The Echo

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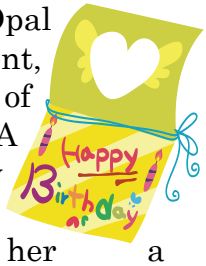
Centennial B-Day

Only about 70,000 people in the US reach their 100th birthday. Opal Howard, long-time Echo Resident, will be joining the rare ranks of Centenarians on May 25. A 100th Birthday Card is at city hall and we invite everyone to stop by, sign the card and write her a note. We would love to have at least 100 people sign the card.



Until recently Opal was still living in her home here and taking care of herself. Due to declining health, she has had to move into an assisted living, but Echo is still her home & she will appreciate your notes.

Kiwanis Cleanup Day

The Annual Kiwanis Cleanup Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 14 starting at 8 am. Volunteers who would like to help make our community look more attractive and tidy are asked to meet in front of the H & P Café. As part of the cleanup a drop box will be available **after 12:30 pm on May 14.** The drop box is provided thanks to a grant from Wild Horse Foundation & Columbia-Blue Mountain RC & D for residents to use until it is filled. If you are disabled and have items that need to be picked up, contact city hall by Tues. May 10. **No tires or hazardous waste.** If you would like to volunteer, contact Gayle Weatherson at gweatherson@charter.net or Phyllis Shovelski at pshovels@minutemanpress.com or 376-8543.

Community Service Day

The Echo School has scheduled their annual Community Service Day on Thursday, May 12. Last year students planted flowers, cleaned out the Fire Equipment Museum, washed city & fire vehicles, spread bark, pulled weeds & picked up trash around town and the school.

Their efforts were greatly appreciated and we look forward to their help again this year. If you know of any senior citizens or disabled residents who might need help around their yard, contact city hall ASAP.

Echo CBP

The Echo Community Benefit Plan Board awarded $59,903.80 at their April meeting as follows:

City of Echo - $4,400 Echo Beautification Projects; (bark, new Main Street & entry signs; rock gardens.

Echo School District-

$9,398.80 (Elementary iPod Touch Lab) & $14,075 (Technology Enhanced Math (TEM) Project; Echo Cemetery District - $8,180 for a new mower;

Echo Fire Department - $18,850 for items to equip a truck that the District recently purchased;

Vector Control District - $5,000 for a portion of an informational trailer that the District wishes to build to use in the education of the public throughout Umatilla County and state.

We Noticed Program

We are continuing the **"We Noticed Program"** again this year. Please let us know if you see improvements in your neighborhood or around town that merit notice. You can call 541-376-8411, post it on Facebook or email ecpl@centurytel.net.

April: Sno Road Winery Courtyard-iron fence & plantings;

Koontz Building renovation progress.

Rose Family, S. Bonanza St., manicured yard & spring flowers;

Spring Bulbs: Cliff & Lou Williams, N. Dupont; Jerry & LeAnn Gaunt, N. Dupont; Jessie McAtee, Front & Buckley; RV Park; Colleen & Weeb Williams, Smith Dr.

Movie Night @ Library

Librarian Wendy Holben is organizing a weekly movie night on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. Popcorn will be served. The May schedule is: May 11-Yogi Bear; May 18-Tron; May 25-Narnia: Voyage of the Dawn Treader.

Kill A Watt

The library is participating in the Oregon Energy Trust's "Kill A Watt" energy saving program. Two monitors are available at the library that residents can check out. Within the pack with the monitor are instructions. The monitor will show how much energy your appliances and other electronic equipment use, even if they are only just plugged in.

Committee Openings

If you would be interested in serving on the Library Board or City Budget Committee, please contact city hall for an application.

L-Net

Do you need a question answered, help with a research paper or school project? Free help is available from L-Net/ Oregon Libraries Network. Live Chat is available with professional research librarians 24/7 or you can email a question or even text one at: .http://www.oregonlibraries.net/

About L-Net: Librarians online work at libraries all over Oregon. Evenings, weekends, and early mornings you will be connected to librarians **all over the United States**. You may also be connected to a librarian from outside Oregon if L-net is busy. The person you are talking to may not be local, but will still be able to help you.

What kinds of questions can I ask? Librarians will try to answer any genuine question you think of. If you are a student and you have a homework question, librarians will try to help you find resources that help, but will not be able to answer your question for you.

Retirement Party

Pastor Tim Novak is retiring. Refreshments will be served after church services during the regular coffee hour at noon on May 15 downstairs in the church fellowship hall. The community is invited to wish Tim and Nancy the best.

Abandoned Vehicles

The city and police department are beginning the annual crack down on abandoned vehicles. If you have a vehicle that is on the road right-of-way (ROW) or is in your yard which is unlicensed and/or inoperable, this is considered an abandoned vehicle. Vehicles on the ROW will receive a 24 hour tag and those on private property will have a 72 hour tag. If the engine runs, but the vehicle is up on blocks, it is considered inoperable.

