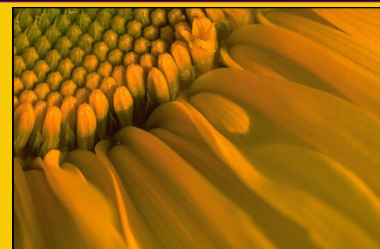


# The Echo



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## EBay Classes

Interested in supplementing your income through EBay? Bob Jones, Milton-Freewater Librarian, has been teaching classes at his library on using EBay for several years. Because of interest in this program throughout Eastern Oregon, Libraries of Eastern Oregon is sponsoring Bob's classes. The Echo Library will host one of the programs on Saturday, **June 11 from 10 am to 2 pm**. The class is free. If you want to attend, please bring a sack lunch.



## Meteorite Program

Dick Pugh of Portland State's Cascadia Meteorite Lab is returning to provide another program on Meteorites. The program will be on **June 22 at 6:30 pm** at city hall. Since his last program two more Oregon meteorites have been discovered as the result of Pugh's programs. One was in Morrow County and one in Klamath County. Only six meteorites have been discovered in Oregon to date.

The outreach program is sponsored by the Echo Library, Libraries of Eastern Oregon (LEO) and NASA. The program is free. Refreshments will be served.

"There are probably at least a dozen more unrecognized meteorites from Oregon located on shelves, in basements, barns, and workshops", says Pugh. "I hope to flush out



some more in the years to come."

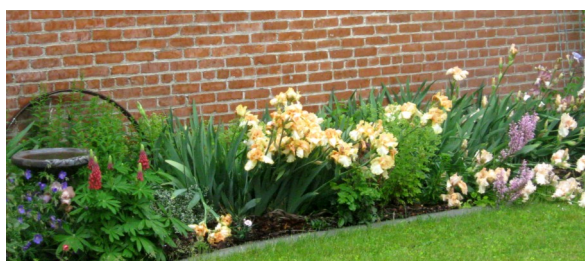
The Cascadia Meteorite Laboratory (CML) at Portland State University was created in 2003 to pursue meteorite research, provide formal education about meteorites, public lectures, and specimen identification service for the public. The Lab houses a collection of rocks that now includes over 600 separate meteorites, up from one meteorite at PSU prior to the creation of the Lab. For more information about the Cascadia Meteorite Laboratory, go to <http://meteorites.pdx.edu>

## River Town Hall Meeting

Do you have property damage caused by the Umatilla River or are you concerned about erosion of river banks? If so & you live within the Umatilla River Water Control District #2, please come share your concerns at a Town Hall Meeting on Thurs., June 30th @ 6 pm at the Echo City Hall Community Center. Please bring any pictures of the area, past & present. For more information, email [urwcd2@gmail.com](mailto:urwcd2@gmail.com)

## CiB Judges/Reception

Community in Bloom judges Alex Pearl & Berta Briggs will begin their tour of Echo on June 19. A reception and potluck hosted by the Garden Club & City will be in the George (City) Park at 6 pm on Monday, June 20. Everyone is invited to attend and meet the judges.



The main dish will be provided,



just bring a side dish or dessert.

At the reception we will also thank volunteers who help with the numerous projects

around the community & school that make our town a winner and thank all those who donate to AIB/CiB projects.

## Summer Reading Program

The annual Library Summer Reading Program will start on Monday, June 20 through August 8. Children will be provided a free book upon signing up for the program. Weekly craft and story times will be Fridays at 2 pm.



A Grant from the State Library funds the program, including snacks, incentives, crafts & permanent library items relating to each year's theme.

There will be two special programs this year. The first will be the **Reptile Man** on **June 28 at 3 pm** at the library. The program is free. The Reptile Man has won the rapt attention of enthralled audiences throughout the Pacific Northwest for 20 years, featuring 15-20 reptiles from diverse habitats at each presentation, "these dynamic predators capture hearts of both young and old." The Reptile Man founder, Richard Ritchey, a herpetologist, has assembled a traveling collection of scaled predators that is unrivaled.

Award winning Oregon Storyteller **Christopher Leebrick** will perform the second program on **Aug. 2 at 2 pm** at City Hall.

## Movie Night @ Library

Movie Night will continue on Wednesdays at the library at 5:30 pm. Popcorn will be served.

The June schedule is:

June 8—Tales from the Earth Sea

June 15—Thor(animated version)



June 22—**no movie** Meteorite Program in auditorium 6:30 pm

June 29—Gulliver's Travels

## Kiwanis Cleanup Day

The community owes a big thanks to the Kiwanis & other volunteers who helped with the 5th annual Kiwanis Community Cleanup Day on May 14.

Their efforts included washing down Main St., working in the Museum & Main St. Gardens, planting flowers, picking up debris throughout town & pruning shrubs. Columbia Blue Mountain R C & D provided funds for drop boxes.



