

The Echo

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New Entry Signs



New entry signs installed on N. Thielsen & on Gerone Street in mid April have earned rave reviews. We hope

to eventually add at least one more as you enter town from the west. Hermiston Artist Chris Huffman, Sundown Metal Art, created the signs. The Main Street sign went up Wed.

Community Service Day

Students from Echo Schools will demonstrate their community pride on Thursday, May 10 at their annual Community Service Day. Students will



pull weeds for elderly & disabled residents, wash city & fire vehicles, pull weeds, plant flowers & clean up around the school,

in parks and the arboretum. Thanks. We appreciate your help.

Kiwanis Cleanup Day

The Annual Kiwanis Cleanup Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 12 starting at 8 am. Volunteers who would like to help make Echo tidy are asked to meet in front of the H & P Café. As part of the cleanup a drop box will be available **after 1 pm on May 12** for residents to use until it is filled.

If you are disabled and have items that need to be picked up, contact city hall by Tues.

May 10. **No tires or hazardous waste.** If you would like to volunteer, contact Phyllis Shovelski at pshovels@minutemanpress.com or 376-8543.



Kiwanis/Community Yard Sale

Yard Sales will be held in Echo and Stanfield on May 19. The Kiwanis Club worked with Stanfield Yard Sale organizers to have the yard sales the same day, in the hope that it will attract more people.

The Kiwanis will set up in front of C & D Auto from 7 am to 4 pm Proceeds will benefit the Food Pantry and Scholarships for Echo and Stanfield students. Donated Items can be dropped off that day or Contact Phyllis at 541-379-6992 for more information

Echo residents are invited to schedule yard sales in town the same weekend. If you contact city hall, we will post a list of yard sales & put this information in a press release.

May 26 Busy Day in Echo Eastern Oregon CROC/Ace Car Club Show/Echo His- torical Museum Family Day

The 250 cyclists participating in the Eastern Oregon Century Ride of the Centuries (CROC) cycle ride will stop for lunch in the city park again this year.

The Echo School Automotive Club of Echo (A.C.E.) has scheduled their annual car show for the same weekend from noon to 6 pm. The cars will be lined up on South Du-

pont Street and Main Street. (article pg. 4)

The **Echo Historical Museum** will open for the season on May 26 and offer free admission for Family Day from noon to 4:30 pm. The museum board is raffling off several items as door prizes. A quilt donated and made by Stephanie Ray is being raffled as a museum fundraiser. The quilt is on display at city hall and tickets can be purchased there between now and May 26 for \$5 each or 3 for \$10.



Planters

Thanks again to Tania Hoeft and Sherrie Kopacz of Kopacz Nursery for donating plants, labor and green house space for the downtown & Thielsen Street planters and hanging baskets. Most of the planters will be placed by mid May. Be sure and stop by to add your thanks so they know the community appreciates their donation.



Library Yard Sale

The Echo Library will hold a book sale on the sidewalk in front of city hall on May 19 from 10 am to 3 pm. Unless otherwise marked, hard cover & paperback non-fiction books will be \$2 and paperbacks \$.25 each or 6 for \$1. A few collectible books will also be on sale and will be priced as marked.

Library Donations & News

Charlotte Berry	96 books & 2 vintage hats
Diane Berry	2 vintage dresses
Jessica Campbell	1 sack/children's books
Jerry Gaunt	27 books
Barbara Gottschalk	6 boxes books
Christine Hewlett	50 books
Sharon Lilly	5 DVDs
Terry Rudolf	7 books
Janice Schultz	2 books
Judy Webb	5 books

New Materials



There are over 16,000 items in our library collection, providing a large selection. We also can order materials through Interlibrary loan free of charge from a collection of 100s of thousands of materials in Eastern Oregon. Echo library has the highest circulation rate per capita in the district.

Among the new materials is the Hunger games Trilogy on audio CDs as well as a second set of the books. A number of new Audiobooks arrived today including Sue Grafton's V is is for Vengeance, Zero Day by Baldacci, Water for Elephants, Debbie Macomber's Angel Collection, Assassins by Tim LaHaye & Jerry Jenkins. Among the new books is the block buster Fifty Shades of Grey (the other 2 books in the trilogy are on order) & Dana Stabenow's Restless in the Grave. New videos include Jack & Jill, We Bought a Zoo, J. Edgar & more.

Community Benefit Plan

The Echo Community Benefit Plan Board met in April to review grant proposals. The Board provided the following grants totaling \$29,393.49.

1. Echo Fire Volunteer Firemen - \$2,565.00 for pagers and batteries.

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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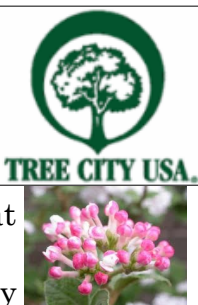


2. City of Echo - \$6,000.00, addition to earlier playground improvement request (for playground matting). \$9,000 was granted last year to match the State Park Grant of \$50,000 for a picnic shelter, restroom & playground equipment.
3. Echo Elementary - \$8,128.49 Mobile computer lab
4. Echo School District - \$10,000.00 for chairs and chair racks
5. Agape House - \$2,700.00 for the backpack program

TREE CITY PROGRAMS

Arbor Day Photo Contest.

One entry was received for the Arbor Day Photo Contest. Connie Fisher entered a photo by Sue Kays showing ice covered trees on Kennedy St. Sue and Connie can pick up their prizes at city hall.



Tree Give Away: The Arbor Day Tree Raffle winners were: Beth & Delbert Gehrke, "Little Twist" Ornamental Cherry Tree; Dan & Kristine Aiken, Korean Spice Bush, Viburnum "aurora". The Aikens donated the tree back to the city for planting on city property. Thanks!

