

The Echo

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Arbor Day/150th

The Dedication and planting of the Red Horse Chestnut in the Center of the City Park on April 16 was a great success. Nearly 150 Echo students attended and another 40 or so adults attended the ceremony. Echo youth read Oregon trivia in honor of the state's birthday. A copy of their research will be placed in the museum. Larry Keimig with the Umatilla Masonic Lodge #40 said the lodge was proud to be part of the community



and provide funds to purchase the bronze plaque and help with the tree. State Forester Katie Lompa provided Echo city council members Ed McCallum and Jerry Gaunt with the city's Tree City Flag & awards for the 20th anniversary.

Cake & Cookies were served & then volunteers helped place shovel-loads of dirt around the tree.

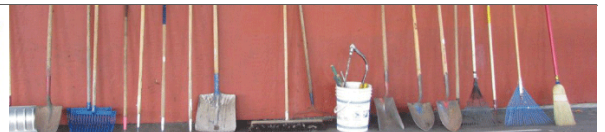
California Youth Group

A big thanks to the Westlake Village United Methodist Church and their youth work team chaperoned by six adults from

Southern California of Simi Valley for their most gracious assistance in beautifying the Echo Community United Methodist church, the Bonanza Street triangle park, and building a handicap access ramp for a retired couple in Echo.



These energetic youth blended into the community and mixed in with several of our local youth. They also enjoyed several field trips: to the ORV park out of Heppner, discovering the Oregon Trail ruts, and a tour of the fossil beds and Thomas Condon Interpretive Center near Dayville.



Take Care of Oregon Day

Please consider joining 1000s of other Oregonians on May 16 for the Take Care of Oregon/Down by the Riverside Community Cleanup Day. Oregon's Sesquicentennial Committee and SOLV have organized the largest volunteer effort in the nation and there will be 600 cleanup activities around the state.

We will have our own here in Echo starting at 9 am at the Masonic Lodge. Volunteers can pickup materials donated by SOLV and Oregon 150, sign volunteer permission slips and pickup an assignment in the lodge hall. There will be refreshments, including a hot dog lunch and a drawing for a coat do-



nated by Columbia Sports.

Echo's Take Care of Oregon Day will involve the Echo Kiwanis & other interested residents

who will pickup garbage & debris in the Fort Henrietta Park & along the river, plant perennials or lay bark in the park. Others will be sprucing up the downtown & Museum Park or picking up along road sides.

Contact Diane Berry for further information at 376-8411.

Council Committee

There are currently openings on the city budget committee, library & tree boards. If anyone is interested in applying for an opening, they can pickup an application at city hall. You must be a registered voter and have resided in the city limits for a minimum of 1 year.

The first budget committee meeting will be Thursday, May 21, 2009 at 7 pm, prior to the council meeting.

School Community Service/ Take Care of Oregon Day

Echo students will be doing their part to take care of Oregon and Echo on May 21 for their annual community service day. The students accomplished a great deal last year including picking up along roads, on school grounds, at the arboretum, planting flowers in the park, the Museum & Sprague Street Gar-



dens and even helping cleanup the yard of former Mayor Jeannette Bell. We want to thank them in advance.

Calling on All Residents

As Mayor Richard Winter indicated in his letter to all Echo residents last week, we would appreciate it if everyone in town would do something to help make Echo tidier. If you don't have the time or inclination to participate in the May 16 Cleanup, do something on



your own whether it is weed eating around your house, planting flowers, pulling a weed along the street or in a public sidewalk

or helping your neighbor. Every little bit helps show your community pride & helps make Echo a better place to live.

Dedication/Reception

A dedication ceremony for the memorial water feature in the George (City Park) is scheduled

for Wednesday, June 3 at 2 pm. A reception to welcome America in Bloom Judges will also be part of the ceremony.



The water feature was created with funds donated in memory of Velma Laughlin, Bob Spike and Dr. John Woodward. It also is a "Leave a Legacy" project for Oregon's 150th birthday.

Come meet the judges, they are very interesting people who have a vast amount of experience not only in gardening but evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of communi-

ties across the country. Help them appreciate our community.

Memorial Donations

Memorial donations have been received in memory of the following people:

Velma Laughlin	\$50
Lawrence Berry	\$95
Tom Enright	\$25
Jessica Newman	\$50
JR Warnock	\$25



Library Donations

Jim Ashbeck	6 books
Glenn Cochran	12 books, 2 DVDs
Darrylin Collinsworth	Vintage Clothing
Dale Fife	photos, magazines
Roberta Harsh	2 boxes books
Tressie & Gene Miller	78 books
Gary & Carol Marcum	Surround Sound syst.
Susan Wolverton	12 videos



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. Only one person has signed up so far.



