

# The Echo



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## Scarecrow Contest

Main Street merchants, along with the City of Echo are sponsoring a scarecrow contest, SCARECROWS ON MAIN STREET, Sat. Oct. 11. Cash prizes and ribbons will be awarded. The flyer with further information is enclosed.



Cider and cookies will be served.

## Ice Cream Social

The Echo Community Church is holding their annual Homemade Ice Cream Social on Saturday Oct. 11 in conjunction with the Scarecrows on Main. The Ice Cream Social is free and will be from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. *"Come enjoy homemade ice cream, cake and socialize with your neighbors in the basement of the Echo Community Church - no strings attached. Individuals with wheelchairs and walkers are welcome to attend, as the church has an elevator/lift to facilitate access."*



## Halloween Party

The Annual City Halloween Party will be at city hall Friday, Oct. 31 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. The party will include a costume contest, hot dogs, cider, children's games & prizes. Last year Jeanie Hampton organized a



"Win it in a Minute" series of games for youth and high school students helped with the games.

Volunteers are needed to help with games & serving please contact city hall @ 541-376-8411 if you can help.



## Cougar Art

The drawing at the left is the concept proposed by Pendleton Artist Michael Booth for a cougar statute that will be placed in the raised planter in front of the post office. The cost is estimated to be about \$9000 and the cougar will be lifesize. In order to make this project a reality

The city will need to raise about \$5000 toward the project. Donors will be recognized on a plaque. If you would like to make a donation, checks can be submitted to City of Echo, PO Box 9, Echo, OR 97826.

## Celebrate Oregon's Culture

Prizes awarded daily Oct. 1-8 for social media posts

As part of the [2014 Days of Culture campaign](#), the Oregon Cultural Trust is inviting you to post snapshots on social media Oct. 1-8 that illustrate your cultural experiences -- anything from a good meal or a concert experience to a backwoods hike or a family event. The possibilities are endless as culture is all about who we are, what we do and how we experience life!

Traditionally a weeklong celebration of events and activities presented by Oregon's



1,300 cultural organizations, coalitions and tribes, Days of Culture commemorates the Oct. 8 anniversary of the Cultural Trust, established in 2001.

*"Many people think culture is exclusively about art, humanities and history," said Aili Schreiner, Cultural Trust manager. "Certainly going to a concert, reading a book or visiting a monument are cultural experiences, but so is celebrating a birthday by eating cake or landing your first salmon on the Columbia River. Our culture is defined by who we are, what we do and how we experience life."*

All Oregonians are invited to share their culture by capturing a photo of a cultural moment and posting it on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram with the hashtag #thisisculture. The goal is to digitally showcase a range of cultural experiences from around the state. Everyone who posts will be eligible to win a daily prize; prizes include: a Portland Trail Blazers package; a stay at The Lodge at Kah-Nee-Ta; Oregon Symphony tickets; passes to the Oregon Coast Aquarium; and lodging at the historic Balch Hotel in Dufur, Ore.

Days of Culture also launches the Trust's fundraising season; those who gave or give a 2014 donation to one of Oregon's designated 1,300 cultural nonprofits (**The Fort Henrietta Foundation, and Echo Historical Museum are on the list**) are eligible for a tax credit if they make a matching gift to the Cultural Trust.

For details on Days of Culture 2014 and the tax credit, visit [www.CulturalTrust.org](http://www.CulturalTrust.org).

## Library News

**Kid's Computer:** The Library has a new children's computer thanks to grant funds obtained by Libraries of Eastern Oregon (LEO) with matching funds from the Echo Library and Umatilla County Special Library. The computer came pre-loaded with games and educational programs for children. It is not connected to the Internet. It is located in the southwest corner of the old theater section of

the library.

**Electronic Games:** The library is starting a collection of electronic games for three game systems: Playstation 3, X-Box 360 and Wii. The games are located in an acrylic display case just east of the library check out counter.. The games can be checked out for one week.

**Christmas Gifts:** If you are going to have a "homemade" Christmas this year, now is the time to start preparing. Ask at the library about Christmas and holiday books. We have a large selection.



## Library Donations

Charlei Harwood	1 book, centennial
Tania Kopacz Hoeft	Historical items
Richard Koenig	2 DVDs
Al Little	1 book
Lou Nakapalau	4 DVD & 2 books
Gloria Rodriguez	1 box books
Janice Schulze	1 periodical
Darin Tuil	7 Play station 3 games
Anthony Watson	4 DVDs

## Other Donations

Bob Hale Memorial/Echo Boosters	
Christmas Food Drive	\$25

## 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.**  
Check out our new web page. <http://kopacznurseryflorist.com/>

- Beautiful Bouquets
- Arrangements & more
- Gift Center
- Blooming & House plants
- Visit us on Facebook



541-567-3278

465 W. