

The Echo



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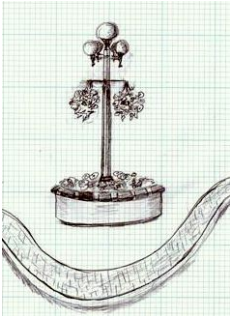
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Benefit Fund Grants

The Echo Community Benefit Fund has awarded its first round of grants to Echo organizations. The applications for the next round are due on December 1.

Awards went to:



City of Echo, \$50,000 to match ODOT Transportation Enhancement Grant for Downtown Project.

Echo Cemetery, \$31,370 for Repaving Cemetery Road.

Echo School District \$1,200 for Cougar Pride Program & \$5,000 for Classroom Application System.

riorated books are being weeded while books are being shifted.

The 40" tall double-sided shelving, a few book cases, book carts and other library material holders will be sold. A picture of the shelving that will be for sale is printed on this page. Proceeds of the sale of books and shelving will be used to upgrade library computers.

Oregonian Article

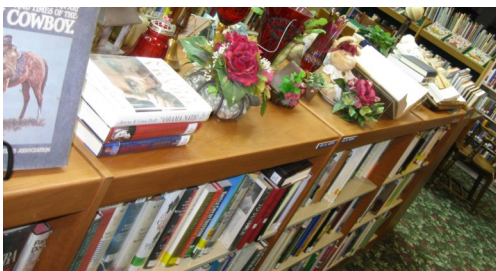
Echo and our America in Bloom program was featured in the Oregonian Thursday. They provided a great deal of space and lots of photos. Kym Pokorny, Oregonian Home and Garden writer, visited Echo in June and accompanied the America in Bloom judges on their tour of



Echo. The article is also on the Oregonian's Oregon Live.Com website at: <http://blog.oregonlive.com/kympokorny/2010/09/echo-a-small-town-in-northeast.html>.

Library Closed

The library will be closed from September 1-9 while new book shelves are installed and books shifted from the old to new shelves. While this is taking place, the library aisles are blocked and access is not safe for the public. The new 60" tall shelves and other custom shelving was the result of a grant from the Collins Foundation and Umatilla County



Economic Development Fund. The library will soon go through an automation process, and will close for a few days to accomplish this probably this fall. Seldom used and dete-

LivCom Awards

The City of Echo has been invited to submit an entry for the International Awards for Livable Communities (LivCom) Finals in Chicago November 4-8 at the Chicago Hilton. The city made the finals after submitting a 4,500 word essay on Echo's efforts in the six LivCom categories: Environmental Effort, Community Involvement, Enhancement of Natural and Manmade Landscape, Healthy Lifestyles, Strategic Planning and Arts, Cul-



ture & Heritage along with 24 photos of the community. The city will be judged in the finals based on a 40 minute presentation that can include a video up to 12 minutes long. The presentation will probably be a PowerPoint program.

This is the second time the city was invited to the competition. Chester Prior and the Kiwanis Club coordinated efforts to raise nearly \$5000 to send a delegation to London. The presentation received a Bronze Award.

Since the competition is in the United States this year, the community will need to raise about \$2,500 to send two people to Chicago. Donations can be submitted to the City of Echo, PO Box 9, Echo, OR 97826.

Police Numbers

The City has received complaints that no one answers the Stanfield Police number, so we are including information on the county dispatch center. For Non-emergency calls, you can call the dispatch center, which is open 7 days a week/24 hours a day. You can clip out the box below with the non-emergency number and post it in a handy spot.

**Police
Non-Emergency No.
(541)966-3651**

- ◆ Leave a message for an officer, to report a crime that has already occurred
- ◆ If your house was broken into yesterday,
- ◆ If you have additional items to report stolen after a burglary,
- ◆ If your car was stolen yesterday, you call the non-emergency number above.
- ◆ Your bike was stolen while you were at school

Use **9-1-1** when there is imminent need:

- ◆ save a life report a fire
- ◆ stop a crime
- ◆ life threatening medical problem
- ◆ when a prompt response is needed such if there is a fight or assault

Beautification Winners

Awards were presented to winners of the annual America in Bloom Beautification Contest again this year during National Night Out. Prizes included plants, gardening books, garden art objects and trees.



