

# The Citizen-Reporter



## SHERMAN COUNTY

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### Sherman County's Judge Thompson Elected President of Association of Oregon Counties

During the 2014 Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) annual conference held November 17-20 in Eugene, new AOC Officers for 2015 were elected. Sherman County's Judge Gary Thompson was sworn in as AOC President along with Umatilla County Commissioner Larry Givens, First Vice President, Lincoln County Commissioner Bill Hall, Second Vice President, Polk County Commissioner Craig Pope, Treasurer and Columbia County Commissioner Earl Fisher as Immediate Past President. The new officers join Executive Director Mike McArthur on the AOC Executive Team.



Judge Gary Thompson, 2015 AOC President



Left to Right - 2015 AOC Officers: Polk County Commissioner Craig Pope - Treasurer; Lincoln County Commissioner Bill Hall - Second Vice President; Umatilla County Commissioner Larry Givens - First Vice President; Sherman County Judge Gary Thompson - President; Columbia County Commissioner Earl Fisher - Immediate Past President

AOC is governed by an elected slate of officers and a Board of Directors. The Executive Director oversees the staff. In addition to regular meetings of the officers and the Board, the AOC Legislative Committee meets frequently during the legislative sessions to keep abreast of current and pending legislation impacting Oregon counties. AOC has nine steering committees that focus on specific issues and challenges facing Oregon Counties.

Each of Oregon's 36 counties is a member of one of eight AOC districts, which are based on geographic regions.

Congratulations Judge Thompson!!

## City of Moro Celebrates New City Hall

On April 2, 2014, the City of Moro started construction on the new City Hall at 104 First Street directly across from the Post Office. This was a much needed facility and has become something the City of Moro can be proud of for many years to come.

The new City Hall is just less than 1,200 sq. ft. with basically two purposes. One purpose is the new Council Chambers that can hold many more people, has greater accessibility and is much more comfortable than the old facility. The other purpose is the City Administration office where the day to day business activities are dealt with. This too is a much larger, more functional and warmer facility than the old City Hall. In between there are two ADA bathrooms and small kitchen area. The new vault is about four times the size of the old one and completely fire proof, housing all the important documents the City must maintain. The architect for this project was Daryl Sieker of West Linn and the contractor was Griffin Construction of Prineville.



Left to Right: Bert Perisho - Councilor; Andy Anderson - Mayor; Rene' Moore - City Administrator; Seth von Borstel - Councilor, John English, Maintenance Contributed Photo/The Times-Journal

In August, the Council held their first Council Meeting in the new Chambers where they were greeted with all new furniture thanks to a generous grant from the Sherman Development League.

The picture (provided by The Times-Journal) was taken during the September Open House/BBQ where the Mayor, Councilors and City staff treated citizens with a barbecue lunch. The City would like to "Thank" Azure Standard as a major contributor for that luncheon. Inside, the facility also features water color paintings by local artist Richard Voll of Moro. The City Council and staff are pleased to have moved from the former City Hall which offered only 400 sq. ft. of office space and often incurred freezing temperatures including a frozen toilet and sink along with critters that also liked to occupy the space. Stop by and see the new City Hall where it is warm and the coffee pot is always on. We would love to give you a tour!

~ Rene' Moore, City Administrator

## Employment Opportunity

North Central ESD Early Education is recruiting for a Program Coordinator. This is a three quarter time full year position. The overall objective of this position will be to apply professional expertise to ensure the program is meeting the Head Start Act and following performance standards in Education, Child Development, Health and Nutrition. This position will be responsible for maintaining adequate up to date records in accordance with the Oregon Head Start Pre-kindergarten Performance Standards.

