

The Echo



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Christmas Food Drive & Giving Tree

Thanks so much to those who donated to the annual Christmas Food Drive and Giving Tree. Nineteen Baskets & Giving Tree items were distributed and an additional two households were provided presents for children on the giving tree. The Giving Tree provided Christmas Presents for nearly 50 children this year. The Echo Methodist Church also provided a food basket to one family. Echo Schools held their annual food drive and provided nearly a pickup full of food. Echo Teachers donated toys from their annual gift exchange.



Thanks to Janie Enright, Gene & Jeanne Hampton, Jerry Gaunt, Mark Enright, Dylan Enright, Alex Olsen, Chief Bryan Zumwalt; Tennile Fromm, Darin Tuil and Monte Naugher for helping with delivery, wrapping and organizing the boxes & gifts.

Cash donations: William & Karen Douglas \$120 & Antique Farm Equipment; Richard Winter & Sue Kays \$200; Echo Methodist Church \$100; Gene & Jeanne Hampton \$50; Charlotte Berry \$50, (cont. pg. 2)

Book Club



No time to read? Or are you already an avid reader? Book Clubs are a good way to make time for reading, expose yourself to books you normally wouldn't read, share your

impressions and just have fun! A club is forming in Echo for little or no cost. The Echo Club will be open to all ages and interests. Please come to the organizational meeting on Wed., Jan. 13th at 6:30 pm at the library. Call Margaret for more information 376-8646. The club will be selecting books from the kits available through the Hermiston Public Library. Hermiston received a grant that provided funds to buy the kits.

CENSUS-Be Counted!!

2010 is here and soon the Census workers will be contacting you. The City of Echo is asking residents to Stand Up & Be Counted, as population determines the amount of money the city collects from the state for cigarette, liquor, revenue sharing and gas taxes. When people do not get counted, our share of such money is reduced and in effect goes to other cities.



SKATEPARK

The Echo skatepark bowl was completed on Dec. 23 and will open this week for skating. Landscaping and lighting will be completed as weather permits. A formal dedication will be held in June.



Christmas Baskets/Giving Tree

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Giving Tree & Food; Bonnie Berry \$50; Elaine & John Ramos \$50; Suzanne Spike \$50; Carol & Gary Marcum \$30; Curtis & Cecile Bauck \$25 & box of food; Penny Shepherd in Memory of Bob Spike \$25; Jerry & Leanne Gaunt \$25; Swede & Fritz Ramos \$20; Pat & Judy Wood \$20; Jim & Toni McLachlan \$20;

Food Donations: Con-Agra/Lamb-Weston-boxes & hashbrowns; RDO/Chet Prior-Potatoes; Hale Farms-onions; Patsy Taylor; Mel Christ Family; Pam Olsen; Stanfield Senior Center-Cases of Christmas Wrap & Bows; Betty West/West Flying Service; Elsie Middleton-food & Giving Tree; Melvin Ashbeck;

Giving Tree: Mary Middleton; Patty Cisneros; Janie Enright; Ashley Harwood; John Cox Family; Pine City Study Group; Alfred & Janet Scott; Dina Ranger; Stradley Family; Webb Family; Bill Douglas Family; Anolfo Family; Darin Tuil; Peggy Haines; Pat & Judy Wood; Janice Schulze-handmade quilt.



Skatepark Donations



Donations have continued to arrive for the skate park. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this project. December Donations:

Cunningham Sheep \$200; Umatilla Electric \$200;

Antique Mower

Three bids were received for the Antique Rake Mower donated by Karen & William Douglas, with Chris Zita being the high bidder at \$300. Proceeds will help fund the annual Christmas Food Drive for Needy families.

Library Grants

The Echo Public Library has received a \$1000 Ready to Read Grant from the State of Oregon for the Summer Reading Program and a \$12,000 grant from the Collins Foundation to allow the library to purchase taller and specialized shelving to handle the library's growing collection of materials. The Ready to Read Grant Funds will help cover the cost of special programs, prizes and reading materials for the 2010 summer Reading Program. The program themes this year focuses on water with "Make a Splash at Your Library-READ" as the children's theme and "Make Waves at the Library-READ" as the Teen theme.

Ten years ago the Echo Public Library moved into the newly renovated library space which increased the size of the library from a little over 800 square feet to 3000 square feet.