10 Best Front Yards

Jerrie & Dale Fife, 210 N. Dupont
Marshall & Sharon Lilly, 320 W Buckley
Chad & Kristi Ray, 11 Smith Dr.
Robert & Marie Rose, 310 S. Bonanza
Hannah & John Smith, 315 W Buckley
Darin Tuil, 325 W. Buckley
Eric & Cari Volger, 280 Golf Course Rd.

Coleen's A Cut Above

Come in & take a look at the new & improved shop. We have expanded & remodeled.

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
Sat. 10 am-2 pm





Weeb & Colleen Williams, 1 Smith Dr.
 Cliff & Lou Williams, 101 N Dupont
 Richard Winter & Susan Kays, 200 S Bonanza

10 Best Yards

Richard & Bonnie Baggerly, 430 W Bridge
 Lorraine & Stewart Bance, 640 Kennedy
 Ben & Jessie Campbell, 340 W Main
 Melvin Crist, 131 S. Prescott
 BJ & Jack Esp, 9 Smith Dr.
 C. Fisher, 311 Kennedy
 Al & Rebecca Gronewald, 17 Smith Dr
 Larry & Brenda Hunter, 8 Smith Dr.
 Gary & Carol Marcum, 16 Smith Dr
 Gayle & Richard Yoder, 300 Golf Course

Most Improved

David Selders, 300 W Bridge
 Dave & Bev Cragun, 310 W Buckley
 Frank Nelson, 130 Cottage lane

Building /Home Improvements

Brad & Tammie Williams, 540 Halstead
 Lloyd & Lois Piercy/Mercantile
 Jeanne Albro, 230 N Prescott
 Gene & Jeanie Hampton, 811 Jane

Best Backyards

Curtis Bauck, 311 E Willow
 Bud & Charlene Longhorn, 210 S Dupont
 MaryAnn & Darrell Power, 111 N Dupont
 Kim & Elgin Summers, 330 Halstead

Floral Displays



Sarah Garcia, 150 N Dupont
 Emma Roberts, 110 N Dupont
 Ron & Geri Ruth, 630 Kennedy
 Phyllis Shovelski, Main St. Planters

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Library/China Hse. Donations

Thank you for your donations this month:

Charlotte Berry	5 sacks of books
Jennifer Cox	35 books, 11 DVDs
Dale Fife	Railroad items
Jeanie Hampton	17 audio books
Fritz Ramos	21 books
Gina Sather	2 books
Hanna Smith	1 book
Wyatt & Carter Skinner	15 books
Wallace Weltzin	46 books, vintage clothing & items for museum

Summer Reading Program

The theme for this year's Summer Reading Program was Make a Splash so the closing party on Aug. 12 had a water theme



with a Slip and Slide party. **Lizzie Cox**, as the **overall winner** with 54 books to her credit, won the slip and slide.

Other participants received books, school supplies and other prizes. Children who participated in the weekly programs also received prizes.

A field trip to the river for the Aug. 5th program was a blast with rock skipping, throwing and splashing competitions and trying to catch the most Minnows. The Minnows were released into the small water garden near the pond behind city hall and are doing great. Katie Anderson from the State Library attended and participated in the field trip. Prizes were awarded to those who won the competitions. Children who didn't attend the party can pickup their prizes at city hall.

Name	age	# of books read
McKenzie Rose	4	19-1st, preschool
Kobe Harwood	3	13-2nd, “
Emily Rose	2	9-3rd “
Alexa Rose	6	40-1st 6-7 yr. olds
Charlei Harwood	6	16-2nd, “
Ethan Boggs	6	6, 3rd “
Lexie Cox	8	31-1st, 8-9 yr olds
Luke White	8	8-2nd “
Camron Goldie	5	8-3rd “
Hannah Boggs	11	14-1st 11 & older
Dustin Goldie	13	6-2nd “
Jessie Goldie	11	5-3rd “

Benefits of Trees

Studies show trees provide many intangible benefits to cities and commercial areas.



