

The Echo



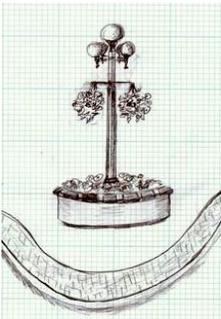
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DOWNTOWN GRANTS

Umatilla County Commissioners added \$20,000 more to the pot of matching funds for the Echo Downtown Project from their Bike & Pedestrian Fund. This brings the total matching funds to \$60,000. The maximum the state will provide toward the project is \$660,000.



County Volunteer Agencies

Volunteer agencies are invited to attend a night of networking with other agencies from all over Umatilla County. Speakers will talk about strengthening ties and building more volunteering opportunities.

Come join us for some great information and refreshments. **Host:** Umatilla County Emergency Management **Who should attend?** Everyone! Citizens, Businesses, Community leaders, etc. **When:** Thursday, April 7th, 2011. **Time:** 7:00pm **Where:** Justice Center, 4700 NW Pioneer **Place:** Pendleton, Oregon; **Cost:** None; **Refreshments:** Provided; **RSVP:** Barbara.Workman@ucem.us or call 541-667-3005.

linsworth, wire sculpture; 2. Marian Perdas, Glass; 3. Megan Giesen, ceramics; **Photos:** 1.Karen Beacham-night delight; 2. Diane Berry; 3. Diane Berry; Honorable Mention: Dawn Rudolph; Best Floral: Megan Giesen-rose; Special Mention: Joe Garcia-Echo Churches; Youth: Charlei Harwood;



Red2Red

The Echo Red2Red Race was a great success again this year, drawing 450 cyclists to Echo along with other visitors.

Here are two comments posted on the city's facebook page: Bev Reed: *"We came to the mountain bike race as well. We love your town! We stayed at the RV park just down the street from the starting line, and it was so perfect. On Sunday we lost our dog on the trails on the winery property, and we were sooo sad. BUT, Art, who works at Eagle ranch, found her. She was lying at the stop sign of Oregon*



Art Show

There were over 100 entries for the first Creative Echoes Art Show on March 12, 2011.

Winners: **Painting/**

Drawing: 1. Christopher Lee Marcum-Japanese-style Koi; 2. Virginia Harris, Green House; 3. Nicole Cimmiyotti, Bike; Honorable Mention: Karen Beacham; **3-D:** 1st Brady Col-





Trail Rd and Whitehouse Rd, and he took the time to get some hot dogs and got her to come to him so

he could see her collar. He called me and it made our day/week/year! We appreciate your town and the hospitality you showed to us. We'll be back next year"

Ina McLean: "I would like to thank the town of Echo for it's hospitality to all us mountain bike racers that invaded your lovely little town today...you made us feel so welcomed. THANK YOU!!!"

We Noticed Program

It is time to start the "We Notice 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.

Communities in Bloom

Like AIB, Communities in Bloom (CiB) is designed to promote community beautification, increase livability and community pride. Judges visit participating communities each year and make recommendations on the community's efforts in terms of tidiness, floral displays, urban forestry environmental awareness, heritage, community involvement and landscaped areas.

Participation in these programs and undertaking projects to make the community more livable are not free. That is why we write and ask for donations each year. We know that in tough economic times, it is often hard to find extra cash to make such donations, but donations, no matter how small are appreciated.

Donations provide entry fees, judges



lodging, plaques, plants, mulch, rock, and fund a beautification contest. **Kopacz Nursery** is continuing to sponsor our program by donating annuals for parks & public areas and by planting and raising the town's planters in their greenhouse. Without the support of Tania and Sherrie, we would not be able to continue this program, nor would we have known about AIB.

Planned for 2011 if funding is available:

*Replacement of deteriorated entry sign at Main & Thielsen & expansion of rock garden in this area.



*A new entry sign near Golf Course Rd. & Hwy 320 w/art & expansion of rock gardens.

