

The Echo

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Red 2 Red XC Bike Race

The 6th annual Cross Country Mountain Bike Race is coming up fast. This year it is Saturday, March 1. *"We are always looking for vendors and volunteers, so if you are interested in being part of the race, we have places for lots of people to help. You can find all of the race information at <http://echored2red.com>,"* according to Stephanie Myers one of the race organizers. If you have specific questions about the race or helping, please call Stephanie at 541-289-2444 or stop by Echo Bike and Board on Main Street.



S. Dupont again this year on February 8 from 1 to 3 pm. The cost is \$15.

City Clerk Peggy Haines will be on hand so you can purchase dog licenses at the same time. Country Animal Hospital held the clinic for the first time last year and had a great turn out, so they are offering it again this year. The clinic is open to anyone, so share the information with your friends and family.

A.C.E. Car Club

A.C.E. Car Club (Echo High School) is gearing up for their annual Car Show which will be downtown again this year on May 24.

Ace is looking for trophy sponsors and items for their raffle that will be held during the car show. There are about 15 active members in car club. "Along with the annual car show we host annual car smash at the Echo



Highschool Homecoming Football Game and host a car care workshop to further educate the community on the world of cars. We love to work on various students cars and we love to have fun."

The funds raised from sponsors will also be used for their annual trip to the Portland Roadster Show. Sponsorship rates are \$25 to \$50. There are 18 trophies to be awarded this year and we hope you are willing to help out with our annual car show with your generous donation!" Please re-



Dog Licenses

Reminder **2014** licenses need to be purchased. Licenses not **renewed by Feb. 28, 2014** will be subject to a penalty of \$10 per month for each month the licensing is delayed. Current license fees are \$4.00 per year for a spayed or neutered animal and \$12 per year for an unaltered animal. Proof of a current rabies shot is required

Dog Rabies Shot Clinic

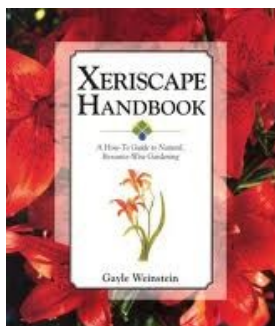
The Country Animal Hospital will host a clinic in Echo at the Echo Masonic Lodge, 20

spond by May 5th so we can list your sponsorship on our Car Show t-shirts.

If you have any questions, please call Rick Denning at 541-571-4417 or Brooke Vander Veen at 541-376-8436.

Library News

With the snow falling Monday, it may be hard to believe, but spring is just around the corner. The library has numerous books on gardening related topics. If you need information on those subjects, just let us know. You can also look online at: <http://echo.sage.eou.edu/eg/opac/home?locg=143>. but remember not all of our books are in the catalog yet. Among the newer gardening related books are The Backyard Vintner, Wildlife Gardening, Salvage Style for Outdoor Living, Making Gardens Works of Art, Xeriscape Handbook, A How-to-Guide to Natural Resource-wise Gardening, The New Low-Maintenance Garden, and Backyard Blueprints: Style, Design & Details for Outdoor Living.

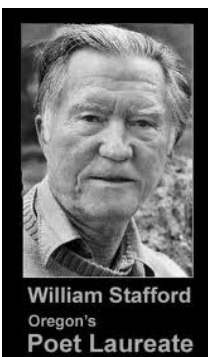


The Echo Library and Stanfield Library will be working together along with libraries across Oregon to celebrate what would have been the 100th birthday of William Stafford, the late Poet Laureate of Oregon.

As a result of this anniversary, the Oregon Reads program has selected books by William Stafford as the theme this year. Our library as well as many others across the state have received the donation of books by Stafford. Our books are on display on the new book spinner. Among the books are

one children's book Everyone Here Knows, a Big Foot Tale. Some of the other Stafford books include Down in the Heart, Early Morning, Every War Has Losers, and Ask Me

For further information on Oregon Reads 2014 you can check the website at: <http://>



oregonreads2014.com/partners.htm

Library Donations

Anonymous	\$20 Children's books
Bonnie Berry	1 book
Dale Fife	8 periodicals
Barb Green	15 books
Richard Koenig	1 DVD
Jack Lawrence	1 book
Bob McCarty	1 audio book
Joe Middleton	1 box
Lou Nakapalau	5 books, 2 DVDs
Janice Schulz	3 periodicals
Colleen Williams	1 book

Garden Ideas

Gardening can be fun, functional and an outlet for your creative side. Here are some ideas for projects you can undertake in anticipation of spring and to make your garden fun and unique. .

Ever get tired of half the solar lights you purchased not working the next season? Plus



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.



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replacement batteries are so expensive. Southern Oregon Solar <http://www.diyandcraftideas.com/light-up-plant-potters/> has a solution:

Paint your outdoor planter with glow in the dark paint. *"How to make flower pots glow in the dark? Simple! First, we gather some big plant pots- round or regular and we buy some Glow in the dark paint spray. We make sure we operate in an open space, with enough air and splash protection. We prepare the pots by abrading them, then, we spray the paint from a distance of 30 cm, in overlapped circles, coating them with several layers. We transfer the plants in and we move the pots along the garden patio. In this way your garden will have a nice look during the night too and will offer a plus of security."*



leen Williams even used old golf shoes to grow hens and chicks in golf course gardens. Old wheel barrels, purses, wooden file drawers, even old dressers with drawers pulled out can have new lives as planters. Did the bird die? Use its cage as a planter.



