

The Echo



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Red to Red MTB

The 3rd annual Red to Red Cycle Race will be Saturday, March 12. Last year there were over 350 entries and as many as 450 may register this year. The race starts on Main Street at 11 am and then goes west out of town on the Echo-Lexington Highway to the Piercy/Echo West Ranch on Snow Road.

Residents can expect road delays from 10 am to 3 pm on Main Street between Bonanzat St. and Snow Road. The winery will be open for tasting and Prodigal Son Brewery from Pendleton is also planning a beer garden in the Koontz Building with live music.



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



Art Show

The first annual Echo Art Show will be at the City Hall Auditorium on Saturday, March 12 during the Red to Red Cycle Race. If you are interested in helping or displaying artwork, you can attend an organizational meeting on Monday, Feb. 7 at city hall at 4:30 pm. or contact Diane Berry 541-376-8411, ecpl@centurytel.net. Updates will also be posted to the city's facebook page. Plans are to make this an annual event.



Man of the Year

Congratulations to Chester Prior, Echo farmer and resident, for his selection as Man of the Year by the Greater Hermiston Area Chamber of Commerce.

Dog Licenses

The 2010 dog licenses expired on Dec. 31 and 2011 licenses need to be renewed. Licenses not renewed by Feb. 28, 2011 will be subject to a penalty of \$10 per month, per dog for each month the license is expired begin-

Library News

Improvements continue at the library with donation of a large format digital photo frame to display Echo photographs, including historical photographs. New video cases custom built by Two Rivers Correction Institute as part

of the Collins Foundation Grant have arrived. The cases provide





increased more room for DVD/Video display and take up less room so that the library is now more open and easier to navigate.

Librarian Position

Librarian Karen Beacham is retiring this month and the City is accepting applications for the position through February 14. Applications and a job description can be picked up at city hall. The position is for 22 hours a week which includes Wednesday evening from 4:30 to 8:30 pm. Salary is \$8.50 to \$8.60 per hour.

Applicants must have at least basic computer and typing experience.



Donations

Arboretum: Memorials for Jim Ramos have been received from Echo Garden Club, Echo Boosters, Diane & Charlotte Berry totaling \$125. The Echo Boosters have also made donations in memory of Roy Neely and Danene Baker Davis.



Communities in Bloom

Anonymous \$60
Lloyd & Lois Piercy, Wine Barrel Planters (6)

Library

Anonymous: \$10 for children's books
Anonymous: \$25
The CS Jackson Foundation within the Oregon Community Foundation is providing \$189 this year for purchase of Oregon related materials: Discoveries of America: Oregon DVD
Good Night Oregon
Outlaw Tales of Oregon: True Stories of Oregon's Most Infamous Robbers, Rustlers & Bandits

Photographing Oregon
Lonely Planet Travel, Oregon
Oregon Splendor, PBS DVD
Lewis & Clark, PBS DVD
The History of Oregon & the Pony Express, DVD
The Oregon Trail DVD
Sasquatch: Legend meets Science
Weird Oregon: Your Travel Guide to Oregon's Local Legends & Best Kept Secrets

Library Materials

Bonnie Baggerly	5 books
Boggs Children	41 books
Abby Hinde	17 books
Susan Kays	7 books
Gayle Weatherson	15 books, 2 periodicals
Judy Webb	7 books

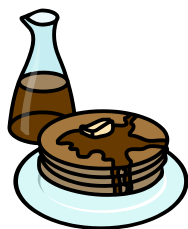
Library District

The Umatilla County Library District will meet at the Echo Library, Monday, Feb. 7 at 5:30 pm. The public is welcome.



Red to Red Activities

The Echo Kiwanis is hosting several events during the Red to Red Cycle race on March 12. The Hermiston Rotary Club is donating the use of their food trailer and the Kiwanis will serve a Pancake breakfast for \$5 from 8 to 10 am. For lunch, starting at 11:30 am, they will serve a baked potato with Chili for \$5.



Big Top, the former Bar-num and Bailey Clown, will perform in the church basement from 11 am to 1 pm. The show is free, but canned goods for the Kiwanis' monthly food basket program are welcomed.



Proceeds of the event will help fund the clown show and Kiwanis Scholarships. The Kiwanis Club is soliciting donations for the scholarship fund now. Last year 6 \$1000 scholarships were awarded, and the number



they award this year will depend on donations and fund-raising efforts. William Gatchell is the scholarship chairman and can be reached at 541-377-7943 or send checks to the Kiwanis at PO Box 91, Echo.

