

A Sherman County Government Publication — June 2018

### US 97 Bridge Improvements Underway

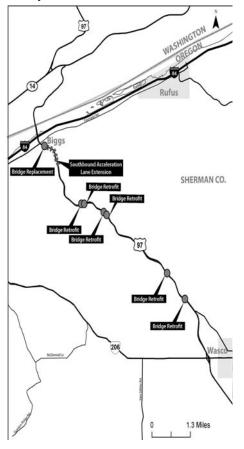
The Oregon Department of Transportation has awarded a contract to Stellar J. Construction Company to replace and retrofit eight bridges on US 97.

The project will replace the existing US 97 Spanish Hollow Creek Bridge, located a half-mile south of Biggs Junction, and the Trout Creek Bridge, 17 miles north of Madras, to new seismically resilient bridges. Additional work will be done to seismically retrofit six other bridges over Spanish Hollow Creek near Biggs junction. Crews will also extend the southbound acceleration lane of US 97 from the US 30/US 97 intersection at the Biggs Jct. Interchange to match into the US 97 climbing lane, a half mile south of the interchange.

The \$15 million dollar project is essential to add capacity to, and assist with, traffic mobility on US 97 in the case of a major seismic event in Oregon.

Crews have begun preliminary work to prepare for the bridge replacements. Motorists can expect to see temporary signals at both Spanish Hollow & Trout Creek bridges which will reduce traffic down to one lane. Oregon State Police will be enforcing the work zone for the duration of the project. The project will be complete by fall 2020, with the majority of work being complete by Memorial Day 2019.

For questions about this project, contact Abbey Driscoll, ODOT Community Liaison, at 541-388-6068 or abbey.driscoll@odot.state.or.us.





Tourism Kiosk located in Wasco, Oregon

### Tourism Kiosk Installed in Wasco with Grant Funds

A grant from Travel Oregon, the Oregon state tourism commission, matched funds from the John Day River Territory tourism group, to install a tourist information kiosk near the Depot Museum in Wasco. Three identical kiosks were also installed in Arlington. Prairie City and Mitchell to welcome visitors entering the four-county region of Sherman, Gilliam, Grant and Wheeler Counties. "The kiosk will help visitors in Sherman County find more ways to enjoy our region, spending more time and more dollars," said project coordinator Jessica Metta with Mid-Columbia Economic Development District. Many thanks to Wasco for the location and for the volunteers who helped install the kiosk!

### Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan

Sherman County Emergency Management in coordination with the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), along with several cities and agencies, are hard at work to update the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. The Plan is designed to identify natural hazards that could possibly be mitigated to decrease the degree of damage that may occur during an event.

The next Sherman County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2018 at 2:00PM. The meeting will be held at the Emergency Services Building in Moro.

If you would like to be part of the process to update the Plan, or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Shawn Payne, Sherman County Emergency Manager and Emergency Services Director. She can be reached at <u>emergencyserv@embarqmail.com</u>, called at 541-565-3100, or stop by her office at 309 Dewey Street; Moro, Oregon.

- Shawn Payne, Emergency Services

### Renovation of Historic 1899 Sherman County Courthouse Continues

During the month of June the Courthouse will renovation be complete. substantially with final completion of the entire project scheduled for July. The Treasurer/ Transit Office is now in its permanent location on the first floor of the Courthouse, and the Assessor's office is now permanently located on the second floor. The Offices of Clerk and Finance Director/Tax Collector are temporarily

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relocated upstairs and the County Court Office is still temporarily located in the courthouse addition. It is anticipated that in late June all departments will be permanent moved their into location. Painting on both the inside and outside of the Courthouse will continue into the month of June. Landscape work on the outside is well underway, with trees and ground cover now planted and underground sprinkler and sod installation expected in early June. With work on the renovation of the original structure progressing on schedule, contractors are completing all remaining work inside the Courthouse addition, with artwork expected to begin appearing in June. When work at the entrance areas of both structures is complete and landscape and signage work is finished, the Courthouse facility will finally take on its permanent appearance during the weeks prior to the official dedication on September 7<sup>th</sup>. More details regarding the dedication will follow in the August edition of the Citizen Reporter.

- Ron McDermid, Sherman County Steering Committee Team Member

#### Burn Ban Effective June 1

Due to extreme fire danger conditions, the burn ban is in effect as of June 1, 2018, for Moro Fire District and North Sherman Fire District, which include the cities of Moro, Rufus, and Wasco. This includes burn barrels, incinerators, and agricultural burning. Thank you for your cooperation.

