

The Echo



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Beautification Contest



Winners of the 2011 Beautification Contest were announced at the 2011 National Night Out. Following the tradition of David Letterman's Top 10 list, ten first place winners were announced:

Dave & Bev Cragun, 310 W. Buckle

Rebecca & Al Gronewold, 17 Smith Dr.

Sheryl Morris Ramey, 10 N. Front

Carol & Gary Marcum, 16 Smith Dr.

Weeb & Colleen Williams, 1 Smith Dr.

Emma Roberts, 110 N. Dupont

Gayle & Richard Yoder, 300 Golf Course Rd

Trent Fife & Dawn Rudolph, 630 S Hiestand

Melvin Crist, 131 S. Prescott

Tim & Jeannette Goldie, 10 S. Prescott

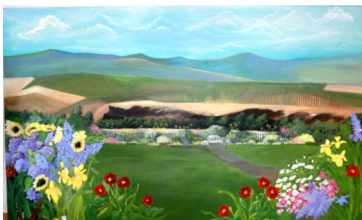
A special award was granted to Colleen Williams for their yard winning a first place award each year since the contest started & in recognition of her hours of labor at the golf course maintaining the flower beds.

The Goldie Family said their front flower bed that was a beautiful display of flowers when the judges went by, was created by planting the seed packets the city provided to promote Communities in Bloom on Arbor Day.

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Mural

The first of two murals that will eventually hang on the front of the Masonic Lodge was installed on Aug. 31. The murals were started



as part of a 2009 Library Summer Reading Program project "Be Creative.."

The murals commemorate the beauty of our region by depicting the river valley and surrounding hills. Flowers in the foreground recognize the city's beautification programs: America in Bloom/Communities in Bloom.

Hermiston Artist Brandi Hurt Dayton painted the first mural and retired Librarian & local artist Karen Beacham is working on the second mural.



Art with Function

Thanks to a grant from the Echo Community Benefit Fund and donations, new signage will grace two of Echo's entries in the near future that are also works of art. Artist Chris Huffman, Sundown Metal Art has been commissioned to create metal signs with the Echo image. The sign at Thielsen & Main will be replaced with a painted sign featuring a life-size painted image of Echo Koontz.

The Piercy's have been adding functional art such as the iron fence at the Mercantile Apartment & the one that encloses the winery garden. They have also added the mural on the side of the



mercantile building.

As funding becomes available we hope to add other public art pieces to Echo. If you are interested in becoming involved in the Echo Arts committee, contact Diane Berry at city hall.



Home Energy IQ Workshop

The Energy Trust of Oregon is hosting a free Home Energy IQ workshop on Tuesday, September 20 from 6-8pm.

A Home Energy IQ workshop gives you a better understanding of how energy use impacts the health, comfort and safety of your home. You'll learn to:

- Save energy by making small changes around your house
 - Identify the biggest energy users in your home, and how energy use changes over time
- Offset the cost of qualifying improvements with cash incentives and tax credits

Event location: Blue Mountain Community College, 980 SE Columbia, Room 210, Hermiston OR 97838 **Contact:** 1.866.368.7878

Community Potlucks



The Echo Methodist Church will hold a community potluck the 1st Sunday of each month and invites the community to attend. Sunday school is at 9:30 am followed by regular services at 10:30 am and the potluck following that.

Ice Cream Social

The Echo Methodist Church is hosting a Free Ice Cream Social with homemade ice cream on Sept. 25 at 3 pm on the church lawn. The Ice Cream social is open to the public.



Dog Complaints

Dogs must be kept on your property or on a lease at all times. Residents have been having problems with dogs running at large again this summer. If cited you can face a fine of up to \$250 per event. Even if you do not live in Echo, but your dog is running loose in town, you can be cited.



We Noticed



Don't forget if you notice a neighbor or business that has undertaken a beautification

or improvement project, let us know.

- ♦ Debra Garcia, 820 E Perry St.
- ♦ Josh Bailey, S. Thielsen St.
- ♦ New Iron fence at Mercantile Apt. Main St.
- ♦ Echo Hotel Renovation.
- ♦ Jesus Urenda, 430 W. Buckley

Library Donation Thanks

Dale Fife	6 magazines
Aubree Lawrence	DVD, book
Nicole Macias	15 books
Miranda Smith	81 books
Summer Family,	21 magazines, 2 books

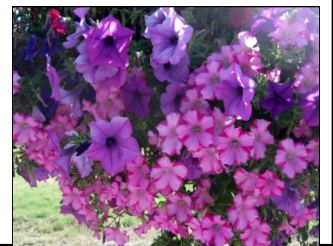
Kopacz Nursery & Florist



"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



Beautification Contest

Special Mention Winners:

Abundant Care,

811 E. Gerone

Josh Bailey Family.

330 S. Thielsen

Colleen Brown, Fife Apts.

Ben & Jessie Campbell,

340 W. Main

Richard & Suzie Davie, 361 W. Bridge

Janice Diggins, 211 W. Garden

Anita Dorn, 431 Hiestand

Jack & BJ Esp, 9 Smith Dr.

