

The Echo



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Rabies Clinic

Country Animal Hospital is holding a Rabies Vaccine Clinic at the Masonic Lodge, 20 S. Dupont on Saturday March 16 from 1 to 3 pm. The

cost is discounted to \$19.25.

The City is waiving the \$10 late charge for dog licenses not purchased before March 1 for anyone getting their license at the clinic. City Clerk Peggy Haines will be there to issue the licenses. The cost of a license is \$4 for a spayed or neutered dog and \$12 for an unaltered one.

If you have already licensed your dog, but the rabies vaccine is about to expire you may want to take advantage of this discount.

Red2Red MTB

There were 539 entries for the 2013 Echo Red2Red Cross Country Mountain Bike Race on Saturday March 2. Good food, music, the winery patio and artwork in the downtown provided for an entertaining day. A Bouncy Castle and Petting Zoo provided free entertainment for local and visiting children.

Race results are available at the Oregon Bike Racing Association website: <http://obra.org/events/21271/results>. Congratulations to Mazie Madison of Echo who placed 4th in the Women's Beginner 19+ race. Most of the (cont. pg. 2)



Political Signs

As the result of problems with stolen signs and complaints regarding political signs, the city is enforcing the sign code regarding political signs (9-14-5D). All political signs will need to be taken down immediately and not replaced until 30 days prior to the election which is on May 21 and must be removed within 14 days of the election. The signs can only be two (2) feet square and must be on private property, not on the street right of way.



America in Bloom

It is time to start planning for America in Bloom this year. On the final page of the newsletter you will find some photos showing projects posted on Pinterest Boards that you may find inspiring. We will continue to post links and information to help residents this year.



Flowers coming from the Kopacz Greenhouse 2012

The library has a huge selection of gardening and landscaping materials from vegetables to flowers and from ponds to trees.

It is also time to request donations toward our improvement projects. Three major projects are planned for this year and several smaller ones. 1. Planting the eight (AIB cont. pg 2)



(Red2Red cont.) entries listed on the result sheet reflected Portland area and Bend addresses, but there were entries from all over the Northwest.

Want to experience the race without breaking a sweat? Check out this on Youtube http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bR_Nm3Thg8I

(AIB cont.) Main Street Planters. It will take over 10 yards of soil and hundreds of plants to fill the planters. We also hope to add artwork. 2.. Improvements to the Museum Garden such as removing the cyclone fence and making it blend into the Main Street Improvements is also a priority. 3. Replacing the sidewalk in front of City hall and extending the sidewalk along the north side of Main to the Railroad ROW is another priority. Donations toward these projects will be greatly appreciated. Dedication of the Downtown project will be during the AIB judges visit and will also serve as the reception for the judges.



Additional projects include finishing the playground at the skatepark and adding masonry trim to the new picnic shelter. Installing new the new drinking fountain and ash receptacles that match the Main Street garbage containers, as well as the memorial plaques. Donations will be used toward these projects and the prizes and plaques for the annual Beautification Contest.

We also have a great deal to “show off to the judges” including the Downtown improvements, the work on the Koontz Building, Park Improvements, New Entry Signs, Improvements to the Covered Wagon/Fire Museum, Arboretum Improvements and signage.

We have received our first donations: Echo Garden Club \$50 (museum garden & downtown planters). Penny Spike Shepherd \$50 in honor of Suzanne Spike’s 91st Birthday; Seymour Mills Mu-



seum Garden \$50; Kopacz Nursery will be helping with our hanging baskets and city hall planters.

Beautification of Yards

In prior years we used AIB donations to purchase seeds for residents to use to beautify their yards. This year we will have summer bulbs to give away at the Tree Fair in April & the remainder will be at city hall for interested residents to pickup.

CLEAN-UP WEEK

Sanitary Disposal, Inc. will host the annual Spring Clean-up week from April 1 through 7, 2013 at the Sanitary Disposal Transfer Station . During this week, cash customers using the Transfer Station will receive up to a \$13.50 discount off of each load.