- ♦ The presence of large trees in yards and as street trees can add from 3% to 15% to home values throughout neighborhoods.
- ♦ A study found 7% higher rental rates for commercial offices having high quality landscapes.
- ♦ Shoppers claim that they will spend 9% to 12% more for goods and services in central business districts having high quality tree canopy.
- ♦ Shoppers indicate that they will travel greater distance and a longer time to visit a district having high quality trees, and spend more time there once they arrive.
- ♦ The Echo downtown upgrades project will provide columnar street trees along Main Street.
- ♦ Although there are a few exceptions, properties with trees are generally preferred to comparable properties without trees with a price increase of about 7%. Street trees appear to add value even to adjacent properties, up to 100 feet.



Tree Cities

Fifty-four Cities were recognized as Tree Cities by the Oregon State Forestry Department and National Arbor Day Foundation for 2009. Eleven of the cities have been Tree Cities longer than Echo.

City	#of years	1 st Year	Population
Ashland	25	1985	21,500
Baker	25	1985	10,000
Echo	21	1989	715
Eugene	31	1979	157,100
Grants Pass	22	1988	34,237
Lake Oswego	21	1989	36,700
Portland	33	1977	550,560
Rogue River	27	1983	2,090
Salem	34	1976	154,510
Sunriver	30	1980	2,000
Sweet Home	23	1987	9,050
Tillamook	23	1987	4,710
Tualatin	23	1987	26,130

Relay for Life Thanks



Mary Hensal, Relay for Life Event Chairman, has asked us to print the following: *“A HUGE Thank you to the great folks of Echo OR. During the months of April, May and June, we did some fund raising for Relay For Life. Some folks were very generous by contributing to the can at the H&P Cafe (a total of about \$50 in change!!), and some folks had the pleasure and fun of receiving or sending the Purple toilet through town, for a grand total of \$95.00. Every penny counts in our fight against cancer. Your dollars help provide services for folks right here in Umatilla County, including Echo. So, again, Thank you very much.*

Donations

Anonymous \$10 to Library Summer Reading Program

Columbia RC & D—paid for one of the drop boxes for the Annual Cleanup day-\$306.

Parking Strip Maintenance

We are starting to get complaints again about weeds in yards and parking strips. It is the responsibility of property owners & renters to not only maintain their yards and control weeds and grass, but to mow or maintain the street right-of-way or parking strip between their yard and the paved roadway.



Wildhorse Grants

The Wildhorse Foundation is a community benefit fund established by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation as a result of its gaming operations and grants from this foundation are awarded annually to non-profits and governmental organizations in the area. The foundation made grants to a couple of Echo projects last week:



Echo School District
\$4,349 for an Elementary iPod Touch Lab.

Echo VFW \$6000 for restoration of the building which will include Heating and roof work.

National Night Out

Attendance at the 2010 National Night Out (NNO) was 223 this year just down from last years 238. Besides a free dinner of ham and Hills Hot dogs, chips, cookies and beverages, the event included door prizes from small items like key chains and pens to large ones like a digital camera and Weekend Get



Away at Wildhorse. A bouncing castle was brought in for the 3rd year and entertained smaller children all evening. Tiffany Tetlow also donated her time for a face painting booth.



Thanks to the volunteers who helped with games, serving, cooking food, set up and cleanup: Echo Fire Volunteers, Sue Kays, Gene & Jeanie Hampton, Jerry Gaunt, Peggy & Frank Haines, Darin Tuil, Monte Naugher, & Tiffany Tetlow.

Donations/Thank You!

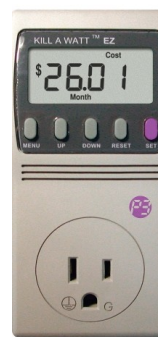
Donations were received from the following July 30 to Sept. 1.

