

# The Echo



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## Cleanup Days

### Echo Schools:

The 7th Annual Community Service Day for Echo School Students will be on the afternoon of Thursday, May 9.



Students will pull weeds for elderly & disabled residents, wash city & fire vehicles, pull

weeds, plant flowers, clean up around the school, the parks and the arboretum. Thanks. We appreciate your help.

**Kiwanis Cleanup:** The Kiwanis Club will be holding their 7th annual cleanup day this year on Friday, May 10th. Volunteers will pick up debris along streets and help with other community cleanup and beautification projects. Volunteers are always needed. Volunteers or those needing debris pickup may contact Jerry Gaunt at 541-376-8665.



## Kiwanis Yard Sale

Kiwanis Fund-raising Yard Sale: Saturday May 11, 8 am to 3 pm on Main Street. If you have items to donate call Karl Jensen 541-701-1935.



## Memorial Weekend Fun Ace Car Club Show/CROC

The Automobile Club of Echo High School (ACE) will host their 2nd Car Show (8th show) in Downtown Echo on Saturday, May 25 from noon until 5 pm.

The Entry fee is \$15 per car or \$5 per student car (with student ID). Classes are:

<i>Pre 1940</i>	<i>1940-1949</i>	<i>1950-1959</i>
<i>1960-1969</i>	<i>1970-1979</i>	<i>1980-1989</i>
<i>1990-1999</i>	<i>2000-2013</i>	<i>Best Import</i>
<i>Best Truck</i>	<i>Best Street Rod</i>	<i>Best Tuner</i>
<i>Best of Show</i>	<i>Best Low Rider</i>	
<i>At Least I Have a Car</i>		
<i>Best Student Car</i>		

The show is noted for its unique "repurposed" welded metal trophies. Last year the show attracted 51 cars from throughout the Northwest.

For more information call Echo High School 541-376-8436 ext. 6227, Rick Denning at 541-571-4417 or visit their Facebook Page (great page!).



The car show also serves as a school fund-raiser. The Volleyball team will have an Italian Soda Bar and the Football Team will BBQ Burgers and Hot Dogs (cont. pg. 2)

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end Fun cont.  
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this year.

## Echo Museum Family Day: )

The Echo Historical Museum held its first free Family Day last year during the ACE Car Show. The board has decided to make it an annual event and will provide several door prizes. and be open from noon until 4:00 pm. The museum has made a number of changes,, including adding displays on Oscar Thomson and Family. Oscar was county sheriff when the county seat was moved from Umatilla Landing to Pendleton.

Descendents of Thomson have donated items such as his gun and spurs to the museum. Gene Hampton has made a gun display for the museum's historic guns such as one dating from the Oregon Trail/Fort Henrietta era that was found on the river bank over 60 years ago.



**Vendors:** There will be at least one Vendor selling outdoor furniture during the Car Show. Anyone interested in a Vendor Space needs to contact City Hall. The minimum charge is \$25.00.

## Century Ride of the Century

CROCs 11th cross country bike ride will include a lunch break in Echo on Saturday, May 25 for 275 riders in the City Park.

**Sno Road Winery:** As well as wine tasting, Sno Road will have a Scottish Bagpiper performing from 11 am to noon on the patio. Stephanie Myers will have game boards and International Artist Jean Howton, known for her representative abstracts and paintings of farm animals will be featured artists.



## America in Bloom

America in Bloom Judges will arrive in Echo on June 13. Dedication of the Downtown and a judges reception will take place that af-

ternoon. Everyone in the community is invited.

In 2012 we didn't formally participate in America in Bloom due to the time demands of the Downtown and Park Improvement Projects, but as a result we have a long list of improvements to share with Judges Dwight Lund and Alex Pearl, who have both visited Echo in the past. Foremost is the downtown

improvements from the new street lights to wider sidewalks, custom bike racks and



benches to horse head hitching posts. Soon the hanging baskets, the corner planter plantings and the new custom planters (by artist Chris Huffman) will be overflowing with flowers. The entry signs and Echo mural are new to the judges and soon the arboretum artwork (sign & gazebo art) will be completed. The Fire and Covered Wagon museum has been en-

## 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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closed with Plexiglas and the Farm Equipment display has been completed. We will also brag about the Piercys' projects that have con-

tributed to the downtown revitalization. We hope you are as proud of our new and improved community as we are.

**Your contributions to the AIB program** each year as well as grants from the Echo Community Benefit Plan have been instrumental to the success of the community improvement projects. However we have not made the final check mark on the AIB project list and hope you will consider making whatever donation you can afford to make these projects happen. As usual the donors will be listed on the city's Facebook page, on posters and in the city newsletter.

Following their site visit judges score the city in the following areas: tidiness, floral displays, urban forestry, environmental awareness, heritage, community involvement and landscaped areas. We appreciate everyone making an extra effort to tidy up their yards and plant flowers before the judges visit.

Donations cover entry fees, judges lodging, plaques, plants, mulch, rock, new projects, and fund the beautification contest.

