

The Echo



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National Night Out

Tues. Aug. 4/City Park-7 pm

This year's National Night Out is Tuesday at the City Park & Masonic Lodge. This is a Nationwide event where neighbors meet as a statement against drugs and crime. Last year nearly 250 people attended and we hope that an equal number will attend this year.



A free meal of hot dogs, chips, punch and ice cream bars will be served. There will be gift bags for the first 150 people and drawings for door prizes including a DVD player, a 2009 US Mint Coin Proof set, DVDs

and many more items. A Bouncing Castle will be set up on Bridge St. and there will be kids games in the park. The Fire Department will bring a truck



over and demonstrate how to operate a hose and nozzle.

Winners of the annual Beautification Contest will be announced and prizes awarded. It's a great opportunity to enjoy the park and get to know your neighbors or meet other residents of town in a casual and relaxed setting.

Volunteers

Volunteers are still needed to help with games and activities. If you are interested, contact Diane Berry at city hall-376-8411.

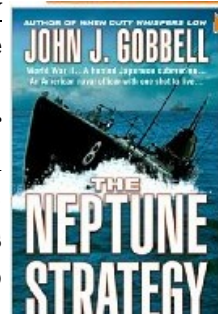
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Echo in Literature

John J. Gobbell, is a veteran Navy officer who writes historical military thrillers. In his novels he features Navy Lieutenant Todd Ingram and guess what town is Ingram's hometown? It is Echo, Oregon. These novels including The Last Lieutenant, A Code for Tomorrow and When Duty Whispers Low will soon be available in the library.

Gobbell says his father William Gobbell, MD was born here in 1906 and his grandfather Rev. Isaac Gobbell was the Methodist Minister in Echo at that time.

John remembers visiting Echo as a child.



School Sports Physicals

Students in Umatilla and Morrow County can attend a clinic at Hermiston High School on August 18, 2009 for this years sports physicals. The cost will be \$10. The date is Tues., August 18 from 1 to 4 pm at the High School Gold Gym.



All students participating in sports need physicals. This is for 7th graders, freshmen, juniors and any student who needs an update.

Sale of City Property

The City of Echo will be accepting bids for the sale of the following equipment:

A 1950 5 yd. International Dump Truck;
Blade for truck;

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Sidewalk Art by children participating in the Be Creative at your Library Summer Reading Program will be displayed on the sidewalks along the George Park.

National Night Out

Donations/Thank You!

Donations were received from the following through July 29. Donations are used to cover cost of prizes, food and rentals.

Amstad Farms	\$25
Centurytel	\$400
Echo Quarterback Club	\$200
Peggy & Frank Haines	\$20
Methodist Church	\$50
Rev. & Mrs. Tim Novak	\$50
Columbia River Bank—2009 Coin Proof	
RDO/John Deere & Anderson Perry Engineering—door prizes valued from \$150 each.	
Sanitary Disposal—Certificates for free trash disposal.	

Surplus Property (cont. from pg 1.)

1 R331; Army # W83001 (army air corp); A BBQ/Smoker—trailer used for Fort Henrietta



Days Barbeques-
Minimum bid \$200; A
Portable Drafting Table-
Minimum bid \$50;

Mini-Computer—never used—
Minimum Bid \$50;

VHS Tapes—for sale at \$1 each.

VHS Tape protective cases \$.50 ea.

Individually priced collectible books

No Minimums:

Boxes of Books, Computer Monitors,

To view equipment contact Darin Tuil at 376-8411. Bids will be accepted until August 17 at 5 pm and must be returned to city hall in a sealed envelope marked "Bid" on the outside.

Summer Reading Program

The Summer Reading Program—Be Creative at Your Library continues through Aug. 13. Next week some of the artwork completed by children this summer will be displayed in the display window of the old Mercantile Building on Main Street next to the Beauty Salon.

Children are encouraged to write Oregon Stories telling about their families Oregon Experiences—present or historical, What Oregon Means to them, etc. for submittal to the Oregon 150th Birthday Celebration website. Prizes will be awarded to the best story submitted before the closing party for the Summer Reading program on August 13th.

