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Heritage Excellence Award

Echo has been selected to receive an Oregon Heritage Excellence Award "for its long term efforts to preserve and develop the heritage and history of the area."



The Heritage Excellence awards recognize individuals, businesses & organizations for outstanding efforts on behalf of Oregon heritage.

They honor those people and organizations who have made the most of available resources and skills.

The award will be presented at the Heritage Excellence Awards dinner at 6:30 pm Friday, April 17 at the Northwest History and Heritage Extravaganza in Portland. Oregon 1st Lady Mary Oberst will make the presentation to Mayor Richard Winter. A power point presentation will highlight some of Echo's accomplishments.

Charitable activities such as school sports and other programs, glasses and braces, and sports camps for Echo Children.

Contact John Moffit at 667-7682 or Weeb Williams at 376-8428 for tickets.

Arbor Day/150th Celebration

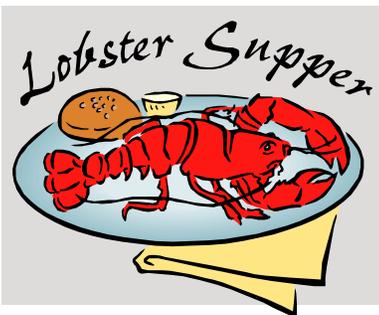
Please come and help celebrate Arbor Day 2009, Thursday, April 16 in the City Park at 12:30 pm. There will be an award ceremony where the city will receive its Tree



City USA (20 years) and Tree Growth Awards (13). Echo's Official Tree will be planted and dedicated. The event will also commemorate the state's 150th birthday and 150 years of settlement on the Echo Meadows. Nearly 150 Echo students will participate by reading Oregon Trivia. The state will also be providing a special plaque recognizing (cont. pg 2)

Annual Couples Fish Feed

The Echo Quarterback Club Guys and Gals Spring Fish feed will be on April 25 at 6 pm at the firehall. Tickets are \$35 each; As well as the usual fare of Lobster, Crab, Shrimp, Clams, Coleslaw & Bread, there will be an auction & raffle.



Proceeds of the fish feed, raffle & auction fund Quarterback Club

Flood Plain Map

A meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, **April 14 from 6:30 to 8 pm** at the Stafford Hansell Government Center, Dennis Doherty Conference Room, 915 SE Columbia, Hermiston. Representatives from the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will be there to discuss a Flood Insurance Study revision completed for Umatilla County cities and unincorporated areas. This revision updates the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMS) showing areas that would be flooded by a 100 year (cont. pg. 2)



(Arbor Continued from pg. 1) planting of the tree to commemorate the state's birthday. Refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

The plaque will also be in memory of Jeannette Bell who served as Echo Mayor from 1997-2002 and as a council member from 1993-1996.

The Masonic lodge has donated \$700 toward the bronze plaque that will be placed below the tree and the purchase of the tree. There will be balloons and Echo buttons available.



Echo Tree Poem

Joyce Kilmer (1886-1918) wrote a poem that is still famous "I think that I shall never see a poem as lovely as a tree..." For Echo's 20th year as a Tree City USA, we are calling on residents to submit an Echo Tree Poem. You can be serious or funny. Notice is short, but turn in your poem by April 15 and we will announce the winner at the Tree Dedication April 16 in the park. Prizes will be awarded.

flood. The new geo-spatially referenced digital maps will be used by federally regulated lending institutions and insurance agents to determine who must purchase flood insurance and the cost of the insurance. In addition they will be used to restrict development in 100 year flood plains.

Note: The new maps change the 500 year flood plain on the Echo side of the River Substantially and increase the size of the 100 year flood plain in several areas, especially showing the Fort Henrietta Park in it. The new 500 year flood plain includes all of the west side of town & even crosses the railroad tracks in some areas all the way to Prescott Street and include part of the school grounds.



Easter Egg Hunts

The Echo Methodist Church and Echo Volunteer Fire Department have joined forces this year to put on the Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 11 at 9 am.

Infant through 4 years-of-age @ church (Pictures w/the Easter Bunny \$1.00 —or bring your own camera.

Children 5 through 8 years-of-age @ Fort Henrietta Park.

Children 9 through 12 years-of-age @ school football field.



AIB Judges

The America in Bloom Judges will be here June 2-5th to tour our community. Again this year lodging is a problem. If possible we would prefer not having to put the judges up in a motel. Does anyone have a suggestion? Call Diane at 376-8411

The city will host a reception to welcome the judges and introduce them to the community the evening of June 3 at city hall at 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Planters for the parks, city hall and other public spaces are growing in the greenhouses at Kopacz Nursery. Please do your part and spruce up your place.

Donations are always welcome to help fund projects & Beautification Contest Prizes.

Spring Clean-up

The annual Sanitary Disposal Spring Cleanup week is scheduled from April 1 through April 7 this year. During this week, **cash** customers using the Sanitary Disposal Transfer Station will receive up to a \$12.50 discount off of each load.

This means loads measuring 2.5 cubic yards with a maximum weight of 454.5 lbs.

can be disposed of free of charge. This includes all acceptable solid waste with the exception of tires, which will be charged at the regular rate.

