

# The Echo

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## Cycling

The 4th annual Red2Red Cycle Race drew nearly 550 cyclists to town this year. The Red 2 Red and cycling opportunities in and around Echo are being featured in State Tourism promotions this year. A cyclist blog is on the web at:

<http://visit.easternoregon.blogspot.com/2012/03/cycling-in-eastern-oregon-breath-taking.html>



The Century Ride of the Century (CROC)

will attract several hundred riders to Echo on Saturday May 26.

## Clean-up Week

Sanitary Disposal will host its annual Clean-up Week from April 1-7. Customers in good standing can take up to 2.5 cu. yds of acceptable solid waste to the land fill free. No Tires.

## Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Easter Egg Hunt be on Saturday, April 7th at 9 am. The hunt will be held in three locations depending on age groups:

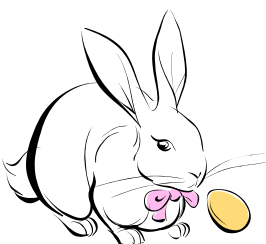
Infant thru 4 years @ the church.

5 thru 7 years @ Fort Henrietta Park

8 thru 12 years @ Football Field

The Easter Egg Hunt is co-sponsored by the Echo Community Methodist Church & Echo Volunteer Fire Department.

There will be Face Painting in the Church basement following the hunt & the Easter Bunny will be there.



## ARBOR DAY PROGRAMS

Arbor Day 2012—April 19

1. **Arbor Day Photo Contest.** Submit matted 8 x 10 or larger photos of an Echo area tree(s) by April 19. Win a Prize. Winners will be displayed in April until May 17.
2. **Tree Give Away.** City Staff will draw the number of two city utility customers. The winners will receive a tree or shrub to plant
3. **City Council Meeting/Reception:** The Mayor will read the City's Arbor Day Proclamation at the meeting April 19 at 7:30 pm. Refreshments will be served in honor of Arbor Day. A brief history of Echo's Urban Forestry program & Heritage Trees will be provided.
4. **City Hall Displays:** Arbor Day posters, informational flyers on trees and tree care and Library tree related materials will be on display all month at city hall & the library.
5. **Books for the School:** Each elementary class will receive a tree book for their classroom library.



## Water Report

Included with this newsletter is the annual Consumer Confidence Report for the city's water system (2011). The city is required to provide this report to consumers each spring.

## Donations for City Projects

★ **Downtown Project:** Charlotte Berry \$50

★ **Farm Equipment:** Mike & Patsy Taylor-restored antique grain drill for the farm equipment display on Thielsen St.



Last month we asked for donations toward playground matting in the Fort Henrietta Park. A state parks grant (& Echo Community Benefit Plan) are providing funds for park improvements such as a restroom, picnic shelter & playground structure, but this didn't include enough funding for mats or poured in place rubber surfacing to replace the pea gravel. Donations were received from ★ Charlotte Berry-\$50 &

★ Erv Williams \$100 for the matting. Thank you.



At left is a picture of the poured in place surface at a Stayton Park.

## Library Donations & News

Anonymous	\$20 cash-children's
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Joseph Cooper	19 children's books
Jeanie Daly	1 book
Dale Fife	periodicals
Aubree Lawrence	2 books
Carol Neely	periodicals, 41 books
Connie Ness	18 books
Janice Schultze	1 book



### Spring is Here

The library has a large collection of garden related books. Come and check them out. Many of them have been pulled and are on display on the new book

spinner. As **Arbor Day** approaches a special display of Tree and Arbor related books, posters and other materials will be on display so you can easily find them.

### New Materials

At least once a month new video releases are added to the library collection. We have added exercise books and videos designed for older people. The 2012 History Channel DVD collection has arrived, as have new Oregon titles. We have many of the books on the Amazon Best Sellers list including JD Robb, Hunger Games Series, Patterson, Steve Jobs, Killing Lincoln, and the Steig Larsson Trilogy.

