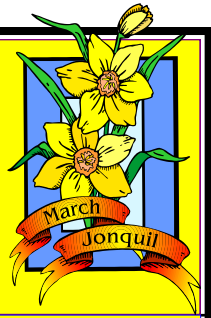




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Red to Red

The 2nd Annual Red to Red Mountain Bike Race will be Saturday, March 6. The race will start on Main Street in front of the Red Express at 11 am. Registration will begin at 8:30 am. The race will end on Dupont Street between the post office and George Park. As a result, for safety reasons, parking in front of the post office will be blocked off before racers return to town. The first Red to Red drew over 175 cyclists plus their family and friends. At least that many cyclists are expected this year.

The course will run up Main Street across the bridge to Snow Road and on to the Echo West Vineyard/Sno Road Winery MTB Trail System southwest of town and back.

The Echo Kiwanis Club helps with the race and as a result organizers donate profits from the race to the Echo Kiwanis for youth projects.

Further information on the race is available at www.echoredtored.com.

Big Top the Clown

Big Top the Clown will perform Saturday, March 6th at 11:15 am at the Echo City Hall Auditorium. The former Barnum and Bailey Clown's show will include balloon ani-

mal demonstrations and face painting.

All children and families are invited to attend. Admission for children is two non-perishable food items. Adult Admission is \$3. The event is being sponsored by the Echo Kiwanis and all funds raised will go to the Club and food will be used to fight hunger locally.

The performance is a way to bring quality entertainment to Echo for children and to heighten awareness of hunger issues in the area. The Echo Food Bank opened for the first time on February 24th.

This event is being held in conjunction with the 2nd annual Red To Red Mountain Bike Race.



Spring Clean-up

It is time to haul off all of the debris that has accumulated over the last year. The annual Sanitary Disposal Spring Cleanup week is scheduled from April 1 through April 7. During this week, **cash** customers using the Sanitary Disposal Transfer Station will receive up to a \$12.50 discount off of each load.

This means loads measuring 2.5 cubic yards with a maximum weight of 454.5 lbs. can be disposed of free of



charge. This includes all acceptable solid waste with the exception of tires, which will be charged at the regular rate.



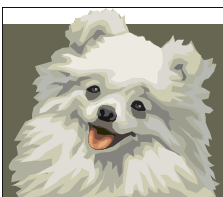
Yard Debris

Yard Debris such as limbs, grass and leaves can be hauled to the transfer station and will be accepted free of charge year round if you are a customer and obtain a copy of a debris slip from city hall. The City of Stanfield will also allow clean yard debris and limbs to be deposited at their composting site. Take Coe Street to Hoosier Lane and turn right.

The transfer station is located two miles north of Hermiston on Hwy. 395 across from The Lift Co. Inc. It is open weekdays from 8 am to 5 pm and weekends from 9 am to 5 pm.

Dog Licenses

The fee for Dog Licenses increased by \$10 March 1 to \$14 for a neutered or spayed dog and \$22 for an unaltered dog. The fee will increase another \$10 for each month the licensing is delayed. Puppies do not need to be licensed until 6 months old. New dogs must be licensed within 2 weeks. Be sure and let the city clerk know if your dog is a puppy or new and she will not charge the penalty and will prorate the license fee.



Echo Hills

Membership rates remain the same as last year. A special rate is available for those living within the Echo City Limits, as Echo residents pay city property taxes.

Echo Single	\$360	Echo Couple	\$575
Regular Single	\$540	Couple	\$875
Student	\$150		

A child can be added to any of the above memberships for \$80 per year per child.

Cart Shed Rent \$310

Also available is a Punch Card where golfers can pay for 9 9-hole weekday rounds

and get the 10th Free & a Season Ticket that provides 20 Weekday 9-hole rounds for \$200, which is a \$40 discount on green fees.



Call Randy at 541-376-8244 for more information and for events. You can also visit the Echo Hills Golf Course Facebook Page for tournament and event information.

Echo Book Club

The Echo Book Club is now reading The Jump-Off Creek by Molly Gloss. The Book Club will meet again on March 16 at 6:30 pm at The Cox House at 331 E. Willow (Fox Hollow). Please contact Jennifer Cox 541-376-8559 or Margaret Anolfo 541-376-8646 if you would like to read this book before the 16th. There is no cost involved.

