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## Downtown Project

Concrete pouring for the sidewalks on the south side of Main Street are poured and demolition started Tuesday morning on the



north side of the street. Installation of pavers for the south side is supposed to begin ASAP.

Round planters in each curb extension will be bench height and topped with pavers so that they can be used for seating.

Several donations have been received to help with the public art component of this project. Our thanks to those donors:

Amstad Farms	\$100
Banner Bank	\$50
Charlotte Berry	\$50
Diane Berry	\$200
Elephant's Trunk Antiques	\$50
Dale & Jerrie Fife	\$100

If you would like to make a donation, you can mail it to PO Box 9, Echo, OR 97826 or drop by the office.

Hampton & Jerrie Gaunt and a the peaceful evening in the park. Peggy Haines organized Bingo games and about 40 people played. There were lots of door prizes & kids had fun with the games, prizes & a bouncy castle.

Thanks to those who donated to NNO. Donations make this free community gathering possible: August Donations: Anderson Perry Engineering \$75; Anonymous \$25; Banner Bank \$100; Charlotte Berry \$50; Bi-Mart \$25; Echo Bike & Board (4-\$25 gift certificates); Echo Community Church \$50; Echo Quarterback Club \$100; Elephant's Trunk Antiques \$25; Gene & Jeanie Hampton \$50; Frank & Bev Harkenrider \$50; His Design Thrift Store \$50; Clyde & Betty Nobles (Fort Storage) \$25; Purswell Pump \$50; Sno Road Winery-Wine; Umatilla Electric \$50; Frank & Peggy Haines-misc. prizes;

## Beautification/AIB

The annual Beautification Contest winners were announced at National Night Out on August 7. Prizes were awarded for the 10 Best Floral Displays, Curb Appeal top 10, 3 Most Improved and 17 Honorable Mentions.

Although we didn't join the America in Bloom Program this year, we have continued with beautification & livability improvements.

Donations help fund projects such as flowers for downtown and public area planters and beds, rock & bark for landscape areas, and beautifica-



National Night Out (NNO) attendance was down from 240 to 150 this year, but those who attended enjoyed the hot dogs BBQ'd by Gene

tion projects around town. Prizes for the annual Beautification Contest also depend on donations. Our thanks to the following donations to date:

Kopacz Nursery, Flowers

American Printing

\$25 Golf Course \$50

Anderson Perry Engineering \$75

Charlotte Berry \$100 Diane Berry \$150

Echo Boosters \$25 Doris Pitzer \$25

Elephants Trunk Antiques \$75

Power Pro Electric \$100 Purswell Pump \$25

Penny (Spike) & Ray Shepherd \$50

Mick & Susan Tolar \$100

Umatilla Electric \$50



## Beautification Contest

Besides recognizing winners of the Beautification Contest at NNO, this year we also recognized a number of volunteers. Jeanie & Gene Hampton, Jerry Gaunt and Janie Enright for helping with numerous community projects from NNO to the Halloween Party and Arbor Day. Sharon Lilly and Sue Kays were recognized for volunteering their time to care for the parks and plants around city hall.

If you have not picked up your prize and certificate, they are still waiting at city hall.

### Best Neighborhoods

- ♦ 300 Block W. Buckley & Winters, Winter & Ramos/Schmidthuber house.
- ♦ Smith Drive/Golf Course Road

### Echo in Bloom-Top 10

- ♦ Dave & Bev Cragun, 310 W. Buckley
- ♦ Jerrie & Dale Fife, 210 N. Dupont
- ♦ Sharon & Marshal Lilly, 320 W. Buckley
- ♦ Ruth Mead, Fife RV Park
- ♦ Shane & Stephanie Myers, 330 W. Main
- ♦ Chad & Kristi Ray, 11 Smith Dr.
- ♦ Emma Roberts, 110 N. Dupont
- ♦ Hanna & John Smith, 315 W. Buckley
- ♦ Carrie & Eric Volger, 280 Golf Course Rd.

- ♦ Weeb & Colleen Williams, 1 Smith Drive

### Curb Appeal-Top 10

- ♦ Ben & Jessie Campbell, 340 W. Main
- ♦ Melvin Crist, 131 S. Prescott
- ♦ Richard & Suzie Davie, 361 W. Bridge
- ♦ Trent Fife & Dawn Rudolph, 630 S. Hi-stand
- ♦ Fran & Jack Fitzhugh
- ♦ Sue Kays & Richard Winter
- ♦ Robert & Marie Rose
- ♦ Brad & Tammie Williams
- ♦ Kathie & Clint Winters
- ♦ Gayle & Richard Yoder

### Most Improved

Stella Queen, Jamie Nasario & Teresa Ramos/  
Mike Schmidthuber. (honorable mentions pg. 4)

## My Good Deed Day

Join people across the country and participate in "My Good Deed Day" too honor the memory of all those killed and injured on 9-11-01 this Sept. 11.

