

# The Echo



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## Census

Census takers are working in Echo now. Please be sure and respond. If our community is not counted correctly, it means other communities receive the dollars we would have received otherwise and we may not qualify for federal grants.

## Anniversary Celebration

The City is hosting a community reunion, open house, pot luck and dance to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the renovation of city hall, the city's awards from America in Bloom and Oregon Heritage Excellence award in 2009 on **Sat. May 8**. The potluck will be at noon followed by a brief welcoming including a short statement from Rep. Bob Jenson. We also plan to honor long-time residents. Please contact Diane Berry at 376-8411 or by email at [ecpl@centurytel.net](mailto:ecpl@centurytel.net) with ideas or suggestions by May 6. What to bring is listed on page 2.

Following the potluck at 1 pm, the Butter Creek Boys will perform (they are donating their services). This will be in the auditorium. The rest of the building will be open after the lunch for people to tour.

Donations toward the celebration have been received from: Mr. & Mrs. Robert McVicker \$100 and Bonnie Berry \$40;

Students from the Echo film class will be at the event to try to record reminiscences of



## America in Bloom

America in Bloom (AIB) judges will arrive on June 2 for their annual review of our community in areas such as Floral Displays, Landscaping, Tidiness, Urban Forestry, Turf & Groundcover, Community Involvement, Environmental Effort & Heritage Preservation.

Among projects slated for this year are landscaping the Skatepark, a sign for the Vintage Farm Equipment, upgrading the city website with listings of post masters and marshals and of course continuing efforts to add floral displays around town.

If you have ideas for AIB projects or would like to make a donation, contact Diane at city hall, 541-376-8411. Donations no matter how large or small are very important to ensure the program continues.

**Donations to date:** Amstad Farms \$100; Anderson & Perry Engineering \$100; Charlotte Berry \$50; Dean & Rita (Faro) Drake \$50; Echo Boosters \$50; Echo Fire Fighters \$25; Echo Garden Club \$25; Echo Museum \$25; Fort Henrietta Foundation \$50; Gene & Jeanne Hampton \$20; Memorial Tom Enright \$25; Purswell Pump \$75; Swede & Darlene Ramos \$25; Mick & Susan Tolar \$50; Umatilla County \$1000. Kopacz Nursery plants & green house use.

## Arbor Day

The 21st Arbor Day Celebration and receipt of the Tree City USA awards were Thursday, April 15 in the city park. Nearly 150 Echo elementary students attended and enjoyed a magic show that focused on trees.

life in Echo. So if you see a young person with a camera they are trying to gather such information for our community archives.

The Dance will be from 8:30 to 11:30 with music by Hired Guns. The dance is adults only, other than film students. There is no charge, but please let us know if you plan to attend so we can keep a head count.

**Potluck:** The meat, beverages, plates & utensils will be provided. Last names A-O please provide salads, bakes beans/side dishes, etc. Last names P-Z please provide desserts.

and encourage Echo residents to beautify the community. A few of the seed packets are still available at city hall.

## Book Club: Once Upon a Day



The Echo Book Club is reading Once Upon a Time by Lisa Tucker this month. Anyone interested in reading the book before the next meeting or who would like information on the May Meeting can contact Margaret Anolfo at (541-376-8646) or email (Jennifer.Cox@hermiston.k12.or.us).

Review: Tucker tells a compelling love story. Stephen Spaulding loses his family in a freak accident and with them any hope that his actions can make a difference. He gives up his medical practice and begins driving a cab. That's how he meets 23-year-old Dorothea, who seems to



### More Arbor Day

Children won prizes for answering

correctly Tree Trivia

questions. Tara Longhorn baked and decorated cakes that were so beautiful it was sad to cut them. Children and adults helped plant the replacement Arnie Neely Memorial Tree in the park. A new Kousa Dogwood Tree was planted earlier in the day.

One hundred tree whips were given away and door prizes including trees, shrubs and Arbor Day/Tree items. A drawing from city utility account numbers resulted in Elsie Middleton and Rich & Lindy Snow winning 1.25" caliper trees. Over 100 seed packets were given out to promote America in Bloom

## 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





be dressed like a throwback to the 1950s. "She's looking for her brother, who has run away from their New Mexico ranch. Stephen helps Dorothea track down the brother and, at the same time learn why her father fled Hollywood, changing his children's names and keeping them completely isolated from the outside world. It is a moving love. "

## Skatepark Dedication

The formal dedication of the skatepark will be June 2 at 1:30 pm. This will also be the reception for the America in Bloom Judges. The public is invited to attend and meet the judges.



Paving of the west side of the skatepark should be completed this week as well as irrigation and final landscaping. The benches, drinking fountain and

other final amenities will final shortly afterward.

**Hours:** The city council set the hours for the skatepark from 9 am to 8:00 pm at the April 15 council meeting. The new hours will be posted as soon as signage is completed.

## Community Garden

Columbia Blue Mountain RC & D coordinated an interesting program on community gardens in April. Two Master Gardeners from Pendleton who coordinate their gardens provided information on how their program works. However attendance was low and no one has stepped forward to act as garden coordinator.



