

The Echo



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Christmas Food Drive & Giving Tree



The Giving Tree will go up by December 6 at city hall. The tree will have tags with the ages of needy girls and boys. Select a tag and let the city clerk write down the number selected such as "G-3". Then bring a gift back to city

hall by Monday, Dec. 20 at 4:30 pm.

Food Baskets: If you need a food basket and/or to have children's names on the giving tree, applications can be picked up at city hall. If you are aware of a friend or neighbor that lives in Echo that you feel is in need of assistance, please let us know the name and the circumstances. We normally deliver to 19 to 22 families each year.

City Hall is also the collection point for donations of food, toys and cash from the Food Basket Program each year. Donations can be dropped by City Hall or mailed to PO Box 9, Echo, OR 97826.

Food items collected include canned and packaged food—sorry no home canned food can be accepted. Potatoes and carrots can also be accepted, but due to a lack of refrigerators and freezers, other perishables can not be accepted. Cash is used to purchase turkeys, bread, margarine, milk and other perishables. Food will be delivered by city staff and volunteers on Wednesday, December 22 in the morning.

Echo Teachers are continuing to conduct a toy drive and students to (cont. page 2)

Bazaars/Food

The Echo VFW Auxiliary Bazaar is December 11 starting at 9 am at the VFW Hall on Bridge St.. They will also have a Chili Feed. Tables at the Bazaar will feature: jewelry, art, linens, and baked goods. They will also sell tickets for their annual hamper raffle.

A new heating system and improvements to the entry and exterior of the VFW Hall were completed this fall thanks to a grant from the Wildhorse Resort Foundation.



Christmas Concert

Inland Northwest Musicians (INWM) Orchestra and Chorale have scheduled two Free Christmas programs in the city hall auditorium on Saturday, December 11 at 7 pm and Sunday, December 12th at 4 pm. The programs are free, but donations are accepted. Donations to help sponsor the concerts can be sent to INWM at PO Box 7039, Hermiston, OR



97838 or given at the door. The theme of this year's program is "The Many

Moods of Christmas." For Free Reserved Seating call 541-289-4696 or email inwm@machmedia.net. Open seating begins 15 minutes before the concert. (cont. pg 2)

Giving Tree/Food Baskets (cont.)

collect canned goods.

Donations have been received to date from:

William Douglas boxes of onions/\$40
Penny & Ray Shepherd
\$25.
Suzanne Spike \$25 & Toy
Echo Methodist Church
Food



Christmas Concert (Cont.)

Tickets for a Grandfather Clock that will be raffled at the December 12 concert will be available both days for \$5 per ticket. Concert Sponsors include Sno Road Winery, Eagle Ranch, NAIFA, Alice Massey, City of Echo and US Bancorp is a corporate sponsor.

Refreshments will be served after the concert by Echo Boosters (Saturday) and Echo Methodist Community Church (Sunday).

Elections

Richard Winter, PhD was reelected Echo Mayor at the November General Election along with Councilman Pasquale Anolfo. Long-time City Council Member Ed McCallum did not run for reelection due to health problems. Gayle Yoder (19 votes) and Jerrie Fife (10 votes) have accepted council positions following receipt of write-in votes and will be sworn in at the January Council meeting

America in Bloom

Robert & Marie Tolar \$100

Penny & Ray Shepherd

\$25

Suzanne Spike \$25

If you have suggestions for Beautification projects for America in Bloom 2011 let us know: ecpl@centurytel.net



Christmas Lights

The Echo Booster Club is continuing its tradition of providing a free strand of Christmas Lights to those who purchased a new home in Echo during the



past year.

The following families can pickup lights at city hall in December:

Craig Arbogast

Nathan McFarlane

Robert & Audrey Ortiz

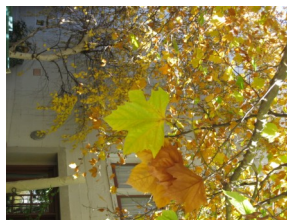
James & Paula Young

Brytni Young

Shayne Myers

Facebook Competition

The EchoFire Facebook page passed 1000 fans on November 27 and now boasts 1101 fans. The City of Echo page is behind the game with 302 fans. Let's see if we can catch up. Let your family & friends with Echo connections know about our page. Visit the page to keep track of Echo events and to see new photos we post periodically.

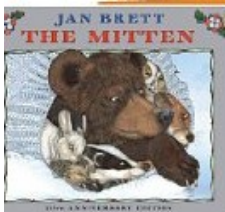


Library News & Donations

The library has a large selection of **Christmas** books and materials. If you need ideas for decorating or making gifts, we have help. The library has also just received a collection of **History Channel DVDs** that are very popular from **Monster Quests** to **Cowboys & the Unexplained Series**.

