

The Echo



Dec. 2011

City of Echo

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Christmas Events

- Dec. 2, 9, 16 Echo Downtown Business Open Houses (see article)
- Dec. 3 Quarterback Club Stag fish feed, Fire Hall.
- Dec. 5 Giving Tree set up; Take names for Food Baskets.
- Dec. 7 Pamela Steele Book Signing @ Library, 7 pm, refreshments.(see article).
- Dec. 9 Open House Library/City Hall, 5:30 to 7 pm.(see article)
- Dec. 9 Inland NW Musicians Free Concert 7 pm, City Hall auditorium, reservations needed (see article)
- Dec. 10 VFW Annual Christmas Bazaar & Chili Feed, VFW Hall, 9 am to 2 pm
- Dec. 10 Inland NW Musicians Free Concert 4 pm, City Hall auditorium, reservations needed
- Dec. 13 School Christmas Program, 6 pm
- Dec. 20 School Closes for Christmas vacation
- Dec. 20 Giving Tree/food donations last day
- Dec. 21 Turn in Christmas Light Ballots
- Dec. 22 Deliver Food baskets for needy
- Dec. 23 City Hall closes @ noon
- Dec. 26 City Hall closed.

Community Center, 20 S. Bonanza, Echo, OR.

These concerts are very popular, so it will be necessary to **phone (541-289-4696) or e-mail (inwm@machmedia.net) the Inland Northwest office to reserve a seat at the performance of your choice.** Those without reservations will be seated as seats are available when all reserved seats have been allotted.

The program includes many favorite



Christmas selections and new music of the Season. There is no charge for the concert. However, donations will be gladly accepted at the door. Season Sustaining Memberships are also available for \$50. For additional information,

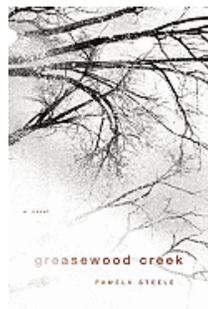
questions about the concert, or photos to accompany an article contact Teresa at inwm@machmedia.net Sponsors for the Echo concerts include the City of Echo, Echo Hills Golf Course and Echo Boosters. If you wish to make a contribution toward the Echo concerts you can contact Teresa at the above email or mail to PO Box 7039, Hermiston, OR 97838.



Christmas Concerts

"Experiencing Christmas"

The Inland Northwest Chorale and Orchestra will present their annual Christmas concerts on Friday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, December 10 at 4:00 p.m. at Echo



Book Signing

Pamela Steele
Greasewood Creek

Wed., Dec. 7

7:00 p.m.

Echo Public Library

Copies of the book will be available for purchase. Steele lives in Echo



and is on the Echo Library Board. She teaches composition classes at BMCC. Steele was born in West Virginia and grew up between Oregon and Tennessee. She received her MFA in Poetry from Spalding University, and her poetry collection Paper Bird was nominated for an Oregon Book Award in 2008. Greasewood Creek is her first novel. It is set in Eastern Oregon and has been earning great reviews: *"The expressive language of poetry is unmistakable in Steele's lyrical debut novel . . . This is a spare but powerful novel from award-winning poet Steele. Intelligently written, the narrative offers insight into the depth of human loss and suffering."* —Library Journal

"Steele offers an eloquent meditation on patterns of grief, loss, and silence between generations, with the quiet, grounded narration moving fluidly across time and slowly revealing these patterns. Most memorably, Steele reveals the unexpected details in a landscape that many might dismiss as barren." —Publishers Weekly

Boutiques Blossom in Echo

The above was the headline for an article in the Sunday East Oregonian's front page about Brandi Dayton's new shop on Main Street, Artistry Mural & Design, the Gathered Over Time Antique Store and Echo Bike & Board. All are located in the old Mercan-



tile/Liquor Store Building. Dayton painted the mural that is on the Masonic Lodge. Her shop will feature her paintings as well as jewelry and

furniture from other local craftsman and artists. She is hoping to establish a local artists guild. She was the president of the Corvallis Guild when she lived there.

Giving Tree

The Giving Tree will go up by December 5 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 Tuesday, 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



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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
- Blooming Plants
- Visit us on Facebook
- Houseplants



Food Drive (cont.)

