherman County. But first, we're starting with "BETA"—a testing and feedback phase before we make it our official site. For a short period of time, the public BETA site will exist in tandem with our current website.

The new site focuses on helping residents, businesses and visitors better access services and information and

includes:

- a responsive design that adapts to phones, tablets, laptops and computers
- a simple search that makes it easier to find information and services
- an 'Answers' tool that lets users quickly access frequently asked questions
- integration with county social media accounts
- and more!

Once we've resolved final testing and preliminary feedback issues, we will make the BETA our official county website. After the official site is launched, much like consumer web applications we all use in our daily lives, the new site will continue to change and get better over time as we discover and address user needs.

Visit the BETA site here:

<https://sherman-county-or.proudcity.com/>

Timeline

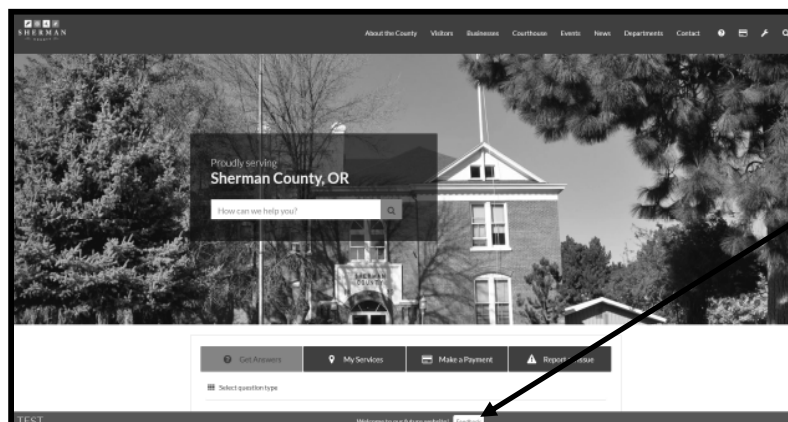
Here is the timeline for the new website launch:

- BETA launch: Now!
- Official launch goal: Week of December 4th

Feedback

Use the 'Feedback' button on the bottom of the website to share how we can make it serve you better!

We're excited to have a more modern, accessible website that will empower us all to best serve residents, visitors and businesses, and we look forward to making it better every day.



Click the feedback button shown here to leave feedback!

Public/School Library Updates

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.

WINTER BREAK HOURS DECEMBER 21-JANUARY 1

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.

(Closed Christmas Day & New Year's Day)

FOLKSONGS OF THE WINTER HOLIDAYS DECEMBER 5 6:00 PM

Adam Miller sings well-known and not-so-well-known traditional folk songs and carols for New Year's, Hanukkah, Christmas, and the Winter Solstice.

LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

Please join us for tea, dessert, and discussion of our monthly book. To request a hold: please call, e-mail, or stop by. Available in: Large Print and Audio by request. December's book is *Some Luck* by Jane Smiley, and January's book is *Winter Garden* by Kristin Hannah.

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CAN HAPPEN
WHEN YOU READ
A GOOD BOOK.**



J.K. ROWLING

NEW BEST SELLERS

The End of Alzheimer's	Dale E. Bredeesen, MD
Don't Let Go	Harlan Coben
Before We Were Yours	Lisa Wingate
Y Is For Yesterday	Sue Grafton
A Column of Fire	Ken Follett

DECORATE THE MITTEN TREE

Bring your donations of gloves, mittens, hats, and scarves to decorate the Mitten Tree. Community, school staff, and students are encouraged to adorn the bare branches with warmth. We are also requesting warm throws and blankets to place under the tree. The mitten tree will be up through the end of December and all donated items will be given to our local food bank and other agencies which serve Sherman County.

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541-565-3279

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65912 High School Loop
Moro, Oregon, 97039

Website:

ShermanCountyPSL.weebly.com/

Email:

shermanlibrary@sherman.k12.or.us

CRAFTS IN STACKS

DECEMBER 16 2:00 PM—4:00 PM

Create a customized t-shirt using a stencil and spray bleach. Please bring your own dark colored t-shirt or shirts. We will have a few stencils for you to choose from, or you can call/stop by the library if you have a special request for a design. You can also create your own image; for details on how, please speak with Abbey when you sign up. Ages: firmly 12 and up. Give us a call to reserve your spot before December 14. Space is limited to the first 15.

- Marylou Martin, Library Director

Local Agencies Receive Oregon Health Authority EMS Section Award

Sherman County Fire and EMS Agencies, along with Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue, received an EMS Unit Citation Award at the 2017 Oregon EMS Conference.

