

The Echo



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National Night Out

National Night Out Aug. 4, 2009 was another great success. Despite the thunderstorm 238 people attended the event. This was better than last years 222, but didn't exceed the 250 plus people that attended in 2007.

Reusable shopping bags donated by the Oregon Lottery

commemorating the state's 150th birthday, were filled with goodies such as sunscreen, lotion, hand sanitizer, pencils and candy, were given to attendees at the door. More than 30 prizes were awarded as door prizes ranging from a DVD player to John Deere toy Tractors from RDO and a set of coin proofs donated by Columbia River Bank. A bouncing house was set up again this year and was a hit with the little attendees. The Hills foot long hot dogs were great this year thanks



to Gene Hampton who donated his BBQ to cook the dogs and Jerry Gaunt who helped him. Thanks to servers:

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Burning Permits

The Echo Fire District will no longer require Echo residents to obtain burning permits for open fires. However residents will still need to verify whether or not it is an approved county burning day by calling **1-800-305-2876**, according to Fire Chief Merle Gehrke. Residents will also have to comply with the city's burning code and will be liable for unsafe or irresponsible burning practices.



Burning barrels should be in good condition with no holes & have a screen over the top. (Cont. page 2)

Beautification Contest

Prizes were awarded to winners of the Echo Beautification Contest at the National Night Out Celebration August 4. First Place winners will be listed on a plaque at city hall.

Best Overall: Gary & Carol Marcum, 16 Smith Drive.

Where History Blooms/Theme:

1.Emma Roberts, 110 N. Dupont. 2. MaryAnn & Darrell Power, 111 N. Dupont; 3. Kim &

Kevin Fife, 301 N. Dupont;

Floral Display: 1. Hannah & John Smith, 315 W Buckley; 2. (tie) Fran & Jack Fitzhugh, 810 College; Lou & Cliff Williams, 101 N Dupont; 3. Mike Bridge, 330 Kennedy; **Art in the Garden:** 1. Terri & Dale Ballard, 411 Kennedy; 2. Betty McFarlane, 570 S. Thielsen; 3. (tie) Bonnie Shover, 910 College; Carol Neely, 231 Garden; (cont. pg. 2)



(cont. from pg. 1) Rev. Tim Novak, Gene and Jeanne Hampton, Jerry Gaunt and Trevor & Gabriella Pyke. Thanks to Sue Kays for over-seeing the bouncing house; Peggy & Frank



Haines for distribut-
ing raffle
tickets and
signing in
people;
Nicole
Hoover,
Matthew
Goldie and

Eric Cassiday for helping with games; Janie Enright, Mark & Kathie Enright, Rick Denning and other Echo Firemen who volun-
teered to help with games again this year, but
had to leave on the run for a fire call;

If you
have the op-
portunity,
please be
sure and
thank all of
the donors
listed below
who contrib-
uted cash or
prizes to-
ward the event.



Donors/Sponsors:

Prizes: Anderson Perry & Associates, Colum-
bia River Bank, H & P Café, Carol Packard
(Avon), RDO, and Sanitary Disposal.

Cash: Amstad Farms \$25; Centurytel \$400;
Echo Golf Course \$50; Echo Methodist Church
\$50; Echo Quarterback Club \$200; Charlotte
Berry \$50; Frank & Peggy Haines \$20; Tim &
Nancy Novak \$50; Elaine Ramos \$25.



(cont. from pg. 1) City Burning Codes:

Burning Refuse: Burning of rubbish, rags,
leaves or any type of refuse on public or pri-
vate property so as to disturb peaceful pos-
session of property by offensive odors or
smoke is prohibited..

a. No person shall burn, dump, bury, collect,
remove or in any other manner dispose of solid waste

upon any street, alley, public place or private property
within the City except as provide in this Chapter.

b. Wastepaper, boxes, rubbish and debris;
brush, leaves, grass, wood and cuttings from trees,
lawns, shrubs, and gardens (**but excepting paper,
cardboard, or wood containers in commercial
quantities,**) may be burned on private property only if
the method of burning is approved by the Fire Chief is
done in accordance with Oregon Department of Envi-
ronmental Quality Rules and Regulations.