**Kopacz Nursery** is continuing to sponsor our program by donating annuals for city hall and Thielsen St. baskets and planters. Their sponsorship extends back to 2006 when the city first entered the America in Bloom Program. **Echo Garden Club & Anderson Perry & Associates Engineering** have also made donations to the program each year since 2006.



**2013 Projects/Needs**

\*Hanging baskets & plants for 15 new street lights  
 \*Planting mix and plants for the round planters (8) on Main Street.  
 \*Replace the sidewalk between the fire hall and railroad tracks.  
 \*Add stone trim to bottom of picnic shelter posts,  
 \*Improvements to the Museum garden such as iron fencing, a patio and art to create a pocket park.  
 \*Art for round planters and other areas downtown.



We also want to thank Echo Schools for their annual Community Service Day and the Kiwanis for their annual cleanup day. Efforts by the church, Quarterback Club, Kiwanis, PTA and other community organizations have also helped us receive kudos from the Judges.

**We have received the following donations toward the 2013 program to date:**

- Diane Berry \$150                      Estie Billing \$25
- Fran & Jack Fitzhugh \$20
- Echo Garden Club \$25 museum garden; \$25 downtown planters
- Penny & Ray Shepherd (in memory of Bob & Suzanne Spike \$50
- Anonymous \$10

**Our thanks to 2012 Donors:**

- Kopacz Nursery                      Nursery Stock/Greenhouse
- Amstad Farms \$100 for playground and \$100 for downtown art
- American Printing \$25
- Anderson Perry & Ass. \$75
- Banner Bank \$100
- Echo Booster Club \$25
- Echo Garden Club \$25
- Elephant's Trunk Antiques \$75
- Fort Hen. Fnd. \$25
- Golf Course \$50
- Power Pro Electric \$100
- Purswell Pump \$75
- Umatilla Electric \$50
- Diane Berry \$350
- Charlotte Berry \$100
- Doris Pitzer \$25
- Mick & Sue Tolar \$100
- Robert & Marie Tolar \$100
- In Memory of Patty Sue Spike Grossmiller \$25
- In Memory of Bob Suzanne Spike \$50

## Debris Piles Prohibited



The City's Offensive Littering ordinance provides: **"OFFENSIVE LITTERING:** a person commits the offense of offensive littering if the person creates an objectionable stench or degrades the beauty or

appearance of property or detracts from the natural cleanliness or safety of property by: Discarding or depositing any rubbish, trash, garbage, debris or other refuse...upon any public way.."

This means it is a violation of the city's offensive littering ordinance to pile debris, yard clipping or limbs on the right-of-ways. We ask that people either find a place to put yard debris within their own yard or haul it to the Sanitary Disposal Transfer Station or the City of Stanfield's Composting center.

Tickets for free disposal of tree limbs and yard debris at the transfer station can be picked up at city hall.

## Discarded Vehicles

The City has asked officers to begin tagging abandoned and discarded vehicles. If you have a vehicle on you property or on the Street Right of Way that is not stored within a building, you may soon be seeing a bright orange notice of intent



to tow the vehicle. Here is part of the code defining discarded vehicles and the nuisance: A Discarded Vehicle *"Shall mean any vehicle, which does not have lawfully affixed thereto an unexpired license plate and or is in one or more of the following conditions: inoperative, wrecked, dismantled, partially dismantled, abandoned or junked. Discarded vehicles may be deemed to include major parts thereof including but not limited to bodies, engines, rear ends and transmissions.*

**Storage declared a nuisance.** *The open accumulation and storage of a discarded Vehicle is hereby found to create a condition tending to reduce the value of private property, to promote blight, deterioration and unsightliness, to invite plundering, to create fire hazards, to constitute an attractive nuisance creating a hazard to the health and safety of minors, to create a harborage for rodents and insects and to be injurious to the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of the City.*

Therefore, the presence of a discarded vehicle on **private or public property** is hereby **declared to constitute a public nuisance**, which may be abated in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter unless a permit has been obtained as provided in subsection B and C of this section.

Tagged vehicles can be towed within 24 hours on street Right of Ways or 72 hours on private property.

## Bulbs for Beauty.



To commemorate Arbor Day & America in Bloom, the city packaged over 400 bulbs into 100 baggies and had 200 seed packets. These were provided free to residents to encourage community beautification.

## Outstanding Performance

The City of Echo and Public Works Director Darin Tuil achieved an Outstanding Performance Certification from the State of Oregon Drinking Water Program in April for water system operations.



## Community Visioning

The Multi-Vision Integration workshop last month was a success with 22 people completing the workshop and drawing their vision of Echo's future. Illustrations varied from concepts like a balanced community and keeping the connection to nature and agriculture that makes Echo a great place to live to specific ideas such as



R. Lloyd Piercy shares his vision





having buildings on the railroad right of way that would have vintage style store-front facades, a walking/cycling trail system within town, and completion of the Wastewater Project to name a few. Waddell told the participants that it was clear that participants have a strong "Sense of Place"

Jim Waddell will work with professional artists to incorporate the themes into professional graphics. These will be presented at a public meeting on June.6.

