

The Echo

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Happy 150th!!!

Don't forget Oregon's 150th year as a state will be Feb. 14, 2009. There are a variety of events that will start around the state on that date and continue throughout much of 2009.

Echo Projects

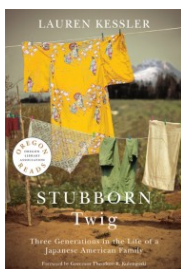
Take Care of Oregon Day. For Oregon's 150th, organizers are trying to arrange the largest day of volunteerism ever held in the nation called Down by the Riverside. The date is Saturday, May 16. However as school is not in session on Saturday, the Echo School will contribute to the volunteer effort by holding its 3rd annual Community Cleanup Day on Thursday May 14. Each class will take on a project. Last year these included planting flowers in city parks, cleaning up the football field and school grounds and arboretum or placing bark in the museum garden.



Echo residents are invited to do their part on May 16 with a general community cleanup effort. Roadside cleanup, yard cleanup or painting for disabled or elderly residents or riverside cleanup. (continued page 2)

Oregon Reads 2009

You can still join the Oregon Reads Program. Books are still available at the library. Join others across the state in reading the same book(s) 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 Oregon by Deborah Hopkinson and participate in Oregon Reads 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.



Echo Red to Red MTB Race

The first annual Echo Red to Red Mountain Bike Race is scheduled for February 22. The race which is the first MTB event of 2009 is an OBRA race. The race is expected to attract at least 50 cyclists. The race will start in Echo at the Red Express and then to the Piercy Mountain Bike Trail south of town. Proceeds will go to the Echo Kiwanis for Youth Programs.

For more information contact Brian Cimmiyotti at 720-4908 or briancimmiyotti@mac.com or go to www.redtored.com. There is also a link from the city's website.

More information will be available closer to the event. If you would like to volunteer or help with organization of this event, contact Diane Berry 376-8411.



Oregon Stories. Three Oregon stories have been submitted: Joseph Cunha, Dr. John Teel and Whispering Thompson. If you have contributed an Oregon Story on your family, please let us know or provide a copy. Copies of the three submitted stories are available in the library.

Echo Cookbook. Work continues on the Echo Cookbook. Recipes are still being accepted.

Historic Projects. A selection of historic photos of Echo has already been started on the city's website www.echo-oregon.com. If you have photos for us to scan, please let us know. Work proceeds on the Echo Sheep Ranching display for the Echo Museum.



Tree Dedication. Echo will celebrate its 20th anniversary as a Tree City on April 16 by planting a large caliper Cherry Tree in the Park. A plaque honoring this event, the state's 150th and former mayor Jeannette Bell will be dedicated. The city will also name the official Echo Tree. If you haven't voted yet, ballots are still available at city hall.

Sesquicentennial/AIB Project. A Water Feature will be added to the park adjacent to the George Park Rose Garden in memorial for Velma Laughlin, Dr. John Woodward & Robert Spike, as well as an AIB and 150th project. Other Donors will also be acknowledged. If you would like to make a donation toward the project you can drop it by city hall.



in the Annual Great Backyard Bird Count on February 13-16. This is a joint project of Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society. "This free event is an opportunity for families, students, and people of all ages to discover the wonders of nature in backyards, schoolyards, and local parks, and at the same time, make an important contribution to conservation." The bird counts can be reported online. Even if you can only identify a few species you can help. Even novice bird watchers can contribute by counting birds for as little as 15 minutes. The sightings can be reported at www.birdcount.org and you can check out what birds others are sighting. There is a bird photo gallery and tips for identifying birds.



Businesses, schools, scout troops and other community organizations interested in the Great Backyard Bird Count can contact Cornell Lab of Ornithology at 1-800-843-2473 or Audubon at citizenscience@audubon.org. You are also invited to submit bird photos. For more information, visit www.birdcount.org.

Library Donations

Jerry Gaunt—15 books, 5 magazines

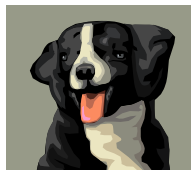
Eujenia Hampton—8 Audio Books

Sharon Lilly—2 books

Missy White—3 books



Dog Licenses



Residents who have not purchased a 2009 license for their dogs by Feb. 27 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 an altered animal and \$12 per year for an unaltered animal. Proof of a current rabies shot is required.

Backyard Bird Count

If you are interested in birds, you may want to join other fans across North America

Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood Watch Meetings will re-



sume with the first meeting of the year on Wed. Feb. 18 at 6 pm at the Masonic Lodge at 20 S. Dupont. Please become involved in your community & come to the meeting.

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.



What Is America in Bloom?