*Completion of the Farm Equipment Display (a Umatilla County Cultural Coalition Grant is covering most of the cost of signage and paint) with more rock.

*A picnic shelter, restroom & playground equipment for the Fort Henrietta Park

*Arboretum upgrades .

*Installation of Lexan panels to enclose the Museum Displays at the Fort Henrietta Park. This will stop damage to displays from weather & vandalism. Replacement of Echo History Sign damaged by bullets.

We have received the following donations toward the 2011 program to date: Robert & Marie Tolar \$100; Penny & Ray Shepherd \$25; Suzanne Spike \$25; Anonymous \$160

Our thanks to 2010 Donors: American Printing \$25; Amstad Farms \$100; Anderson Perry & Ass. Engineering \$100, Charlotte Berry \$50; Iva Bishop \$25; Dean & Rita Drake \$50; Eagle Ranch (drop box); Echo Boosters \$50; Echo Firemen \$25; Echo Garden Club \$25; Echo Historical Museum \$25; Echo Quarterback Club \$100; Echo Kiwanis \$25; Janie Enright in Memory of Tom Enright \$25; Fort Henrietta Foundation \$50; Fort Storage \$25; Gene & Jeanie Hampton \$20; Frank & Bev Harkenrider \$50; Doris Pitzer \$25; Power Pro Electric \$100; Purswell Pumps \$75; Swede & Fritz Ramos-\$25; Verlyn & Janet Schulz \$100; Selders Family \$5; Mick & Susan Tolar \$50; Robert Tolar in Memory of Bennie Lee Tolar, Echo Historian \$100; Colleen Williams-golf course floral beds; Umatilla County \$1000;

Be aware of the Sun

You probably know by now that making bad decisions when it comes to sun protection can be life threatening. While some people smartly skip the midday sun altogether, others work outdoors in tank tops every day or hit the beach with a bottle of baby oil, increasing their chances of developing skin cancer. Oregonians have experienced a 2% increase in skin cancer incidence and mortality rates between 1995 and 2002. Oregon, along with Idaho and Washington has higher rates than the National average for skin cancer. Statistics from 2007 show 28.7 people per 100,000 diagnosed with Melanoma compared to 23.5 nationally. If you are of white ancestry, the rates are 29.3 compared to 25.9 nationally. Our thinner atmosphere, as opposed to the equator, high rate of outdoor living and high rate of fair skinned people, are believed to contribute to skin cancer rates. Vacationing habits also play a role in our chances of developing ailments related to sun-exposure.



Tips for staying safe in the sun:

- Reduce sun exposure between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Wear protective clothing when working in the yard, hiking or other outdoor activities
- Wear SPF 50 sunscreen when outside.

A Bottle of 50 SPF sunscreen will be one of the door prizes for the Arbor Day/Tree Fair Celebration. On April 21 & sunscreen packets will be in the National Night Out gift bags again this year.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Echo Volunteer Fire Fighters & Methodist Church are jointly putting on the annual Easter Egg Hunt again this year.

The hunt will be at 9 am on Saturday, April 23. Infants through 4 year olds will be at the church. Children 5 through 8 years at

the Fort Henrietta Park. Children 9 through 12 at the football field.

The Easter Bunny will be at the church and children can have their pictures taken with him. They will also have face painting.



Budget Committee

Six positions are open on the Echo City Budget Committee. Anyone interested in serving on the budget committee can pickup an application at city hall or call and we will send you one.

Book & Science Fairs

The School will host a book fair from April 11-14. Book purchases, help the school earn credits for new books. The Science Fair will be April 14

Cemetery Board

Sharon Lilly is stepping down from the Echo Cemetery Board. Merle Gehrke will be running for the position. Other interested parties are invited to run as a write-in for the position if they choose.



Arbor Day/Tree Fair

When: April 21, 2100; 12:35 pm;

Where: George Park, behind City Hall

Who's Invited: Everyone!!! Come help us celebrate.