Thanks to donation of equipment by Chet Prior, Eagle Ranch & Lloyd Piercy, the unsightly sidewalk located between the fire hall and railroad damaged by tree roots decades ago was removed and hauled away.

For several years, America in Bloom Judges have suggested screening the recycling center. The Key Club advisor & two members with help from Gene Hampton & Jerry Gaunt installed vinyl fence panels behind the Recycling Center Sign. The City provided the fencing using donated funds.

## Community Service Day

Echo School's annual Community Service Day on May 12, helped clean up the town & school grounds.

Projects included:





**K-1st** Grade- wash city & police vehicles; **2 & 3rd**-Clean up school grounds & athletic field; **4th** - Pick up trash along Thielsen St. **5th**-pickup-trash & pull weeds around the school perimeter & tennis courts; **7th**-Weed @ arboretum; **8th Girls**\_Dig grass out of Rain Garden; **8th Boys**-

Pull weeds for Estie Billing;

**9th** - Fort Hen-



rietta Park& Fire Museum, cleanup, help Jr. High; **10th**-Fort Henrietta Park & plant new plants @ skatepark. **11th**-Place Bark at Museum Gardens & City Hall garden, pull weeds, trim roses; Help Jr. High;

**12th**-Clean "E & help other classes.

Thank you students and teachers!!!

## Donations, Cont. Community in Bloom

American Printing	\$25
Amstad Farming	100
Anderson Perry Engineering	150
Diane Berry	25
Burns Mortuary	75
Echo Boosters	50
Echo Garden Club	25
Fort Henrietta Fnd.	50
Peggy & Frank Haines	20
Gene & Jeanie Hampton	10
Frank & Bev Harkenrider	50
George & Bea Luciani	200
Doris Pitzer	50
Power Pro Electric	100
Verlyn & Janet Schulz	100
Bob Spike Memorial	50
Mick & Susan Tolar	100
Umatilla Electric Coop	100
Umatilla County Econ. Dev.	750

## Library

Janie Enright	Periodicals
Dale Fife	Periodicals
Leanne Gaunt	35 books
Aubree Lawrence	book, DVD, Audio bk.
Fritz Ramos	9 books
Judy Webb	2 books, 22 VHS tapes

## If I Were Mayor

Madyson Horn and Jose Rodriquez are winners of the "If I Were Mayor" Poster Contest, sponsored by the Oregon Mayor's Ass. At the local level and will move on to the state level. The winner of the state contest will receive a laptop computer.

## Donation Thanks Memorials

Suzie Power	\$25
Suzanne Spike	35

## Downtown Project

Jerrie & Dale Fife	\$100
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## Playground/Park Improve.

Echo Kiwanis Club	\$50
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## Annals

Thanks to coordination by Echo resident Jared Winters, the Eastern Oregon Correction Institute grew several hundred annual flowers for use around town & vegetables for the community garden. The new seedlings will soon be planted in parks & public areas.



## Instant Color

Thanks to Kopacz Nursery, downtown Echo went from blah to beautiful overnight as three pickup loads of planters were picked up at the Kopacz greenhouse & brought to town. Planters, hay racks & hanging baskets were placed around city hall, the museum & in new



whiskey barrels. The barrels, which were donated by Lloyd & Lois Piercy were

placed on Thielsen St.

## Skatepark Behavior

The City has received complaints from neighbors around the skatepark regarding behavior problems such as fighting, bullying, smoking, vandalism, littering & urinating in public. If such problems persist, the violators will be banned from entering any city owned property including the skatepark, city parks, arboretum, city hall & library and parents or guardians of minor children will be cited for Failure to Supervise. One ban is already in place and trespass charges for violations of the ban have been imposed.

## Cleanup Reminder

With CiB judges arrival just three weeks away, please put in a special effort to spruce up your yard and the street right of way in front of your property. All residents are responsible for keeping weeds and debris cleared from street right of ways as well as within their yards.



## Centennial B-Day

Opal Howard remained sharp as a tack, despite her 100 years at her Birthday Party and reception at the Library on May 23. She proudly read a letter from the Governor and the mayor. She received a key to the city, and autographed items from the Portland Trail Blazers & Seattle Mariners.



## Vandalism

School had not been out for a full day and there were problems with children vandalizing flowers along city hall, kicking porta-pots and causing problems downtown. The city will not put up with such problems this summer and will be citing parents for failure to supervise & banning youth from city owned

facilities. Please discuss proper conduct with your children.

**Farm Equipment Display.** One of the newly painted pieces of vintage farm equipment



## Kopacz Nursery & Flo-



**“Helping Make Echo More Beautiful”**

Kopacz Nursery sponsors Echo's Beautification Program each year; Providing plants, labor & green house space for floral displays & donates annuals for public areas.

- Beautiful Bouquets
- Largest selection of Bedding Plants
- Blooming Plants
- Gift Center