AIB... is a program to help cities and towns plant pride in their communities. **... is a program** that helps beautify a city. Such beauty often becomes the "welcome mat" for citizens and visitors alike. **... is a program** that pools the resources of the municipality, the businesses, and the individual citizens to achieve a common goal to help beautify the city and make it a true community of like-minded individuals. **... is a program** that increases awareness of litter, graffiti, chewing gum left on sidewalks, and other issues that detract from a city's tidiness and reputation as a great place to live. **...is a program** that recognizes a city's tree canopy, its urban forestry programs, its parks departments, and other programs that help to enhance the city's beauty. **...is a program** that helps make a city a better place to live. Benefits include increased property values, greater tourism, and greater pride in the community. **...is a program** that spotlights a city's heritage for its citizens and visitors. Heritage appreciation recognizes both where a city has been and where it is going.

...is a program that links cities all across America into a network of sharing and caring, as cities and towns and their citizens join the America in Bloom family to compare notes and share ideas.



AIB Donations

Elaine Ramos

\$50

100+ History Books

To commemorate Oregon's 150th Birthday Echo Library has pulled over 100 of its books dealing with Echo, Oregon and Pacific Northwest History. The books are on display on the new book display stands in the main library. If you need help finding a book you are interested in, just ask a librarian.



Among the books on display are: The Ancient Painted Images of the Columbia Gorge by Dr. John Woodward; Cayuse Country; On to Oregon; Oregon's Golden Years; Little Known Tales from Oregon; Oregon Firsts: Past and Present; Oregon Trivia; Oregon Outlaws; People of the Plateau;

A Big Thank You/Income Survey

Thank you to all the Echo residents who had the patience to provide information for the first & second income survey by GEODC. We just received a letter from the Oregon Community & Economic Development Department that Echo has 55+% low to moderate income households, which means we now qualify for a Block Grant of up to \$1,000,000 for the Sewer Upgrade Project. We have also received word that the proposed Economic Stimulus Legislation may allow for larger grant awards to eligible communities for projects like



our sewer project through existing federal programs.

This project will require a “yes” vote from the public to allow a revenue bond to cover the portion of the project that is covered by a loan(s). More information will be available in March on the election.

Historic Recipes

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



Sour Cream Pie (Myrtle O’Brien)

This is a luscious rich pie. Mapleine makes the flavor quiet different than a traditional raisin pie, which has nutmeg.

1 c. sugar	¼ tsp. salt
1 c. sour cream	3 eggs
4 Tbsp. flour powder	1 tsp. baking
1 ½ tsp. Mapleine	1 c. raisins
1/3 c. powdered sugar	

Cook raisins in water. Mix sugar & flour together with salt, sour cream & one whole egg & 2 beaten egg yolks. Add Mapleine. Cook all together in a double boiler until thick. Lastly add raisins and fill a baked pie shell. Cover with meringue made from 2 remaining egg whites. Add powdered sugar & baking powder gradually to meringue as eggs are whipped. Brown meringue in oven.

Learning Express Coming

Library Patrons will soon be able to connect to the Learning Express through the Library webpage: <http://www.echo-oregon.com/library.html>. Click on the Library Express logo and enter e97826 for your login. The first time you will need to set up your own account.

This service provides online exams job skills and other training opportunities for nursing, firefighting and other fields. It also provides 50 easy to use computer skills tutori-



als, SAT, ACT, GED self tests and assistance. Help with math, writing, and other subjects is also available.

Transportation Stimulus

The City has submitted two projects for economic stimulus funding. Projects had to be submitted by Jan. 30 and had to be ones that could go to start construction within 6 months or less. Now we wait to see if the funding is approved & if so to be selected.

The Echo projects include a general roadwork project that would overlay the sections of city streets that have not been repaved since the 1940s or 50s and to widen roads in commercial areas. The second project would extend the Thielsen Street Bike paths and sidewalks north toward Willow Street.

Youth Mentoring



If you are interested in getting involved in a youth mentoring program through the Echo Community Methodist Church for youth without a full-time father, contact Jerry Gaunt, 376-8665; Pasquale Anolfo, 376-8646; Pastor Tim Novak, 376-8108;

Police Report

12-03	Warning x 2, N. Thielsen
12-04	Theft, 100 blk. S. Prescott
12-06	Warning, Thielsen & Dupont
12-08	Warning, N. Thielsen
12-10	VRO, Criminal Trespas: 200 Blk W. Sprague,
12-15	Warning-N. Thielsen
12-28	Warning x 2-N. Thielsen Warning-Main & Thielsen
01-04	Warning-Thielsen & Willow
01-08	Speed Racing, Gerone & Thielsen
01-11	Warning, Dupont & Main
01-12	Theft, 800 Blk, Jane
01-16	Welfare Check-Main Civil Standby, 100 Blk W. Buckley
01-17	DWS-Misd., Thielsen & Dupont
01-20	Warning-N. Thielsen
01-21	DWS, Impound, Thielsen & Main
01-22	Other Criminal, 500 Blk Halstead
01-24	Medical Call, Main & RR tracks Disturbance, 20 Blk S. Prescott
01-25	Welfare Chk, 500 Blk Halstead
01-28	Runaway, 100 Blk S. Prescott
01-31	Theft, 200 Blk. W. Bridge