What: Celebration of City's 22nd year as a Tree City USA & receipt of Tree City & Tree City Growth

Awards. Refreshments will be provided. Door Prizes including trees, books & other prizes. The



two main Door Prizes are a Forest Pansy Red Bud Tree & a DVD player. Echo Elementary Students will help with celebration & will provide entertainment.

Packets of Oregon grown wildflower seeds will also be provided to those attending.

The "Official" Echo Flower will be announced. The flower will join the Red Horse chestnut which was selected the Echo Tree in 2009. Echo Elementary Students will select the flower. A DVD player will be awarded to the winner of the Tree Trivia Contest.

Library City Hall Displays: During the week of April 18th thru 22, the Library & City Hall will recognize Arbor Day with displays of Tree Posters & Tree & Garden related materials available in the library.

Coloring Contest: Children can color the attached page & drop it by city hall by April 18 for judging & for display during Arbor Week.

Heritage Plaques: This year as an Arbor Day Project signage will placed at the site of the Heritage Trees named last year.



2. Why is Topping Trees Expensive?_____

3. People continue to Top Trees despite the fact that Professional Arborists have been trying to educate the public about why they should not top trees for over 25 years. One reason is because people think if a tree gets too big it needs to be topped to keep it from falling on their house. Why is a topped tree more likely to lead to broken limbs falling on your house then leaving the tree along?_____

4. Echo has Six places where Heritage Trees are located, Name one?_____

5. Echo has been a Tree City for 22 years and only 10 Oregon Cities have been Tree Cities longer. Name One of those cities._____

6. What is the most common tree in the US. Hint: there are a lot of them growing along Prescott St. _____

National Volunteer Week

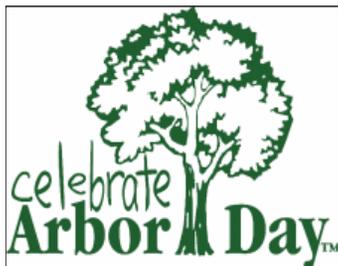
April is National Volunteer Week and the City of Echo would like to thank all of

Tree Trivia & Topping Contest

Rules: Submit the answers to the questions below on a piece of paper bearing your name & phone number & drop the paper by city hall to be eligible to win a DVD player. The winner will be the entry with the most correct answers. If there is

a tie, the winner will be selected by a drawing from among the correct entries.

1. Name Six Reasons Why Topping Hurts Trees? _____



Kopacz Nursery & Florist

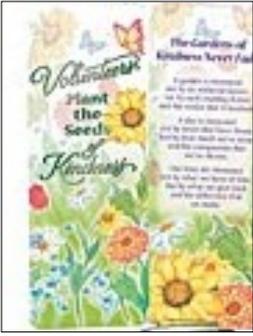


“Helping Make Echo More Beautiful”

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
- 541-567-3278





those who have volunteered for city programs and events such as the Annual Christmas Program, National Night Out, America in Bloom, Clean-up Day, the Library, Halloween Party, city council and boards. America in Bloom Judges

have found our pool of volunteers to be very impressive and we have earned "Special Recognition" twice from AIB as a result. Thanks Everyone. It is because of all of you, that Echo is such a great place to live and work.

We will be honoring volunteers with the gift of a small packet of seeds "Volunteers Plant the Seeds of Kindness." The Seeds will be available at city hall as out thank you to:

Pasquale Anolfo, Karen Beacham, Charlotte Berry, Jake & Tracie Broyles, Trey & Chevy Buck, Michael Duffy, Echo Kiwanis & Key Club members, Janie & Mark Enright, Kathie & Lloyd Ferge, Kevin, Jerrie & Dale Fife, Jerry Gaunt, Frank & Peggy Haines, Gene & Jeanie Hampton, Susan Kays, Ed McCallum, Justin Morris, Tim Novak, Lloyd, Lois & Jared Piercy, Cody Primmer, Chester Prior, Trevor Pyke, Carol, Sara & Hattie Reese, Dawn Rudolph, Pauline Sherbahn, Phyllis Shovelski, Pamela Steele, Tiffany Tetlow, Lucas Wagner Family, Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Wagner, Anthony Watson, Missy & Josh White, Colleen Williams, Tammy Williams, Richard Winter, PhD, Pat Wood, Gayle Yoder, Echo Volunteer Fire Fighters & Echo School Teachers & Students.