Urban Forestry Programs

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.

Purchases are limited to 1 tree on a first come first serve basis. If after June 15 trees remain, the residents can purchase a second tree.

Varieties ordered: Red Sunset Maple,

White Flowering Red Bud; Prairie Fire Flowering Crabapple; Leonard Messel Magnolia; Moonglow Magnolia; Blood Good Sycamore (London Plane Tree); You can find images of these trees by going to Google Images and typing in the name.



AIB Donations

Thanks to everyone who has donated to America in Bloom so far this year:

Marilyn Allen	\$25
Anderson Perry Engineering	\$100
Banner Bank	\$100
Charlotte Berry	\$50
Burns Mortuary	\$50
Iva Bishop	\$20
Eagle Ranch/Chet Prior	\$100
Echo Garden Club	\$50
Granite NW Paving	\$100
Power Pro Electric	\$100
Fritz & Swede Ramos	\$25
Suzanne Spike	\$50



Above: Children line up for the Fire Dept. & Echo Church Easter Egg Hunt.



Left: Students help plant the "Echo" Tree on Arbor Day.

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 fifth 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.

Scalloped Chicken & Stuffing

(Janie Enright)

2 c. cooked, diced chicken 1/3 c. chopped onions
1/4 c. dry bread crumb ¼ c. margarine
½ tsp. celery salt or seed 1 tsp. sage or rosemary
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 Tbsp. Parmesan cheese

Combine chicken, soup & 4 Tbsp. water. Add sage & celery salt to toasted bread cubes. Melt butter in small skillet. Add 1 Tbsp. melted butter to dry bread crumbs, reserve. Add onion to remaining butter in skillet. Sauté until tender. Add to bread cube mixture, mix well. Place ½ chicken mixture in ungreased 1-qt. casserole. Placing over chicken; top stuffing with remaining chicken mixture; Combine buttered bread stuff crumbs with cheese; sprinkle over top of casserole. Bake in 350 degree oven for 30 minutes. Janie says she prefers this without the cheese.

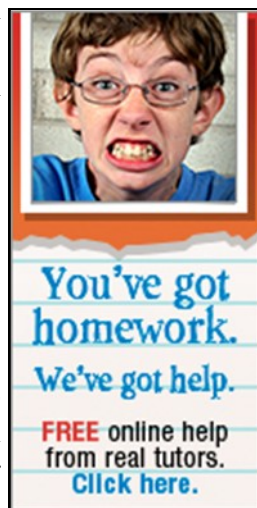
Tutor. Com/Learning Express

We provided information on connecting Echo Residents to Tutor.com and the Learning Express last month. Unfortunately, the connection information was incomplete. 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 the password for **Tutor.com** is e7826 not your library card number.. This will open the Library of Eastern Oregon Website. Click on the Connect now button. This site offers live tutor help from 2 to 9 pm daily.

The other site is Learning Express. To access it click on the icon of the library webpage. The first time you go on the site you will need to register using e7826 + five characters (number or letters) of your choice as both the password and user name. Again do not use your library card number.

If you need help, call the library @ 376-8411.



John Nilsen Concert

John Nilsen will return for a piano concert on May 16 at 7 pm. Nilsen is an Oregon composer and award winning musician. "John's Music has a very magical quality to it. Here is a musician who has truly taken his talent and continued developing it. Each new recording seems to be his best." David Shult, KINK FM102, Portland. His concerts include traditional, jazz, contemporary and religion music. The concert is free, but donations are being accepted to cover his travel expenses and he will have his CDs for sale.



Trees=Healthy

Did you know that if you live in an area with tree lined streets you are three times more likely to be physically active? "A study of adults in Europe's urban areas



found that residents of neighborhoods with more greenery were three times as likely to be physically active-and 40 percent less likely to be overweight or obese-than people living in the least green setting.” (Feb. issue of “Arborist News”) “People

are more likely to choose healthy behaviors when they live near parks and open spaces,” according to Arthur M. Wendel, MD, National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). As a result of these studies, designers are trying to incorporate more greenery into streetscapes and urban areas. Researcher realize that if the built environment doesn’t encourage walking, people don’t.

As well as greenery, pocket parks, good paths or walks, bike paths, and public art help make a community more exercise friendly.—So Plant those Street Trees!!!

Swine Flu/Pandemic?

There is continuing debate over whether the Swine Flu outbreak is going to result in a Pandemic or an virulent influenza outbreak, but in the interim, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has the following on their website:

What You Can Do to Stay Healthy

- ♦ **Stay informed.** Go to <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/> to keep informed on the latest information on the Swine Flu.
- ♦ Influenza is thought to spread mainly **person-to-person** through coughing or sneezing of infected people.
- ♦ **Take everyday actions to stay healthy:**
 - ◊ Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
 - ◊ Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or

sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective

- ◊ Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.
- ◊ Stay home if you get sick. CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.
- ♦ **Follow public health advice** regarding school closures, avoiding crowds and other social distancing measures.



