



Income Survey

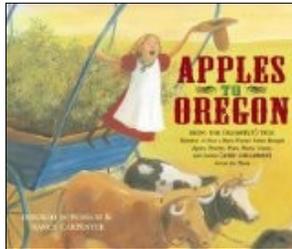
The weather conditions the last two weeks led to postponement of the door to door visits by GEODC to do the new income survey.



GEODC staff will start again, weather permitting on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009.

Oregon Reads 2009

What if every Oregonian read the same book for our state's 150th anniversary? The Echo Public Library is joining others across the state in sponsoring Oregon Reads in honor of our states' Sesquicentennial celebration.



This is the first statewide community reading project. Oregonians are invited to read **Stubborn Twig** by Lauren Kessler, **Bat 6** by Virginia Euwer Wolff and **Apples to Ore-**

gon by Deborah Hopkinson and participate in Oregon Read activities at libraries, schools, colleges and community centers.

On Tuesday Feb.10 at 10 am the Weekly Library Story Time will feature **Apples to Oregon**. After the librarian reads the book there will be a discussion following for parents and children, snacks & crafts.

Wednesday, February 11 at 7 pm there will be a book discussion on the three books. The discussions will also focus on a "Sense of Place"—the sense of identity and character of places, like Echo, Eastern Oregon & Oregon. Bring your thoughts, ancestral stories, comments, etc. Refreshments will be

served. An afternoon discussion is scheduled for **Thursday, February 12 at 3:30 pm** in the library.

Thanks to the state library, Starseed Foundation, James & Marion Miller Foundation and Hermiston Altrusa, multiple copies of each of the books are available now at the library.

Stubborn Twig is the true story of three generations of Japanese Americans who settled in Hood River. It was the story of the American Dream and success until the attack on Pearl Harbor and the forced interment of Japanese Americans following that attack. The book is considered part sociological study, (continued on page 4)

Christmas Food Drive & Giving Tree Thank Yous

Despite economic woes across the country, the requests for food baskets was lowest in years. Thanks for donations from the following:

Echo Schools-food drive; Echo School Teachers-toy drive; Hale Farms-Onions and potatoes; Lamb Weston-boxes, potatoes, hash browns; Dale & Jerrie Fife \$100; Lou Williams – Teddy Bears; Doug Keller \$10; Charlotte Berry \$50 & gifts; Janie Enright-bag of toys & gifts; Nellie Madison-\$20; Inge Dieckman-\$25; Bill & Karen Douglas-\$65; Gene & Jeannie Hampton-\$50 cash & help with delivery, sorting food & gift wrapping; Jerry Gaunt-help with sorting and delivery; Echo Methodist church \$100 & food for 5 baskets; Joyce Mackay \$30; Swede & Fritz Ramos-\$20; Kareen Dumond-food & gifts; Kristi Moffit-gifts; Gary & Carol



Marcum-Toys & Food; (cont. pg. 4)

Dog Licenses



The 2008 dog licenses expired on Dec. 31 and 2009 licenses need to be renewed. Licenses not renewed by Feb. 27, 2009 will be subject to a penalty of \$10 per month for each month the licensing is delayed.

Current license fees are \$4.00 per month for an altered animal and \$12 per year for an unaltered animal. Proof of a current rabies shot is required.

A copy of the license application is attached.

Tax Forms

The Echo Library is participating in the IRS and State Department of Revenue Tax Form program again this year. Forms, CDs with copies of the forms and a book with reproducible forms will be arriving in the library soon after Jan. 1 and will be available until April 15.



Koontz Building Sale

The Koontz Building and the adjoining lumber storage building have been sold to



Lloyd & Lois Piercy who plan to begin renovating the building for use as a winery with a tasting room. The terms of the sale require that the building be renovated so that it remains on the

National Register of Historic Places.

The city council declared the property surplus several years ago.

Plowing/Thank You

After receiving a bid of nearly \$7,000 to repair multiple problems with the city dump truck last spring, the city council decided the 1977 truck was not worth repairing. It has

been declared surplus. The council decided to contract with the City of Stanfield for plowing and use of their dump truck rather than purchasing another dump truck. This is why you may have seen the Stanfield truck and plow at work during the last two weeks.