We had a number of Echo Youth who helped with games for National Night Out & the Halloween Party.



Unfortunately we did not get

all of the names of these volunteers, but we still appreciate their help & they are welcome to pickup a seed packet.

If we forgot anyone, our sincere apologies.

New Computers

The New Library Computers that were purchased with a grant from the Echo Community Benefit Plan have arrived and are being set up on April 4 & 5. The new camera system will be installed within the next week.



Cleanup Week

It is time to haul off all of the debris that has accumulated over the last year. The annual Sanitary Disposal Spring Cleanup week is April 1 thru 7. 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.



Echo Hills

Golf Course membership rates remain the same as last year. A special rate is available for those living within the Echo City Limits, as Echo residents pay city property taxes.

Echo Single	\$360	Echo Couple	\$575
Regular Single	\$540	Couple	\$875

A child can be added to any of the above memberships for \$80 per year per child.

Cart Shed Rent \$310

Also available is a Punch Card: pay for Nine 9-hole week-day rounds & get the 10th free.



Donation Thanks Library

Barbara Andrews	21 Books
Anonymous	7 books
Charlotte Berry	5 books
Robert Brown, Jr.	5 DVDs
Suzie Davie	9 videos
Golf Course	3 bags
Jeanie Hampton	1 book
Karl Jensen	1 audio book
Jackson Kids	15 books
Marshall Lilly	1 book
Macia Family	66 books, 5 VHS, 1 DVD
Janice Shultz	21 books
Jodi Williams	6 books
Anna Zacharias	1 book

Arboretum

Anonymous \$20

Community in Bloom

Anonymous \$100

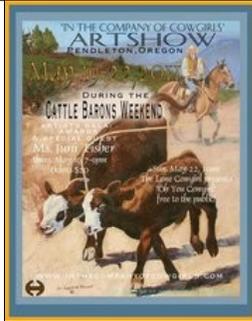
China House

Dale Fife, misc. Railroad Items

Art Shows:

Cowboy Gear:

An Exhibit of Functional Western Arts & Crafts; Thru April 29, ArtsEast Gallery, LaGrande, OR, Eastern Oregon Univ. Campus 6th & L Ave. M-F 8 am to 5 pm; 541-962-3624.



"Art is for the Birds" Open Exhibition

May 14-July 2nd., Union Co. Art & Culture Center, Penn Ave, LaGrande, OR Call for Artists by UCACC for artwork that either depicts birds or has content related to birds or ornithology in some way. Submission Date Sunday May 8th & Mon. May 9th; Artists may submit up to 2 display-ready pieces of original 2-D (including photography) and 3-D art. Call 541-624-2800; email ucartctr@eoni.com;

In the Company of Cowgirls Art Show:

May 19-22 During Pendleton's Cattle Baron's

Weekend." Outstanding Cowgirl Art— Celebrates the role women have played in the agriculture industry. Juni Fisher, Song-writer, Singer & Entertainer "is coming for the reception." Place: Hamley's.



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, but refreshments are served. Come meet new librarian Wendy Holben. Call 541-376-8411 for more information.

Couples Fish Feed

The Annual Echo Quarterback Club Couples Fish Feed will be on Saturday, April 30, 2011 at the Echo Fire Hall. The cost remains at \$35 per person. Contact John Moffit at 667-7682 or Weeb Williams at 376-8428 for tickets.

Debris Piles Prohibited

As we prepare for the Communities in Bloom Judges, 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 or in your yard. Remember that such practices attract rodents and other creatures.

If you pile debris, yard clipping or limbs on the street right-of-way, you can be cited. 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.

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