If you are interested in heading up such a program contact Diane Berry at city hall.

## April Library Donations

Thank you for your donations this month:

Charlotte Berry	92 books, 1 vintage purse
Eric Cassidy	4 periodicals, 1 book
Dale Fife	8 Periodicals
Emma Humphrys	1 book (Vale, OR)
Nicole Sloan	7 books
Chase Summers	30 computer games
Judith Webb	20 video, 1 book

## Thank You

Thanks to Eric Cassidy for helping to plant trees at the skatepark and with the Arbor Day celebration set up. Thanks also to Carol Neely and Janie Enright for helping with Arbor Day. **Thanks to Linda Terry for donation of a copy machine.**

## Community Benefit Fund

The Echo Community Benefit Fund Board (Wind Farm funds) is now accepting applications for projects. The application forms are available at city hall or from Connie Caplinger, Board Chairman, 541-278-6293, 541-379-4994 or [ccaplinger@co.umatilla.or.us](mailto:ccaplinger@co.umatilla.or.us) and are due Aug. 1.



"Applicants may include social, charitable, fraternal, public, educational groups or individual entities who sponsor public projects that will benefit the community as a whole or enhance livability within the service area. "

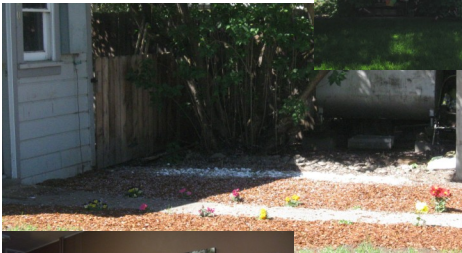
## We Noticed Program

Karl Jensen, landscaping, 301 W. Halstead;  
Tammie Henderson, new fence, 300 W. Halstead;  
Winters rental, 210 W. Buckley, flowers;  
Dave & Beverly Cragun, front yard, 310 W. Buckley

Thanks to Colleen Williams for planting over 50 perennials,



grasses, bulbs & groundcover plants on the golf course & her ongoing ef



forts to beautify the golf course and her yard.

Lloyd and Lois Piercy for continuing to help beautify the downtown. The latest project includes refurbishing the Echo Mercantile and apartment. Coleen Pedro did major renovations to her beauty salon this year.

Don't forget if you notice a neighbor or business that has undertaken a beautification or improvement project, let us know.

## Heritage Tree Program

The City Council adopted a new Heritage Tree Program at their April City Council meeting that includes trees at the Winter-Spinning House (2 Western Red Cedar), Koontz-Fife House (Elm & Lilac) Cemetery (Western Red Cedar), Luciana Collection (Fruit Trees, Beauty Bush, Locust, Walnut); Arboretum (Elms);

The program also provides for nomination of



other trees. If you know of a tree that might be eligible, contact city hall.

This is a voluntary program. If property owners do not want to participate they can choose not to have their trees on list.



## Park & Recreation Needs

The City is still seeking input on the needs for parks and recreation for the City of Echo and surrounding district. Please call Diane Berry at 376-8411 or email her at ecpl@centurytel.net with your ideas and suggestions so they can be included in a Parks Master

Plan being prepared by Sports Genesis. There is no cost to the city as Sports



Genesis is a non-profit organization that puts such plans together for cities, counties and park districts in the west.

## Community Service Day

The Echo School has scheduled the annual Community Service Day on Thursday, May 13. Last year students planted flowers, cleaned out the Fire Equipment Museum, washed city & fire vehicles, spread bark, pulled weeds & picked up trash around town and the school.

Their efforts were greatly appreciated and we look forward to their help again this year.



## Kiwanis Food Pantry

Wed. May 26, Masonic Lodge, 4 to 6 pm.



## Pizza Garden

Here is a way to get your children involved in gardening, Grow a Pizza Garden. Prepare a 8 foot square piece of ground that gets lots of sun. Plant seedlings such as tomatoes, bell peppers, onions, garlic, basil, oregano and spinach. Sorry the sausage & bacon won't grow in the garden.

Be sure and keep the garden well watered, as needed with a deep watering. Place mulch to control weeds and reduce watering between rows and around seedlings. Pick your vegetables as needed and make the sauce below.

If you don't have a patch of ground to use, you can also grow the ingredients in containers. A large planter barrel such as a whiskey barrel will hold everything, but be sure and drill holes in the bottom.



### Homemade Pizza Sauce

2 Tbsp Olive Oil	1 sm. onion, chopped
1 bell pepper, chopped	2 cloves minced garlic
3 tomatoes, peeled & chopped	1-6 oz can tomato paste
Dried crushed red pepper flakes to taste	
Salt & Pepper to taste	1 tsp sugar
Chopped fresh herbs such as basil, oregano	

Heat oil in a large skillet over med. Heat; stir in onion & bell pepper and cook until onion is translucent; Stir in tomatoes & garlic, and cook until juice begins to thicken. Stir in tomato paste, pepper flakes, salt, pepper & sugar. Reduce heat and simmer until thick, approx. 15 minutes. Stir in fresh herbs during the last few minutes of cooking. Makes about 2 cups, freezes well.