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Landscaping: 1. Larry & Brenda Hunter, 8
Smith Dr., 2. (tie) Stuart & Lorraine Bance,
640 Kennedy; Jack & BJ Esp, 9 Smith Dr.; 3.
Chad & Kristi Ray, 11 Smith Dr.,

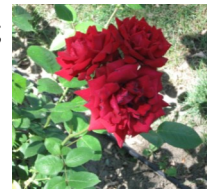
Secret Garden: 1. Curtis & Cecile Bauck,
311 E. Willow; 2. Al & Rebecca Gronewold, 17
Smith Drive;

Wildlife Habitat: 1. Nicole Nava, 310 N
Thielsen; 2. Robert & Marie Rose, 310 S Bo-
nanza;

Manicured Lawn: 1. Anita Dorn, 431 S Hi-
estand; 2. Darin Tuil, 325 W Buckley; 3. Rich-
ard & Suzie Davie, 361 W. Bridge;

Urban Forest: 1. Bud & Charlene Longhorn,
210 S Dupont; 2. Marvin & Sandy Storz, 101
W Bridge; 3. William Gatchel/
Gayle Weatherson, 15 Smith Dr.;

Most Improved: 1. (tie) Ben &
Jessie Campbell, 340 W Main;
Tammy Henderson, 300 W Hal-
stead; 2. Jennifer Olsen, 221 W
Sprague; 3. Scott McFarlane, 901 E. Gerone;
Manicured Garden: 1. Richard Winter/
Susan Kay, 200 S. Bonanza; 2. (tie) Vina Wil-
son, 800 E. Perry A; Weeb & Colleen Williams,
1 Smith Dr.; 3. Wilmer Spurlock, 131 N Pres-
cott;



Public: 1. George Park; 2. Golf Course; 3.
Echo Museum Garden;

Roses: 1. Mel Crist, 131 S. Prescott; 2. Jose
Lopez, 201 N Prescott; 3. Esther McJunkin/
Janice Diggins, 211 W. Garden;

Pots/Containers: 1. Eric & Kari Volger, 280
Golf Course Rd, 2. Gayle & Richard Yoder, 300
Golf Course Rd; 3. (tie) Paul Ramos/Steve
Haney, 221 S. Thielsen; Ron & Geri Ruth, 630
Kennedy;

Honorable Mention: Kathleen & Corey

Hewlett, 10 N Dupont; Trish Correa, 111 S Prescott; Clint & Kathi Winters, 200 W Buckley; Jessie McAtee, 111 Front; Robert & Kim Lovely, 10 N Bonanza; Todd & Myrna Dorn, 400 Kennedy; Lilly, 320 Buckley; Charlie & Jolene Tappo, 201 S. Thielsen.



Aug. Yard of Month

Echo Garden Club has named Ben & Jessie Campbell, 340 W Main, Yard of the Month.

Library Donations

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

Carol Marcum	5 books
Vickie Olsen	20 books,
Historic Photos & antique linens	
Fritz Ramos	24 books
Pamela Steele	1 book
Kim Summers	2 books
Judy Webb	25 books
Zacharias Family	11 books

Other Donations:

Charlotte Berry, Vintage Clothing
Thelma Marcum, Arboretum memorial
\$25

Other Library News

Toni McLachlan of Echo is working in the library part time through a CAPECO training program.

Story Time



Preschool Story time will resume September 17 on Thursday mornings at 10:30 am. The story time program will include crafts and reading. Contact librarian Karen Beacham for further information at 376-8411.

Summer Reading Program

Over 30 children participated in the Summer Reading Program, **Be Creative at your Library** this summer through the weekly programs and/or keeping track of books they read over the summer.

Marc Mullins's Magic Show attracted 27 children plus 17 adults and teens, while 9 children and 3 adults attended the Inland Northwest Musicians presentation where children were able to actually play a cello or violin.



The children's sidewalk

art was displayed along the park sidewalk for National Night Out. At the August 13 closing party children received prizes for participating and were able to



help paint a mural on the Masonic Lodge.

Large landscape murals with floral foregrounds will be hung above the children's murals on the Masonic Lodge.

Winners of the Reading Awards:

Over all—Hannah

Boggs, 10 years, 31

books; 10-12 years old-Hattie Reese, 10 years,

28 books; 7-9 years: Morgan James, 7 years,

26 books; Preschool: Kobe Harwood, 2 years &

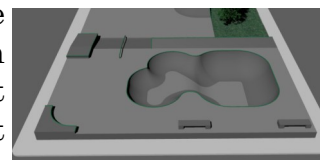
Charlei Harwood, 5 years, 16 books each; Hon-

orable Mention: Connie Hoover, Josh White & Luke White;



Skatepark Project


Requests for proposals to design and construct a concrete skatepark on the south section of Front Street adjacent to Bridge Street were mailed this week and interested, qualified contractors will be required to submit their proposals by the first of October. We hope to be able to start construction by the first of November. \$105,000 is available for the project at this time, but we will continue to accept donations and seek grants..