♦ Develop a family emergency plan as a precaution. This should include storing a supply of food, medicines, facemasks, alcohol-based hand rubs and other essential supplies.

♦ Call 1-800-CDC-INFO for more information.

You cannot get Swine

Flu from eating pork.
Don't Panic.

Budget/Council Meeting

The First Budget Meeting will be on Thursday, May 21 at 7 pm at the city hall auditorium. Comments will be taken from the public on State Shared Revenue Funds. A copy of the budget may be inspected at city hall after May 6.



The regular council meeting will follow at 7:30 pm. Kyle Jansson of the Oregon Heritage Commission will present the city’s Oregon Heritage Excellence Award. Also discussed will be the Umatilla County/City of Echo Emergency Mitigation Plan.

New in the Library

We try to get most new DVDs as they are released. Among the new DVDs are Twilight, Hotel for Dogs, Beverly Hills Chihuahua, Igor, Open Season 2, Australia, Milk, Nights in Rodanthe..

Books: There is a Cure for Diabetes,

Alex Kava's Exposed; Dennis Lehane's Any Given Day, Steve Berry's The Alexandria Link & The Charlemagne Pursuit; James Lee Burke's Swan Peak; Vince Flynn's Act of Treason & Extreme Measures, ...

Echo Museum Changes

The Echo Museum opened for the summer on May 2 and will be open weekends



Sheep Shearing on Minor Brothers' Ranch. Eighteen Men
A century with Sheep Ranch. Due to the 'Panic' Months

from May through September from 1:30 to 4:30 pm. The cost is \$3 for adults and \$2 for Seniors and

Children.

This year the board is hoping to open the upstairs to visitors and is discussing renovations to the basement that would make it possible to display implements and rustic items.

There will be a display on Echo sheep industry this summer which will include historic photos and information. If anyone has items related to sheep ranching they would like to donate or loan, contact Diane Berry at 376-8411 or Dale Fife, Chairman at 376-8400. In honor of the 100th year of the Pendleton Woolen Mills they would like to do a display of Pendleton clothing and blankets. If you have an item to loan, contact Berry.

Donations to the Echo Historical Museum are tax deductible and donations to help with improvements to the basement and upstairs can be mailed to the Echo Museum, PO Box 205, Echo.

Garden Websites

Oregon Extension Service: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/gardening>
<http://www.gardenguides.com/resources/walks/results.asp?s=OR>
<http://www.garden.org/home>
<http://www.backyardgardener.com/>
<http://www.plantideas.com/>

Police Reports

Feb. 4	Suspicious Activity, Gerone & Thielsen
Feb. 9	Disturbance, School Burglary, 100 Block N. Bonanza
Feb. 10	Warning, Thielsen & Bridge Transport, juvenile
Feb. 11	Transport to UCCJC Warrant, 545 E. Sunset Search Warrant, Echo Case Theft, 200 Block N. Prescott
Feb. 16	Theft, 100 Block N. Bonanza
Feb. 17	Disturbance, 800 Block Perry
Feb. 23	Welfare Check
Feb. 25	Warning, Main St.
Feb. 27	
Mar 01	Warning, Main & Dupont
Mar 2	Warning, Thielsen & Bridge
Mar 4	Warning, N. Thielsen
Mar 7	Warning, Main St. Warning, Gerone & Golf Course
Mar 9	Warning, Gerone & Golf Course
Mar 10	Warning x 2, N. Thielsen & Dupont Warning, N. Dupont & Main Warning, Front & Main Criminal Mischief, 500 Block of Halstead
Mar 11	Warning, N. Thielsen & Dupont
Mar 14	Warning, N. Thielsen Other Traffic X 2, Hiestand & Gerone
Mar 15	Warning, Bonanza & Main
Mar 16	VBR x 2, Hiestand & Gerone Warning, Dupont & Main
Mar 17	Warning, Buckley & Dupont
Mar 21	Warning, Main & Bonanza Warning x 2, Front & Main VBR, Front & Main VBR, N. Thielsen
Mar 23	Suspicious Activity, S. Prescott
Mar 24	No Ops Lic, Bonanza & Main Curfew, 300 Blk. Willow
Mar 25	Warning, Front & Main
Mar 28	Warrant, N. Dupont & Thielsen DWS, N. Dupont & Thielsen Transport, N. Dupont & Thielsen Warning, N.
Thielsen	
Mar 30	Warning, N. Thielsen
Mar 31	Fail to Carry Ins., Thielsen & Dupont