Thanks to Peggy Haines & Kristi Moffit for providing refreshments for the summer reading program.

Calendar:

Aug. 4/7 pm—National Night Out/
Sidewalk Art display;

Aug. 6/3 pm—Masonic Lodge Mural

Aug. 13/3 pm—Ending Party; turn in
Oregon Stories & Art Walk Show displaying



children's projects and artwork; Prizes; Refreshments;

Library Donations

Thank you for your donations to the Echo Library again this month.

Anonymous \$20 for Summer Reading Program

Dale Fife periodicals

Steve Haney 20 books

Lacey Mulder 18 books

Brandy Valentine—13 books/5 periodicals

In Memory of Naomi Vansickle-Steve Haney's Grandmother—40 books

Judy Webb 3 sacks Videos



Other Donations

Dale Fife—China House Railroad Museum—Vintage UPRR Flare Holder & Mug.

AIB/Beautification Contest

Awards will be presented to winners of the 4th Annual America in Bloom Contest at National Night Out on Tues., Aug. 4 in the City Park. NNO starts at 7 pm.



We appreciate the efforts people have made to make the community look good this year. Thanks again to the Kiwanis Club for stepping forward and conducting the annual clean

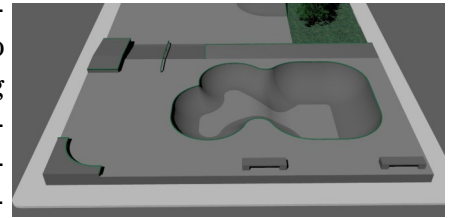
up event.

We have received more comments from visitors praising our town & floral displays this year than ever before—including the AIB judges—who are impressed with the floral displays and efforts our small community makes and the civic pride it displays.



Skatepark Project

After coming so close to receiving funding for the Skatepark/Park Improvement Project from the



State Parks Department last year (We ranked 15th and 13 projects were funded), we felt we had a great chance of obtaining funding from the program this year with the program having double the funding to allocate, but unfortunately we received notice last week that our project was not funded.

If we do not precede with the project, over 1/2 of the \$105,000 raised for the skatepark will go away. The Ford Family Foundation (\$50,000) and Oregon Community Foundation (\$5,000) have allocated the funding, but will not release the funds unless the project begins. Another estimated \$15,000 has been committed in the form of donated excavation and site preparation labor and equipment. So while the state funding would have greatly enhanced the project and its benefits for the entire community, we will precede, as we often do and accomplish this without state support.

Two skatepark design/construction companies have indicated that they can build a concrete bowl and smaller concrete street component section for \$105,000. As a result the city council will have authorization to bid the project on the agenda this August 20.

Unless another funding source is found, the covered picnic shelter, kitchen, playground and restrooms will have to be postponed or abandoned.

If you would like to make a donation to the project, you can send the funds to city hall, PO Box 9, Echo, OR 97826 or drop it by the office.

Below is a list of those organizations and individuals who have donated to the project to date:

Ford Family Foundation	\$50,000
Anonymous	\$14,000
Tony Hawk Foundation	\$5,000

Skatepark Donations/Grants (cont.)

Safeway Foundation	\$5,000
Wildhorse Foundation	\$5,000
Oregon Comm. Foundation	\$5,000
Walmart	\$2,500
PacifiCorp	\$1,500
Raffle, yard sale	\$4,918
Koontz House Tour	\$2305
Penny Drive & Donation can	\$ 495
School/Fire BB game	\$ 97
Echo Firemen	\$ 300
Richard Winter	\$ 100
Francis & Patricia Hutchins	\$ 100
Glenn & Shirley Cochran	\$ 10
Painting Sale	\$ 80
Fort Hen. Tournament	\$ 326
Amerititle	\$ 100
Devin/Hayden Sather fundrsr	\$ 206
Opal Howard	\$ 100
Methodist Church	\$ 25

Echo Quarterback Commitment of \$.10 per
\$1 raised (excluding grants)

Business Upgrades

The Cut Above Beauty Salon has been remodeled and has added a tanning booth. Owner Coleen Pedro is joined by Intern Jessica White who will offer pedicures, manicures and hair cutting. Coleen is also returning to full-time hours.