Heritage Trail Signs

Thanks to a grant from the Umatilla County Cultural Coalition and fabrication by High Performance signs, there are now 17 historical signs around town that tell about the history of Echo and which make a heritage trail when combined with other historic sites and displays around town.

1. Echo City Hall Library sign, located in the bay window at city hall; 2 & 3.. Echo Bank & 1906 Business Roster at Echo Museum; 4. Ripper Building, H & P Café; 5. Teel Building, Echo West Vineyard Office; 6 & 7. Railroad & Commerce & 1906 commodities, Echo Fire Hall; 8. Edwards Building, Fife




Jack Dempsey

Jack Dempsey, the Manassa Mauler or Nonpareil, held the heavy weight title from 1919 to 1926. However what few people realize is that as a young man he traveled the rails and lived in hobo camps such as one located along the river in Echo. The hobo camp was a work camp. Jack was a laborer on irrigation canal construction and did odd jobs around town.

"Jack walked up to the butcher shop and asked owner Bert Logston for 25 cents worth of stew meat. Mr. Logston wrapped up the meat and Jack handed him a one hundred dollar bill which the butcher could not change, so he told Jack to take the meat. Several days later Jack came for the same amount of stew meat and again presented the one hundred dollar bill and again Mr. Longston could not change it. The third time Jack tried the same procedure Mr. Longston said "Sure, I can change the bill," and Jack was quick to draw it back and exclaim "No, no, I have lived for several months on this bill." He then gave the right change for the meat.

Echoes From the Past

Where the Fife RV Park is now located along Main Street there was a pit called the "Dug Out" that was used for boxing and wrestling matches. Jack fought there while living in Echo. He also returned c. 1924 for an exhibition fight. While Jack was in Echo, Addie "Maxine" Cates lived on Kennedy and Dale Streets. Did they meet here? Later she and Jack met in Salt Lake where she was playing the piano in a saloon. Did they reminisce about Echo? They were married from 1916 to 1919 when Jack divorced Cates. One biographer lists Maxine as 10 years older than Jack, but the Census and family history show that Maxine was born in 1896 making her a year younger than Jack.



Apartments; 9. Umatilla Masonic Lodge; 10. Dorn Building, Dr. Dorn Building on Bridge St., 11. Jack Dempsey, Covered Wagon Museum; 12. Echo Mercantile, Post office Building; 13. Echo Methodist Church; 14. Arlington Hotel, Echo Hotel Building; 15. Koontz House; 16. Liesegang Building, Red Express. The 17th sign is the Koontz Building, which will not be displayed until the new building façade is completed.

Echo Fur Encampment

Five lodges of fur-trade era re-enactors camped in the Linda Terry's cotton wood grove

along the river (the Umatilla River not the Columbia) Friday and Saturday, Aug. 28 & 30. While organizer Ellen Tremble was hoping for at least 20 camps, she said that they did have a number of visitors and one trader, but unfortunately many of the campers had to leave Saturday evening.



Arnie Neely Memorial Tree Destroyed by Vandals

A 15 foot sycamore planted in memory of Arnie Neely in the George Park behind city hall was destroyed in August when someone climbed the tree and caused the top half of the tree to break off. The tree cannot be salvaged and must be replaced.

This vandalism is like a slap in the face to the Neely Family. Since this is public property, a \$50 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the vandal is being offered. If you have information on who



damaged this tree or any other damage over the summer in the parks and who stole the hanging baskets along Thielsen Street, please

contact the Stanfield Police at 449-3245 or city hall 376-8211. The reward applies to all vandalism of or theft from public property.

The Neely tree is so large, that a tree of similar size is not available. The closest the city equipment can handle is a 3" caliper which will cost nearly \$300. Donations toward the tree replacement will be gladly accepted.

Parental Responsibility Code

Because of ongoing problems with youth vandalism, the Echo City Council will be considering a new code that will result in parents being charged and held accountable for of-

fenses committed by minor children. The code will provide for a \$250 maximum fine and imposition of restitution. Many cities have begun to go this route because of frustration with juvenile courts.