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. This year the Echo Church, Echo Schools & Kiwanis Food Pantry are joining forces to prepare the food baskets which will be delivered on December 22. However families who pickup food from the Kiwanis Food Pantry can pick up their baskets Wednesday, Dec. 21 after 3:30 pm at the Masonic Lodge.

Food items collected include canned and packaged food—sorry no home canned food can be accepted. Potatoes, onion 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. Echo Teachers are continuing to conduct a toy drive and students to collect canned goods.

Donations have been received to date from:

William Douglas \$45
Diane Berry \$50
Frankie Sewell \$20
Dave Cragun & Pine City Study Club Food
Judy Webb, Giving Tree.



Library Donation Thanks

Special Thanks to Vera Burres who has been volunteering her services every Wed. afternoon at the library for a children's craft and art hour. Donations to help with craft and art supplies are appreciated and can be dropped by city hall or the library.

Books & Materials

Rod Graham	28 books
Elsie Middleton	7 books
Elliott Haskett	5 periodicals
Robert Brown, Jr.	1 Blue Ray
Margery & Chaun Bowden	2 boxes videos
Bonnie Berry	2 books

Other Donations

Anonymous	\$10
Janice Schulze	silverware

Christmas Lights

Each year the Echo Booster Club offers a free box of Christmas Lights to new property owners living in Echo to encourage them to join our tradition of friendly Christmas lighting competition in Echo. This year we are also giving the lights to new business operators.



A Box of lights is waiting at city hall for the following:

Kim Masonheimer
Betty Lankford
Robert Aitken
Challis Buck (H & P)
His Design Thrift & Gift
Echo Bike & Board
Artistry Mural & Design
Gathered Over Time

Downtown Open Houses

Echo downtown businesses will host Christmas Open Houses on Friday afternoons & evening on Dec. 2, 9, & 16 from noon until 8 pm. It will also be the grand opening for Aristry Mural & Design.



Echo is known for its Christmas lighting. Especially the large historical building.



Letters to Santa

Santa and his helpers want to make sure that Echo children get their Christmas letters to him, so they placed a drop box in the library. If children and their parents are not able to get to the library during regular hours, they can drop the letters through the slot on the front door.

Santa will answer every letter received by Dec. 20, so be sure the child's full name and address is written on the letter.

The Open Houses are hosted by Gathered Over Time Antiques, Sno Road Winery, His Design Thrift Shop, Artistry Mural & Design (Sock Monkey Gallery) and Echo Bike & Board. The businesses hope Echo residents and visitors will stop by and then take a drive around Echo to enjoy the Christmas Light Displays.



The events include “Door Prizes, Special Savings, Treats & Tastings.” You can visit Gathered Over Time’s FACEBOOK PAGE to find out about updates to the planned Open Houses.

Library/City Hall Open House



The Library & City Hall will join downtown businesses on Friday, Dec. 9 with an open house from 5:30 to 7 pm. Enjoy a tour of the lights around town, check out the

businesses & then check out Christmas at the Library. Cookies & other refreshments will be served. The Inland Northwest Musicians concert will follow the reception at 7 pm upstairs in the auditorium.

Need a Christmas Gift? We have Echo mugs, books, t-shirts & photo cards for sale.

Lighting Contest

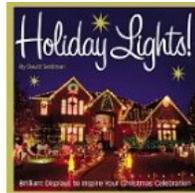
It is always hard to find judges for the Christmas Lighting Contest, so this year winners will be determined by the public. A ballot is attached to the newsletter & you can also pick one up at city hall, at downtown businesses or print one from the city website www.echo-oregon.com. You can drop your ballot off at city hall or the businesses by Dec. 21 at 3 pm. The



Grand Prize will be an Echo Goody basket that includes gift certificates from Echo Businesses, a Echo T-Shirt, Echo Mug, Books, Photo cards, Christmas decorations, etc. with a value over \$100. Prizes will also be awarded in the categories on the ballot below. So show your Christmas Spirit & community pride & light up the town.

Christmas Books

There is still time to make that special gift for Christmas, plan exciting treats for Christmas & New Year entertaining or get ideas for decorating the house. The library has a large collection of Christmas related books, magazines, & movies, as well as craft & cook books to help with making gifts.



Lighting/Decorating Ballot

Please vote for the one you feel is best over all and up to 10 others you feel deserve recognition. List the name, if you know it or address or description, such as Blue House next to football field on Prescott St.

1. Grand Prize: _____
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