- Shawn Payne, Emergency Services

### Modified Rental Housing Programs

Sherman County Court recently modified the Housing Rehab Grant program and has discontinued the its Construction Loan gap financing program. For more information, visit www.co.sherman.or.us/#/city/answers/ resident-incentives-moving-to-shermancounty/get-rental-housing-incentivebuilding-grant Sherman County Emergency Management Urges People to Sign up for Mass Notification



There are very few people who have actually signed up for the Emergency Notification System. Please **DO NOT** wait until there is an emergency to do so. This is a great way for you to receive emergency notifications.

The Emergency Notification system gives us the ability to deliver pre-recorded emergency notifications and information messages to targeted areas within one of the four Counties. The system utilizes home phones, cell phones, text, and electronic mail messaging. The system within Sherman County is called <u>FRONTIER</u> <u>REGIONAL ALERT.</u>

To opt in, you simply click on the Frontier Regional ALERT Logo and go through the sign-up procedures. Currently the ALERT logo can be found on the Sherman County home page at <u>www.co.sherman.or.us</u>. If you don't have an email address, and would like to receive your alerts by cell phone or texting, or if you need any other assistance with registering, please contact Shawn at Sherman County Emergency Services at 541-565-3100.

Once again, please sign up as soon as possible and **DO NOT** wait until an emergency to do so.

- Shawn Payne, Emergency Services

## Public/School Library Updates

#### SUMMER HOURS

Tuesday Thursday Saturday

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#### SUMMER READING PROGRAM REGISTRATION JUNE 7—JULY 7

Ages 0-6 register at Sherman County Public/ School Library, ABC Huskies Daycare, or Little Wheats Daycare. Youth in 7-12 grades register at Sherman County Public/School Library.

#### COMMUNITY STORY TIME TUESDAYS 10AM (AGES 0-6)

This library program is designed to empower parents and caregivers. Their role is vital to help young children get ready to read. Come and experience the joy of talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing together.

#### Phone:

541-565-3279

Address: 65912 High School Loop Moro, Oregon, 97039

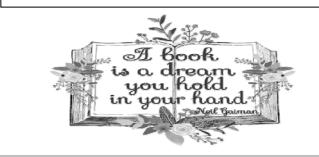
Website: ShermanCountyPSL.weebly.com/

#### Email:

shermanlibrary@sherman.k12.or.us "Like" us on Facebook at Sherman County Public School Library

#### CRAFT DAYS TUESDAYS 11AM—3PM

Come to the library, enjoy our air conditioning, and use our crafting equipment and supplies. Support will be available for the Cameo Cutter and the 3D printer. Get help with your crafty projects and learn new techniques. All ages!



#### HOGWARTS MYSTERY NIGHT (JR/SR HIGH) TUESDAY JULY 10 6PM

Join us for an evening of witchcraft and wizardry. Make your own wand! Enjoy snacks from Honeydukes. A prize will be awarded for the best costume.

**MOVIE NIGHT THURSDAYS 6PM** Snacks and drinks provided, all ages welcome!

June 14: *The Sandlot* (PG 1 hour 41 min) June 28 :*Footloose* (PG-13 1 hour, 50 minutes) July 12: *Coco* (PG 1 hour, 45 minutes) July 26: *Love, Simon* (PG-13 1 hour, 50 minutes) August 9: *My Little Pony* (PG 1 hour, 35 minutes) August 23: *Pacific Rim Uprising* (PG-13 1 hour 50 minutes)

#### ROCK GARDEN SATURDAY JUNE 23 2PM

Start your own miniature rock garden using hearty sedums and succulents. We will provide the dirt and the plants. Bring your own shallow planter with excellent drainage and any small special rocks. Space is limited to the first 15. Please call to register.

#### OREGON ROCKS! TUESDAY JULY 17 11AM MUSEUM OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL HISTORY

Find out more about Oregon's geology and natural resources as we touch, feel, and learn about the world outside our door.

#### ADAM MILLER "OLD SONGS FOR YOUNG FOLKS" JULY 21 1PM

Adam Miller is a renowned American folksinger and natural-born storyteller. A masterful entertainer who never fails to get his audience singing along, he has distinguished himself as one of the great interpreters of American folksongs and folktales, and as a performer who appeals to audiences of all ages.

A full calendar of Summer Reading Program events is on our library website: ShermanCountyPSL.weebly.com

-Marylou Martin, Library Director

### Sherman County Extension Offers Youth Summer Activities

"It's summer...what can we do?" say the kids in the County/ Your answer? Oregon State University Sherman County Extension offers a variety of free summer programs for kids age 8 and up. Kids do not have to be 4-H members to participate. Tell your kids, check your calendar, and then call the Extension Office at 541-565-3230 to sign up! Spots are limited.