Tree Fair: The annual Tree Fair will be on Thursday, May 17 at 12:35 pm in the city park, (weather permitting) or in city hall otherwise. Echo Elementary Students will participate and the public is invited. There will be drawings for prizes such as a guide to Northwest Mammals, a Tree City Hat, a tree care book, a Dahlia Tuber from Lynch Creek Farms in Oregon and trees/shrubs. The west county Master Gardeners will provide a program. Refreshments will be served.

Books for the School: Each elementary class will receive a tree book for their classroom library at the Tree Fair.

Budget Committee

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



Music & Wine

The Dakota Brown Band is back at the Sno Road Winery Patio May 4 from 4 to 8:30 pm.

On May 18th there will be music from CC King.

The Sno Road Winery now has a special Echo West Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon bottled for the Farm City Pro Rodeo's 25th Anniversary Celebration. The label features original art called "A Touch of Class" by Rowdy Barry, professional bull fighter, artist and rancher. Rowdy is from Kennewick, WA.

Oregon Trail Photo Show

The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center in Baker is pleased to announce a call for entries for the fall exhibit, *Trails Through Time: Contemporary Photography of the Oregon Trail*. The show will be presented in our Flagstaff Gallery in Baker City, Oregon, September 21 – November 12, 2012. This invitational exhibition asks photographers to re-imagine the Oregon Trail landscape of the 1850's and to interpret how the pioneers might have captured their journey if they had packed one of our modern cameras in their wagons.



Entry guidelines can be picked up at city hall. The deadline for submissions is June 30, 2012. Please contact Gypsy McFelter at 541-523-1835 or at gmcfelter@blm.gov with questions.

A.C.E. Show & Concessions

The A.C.E. Car Show will be from noon to 6 pm on Saturday, May 26. The entry fee is \$15 for adults & \$5 for students. Judging will be at 4:30 pm. All cars are welcome! Car Club Members and the High School Metal Shop created this years trophies. A trophy will be awarded for each of the following classes: 1940 and earlier, 1950's, 1960's, 1970's, 1980

and newer, Best Truck, Best Street Rod, Best Student Car, At least I Have A Car and Best of Show. Funds raised from the show go to help finance the clubs annual trip to the Portland Roadster Show!



The Football Team will serve BBQ Burgers & Dogs as a fundraiser for summer Football camp and the Volleyball Team will serve Italian Sodas & have a Car Wash to raise funds for their camp. For More information contact Rick Denning (541)571-4417, ricky-denning21@gmail.com

TREE CORNER

1. Echo Feature Tree: The Klehm's Improved Bechtel Crabapples buds have just opened up. This cultivar can be found at the corners of Thielsen & Main and in the Arboretum. This is a double flowering fragrant variety. It blooms later & longer than most Crabs and has sparse fruit production. Unlike many Crabs this one has beautiful fall color, mixing orange, reds & yellows (at least here).



Ht. 15-20 ft. Spread 15-18' Rounded shape

2. What is that Tree Really Worth:

Chicago, IL (April 20, 2012)- *Everyone can appreciate the beauty and shade that a tree provides, but their actual value is much more than just aesthetic, according to experts at the Morton Arboretum. In celebration of Arbor Day* staff and volunteers, placed tags "on about 1,500 trees in Chicago and another 2,000 in several western suburbs, aimed at pointing out the dollar value of trees in terms of environmental benefits.

The tagging is part of the arboretum's Arbor Day celebration, "Every Tree Counts." The U.S. Forest Service estimates that a 20-year-old tree in a public parkway returns about \$96 per year in energy savings, storm water runoff reduction, cleaner air and increased property values for every \$36 spent on planting and routine care such as mulching or pruning," a statement from the arboretum said.

On private property, the value is even greater, estimated at \$102 annually in energy savings for every \$15 spent on planting and maintenance. And the real beauty of trees is that they grow more valuable each year, in terms of: Cleaning air by producing oxygen and filtering pollutants; providing shade to cut energy costs in summer; removing carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas,

from the air and storing it for as long as the tree lives; and catching rainwater and decreasing the amount of water flowing into storm water sewers."

Abandoned Vehicles

The city and police department are beginning the annual crack down on abandoned vehicles. If you have a vehicle that is on the road right-of-way (ROW) or is in your yard which is unlicensed and/or inoperable, this is considered an abandoned vehicle. Vehicles on the ROW will receive a 24 hour tag and those on private property will have a 72 hour tag. If the engine runs, but the vehicle is up on blocks, it is considered inoperable.



How Do You Use Your Library?

The Pew Research Center Internet is conducting an online survey of library patrons. We ask you to take the 15 minute survey to help us out. All responses are confidential. **To take the survey, visit:** <http://libraries.pewinternet.org/participate/survey/e-book-borrowers>. The information is being gathered for the Gates Foundation, a major contributor to public libraries across the nation.

Free Spanish/English Lessons Clases gratuitas de inglés en español

Have you ever wanted to speak another language either to communicate with others or just for fun? An Echo resident is sponsoring classes, so you can have the opportunity to learn Spanish or English Free. The classes are open to the public. Classes and registration start on May 23 at 6 pm in the Echo Community Church Basement, 21 N. Bonanza. For further information call Betty at 541-376-5016 or Luis at 541-656-9149.



Call for Entries

Honoring Our Rivers, Student Anthology is calling for students writers & artist to submit works. Entry forms can be picked up at city hall or visit www.HonoringOurRivers.org.