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Beautification Contest



Winners of the annual America in Bloom Beautification Contest were announced at annual National Night Out last month. Winners are listed below. If you didn't make it and have not picked up

your certificate or prize, they are still available at city hall.

Echo in Bloom Top 10

C. Fisher	311 W. Kennedy
S. Gilbert	900 E. College
M. & S. Lilly	320 W. Buckley
R. Mead	Fife RV Park
T. Swanger	300 W. Halstead
R. & A. Gronewold	17 Smith Dr.
G. & S. Cochran	320 W. Halstead
C. & K. Ray	11 Smith Drive
C. & E. Volger	280 Golf Course Rd.
F. & J. Fitzhugh	810 E. College

Curb Appeal Top 10

S. & L. Bance	640 Kennedy
H. & J. Smith	315 W. Buckley
R. & S. Davie	361 W. Bridge
Abundant Care	811 E. Gerone
S. & R. Winter	200 S. Bonanza
R. & M. Rose	310 S. Bonanza
C. Dumler	221 W. Garden
A. Dorn	431 S. Hiestand
G. & D. Yoder	300 Golf Course Rd
B. & J. Campbell	340 W. Main

Use of Garden Art

1. J. & D. Fife, 210 N. Dupont;
L. & B. Hunter, 8 Smith Dr.;
T.Ramos/M. Schmidhuber, 400
W. Buckley; S. Ramey Morris, 10
N. Front; C & D. Williams, 1

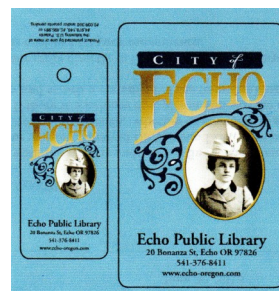
Smith Dr.

Most Improved

Elissa Wade, Fife Apts. & M. Escalante, 141
N. Thielsen Street.

Honorable Mention

J. & B. Esp, J. Smith, C. & L. Williams, E.
Roberts, W. & C. Longhorn, D. & T. Ballard,
Echo Church, K. Morton, D. Wilson, T. Fife.



Library Cards

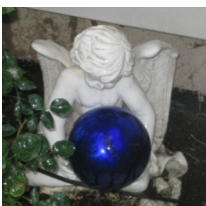
The Echo Public Library is now automated and new cards with barcodes are being issued. Per Library District and Sage Library System guidelines, patrons are

only allowed one card and it is to be from the home library. However now that we are automated, the Echo card can be used at any of the Sage Libraries, (all of Eastern Oregon & Hood River County). The sage website is at <http://echo.sage.eou.edu/eg/opac/home?logc=143>. Once you have your card you can access your account and update your personal information and create a new password and user name. You can log in from home or a library computer, find materials and order them on line. You can access Library2Go and Fantastic Fiction. From the Library website: <http://www.echo-oregon.com/library.html> you can access the above catalog and a number of databases.

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NNO Donors

Attendance at National Night Out was down this year with the Umatilla County Fair opening and entertainment drawing away part of the usual crowd, but those who attended, enjoyed the food, conversation and a





relaxed night of bingo and the bouncy castle. Our thanks to our sponsors & donors who made the event possible again this year: Anderson Perry \$75, Banner Bank \$100; Bi-mart \$20, Eagle Ranch \$50, Echo Bike & Board 2-\$25 gift certificates, Echo Boosters \$25, Echo Hills Golf Course \$50, Fort Henrietta Foundation \$25, His Design \$50, Power Pro Electric \$100; Jim Purswell Pump \$50; Sanitary Disposal 3 gift certificates, Umattilla Electric \$100; Diane Berry \$50, Charlotte Berry \$25, Jane Enright-Bingo prizes, Frank & Bev Harkenrider \$25, Doris Pitzer \$25, Sue & Richard Winter \$50; Pat & Judy Wood \$25 & afghan. Echo Church \$50.

School Supporters

A group of senior citizens is organizing a structured group of supporters for Echo School Activities. If you would be interested in getting involved you can contact Gene Hampton, Jerry Gaunt or Erv Williams. The purpose of the groups is to increase attendance at school functions, to cheer our students on in their endeavors, to assist in any way we can to help the students enjoy those precious years they spend in our school system. We promise a lot of fun fellowship and satisfaction while involved in helping our kids build a great youth community. Give us a holler, we promise to respond to all suggestions and your help. "Hens and Roosters" cheering for the Cougars.



