

May 2014

# The Echo

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## A.C.E. Car Show

The annual school's A.C.E. Car Show will be on May 24 in downtown Echo. Registration will start at 10 am and the show will start at noon. The Car registration fee will be \$15 or \$5 for any high school students car. Over 150 cars registered last year and at least that many entries are anticipated for this year. *"This promises to be our biggest Yet!"* According to the Club's Facebook page. The cars will park around the park, along Main Street and down side streets. Trophies are custom made by students again this year. The football team will be



BBQing hamburgers and the volleyball team will serve Italian Sodas. The H & P Café is planning to re-open by May 24 as well. Java Junkies will be on site to serve Latte's and coffee. Gloria Rodriguez will be in the Park Picnic Shelter where she will serve Teriyaki sticks, drinks and snacks. Kelly Myers will be in the park again this year with his Adiron-

dack chairs & outside furniture.

The Museum will be open for its annual Free Family Fun Day.

★ The Echo Church & VFW are hosting a Bazaar in the church basement from noon until 5 pm. There will be baked goods, fry bread, books and crafts

Gathered over Time is hosting a Vintage Goods & Artisan Wares Popup Market from 10 am to 4 pm on their courtyard.

★ Echo School Art Show will be in the Masonic Hall, 20 S. Dupont.

For more information call 541\_571\_4417.

## Name the Tree

For the last year, the city has been asking people to suggest a name for the large Red Horse chestnut in the Fort Henrietta Park. The Red Horse chestnut is the official Echo tree, so to commemorate the 25th anniversary, we are going to name the tree. During the council meeting last month, the council did not select a name for the Red Horse chestnut in the Fort Henrietta Park, but instead asked that we place this article in the newsletter and it is also on the city's Facebook page. Residents are asked to vote for their favorite name or submit a new one. The council will review these at the May meeting.

Please let us know your favorite name & why. Call us, drop by or go on to the Facebook page.



Names: 1. **Mildred & Fred** [Dorn], 2. **Dorn Tree**. 2. **Red** (also big red, baby red), One gentleman submitted the names of three early Echo settlers: 4. **Mollie** -Mollie Drullinger, 5. **Emma**-Emma Halstead, 6. **Halstead** for both Emma and Joel Halstead . 7. **Prudence** -Prudence Lisle; 8. The **Hampton** for Gene and Jeanie Hampton, & their volunteerism, 9. **Joe** or **Joseph** for Joe Cunha; 10. **JH** for JH Koontz, 11. **Chessy**; 12. **Nutty**; 13. **Echo**; 14. **Teddy** for Teddy Roosevelt and his championship for developing National Park System; 15. **Umatilla**; 16. **Cougar**.

## ARBOR DAY 2014

The Arbor Day Tree Fair was a great success this year. Children from Echo Elementary rotated between stations where they participated in activities such as creating a large poster with tree and nature pictures (on display at city hall), decorating a tree cookie necklaces, guessing the age of trees, planting tree seeds, Tree Trivia, Tree Story Time, Fighting Forest Fires, and Tree Leaf Match game. The fair concluded with cookies, punch and an award ceremony in the auditorium. Children also picked out paper & supplies for a scrapbook page. (If your child brought the scrapbook material home to work on, please turn the completed page in at city hall for inclusion in the 2014 scrapbook.

**Bulbs for Beauty.** To commemorate Arbor Day & America in Bloom, the city had flowering bulbs and flower seeds to give away at the Tree Fair. Most of the Bulbs are gone, but there are seed packets still available at city hall.

**Books for the School:** Each elementary class received a tree book for their classroom library.

**NEW HOME OWNER TREES & 50/50 program:** Unfortunately our

50/50 and new home owner trees did not arrive with our tree shipment. We do have two Hydrangea left and will be picking up a few trees later in May. Homeowners eligible to receive a free tree are: Robert Harris, Todd Winters, Diane Wilson, Levi Tobin and Coy Michael. If you are not interested in a tree or shrub, please let us know.