Thanks to: Lloyd and Jared Piercy for volunteering to remove snow from Main Street and Bonanza Street parking areas; Lois Piercy and Dale Fife for removing snow in front of other businesses; Chet Prior for providing a tractor & blade for the Golf Course hill area & Gary Marcum for helping with the plowing;



Echo's city code, like other cities mentioned in a Her-miston Herald article last week, requires: 5-1-5C. *Snow and Ice Removal:*

1. *No owner or person in charge of property, whether improved or unimproved, that abuts or fronts on a public sidewalk, may permit snow or ice to remain on the sidewalk after the first two (2) hours of daylight on the next day after the snow has fallen or ice has formed, except that ice may be covered with sand, ashes or suitable materials to assure safe travel.*



Christmas Light Contest

Best Over all: Stuart & Lorraine Bance, 640 Kennedy

1. Animation: 1. Dale & Terry Ballard, 411 Kennedy;

2. Kestlers, 110 S. Prescott; 3. Cathy & Clint Winters, 200 W. Buckley

2. Best Use of Color: 1. Dan & Pauline Sherbahn, 550 S. Thielsen; 2. Melvin Crist, 131 S. Prescott; 3. Rick & Brenda Denning, 200 N. Dupont;

3. Modern: 1. Gene & Jeanne Hampton, 811 Jane St; 2. Rebecca Gronewold, 17 Smith Dr.; 3. Jim McLachlan, 311 W. Bridge St.;

4. New: 1. The Hewletts, 10 N. Dupont; 2. The Summers, 330 Halstead;

5. Use of Figurines: 1. Marvin Storz, 101 W. Bridge; 2. Pat Cunha, 400 W. Buckley; 3. Cy & Sarah Haskett, 951 E. Gerone;

6. Stars: 1. Chad & Kristi Ray, 11 Smith Dr.; 2. E. Middleton, 331 N. Thielsen;

7. Tree/Trees: 1. Junita Streeter, 301 N. Thielsen;

8. Fence/Landscape: 1. Darrell & MaryAnn Power, 111 N. Dupont; 2. Steve & Judy Martin, 100 S Dupont; 3. (tie) Carol Neely, 231 W Garden; Jim & Kandy Wortman, 130 S. Prescott;

9. Best Doorway/Entry: 1. Kim & Kevin Fife, 301 N Dupont; 2. Heather Thorne, 120 N. Dupont;

10. Kiddies Favorite: 1. Trish Correa, 111 S. Prescott;

11. Unique: 1. Brenda & Larry Hunter, 8 Smith Dr; 2. Eric & Cari Volger, 280 Golf Course Rd.; 3. (tie) Clarice Dumler, 221 Garden St. & Patty Cisneros, 330 W. Bridge;

12. Commercial: 1. Red Express

13. People's Choice: 1. Bances, 640 Kennedy

14. Traditional: 1. Jerry & Dale Fife, 210 N. Dupont; 2. Robert & Marie Rose, 310 S. Bonanza; 3. The Gehrkes, 160 Golf Course Rd.

15. Roofline 1. Nicole Nava, 310 N. Thielsen; 2. Gene Miller, 230 Garden; 3. (tie) Merle Green, 121 N. Thielsen & The Goldies, 10 S Prescott;

16. Trailer 1. Cliff & Lou Williams, 101 N. Dupont;

Prizes will be at city hall next week.

Student Aid

Students interested in college financial aid are encouraged to apply as soon as possi-

ble after January 1. There are three ways students can apply for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA):

1. Apply on line at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
2. Download & complete a PDF version of the FAFSA at www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov. (Note: PDF FAFSAs must be mailed for processing.)
3. Request a paper FAFSA by calling Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4-FED-AID.

Library public access computers can be used to access the forms and websites.



Fire Service Appreciation



Oregon's First Fire Service Appreciation Day has been established by the state legislature on Sunday, January 27, 2009. The Echo City council has a proclamation recognizing this date and stating their appreciation for Echo fire fighters scheduled for their Jan. 15, 2009 council meeting.

Echo citizens are encouraged to extend their appreciation of our volunteer firefighters in some personal way: shake a hand, write a thank you note or present a firefighter with a plate of cookies.

January 27 was selected as the first US fire company was organized in Boston on that date in 1678.

Learn more about early Echo and US firefighting by visiting the museum in the Fort Henrietta Park. The push button recorders there provide information about the history of volunteer firefighting.

Donations

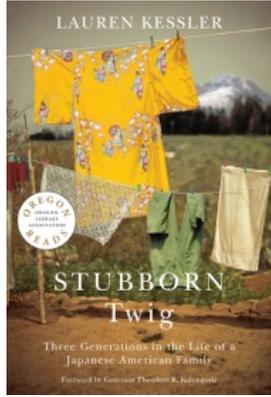
Jeannette Bell Memorial \$25.00 (park tree)
Union Pacific Goblet-Dale Fife
Bob Spike Memorial-\$150; (toward water feature in George Park)

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part American history and part family saga. If you cannot attend the Stubborn Twig discussions, but would like to participate you can do so online at www.oregonreads2009.org.