Qualifications: AA or BA in Early Childhood Education, Social Services, Health and Nutrition or in a related discipline, or 2 years experience in an Early Childhood setting. This position has an excellent benefit package and salary is dependent upon experience. Must have reliable transportation and a valid driver's license. If interested, please send a cover letter and resume to: [kwilliams@ncesd.k12.or.us](mailto:kwilliams@ncesd.k12.or.us)

~ Kim Williams, Program Director





## Santa is Coming To Wasco

**Santa** will be setting up a **Holiday Workshop** in the **Wasco Annex** (the former Wasco School) on **Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** – arriving by sleigh at **noon** and staying until **4:00p.m.** Santa will be handing out goodies to the kiddies, along with a chance to have a holiday picture taken...and while the little ones are occupied...parents and grandparents can browse through the workshop to look for soaps, jewelry, crafts and much more. (Vendors will be displaying their wares up and down the hallways).

While **Santa** is busy inside, Tom Lepinski will be hitching the sleigh to the Wasco City tractor and giving rides around the downtown area. Children and parents are invited to bundle up and hop on for a short ride! (Weather permitting, of course).

Once you're back inside, be sure to check out the **Wasco City/Community Library** (located a few steps from the main entrance), and then head over to the cafeteria to enjoy the annual **Holiday Book Sale and Christmas Party** which is a fundraiser for the **Wasco City/Community Library**. You will be able to browse through both new and used books to make your purchase or you may choose to simply give a donation to the Library.

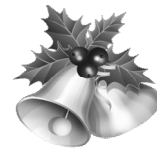
Refreshments will be available for everyone; games w/prizes for the kids and door prizes for adults and children. Drawings for door prizes will be held every hour --1:00, 2:00, 3:00, and 4:00. Tickets are free and will be available at the vendor's tables.

Please join us in Wasco at **Santa's Workshop** in the **Wasco Annex** on **Saturday, December 13, 2014**, from **noon to 4:00p.m.**

*If you would like to set up a vendors table at the workshop, contact Cassie Strege at Wasco City Hall at 541-442-5515. (Vendors will **NOT** be charged a space fee – and tables will be provided).*

*~ Cassie Strege, City Administrator*

## Holiday Fun In Sherman County Saturday, December 6th



Sherman County Scholarship **Holiday Bazaar** will be held in Moro, Oregon at Sherman County Jr./Sr. High School on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. On the agenda are a basketball tournament, soup lunch, multiple raffles and also a special appearance by **SANTA!** To book tables (\$20) contact Linda Von Borstel at 541-333-2454/541-965-0641 or email [lvonborsl@gmail.com](mailto:lvonborsl@gmail.com).

Sherman County Historical **Museum Gift Shop** in downtown Moro will also be holding their annual Christmas sale on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Items include books, local handmade items, lotions, soaps, jewelry and gifts for children. Cookies and refreshments will be available.

*~ Arla Melzer, Scholarship Association*



**Senior & Community  
Center  
Annual Christmas Dinner  
Thursday, December 18th  
12:00 Noon**

**Menu:**  
Ham & Au Gratin Potatoes  
Veggies  
Rolls  
Green Salad  
Dessert

*Christmas Fundraiser Raffle  
During Lunch*



## Ambulance Memberships Make Great Christmas Gifts!!



Don't know what to get that person who has everything? How about an Ambulance or Life Flight membership for Christmas? Contact Shawn Payne at (541) 565-3100 for more information.

~ *Shawn Payne, Emergency Services*

## City of Rufus Seeks Field Flags

The City of Rufus has proposed securing field flags that would be put on display Veterans Day, Memorial Day and the 4th of July. These flags would be donated to the City by residents who have lost a family member in the military.

Flags and poles would be stored in the Rufus Community Center and the City has volunteers that would help dig holes for the poles and put the flags out. These flags would be placed on display in the Rufus Community Center lawn along the road. Donated flags would be labeled as a memorial identifying the lost family member and the person making the donation.

If you would like to donate a flag, help financially or support this project in any way, please contact Jaclyn at Rufus City Hall: 541-739-2321; rufuscityhall@gmail.com

~ *Jaclyn McCurdy, City Administrator*



## Resident Incentive Checks to be Mailed Soon

Resident Incentive Program checks for 2014 in the amount of **\$590.00 per qualifying household** will be mailed December 10th. Check your mail!!