If you are interested in a 50/50 tree please contact city hall and ask for Diane.

Thanks to Jeanie Hampton for organizing the stations and all the other volunteers who helped with the event.

**Tree Cities:** Fifty-five other cities were named Tree Cities in Oregon this year, with one new Tree City: Central point.

**Color Contest: 3rd Grade:** 1. Kendra Merritt, 2. Caiden Harris. **4th Grade:** 1. Devlyn 2. Charlei Harwood.



## Kiwanis Cleanup Day

Thanks to the Echo Kiwanis Club for organizing their 8th annual cleanup day on Saturday, April 26th. Volunteers picked up debris, cleaned volunteer Ailanthus Trees from the edge of the Masonic Lodge Lot, placed



## 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.

**Kopacz: Where Flowers Are Our Business.**

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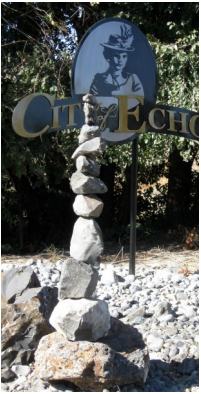
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gravel there and cleaned up Main Street circular gardens. As well as providing manpower, the Kiwanis provided heavy equipment to pickup debris and the City of Echo paid for two drop boxes for debris disposal.



## Art Project

The Echo Public Art Project Contest proposals are due by **May 9**. The RFP and information, including the themes is posted on the city website at <http://echo-oregon.com/pub/art-request.pdf>. Prizes for winning proposals will be 1st \$600, 2nd \$400, and 3rd \$300.

If you would to be on the art committee, contact Diane Berry, [ecpl@centurytel.net](mailto:ecpl@centurytel.net) or call city hall 541-376-8411.

## Copier for Sale

The City of Echo is taking offers on its used Sharp AR233 digital imager copier and cabinet. The machine has been on a service contract with Pinnell (now QBSI) since purchase. It enlarges, reduces, sorts and does double sided copies. Copy count is approximately 458,000. Minimum bid is \$300. Please submit bid in a sealed envelope labeled "Copier Bid" by May 15, 2014 at 3:30 pm to city hall, 20 S. Bonanza or mail to PO Box 9, Echo, OR



## America in Bloom Contests

As well as evaluating communities participating in AIB through judges visits, competitors (cities or individuals) can submit a portfolio of up to 18 photos of their community in the: **How Does Your Town Measure Up...Photo Contest** with sponsorship from Home & Garden Showplace & Monrovia Nursery.

The photos can be up to 8 x 12" and should focus on beautification efforts and should each have a label on the back which includes the town name, population and the name of the party submitting the photography. Each entry should include one paragraph of up

to 50 words describing who was involved in the submission and photography.

Entries also may include numbered paragraphs corresponding to numbered photos that provide information on the photo. Paragraphs should be limited to 25 words for each photo. Three \$1500 prizes will be awarded, one in each of three population groups: 1. under 50,000; 2. medium 50,001 to 249,999; 3. Over 250,000.



## AIB 2014 Efforts Begin

Its time to start preparing for the annual AIB competition. Please take pride in our community and help with beautifying the community by sprucing up your properties, volunteering to help with efforts throughout town and/or making a donation—no matter how small to help beautify our community.

We have received our first donations toward this year's America in Bloom Program and will soon be mailing fund-raising letters. If you would like to make a donation,

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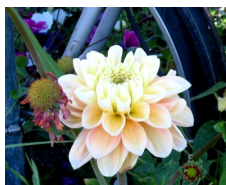
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[www.facebook.com/gatheredovertime](http://www.facebook.com/gatheredovertime)

you can mail it to City Hall, PO Box 9, Echo or drop it by city hall.