Outdoor Cooking Day Camp Friday, June 15; 9am-12noon DeMoss Park, Moro Limit 20 participants

#### <u>"Put It Up!" Food Preservation</u> Workshop

Monday, July 9 - Thursday, July 12 9am-2pm (lunch included) at the Extension Office conference room and kitchen

- Learn how to make jam, can fruit, make pickles, prepare jerky, freeze food, and dehydrate produce.
- Put food up now when it's in season to enjoy it later!
- ♦ Limit 10 participants.

<u>"Healthalicious Cooking" Day Camp</u> Monday, July 16 - Thursday, July 19 9am-1pm (lunch included) at the Extension Office conference room and kitchen

- Have fun preparing and eating your own healthy lunch every day.
- Try new recipes from OSU's Food Hero website.
- Learn about food and nutrition education and play games.
- ♦ Limit 10 participants.



#### Summer Drama Day Camp with Hayley Hoyt of "The High Heeled Housewife", Pasco WA

Monday, August 6 - Friday, August 10 9am-2pm at the Sherman School Stage

- Have fun while you explore acting, singing and/or dancing.
- Gain confidence, learn how to work in a group, improve communication skills.
- Present a "Variety Show" to friends & family on the last day.
- Limit 20 participants (ages 5-18 welcome).

- Cindy Brown, OSU Extension Service



Kids Food Preservation workshop June 2017



Healthalicious Cooking camp July 2017



### Spring Grant Awards Announced by Cultural Coalition

Spring grant awards for 2018 have been announced by the Sherman County Cultural Coalition (SCCC) committing \$5,635.00 to projects that strengthen existing cultural resources or engage the community in the arts, heritage, or humanities in Sherman County.

Five project applications met the goals and priorities established by the Coalition in the Sherman County Cultural Plan. Successful applicants and projects are as follows: Lisa's In Stitches & Sage Mountain – Annual Quilt & Fiber Event; OSU Sherman County Extension – Kids Summer Drama Camp; Sherman County Fair – Susie McEntire @ Sherman County Fair; Sherman County Public/School Library – Makerspace – Craft Cutter; Sherman 4-H Shooting Club – Equipment.

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

For additional information on the Sherman County Cultural Coalition, please see the website at <u>https://www.shermancountyculturalcoalition.co</u>  $\underline{m}$ .

- Melva Thomas, Sherman County Cultural Coalition

### Free Bicycle Helmets Available!!!

It is that time of year again, when kids are dusting off their bikes and starting to ride. If your child is in need of a helmet, please contact Shawn Payne at 541-565-3100, or stop by the Sherman County Emergency Services Building.

### Highly Rural Transportation Grant Program

Oregon's hugely successful Highly Rural Transportation Grant Program cleared its latest milestone this quarter, crossing the million-mile mark in only three and a half years. Funded by the federal Department of Veterans Affairs and administered by the state, this program is crucial in helping connect veterans who live in extremely rural areas with their VA-sanctioned health care providers and other medical needs.

The program is a state, federal and local partnership, working in conjunction with transportation providers in each of the state's 10 "highly rural" counties (fewer than seven residents per square mile): Baker, Gilliam, Grant, Lake, Harney, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Wallowa and Wheeler.

For veterans living in these areas, the nearest VA medical centers are in Boise, Walla Walla, Portland and Roseburg — round trips that encompass several hundred miles, at least.

"Veterans should be free to live where they choose, without having to worry about how they'll be able to access their VA doctors," said Sheronne Blasi, director of Statewide Veteran Services for the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs. "This program, with the support of the VA and our incredible partners in these areas, is helping make that possible."

Since the program's inception in late 2014, Oregon's transportation providers have logged 1,012,790 miles. They've also spent nearly 37,000 hours on the road during a total of almost 18,000 trips. That's a tremendous return on investment from the annual grant — which provides only \$50,000 for each participating county. Sherman County has logged 99,648 miles from mid-September 2014 through March 2018 with 3,951 hours on the road. The first three months of this 2018 year, Sherman County has logged 11,977

miles and 351 hours transporting our veterans to their medical appointments. "It is the creativity and dedication of these county and transportation districts that has made this program such a success," Blasi said. "How they are able to do so much with the limited resources available is truly remarkable. It is our privilege to be able to support and continue that work."

"It has really helped our rural veterans," said Angela Lamborn, executive director of the Harney County Senior and Community Services Center, ODVA's transportation partner in Harney County. "Out here, we are so far from everything. Besides us, most veterans don't have any option for transportation other than their own vehicle, and can you imagine driving 170 miles or more when you're not feeling well?"