## Tree Corner

This year we are adding a column to the City newsletter called Tree Corner. Each month we will provide tree related information for residents. This month we will include a series of links to websites with helpful information related to trees:

**Oregon Association of Nurseries' Guide:** Enter a tree or plant on this site and it will show you where it can be found. <http://www.nurseryguide.com/search.lasso>.

**Oregon Community Trees:** <http://oregoncommunitytrees.org/tree-faqs/>

## 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 & Houseplants
- Visit us on Facebook

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[additional-resources/resources/](#)

Can these trees be saved?  
[www.oregon.gov/ODF/URBAN FORESTS/docs/Other Publications/CanTheseTreesBeSaved.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/URBAN_FORESTS/docs/Other_Publications/CanTheseTreesBeSaved.pdf)

Arbor Day Foundation: <http://www.arborday.org/>

American Forests, "protecting and restoring trees for life" <http://www.americanforests.org/>

Hazard tree prevention webpage: [www.pnwisa.org/preventing-your-trees-from-becoming-hazardous.html](http://www.pnwisa.org/preventing-your-trees-from-becoming-hazardous.html)

## Online Energy-Saving Trees Tool Reduces Energy Costs

A new online tool from the Arbor Day Foundation and the Davey Institute, uses research from the U.S. Forest Service's i-Tree software to show people the ideal locations to plant trees in their yards to save energy costs.



[You can watch a demonstration of the innovative program here.](#)

## Children's Activities

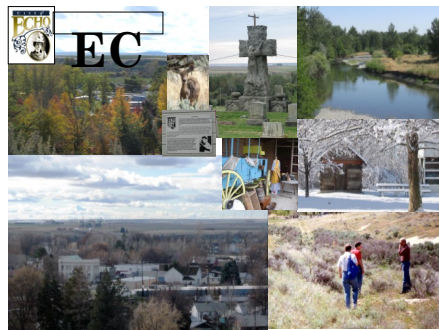
Thanks to Wendy Holben, the Umatilla County Fair Ambassadors and chaperone Laura Headley, the Oregon Trail 4H Club and their leaders for helping provide a fun afternoon for children during the Red 2 Red on March 3. As well as the 4H petting zoo, Ambassadors supervised the bouncing castle, painted faces and helped with games in the park. At any one time there were 8 to 30 children participating.

Thanks also to the Umatilla Masonic Lodge for providing lunch for the Fair Ambassadors.



## Promotion Boards

A grant from the Umatilla County Economic Development fund for small cities is providing \$1200 to develop six promotional photo boards with photos of Echo that will be



used at promotional events, conventions, the state fair, etc.

The boards can be borrowed for use at events promoting the com-

munity by contacting city hall. The boards are expected to be available by June 1.

## Town Hall

Jack L. Esp, Candidate for District 58 State Representative is holding a town hall meeting in the Echo Masonic Lodge Building at 20 S. Dupont at 7:30 p.m. on April 12. The public is invited to come to the meeting to meet Esp, question him and discuss your concerns regarding State Government. Esp says he is a "true conservative".

**Disclaimer: The City of Echo is not allowed to endorse any candidate, but provides equal access to public facilities to candidates or political committees per state statute.**

## Budget Committee

Six positions are open on the City Budget Committee. Anyone interested in serving on the budget committee can pickup an application at city hall or call and we will send you one.

## Echo Improvements

The new Echo Entry signs designed by Hermiston Artist Chris Huffman at the Gerone Street and North Thielsen Rd. entries to town will be installed by April 19. The new Main Street Sign is completed and will be installed as soon as the Echo Koontz Painting is completed. As funds are raised, the entry signs will be added at the west end of Main Street and on Thielsen Rd. South.

A grant from the Echo Benefit fund provided funds to install Lexan panels over the windows at the Fire Equipment & Covered Wagon Display in the Fort Henrietta Park. The panels will be installed this spring.