Check out the new book spinner and shelves for bestsellers by Nora Roberts, JD Robb, Vince Flynn, Lee Child, James Patterson, Karen Kijewski, JD Cast, Lisa Kleypas, Michael Crichton, David Baldacci, Justin Cronin, Debbie Macomber, Stephanie Laurens, Kat Martin, Jodi Picoult, Dennis Lehane, Linda Howard, Iris Johansen & many more. Non-fiction best sellers such as George W. Bush's Decision Points. Other new non-fiction books include: Belly Fat Cure, America's Famous & Historic Trees, Decorative Details, Real Life Renovating, Decoding the Pyramids.

The library has nearly all of the titles in the Teacherfirst.com list of 100 Best



Books. A selection of these titles are: The Very Hungry Caterpillar, The Mitten, Goodnight Moon, The Cat in the Hat, Stellaluna, Chica Chicka Boom Boom, Winnie the Pooh, The Napping House, Hatchet, Shiloh, The Boxcar Children, Matilda, Where the Red Fern Grows, The Hobbit, The Cay, Walk Two Moons, Heidi.

Thanks again this month for your donations to the library.

Charlotte Berry	55 books
Patty Cisneros	9 books, 1 tape
Jeanne D5ly	3 books
Rod Graham	24 books, 4 tapes
Kent Madison	1 book
Elsie Middleton	4 books
Pamela Steele	2 books
Patsy Taylor	16 books
Nisha Wade	20 books
Gayle Yoder	9 books

Christmas Lighting

The Echo Booster Club has been sponsoring the annual Christmas Lighting Contest for 19 years this year, but the tradition of Echo's spectacular display of Christmas lighting that attracts visitors each year goes back at least a decade before. The tradition primarily was a friendly competition between the owners of the big Victorian Houses on Dupont Street such as the Fifes and Powers.

Help keep this tradition and part of our community pride alive by decorating your house this year. Judges needed. Would you like to help judge the contest or do you know an impartial person from a nearby town that would be interested? If so contact Diane at city hall, 541-376-8411

City Hall began a tradition of decorating the building 11 years ago with the com-



pletion of the renovation of the building in 2000. Both inside and outside of the building will be decorated again this year.

Echo Items

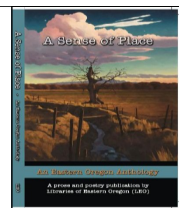
Want a unique Christmas gift?

Stop by city hall for:

Echo t-shirts	\$15.00
Echo Mugs	\$5.00
The <u>Echo Story</u> Books (Vol. 1 and II)	\$15.00

A Sense of Place books \$12.95

Echo Author Pamela Steele and Diane Berry have articles in this 226 page collection of juried poems, essays and short stories by dozens of residents of Eastern Oregon.



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



More Echo Gifts

Don't forget the golf course. Merchandise and gift certificates for green fees, merchandise or punch cards with rounds of golf are available at the golf course. You can also pay for your membership or for a family member early & avoid any rate increases that may go into effect in January.

You can also join the Echo Museum for a family member. Contact Gloria Lampkin at 541-376-8150 for details or stop by city hall and pickup a Museum newsletter with information on joining.



Calendar

Dec. 3	QB Fish Feed, Fire Hall
Dec. 9	School Concert, 6 pm
Dec. 11	VFW Bazaars/Chili Feed, 9 am
Dec. 11	Inland NW Musician Christmas Concert-7 pm @ city hall
Dec. 12	INWM Christmas Concert 4 pm
Dec. 13-16	PTA Holiday Shop
Dec. 15	School Character Trait Assembly- 10:35 am, gym
Dec. 20	Turn in Giving Tree gifts
Dec. 22	Last day of school
Dec. 22	Christmas Food/Gift Delivery
Dec. 23	City Hall/Library close at noon
Dec. 24	Candlelight Service, church 8 pm
Dec. 31	Church Potluck & Game night, 6:30 pm



Urban Forestry 2010/11

The city's Urban Forestry program for 2010 is nearly complete and it is time to submit an application to the Arbor Day Foundation for recognition of our 22nd year as a Tree City USA.

Urban Forestry efforts this year have included planting trees around the new skatepark, a special dedication and program for Arbor Day that in -



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cluded Echo Elementary Students and a special program promoting trees and tree care by Magician Marc Mullins. The dedication included planting a replacement Sycamore in the city park in memory of Echo Public Works Director Arnie Neely. The tree had been destroyed by a vandal.