On 1/7/2017, at 13:45 during extremely hazardous weather conditions, a semi-truck attempted to pass an ODOT snowplow, and collided with an oncoming semi-truck. Two passenger vehicles were unable to avoid the ensuing collision. The location of the crash was in a remote part of Sherman County on Highway 97 near Kent, Oregon, about 65 miles from the closest hospital. Four agencies were involved in this MCI: South Sherman RFPD, Moro RFPD Sherman County Ambulance Service & Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue.

SSRFPD were first on scene, and immediately called for mutual aid from Moro RFPD. With the assistance of Moro RFPD, six patients were extricated, treated and transported to two local receiving facilities.

The vehicle most severely impacted carried a family of four, two of which required lengthy mechanical extrication; three had life threatening injuries.

Two additional patients from the remaining vehicles were treated and

transported with non-life-threatening injuries. Five patients were initially transported in two SCAS ambulances

SSRFPD Chief Glenn Fluhr transported the sixth patient in his Command vehicle.

SCAS Director, Shawn Payne, EMT-I, was out of town, but drove back to rendezvous with the crew to provide care to critically injured patients.

MCFR intercepted with SCAS Medic 1 and transported one of the critically ill patients.

“The smooth and coordinated rapid triage, incident management, quality patient care and communication between these rural volunteer agencies in extremely adverse weather conditions were noteworthy components of this response. The teamwork & cooperation between agencies, expeditious notification of MRH, and outstanding patient care resulted in favorable outcomes for all of the patients” according to Dr. Erin Burnham, Medical Director for Sherman County Ambulance and Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue and the person responsible for nominating the group.

- Shawn Payne, Emergency Services Director



The Sherman County Courthouse would like to give a warm welcome to the two newest staff members, Kayla von Borstel and Amy Asher. Kayla has been chosen as the new County Court Administrative Assistant. She is grateful and excited for the opportunity to fill this roll and is excited to help serve her community. Please contact Kayla for all your County Court needs at 541-565-3416 or email countycourt@shermancounty.net.

Amy has graciously accepted the position of Prevention Coordinator. She couldn't be happier with the career path she has chosen and is excited to continue involvement with the children and community. Amy can be contacted at 541-565-5036 or by email aasher@co.sherman.or.us.



AMBULANCE MEMBERSHIP FOR CHRISTMAS

Do you have that special someone who you just don't know what to get for Christmas? If you do and they live in Sherman County, think about an Ambulance Membership. Sherman County Ambulance has a membership program which costs \$30 per household, per year. Also, you might think about getting a Membership for yourself if you haven't already. This is a huge savings if you don't have insurance; an ambulance call can cost an average of \$2000. The Ambulance Membership Program is also part of the reciprocal network with approximately 80 other agencies within Oregon. The Sherman County Ambulance Membership provides coverage if you are in need of an ambulance in another city and they are part of this network. If you have insurance, we will still bill for the call; however, if the insurance doesn't pay the entire bill, the Membership will cover the remaining balance. If you don't have insurance, the Membership covers the entire bill.

If purchasing for a gift, we will send you a holiday inspired gift certificate to give to your loved one. If interested, contact Shawn at the Emergency Services Building in Moro at 309 Dewey Street; 541-565-3100; or email to emergencyserv@embarqmail.com.

Sherman County Board of Property Tax Appeals Notice of Session

Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, February 28, 2018, at 9:00am, the Board of Property Tax Appeals (BOPTA) of the County of Sherman, State of Oregon will meet to:

- Hear petitions for reduction of the real market, maximum assessed, specially assessed, or assessed value of Property as of January 1, 2017, or as determined under ORS 308.146(5) (a), ORS 308.146(6)(b), or ORS 308.428.
- Hear petitions for reduction of value corrected under ORS 311.208.
- Hear petitions for waiver of penalties for late filing of real or personal property returns.

The petition filing deadline for **hand-delivered petitions** is 5:00pm January 2, 2018. **Petitions** can only be accepted by the County Clerk's Office. **Mailed petitions** must be postmarked on or before January 2, 2018. **Faxed or electronically filed petitions** must be received by midnight Pacific Standard Time January 2, 2018 as evidenced by electronic acknowledgement of receipt produced by the County's fax machine

Cultural Coalition Fall Grant Awards

Fall grant awards for 2017 have been announced by the Sherman County Cultural Coalition (SCCC) committing \$8,607.00 to projects that strengthen existing cultural resources or engage the community in the arts, heritage or humanities in Sherman County.

