



# The Echo



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## CiB-4 Blooms

Community in Bloom Judges awarded Echo a 4 bloom out of 5 rating. The International version of the America in Bloom Program divides cities into only two categories:



Small & Large. Special recognition was awarded for golf course gardens & Colleen Williams for her efforts to develop & maintain the gardens. The

judges report provides recommendations and comments in six areas: Tidiness, Environmental Action, Heritage Conservation, Urban Forestry, Landscape, Floral Displays; Community involvement is scored in each category. They also commended Lloyd & Lois Piercy for their investment in the community & Kopacz Nursery.

The Highest scores were in Heritage Conservation followed by Floral Displays. The lowest score was in Urban Forestry followed by Tidiness. The Cover letter from the judges is on page 2. More of their comments and suggestions will be printed in future newsletters. A copy of the report can be inspected at city hall.

## Halloween Party

The Annual Children's Halloween party had one of the best turn outs to date. Children competed in a Win in a Minute game series prepared by Jeanie Hampton. Gene Hampton prepared Hot dogs on his barbeque and those along with apple juice, chips and cookies disappeared rapidly. A costume contest and cookie decorating were also among the activities.



Sue Pays works the Fishing Booth @ the party.

Prizes and food were possible thanks to donations from Melissa McPherson (prizes); A Cut Above \$25; Charlotte Berry \$35 & cookies;

Diane Berry \$25; Ella Sewell \$20; Thanks to Trevor Pyke, Pasquale Anolfo, Gene & Jeanie Hampton, Bonnie Berry, Sue Kays & Key Club members for acting as volunteers. Thanks also to the Echo PTA for donating games, cups, prizes, the fishing booth, etc.

## Echo BMX Competition

The first Echo Freestyle BMX Competition at the Echo Skatepark was on Oct 23. There were 60 entries, which included addition of a skatepark division. The contest was organized by Stephanie & Shayne Myers of Echo Bike and Board (Main Street). They hope to hold another competition next year and with help from the City of Pendleton Parks & Recreation Dept. a summer program may start next year that will move from Pendleton and Echo to other area parks.



Those interested in getting involved can contact Echo Bike & Board at 541-376-8500.

**Teen Read Week:** Thanks to Jonathon Dorn for his entry in the Teen Read Week Photo contest. Dorn received a copy of the Hunger Games as a prize.

## Promotional Photos

What images would you use to promote Echo? We will be putting together a collection of about 8 images in 11" x 14" and 16" x 20" photo enlargement format to show case Echo at the state fair and other events. Narrowing this down to a few images, is hard. So we are asking you, when you think about Echo and what makes it unique and attractive to visitors what images would you select: the winery, Main Street, the golf course, flowers, parks, historic buildings, city hall, the library, agriculture, the river valley???? You can let us know by going to our Facebook page & looking at images in the albums. In the comments section, put your name or initials and indicate you would vote for this image.

If you have an image of your own, that you would like to submit, bring it by city hall on a cd or flash drive for us to download.



## Echo Mayors

Since its incorporation in 1904, the city has had 34 Mayors with Brick Esselstyn serving 3 separate times totaling 16 years. We are hoping to compile a photo of each of these mayors & are looking for photos. If you have a photo, please let us know. On the list of mayors below the ones in **bold face** are needed: **Lemuel A. Esteb**, **Louis Scholl, Jr.**, **R.B Stanfield**, **R.R. Lewis**, **Hugh D. Smith**, **A.B. Thomson**, **Frank Spike**, **Elmer Spike**, **G.J. Mitchell**, **Tom Deweese**, **CH Brick Esselstyn**, **AC Ebert**, **CL Gray**, **George Williams**, **Bernard "Ben" Berger**. **Alfred B. Swales**, **Norm Bergstrom**, **Sloan Thomson**, **Eddie Liesegang**, **Louis LeTrace**, **Dutch Ramos**, **Walt Hoff**, **Dick Snow**, **Bill O'Brien**, **Burl Wattenburger**, **Irvine How-**

**ard**, **Marvin Laughlin**, **Marvin Storz**, **Darrell Power**, **Doug Clement**, **Phoebe Sheriff**, **David McAuslan**, **Jeannette Bell**, **Richard Winter**.