Grants for the building renovation and library upgrade allowed the library to purchase some new shelving, but many of the existing fixed shelf units had to be reused because of limited funds. The non-fiction collection was placed in 42" double sided shelves.

In the interim the shelves have filled up not only with books, but CDs and Videos to the point of overflowing. The Collins grant allows us to increase the height of the shelving in the main library room by adding another shelf and new dividers to increase the height to 60". This alone will provide 28 additional shelves for the library. Additionally one or two standard shelves will be replaced with specialized units designed to hold CDs and DVDs.

Berry said the Echo Library provides a

free book to each child that signs up for the summer reading program as well as books as prizes for those that complete the program. Previous Ready to Read Grants have purchased board books and materials such as the Little & Baby Einstein Books, CDs & DVDs and other such materials that help parents help their children with literacy. She suggested that parents ask the librarian what is available.

Christmas Lighting Contest

Winners of the 18th Echo Boosters Christmas Lighting Contest are listed below: Prizes can be picked up at City Hall.



Best Overall: Stuart & Lorraine Bance, 640 Kennedy.

Best Use of Color: 1. Dan & Pauline Sherbahn, 550 S. Thielsen; (tie) Terry & Dale Ballard, 411 Kennedy; 2. Wayne Hoover, 320 W. Bridge; 3. Melvin Crist, S. Prescott.

Modern: 1. The Ray Family, 11 Smith Dr.; 2. Jim & Toni McLachlan, 311 W. Bridge; 3. Kathie & Clint Winters, 200 W. Buckley; (tie), Marshall & Sharon Lilly, 320 W. Buckley.

New: 1. Don Brown, 300 W. Buckley; 2. Terry Branch, 1231 Gerone.

Use of Figurines: 1. Kim & Kevin Fife, 301 N Dupont; 2. Cy Haskett, 951 E. Gerone; 3. William Gatchell, 15 Smith Drive.

Tree/Trees: 1. Al & Rebecca Gronewald, 17 Smith Drive.; 2. Jim & Kandy Wortman, 130 S. Prescott;

Fence/Landscape: 1. Cari & Eric Volger, 280 Golf Course Rd. & (tie) Gene & Jeanne Hampton, 811 Jane St.; 2. Cliff & Lou Williams, 101 N. Dupont.

Best Doorway/Entry: 1. David Selders, 300 W. Bridge; 2. KC & Corey Hewlett, 10 N. Dupont 3. Mary & Joe Middleton, 21 S. Thielsen;

Kiddies Favorite: 1. Trish Correa, 111 S.

Prescott; 2. Sandra & Ross Akey, 302 S. Bonanza.

Unique: 1. Terry & Dale Ballard, 411 Kennedy & (tie) Brenda & Larry Hunter, Smith Drive; 2. Kestlers, 110 S. Prescott.

Traditional Jerrie & Dale Fife, 210 N. Dupont; 2. Robert & Marie Rose, 310 S. Bonanza; 3. Stella Enright, Bonanza.

Dog Licenses

The 2009 dog licenses expired on Dec. 31 and 2010 licenses need to be renewed. Licenses not renewed by Feb. 27, 2009 will be subject to a penalty of \$10 per month for each month the licensing is delayed.



Current license fees are \$4.00 per month for an altered animal and \$12 per year for an unaltered animal. Proof of a current rabies shot is required.

Library/China Hse. Donations

While we greatly appreciate the donation of books and videos, please do not make the library your garbage.. If books are in poor condition, dirty or smell, please do not bring them to the library. Also periodicals older than 3 months are too outdated. Thank you for your consideration.



Anonymous	16 Videos, 21 Books
Charlotte Berry	87 books
Eric Cassiday	2 periodicals
Patty Cisneros	12 books
Jeri Jordan	18 books
Linda Manson	19 Books
Julia Pond	15 books
Summers	4 videos
Missy White	DVD
Cheyenne Zacharias	8 books

Tax Forms

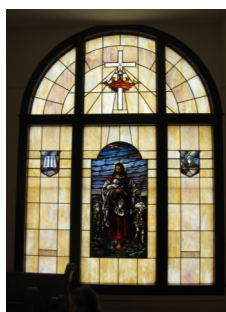
The Echo Library is participating in the IRS Tax Form



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.