Seven project applications met the goals and priorities established by the Coalition in the Sherman County Cultural Plan. Successful applicants and projects are as follows: City of Grass Valley – *Annual Easter Egg Hunt*; City of Wasco – *Color Brochure & ADA Picnic Table*; Grass Valley First Baptist Church – *Spring Fling*; Sherman County 4H Poultry Club – *Tops for Turkey Pens*; Sherman County Public/School Library – *Author Visit*; Sherman County Jr./Sr. High

or computer network.

Petition forms to file your appeal are available at the County Clerk's office and online at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/DOR/programs/property/Pages/property-appeals.aspx>

The board will meet at the Sherman County Courthouse Addition in the city of Moro, Oregon. A schedule of hearings for those who request to be present will be posted 48 hours prior to the meeting on the door of the Hearings Room, in the Sherman County Courthouse Addition, Moro, Oregon.

If you have requested to be present at the hearing, you will be notified of the date, time, and place to appear. All other hearings will be scheduled as time allows. We request you provide your additional appeal evidence at least seven (7) working days prior to your hearing so that we may make copies for the board members and the Assessor's office. Please mail, hand deliver, or fax your additional evidence to 541-565-3771. Please do not email your evidence. If you wish to present your additional evidence at the hearing,

please bring five (5) copies of your evidence with you. In order to most effectively use the time allocated for your hearing, it is best to have all evidence prepared and available before the hearing begins. Contact the Board of Property Tax Appeals clerk for information.

Executive sessions may be held during the session as authorized by ORS 192.660 to consider documents and information made confidential under ORS 308.290, ORS 308.411, and ORS 308.413.

It shall be the duty of the persons interested to appear at the time and place appointed. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone in need of special accommodations is asked to submit a request at least 48 hours prior to the meeting by contacting Jenine McDermid or Rita Wilson at 541-565-3606

Association of Oregon Counties Annual Meeting

Judge Gary Thompson, Commissioner Joe Dabulskis, and Planning Director Georgia Macnab attended the Annual Conference of the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) which began on November 14th, 2017 at the Hilton Conference Center in Eugene, Oregon. Several counties throughout the state attended the three-day event which featured workshops, policy discussions, educational opportunities, and networking. Administrative Assistants Kayla von Borstel and Lauren Hernandez attended the final evening for the County Tasting Event. This event showcases sample food products from local businesses within each county.



Band – *California Trip*; Wasco School Events Center – *Renovation of Events Center Cafeteria/Stage*.

Funding for these community projects was made possible with a grant award received from the Oregon Cultural Trust plus matching funds generously provided by Sherman County. Applications for the next grant cycle will be available in the spring of 2018.

For additional information on the Sherman County Cultural Coalition, please visit our website at <https://www.shermancountyculturalcoalition.com>.

- Melva Thomas, Sherman County Cultural Coalition



Pictured: South Sherman Fire & Rescue display the newly acquired Burn Trailer

South Sherman Fire & Rescue Acquires Burn Trailer

At South Sherman Fire & Rescue's annual awards banquet held in September, Chief Fluhr announced to his volunteers that the district had purchased a burn trailer. Chief Fluhr has been in negotiations with Chief Palmer of Mid-Columbia Fire & Rescue for approximately a year and a half to purchase their burn trailer. The burn trailer allows the firefighters of the county to experience realistic fire in addition to search and rescue training. This allows better preparation to face the dangers of structure firefighting, which decreases the risk to our firefighters while increasing the chances of saving citizens who may be in danger.

The burn trailer is a propane-based system as this provides the most realistic simulation for fire training. This provides a lower cost of operation due to reduced maintenance and lower fuel consumption. Propane is also more environmentally friendly than alternative fuel sources.

According to Chief Fluhr, this is a huge tool in the tool box that will enhance the safety of our firefighters by giving them real-world training in a controlled safe manner. This trailer is designed to make it as realistic as possible while providing safety to our firefighters. The burn trailer has several different training prop configurations so that the instructors can create several different scenarios. It is South Sherman Fire & Rescue's goal to provide the best training to all volunteer firefighters in Sherman County. This burn trailer takes training in Sherman County to a new level that is usually only offered by larger metropolitan fire districts.

- Amber Kuettel, South Sherman Fire & Rescue

2018 Primary Election Notice



Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, the Sherman County Clerk's Office will be conducting the 2018 Primary Election by mail. Candidates may file for office from September 7, 2017, until the deadline of 5:00pm on March 6, 2018. The following county offices will appear on the ballot:

PARTISAN OFFICE:

Major party candidates will be nominated for this office at the Primary and elected at the November 6, 2018 General Election:

- ◆ County Commissioner, Position 2 – 4 year term (Current: Tom McCoy)

NONPARTISAN OFFICES:

Candidates for the following nonpartisan offices may be elected to office at the Primary:

- ◆ County Judge – 6 year term (Current: Gary Thompson)
- ◆ County Assessor – 4 year term (Current: Ross A. Turney)
- ◆ District Attorney – 4 year term (Current: Wade McLeod)

Candidates for the offices of County Judge and District Attorney are required to file directly with the Oregon Secretary of State's office.