The City adopted a new Heritage Tree Program and named a number of trees around town as Heritage Trees.

In November the City had the first reading of a major amendment to the City's Tree Ordinance that will require tree contractors to register at city hall and provide proof of bonding.

Enclosed as page 5 & 6 of this newsletter is information on tree care and selection.

Door to Door Sales

In an effort to help protect residents from fraud & irresponsible vendors, the city has had an ordinance regulating door to door sales or solicitations for years. If you have a salesman (food, encyclopedias, siding, tree trimmers, etc.) knock on your door ask them for their Echo solicitors permit and if they do not have one, call city hall to report the salesman. If you are an existing customer, they do not have to obtain a permit. This only applies to unsolicited sales.



Tree trimmers and siding salesmen are especially common and can result in the greatest problems for homeowners. The city code doesn't prohibit topping trees on private property, but does prohibit topping street trees, except by the power company to clear lines. However if you do allow someone to top your trees, you are creating an ongoing problem, as once topped, such trees are vulnerable to disease and will have to be topped every few years as the new growth will be rampant and unstable. Further if the tree trimmer is not bonded or insured, and drops the tree on your home, public property, a neighbor or a passing motorist, you may be liable for the damages.

Trees for under Power Lines

Sound Urban Forestry Policy encourages planting the right tree in the right place. As such planting a Sycamore or Maple that will mature to 45 or more feet in height which will eventually have to be topped by the power company or removed by a later homeowner is not good policy. Trees that grow in to power lines can cause billions annually for tree pruning and lead to outages and electrical problems.

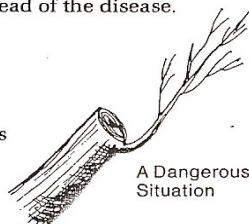
The following trees are ones the J. Frank Schmidt & Company consider Utili-Trees™ and are suitable for planting under power lines. Those trees with an * by them are in the arboretum.

Common	Height	Width	h
Trident Maple	20'	20'	
Hedge Maple *	30'	30'	
Flame Maple *	20'	20'	
Paperbark Maple *	25'	20'	
Flamingo Box Elder Maple *	20'	15'	
Kelly's Gold Box Elder Maple	25'	20'	
Variegated Box Elder Maple	25'	20'	
Globe Maple	15'	18'	
Tatarian Maple	25'	20'	

Princess Diana Serviceberry *	20'	15'
Robin Hill Serviceberry	25'	18'
Snowcloud Serviceberry *	25'	15'
Autumn Brilliance® Serviceberry *	20'	15'
Cole's Select Serviceberry	20'	15'
Crimson Cloud Hawthorn *	25'	18'
Paul's Scarlet Hawthorn *	22'	20'
Washington Hawthorn	25'	20'
Lavalle Hawthorn *	28'	20'
Snowbird Hawthorn	22'	20'
Amanogawa Cherry	20'	6'
Big Cis® Plum	14'	12'
Spire Cherry	30'	10'
Jack® Pear	16'	10'
Red Cascade™ Mountain Ash *	18'	8'
China Snow® Tree Lilac	20'	20'
Summer Charm® Lilac	20'	15'
Columnar Goldenrain Tree	25'	10'
Columnar Goldenchain	20'	10'
Amur Maackia	25'	20'
Starburst Amur Maackia	25'	20'
Adirondack Crabapple	18'	10'
Marilee® Crabapple	24'	10'
Red Jewel™ Crabapple *	15'	12'
Red Barron Crabapple	18'	8'