***Merry Christmas!!***

### NOTICE:

SHERMAN COUNTY  
COURTHOUSE  
WILL BE CLOSED

FRIDAY, December 26TH  
&  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 2ND

## Briefly . . . .

- ◆ The Sherman County Court meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month and final approved minutes are posted on the county website at [www.co.sherman.or.us](http://www.co.sherman.or.us). If you wish to meet with the Court, please call for an appointment: 541-565-3416.
- ◆ Business listings are included on the Sherman County website at [www.co.sherman.or.us/agri\\_business.asp](http://www.co.sherman.or.us/agri_business.asp). If your business is not included in the directory for your community and you would like to be listed, please contact Melva Thomas at (541)565-3416 or [mthomas@co.sherman.or.us](mailto:mthomas@co.sherman.or.us)

# November 4, 2014 General Election Results

Congratulations Sherman County voters! Casting your ballot resulted in our county having the second highest voter participation in the state at 80.2%.

This is an abbreviated form of the election results. The only write-ins listed are those receiving the highest number of votes.

Complete results for this election and others can be found in the Archive of County Election Results on the Sherman County website at: [http://www.co.sherman.or.us/archive\\_of\\_election\\_results.asp](http://www.co.sherman.or.us/archive_of_election_results.asp)

<u>U.S. Senator:</u>		<u>Rep. in Congress, 2nd District:</u>		<u>Rufus City Council, Pos. 1:</u>	
Mike Montchalin	22	Aelea Christofferson	96	Janice Byrd-Strand	81
Jeff Merkley	283	Sharon L Durbin	26		
Christina Jean Lugo	6	Greg Walden	756	<u>Rufus City Council, Pos. 2:</u>	
James E Leuenberger	17			Downen Jones - Write In	17
Monica Wehby	523	<u>Judge of the Circuit Court</u>			
		<u>7th District, Position 3:</u>		<u>Sherman Soil &amp; Water Conservation</u>	
<u>Governor:</u>		Karen Ostrye	456	<u>District Director, Zone 1:</u>	
Denis Richardson	596	Timothy MB Farrell	173	Jesse Stutzman - Write In	62
Chris Henry	2				
Aaron Auer	8	<u>City of Grass Valley Mayor:</u>		<u>Sherman Soil &amp; Water Conservation</u>	
John Kitzhaber	252	Neil Pattee	56	<u>District Director, Zone 2:</u>	
Paul Grad	17			Trevor Fields - Write In	67
Jason Levin	9	<u>Grass Valley City Council, Pos. 1:</u>			
		Joann Duarte	53	<u>Sherman Soil &amp; Water Conservation</u>	
<u>County Commissioner:</u>				<u>District Director, At Large Position 2:</u>	
Tom McCoy	747	<u>Grass Valley City Council, Pos. 2:</u>		Kyle Blagg - Write In	66
Karen L Kellogg	124	Rita Wilson	64		
				<u>Measure 86:</u>	<u>Measure 90:</u>
<u>County Assessor:</u>		<u>Grass Valley City Council, Pos. 3:</u>		Yes 203	Yes 230
Ross A Turney	685	Kristin Whitley - Write In	34	No 650	No 642
				<u>Measure 87:</u>	<u>Measure 91:</u>
<u>County Treasurer:</u>		<u>City of Wasco Mayor:</u>		Yes 368	Yes 350
Marnene E Benson-Wood	741	Carol MacKenzie	95	No 490	No 558
		Scott Miller	87		
<u>City of Moro Mayor:</u>				<u>Measure 88:</u>	<u>Measure 92:</u>
Andy Anderson	94	<u>Wasco City Council - Vote for Three:</u>		Yes 110	Yes 207
John M Waldron	59	Carol Olmstead	144	No 784	No 703
		Beth McCurdy	136		
<u>Moro City Council - Vote for Two:</u>		Eileen Wainwright	140	<u>Measure 89:</u>	
Bryan K Cranston	110			Yes 410	
Perry Thurston	70	<u>City of Rufus - Mayor:</u>		No 450	
Seth von Borstel	87	Daniel L Pehlke Jr	63		
		Clifford Jett	37		
<u>State Rep. 57th District:</u>					
Greg Smith	738				



~ Jenine McDermid, Clerk

## Elected Officials to Take Oath of Office



On Monday, January 5, 2015, at 8:30 a.m., newly elected Sherman County officials will be sworn into office. Friends and family members are welcome to attend.

