

The Echo



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WE WON!!!

Mayor Richard Winter travelled to Hershey, PA on October 3 to accept the America in Bloom award for cities with population 4000 and under. An award is also provided in each of the eight categories: Tidiness, Heritage, Landscaped Areas, Environmental Awareness, Floral Displays, Community Involvement, Turf & Ground Cover, and Urban Forestry. Winners of the category award are selected from all cities, regardless of population. As a result finding out that we were one of three finalists in the Heritage Category was a great honor.



The award was given at the eighth annual America in Bloom Symposium and Awards Program at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, Pa. In addition we received a special recognition award in the Community Involvement category.

Over the previous three years Echo had earned special recognition from America in Bloom for its heritage preservation efforts (twice) and urban forestry efforts.

Judge Evelyn Alemanni is encouraging the city to compete in the International version of America in Bloom called Communities in Bloom for 2010 and in LivCom again, which will be in Chicago in 2010.

This is an award the entire community can take pride in. Some of the comments and suggestions from the judge's reports are printed on pages 3 & 4.

SKATEPARK

Finally after over two years of fundraising construction has started on the concrete skatepark. The park will contain both a bowl and urban-style components. Dale Fife is donating his time and use of his and son Kevin's backhoe. Lloyd & Lois Piercy will be providing the use of their dump truck. These donations are helping the \$105,000 raised for the project go farther.

Grindline Skateparks of Seattle is constructing the park and expects to be done by December 8, if weather conditions don't deteriorate. The Irrigon Park was designed and

constructed by Grindline.



Fundraising efforts continue on the project and other park improvements. In fact a \$7,500 grant was received two weeks

ago from the Autzen Foundation for amenities related to the skatepark such as lighting, benches, landscaping, drinking fountain, etc.

We will continue to try to obtain grants & donations to cover the costs of a vandal-resistant restroom, picnic shelter & playground improvements.

October Skatepark Donations:

Brad & Tammie Williams/Desert Springs Water—\$100

Cold vs. H1N1 Flu

As of Friday there had been 3 confirmed deaths in Umatilla from the Swine

Flue or H1N1 and 114 children have died nation-wide. The city has been provided with a fact sheet describing the differences between the cold and H1N1/flu virus symptoms. Also listed are precautions to take to keep from getting sick from a National Center for Disease Control Flyer.

Everyday actions can help prevent the spread of germs that cause respiratory illnesses like influenza.

- ♦ 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. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub. We have placed hand sanitizer on the counter at city hall & the library.
- ♦ Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.
- ♦ Try to avoid close contact with sick people. Stay home if you are 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. Some people are avoiding hand shakes & hugs and using hand bumps instead.
- ♦ Be prepared in case you get sick and need to stay home for several days; a supply of over-the-counter medicines, alcohol-based hand rubs, tissues, face-masks and other related items might be useful and help avoid the need to make trips out in public while you are sick and contagious.

Symptom	Cold	H1N1 Flu
Fever	Rare	Usual in 80% of all flu cases, A temperature of 100 F or higher for 3 to 4 days is usual w/flu
Coughing	A hacking productive Mucus producing	Non-productive is usual (non-mucus producing)
Aches	slight	Severe
Stuffy nose	yes	not common
Chills	uncommon	60% of cases have chilling
Tiredness	mild	moderate to severe
Sneezing	common	uncommon
Sudden Symptoms	no	rapid onset 3-6 hrs.
Headache	uncommon	80% of flu cases
Sore Throat	common	uncommon
Chest Dis-comfort	mild to severe	often severe

LIBRARY SERVICES

The American Library Association is promoting programs with the goal of showing patrons that libraries are not just a repository for books any more. Our library, for example, has 7 public access computers and will soon add one laptop. The library offers free WiFi access for those with their own laptops, black-berries or similar devices.. You can sit in the library during business hours, sit on the bench in front of the building or in your vehicle in the parking area.

Videos, music CDs, periodicals and access to Tutor.com and Learning Express are also available. The library maintains a subscription to Ancestry.com if you are interested in genealogy and there is access to programs through LEO Learning and the Smithsonian



American Art Programs. Summer Reading Programs and special events each summer are offered as well as a Children's Craft & Story Time each Thursday at 10:30 am.

As part of the Sage Library Consortium patrons can do an online search from a library or home computer that gives patrons a listing of 1.3 million items from 72 libraries in eastern Oregon. The Echo Library will soon be automated and then patrons can order materials from home and have them available at the library for pickup. The web site is: <http://eos.eou.edu/search>.

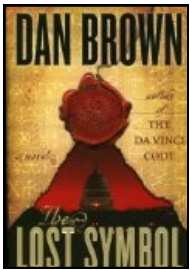
Library Donations

Thank you for your donations again this month: Anonymous \$20

Cecile Bauck	17 Books & office supplies
Charlotte Berry	Vintage Clothing
Linda Bunch	1 book
Patty Cisneros	14 books
Pat Cunha	10 books & office supplies
Jerrie Fife	27 video games
Rod Graham	13 books
Jeanne Hampton	2 books
Kacy Hewlett	8 books
Lindy Snow	16 books

New Books

Don't forget to drop by and check out the new book racks. We are constantly adding new materials from videos to books. Among recent additions are: My Journey w/Farrah by



Alana Stewart, Portuguese Cooking, Decorative Details, Painted Garden Art, Outdoor Decorating; New books by the following authors are also available: David Baldacci, Nevada Barr, Dan Brown, Lee Childs, Michael Connelly, Catherine Coulter, Robert

Crais, Janet Evanovich Vince Flynn, Iris Johansen, Dean Koontz, John Lecroart,, Dennis Lehane, John Lutz, Anne Perry, Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child, Susan Wiggs.