Candidates for the following nonpartisan office will be nominated at the Primary and elected at the November 6, 2018 General Election:

- ◆ County Treasurer – 4 year term (Current: Marnene Benson-Wood)

LOCAL PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSONS:

Precinct Committeeperson candidates may file for office between February 6, 2018 and 5:00pm March 6, 2018. These are 2 year terms and are elected at the Primary.

Forms and manuals are available on-line at the Oregon Secretary of State, Elections Division <http://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/runforoffice.aspx>. Links to forms are also available on the Sherman County Clerk's web page: http://www.co.sherman.or.us/govt_clerk.asp and forms are available at the Clerk's Office which is located in the Courthouse at 500 Court Street, Moro, OR. Please call 541-565-3606 if you have questions.

- Jenine McDermid, Clerk



Special Statewide Election - January 23, 2018

On January 23, 2018, there will be a Statewide Special Election in Oregon. This measure was referred to the people by Referendum. This will be the only question that will appear on the ballot and will be numbered Measure 101. Please see the following link for the ballot measure statement:

The final day to register to vote in this election is January 2. Voter registration cards postmarked by this date or an online registration submitted no later than 11:59pm are valid. Voter registration or information updates can be done online at: <http://sos.oregon.gov/voting/Pages/registration.aspx>. Registration cards can be obtained at any post office, Department of Motor Vehicles, and the county clerk's office or printed from: <http://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Documents/SEL500.pdf>.

If you are a Military or an Overseas Voter please visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) webpage <https://www.fvap.gov/oregon>

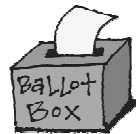
Voters' pamphlets will be mailed to every household between December 27 and 29. Ballots will be mailed by January 9. It's important to update your voter registration if you have moved or changed your mailing address. The Postal Service cannot forward ballots. *An absentee ballot can be requested if you will be away from home and would like to receive your ballot at a different address. To obtain an absentee ballot request form, please contact the clerk's office or print one at home:* <http://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Documents/SEL111.pdf>

Your voted ballot must be received on or before 8:00pm on Election Day or it will not be counted. Postmarks do not count. The ballot return envelope can be stamped and mailed or dropped off at any official county drop site across the state. If a voter casts their ballot after the Wednesday before an election, the ballot should be left at an official drop box site to ensure it's counted. Our white drop boxes are labeled "Official Sherman County Ballot Drop Site" and are located near the following offices: Rufus City Maintenance Building – 400 Main Street – To the right of the city drop box

Wasco City Hall – 1017 Clark Street – Located just uphill from the stop sign between the sidewalk and street
Grass Valley City Hall – 109 SW Mill Street – To the left of the city drop box
Sherman County Courthouse – 500 Court Street, Moro - In the Clerk's Office

Please call the Sherman County Clerk's Office at 541-565-3606 if: you do not receive a ballot; you make a mistake on your ballot; your ballot is damaged or destroyed; you lose your ballot; you need an absentee ballot; you have any other ballot or voting problems; or you are in need of further assistance. Please be sure to sign your ballot return envelope.

- Jenine McDermid, Clerk



FREE First Aid / CPR / AED Course

Wasco Co. Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) and North Central Public Health District invite you to register for a FREE First Aid / CPR / AED Course taught by Marc Taylor, American Safety and Health Institute (ASHI) certified instructor.

Date: Monday, December 11th, 2017

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Mid-Columbia Fire & Rescue, The Dalles

Space is limited and you MUST register to attend.

For more information & to register, go to: <https://wascofirstaid.eventbrite.com>.

Participants will develop basic first aid knowledge and skills and the confidence to respond in a crisis. This comprehensive training offers 2-year ASHI certification.

Please bring your own lunch or be prepared to obtain your lunch from a nearby restaurant as lunch is not provided during the lunch break.

This training is provided by Business Oregon, Oregon Health Authority, Public Health Division: Health Security, Preparedness and Response

(For more information, please contact North Central Public Health District at (541) 506-2600 or visit us on the web at www.ncphd.org or our Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/NorthCentralPublicHealth/>.)

- Teri Thalhoffer, North Central Public Health District

“A child's life is like a piece of paper in which every person leaves a mark.”

~ Unknown

Will your mark be something that creates them or breaks them?

To get involved with Sherman County Prevention email or call Amy Asher at aasher@co.sherman.or.us or 541-565-5036



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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
10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

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

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