Finish work on the meeting room at the Red Express is nearly completed. This room will provide overflow area for Friday night dinners, special events & meetings

Black Powder Rendezvous

The Echo Fur Trade Encampment is now a reality. The fur-trade era re-enactors will be camping in Linda Terry's field between Main and W. Sprague Street on August 28, 29, & 30th. Events include: Most Primitive Camp Judging; Men's Events: Knife throw, tomahawk throw; fire starting; Women's: Rolling pin toss; cooking contest; handy work. There will also be children's events.



The public is invited to visit the camp and traders. Trade items must pertain to the Fur Trade Era. For further information contact Ellen Tremble 509-773-6362.

Local Fund-raising

Area civic groups, clubs and non-profits are invited to participate by setting up booths between the Echo Hotel and Red Express on Aug. 28 & 29. Contact Brie at the Red Express or Diane at City Hall.

Police Report

- 06-01 Warning x 2, Main St; Gerone St.
- 06-02 VBR, speeding, Main & Front St.
- 06-04 Driving Complaint, N. Dupont
Criminal Mischief, School
Agency Assist, 300 Blk W. Bridge & Reith Rd.
- 06-06 Warning, Front & Main
Disturbance S. Thielsen St.
- 06-07 Warning, N. Thielsen
VBR, Gerone St @ Golf Course Rd.x 2
- 06-09 Noise Complaint, 200 Blk. S. Thielsen
- 06-10 Suspicious Activity, School
- 06-11 Criminal Mischief, City Park
Assault, 400 Blk, Kennedy St.
Other Complaint, 400 Blk., Kennedy
Juvenile Transport
- 06-14 Agency Assist
- 06-16 Warnings x 2, Front & Main,
Warning, Gerone & Golf Course
- 06-17 Foot Patrol
- 06-18 Disturbance, 200 Blk. E. Sprague
Driving Complaint, 800 Blk College
Foot Patrol
- 06-20 VPS, Thielsen & Dupont
Warning, N. Dupont & Thielsen
- 06-21 Warning, Main
Disabled Motorist, N. Thielsen
- 06-22 Disturbance, Library
Warning, Main St.
Harassment, Leezer
- 06-23 Warning, N. Thielsen
- 06-24 VBR, N. Thielsen, Cemetery
- 06-25 Warning, N. Thielsen St., Cemetery
- 06-26 Harassment, 100 Blk. N. Dupont
Theft, Echo City Hall
- 06-28 Runaway, Front St.
Driving Complaint, 300 Blk S. Thielsen
Dog Complaint, 41 S. Prescott
- 06-30 Criminal Mischief, Willow

Water Usage



Water usage by most customers is up considerably this month. This is not only to the hot dry weather conditions, but the meter reading period is one week longer than normal due to problems with the booster station and a water leak which delayed meter reading.



A Call for Young Writers, Request for Essays

Calling on youth to write essays or stories about family members in the military who serve as role models. Teens can write about any veteran who served in WWII or any period through to current conflicts in Iraq & Afghanistan. Selected stories will be published in a book.



A parent or guardian will need to sign a permission form for teens ages 13-17. The top essay winner will receive a summer camp 2010 free to Mission Quest at Warner Robins Museum of Aviation. See

www.museumofaviation.org. 2nd Place \$50. None of the entrants contact information will be shared. This is a privately sponsored contest.

For further information contact info@americanvetpowerof1.com.



Coleen's A Cut Above

Come in & take a look at the new & improved shop. We have expanded & remodeled.

A **Second Chair**: introducing Jessica White who will be a full time stylist. **New Services: eyebrow waxing, facials, manicures & pedicures.**



Tanning Room

Sunvision Elite 20 min. bed
Unlimited Monthly \$35
10 tans—\$40
Single tan—\$5

New Hours:

Tues., Wed. & Fri. 10 am-6 pm
Thurs. 9 am-4 pm
Sat. 10 am-2 pm

