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## Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides

Sno Road Winery is sponsoring horse-drawn wagon rides around town to view Christmas Lights on Friday December 14 from 5 to 8 pm and Saturday Dec. 15 from noon to 4 pm. The rides are free, but donations toward the Echo Food Basket Program are requested.

Several Echo Businesses will stay open for the rides. A Cut Above will serve treats on Friday night. Gathered Over Time, the H & P Café & His Design will also be open in the evening.



am to 2 pm. Proceeds Benefit the VFW Scholarship Fund. The Hall is at Bonanza and Bridge St.

For more information contact Jeanie Hampton at 541-376-8603 or Mary Hensal at 541-449-1352

## Christmas Light Contest

Winners of this years Christmas Lighting Contest will be selected by public vote. A ballot is on the last page of this newsletter. Please cast your vote for the top 10 by **Dec. 27** and drop it by city hall. You can mail it or place it in the mail slot on the door or hand to the city clerk or librarian. The winners will be announced in the January newsletter.

## Giving Tree

The Giving Tree up at city hall. Hanging on the tree are tags with the ages and sex of needy children. Select a tag and let the city clerk write down the number. Then bring a gift back to city hall by Monday, Dec. 17 at 5 pm.



## Christmas Donations

City Hall is also the collection point for donations of food, toys and cash for 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

## Annual Concert

The Inland Northwest Musicians will perform Handel's Messiah for the annual Christmas Concerts in the City Hall Auditorium on Friday, December 14 at 7 pm

and on Saturday, December 15 at 4 pm. The concerts are free, but donations are welcome. Cookies and punch will be provided by the Echo Community Church one night and Echo Boosters the 2nd night.

For Free Reservations call 541-289-4596 and leave a message with your name, the performance you plan to attend & the number in the party.



## VFW Bazaar

The annual VFW Christmas Bazaar & Chili Feed is on December 8 from 9





## Food Baskets (cont.)

joining forces to prepare the food baskets with the city. 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:

Pine City Study Club	Food
Anonymous	\$100
Fran & Jack Fitzhugh	\$10 .

## Sign up

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 and the circumstances. If you are a regular at the Kiwanis monthly food distribution, you will still need to notify city hall at 541-376-8411 or stop by if you need a basket so we can insure we have enough turkeys & dressing. Baskets will be ready for pickup at the Masonic Lodge, 20 S. Dupont St. after 3:30 pm. on **Wed. Dec. 19**. If you are not able to pick up the basket on the 19th, deliveries will be made on the morning of Dec. 20 IF YOU HAVE SIGNED UP. *Only one basket per family* (you will not be able to pickup food on Wed. & then have one delivered on **Dec. 20**).

## Donations

### Library-November

Jack Esp	20 Books
Katlynn Jackson	42 books
Robert Keith	6 books
Stephanie Myers	1 book, periodicals
Amanda Newton	53 books
Audrey Ortiz	10 books
Janice Schultz	15 books

Colleen Williams 61 books

## Memorials

Monte Naugher \$120

Pasquale Anolfo \$20

## Halloween Party

Diane Berry \$50



## Christmas Calendar

- Dec. 6 School Christmas Program, 6 pm
- Dec. 7 Quarterback Club Stag fish feed.  
Library Story/Crafts—Holiday themes, 2 pm
- Dec. 8 VFW Christmas Bazaar & Chili Feed
- Dec. 14 Wagon Rides start at winery, 5 pm.  
Inland NW Musicians Free Concert 7 pm, City Hall auditorium  
Library Story/Crafts, 2 pm
- Dec. 15 Wagon Rides, noon to 4 pm  
Inland NW Musicians, 4 pm.
- Dec. 17 Turn in Giving Tree Gifts
- Dec. 19 PU Food Baskets & Masonic Lodge
- Dec. 20 Deliver Food baskets for needy
- Dec. 21 Library Story/Crafts, 2 pm
- Dec. 24 City Hall closes @ noon
- Dec. 25 City Hall closed.
- Dec. 27 Turn in Christmas Light Ballots

**Merry Christmas**

## 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



## QBack Club Fish Feed

The annual Echo Quarterback Club Stag Fish Feed will be Friday Dec. 7 at 6 pm at the Fire Hall. Tickets are \$35 ea. Contact Weeb Williams 376-8428 for information or tickets



## Letters to Santa

Santa and his helpers want to make sure that Echo children get their Christmas letters to him, so they arranged for the Echo Library & City Hall to be a drop spot again this year. 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.