Apples to Oregon is “the slightly true tale of recounting the journey from Iowa to Oregon of Delicious, her family and their apple trees.

Bat 6 is about an annual softball game, the Bat 6 that had been played for 49 years between



Barlowe Road and Bear Creek Ridge 6th-grade girls. In 1899 — 49 years before — the women decided the rivalry between their towns had gone on long enough. They planned a ladies softball game and picnic, and the men from both towns showed up and made friends. Over the years, the games continued, and eventually, it became traditional for

the 6th-grade girls’ teams to play against each other. It was the only game they played, and they could only be on the team for one year. But in 1949, the Bat 6 game had an unexpected finish. ... and one thing was different this year....

(cont. From pg. 1) Estie Billings-\$10; Richard Winter & Susan Kays-\$150; Bonnie Berry \$20 & gifts; Junita Streeter-\$20; Suzanne Spike-\$25 & gifts. Gifts for Giving Tree: Anolfo Family; Janice Scott, Janice Schulz, Elsie Middleton, Tara Longhorn, Dina Ranger, Judy Webb, Pat Wood, Linda Cameron, Bonnie McNair;



The library will be purchasing art related materials for the program and arranging for entertainers and artists to help. We would also like to create a permanent community art project. Area residents who would be willing to volunteer their time or who have ideas for the art project are asked to contact Diane Berry, Library Director, 376-8411.

Wireless Internet

The Free Wireless Internet Connection. continues to be available through the library. During business hours, the service can be picked up within the library. When the library is closed you can pickup the signal 24/7 outside the building.



If your computer is set up for wireless, you can access the connection by clicking on the icon in the lower right corner of your computer screen. It should show up as “**Echo Library**”. (note: **not** Echo Wireless, it is a locked connection).

Library Donations

Charlotte Berry	32 books
Rod Graham	4 bks & VHS tapes
Fritz Ramos	14 books
Joe Ramos	47 Periodicals
Dr. Dorys Grover	3 boxes books
Sharon Lilly	4 books
Rebecca Gronewold	10 books
Scott McCallum	53 videos
Jeri Jordan	28 books
Anonymous	1 box videos



Ready to Read Grant

The Library has received \$1000 from the state as a Ready to Read Grant. Funds will be used for this year’s Summer Reading Program, “**Be Creative @ Your Library.**” This theme will incorporate fine arts into the library experience. Dance, Theater, painting & drawing, poetry & literature will be represented.



Oregon History Books

For decades C.S. Jackson Library Memorial Fund has provided funds to Umatilla County Libraries to purchase materials related to Oregon History. Jackson was publisher of the Eastern Oregonian and then in 1902 bought the Portland Evening Journal, which he reorganized and named the Oregon Journal.

This year the Echo Library alone will receive over \$215.00 from the fund. Books purchased include: Oregon 1859: A Snapshot in



Time; [A History of Oregon, 1792-1849](#); [Oregon Indians: Voices from Two Centuries](#); [History of the Oregon Territory](#); [When the River Ran Wild!: Indian Traditions on the Mid-Columbia](#); [Wiyaxayxt/Wiyaakaa'awn As Days Go by Our History](#); [Dreams of West: A history of the Chinese in Oregon](#); [Great & Minor Moments in Oregon History](#), [In Search of Ancient Oregon](#); [Chaining Oregon](#) (surveying Oregon);

Election Results

Richard Winter was re-elected Mayor. Councilmen Pat Wood and Eugenia Hampton were re-elected and Jerry Gaunt accepted the position he was elected to by write-in ballots. The mayor and council members will be sworn in at the January 15 council meeting.

Antiquing

Ever wanted a good excuse for collecting antiques or collectibles? A couple of signs put it in perspective: Live Green, Buy Antiques; Collectors-the Original Recyclers;

One "green living" magazine says: "Recycling antiques reduces landfill waste and preserves a style of craftsmanship that is rarely replicated today. Antiques are made better, last longer, have more character, and often cost less than reproductions or cheap knock-offs."



Historic Recipes

For the next few months as we celebrate Oregon's 150th anniversary, we will print one of the recipes that will be included in the Echo Cookbook. Feel free to leave a copy of one of your favorites at city hall.