*"We believe it is vital to keep this observance alive and growing for decades to come, to ensure that the victims, survivors, first responders, volunteers and members of our military are always remembered and honored in a positive, meaningful way. Thousands of people*

## 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- Planters
- Blooming & Houseplants
- Annuals & Perennials
- Visit us on Facebook

541-567-3278  
465 W. Theater Ln. Hermiston





have already posted their planned good deeds for 9/11 on our [Tribute Quilt](#). If you haven't already done so, (or wish to post another good deed) please take a moment to consider what you'll do for this 9/11, and share



it with us by posting at <http://www.911day.org/the-quilt>.” David Paine, co-founder. More information at: <http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/911-day-campaign-kicks-off-to-once-again-inspire-millions-to-perform-good-deeds-in-observance-of-911-now-americas-largest-annual-day-of-charitable-service-166380716.html>

Last year Echo planted a Red Horse chestnut Tree, our official city tree, in the Rain Garden next to the school with help from Echo Elementary Students. This year we will continue beautification efforts around city hall and the downtown. We challenge Echo residents to do a good deed: a random act of kindness, make a donation to a favorite cause, volunteer time in the community or school, you can even pledge to collect Box Tops for the school for a year. Let us know what your Good Deed is and also don't forget to post it

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## Found: Old Tractor

Last month we asked if anyone had an old tractor they wanted to donate for the Fort Henrietta Park Playground improvements & Glenn Cochran came forward. He has donated a vintage Oliver Tractor. Thanks Glenn.

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## Election

Mayor Richard Winter and council incumbents Jerry Gaunt, Eujana “Jeanie” Hampton and Pat Wood are the only candi-

dates to file for the November 2012 election. The city charter provides for the mayor to be elected every two years and council positions are four years with half of the council being up for election every two years.

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## Echo Benefit Fund

The Echo Community Benefit Fund Board met on August 6 to consider proposals for projects/grants from Echo area non-profits, the city and school district. The following awards were granted:

Echo School District-\$12,300 Greenhouse

City of Echo-\$5000 Arboretum improvements

City of Echo-Dump/Landscape Trailer

Echo Methodist Church- \$64,200 Elevator & Handicap Accessible Restroom

Denied at this time:

Fort Henrietta Foundation \$50,000 for renovation of St. Peter's Catholic Church. “It was the consensus of the Board that it would like to see more community interest, involvement & other sources of funding for the project before granting approval.”

The next deadline for applications is Dec. 1, 2012.

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## The Library

Librarian Wendy Holben has resigned and the city hopes to begin interviewing for her replacement soon. While the library is short staffed, Wednesday evening hours will be reduced and will close at 8 pm. Special thanks to Jeanie Hampton for volunteering her services to keep us from being buried with returned materials.

## Success Story

We are very proud of our library and hope you are too. Not a week goes by when at least one visitor doesn't comment on the beauty and atmosphere of our library, but the success of our library is supported by statistics. Each Oregon Library is required to file a report with the Oregon State Library with information on circulation, its collection, budget

and staffing.

In the 2010-11 fiscal year Echo Library checked out 9,798 items (books, videos, audio books, etc.). That is equal to 9.89 items per capita. Only the Ukiah library, which is a combination school and city library had a higher circulation rate at 28.935 volumes per capita (12,500 items\432 population). Third was Athena at 6.31 items per capita. In comparison Pendleton checked out 127,549 items, but with a service population of 23,266 this meant 5.48 per capita. This year our circulation increased dramatically to 11,432 items or 11.59 items per capita. We also have to track public computer use, which is also higher than most other small libraries.

Our interlibrary loans to other libraries are amongst the highest per capita with 689 items checked out compared to 166 we borrowed from others. This probably due to the size and range of our collection. Our library has over 16,000 items despite ongoing, extensive weeding. The closest library collection to ours among the small libraries in the district is Athena with 12,225 items.

## Sage System

As well as being part of the Umatilla County Public Library, our library is a member of the Eastern Oregon Library Consortium called sage. Through Sage all of the public libraries, colleges and most school libraries in Eastern Oregon, Hood River County list their materials on a combined searchable database and exchange materials through a courier system between libraries.

## Donations

The size and breadth of our library collection is primarily because of the donations our library receives from the community. We appreciate this and try to recognize such donations each month.

### August Donations

Bonnie Berry, 2 books    Anita Dorn, 16 books  
Dale Fife, Misc. Railroad Items, Photos  
Rebecca Gronewold, 30 books  
Roberta Harsh, 7 books  
Christine Hewlett, 2 boxes of books  
Nancy Keith, 8 books

Elsie Middleton, 7 books  
Amanda Nack, 6 DVDs/Trevor Nack 2 DVDs  
David Pedro, 45 books, 4 DVDs  
Mary Ann Power, 2 books  
David Stubbs, 7 DVDs

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## Tree Tag

The City will be receiving a free Tree Tag for the Northern Red Oak located in the George Park through the Oregon Department of Forestry. ODF is creating the tags as a visual way of showing the benefits of trees. Using the size and variety of the tree ODF is able to calculate how much the tree gives back each year. *The Tree Tag will help to quantify benefits such as stormwater mitigation, energy conservation, potential to increase property value, and air quality improvement.*" Heather Reed, ODF.



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## Beautification Contest

### Honorable Mention

- ♦ Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Bauch, 311 E. Willow
- ♦ Janice Diggins, 211 W. Garden
- ♦ Cliff & Lou Williams, 101 N. Dupont
- ♦ Connie Fisher, 311 W. Kennedy
- ♦ Tim & Jeannette Goldie, 10 S. Prescott
- ♦ Rebecca & Al Gronewold, 17 Smith Dr.
- ♦ Gene & Jeanie Hampton, 811 E. Jane
- ♦ Tammi Henderson, 300 W. Halstead
- ♦ Larry & Brenda Hunter, 8 Smith Dr.
- ♦ Silvia & Ascencion Ibarra, Willow St.
- ♦ Jose Lopez, 201 N. Prescott
- ♦ Carol Neely, 231 Garden St.
- ♦ Sheryl Ramey Morris, 10 N. Front
- ♦ Wilmer Spurlock, 131 N. Prescott
- ♦ Patsy Easton, Bridge St
- ♦ Sarah Garcia, 150 N. Dupont
- ♦ Abundant Care, 811 E. Gerone