Roundup Lodging



Are you interested in renting your house out during Roundup or just a bedroom or two? If so the Pendleton Chamber has a website where you can register your home : <http://pendletonchamber.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Host-Form.pdf>.

AIB Photo Contest

It was announced today that two of the Echo entries in the America in Bloom Photo Contest "Capturing the Spirit of America" were winners. A photo of the Koontz-Fife House won the Residential Heritage Preservation cate-



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gory and of the George Park gazebo & rose garden won in the Municipal Landscaped Areas category. Thanks to all of you who voted.

Memorials/Plaques



The memorial for City Kitty, our 18 year old Library/City Hall Cat who died a little over a year ago was installed in the Pond Courtyard last month.

The first of two plaques that will recognize do-

nors and contributors of the downtown project has been installed along side the museum.



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To get a new card, come to the library with your ID card or Driver's license & we will fill out the form to activate your card and issue a new one. The system will generate automatic overdue notices and reminders to your cell phone or email.

Online Databases

Through efforts of the Libraries of Eastern Oregon (LEO), the State Library and the Umatilla County Special Library District, patrons can access a number of new free databases. For most of the data bases, simply inputting your library card barcode will grant you access after following the links on the

Echo Library webpage. The card catalog and the databases are located on the right side of the page. Some of these are still under construction, so if you have problems wait a day or two. **Ancestry.com** can only to be accessed through a library computer or a wireless device using the library's free wireless connection. The Echo Library does have its own subscription. Ask the librarian for access information.

Gale/Cengage provides access to 100s of databases and periodicals and 1000s of documents. Just put your barcode in to access a database. However you will have to put your barcode in each time you leave one database and want to access a new one.



LiveMocha: This is the world's largest database for learning languages online. Use your library barcode and the password assigned with your card registration or the one you updated on line.



Libraries2Go: This service provides downloads of Audio books, movies, etc. Select LEO Listens.

EBSCO Auto Repair Database (in process of installing links)

HeritageQuest: Just input your library card barcode to access this site.

August Library Donations

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

Charlotte Berry	Magazines
Bonnie Berry	2 books
Anonymous	2 boxes books
Lou Nakapalou	1 books
Gloria Rodriquez	3 boxes books.

Vintage Clothing

Kopacz Family

Heritage Star Community

Echo meets most of the 15 of 20 criteria established by the Oregon Heritage Commission for the Oregon Heritage All-Star program. Kuri Gill, program coordinator, will

meet with the city, historical organizations, businesses and anyone interested in helping Echo achieve the All Star status on **September 19 at 6 pm at city hall**. The public is invited.



The All Star Program is a way to recognize communities that make the most of their heritage resources. Oregon Heritage created a list of heritage related criteria by which the program can be measured. To receive designation the community must apply using the form provided. The application is reviewed by Oregon Heritage staff and the designation is approved by the Oregon Heritage Commission. Benefits:

- a certificate for display
- two metal signs for display
- the designation noted on the Travel Oregon web site
- a logo to use in publications and marketing materials
- Heritage All-Star Community Technical Services

Echo's Name

Local history has maintained that Echo was named for Echo Koontz Miller in 1880. The story is that JH Koontz and WD Brassfield, who platted the town, were discussing a suitable name. Henrietta for Fort Henrietta was being discussed when Mrs. Koontz called for 3-year-old Echo. The gentlemen then decided that would be a better name.



In Parson's History of Umatilla County: "Peo, the chief of the Umatilla Indians, informs the writer that "Echo" the English for "Umatilla," and points out the corroborating fact that the first agency for these Indians was called "Utilia" and that the settlement of whites which grew up about this agency was called "Echo" and is still know by that name. We also have notes from Fred Dorn, who was born and raised in Echo. He said that his

aunts told him that "Toccopa" was the Indian name of the area where Echo is now. His aunts were the Mendenhall sisters who were among the first settlers on the Echo Meadows c. 1870.