Anderson Perry Engineering	\$150
Charlotte Berry	35
Eagle Ranch/Chester Prior	50
Golf Course	50
Vintage Clothing Show	50

Kill A Watt

The library is participating in the Energy Trust's "Kill A Watt" energy saving program. Three monitors are available at the library that residents can check out. Within the pack with the monitor are instruction. The monitor will show how much energy your appliances and other electronic equipment use, even if they are only just plugged in.

Energy saving tips are available as well as an online survey that gives you a chance to win a \$50 Visa Gift Card.



Public Art

Would you like to see more public art in Echo? If so you may want to volunteer to

serve on a committee that is developing an Echo Public Art Plan. The committee is hoping to develop a basic plan for art and themes that could be used to develop a system of entry signs that would include artwork.



Art project might be functional such as bike racks that are art or art that is play ground equipment. The first organizational meeting in August was facilitated by Deena Heath, Director of the Eastern Oregon Art Council.

If you would like to be involved in the project, please contact Diane at City Hall.

The committee will also discuss organizing programs such as Arts in Parks and a community art show.

Beautification Contest

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Clint & Kathy Winters, 200 W Buckley

Honorable Mention

Charlotte Berry, 3 Smith Dr

Colleen Brown, Fife Apts.

Donnie Brown, 300 W Buckley

Richard & Suzie Davie, 361 Bridge

Janice Diggins/Esther Doutre-McJunkin, 211 Garden

Anita Dorn, 431 S Hiestand

Trent Fife, 630 Hiestand

Fran & Jack Fitzhugh, 810 College St.

Tammy Henderson, 300 Halstead

Hewlett Family, 10 N Dupont

Karl Jenson, 301 Halstead

Jose Lopez, 201 N Prescott

Jessie McAtee, 11 S Front St.

Ruth Mead, Fife RV Park

Carol Neely, 231 Garden

Sheryl Ramey Morris, 10 N Front

Randy Randolph, 200 E Willow

Wilmer Spurlock, 131 N Prescott

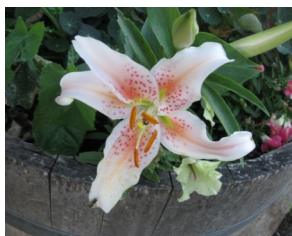
Daina Srofe, 521 Garfield

Marvin Storz, 101 W.

Bridge

Jarrold Winters, 10 N Bonanza

Kandy & Jim Wortman, 130 S Prescott



We Noticed

- ♦ Josh Bailey Family, 330 S Thielsen, Yard cleanup & improvements
- ♦ Thanks to Lacy Mulder & Haylie Freeman for weeding flower beds in George Park.
- ♦ Thanks to Gene Hampton for removing weeds along the tennis courts.
- ♦ Thanks to Kopacz Nursery for donating more plants from their greenhouses.
- ♦ Grapes from Echo Vineyards continue to win awards, the latest from the Bite Oregon, 2 of 8 awards went to grapes grown at Echo West Vineyard.

Yard of the Month

Melvin Crist, 131 S Prescott

Echo Cultural Inventory

It is time to update the city's Cultural Inventory, so we are asking for information on Echo Artists and musicians as well as stories about people and events in Echo History, particularly any about events at the City Hall auditorium. Family reminiscences and anecdotal information are welcome. *Memories of Rod Esselystyn or Doc Severinson playing there, movies, plays etc. *We were recently able to obtain information on Echo Koontz's attendance at the New England Conservatory of music in 1895.

Also information on the Echo Pest House & epidemics such as diphtheria in 1904 or 1905 or the Spanish Flu in 1918-20 that may have lead to its development.

Cycle Oregon

Cycle Oregon will be travelling through Echo on Sept. 17 and stopping at the school.

CTUIR Buses

Some Echo residents are interested in getting the CTUIR buses to swing through Echo and pickup passengers for trips to Hermiston, Pendleton & the Tri-Cities. If you are interested contact Peggy at city hall. The information and bus schedules are posted at the website: .

<http://www.umatilla.nsn.us/bus.html>