# Public/School Library Plans Winter Activities

## FALL 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 DEC. 22 - JAN. 3

Tuesday & Thursday 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
 Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Website: [www.shermanlibrary.plinkit.org](http://www.shermanlibrary.plinkit.org)

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

Phone: 541-565-3279

Address: 65912 High School Loop  
 Moro, Oregon 97039



## DECORATE THE MITTEN TREE

Bring your donations of gloves, mittens, hats and scarves to decorate the Mitten Tree at Sherman County Public/School Library located in Moro. 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 Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup> through the end of December and all donated items will be given to our local food bank and other agencies which serve Sherman County.

Are you planning to attend the Sherman County Scholarship Bazaar on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at Sherman Jr./Sr. High School? The tree is up in the library and ready for your gift of warmth!

## HOLIDAY WORKSHOP WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3 4:00 – 6:00 P.M.

All ages are welcome to create holiday cards and ornaments, supplies provided. Watch a demonstration on how to make lighted glass bottles and learn how to make a quality Keepsake DVD from your digital pictures and videos.

## LIBRARY EXHIBITION SCHEDULE

“Shades of Blue” December 4 – January 31  
 “Birds of a Feather” February 5 – March 31  
 “The Golden Land” April 6 – May 30

## “STICKS IN STACKS” 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH 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.

## STEAMPUNK: FEATURED GENRE FOR DECEMBER

Definition from *Urban DICTIONARY*

Steampunk is a subgenre of speculative fiction, usually set in an anachronistic Victorian or quasi-Victorian alternate history setting. It could be described by the slogan "What the past would look like if the future had happened sooner." *Examples of steampunk: Wild Wild West, Final Fantasy 7, Van Helsing, The Time Machine, Hellboy, and Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow.*

~ Mary Lou Martin, Library Director

## Driver Education

Driver Education will start the last week of February 2015 and run through the end of June. Forms will be available beginning January 14, 2015, and can be picked up at the Sherman County Court House or Sherman County Jr./Sr. High School. For more information call: Paula King - Driver Education Coordinator/Instructor: 541-333-2735



## Board of Property Tax Appeals Notice of Session

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, March 2, 2015, at 9:00 am, 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, 2014, or as determined under ORS 308.146(5) (a), ORS 308.146(6) (a), 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 is 5:00 pm December 31, 2014. Petitions can only be accepted by the County Clerk's Office. Hand delivered petitions must be received in the Clerk's Office by 5:00 pm December 31, 2014. Mailed petitions must be postmarked on or before the filing deadline. Faxed or electronically filed petitions must be received by midnight of the filing deadline as evidenced by electronic acknowledgement of receipt produced by the County's fax machine or computer network.

The board will meet at the Sherman County Courthouse 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 Office of the County Court, Sherman County Courthouse, 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. Contact the Board of Property Tax Appeals clerk for information.

Executive sessions may be held during the session

as authorized by ORS 192.660(2) (F) to consider documents and information made confidential under ORS 308.290(10a), 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.

~ Jenine McDermid, BOPTA Clerk

## Mark Your Calendars!!

The Sherman County SWCD & Watershed Council are hosting their Annual Meeting together this year.

Come join us for an evening of good company, food and entertainment!

What: Annual Meeting

Where: Wasco Annex (903 Barnett St, Wasco)

When: December 11, 2014 6 pm

Caterer: Paradise Rose Chuck Wagon Catering

Speaker: Sandy Macnab - 1964 Flood

Cost: \$10.00/plate, kids under 3 free

Please RSVP by December 3rd or as soon as you can so we can plan accordingly.

See you all there!

~SWCD & Watershed Council Staff



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## RECYCLE - IT'S SO EASY!!

### 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

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

### 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.