## Cover Meters

The City has completed the last meter reading for 2011 so it is now time to cover your meters. Please



use no more than 1 small bag of leaves or newspapers. **DO NOT PLACE LOOSE INSULATION OR LEAVES IN THE METER.** **If you do, you will be charged for cost of removing the materials.**

You will see a charge for the minimum water usage of 3000 gallons per month on your December, January, March & February bills & any overages above the minimum will be on the April bill.

## Thanksgiving Dinner

The Echo Methodist Church is inviting the community to their annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Saturday, November 19 from Noon to 2 pm. Phone 541-376-8108 for more information.



## 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 • Gift Center
- Largest selection of Bedding Plants
- Blooming Plants
- Gift Center





# CiB Judges Report

## GENERAL COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

“The City of Echo, an established small town on the Oregon Trail, exhibits the spark and vitality of the early settlers. Residents remember the hardships and enduring optimism that moulded the shape and character of their community. It is this attitude and spirit that has driven Echo to participate (very successfully) in America in Bloom, Tree City America, and Liv Com. The City uses the various criteria not only as community building tool and measuring tool but also for promotional purposes. Congratulations on your successes and the great ongoing accomplishments that have



earned you many awards. Competing in the International Edition of Communities in Bloom provides a further opportunity to showcase Echo in yet a different venue.

Congratulations to the City of Echo on winning the America

in Bloom in your population category and for stepping up to showcase your City on the international stage as well as using the spirit of competition to energize your residents. This competition puts you in a different game and the standards are more stringent. We applaud you for a very good showing and we trust you will not be discouraged by a lower bloom rating. You should feel proud of a four bloom rating in your first year of international competition.

The citizens of Echo and the surrounding area are very invested in making their community a quality place to live. The Garden Club, the Historical Society, the many service clubs and organizations invest their time and talents to organize events, raising money for worthy causes. As with many vibrant communities the same people wear many hats. This is not only commendable but it provides a cohesiveness and shared purpose in the many

activities and programs. Having said this, it is also very important to encourage active volunteers and to mentor new people to take on leadership roles.

Special recognition must go to **Kopacz Nursery** for inspiring Echo to become involved in America in Bloom and for their ongoing support of the City in the program. Similarly, the investment by **Lloyd and Lois Piercy**, their vision, sweat and money into rejuvenating the town as well as reinventing its' regional role in the region is extraordinary and is bringing a renewed energy... Thank you for your generous hospitality and for sharing the City of Echo with us. And thank you for participating in this International Edition of Communities in Bloom to demonstrate "People, Plants and Pride – Growing Together! improvements.



## Library Donation Thanks

Melvin Ashbeck	11 books
Charlotte Berry	83 books
Jack Esp	18 books
Jerry Gaunt	10 books
Aubree Lawrence	1 book
Gloria & Gilbert Rodriguez	15 VHS
Nellie Stalford	60 VHS
Stanfield Teen Council	2 books
Pamela Steele (Echo Author)	1 book
Judy Webb	4 books

Thanks to Jeanie Hampton for volunteering to list sale books on Amazon & His Design 2nd Hand shop for selling books for the library.

## Other Donations

Dale Fife-Railroad Swith, Railroad Museum  
Karen & William Douglas-Christmas-\$20





## City Hall/ Library Holiday Closures:



Veteran's Day:  
Friday, Nov. 11

Thanksgiving:  
Thurs. Nov. 24  
& Fri. Nov. 25;

## Poll on City Face- book Page:

Should we enter America in Bloom for 2012 or take a break? If we don't enter, will appearance of town & livability backslide? Let us know what you think. If you don't have a computer, let us know via phone or in person.

## Children's Computer

The Library now has a computer that is not Internet accessible that is loaded with games and educational software available

for children's use with out a permission slip.