If you are a veteran living in one of the 10 participating counties and would like more information about the Highly Rural Transportation Program, please contact your local county or transportation office. A complete list of the appropriate contacts can be found on ODVA's website at <u>http://wp.me/p60SnD-Nf.</u>

Contact the Sherman County Community Transportation if you are a veteran residing in Sherman County to reserve transportation to your next medical appointment by calling the office at 541-565-3553 or stopping by the office at the Sherman County Courthouse, 500 Court Street, Moro, Oregon 97039.

- Tyler Francke, Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs

### WASCO CITY LIBRARY NEWS

The City of Wasco appointed a library board comprised of Martin

Richelderfer, Chair; Debbie Bird, Vice Chair; Elaine Richelderfer; Jennifer Smith; and Kimi Hulke. Their job will be to oversee the day-to-day operation of the library, recruit volunteers, and help with the budget. After a very successful Open House at the library on May 20, it is once again open to the public. The hours are:

- ♦ Monday: 6:00 8:00 p.m.
- ◆ Thursday: 12:00 2:00 p.m.
- ♦ Saturday: 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.

If you would be interested in volunteering a few hours a month to help in the library, please call the Wasco City Recorder at 442-5515 and she will pass your name on to the Board.

- Linda Krafsic, WSEC Board Member

### Sherman County Family Fair

The Sherman County Family Fair will be held Thursday, June 7th, 2018 from 4-6:30 pm at the Moro City Park.

Music, Food & Games! Come join the FUN! Come explore:

- Bounce Houses
- ♦ Obstacle course
- Human hamster wheel
- ♦ Fishing Booth
- ♦ Free Books
- ♦ Snow Cones
- ♦ Face Painting
- ♦ Hot Dog Dinner
- Car Seat Demonstrations and information.
- Information on local programs for children and families.
- North Sherman Fire Truck
- Sherman County Ambulance
- ♦ Games and MORE...

This is an alcohol and tobacco free event. For more information please contact Amy Asher, Prevention Coordinator at 541-565-5036, or aasher@co.sherman.or.us

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### Volunteerism Important at Wasco School Events Center

Over 670 volunteer hours were reported at Wasco School Events Center for the month of April. Some of the tasks done by volunteers include, but are not limited to: cleaning, painting, labeling, and shelving books, DVDs and audiobooks in the city library; painting and replacing kitchen counters in the Leland Schwendel Auditorium; repairing cracks in the building's interior and exterior walls; grounds keeping; and administrative work.

This does not include the many hours donated by Kari Pinkerton Silcox and Jessica Richelderfer Wheeler, who selected some amazing photos of Sherman County done by county residents, and compiled them into a photo book that they have had published. The profit from the sales of these books earned nearly \$1,000, which will be donated to the Events Center.

### **Resident Incentive** Applications Mailed Soon!

The Resident Incentive Applications for 2018 will be mailed out the first week of June. This marks the tenth year since the program was first introduced. Qualifying applicants must live in Sherman County for at least one year by the application due date, August 31, 2018, and must still be residents when checks are distributed in December 2018.

Applications are sent out to all addresses currently registered with the Sherman County post offices. Information about the program and the application can be found on the Sherman County website at www.co.sherman.or.us or at the Financial Services Office located in the Courthouse, 500 Court Street in Moro. Please call 541-565-3623 for more information.

- Debbie Hayden, Finance Director

NASCO SCHOOL EVENTS CENTER Serving all of Sherman County
903 Barnett Street

Wasco School Events Center Sign

Shawn Payne and Carl Langston provided AED/CPR training to eight adults in May. This was part of a Sherman Development League grant, which included acquiring two AEDs for the Events Center. Those attending the training included WSEC staff and volunteers, school staff, day care staff, and senior center staff.

All Fitness Center members who sign

### Moro Clean-Up Day

The 17th Annual Moro Clean-Up Day will be held on Saturday, June 09, 2018 from 8:00AM - 4:00PM or until full.

This is Moro's regular recycle weekend.

- Two large dumpster's will be placed at recycle station.
- There will NOT be a metals trailer this year.
- The City burn pile will be open for vard debris.

\*\*The City will no longer accept the items listed below\*\*

- All large appliances and large household furniture will need to be taken to the transfer site.
- All tires, batteries and oil will need to be taken to the transfer site.

Any illegal dumping other than the listed times above will be turned over to the Sheriff's office! Please don't up a new member between now and the end of August will have their name entered into a drawing - one ticket for each new member signed up. The prize will be announced at a later date.

