

# The Echo

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## Giving Tree

If you would like to help provide a Merry Christmas for needy Echo children, you can stop by city hall and pick up a tag from the Giving Tree. The tags have the ages and sex of needy children, some also have sizes. Select a tag and let the city clerk write down the number. Then bring a gift back to city hall by Monday, Dec. 16 at 5 pm. Don't have the time to shop—you can make a donation and we will pick something out for you.

## Christmas Donations

City Hall is the collection point for donations of food, toys (toys should be new or like new condition) and cash for the Food Basket Program. The City and Echo Boosters have been organizing this program for nearly 30 years. Donations can be dropped by City Hall or mailed to PO Box 9, Echo, OR 97826. Cash donations provide funds for perishables, children's gifts and other food items. The Echo Community Church, Echo Schools & Kiwanis Food Pantry are working with the city to organize the program again this year..



## Food Baskets

Food items collected include canned and packaged food—sorry no home canned food can be accepted. Potatoes, onions and carrots can also be accepted, but due to limited refrigeration, other perishables cannot be.

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## Christmas Light Contest

Winners of this year's 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, place it in the mail slot on the door or hand it to the city clerk or librarian. The winners will be announced in the January newsletter.

## Inland Northwest Musicians Presents:

### Sights and Sounds of Christmas

Music Director/Conductor R. Lee Friesse  
Featuring the Inland Northwest Orchestra and Chorale

Free Concert  
Echo Community Center  
Friday December 13- 7PM  
Saturday, December 14- 4PM.

Call 541-289-4696 for reservations  
Leave a message of performance attending,  
Name and number in your party

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accepted. Please provide donations by December 17.

Families who need the baskets need to come by city hall and fill out an application. If you know of a family in Echo you feel is in need, you can fill out an application on their behalf. Even if you normally pick up at the Kiwanis Food Pantry, we need to have you sign up to insure we have enough turkeys. One basket per family/per address. Please turn in names and applications before December 17.

Baskets can be picked up at the Masonic Lodge on Wednesday, December 18 from 4:30 to 6 pm. If you need the basket delivered, indicate on the application. Deliveries will be Thursday morning Dec. 19. Children's gifts from the Giving Tree will be available for Wednesday

Playground structure under construction.



My suggestion for the name of the Fort Henrietta Park Tree is \_\_\_\_\_

My Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Person submitting selected name will win a prize.

## Annual Concert

The Inland Northwest Musicians Christmas Concerts will be Friday, December 13 at 7 pm and Saturday, December 14 at 4 pm as listed on the poster on page 1. The concerts will be in the City Hall Auditorium. The concerts are free, but donations are welcome. Cookies and punch will be provided following both concerts. For free reservations call 541-289-4696 and leave a message with your

name, the performance you plan to attend & the number in the party.

If you would like to make a donation toward the concert, contact Lori Johnson at the above number.

## Aquariums for Sale

Two aquariums and stands and accessories such as pumps and filters are for sale at city hall. One is believed to be a 55 gallon and the other a 29 gallon. A few fish remain in the larger tank, which is still set up at city hall. Make an offer by December 15. Stop by and take a look.



## Reward

A \$50 reward is offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those who broke into a shop and cart sheds at the golf course between the evening of Friday, November 29 and early morning Sat. November 30. Call the Dispatch Center at 541-966-3651 and ask for a Chief Zumwalt to contact you or call city hall 541-376-8411.

## 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
  - Christmas Gifts, Arrangements & more
  - Gift Center
  - Blooming & Houseplants
  - Visit us on Facebook
- 541-567-3278  
465 W. Theater Ln. Hermiston



## Pendleton Chamber

Thanks to the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce for donating commercial wreaths for the Main Street Light Poles.

## Christmas Calendar

- Dec. 5 School Christmas Program, 6 pm
- Dec. 6 Quarterback Club Stag fish feed, 6 pm
- Dec. 6 Library Story/Crafts—Holiday themes, 2
- Dec. 6 Free Friday Children's Lunch/church basement 11:30am
- Dec. 13 Inland NW Musicians Free Concert, 7 pm, City Hall Library Story/Crafts, 2 pm
- Dec. 13 Free Friday Children's Lunch church basement 11:30 am
- Dec. 14 Church, VFW Bazaar & Lunch 9am–2 pm
- Dec. 14 Inland NW Musicians, Free Concert 4 pm, city hall auditorium
- Dec. 16 Turn in Giving Tree Gifts
- Dec. 17 Turn in Food donations.
- Dec. 17 Last Day to turn in Applications for Food Baskets & Giving Tree
- Dec. 18 PU Food Baskets @ Masonic Lodge
- Dec. 19 Deliver remaining food baskets
- Dec. 19 Library Open House 4 to 5:30 pm
- Dec. 20 Library Story/Crafts, 2 pm
- Dec. 20 Free Youth Lunch 11:30 am, church
- Dec. 24 City Hall closes @ noon
- Dec. 25 City Hall closed.
- Dec. 27 Turn in Christmas Light Ballots
- Dec. 27 NO Church Youth lunch
- Jan. 1 City hall closed.
- Jan. 3 NO Church Youth Lunch—resumes



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.

