

# The Echo



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## Red2Red MTB

The 4th annual Red2Red Cycle Race will be Saturday, March 3. There will be limited parking in the downtown and you can expect road delays on Main & Dupont Streets from 10am till 3pm. "The race showcases the unique Eastern Oregon desert terrain and MTB trail system... The course is 70% single track." Last year there were over 420 entries and at least that number are expected 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.

The Echo Kiwanis will be serving a breakfast & lunch plates Saturday for \$5 each, which is open to the public.

Sno Road Winery will be providing music and wine in the Koontz Building.

More information on the race and other events on March 3 will be available later in the month and will be posted on the City Facebook page. Information on the Race is on the Red2Red website at [http://echored2red.com/2012\\_Echo\\_Red\\_2\\_Red\\_XC\\_MTB\\_Race/Home.html](http://echored2red.com/2012_Echo_Red_2_Red_XC_MTB_Race/Home.html)



Museum across from City Hall.

## Children's Activities

Children's games, crafts, a scavenger hunt and entertainment will be the focus of Red2Red family entertainment. The events will be in the city park, weather permitting and in the Masonic Lodge if the weather is bad.

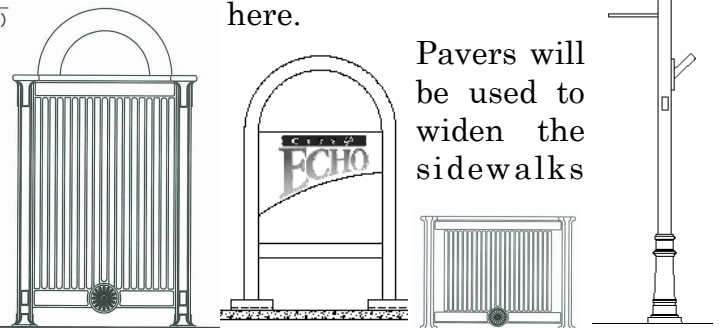
Volunteers are needed to help organize and run children's activities. Updates will be on the city's Facebook page & posted around town. Contact Diane Berry or Wendy Holben at city hall 376-8411 or at [ecpl@centurytel.net](mailto:ecpl@centurytel.net) to volunteer or for more information

## DOWNTOWN PROJECT

Echo's Downtown will undergo major changes this summer between the Downtown Enhancement Project and continuing renovation of Downtown buildings such as the Koontz Building by the Piercy's.

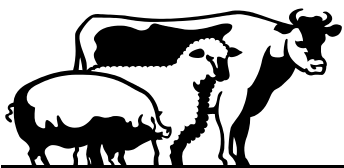
The Enhancement Project is scheduled to go to bid in April with construction this summer and fall. The project will widen the Main Street Sidewalks from the Skatepark to Bonanza Street to 10 feet. Graphics depicting new garbage containers, planters, bike racks & Vintage-style street lights similar to those selected for the project are shown here.

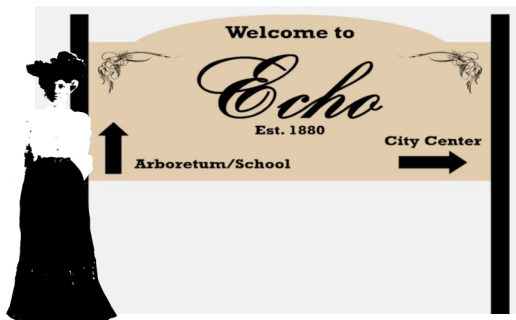
Pavers will be used to widen the sidewalks



## Petting Zoo

The Oregon Trail Riders 4H Club will host a Petting Zoo during the Red2Red on March 3. The pens will be set up on pavement at the China House





to 10 feet. Rounded curb extensions on the corners will help slow traffic as well as

looking nice. A planter in each curb extension will also serve as benches. The Vintage Style Street lights will have flag holders and brackets for hanging floral baskets. The new benches, bike racks, planters & garbage receptacles will be iron. Benches will have a horse motif to match the overpass horses.

We are also hoping to add public art & are taking donations to help with this part of the project. Do you have ideas or suggestions for ideas for art projects? Donors will be honored on a plaque.

The downtown improvements also include a new sign at Thielsen & Main which will feature a life-size image of Echo Koontz (see above).

New entry signs will be installed at the North and East entries to town this spring. Artist Chris Huffman, who created the Over-



pass Horses, is creating signs that will feature one of the Echo logo designs created by Design Point Graphics several years

ago. The logo will be made from metal with a blue background (see above).

## Dog Licenses

The 2011 dog licenses expired on Dec. 31 and 2012 licenses need to be renewed. Licenses not renewed by Feb. 29, 2012 will be subject to a penalty of \$10 per month for each month the licensing is delayed. 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.

## Library Amazon Store

The Echo Library collection is being weeded for the 2nd time in 2 years as we prepare to automate our 14,000 volume collection. As a result there are several 1000 books to sell, many of them are collectible. Jeanie Hampton has volunteered her services to list books on the Echo Library Store through Amazon. The books are listed under Echo Library book sales. If you would like to see the inventory, let us know at the library.



Library Materials are also sold through His Design Gifts & Thrift Shop next to the post office.

## Library News & Donations

Ferge Family	7 books
Adele Hale	75 books
Elliott Haskett	periodicals
Silvia Ibarra	25 books
Aubree Lawrence	1 book
Kathleen McCall	19 books
Zacharias family	15 books, 2 audio

## Kopacz Nursery & Florist



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