Connie Fisher, 311 W. Kennedy

Fran & Jack Fitzhugh, 810 E. College

Debra Garcia, 820 E. Perry

Gene & Jeanie Hampton, 811 E. Jane

Larry & Brenda Hunter, 8 Smith Dr.

Karl Jensen, 301 W Halstead

Sharon & Marshall Lilly, 320 W. Buckley

Jose Lopez, 201 N. Prescott

Jessie McAtee, 111 S. Front St.

Ruth Mead, Fife RV Park

Shane & Stephanie Myers, 330 W. Main

Jamie Nasario, 213 W. Main

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Nelson, 130 Cottage Lane

Robert & Marie Rose, 310 S. Bonanza

Hanna & John Smith, 315 W Buckley

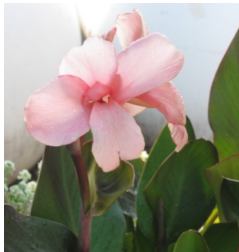
Marvin Storz, 101 W. Bridge

Darin Tuil, 325 W. Buckley

Eric & Cari Volger, 280 Golf Course Rd.

Cliff & Lou Williams, 101 N. Dupont

Richard Winter/Sue Kays, 200 S. Bonanza



her Siamese influenced “talk” or ignore them in typical cat style. City Kitty passed away on Aug. 31. We believe she was 18 years old. She came to city hall about 1994 when mice were overrunning the building and laughing at the DeCon and mouse traps. She was buried in the pond courtyard garden where she spent many happy hours watching birds and fish and communing with nature in her catlike way.

National Night Out

National Night Out attendance tied the 2007 turn out of 250 people. Everyone enjoyed a night of games, chatting with neighbors, prizes and free food. This year, thanks to the Oregon Trail Riders 4H Club we had a petting zoo that was very popular with young and old alike. Thanks to volunteers: Jeanie & Gene Hampton, Jerry Gaunt, Sue Kays, Janie Enright, Echo Volunteer Fire Fighters, Wendy Holben, Oregon Trail Riders, and children who helped with games.

Thanks to those who made donations:

Amstad Farms \$50	Anderson Perry \$150
Charlotte Berry \$25	Quarterback Club \$100
Bi-Mart \$30	Echo Hills GC \$50
Janie Enright \$25	Nancy & Tim Novak \$ 25
Dale & Jerrie Fife \$50	Fort Hen. Fnd. \$25
Jeanie & Gene Hampton \$40	Diane Berry \$25
His Design Gift & Thrift Shop \$25	
Methodist Church \$50	Umatilla Electric \$100
Power Pro Electric \$100	Echo Boosters \$25
Wildhorse Resort	Getaway weekend pkg.
Sanitary Disposal Gift Certificates	
Pat & Judy Wood \$25	

City Kitty

While City Kitty, wasn't as famous as Dewey the Library Cat, she was once the feature of an article in the East Oregonian and



was a fixture of city hall and the library for nearly 20 years. Here she would either greet visitors with



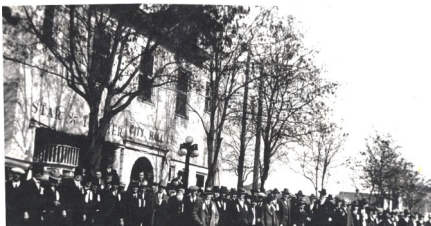


**National
Night Out
photos**

**Farm
Equipment**
We are aware of the typo on the Echo Farm Equipment sign & are working to cor-

Pepsi Refresh-Vote

We have just received word that the **History of Echo through Public Art Project** has been selected for the Pepsi Refresh Project for September. To receive one of the Pepsi grants, our project has to be one of the ones receiving the most votes from the public. So please cast your votes daily for our project a n d spread



the word to friends and family. You can get extra votes by using codes found inside the caps of Pepsi projects. The Echo project is at :

<http://www.refresheverything.com/echo-history-n-public-art>. You can also link to the Pepsi Refresh Projects and our project through Facebook. Voting ends Sept. 20.



Memorials

Darlene "Fritz" Ramos	\$100
Mary Burke	\$25

9-11 10th Anniversary

Across the country there is a movement to pay tribute on the 10th anniversary of 9-11. You can go to www.911day.org where you can hear what celebrities plan & add your own ideas or plans. *"Please join the 9/11 Tribute Movement by briefly describing what you will do this year, a good deed, charitable activity, or other plans, to honor the 9/11 victims, survivors and those that rose in service in response to the attacks"* 911day.org site.

The city is planning to plant a tree, but we welcome other suggestions. The Red Oak behind the tennis courts was planted on the 1st anniversary with help from Echo Firefighters.

Travel Website

Travel writer Ann Terry Hill visited Echo last month and was so impressed she wrote an article for the Travel Savy Website on Echo. You can read the article at: http://www.travelsavvynews.com/articles/Oregon_Highlights/Article-2011-09-01-281.php