We recently contacted Dr. Jennifer Carson Engum, cultural anthropologist and ethnologist and told her of the Dorn notes and asked if there was a record of the Native American name for Echo. She said Fred Dorn's information was correct. Peo's information was partially correct. Echo was the name for the place, but it wasn't a version of Utilia or Umatilla. Engum says: "*the information you have on the place name for Echo is correct, although the tribal language program has made some improvements to the written form for the languages. But yes, "T'ko" is the native name for tule reeds, which was and still is a highly coveted natural resource to tribal people that grew in and around Echo. The name Echo is derived from this native plant name and the suffix "pa" means "place of". It is one of the few local names where the native and the English are still connected, which is quite interesting and exciting for people like me...*"

In 1880 Brassfield and Koontz probably knew that Echo was the native name for the area. When Mrs. Koontz called her daughter did they think that Echo was definitely an appropriate name honoring Koontz' daughter and the place. Could Echo Koontz, despite being born in Umatilla Landing, have been named for this spot instead of the greek goddess?

Tule bulrushes were used to make mats, teepee and lodges, and for food and medicine. The Echo Meadows was originally covered with swamps where acres of tule grew. The plant is still found in swamps and along ditches in the area. The Echo area was also crisscrossed with Indian trails.





Dillon Dam

Note: The Dillon Dam is located about 1 mile south of Echo and west of the city's wastewater lagoons,

The Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) accepted an Alternate Point of Diversion application from the Dillon Irrigation Com-

pany on 8/9/2013. A transfer application number of T-11648 was assigned. The pur-



pose of this request is to transfer water rights away from the Dillon Dam to another location. This would allow for removal of the dam. The Dillon Dam is a significant barrier to fish migration on the Umatilla River. A "notice of water right use" was published by OWRD on 8/20/2013 to seek initial public comment. There is a thirty (30) day open comment period.

History ~

The Umatilla Basin Watershed Council has been studying the feasibility of removal of the

Dillon Dam since March 2011. In the past two years, multiple public meetings have been held with agency and private stakeholders regarding the removal of the dam. The UBWC is completing 2013 seasonal monitoring and will summarize all results in an end of the year report. Preliminary findings show that removal of the Dillon Dam will have a significant positive benefit to the Umatilla River fish migration and water users.

Significant Preliminary Findings ~

The Dillon Diversion Dam is a year-round fish passage barrier to all aquatic species, including but not limited to, Chinook Salmon, Mid Columbia Steelhead, Redband trout and Pacific Lamprey. Removal will positively impact passage and allow migration through this reach without causing unnecessary stress.

Questions on this project may be directed to Greg Silbernagel, Umatilla Basin Watershed Council Executive Director, at Greg.Silbernagel@umatillawatershedcouncil.org or (541)276-2190.

National Weather Service Pendleton Severe Storm site

In light of the severe thunderstorm & tornado warning on Thursday, Sept. 5, we thought residents might like to see the website where you can visit: <http://forecast.weather.gov/hazards/?wfo=pdf&lat=45.2763&lon=-119.85&pil=PDTSPD&iss=1378422061&motype=text>

- Dozens of programs & workshops - poetry, memoirs, fiction, nonfiction
- Book Fair — quality used books
- Trade Show — publishers, book sellers, writers, literary organizations
- Keynote Presentations: author Molly Gloss, former Oregon poet laureate Lawson Inada, and exec. dir. John Laursen with Northwest Photography Archive's earliest known photos of Native Americans of the Northwest

Join us at Tamastsiht Cultural Institute on the Umatilla Reservation

EASTERN OREGON WORD ROUND-UP
Sept. 27-29, 2013

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The 2nd annual Eastern Oregon Word Round-up is sponsored by Tamastsiht Cultural Institute and Libraries of Eastern Oregon on Sept. 27-29. The event will be at the Tamastsiht Center east of Pendleton. Admission is free but workshops cost \$25. The roundup will include authors readings, writing workshops, a trade show, book fair, book sale. Native American Dancers,

Cowboy poets and more. Teachers who attend the Word Round-Up can receive continuing education/professional development credits from Eastern Oregon University! University and College Students -- Students who attend the Word Round-Up can receive one to two college credits at \$75 per credit through EOU!

The keynote speaker on Saturday evening is John Laursen, exec. Director. He will discuss the Northwest Photography Archive & Preview of "Enduring Spirit" - earliest known photographs of Native Americans of the Northwest. The stories and discovery of 100+ rare photos

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including the Social Security Death Index; and U.S. border crossing and trans-oceanic ship records.

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Other international collections continue to grow with more than 46 million records from German census, vital records, emigration indexes, ship lists, phone directories, and more; Chinese surnames in the large and growing Jiapu Collection of Chinese lineage books; Jewish family history records from Eastern Europe and Russia; and more.

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