Golf Course Vandalism

On January 2 and 14 vandals stole and wrecked golf carts and damaged the golf course grounds, flag poles and tee markers. However the three youth were caught thanks to tips received from members of the community. The tipsters will receive a \$500 reward from the city and golf course men's club. The city has a standard policy of providing up to a \$100 fine for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any one damaging public policy. These tips lead to the recovery of other stolen property.



Our thanks to those who came forward to help stop these vandals.

Farm Equipment

Donations or loan of Vintage Farm Equipment or wagons for the display at the northend of town are being sought. Signage identifying the equipment will be added this summer and a grant is being sought for paint to restore the equipment to original colors.

Items currently on display include:

A Deere Seeder, Iron Age Potato Planter, Fahr Sickle Mower, IHC dump rake & manure spreader, potato planter, Eversman Automatic Leveler, 2 Fresnos, a Buck scraper, hay stacker, 2 sets of wooden wagon wheels with axles. Most of the



equipment dates from the early 1900s to 1930s.

Koontz Bldg. Restoration

The Koontz Building will soon join the ranks of City Hall, the Echo Bank Building (museum) and the Teel Building as a beautifully



restored examples of historic Eastern Oregon Architecture.

These improvements along with the Downtown upgrades that will begin in about 6 months with a Transportation Enhancement Grant & grant from the Echo Community Benefit Fund will make Echo's downtown shine.

The Piercy's are moving forward rapidly with repairs to the exterior of the building. The plans include restoring the storefront to look very similar to that shown in the picture above.

The Koontz Building will house the Sno Road Winery tasting room, an event center and more.

The Piercy's are also nearing completion of offices and the apartment in the Mercantile Building. The Merc was built prior to 1910 and the Koontz Building was town founder JH Koontz' second store. It later was operated by Koontz' son in law Charles Miller and his partner Fred George as the George & Miller Co.

Communities in Bloom

As the weather hovers in the 20s it is hard to believe that spring is just around the corner, and that it is time to start planning for entry in the International Communities in Bloom Livability Awards. The City is seeking donations to help fund the floral displays and other efforts to spruce town up before the judges arrive in June.

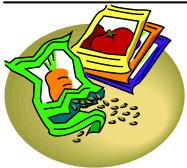


We also count on each of you to do what you can to help make the community beautiful and neat both at your home and through volunteering to help with community events and beautification efforts.

Your donations of time and funds, no matter how small are needed and appreciated. Judges look at the following: Floral Displays, Environmental Effort, Historic Preservation, Community Involvement, Urban Forestry, Turf & Groundcover, Tidiness, Landscaped Areas;

You can send your contributions to the City of Echo, PO Box 9, Echo, OR 97826.

Ideas for projects are also needed.



Community Garden

Jarrod Winters is joining the efforts to get a community garden established in Echo. The city is providing the lumber to build the initial raised beds and water as well as land. The garden will be located on old space #8 in the city trailer park on the corner of Dale and Buckley Streets.

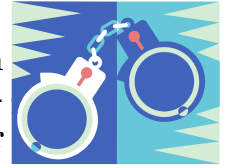
If you would be interested in helping Jarrod and Pasquale Anolfo, contact city hall.

Accountability Board

The Stanfield Police are organizing a Community Accountability Board to deal with juvenile offenses in Echo and Stanfield.

The accountability board is made up of five local community representatives who vol-

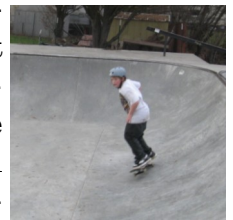
unteer their time to meet with juvenile offenders who have been referred for diversion. under the direction of one of the Stanfield Police Officers. The Board determines the reasonable requirements for juveniles to perform for irresponsible behavior such as community service, counseling and restitution.



One goal is to impress on the offender the connection between the offender's behavior and its impact on the community and the offender. This board usually will deal with first time offenders and those involved in minor infractions. Such programs have been very successful in other communities & tend to hold the offender responsible to his own community rather than being a number in the state juvenile system.

Skatepark Behavior

The City has been receiving complaints about behavior at the Skatepark, such as use of obscenities and loud music. The park closes at 8 pm and you will be cited if caught in the park after hours. Please be considerate



of those living around the skatepark and show restraint in your language and use of musical equipment. If problems persist, the city may choose to ban offenders from the park or close the park to encourage self-policing by users. We ask parents to share this information with their children.

Littering has decreased and we appreciate efforts by a **few** of the park users to pickup the litter left by others, but we ask you to pickup litter on the streets and yards near the skatepark.

Book Club

The Book Club is still meeting each month with between 5-8 people participating. This club is open to anyone who loves to read. Please contact Jennifer Cox 541-376-8559 or Margaret Anolfo 541-376-8646 if you would like to participate.