

# The Echo

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## Red 2 Red

Neither threat of sleet nor snow kept away 387 cy-

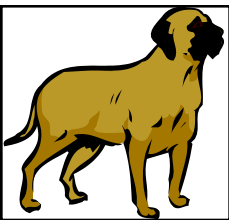
clists who participated in the Echo Red 2 Red MTB XC race Saturday. This was down about 150 participants from last year, but those who participated seemed to enjoy it based on Facebook Postings:

*"Thanks to Shayne and Stephanie and all the great people of Echo. Such a fun race and great time. The weather actually ended up perfect..."*

Larry Remillard.

## Rabies Clinic/Dog Licenses

Reminder **2014 licenses** need to be purchased.

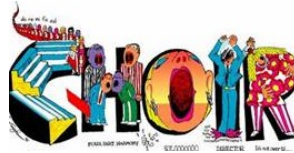


Licenses not **renewed by Feb. 28, 2014** will be subject to a penalty of \$10 per month for each month the licensing is delayed, **except for those who attended the Rabies Vaccination Clinic that was cancelled** due to a winter storm in February.

The Country Animal Hospital has rescheduled their rabies clinic in Echo for March 15. The clinic will be at the Echo Masonic Lodge, 20 S. Dupont, 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.

## Echo Choir Dinner & Show

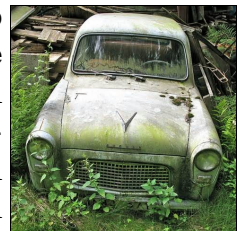


The Echo School Choir is hosting a fund-raising spaghetti dinner and show on March 10 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Echo School Commons. Also served will be salad, garlic bread, dessert & "good music". Cost is \$10 for adults \$5 for 12 to 3 year olds and 2 and under is free.

Pre-sale tickets can be purchased through the office or from a choir student. Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

## Nuisances

Its spring cleaning time! The Stanfield Police Code Violation Officer will be enforcing city codes for abandoned vehicles, yard debris and other codes that lead to unsightly residences. Some vehicles have already been tagged. Vehicles must be licensed and operable even if on private property unless stored within a building.



Please avoid having the police knock on your door and begin the clean up of your property. Your neighbors as well as the city will appreciate your effort.

## Cleanup Week



Sanitary Disposal Cleanup Week will be from April 1 thru 7th again this year. Mark your calendar. *"During this week, **cash** customers using the Sanitary Disposal Transfer Station will receive up to a \$13.50 discount off each load. This means, loads measuring 2.5*

*cubic feet with a maximum weight of 454 lbs. can be disposed of free. This includes all acceptable solid waste with the exception of tires, which will be charged at the regular weight.*

The transfer station is located two miles north of Hermiston on the West side of Hwy. 395. It is open weekdays from 8 am to 5 pm and weekends from 9 am to 5 pm.

## Water

- ◆ Please remove all insulation from water meters by March 15. The meter reading for this season will begin March 15 with any overages above the 3000 gallon minimum per month being added to your April 1 Bill.
- ◆ Late charges have increased from \$6 to \$10 per month for any balances over \$10 left on your account after the 25th of the month. This has been done in an effort to reduce the amount of accounts receivables being carried by the city.

## St. Paddys

Sno Road Winery will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day with live music. Check with Sno Road at 541-376-9421 to find out the details.



## Library News

**Hooker's Books:** City Clerk Peggy Haines has donated two of Stanfield Author Tom Hooker's books.

**DVDs:** New release videos arrive at the library nearly every week.

**Gardening/Home Improvement:** Don't forget to check out the libraries vast collection of gardening, landscaping and home improvement materials.

## Library Donations

Jeanie Daly	2 magazines
Peggy Haines	3 books
Scott McCallum	1 book
Elsie Middleton	10 books
Lou Nakapalou	2 books
Janice Schulze	2 books, 4 magazines
Susan Winter	9 books

## America in Bloom

Spring is just around the corner, so it is time to start planning for America in Bloom. We hope everyone will get in the spirit of the beautification program and come up with ideas to improve your home and yard as well as volunteer to help with community projects and beautification.

Your donations help pay for flowers, entry fees, beautification contest prizes and specific projects.

If you would like to make a donation toward the America in Bloom Program, you can send it to city hall or drop it by the office.



## Parking on ROW

The street right-of-way adjoining your property is not yours to control. People do not have a right to block your driveway, but you do not have a right to tell people they cannot park on the ROW/parking strip or to put up no parking signs on the ROW.

## 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 order for Valentines Now.
- Arrangements & more
- Gift Center
- Blooming & Houseplants
- Visit us on Facebook  
541-567-3278  
465 W. Theater Ln. Hermiston



## Art Project

A grant from the Umatilla County's Economic Development Program for small towns is providing seed money for a project to select artists to design Public Art for Echo. Adding art to the city's downtown can stimulate

economic development and tourism. If you would like a copy of the Request for Proposals or if you would like to be on the Art Committee, contact Diane at city hall.

What themes would you like to see for Echo art projects? Let me know at 376-8411 or at [ecpl@centurytel.net](mailto:ecpl@centurytel.net).



## Antique Store Moves

The Gathered Over Time Antiques and Vintage Market is expanding and moving. The store is now located in the Teel Building, 210 W. Main, the former Snow Road Winery building. Owner Dotty Sheffield is

hoping to hold events such as shows with other vendors in the outdoor courtyard.

Sheffield also holds paint workshops at her shop.



## Memorials

Betty Bohms Arboretum	\$40
Brian Spike Memorial	\$125

## 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.

## Learn a Language Free

Use your Echo Public Library Card to learn foreign languages free. The Umatilla County Special Library District is providing this service to library patrons through the Rosetta Stone Program.

**NOW AVAILABLE  
ON-LINE**

**Rosetta Stone**

Rosetta Stone replaces  
*Language Learning*

Ask a Library Staff  
member if you'd like help  
using Rosetta Stone

Rosetta Stone purchased separately and requires the computer system.

## Oldest Trees are Growing Faster, Storing More Carbon

CORVALLIS, Ore. – In a finding that overturns the conventional view that large old trees are unproductive, scientists have determined that for most species, the biggest trees increase their growth rates and sequester more carbon as they age.

In a letter published today in the journal *Nature*, an international research group reports that 97 percent of 403 tropical and temperate species grow more quickly the older they get. The study was led by Nate L. Stephenson of the U.S. Geological Survey Western Ecological Research Center. Three Oregon State University researchers are co-authors: Mark Harmon and Rob Pabst of the College of Forestry and Duncan Thomas of the College of Agricultural Sciences.

Extraordinary growth of some species, such as Australian mountain ash – also known as eucalyptus – and the coast redwood is not limited to a few species, the researchers said. "Rather, rapid growth in giant trees is the global norm and can exceed 1,300 pounds per year in the largest individuals," they



wrote.  
"In human terms, it is as if our growth just keeps accelerating after adolescence, instead of slowing

down," said Stephenson. "By that measure, humans could weigh half a ton by middle age, and well over a ton at retirement."

The report includes studies from the Pacific Northwest. Harmon and his colleagues worked in forest plots – some created as early as the 1930s – at the H.J. Andrews Experimental Forest east of Eugene and Mount Rainier National Park. Researchers measured growth in Douglas-fir, western hemlock, Sitka spruce, western red cedar and silver fir.

In other words large old trees are important air cleaners for the atmosphere.



## Garden Art & Décor Ideas

The following are designed to get your creative juices flowing.