This means, loads measuring up to 2.5 cubic yards with a maximum weight of 454.5 lbs can be disposed of free of charge. This includes all acceptable solid waste with the exception of tires. Tires will be charged at the regular rate.

The transfer station is located two miles north of Hermiston on Hwy 395 across from the Lift Company, Inc. It is open weekdays from 8 am to 5 pm and weekends from 9 am to 5 pm

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

541-567-3278

465 W. Theater Ln. Hermiston



Composting Program

There has been some interest in the Composting Program proposed in the last newsletter. As a result, the city will be purchasing a couple of different styles of the composters in the next month and will have them available at city hall for interested residents to view. If there is enough interest, the city will offer 25 of these on a first come basis for residents to purchase at a discounted rate. The estimated cost would be about \$25.



Library News

Librarian Laurie Nelson deserves kudos for some of her additions to the library. She is compiling lists of the books by popular artists such as Steven Berry, David Baldacci, Patricia Cornwell, James Patterson, Nora Roberts, Lee Childs, Janet Evanovich which are broken

down by series. She has added check marks indicating which ones we have. If you are interested,



just ask her to view her notebook and she will gladly order any of the books we don't have through Interlibrary Loan. Our library has over 17,000 items, but through our participation in the Sage Library System, which covers all of Eastern Oregon and Hood River County,

we have access to 1.6 million items which are delivered 3 times per week through the Education Service District Courier.

Laurie has also planned out fun and educational craft & story time activities for echo Friday afternoon at 2 pm. Last Friday children enjoyed a Dr. Seuss Birthday Party with cake, balloons, Dr. Seuss Trivia and games.

Gardening

The Library has over 130 books on landscaping and gardening. Topics include xeriscaping, small space gardening, ponds and pools, perennials, annuals, vegetable gardening, landscape design, garden art, shade gardening, attracting birds and butterflies, cutting gardens, trees for the garden, northwest gardening, color in the garden, container gardening and more. Most of the materials are found in the 635 through 635.9 classification numbers and in 712 & 716 numbers.

February Donations

Thanks again for your donations to the library.

Anonymous	\$10 cash
Lorraine Bance	9 books
Bonnie Berry	3 books
Challis Buck	7 books
Jerry Gaunt	10 books
Rebecca Gronewold	4 books
Tammie Henderson	50 books
Kristi Moffitt	15 books
Eileen Myers	7 books
Lou Nakapalau	8 books
Willie Springer	2 books
Krisstina Wagner	39 books

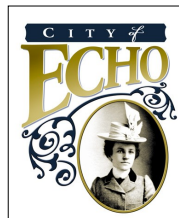
Echo Reunion Committee

The Echo School/Town Reunion Committee will meet again on March 13 at 7 pm in the Echo Public Library. Those wanting information or to volunteer can contact Chris Ramos Bettencourt at 541-376-8431, 541-564-6807 or email cbetten-court@columbiabank.com; Darrylin Fife Collinsworth 541-449-1138 or darrylin@eoni.com. The Reunion will be Saturday, July 6. Indi-

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we are hoping to gather Echo stories, Echo trivia, historic photographs, Echo recipes, photos and information on growing up in Echo, Memorable events, and successful Echoites that we can compile for the museum and can have available for people to read during the reunion. Some of the information will also be added to the Echo Cultural Inventory that is on the city website <http://echo-oregon.com/index-2.html> email your contributions to: ecpl@centurytel.net or mail to D. Berry, City of Echo, PO Box 9, Echo, OR 97826.



City News

Utility Maintenance I: Trevor Morris has been hired by the Echo City Council to fill the Utility Maintenance Worker I position with the city and will start

March 18.

Budget Committee: Several openings remain on the city budget committee. Interested parties can pick up an application at city hall.