## Memorial

Arboretum in Memory of Marge Liesegang

## Library Donations:

Doyle Beacham	9 books
Charlie Daly	3 periodicals
Jeannie Daly	3 periodicals
Mary Daly Gill	8 periodicals
Rebecca Gronewold	32 books
Elsie Middleton	3 books
Lou Nakapalau	3 books

## Library Open House

Come by the Library between 4 and 5:30 pm. Thurs., December 19 and enjoy refreshments while you browse through the library shelves and view the large display of new and vintage Christmas décor. You can also get a new library card and learn about the online services the new card provides access to.. Door prizes and a raffle will be offered as well as crafts for the kids.

Don't forget the library has a large selection of Christmas related books (fiction & non-fiction), videos, periodicals and music CDs. Most of the Christmas books are on the new book displays.



## Letters to Santa

Santa and his helpers want to make sure that children get their letters to him, so they arranged with the North Pole 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,

## Christmas Lights

For over 25 years the Echo Booster Club has provided 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. Two boxes of lights are waiting at city hall for the following: Vicente Escalante, Coy & Jennifer Michael, Levi Tobin, Diane Wilson & Todd & Robin Winters.



## QBack Club Fish Feed

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

The Quarterback Club uses proceeds from the fish feeds (lobster, prawns, crab, clams, coleslaw, garlic bread) to support school athletics, Little League and other Echo youth activities and scholarships since the 1940s.



## Echo Museum

Echo Museum memberships are up for renewal this month. This year the board has been working to arrange displays to better reveal the architecture of the building. Historic photos were scanned and placed on disks. The Fort Henrietta Foundation donated a large format digital frame so visitors can browse through photos.

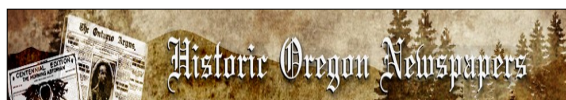
Rick and Pat Rebman donated an historic Steinway Style 1, 1867 Square-style Baby Grand Piano. This piano was originally shipped to Portland soon after construction, probably around the Horn as the railroads were not completed at that point. The piano is on display in the Koontz Building/Sno Road Winery Event Center.

This year the museum also received the donation of some very special items relative to the history of Echo and Umatilla County. Descendents of Oscar and Susan Thomson donated a branding iron, pistol, badge and other items that are now on display in the

Museum. Oscar F. Thomson was the third county sheriff and 2nd county sheriff, following Frank Maddock who farmed where the Cunha Farmstead is today. O.F. was one of the first settlers in the county c. 1864, first running a pack teams from then freighting business with RN Stanfield out of Umatilla Landing. In the 1870s her and Stanfield settled on Butter Creek where he was an innovator in irrigation. The Thomson house was moved from Butter Creek to Echo in the 1970s and is the home on Dupont Street across from the Fife-Koontz House.



This coming year the museum will be working with the city to try to achieve All Star Heritage Community status and as part of this we are trying to raise money to join the University of Oregon's Oregon Digital Newspaper project. The museums collection of historical newspapers, which are becoming



very fragile will not only be preserved,

but will be available online in a searchable format. Newspapers such as the East Oregonian are already online at <http://oregonnews.uoregon.edu/>

If you are interested in helping preserve our rich history, you might want to consider joining. Membership allows free access to the museum all year long. You can mail your check to Echo Museum, PO Box 205, Echo, OR 97826. Donations to the museum can earn you tax credits. The article on page 5 tells about the Oregon Cultural Trust Donations.

\_\_\_\_\_ *Individual \$10 per person*  
 \_\_\_\_\_ *Household \$25 per household*  
 \_\_\_\_\_ *Patron \$50* \_\_\_\_\_ *Sustaining \$100*  
 \_\_\_\_\_ *Donation Amount for:*  
*General* \_\_\_\_\_ *Museum Garden* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Public Art Project* \_\_\_\_\_ *Downtown* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Other* \_\_\_\_\_

## VFW/Church Bazaar

The annual VFW Bazaar will be in the Echo Community Church Basement on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 9 to 2. The need for more space





for vendors resulted in the church and VFW joining forces. As well as the Chili feed they will serve homemade Tamales and Fry Bread. Vendors will have a variety of hand-made items for sale as well as Christmas goodies.

Proceeds from a raffle will help fund the annual scholarship.

## Donation Tax Credits

The Fort Henrietta Foundation & Echo Historical Museum have been accepted by the Oregon Cultural Trust as eligible cultural organizations. This means you can make a donation the Fort Henrietta Foundation or Echo Museum and a matching gift to the Cultural Trust and become eligible for an Oregon cultural tax credit. The list of qualified organizations and information on the trust can be found at [www.culturaltrust.org](http://www.culturaltrust.org).