Christmas Books

Ask about our Christmas books. We have a section with several hundred books on Christmas baking, cooking, decorating, legends, etc. and have even added a few more this year: Victoria 500 Christmas Ideas, Vintage Christmas Crafts, The Spirit of Christmas, the Complete Books of Christmas, Christmas Make it Sparkle.



Donations:

Richard Winter & Susan Kays-\$100 replacement of Neely Memorial Tree;
Power Pro Electric—\$200 America in Bloom;
Arboretum Memorial—Bert Naugher

Halloween Party

There was a record turn out of over 100 for the annual Halloween Party. Thanks so much to volunteers and donors: Jeanne & Gene Hampton, Sue Kays, Charlotte Berry, Melissa Stradley. Since volunteers to help with children's games were no shows, we recruited volunteers from those attending. Thanks for your help.

Costume Contest Results:

Infant thru 4 years: 1. Camden MacPherson-Knight; 2. Molly Crist-Fairy Princess;

5 & 6 year olds: 1. Cloie Corbin-Scarlet O'Hara; 2. Kolby Wright-Dracula;

7-9 year olds: 1. Zayne Troger-cowboy; 2. Kylee Nurstig-bride; 3. Lexie Cox-Flamenco Dancer;

10 & up: 1. Kenneth Spurlock-hunter; 2. Tyler Kordosky-scary rocker; 3. Savannah Wells, Kitty Cat;



Facebook

We now have a City of Echo page on Facebook. Keep track of what is going on around the city by becoming a fan of the page. We have a large collection of photographs uploaded and will add more as time permits.

America in Bloom Judges

"Congratulations to Echo on your comprehensive Community Profile book – it reads like the America in Bloom 'Best Ideas' book! We are looking forward to updating the AIB book to include many of your initiatives. Your list of accomplishments is worthy of towns many times your size and with a much larger staff. These are evidence of a cohesive and empowered community. Hopefully compiling this book is becoming easier with your years of practice."



"The judges extend their heartfelt gratitude, appreciation, and admiration to all of you for your dedication to your town and for your gracious hospitality while we were in Echo. We encourage you to stay in the America in Bloom program and mentor other towns, and also to consider participating in the Communities in Bloom international competition next year.

TIDINESS: 105 OF 125 POINTS/Ranking between very good & excellent on all but Condition

of Private Buildings was good. Judges commented that the town was remarkably tidy despite our EO dust storms and appreciated the lack of graffiti.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFORT: 102 OF 125 POINTS. Ranking of very good. The judges praised efforts of the 5th grade and science program to recycle and start worm compost project. Suggestions: *In a climate that receives only 8” of rainfall annually, consider encouraging people to use less turf as a way to conserve. Adding a section to the city website with water-saving tips can help, too. Water conservation and simple ways to reduce water usage inside the home could also be taught in primary school when discussing your environment.”*

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: 107 OF 125 POINTS. Ranking: Very Good to Excellent; *“Involvement starts very early. This past year kindergarten and first grade students participated in washing Echo’s city vehicles (up about three feet) while parents proudly watched and praised. Fifth grade teams took turns collecting recyclable material and depositing it at the city’s recycling depot. Adults, even those living outside of town, take interest such as sending a cherry picker to reach high spots when needed.*

City Hall is a friendly, welcoming, inclusive place that shares its building with the town library. “City Kitty” greets visitors as they come in the door.

*What sets Echo apart from other communities is that its citizen are engaged and empowered. For example, **Colleen Williams** has landscaped the area around the town’s golf course clubhouse and each hole of the golf course with perennials from her own garden. The city applauds the efforts of its residents with enthusiastic, public praise. Winning entries of the local photo contest are proudly displayed in city hall.*

Police Report

- 09-02 Warning, Main & Thielsen
- 09-04 Suspicious Activity-600 blk Gerone
- 09-06 Assault-Jane Street
Theft-900 Block College St.
Disturbance-city park
- 09-07 VBR-Front & Main
Warning-Front & Main
- 09-08 Warrant-300 Blk. Bonanza
Criminal Mischief-School
Suspicious Activity-Cut Above
- 09-09 Dog Complaint-Prescott St.

- Warning-N. Thielsen, warrant arrest & transport
- 09-11 Harassment-skatepark
Disturbance-200 Blk S. Bonanza
- 09-12 DWS-inf-Thielsen & Dupont
Warning-Thielsen & Dupont
VBR-Front & Main
Criminal Trespass-Saloon
- 09-13 UEMV-400 Blk Buckley
Criminal Mischief-City Hall
Warning-Main St.
- 09-14 Theft-200 Blk Garden
- 09-15 Criminal Trespass-800 Blk. College
- 9-17 Runaway
- 09-17 9-1-1 Hang-up– 111 S. Thielsen
Warning-N. Thielsen
- 09-18 Warning-Thielsen & Dupont
- 09-21 Warning-Front & Main
- 09-24 Other Criminal-school
- 09-26 DWS-Misd., Hwy 320
- 09-27 No ops., Thielsen & Dupont

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.**



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