### **Hate Cleaning your Grill?**

These ideas won't eliminate the cleaning, but can make it easier: 1. cut an onion in half & rub on the grill when it is hot. Scrub with a stiff wire brush. 2. If your grill's manufacturer recommends it, turn your grill on extra high to burn off any cooked debris. This will turn the debris to ash.

—from Ace Hardware [Homeplace](#).

## Committee Openings

If you would be interested in serving on the Library Board or City Budget Committee, please contact

city hall for an application.

Author Pamela Steele has been appointed to the Library Board. Steele has poetry in the Libraries of Eastern Oregon "Sense of Place". The book is for sale at city hall for \$15. An article on Echo is also in the book.



## National Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Week was April 18 through 24 this year, but due to planning for the May 8 celebration, we did not get volunteer recreation letters out. As a result we are recognizing those who have helped with city projects like America in Bloom, council committees, the library, golf course, National Night Out, Halloween, Christmas and other such events on the week of May 17. The city council will recognize Echo Volunteers in a proclamation at the May council meeting and certificates and small seed packets will be distributed as a thanks to volunteers.

If you know of someone who should be recognized, give us a call.



## Kiwanis Cleanup Day

The Annual Kiwanis Cleanup Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 15. Details will be available by calling city hall following the May 4, Kiwanis meeting. As part of the cleanup a drop box will be available **after May 16** for residents to use until it is filled. **Do not use before May 16. No tires or hazardous waste.** If you would like to vol-

unteer, contact Phyllis Shovelski at [pshovels@minutemanpress.com](mailto:pshovels@minutemanpress.com) or 376-8543.

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## Paving

Granite NW completed paving at the skatepark on Monday, May 3 and patched areas damaged by water and sewer projects and a few other pot holes. Because of the limited amount of gas tax the city receives and the high cost of paving streets on the east side of town last year funding for paving was limited.

Skatepark grant funds covered the cost of paving at that site and water and sewer funds covered the cost of patching on Garfield and Smith Drive.



## AIB Judges Reception

As well as the skatepark dedication, the city will hold the annual reception for AIB judges on June 2 at 1:30 pm. Refreshments will be served. Judges want to have an opportunity to meet with volunteers and leaders of Echo civic organizations and get a feel for the community, so please try to come. Judge Dwight Lund visited Echo in 2006, so we hope he will notice the improvements.

Following the reception at 3 pm the Sno Road Winery will be open for a tour and wine tasting. They will hold a wine tasting for those interested. The cost is \$5 which goes toward the purchase of a bottle of wine.

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## Urban Forestry

New Home Owner Trees are available at city hall for Trent Fife, Stephen Gifford, Francisco Reyes and Craig Arbogast.

The Library's collection of books on trees and gardening are still on display.



## Award Winning

Grapes/Wine from Echo are winning awards. At the Northwest Wine Summit last week a Cabernet Sauvignon made from grapes grown by Chet Prior, Eagle Ranch and used in a Jacob Williams Winery 2007 won Best Red

Wine. Sno Road Winery's Viola V Cabernet Sauvignon has been named one of Oregon's best wines and one of three cabernets selected at the Portland Indie Wine Festival.

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## Gardening Tips

**Color Tips:** 1. Dark and Pastel flowers won't show up well from a distance.

2. Blue & White flowers enhance other flower colors.

3. Using purple and blue flowers can create an illusion that your garden is bigger.

4. Decide on a color scheme before you go to the nursery and stick to it.

5. Avoid high nitrogen fertilizers as they promote foliage growth, not flower production.

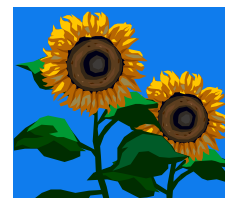
6. Dead heading, removing dead flowers promotes more blooms and longer blooming period.

**Drought tolerant selections:** Blue Fescue grass, Veronica, Silver Sage (Salvia), Silver Thyme, Sunflowers, Gaillardia, Coreopsis, Mule Ears, Silver Artemesia, Rosemary, Lavender, Yucca, Dwarf Iris, Pearly Everlasting, Penstemon, Blue Oat Grass.

**Want Drama:** Choose a few plants and mass them repeatedly throughout the garden. For example plant several Veronicas together with a grouping of daisies and snapdragons with a mass of lowering growing plants like petunias or Lamium.

**Go with a theme:** Try a scented garden or a white garden. Use Hosta, Astible, Peony or Hydrangea, White Veronica or Snapdragon..

**Yard Clippings:** If you don't want to use yard clippings for compost, remember you can take them to Sanitary Disposal Land fill free. Pickup a slip at city hall. The Stanfield Compost site will also accept yard debris from Echo yards as long as you do not abuse the privilege with illegal dumping.



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**Jewish Settlers in Oregon, Free Library Program, Mon. May 17, 7 PM City Hall Auditorium.** The program includes information on Echo Meadows settlement.