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



Rod Wagner  
Dan McConkey  
Mike Schmidhuber  
Roger Gilbert  
Trevor Pyke  
Treas Chandler

## Council Vacancy

Following the recent death of councilman Pasquale Anolfo, the council has a vacancy, which was formally declared open at the November council meeting. The council will take applications until January 15.

Applicants must have resided within the city limits for at least 1 year, be a registered voter and not have been convicted of a major felony. Application forms can be picked up at city hall for the council and

openings on the library board & budget committee.

Council members are required by the State of Oregon to file an annual financial report to the Oregon Ethics Commission. If this is a concern, potential candidates may want to visit the Oregon Ethic Commission site: [http://www.oregon.gov/OGEC/Pages/forms\\_publications.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/OGEC/Pages/forms_publications.aspx).

## Public Works II

There have been a number of inquiries about the Public Works II position opening. The city is in the process of revising the Public Works II job description and will have this available along with an application in early January. The council hopes to interview for the position in February and fill the opening by the first of March.

Candidates will need to either be certified for Wastewater Treatment I, Wastewater Collection II and Water Distribution I or be able to obtain certification within 1 year of being hired (or next certified testing date after 1 year of employment). Interested applicants can leave their name and contact information with the city clerk at 541-376-8411 and you will be mailed the job announcement.



## America in Bloom

The City has entered the America in Bloom Program this year, and is looking forward to showing off the downtown improvements and new city signs. We are gladly accepting donations to help with the program and 2013 improvement projects. We encourage everyone help with clean up efforts around town. If you are interested in getting involved, contact Diane Berry, 541-376-8411. Donations can be mailed to PO Box 9, Echo, OR 97826



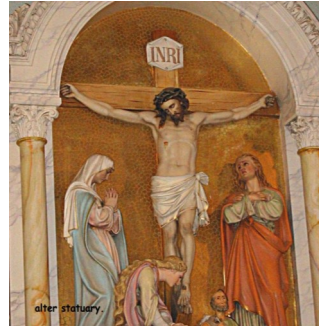
## Red to Red 2013

Planning is underway for the 2013 Red to Red MTB Cycle Race on March 1, 2 & 3. Organizers are hoping to expand the event to include other activities such as crafts & vendor booths. Music and entertainment will be provided on Bridge & Dupont. Streets near the park. The race will start and conclude on Bridge Street this year, to reduce congestion on Main Street. Contact City Hall or Stephanie Myers at Echo Bike & Board for further information.



ing architecture and historical affiliation with Joseph Cunha, potential funders have indicated that they would like to see more community support for the project.

As a result the Foundation is seeking letters of support and donations to match the funding already collected, to show support for and need for the project. Contact Diane Berry, 541-376-8411 or mail to Ft. Henrietta Foundation, PO Box 426, Echo, OR 97826.



We are also interested in suggestions for uses of the building that will be within the perimeters of the Deed Restrictions from the Catholic Church.

## St. Peter's Renovation

The Ft. Henrietta Foundation has been applying for grants to renovate this unique and historical building for the last several years without success. Although the building is on the National Register of Historic Places, which indicates the significance of the build-

## Puncture Vine Bounty

The city will be following the City of Boardman's example this year and providing a bounty program for every sack of puncture vine plants turned in at city hall. More details will be provided later in the new year.

## Lighting/Decorating Ballot

Please vote for the one you feel is best 10 lighting/decorating displays. List the name, if you know it and/or the address or a description, such as Blue House next to football field on Prescott St. Return to City Hall via mail or drop office in office or through door slot by **Dec. 27**.

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