Araby Spice Cake (Becky Geizler)

¾ c. shortening	1 ½ c. sugar
3 eggs	2 c. cake flour
¾ c. milk, sour or sweet	¾ tsp. soda (if using sour milk, if using sweet milk 2 tsp. baking powder omit soda)
¾ tsp. nutmeg	1 tsp. cinnamon
1 Tbsp. cocoa	½ tsp. lemon
1 tsp. vanilla	1 c. nut meats

Beat all ingredients together. Bake at 350 degrees. Frost with Brown Sugar or Coffee Frosting

Becky Geizler worked for Marie Spinning as a housekeeper for many years and developed a reputation as a wonderful cook in a town full of good cooks. Araby Spice Cake and Ranch Cookies are two local recipes attributed to Becky. This recipe for Araby Spice Cake was found in a handwritten book compiled by Echo ladies as a going away present for Mabell Lambirth Hiatt when she moved from Echo to Redmond. This loving tribute from her friends has proven to be a valuable source of recipes that otherwise might have been lost. These recipes date from the 1930s to before the turn of the century.



Police Report

Nov 2	UEMV- 200 Block E. Sprague Verbal Warning, N. Thielsen
Nov. 6	VBR, Theilsen & Cemetery Rd.
Nov. 7	UEMV, 200 Block W. Main
Nov. 9	Verbal Warning x 2, N. Thielsen
Nov. 10	Driving Complaint, 900 Blk. E. Gerone
Nov. 11	Driving Complaint, Dupont St. Verbal Warning, Thielsen & Dupont
Nov. 16	9-1-1 Hang-up, 800 blk, College
Nov. 21	Suspicious Activity, 10 Blk W. Bridge st.
Nov. 23	Verbal Warning, Main & Dupont
Nov. 24	Suspicious Activity, 300 Blk W. Buckley
Nov. 25	Warrant Arrest & Transport, Thiel sen & Dupont St.
Nov. 26	VRO, 200 Block W. Buckley
Nov. 27	Warning, Main St.
Nov. 28	Warning, N. Dupont & Thielsen Criminal Mischief, 500 Blk Kennedy
Nov. 29	Warning x 3, Thielsen & Cemetery VBR, Golf Course Rd, Gerone St.

Winter Ideas

Fight off the winter blahs with a visit to the library. Besides the latest videos & fiction, you can also find ideas for crafts, decorating, getting fit or in style: [Make it in Minutes: Mini Boxes](#); [Tim Gunn's A Guide to Quality, Taste & Style](#); [How Not to Look Old](#); From the "What Not to Wear" hosts: [Dress Your Best: The Complete Guide to Finding the Style That's Right ...](#) [Yoga Made Easy](#); [Pilates](#);



City of Echo Dog License Application/License

It is time to renew your dog's license for the upcoming year. The City of Echo requires that all dogs kept in the City, and over the age of six months, be licensed. For your convenience the application form is provided below, or come in and apply in person at City Hall weekdays between 9 am and 4:30 pm. If you have questions, call city hall @ 541-376-8411.

Proof of current rabies vaccinations for your dogs must be provided or on file before a license can be issued. For each month after March 1 you delay obtaining a license the fee is increased by \$10. New residents or those with new dogs will pay a pro-rated fee, if the dog is licensed within two weeks of obtaining it, its reaching 6 months of age or your moving to town.

Instructions: For each dog, mail or bring in the Rabies Certificate, the completed application form and the total due to the City of Echo, PO Box 9, 20 S. Bonanza, Echo, OR 97826. Proof of spaying or neutering must be on file to receive the discount.

(please print or type)

***** Veterinarian/
Clinic _____ Phone # _____ **YEAR** _____

Owner's Name: _____ Phone # _____

PO Box Number _____ City: _____ Street Address: _____

Dog's Name _____ Breed: _____ Color: _____

Age: _____ Sex: Male Female Unaltered Neutered Spayed
(please circle one)

Date of Rabies Shot: _____ 1 yr or 3 yr Expiration: _____ Tag # _____

Dog's Name _____ Breed: _____ Color: _____

Age: _____ Sex: Male Female Unaltered Neutered Spayed
(please circle one)

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Dog's Name _____ Breed: _____ Color: _____

Age: _____ Sex: Male Female Unaltered Neutered Spayed
(please circle one)

Date of Rabies Shot: _____ 1 yr or 3 yr Expiration: _____ Tag # _____

Total Number of Dogs: _____ x \$4 (spayed or neutered) = \$ _____ **LICENSE EXPIRES DECEMBER 31.**

Total Number of Dogs: _____ x \$12 (unaltered) = \$ _____

Penalty: Number of months late: _____ x \$10 x _____ no. of dogs = \$ _____
(beginning March 1)

Total Amount Due: \$ _____

THE DOG TAG SHALL BE SECURELY ATTACHED AROUND THE DOG'S NECK AT ALL TIMES.

(FOR CITY USE ONLY)

Tag Numbers issued: _____ Date: _____

Receipt # _____ Approved by: _____