The local 2nd hand store is a place you can browse and find items to "repurpose."

Don't throw away your mismatched or old ceramic pieces. You can stack them like shown above to make a



Here is a project that recycles and makes unique funky garden art by using old blue jeans as planters. The idea was in Country Almanac's "2014 Flea Market Gardens." One was wearing tall rubber boots and climbing a small ladder while



tower for the garden

or your dining table or even make "flowers" for the displayed at city hall. Tip: don't use a glue gun, it won't hold up.

others were propped against fences. However you don't have to buy the magazine to learn how to turn your old jeans into planters. Go to Google images and type in blue jean planters and you will see lots of ideas—and instructions.



Also in 'Flea Market Gardens' was an article suggesting that if you don't have money to buy pots that shouldn't stop you. Recycle items such as old sinks, galvanized pails, broken chairs, etc. You can take an old bbq, paint it brightly and turn it into a planter. Have an old bird bath that is leaking? Don't throw it away, it can become a planter too. Have some rubber boots your children have outgrown? Screw them to a fence or pole and fill them with plants or just arrange them on your steps or around other planters. Col-

Budget Committee

There are several openings on the city's budget committee. If you are interested you can pickup an application from the city clerk and return it by Feb. 20.

Memorials

Betty Bohms Arboretum	\$40
Charles "Swede" Ramos St. Peter's Catholic Church Restoration	\$525

Echo Benefit Plan

The city has received two more Echo Community Plan Grants. One will provide funding to add additional sidewalks to the downtown.& the other to purchase trees for the golf course & cemetery.

Valentine's Day Wine & Chocolate at Sno Road Winery



Watershed Council

The Umatilla Basin Watershed Council will have a general meeting in

Echo Feb. 24 at 6 pm in the Echo Masonic Hall, 20 S. Dupont. They invite the public to share concerns about the watershed at the meeting.

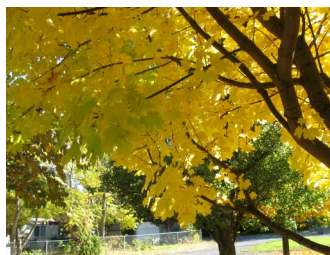
AIB Judges Sheet

Urban Forestry:	maximum	actual
Municipal	65	47
Business	45	21
Residential	35	21
Community Involvement	40	36

Judges Comments: In Echo's dry climate, "proper mulching of trees" helps trees survive. "We all need to be reminded how mulch is to be applied around trees. Too many applications are mounded around the trunk like a volcano. This encourages insects, mice and diseases that can cut off sap flow. Making a small trench at the base of the tree like a donut avoids these risks. Extending the layer of mulch out from the trunk of the tree to the drip line... (where the leaves are at the edge of the tree canopy) gives better moisture retention to the roots, greatly reduces mowing and avoids trunk damage by string weed eater trimmers. Trees are good- (www.treesaregood.com/treecare/mulching.aspx) is a source of information..

Echo has established the Oregon Trail Arboretum. It contains a collection of trees of various sizes suitable for the growing conditions of the community. Judges suggest removing trees that are "diseased, severely damaged, crowded by other trees, or are not right for the site. Replant ...elsewhere on town property: streets, parks, golf course. Continue labeling all trees on public property. The label should contain the botanical and common name of the tree plus any other desirable information such as mature size, date planted value of the tree to the environment.

Echo became a tree city with the commitment to the establishment of the arboretum. The town may care to research the Morton Arboreta Register ([www.arbnet.org/arboretum accreditation.html](http://www.arbnet.org/arboretum%20accreditation.html)) for accreditation. Echo has the potential of being designated the smallest town called an arboretum in the United States.



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Judges Comments/Suggestions: *Water is the most precious resource in this community. It is vital to the economic well-being of the base industry of agriculture. Newly planted trees in the downtown street corridor have drip emitters to assure the amount of water necessary for these trees survival. The cemetery is a good example where water bags would enhance the survival chances for newly planted trees. ... Concern for the availability of water and its distribution should be incentive for the community to embrace the concept of xeriscaping. Establishing trial gardens at the golf course would be an introduction. Articles in Echo's newsletter might be avenues to getting the public to embrace the concept (Next month).*

The recycling center downtown can be a busy site. Large trailers are there for residents 24 hours for the purpose of depositing glass, tin, aluminum, newspaper and cardboard. Information was scarce on the ability of the waste hauler to expand this service to such materials as plastics and Styrofoam. The nearby town of Stanfield accepts yard waste from Echo residents...To enrich the reduction-recycling-reuse of products, the school could be encouraged to collect age appropriate items that children interact with on a daily basis. Things like crayons, pens, flip flops, batteries, and CDs are examples of items that are recyclable and possibly profitable. Terracycle (www.terracycle.com) is one organization schools can turn to for accepting these items and receive cash for their efforts. The community may also investigate the Oregon Refuse and Recycling recycling issues.

Throughout our travels around Echo, wind turbines could be seen on the horizon. Not only do the turbines generate energy back into the electrical grid but revenues are shared with the Echo Community Benefit Plan which in turn uses funds to support community valued projects.

The town may benefit by installing smart meters in those homes and businesses where currently electric meters are read manually. This technology is faster and safer for meter reader personnel.

There is very little graffiti. The only site seen was in the skate park. It is usually removed within a short period of time once it has been identified.