The Jump-Off Creek is set in the Blue

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.**

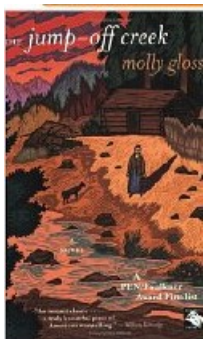
Tanning Room

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





Mountains in the 1890s and is about Lydia Sanderson a pioneer woman who “carves a self-reliant life out of an unforgiving wilderness, arriving at Jump-Off Creek with two mules, two goats, and only those possessions that the mules can carry...Molly Gloss describes in vivid detail Lydia “crossing the long golden ridges slowly in a bright wind, the seemingly incessant rain, mud-making in summer, freezing in fall and winter; the movements of mule and steer...*The Jump-Off Creek* dispels all of our stereotypes of the West and the frontier.” From Mariner Books Reader’s Guide.

This book won the Pacific Northwest Booksellers Ass. Award for Fiction in 1990 and other awards. A copy of the Reader’s Guide with further information on the book and the author is available in the library.

Justice in Frontier Oregon



Oregon Historian Diane Goeres-Gardner will present Justice in Frontier Oregon, 1851-1905 on Monday, March 15 at 6:30 pm at City Hall, 20 S. Bonanza.

The program will provide information on Oregon’s frontier executions, where thousands of people congregated for these events. Also about early women criminals and convicts. The names of many involved now dot Oregon’s landscape and history. The program will discuss the evolution of punishment and changing attitudes from hanging of Native Americans for the Whitman Massacre to 1905 when the last execution in Oregon outside of a state penitentiary took place.

This a *Sense of Place* Program presented by Echo Public Library and Libraries of Eastern Oregon (LEO). Goeres-Gardner is the author of *Necktie Parties*. A copy of the book can be checked out at the library.

Refreshments will be served.

We Noticed Program

It is time to start preparing for America in Bloom again and to recognize efforts by Echo people to beautify their homes and the community with the “We Noticed” Program. 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.



Water

Meters: It is time to uncover water meters. The city will begin reading meters again around March 13 and it would be helpful if weatherproofing material have been removed.

Consumer Confidence Report: The annual report on the water system required by the Health Division and EPA is enclosed with this newsletter.

Kiwanis Food Pantry

The Echo Kiwanis is sponsoring a Food Pantry for Needy Echo families. They have recruited Agape House to help gather and store the food which will then be distributed the last Wednesday of each month from the Echo Masonic Lodge from 4 to 6 pm. The Kiwanis wants to ensure that no one in Echo goes hungry. The next distribution will be March 31. To receive food you will need to bring ID and fill out basic forms to meet guidelines for supplemental food.



Kam Wah Chung Program

Christina Sweet, curator of the Kam Wah Chung & Co. Museum will present a special program about the rich cultural history of early Chinese immigrants in central and eastern Oregon



at city hall, 20 S. Bonanza on Monday, March 29 at 6:30 pm. The Program is Free and open to everyone. Sweet will bring artifacts from the museum and discuss how the Chinese worked in the gold fields and railroads of early day Oregon and how they lived in a culture so different than their own native country. The museum is in John Day.

Library Donations

Thank you for your donations this month:

Patty Cisneros	1 book
Carol Collins	3 VHS, 1 DVD
Anita Dorn	5 books
Cynthia Jackson	24 children's books
Karl Jensen	1 book
Carol Marcum	5 books
Betty McFarlane	1 set leather-bound Louis L' Amour books
Elsie Middleton	4 books
Judy Webb	6 hardcover books
Paula Wooldridge	4 books
Anna Zacharias	1 book
Roberta Zacharias	24 books

Committee Members

Volunteers to sit on the Budget Committee, Tree Board and Library Board are needed. If you are interested, please contact Diane at city hall at 541-376-8411. While budget committee members must reside within the city limits, at least one library board member can reside within the Echo Library Service area which corresponds with the school district boundaries.