Tree Corner

The City of Echo will celebrate its 24th year as a Tree City USA on Thursday, April 18 in the Park. The public is invited as well as Echo Elementary Students.

For this year's Tree City Program the city will again offer a large caliper tree as a grand door prize.

50/50 program: The 50/50 program will return this year after being discontinued for several years. The city will purchase 10 1 to 2 gallon trees and residents can buy them at a 50% discount. This is usually about \$15 to \$20 per tree. The trees will be provided on a first come first serve basis and the varieties available will be listed next month.

New Home Owner Program. It has been three years since the city provided new trees to new homeowners. If you have purchased a new home and occupy it (this doesn't apply to rentals), please let the city clerk know that you are interested in a tree. Again the varieties will be available next month.

Official Echo Tree: The Red Horsechestnut was selected as the official city tree in 2009 to commemorate the city's 20th Anniver-





Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Easter Egg Hunt be on Saturday, March 30th 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 & the Volunteer Fire Department.

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




Mayor Winter helps plant 9-11 tree



sary as a Tree City USA. A Red Horsechestnut was planted in the center of the George Park that April and a brass plaque commemorates the event and the state's 150th birthday. The photo on the previous page is of the Red Horsechestnut that was planted in the George Park about ten years ago. Another Red Horsechestnut was planted in 2011 to honor the victims of the 9-11 attack on the 10th year following that event.



Red Horsechestnuts (*Aesculus x carnea* 'Briotti' or *Fort McNair*) also grow in the Arboretum and at the golf course. The exotic looking salmon colored flowers with the yellow throats probably contributed to the selection of this tree as the official Echo Tree. It will grow 30 to 40 feet high and 25-30 feet wide. It has a rounded form and flowers are on 4-5" stalks that stick up above the leaves. The leaves can be subject to scorched edges during hot summer winds, at least for the first few years. It likes moist, but well-drained soil, so don't place it where water is limited.

Research on Dying Trees

This research may help locally with damage to Locust by Locust Borers and Walnut by 1000 Cankers disease, if scientists can figure out why some trees die under adverse conditions

and others survive. The entire article can be found at: <http://www.nytimes.com/2012/12/25/science/los-alamos-national-laboratory-studies-tree-deaths.html?ref=science&r=0> "Without better understanding the mechanisms of tree death, it is not possible to reliably predict when and where the next massive die-offs will occur on this planet," he said.

Let's Go Camping

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is "presenting "Let's Go Camping", fun-filled, weekend, overnight camping excursion for novice campers of all ages. We provide tents, sleeping bags and mattress pads for families that do not have their own to use for the campout. There are ranger led interpretive activities and volunteers always on hand to assist campers. We have lots of activities for kids and adults as well as presentations on Camping Basics, Leave No Trace, Fire Building and Safety, 10 Essentials of Hiking, and Dutch Oven Cooking." The total cost for the entire family is \$30. A few of the brochures showing the dates and the places are available at city hall or you can visit the website to find out more information or download a brochure.

http://www.oregon.gov/OPRD/PARKS/Pages/lgc_intro.aspx

Only one of the events is in Eastern Oregon on August 2-4 at Wallowa Lake, but two are in Central Oregon at Tumalo on June 14-16 and The Cove Palisades on June 28-30.



Reading Contest

To Celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday and for Read Across America, the library hosted a winter reading contest in February. Eight children turned in reading logs. Winners were:

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| 1. Alexa Rose | 28 books |
| 2. Olivia Elrod | 26 books |
| 3. Emily Rose | 14 Books |
| 4. Savanah Stover | 13 books |
| 5. McKenzie Rose | 11 books |



Garden Art/Fun

All of these photos are from **Pinterest**
<http://pinterest.com/>

"A content sharing service that allows members to "pin" images, videos and other objects to their pinboard". These DIY projects are from "Garden Boards. Check out the site to find more garden ideas.