Coming up Saturday, September 22, will be our grand re-opening and fund raiser: dinner and a silent auction. In keeping with the school theme, the silent auction will include an item for each letter of the alphabet. If you would like to donate to the auction, contact our manager, Melissa Kirkpatrick, at 541-442-5778. Businesses and individuals will be able to purchase/sponsor a table for eight, a half table for four, or individuals tickets. We will keep you posted as the event gets closer, so stay tuned for more details.

- Linda Krafsic, Wasco School Events Center Board Member

#### ruin a good thing for others!

It is up to residents to dispose of their garbage to the appropriate sites. If you need any assistance call the City Hall 541-565-3535 make Office to arrangements for pickup.

> Acknowledgements to: The Dalles Disposal & Leroy

- Erik Glover, Moro City Administrator

### **Recording Fees** Increase

Effective June 4, 2018, fees to record most documents in the County Clerk's office will increase by \$40.00 due to Oregon House Bill 4007 that was passed during the 2018 Legislative session. For our complete fee schedule please refer to our website at https:// www.co.sherman.or.us/clerks-officedocuments/.

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The above fee chart represents the cost for recording a one page, one transaction document. Multiple transactions are \$5.00 per additional transaction and multiple pages are \$5.00 per additional page.

The \$40.00 Affordable Housing fee increase (HB 4007) applies to all instruments except the following:

(1) Instruments that are otherwise exempt from recording or filing fees under any provision of law

(2) Any satisfaction of judgment or certificate of satisfaction of judgment

(3) Internal county government instruments not otherwise charged a recording or filing fee

(4) Instruments required under ORS 517.210 to maintain mining claims

(5) Warrants issued by the Employment Department pursuant to ORS 657.396, 657.642 and 657.646

(6) A certified copy of a judgment, a lien record abstract as described in ORS 18.170 or a satisfaction of a judgment, including a judgment noticed by recordation of a lien record abstract

(7) Instruments presented for recording by the Department of Revenue or Sherman County Tax Collector.

• If you have questions do not hesitate to call the Clerk's Office at 541-565-3606.

### 2018 Primary Election <u>Unofficial</u> Results & November 6, 2018 General Election

In the May 15 Primary Election 56% of Sherman County's registered voters cast their ballots. Due to space limitation unofficial abbreviated results are listed. Official certified election results will be available online by June 4 at: <u>https://www.co.sherman.or.us/archive-county-election-results/</u>

**Democrat:** US Representative  $2^{nd}$  District – Jamie McLeod-Skinner 31; State Representative  $57^{th}$  District – (No candidate filed) Greg Smith, write-in 7; Governor – Kate Brown 72, Ed Jones 53; County Commissioner, Position 2 – (No candidate filed) Tom McCoy, write-in 5

**Independent:** US Representative  $2^{nd}$  District – Mark R Roberts 12; Governor – Knute Buehler, write-in 6, Skye J Allen 4, Patrick Starnes 4; State Representative  $57^{th}$  District – (No candidate filed) Greg Smith, write-in 4; County Commissioner, Position 2 – (No candidate filed) Tom McCoy, write-in 3

**Republican:** US Representative 2<sup>nd</sup> District – Greg Walden 335; Governor – Knute Buehler 175, Sam Carpenter 150; State Representative 57<sup>th</sup> District – Greg Smith 342; County Commissioner, Position 2 – Tom McCoy 361

**Nonpartisan Offices:** District Attorney – Wade M McLeod 559; County Judge – Joe Dabulskis 342, Mike Smith 287, Larry Hoctor 60, Fred Justesen 44 (top two move forward to the November 6, 2018 General Election ballot); County Assessor – Ross Turney 530

Nonaffiliated or minor political party candidates for the partisan County Commissioner office may file no sooner than May 30, 2018 and no later than 5:00pm August 28, 2018. The last day to withdraw a nomination is August 31, 2018. Filing information is available online at <u>http://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/laws-rules-publications.aspx</u> or by contacting the clerk's office at 541-565-3606. The office of County Treasurer will also appear on the November 6, General Election ballot. Potential candidates for Soil & Water Conservation District director positions must contact their local SWCD office for filing details. The General Election voter registration deadline is October 16.

**Upcoming City Positions:** Voters residing in cities will elect mayors and council members to fill expiring terms at the General Election. The filing window for these offices is no sooner than May 31, 2018 and no later than August 28, 2018. Candidates must file with their city elections officer by paying a fee or by petition to obtain signatures of active registered voters residing within the city. 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.

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## **Three Easy Steps to Recycle!**

### 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 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

### 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

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