The library board will meet once per quarter and the budget committee normally meets once or twice between mid April & June. The Tree Board meets about once per year.

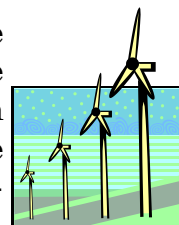
Echo CBP

The first meeting of the Echo Commu-

nity Benefit Plan Board will be March 11, 2010 at 6:30 pm in the Echo Fire Hall. This will be an organizational meeting where the board will elect officers and review and adopt the articles of formation, establish a meeting schedule and handle other organizational tasks.

The county commissioners have appointed the following people to serve as board members: Janie Enright, Delbert Gehrke, Merle Gehrke, Jeanne Hampton Lois Piercy, Lucas Wagner, Tammie Williams and Pat Wood.

The Echo CBP Board will decide how funding from the Oregon Wind Farm project will be expended.



America in Bloom

Its time to prepare for this year's America in Bloom Judges visit. Please consider making a donation to the AIB program. Donations help with beautification projects, registration fees and Beautification Contest prizes.

Do you have ideas? Do you want to help? Please feel free to contact city hall or come to a council meeting.

If you aren't a joiner, you can still do your part by beautifying your yard, your home or your neighborhood. Please let us know of anything you have done around the community or your home because of our participation in America in Bloom.

One project that has been identified for this year is landscaping around the Skatepark. The work crew from Two Rivers Correctional Institution (TRCI) will help with fencing, landscaping and construction of a retaining wall around



the playground at the Skatepark. Additionally they will help prepare for the AIB Judges visit by performing maintenance at the golf course and arboretum.

AIB Categories are: Community Involvement, Landscape Areas, Urban Forestry, Floral Displays, Tidiness, Turf/Ground cover, Heritage, and Environmental Effort.

This year we hope to apply for the International Awards for Livable Cities (LivCom) again, as the conference will be in Chicago this year. The city last applied for this program in 2007.

Tree City USA

The City of Echo will celebrate its 21st year as a Tree City USA on April 15 in the City Park at 12:30 pm. Echo Elementary Students will help with the program which will include planting and rededication of the Arnie Neely Sycamore Tree in the City Park.

The original tree had to be removed after it someone broke the top out of it.

More information on this year's Urban Forestry Programs will be provided in the April Newsletter.



Smart Investing

Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) has provided funding to bring a program called "Smart Investing @ your library." The Hermiston Library is coordinating the program which will bring library materials and 18 informational programs to area libraries. The programs will be presented by qualified professionals.

As one of the participants in the program, the Echo Library will have 4 programs here over the next 2 years, will receive publications and copies of all of the programs for patrons to check out.

The Hermiston Library is asking us to survey our patrons to see what their interests are in regard to the four programs. A survey is available at city hall, you can informally let



the librarian know of your interests or go to the City of Echo Facebook page, Discussions tab and express your interests.

Also indicate the time of day and days of the week that would work into your schedule.

Potential topics include: Farm Operations, Advanced Investing, Annuities & Insurance, Building Your Portfolio, Savings & Checking, Choosing the Right Investments, College Savings Plans, Estate Planning, Frauds & Scams, Getting Ready to Invest, Home buying, Job Seeking, Margin & Borrowing, Mutual Funds & ETFs, Retirement Accounts, Safeguarding your Investments, Selecting Investment Professionals or Trading Securities.

Public Hearing

The City of Echo is considering an application for an Oregon Community Development Block Grant to cover the cost of a Comprehensive Water Study and Conservation Plan at 7:30 pm, March 18, at city hall. The public is invited to comment on this proposed grant application or suggest other block grant eligible projects. If you would like to attend and need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact city hall at least 48 hours before the meeting at 541-376-8411.

This project was selected as it has been 30 years since the water system was completed and there has not been a system study done for over 32 years.

Be Proud of your Town!!

- ♦ 2009 America in Bloom Winner Population 4000 and under
- ♦ 2009 Oregon Heritage Excellence Award
- ♦ 21 Years as Oregon Smallest Tree City USA & 1 of only 3 in Eastern OR
- ♦ 2007 International LivCom Bronze Award
- ♦ 2004 National Arbor Day Sterling Tree City Award