Donations since last month:

Charlotte Berry	\$50
Diane Berry	\$150
Anna Marie Buck	\$50
Echo Boosters	\$50
Fort Henrietta Fnd.	\$50
Gathered over time	\$25



The judges will be here later this year on July 14 & 15 (wrong dates printed last month). This year is also the Echo Public Library's Centennial. So we will celebrate the 100th year in combination with a reception for the Judges on July 14 at 2 pm

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## School Meetings

**May 22, 7 pm, City Hall,** Public Hearing on proposed pre-school/headstart. Public use in a residential zone requires a conditional use permit.



**May 26, 7 pm School Commons,** Community Listening Forum on school/community needs such as: pre-school/head start; a 2nd gym; new bus barn; partnering with the community to create a public meeting space/community center & community health and fitness option. Contact Superintendent Raymon Smith, raymon@echo.k12 or 541-376-8436.

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## Echo Preschool

*"The Echo School District will begin offering a full-day preschool program for 4 year olds in the 2014-15 school year. The new program is designed to provide working families with the option of a full-day program who would otherwise not have a preschool option in the area."*

Schedule/Cost: Before school program (7:30-8:30 am) \$25/month. All-day Class (8:30 am-3:45 pm) \$400/month. After School (3:45—5 pm) \$25/month.

Limited to 25 preschoolers; Register at: [www.echo.k12.or.us](http://www.echo.k12.or.us) or call 541-376-8411.

## Animal Tethering

Chief Bryon Zumwalt has provided the following information on a new animal tethering law that went into effect January 2014. The law regulates how long a dog can be kept tethered during a 24 hour period. It also defines standards for shelter and bedding, but does not include use of a hand-held leash for the purpose of walking a dog,

\*A dog can be on a tether no more than 10 hours in a 24 hour period or 15 hours if the tether is attached to a line, pulley or trolley.

\*It forbids use of tethers which could entangle or endanger the animals and prohibits the use of pinch or choke collars.

\*The law requires "adequate bedding" which keeps animals dry and reasonably clean and protects the animals from the elements and prevents injury. Crawl spaces, steps, decks, stoops, and the underside of vehicles are not shelters. Pet carriers and crates used for transport or shelters that fall apart in the elements are not considered adequate shelter. Shelters with chain link floors are not acceptable. Animals cannot be kept in a vehicle for an extended period of time.



There are exemptions for dogs being used for hunting, dog sledding and protecting livestock. See House Bill 2783.

This is a Class B Violation, but if the tethering results in a physical injury to a dog would be a Class B misdemeanor, and tethering resulting in serious physical injury or death is a Class A misdemeanor.

*"Note: This material is provided to assist our community with understanding some recent changes in the laws regarding animal*



*care. It should not be considered an inclusive version of the above reference Oregon Statutes or amendments. A complete copy of the referenced laws can be found at other legal sources.”*

## AIB YouTube Contest

Record your community's involvement with America in Bloom! Any [past or present AIB participant](#) is eligible for the \$1,500 cash award for the best YouTube video. The length should be between 2 to 3 minutes, and the video must be placed on YouTube ([www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)).

**The deadline for entries is August 27.**

Suggested Content for the Video

- Benefits of AIB involvement
- Before and after photos/videos
- Perceived economic benefits of AIB to the community
- Elements that can be used for grants, promotion, or marketing

**Judges will Evaluate Each Video on These Components:** Effectiveness of summarizing the benefits of AIB, Effectiveness in achieving the goal(s) of the video, Use of the video in promoting the community, Number of views, and Video quality

**Let Us Know About Your YouTube Video**

To be eligible for the award, send an e-mail to America in Bloom at [aib@ofa.org](mailto:aib@ofa.org). Please submit the following information:

Web link to your YouTube video

- Contact person's name
- Contact person's city and state
- Contact person's e-mail
- Contact person's phone number

The finalists will be featured and the winner announced at the 2014 AIB Symposium & Awards in Philadelphia, PA. October 2-4, 2014.