Family Health & Fitness Day

The Greater Hermiston Wellness Coalition will present a Family Health and Fitness Day on Saturday, Sept. 26th from 9



am to 1 pm at Hermiston High School. The event is free and there were be 40+ vendors and free activities for all ages.

Bike Rodeo—Car Seat Clinic—Teddy Bear

Clinic—Cooking Classes—Pee Wee Sports—Hearing & Vision Screening—Finger Printing for Kids—Bouncy Houses—Junior Olympics—Dance & Gymnastics demos—Tai Chi, Karate, Yoga demos—Glucose/Cholestral blood draw.

For more information contact Deniece Derbyshire at 567-9409.

Police Report

- 07-01 Warning-Main St.
- 07-03 Warning, Thielsen & Cemetery Rd
- 07-04 No Ops lic, Main & Bonanza
Other Traffic, Main & Bonanza
- 07-08 Dog Complaint, 100 block S. Thielsen
- 07-11 Alarm, Echo Post Office
- 07-12 Dog Complamt
- 07-13 DWS, inf., Thielsen & Dupont
Other Criminal, Thielsen & Dupont
- 07-15 Warning, Dupont & Garden
- 07-16 Dog Complaint x 2, 100 blk S. Thielsen
- 07-17 Warning, Main St.
- 07-20 Driving Complaiinnt
- 07-23 Warning, E. Sprague & Thielsen
Suspicious activity, 600 Blk N. Thielsen
- 07-24 Code Enforcement x 2, 100 Blk W
Bridge & 300 Blk N. Thielsen
Telephonic Harassment, 10 blk S. Prescott
- Speeding, Cemetery Rd & Thielsen
- 07-27 Warning x 2, Gerone & Hiestand &
Main & Front
- 07-29 Assault, 800 blk., E Gerone

07-30 Arrest, transport, 800 blk, E. Gerone
07-31 Warning x 3 Dupont & Garden

07-31 Welfare Chk. 800 blk E. Gerone



Lure of the West

The Smithsonian Museums Arts Program, **The Lure of the West Treasures from the Smithsonian American Art Museum** video conference will be held on Thursday, Sept. 17 (cont. pg. 6)

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



Lure of the West (cont.)

at 11 am at the Echo Library. The Video Conference features 64 important paintings and sculptures from the 1820s through the 1940s by American artists fascinated with Indian and Hispanic cultures and the majestic landscapes of the western territories. "As both a place and an ideal, the American West retains a powerful allure in popular culture. The program Explores depictions of the people, lifestyles, and landscape of the nineteenth-century West

to better understand this dynamic period of history." Docents from the museum walk participants through the collection & interact with them during the 50 minute program.

Some of the artists include: [George Catlin](#), [Albert Bierstadt](#), [Thomas Moran](#), and [Frederic Remington](#)

The program is open to the public and there is no charge. The program is the result of a cooperative Agreement between SAAM and Libraries of Eastern Oregon (LEO).



America in Bloom Symposium

The Annual America in Bloom Symposium will be in Hershey, Pennsylvania this year

from October 1 through 3. If you would be interested in attending, visit www.americainbloom.org and click on the symposium button on the upper part of the page.



New this year is John R. Holmes III Community Champion Award. America in Bloom created the award in memory of John R. Holmes III, the late CEO of OFA - an Association of Horticulture Professionals, who died unexpectedly in February. An AIB board member and officer since the organization's inception, John was a tremendous advocate for city beautification and a true believer in the power of flowers and plants to change lives. Diane Berry has been nominated to receive the award.

Oregon Day of Culture

The second Oregon Day of Culture is scheduled for Thursday, October 8. The first Day of Culture was launched last year by the Oregon Cultural Trust to "celebrate, participate in and donate to Oregon culture, statewide." This year the Cultural Trust is inviting museums and cultural institutions across the state to help celebrate this day honoring Oregon's rich history and promote the need to preserve our history.

In Echo we will honor the Day of Culture with an open house at the library with viewing of the 500 + pieces of Vintage Clothing and accessories from 10 am to 11:30 pm. A guide to the Echo Heritage Trail signs will be available. Refreshments will be served.

From 1 to 2:30 pm The Echo Historical Museum will be opened. This is the last day the museum will be open until next spring. The museum is normally open only from 1:30 to 4:30 pm Saturday & Sunday afternoons April through September.

Finally from 2:35 pm to 3:30 pm the China House Museum will be open.