### How to Participate

*Make a donation to the Oregon Cultural Trust. The cultural tax credit is generous: up to \$500 for individuals, \$1,000 for couples filing jointly, \$2,500 for corporations. And when you add up the deductions and credit, at the federal and state levels, the tax savings for cultural giving are impressive.*

*To claim your tax credit you simply make a matching gift or gifts – same or greater dollar amount – to any combination of cultural nonprofits in Oregon. If you're a member of a public broadcaster, an historical society or a museum of any kind, or if you're making cash donations to a library or school foundation, an art center or nonprofit gallery, a heritage organization or a performing arts group, you're eligible to make a matching gift to the Trust for which you may claim a 100% Oregon tax credit.*

*Oregon's unique cultural tax credit is a powerful incentive. But the reason to give is to sustain and develop Oregon's arts, heritage and*



*humanities. The Cultural Trust was designed to direct support to cultural nonprofits in a multitude of ways.*

## Free Friday Lunches

The Free Friday Lunches and craft time at the Echo Community Church will be held the first three Fridays in December: Dec. 6, 13 & 20th, but organizers are taking a break for two weeks so there will be no lunch on Dec. 27 or Jan. 3.

## Tree Corner

### Winter Tree Care Tips

Winter brings frigid temperatures, icy winds and often snow. Just as people battle the Cold Winter Elements, so do trees, but trees can't seek a warm house. *"While your trees seem to be in a state of hibernation in the winter, exposure to the tough winter conditions can cause them major stress,"* says Jim Skiera, Ex. Dir. of the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA). *"Minimize that stress by helping your trees through cold months, a little at a time. If you take care of your trees in the winter, you'll be rewarded in the spring."*



1. Put composted organic mulch under your trees in the fall or early winter to help retain water and reduce temperature extremes. This will act like a blanket.
2. Give your trees a drink. Your trees will benefit from water during winter droughts, if temperatures permit an occasional watering during the winter. This can save young trees, but only do so when the soil is cool, but not frozen
3. Prune your trees. Winter is actually one of the best times to prune because you can see the trees structure without the leaves. Limit the pruning to deadwood and poorly placed branches.
4. Wrap trees with tree guards to protect them from gnawing animals & sunscald.

## AIB Judges Sheet

Part 3 Heritage:	maximum	actual
<b>Municipal</b>	75	64
<b>Business</b>	30	25
<b>Residential</b>	30	20
<b>Community Involvement</b>	40	30

**Judges Comments:** "Echo's history is well documented. Numerous artifacts both large and small are considered community treasures. Echo's museums house artifacts of everyday living and working... China House is unique for its collection of items that are identified with the building of the

railroad and the expansion of a modern civilization. Additionally it tells the story of the everyday individuals who built the railroad. While the museum is run by a volunteer board they could use the assistance of a professional museum consultant for such tasks as recording collection artifacts, preserving techniques for wearable materials (paper, cloth....) docent training, and collection disposal. One resource to turn to might be the University of Oregon Museum Studies Department, Dr. Kingston Heath (541-346-2115, kwheath@uoregon.edu).

An exciting adventure for Echo is their ap-

nleague.org) is a resource for technical assistance. Additionally the Main Street program of Oregon ([www.oregon.gov/oprd/HCD/SHPO/pages/mainstreet.asps](http://www.oregon.gov/oprd/HCD/SHPO/pages/mainstreet.asps)) can be an additional resource for technical and financial assistance to investigate.

Fort Henrietta is a reproduction of the earliest civilization site for the town of Echo [Actually the fort (1855-56) is the 2nd site. Utilia Indian Agency (1851-55) was first & the park is across the river from the site of Utilia and Fort Henrietta]. Located along the banks of the Umatilla River it has changed over the years from being an open site to one that has a park like setting with many mature trees... The Block House is an important part of the story of Echo. This wooden structure is showing signs of aging. Sill plates are softening and the building is leaning. While people do not go into the structure, the integrity is questionable. An assessment by someone knowledgeable in historic restoration of structures would be advisable.

The former Catholic Church now sitting abandoned might be an attractive addition to the community as a community center. While this is in the future it is not beyond a possibility. Investigate the purchase or donation of the property from the archdiocese [Property was donated to Fort Henrietta Fnd sometime ago.].

plication to the Oregon Heritage All-Star Community program. This designation helps Echo make the most of its historic resources. The community can recognize the importance of its past and the impact it has on its future. In applying for this all star status the community is forced to look at its historic resources and develop plans for their continual use and preservation. Echo supporters such as Lloyd and Lois Piercy see the past and future by restoring buildings to new purposes. The Historic Preservation League of Oregon ([www.historicpreservation.org](http://www.historicpreservation.org))

## Lighting/Decorating Ballot

Please vote for the lighting displays/decorations you feel are the top. 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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