The State of Oregon has discontinued its library tax form program, but copies can be ordered, downloaded or printed from web page: <http://www.oregon.gov/DOR/forms.shtml>.

America In Bloom Judging



In the November newsletter we included information from the America in Bloom judges report on Tidiness, Environmental Effort and Community Involvement. This month we will continue with information from the report on the other categories. If you have any ideas on what the community can do after reviewing this, please feel free to contact Diane Berry at 376-8411. You can also make comments on the city's Facebook page or email us at ecpl@centurytel.net. Should we keep the same theme?

Heritage: Echo received 110/125 possible points. Rankings were all very good to excellent in the three categories: municipal, commercial & residential.

Comments: *"Echo's theme, 'Echo - Where History Blooms' is certainly appropriate as evidenced by three museums, ten buildings on the National Register of Historic Places, a comprehensive archeological study, a cultural inventory, and two books written about the town's history... Cities 100 times Echo's size would be proud of these achievements."*

Congratulations for earning a State of Oregon Heritage Excellence Award... This award would not typically be awarded to a town as small as Echo.

The judges were privileged to attend the dedication of the memorial to John Woodward and others who wrote the two-volume history of Echo. We were delighted to be able to meet members of Dr. Woodward's family. Consider adding a third volume to bring the reader to the current day.

Suggestions: *Perhaps, a fourth volume could highlight the accomplishments of the strong, smart, and determined women of Echo who worked hard to make it [a] pleasant place to live.*

When funding becomes available, it would be important to start cataloging the assets of all the museums. Perhaps grants are available for museum database software and students could be enlisted to help with data entry. Also, it is important that artifacts be carefully preserved.

Another challenging but useful project is the development of an accession policy so that the museum can gracefully decline "gifts" that are not appropriate to its mission. In addition, it would allow the museum to sell, for the museum's benefit, donated items that don't fit the mission statement.

Congratulations to the Echo Methodist Church on their recent renovation, which also earns environmental kudos. The church saved and reused hardwood floors from a school that was being demolished in another town.

Consider giving an annual award for best restoration/renovation project.

Lois and Lloyd Piercy have started to purchase and restore downtown buildings. They maintain the period look while updating the inte-

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



rior elements which include wiring, plumbing, and lighting. The Piercy's also own a vineyard and winery. They are including amusing stories of local characters on the Sno Road wine bottle labels with the hope to eventually publish a small souvenir book of the stories. Well done!

Residents are commended for their lovely restoration/preservation work on some of the older homes. This work is an inspiration for others to do more of the same. Particular thanks to the Fife family for their restoration of the Koontz home... Mannequins in vintage costumes inside and outside the house add to the fun.

Urban Forestry: 72 of 95 possible points. Municipal Sector ranking was very good. Private Sector good to very good.

"The Arboretum has a remarkable selection of trees. It is a good resource for people who are wondering what to plant. Some of the trees in the Arboretum are starting to reach their mature size and are crowding others. Information on the large variety of trees planted and tested in the Arboretum would be very useful, not only to Echo, but also to communities beyond Echo that have similar conditions. The trees in the Arboretum, with irrigation, have done so well that the Arboretum is now bursting at the seams. The crowding is becoming critical.

Suggestions: Expand the Arboretum's planting site by considering the parks and other irrigated spaces as part of the Oregon Trail Arboretum. Treat the trees planted around town as if they were Oregon Trail Arboretum trees. Have a thematic as well as a physical arboretum. The Arboretum and the Tree Inventory would make a marvelous database for academic papers. Have students at the University come to town to gather and work up the information. Then their information can be shared with Echo and the rest of the area.

Move some of the trees out of the enclosed arboretum and plant them in other parts of town. ... Or get a tree spade manufacturer or dealer to work with you. Working with Echo could be a great story and a win-win opportunity for all involved. Have volunteers propagate some of the trees and shrubs to use, sell or distribute throughout the area. There is an especially beautiful dark-leaf, lavender-flowered elderberry in the Arboretum near the fence that would be a good candidate for propagation. Some labels at the arboretum are missing or incorrect due to plant replacement. The planting of perennials



under street trees in front of local businesses makes an attractive spot. The combination is much more impressive than a single tree. Customers are attracted by the growing green and this helps

the cash register green up, too.

