

The Echo

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Christmas Light Contest

Echo residents did themselves proud this year with the number and quality of Lighting and Decorating displays. Main Street with the glow of the Vintage-Style street lights and merchant displays was beautiful. Thanks to Dan "Buster" McCClinton for offering to decorate for those who couldn't.

The judges felt that Jerrie and Dale Fife, 210 N. Dupont, and Stuart and Lorraine Bance, 640 Kennedy, displays were equally great and gave the Grand Prize to both. Their comments were



that the Bance's were particularly appealing to children and the Fife House is ultra elegant. An article on the Fife displays was in the Her-
miston Herald: <http://www.hermistonherald.com/hh/local-news/20141226/echo-houses-light-up-the-holidays> Other bright spots included the Kim & Kevin Fife house and particularly Santa with reindeer suspended from the roof.

As far as neighborhoods Smith Drive/ Golf Course was the best with 9 of the 12 occupied homes decorated. North Dupont was also beautifully decorated.

Each of the homes listed below will receive a prize for their decorating efforts, which can be picked up at city hall. Again thank all of you who decorated this year. The grand prize winners will each receive a \$50 check from the Echo Boosters.

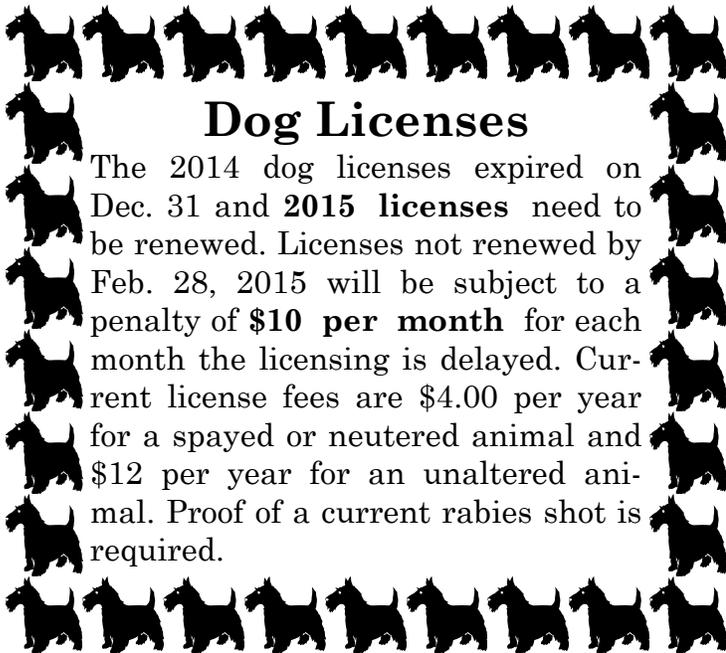
Other Winners: K. Fife, 310 N. Dupont; The Goldie Family, 10 S. Prescott; Ray Family, 11 Smith Dr.; D. McConkey, 16 Smith Drive, Ballard, 411 Kennedy; S. Powell, 300 W. Buckley; Sherbahn, 550 S. Thielsen; Lilly, 320 W. Buckley; Rose Family, 310 S. Bonanza; Walker Family, 330 W. Halstead; L. Hunter, 8 Smith Dr.; Gaede Family, 431 Halstead;

Rabies Clinic

Country Animal Hospital has scheduled a rabies vaccination clinic again this year on Saturday January 31 at 1:30 pm to 3 pm at the Masonic Lodge, 20 S. Dupont. The cost will be



\$19.25 per animal. City Clerk Peggy Haines will be at the clinic to provide dog licenses for 2015.



Dog Licenses

The 2014 dog licenses expired on Dec. 31 and **2015 licenses** need to be renewed. Licenses not renewed by Feb. 28, 2015 will be subject to a penalty of **\$10 per month** for each month the licensing is delayed. Current license fees are \$4.00 per year for a spayed or neutered animal and \$12 per year for an unaltered animal. Proof of a current rabies shot is required.

Christmas for Needy

This year more families than ever were in need of food baskets and children's gifts and the cooperative program between the city, Echo Boosters, Echo Kiwanis, Echo Community Church and the School filled this need.



Thanks also for the donations in memory of Robert Hale we had cash to purchase perishables for the baskets.

Thanks to all who helped and/or donated:

Margaret Anolfo	Giving Tree
Karen & Doyle Beacham	\$25
Diane Berry	\$75
Charlotte Berry	\$75
Bonnie Berry	Giving Tree
Curtis & Cecile Bauck	\$25
Tracie & Jake Broyles	Giving Tree
	Volunteer
Central Machine Sales	Toys
Tieler Cooper	\$20
Bill & Karen Douglas	\$100, food
Echo Community Church	\$100,
Echo School	Food Drive
Echo School Teachers	Toys

Janie Enright,	Giving Tree,
	Volunteer
	\$100
Dale & Jerrie Fife	Food
Kevin & Kim Fife	volunteer
Jerry Gaunt	Coats
Golden Valley East	volunteers
Gene & Jeanie Hampton	Charlei, Kobe & Gunnar Harwood \$20
	Giving Tree
Ruben & Amanda Harris	\$50 gift cert.
His Design Thrift & Gift	Food, Volunteers
Echo Kiwanis	Giving Tree
Ed & Tara Longhorn	\$22
Bob McCarty	Giving Tree
Melissa McPherson	Clothing
Joe & Mary Middleton	Volunteer
Justin Morris	30 Toys
NW Oregon 4 Wheelers Club	Toys
Northwest Farm Supply	\$500
Pacificorp	Toys
Pine City Study Club	Turkeys
Chet Prior/Eagle Ranches	Giving Tree
Robert & Marie Rose	Toys
RDO	Toys
S.S. Equipt.	Quilts
Janice Schulze	Giving Tree
Alfed & Janice Scott	coat
Simplot Grower Solutions	coats
Smitty's Ace Hardware	food drive
Sno Road Winery	

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.