Why NOT To "Top" — Eight Good Reasons

- 1 Starvation:** Good pruning practices rarely remove more than ¼ to ⅓ of the crown, which in turn does not seriously interfere with the ability of a tree's leafy crown to manufacture food. Topping removes so much of the crown that it upsets an older tree's well-developed crown-to-root ratio and temporarily cuts off its food-making ability.
- 2 Shock:** A tree's crown is like an umbrella that shields much of the tree from the direct rays of the sun. By suddenly removing this protection, the remaining bark tissue is so exposed that scalding may result. There may also be a dramatic effect on neighboring trees and shrubs. If these thrive in shade and the shade is removed, poor health or death may result.
- 3 Insects and Disease:** The large stubs of a topped tree have a difficult time forming callus. The terminal location of these cuts, as well as their large diameter, prevent the tree's chemically based natural defense system from doing its job. The stubs are highly vulnerable to insect invasion and the spores of decay fungi. If decay is already present in the limb, opening the limb will speed the spread of the disease.
- 4 Weak Limbs:** At best, the wood of a new limb that sprouts after a larger limb is truncated is more weakly attached than a limb that develops more normally. If rot exists or develops at the severed end of the limb, the weight of the sprout makes a bad situation even worse.
- 5 Rapid New Growth:** The goal of topping is usually to control the height and spread of a tree. Actually, it has just the opposite effect. The resulting sprouts (often called *water sprouts*) are far more numerous than normal new growth and they elongate so rapidly that the tree returns to its original height in a very short time — and with a far denser crown.
- 6 Tree Death:** Some older trees are more tolerant to topping than others. Beeches, for example, do not sprout readily after severe pruning and the reduced foliage most surely will lead to death of the tree.
- 7 Ugliness:** A topped tree is a disfigured tree. Even with its regrowth it never regains the grace and character of its species. The landscape and the community are robbed of a valuable asset.
- 8 Cost:** To a worker with a saw, topping a tree is much easier than applying the skill and judgement of good pruning. Therefore, topping may cost less in the short run. However, the true costs of topping are hidden. These include: reduced property value, the expense of removal and replacement if the tree dies, the loss of other trees and shrubs if they succumb to changed light conditions, the risk of liability from weakened branches, and increased future maintenance.



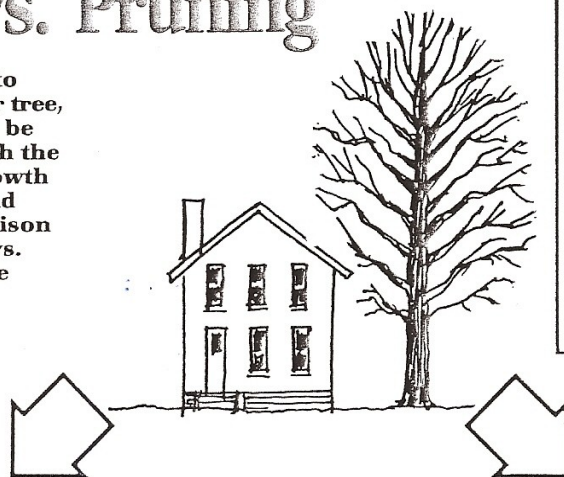
Topping vs. Pruning

When a decision is made to reduce the size of an older tree, it can be topped, or it can be pruned properly. Although the speed and nature of regrowth will depend on species and local factors, any comparison of irresponsible topping vs. competent pruning will be dramatic.

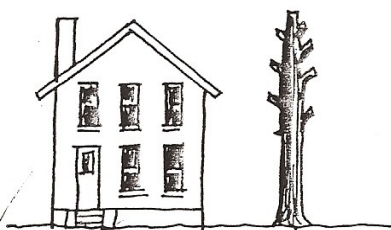
Topping by Any Other Name is Just as Ugly

Sometimes pseudo tree experts use different terms for the malpractice of topping. Here is a rogues' gallery of synonyms:

- Stubbing
- Heading
- Heading-back
- Stubbing-off
- Hatracking
- Topping-off
- Dehorning
- Lopping



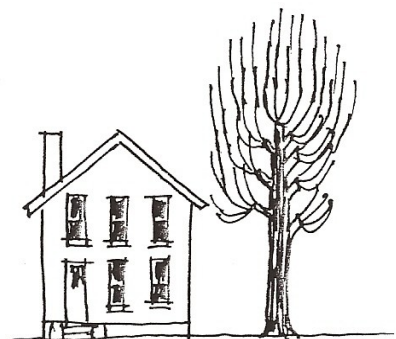
Topping



Year 1

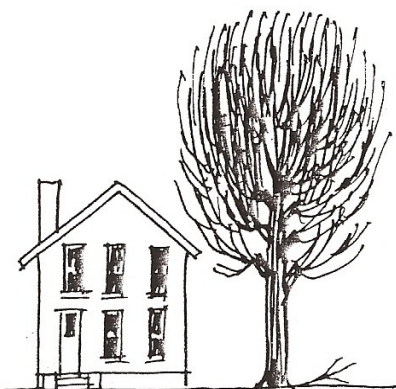
The topped tree is an ugly stub and a remnant of a once lovely tree. If pruned properly, size is reduced but form and beauty are retained.

Pruning



Year 3

Vigorous sprouts have sprung out of the topped tree in large numbers and are growing with abnormal rapidity. The pruned tree adds growth more slowly and more normally distributed.



Year 6

In a relatively short time, the topped tree is as tall — and far bushier and more dangerous — than it was to begin with. The properly pruned tree is safer, more beautiful, and its size better controlled.