Landscaped Areas: 82 of 96 possible points. Ranking: Very Good.

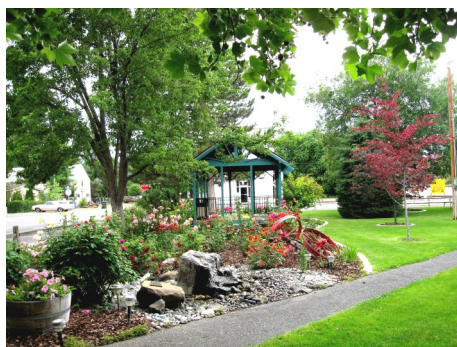
Comments: *From the cemetery and the golf course, one can look down and see the jewel-like green spaces of Echo set in the silver and brown of the surrounding native landscape. This combination, with the big sky, is beautiful and striking. Since there is increasing competition for water, in the future, local gardeners might consider using plants that need less water. Grow plants in containers to save water, too.*

Consider xeriscaping... Echo's irrigated places are beautiful. However, with ever-increasing demands on ground water, this would be a good time to start considering water and money-saving alternatives to large areas of lawn.

Good signs have great educational value, and signs placed in an attractive location have much impact. Echo plants their signs beautifully, with trim edges and neat mulch under the plants. The Chinese House and George Park have gorgeous roses for which Oregon is famous. It would be wonderful to list the roses' names somewhere – either by the plant or on a planting plan, so people will know what to buy for their own gardens.

The George Park and the Historical Museum Garden could be linked with a vine-covered pergola. This could enhance the visitors' experience of both gardens. The pergola would also provide shade and welcome protection from hot sun.

The Echo Garden Club might consider offering classes on xeric landscaping, or even create a xeric



demonstration garden to show residents how water-wise planting can be beautiful. The railroad right-of-way would be a good location for such a project."



City of Echo Dog License Application/License

It is time to renew your dog's license for the upcoming year. The City of Echo requires that all dogs kept in the City, and over the age of six months, be licensed. For your convenience the application form is provided below, or come in and apply in person at City Hall weekdays between 9 am and 4:30 pm. If you have questions, call city hall @ 541-376-8411.

Proof of current rabies vaccinations for your dogs must be provided or be on file before a license can be issued. **For each month after March 1** you delay obtaining a license the fee is increased by \$10. New residents or those with new dogs will pay a

pro-rated fee, if the dog is licensed within two weeks of obtaining it, its reaching 6 months of age or your moving to town.

Instructions: For each dog, mail or bring in the Rabies Certificate, the completed application form and the total due to the City of Echo, PO Box 9, 20 S. Bonanza, Echo, OR 97826. Proof of spaying or neutering must be on file to receive the discount.

(please print or type)
Veterinarian/Clinic

Owner's Name: _____ Phone # _____

PO Box Number _____ City: _____ Street Address: _____

Dog's Name _____ Breed: _____ Color: _____

Age: _____ Sex: Male Female Unaltered Neutered Spayed
(please circle one)

Date of Rabies Shot: _____ 1 yr or 3 yr Expiration: _____ Tag # _____

Dog's Name _____ Breed: _____ Color: _____

Age: _____ Sex: Male Female Unaltered Neutered Spayed
(please circle one)

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Dog's Name _____ Breed: _____ Color: _____

Age: _____ Sex: Male Female Unaltered Neutered Spayed
(please circle one)

Date of Rabies Shot: _____ 1 yr or 3 yr Expiration: _____ Tag # _____

Total Number of Dogs: _____ x \$4 (spayed or neutered) = \$ _____

LICENSE EXPIRES DEC. 31.

Total Number of Dogs: _____ x \$12 (unaltered) = \$ _____

Penalty: Number of months late: _____ x \$10 x _____ no. of dogs = \$ _____
(beginning March 1)

Total Amount Due: \$ _____

THE DOG TAG SHALL BE SECURELY ATTACHED AROUND THE DOG'S NECK AT ALL TIMES.

(FOR CITY USE ONLY)

Tag Numbers issued: _____ Date: _____

Receipt # _____ Approved by: _____

A copy of this form with the above information approved by the city will serve as your license This license expires **12-31-2010**