The transfer station is located two miles north of Hermiston on Hwy. 395 across from The Lift Co. Inc. It is open weekdays from 8 am to 5 pm and weekends from 9 am to 5 pm.

Grass, leaves & similar yard debris are accepted free of charge from garbage customers at the transfer station year round if you pickup a slip at city hall first.

Email Newsletter

If you would like to receive the city newsletter and other notices electronically, send an email to ecpl@centurytel.net with your name and a note indicating your interest and we will add you to our newsletter email file. The newsletter will come in a .pdf format.



Debris Piles Prohibited

As we prepare for the America in Bloom Judges visit and spruce up the town, we ask that everyone do their part to make their yard and house look good. Please honor the city's offensive littering ordinance and do not pile yard debris, lumber or other materials on the street right of way.

The City's Offensive Littering ordinance provides: "*A person commits the offense of offensive littering...:[by] Discarding or depositing any rubbish, trash, garbage, debris or other refuse...upon any public way..*"



If you pile debris, yard clipping or limbs on the street right-of-way, you can be cited. Such piles are becoming prevalent around town again and we ask that people either find a place to put yard debris

(and burning barrels) within their own backyards or haul it to the Sanitary Disposal Transfer Station or the City of Stanfield's Composting Center by the end of May.

Urban Forestry Programs

New homeowners: A few years ago the city started a program to encourage new residents to appreciate the city's urban forest program by presenting new homeowners (doesn't apply to rentals) with a new tree. The trees are expected to be delivered in late April or early May..

50/50 Trees: The city will continue its program of providing about a dozen trees on a first come basis to residents willing to pay 1/2 of the cost of the tree and plant it in their yard or along the street right-of-way. Both trees suitable for planting under power lines and large shade trees have been ordered.



Wastewater Project Bond

The City was hoping to have the Wastewater Improvement Project Bond Issue on the May Ballot. However the deadline for filing the bond issue did not provide enough time for the required

advance legal notice. The city council will have to decide whether or not to pursue a September election (which will require a double majority turn out)

or the November general election. If there are not enough voters that turn out for the September election, it would have to go before the voters again in November.



Library Donations

Dale Fife-magazines
Sylvia Ibarra-15 books
Frankie Sewell-7 books
Bryan Taylor-1 box books

Former Echo resident Carol Horn asked her brother Dan Horn to donate her book collection to the library. As a result 3 pickup truck loads of books have been donated. Because of

space limitation many will be sold at a book sale later this spring.

We Noticed Program

In Sandusky, Ohio the community started a "We Noticed" Program in 2002 to recognize efforts by residents and businesses of beautification efforts, floral displays, painting etc.

This year we will implement our own "We Noticed" Program in Echo. If you notice that someone in town deserves kudos for efforts to spruce their home or yard or business up—let us know and we will recognize the effort in the Newsletter & send a certificate of appreciation.

Historic Recipes

This is the fourth recipe in the series from the proposed new Echo Cookbook that is being included in the newsletter for Oregon's 150th. If you have a recipe to contribute, please drop it by City Hall.



January-Araby Spice Cake; February-Sour Cream Pie; March-Portuguese Bean Soup;

Ranger Cookies (Becky Geizler)

1 c. shortening	1 c. white sugar
1 c. brown sugar	2 eggs, well beaten
2 c. flour	1 tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. soda	1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. vanilla	2 c. oatmeal
2 c. Wheaties	1 c. coconut

Cream shortening & sugars. Blend in 2 well beaten eggs. Add flour sifted w/baking powder, soda & salt. Add vanilla, oatmeal, Wheaties & coconuts. Drop in small mounds on greased baking sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 min.

Tutor. Com/Learning Express

Echo Residents are reminded of two helpful programs through the library: Tutor.com and the Learning Express. Both are available by going to the city website

www.echo-oregon.com and clicking on the library page. An icon for each is on the bottom right corner and the password is e7826. As well as homework help, there is help with learning computer programs, practice exams for courses like nursing, careers, etc. These services are free as the result of grants. So take advantage of them!! If you need help, call the library @ 376-8411.

Gardening

There is one industry not suffering from the economic recession. GARDENING!! The number of people putting in their own gardens is increasing this year as people are concerned not only about finances, but E.Coli and salmonella outbreaks. There are lots of books in the library to help you get started with your vegetable garden, flower garden, pond, herbs and more. And don't forget tree selection and care books. We also have a city tree selection guide available.



Here are a few titles: Gardening w/Ed Hume, The Shaker Garden, Crockett's Victory Garden, The Vegetable Gardener's Bible, The Vegetable Expert, The Fruit Expert, Sunset New Garden Book, The Complete Book of Herbs, Attracting Birds & Butterflies...

And on the web: <http://www.thegardenhelper.com/gardeningguides.html>; Oregon Extension Service: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/gardening>; <http://www.backyardgardener.com/veg/>. If you don't have Internet access, the library does have 7 public access computers for your use & an open wireless connection at Echo Library that is available outside the building 24-7.

Seeds

To Commemorate the America in Bloom Program & state's 150th birthday, 150 seed packets from flowers to vegetables will be given away at the Arbor Day Celebration on April 16.