## Library News

We are beginning to plan for the annual Summer Reading Program which is funded



primarily by a state Ready to Read Grant. The grant provides funds to purchase materials (children and adult) and bring in programs and entertainers focusing on the annual

theme. This year's theme "**Digging into Reading.**" Some of the subthemes are: archaeology, gardening, shipwrecks, mining.

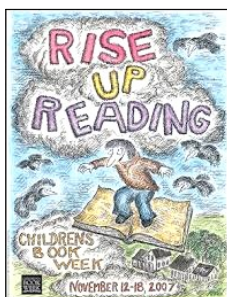
Archaeologist Sarah Silbernagel, Jason Ropp of Dragon Puppet Theater and a Pendleton Art Center Art Project will be among the special programs this year. Additionally Librarian Laurie Nelsen will conduct story craft times using this theme.

### Children's Book Week

Come into the library May 13-19 to celebrate Children's Book Week and pickup your free Celebrate Children's Book Week Book Marks. We still have free book marks available thank to the library district for National Library Week in April.

### Live Mocha

The Umatilla County Special Public Library is offering a new language learning database



called Live Mocha that will be available for all patrons of libraries in the county. The data base is expected to be available 24/7 in about a month. There are 38 languages available. Ask Laurie about getting connected.

## April Donations

Thanks to our loyal patrons for your donations to the library.

Carol Packard	3 boxes books
Bob McCarty	Great Brain Course
Elsie Middleton	3 books
Mindy Neely	5 books

## Kindergarten Roundup

Children (and their parents) who will be 5 years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2013 are invited to attend the May 13th Echo Elementary Kindergarten Roundup at 5 pm at the School Commons. Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Johnson will be there and children can meet their future classmates. There will be a story and craft time for the children while parents complete registration forms. You will need to bring an official birth certificate and immunization records.

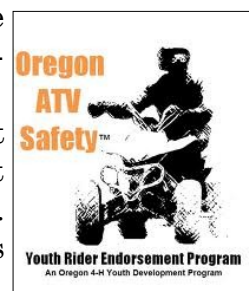


## ATV Code

The Echo City Council has approved a new ordinance allowing use of Class I and II ATVs on city streets, but these must comply with state codes. You can cross a state highway or country road, but cannot travel on them. All of Thielsen Street is either a state highway or county road. Main Street from Thielsen west is a state highway and Gerone Street is a county road.

**Two-stroke ATVs are prohibited.** You must be a licensed driver over 18. ATVs must comply with all state safety and equipment standards.

Operation is in daylight only and must be operated at speeds of 25 mph or less. Children must wear helmets



and those under 16 must be secured with a safety harness or belt.

Under ORS 806.060 the vehicle is subject to financial responsibility requirements.

A copy of the code and state statutes is available for review at city hall.

## TREE CITY PROGRAMS/ TREE CORNER

**1. SILVER ANNIVERSARY/Name That Tree:** While the city will not receive its Tree City USA 25th anniversary awards until next spring, 2013 is our 25th year of participation.

To commemorate 25 years one of this years projects is to give a name to our official city tree. The City named the Red



Horsechestnut (*Aesculus x carnea*) its official Tree in honor of the 20th anniversary and a new Red Horsechestnut as planted in the center of the City Park to dedicate this anniversary and Oregon's 150th birthday. A number of large and unique trees have names:

- a. Bristle Cone Pine Tree in California is over 4,700 years. This pine is nicknamed **Methuselah**, as it is believed to be the oldest living thing.
- b. **General Sherman**, a Giant Sequoia, again in California, is the world's most massive living thing. It is over 272 feet tall with a 35 foot diameter trunk.

While our Echo Tree is not the most massive, it would be fun to name it. The name will actually be given to the large Red Horsechestnut in the Fort Henrietta Park shown in the photo at the right.

Submit your name for the tree by November 1, so we have time to order a plaque for next Arbor Day. Call the name in or email it to [ecpl@centurytel.net](mailto:ecpl@centurytel.net)

**2. TREE ART PROJECT:** Another anniversary project is development

of a piece of public art commemorating our Tree Program that will involve Echo Students. The city is working with school Art Instructor Rick Thew. Donations to cover the cost of materials are appreciated.



### 3. NEW HOME OWNER TREES:

Trees are still available for the following people who purchased new homes over the last two years:

The following new home owners can pickup trees at city hall: Craig Arbogast, Robert Ortiz, Nathan McFarlane, Challis Buck, Robert Aitkin, Roger Gilbert, Treas Chandler and Robert Harris. The Varieties that are available include: Bald Cypress(2), Weeping Bald Cypress (Cascade Falls) (1), Persian Parrotia (Vanessa) (2), \* Bur Oak (2), Red Bud (Oklahoma) (1). If you do not want one of the trees, please let us know by calling 541-376-8411 or emailing [ecpl@centurytel.net](mailto:ecpl@centurytel.net).

**3. 50/50 program:** Residents can purchase a tree half price (usually \$11 to \$22). One per resident. Two trees are still available a Radiant Red Bud (\$15) & a Columnar Hornbeam (same as new Main Street Trees) \$21.



R. Bur Oak in city park



Winners of Arbor Day Tongue Twisters & Poetry Contests