EBay Classes

Interested in supplementing your income through EBay? Bob Jones, Milton-Freewater Librarian, has been teaching classes at his library on using EBay for several years. Because of interest in this program throughout Eastern Oregon, Libraries of Eastern Oregon is sponsoring Bob's classes. The Echo Library will host one of the programs on Saturday, **June 11** from 10 am to 2 pm. The class is free. If you want to attend, please bring a sack lunch.

"Surfing Umatilla County"

Want to learn how to use a computer mouse? How to set up and use an email account? then "Surfing Umatilla County" basic computer skills classes are for you. . You do not need to know anything about computers to take these free classes as they are basic courses to teach you how to navigate a computer & the Internet. In fact the first class is for those who feel they may break the computer if they do something wrong, May 19 10 am to noon; . Lesson 2 May 24, 10 am to noon/Internet Searches & Email; Lesson 3, May 25 10 am to noon/Using Online Services.

The classes are funded by a grant from the Library Services and Technology Act through Oregon State Library.

Arbor Day

On Thursday, April 21 the city hosted the 23rd annual Arbor Day Celebration at City Hall. Echo Elementary students helped celebrate by participating in a tree trivia contest. A raffle awarded T-shirts, Echo Books and other items to students and the public.

State Forester Hans Rudolf presented the city with it's Tree City USA awards for the 22nd year.

To recognize participation in the Community in Bloom Program, free packets of seeds grown in Oregon were provided those

Kopacz Nursery & Florist

"Helping Make Echo More Beautiful"
Kopacz Nursery sponsors Echo's Beautification Program each year; Providing plants, labor & green house space for floral displays & donates annuals for public areas.

- **Beautiful Bouquets**
- **Largest selection of Bedding Plants**
- **Blooming Plants**
- **Gift Center**

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who attended the program.

The grand prize was a 1" caliper Forest Pansy Red Bud Tree. The raffle was from all city residential utility customers & Tim & Jeannette Goldie were the winners.'

Janie Enright won the Tree Trivia Contest printed in the April newsletter and received a DVD player as her prize.

Elementary Students entered coloring pages developed from a photo of the Red Horse chestnut & block house in the Fort Henrietta Park and a Tree Tongue Twister Contest.

Winners:

K-Coloring: 1. Ellie Reeder; 2. Caiden Harris; 3. Elliot Glenn; **Tongue Twister**: 1. Easton Corey;

1st G-Coloring: 1. Janet Godinez 2. Maddie Young; 3. Faith McCarty; **Tongue Twister:** Ryan Clark;

2nd G-Coloring: 1. Lilly Volger; 2. Ricardo Navarette; **Tongue Twister:** 1. Lilly Volger; 2. Hope Harwood;

3rd-5th G-Coloring: 1. Vianney Navarette; 2. Luke White; 3. Tyler Kordosky; **Tongue Twister:** 1. Jayden McConnell;

Donation Thanks

Library

Anonymous	4 books
Charlotte Berry	104 books
Robert Brown, Jr.	13 DVDs
Fritz Ramos	19 books
Janice Schulze	books

Memorials

Suzanne Spike	$75

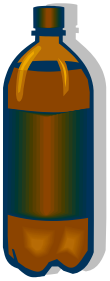
Community in Bloom

Anonymous	$23
Echo Boosters	$50
Fort Henrietta Fnd.	$50
Peggy & Frank Haines	$20
Toby Schamberger & Co.	$25

Story/Craft Time

The library's weekly story & craft time has moved to Friday afternoon at 2 pm. As well as giving children a chance to hear stories & make simple crafts, refreshments are served. Come meet new librarian Wendy Holben. Call 541-376-8411 for more information.

Pop Machine



Pendleton Bottling Company installed a pop machine at the Skatepark in April. However if the empties , other garbage & debris become a problem around the park, the pop machine will be removed.

Website Face Lift

The City of Echo's website is undergoing a transformation over the next few months. The website address will remain www.echo-oregon.com. Dexign Creative Media has been awarded the contract.

Museum News

The Echo Museum is a treasure that many residents of our community have never ventured into. This spring the museum installed new cases & rearranged many of the displays so the collection is bright, open & architectural details readily visible. We have changed the hours, and hope you will stop by and visit. Hours: Friday 3 to 5 pm; Sat. 1:30 to 4:30 pm. Admission: 7 to 15 yrs. & 62 & older $2; 16-61 yrs $3; 6 & under free with adult. Group or special opening $25.

Enclosed is the Annual Consumer Confidence Report on city drinking water that the Environmental Protection Agency requires each drinking water system to send out each year.

Notice: Hearing impaired contact may be made through the Oregon Relay Service at: TDD/TTY- 711 or 1-800-735-2900