Kopacz: Where Flowers Are Our Business.

Check out our new web page. <http://kopacznurseryflorist.com/>

- Beautiful Bouquets
- Arrangements & more
- Gift Center
- Blooming & House plants
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465 W. Theater Ln.

Ernie Thomas	\$3
Jenny Thomas	giving tree
Bill & Judy Webb	giving tree, food
Bill & Ann Webb	\$25, food
Western States Cat	toys
Erv Williams	perishables, canned food
Richard & Sue Winter	\$100
Pat & Judy Wood	Giving Tree
Larry & Bethany Woodall	Jackets, truck
l load of toys	

The Woodalls also volunteered to gather toys and clothing from the dealerships listed above.

Buster McClinton Volunteer	
Bob Hale Memorial	\$1275
Anonymous	\$30



Christmas Lighting

We wanted to extend our thanks to Dan “Buster” McClinton for volunteering to help put up Christmas lights around town. His goal was to see at least some lights up on every block in town. Lights were donated by His Design Thrift and Gift and Echo Boosters for people who did not have



OMSI Magic Planet

The Oregon Museum of Science and Industry’s Magic Planet Exhibit will be in the Echo Library through January. The program features a large sphere that can display the earth, moon, solar system and other programs. A touch screen monitor allows patrons to switch modes and to view action videos of ocean currents, wind patterns, tsunamis and more.



The exhibit is sponsored by Libraries of Eastern Oregon and the Echo Public Library.

If you would like to view the exhibit, ask the

Public Art Project

The Echo Public Art Project is gathering steam with the receipt of a \$15,000 grant from the Echo Community Benefit Plan in December. If you would



like to donate to the project, you can drop donations by city hall or mail to PO Box 9, Echo, OR 97826.

Funding for the project to date is listed below:

Echo Community Benefit Plan	\$15,000
Kinsman Foundation	\$5000
Umatilla County	\$1500
Fort Henrietta Tournament	\$892
Amstad Farms	\$100
Diane Berry	\$275
Brian Spike, Suzanne & Robert Spike Memorials	\$300

Library Donations

Richard Koenig	4 DVDs
Elsie Middleton	11 books
Lou Nakapalau	4 books
Janice Schulze	1 magazine
Weeb Williams	3 books

America in Bloom 15

The City has registered for America in Bloom for 2015 and it will be a challenging progra this year as the AIB judges will be judging a new category. For the first time Circle of Champions winners will compete against each other, rather than competing in population categories. Depending on the number of entries Champions will be judged in either one or two categories based on population.



The “Circle of Champions” designation honors the achievement of communities that have won a combination of three population and/or criteria awards over the years. Only these cities (out of more than 200) have

earned this distinct honor: Arroyo Grande, CA; Bexley, OH; Echo, OR; Eureka Springs, AR; Fayetteville, AR; Gallipolis, OH; Greendale, IN; Holland, MI; Lewes, DE; McCall, ID; Ocala, FL; Tipp City, OH; Washington, MO;

Jack Clasen AIB Chairman [Jack judged Echo in 2014] says “ *They [Circle of Champion Winners] will compete against each other for awards. ...We are excited to offer this new expansion of the program as AIB continues to promote welcoming and vibrant places to live, work, and play.*”

Clasen added, “*This is a win -win for everyone as multiple award winners will compete against each other while increasing the opportunity for communities to do well within their population category. Depending on the final 2015 registration numbers there might be a “small” or “large” Champions category.*”



Planning & Funding

It is time to begin planning and raising funds for the 2015 AIB program so that we can win our 4th award.

Funds donated to the program are used to pay registration fees, Beautification Contest Prizes, Puncture Vine Program, Flowers and other beautification & community improvement projects.

If you would like to donate to the program, please fill out the slip on the right and return it to PO Box 9, Echo or drop by city hall.

Categories that the judges evaluate are: Floral Displays, Landscaped Areas, Ur-

ban Forestry, Environmental, Heritage Preservation and Overall Impression. Judges also evaluate Community Involvement in all six categories. Do you have ideas or suggestions for projects for 2015 that fit one of the six categories? If so please list them on the form also.

America in Bloom Donation Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Donation Amount

Other \$ _____ Patron \$100 _____

Sustaining \$200 _____ Corporate \$500 \$ _____

Donations for other projects

Public Art \$ _____ Hwy 320 entry sign \$ _____

Park Improvements \$ _____

Museum Garden/Mini Park \$ _____

Project Ideas or suggestions: _____

Ready to Read

The Echo Library received a Ready to Read Grant to fund the Summer Reading Program in December. This is a state program in the Governor’s budget designed to encourage reading over the summer months or for early



literacy projects. The city receives \$1000. This is used for incentives, professional entertainers, theme related supplies and other theme programs. The themes are selected through the American Library Association (ALA) and are a collaborative project used across the country. This year’s theme is Every Hero has a Story. We will also use some of the funding to purchase library materials that relate to the theme.