You do not have to be present at the symposium to win. Here is a link to the website with examples from previous <http://www.americainbloom.org/Awards-Program/YouTube-Video-Award.aspx>

## Library News

**Padded Envelopes:** If you order from Amazon—recycle your padded shipping envelopes and small book size boxes. The library sells surplus books through Amazon, and donation of your envelopes (must be without holes) will help defray our shipping costs.

**Summer Reading:** The library is beginning to plan for the annual Summer Reading Program. This year's theme is "Fizz, Boom, Read!", which is a science-related theme. There will be two professional entertainers this summer as well as a number of fun crafts and projects.

**Gardening-Related Books:** The library has a huge selection of gardening, landscaping, plant care, pruning, tree selection and other garden-related books. Ask the librarian to point you in the right direction.



## Library Donations

Josh Bailey/Cynthia Jackson	33 books
Jeanne Daly	1 book, 5 magazines
Elsie Middleton	5 books
Rod Graham	3 boxes books.
Gloria Rodriguez	1 book,
Russell Reynolds	2 cd's
Also vintage aprons &	toys for Christmas
Frankie Wirtz	8 books

## Bark for Life

The American Cancer Society/Relay for life Bark for Life fundraiser is a non-



competitive walk event for dogs and their owners in McKenzie Park in Hermiston on May 17. Registration is 10-11 am; Opening Ceremony 11 am; Walking and Activities 11 am to 2 pm.

Registration is \$15 per person & 1 dog. \$5 additional per dog. Register on line at [www.relayforlife.org/barkhermiston](http://www.relayforlife.org/barkhermiston) or call Jennifer at 541-230-0780 or email [pit-tamj@gmail.com](mailto:pit-tamj@gmail.com).

## America in Bloom Donation Form

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



### Donation Amount

Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Patron \$100 \_\_\_\_\_

Sustaining \$200 \_\_\_\_\_

Corporate \$500 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Donations for other projects

Public Art \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Hwy 320 entry sign \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Park Improvements \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Museum Garden/Mini Park \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Skatepark Problems

Now that the weather is improving, problems have begun to increase in the Skatepark. This weekend someone moved all of the picnic tables from the park and picnic shelter into the Skatepark & bowl, garbage was scattered all over. We have also had complaints of older children and young adults bullying younger children.

We cannot man the skatepark 24/7. We have to rely on users to do self-policing. There are **rule boards at each end of the**



**park.** If you see someone violating rules, you don't need to confront them, if they are older or larger, but you can let us know who and what at city hall or if you want to remain anonymous, write down names and/or license plates numbers and specifics of the problem and drop the note through the mail slot on the city hall door.

## Gardening Tips

In the Library is a great book called 50 High-Impact, Low-Care Garden Plants for those who want to improve their yard or garden without becoming a slave to it.

Listed below are some of the plants that do well in our area. This list also includes a few trees such as Paperbark Maple and Dwarf Rocky Mountain Fir. I have added a few that we have found to be very reliable perennials in our area.

**Asters** (annuals also do well also)

The old standby once called the New England Aster now comes in a variety of colors. The museum garden has a number of these.

**Siberian bugloss**, *Brunnera macrophylla*-shade loving.

**Bleeding Heart**, *Dicentra*, Look on Northside of city hall, shade loving.

**Geranium/Cranesbill**. This isn't the Geraniums in reds and pinks you see in pots, this is a tough perennial that like partial sun or morning sun. Very Adaptable and great for rock gardens.

**Hosta**, there are numerous hostas available with many variations in foliage. Shade Loving/morning sun, great foundation plant.

**Iris**. Check out the variety of reblooming Iris on the market. You can't hardly kill an Iris, but the dead blooms and stems need pruned back.

**Honeysuckle/Lonicera**. Honeysuckle does so well, here that we haven't even had to plant it. Several Honeysuckle vines have shown up as volunteers growing at the base of the fence around the park pond.

Continued in June

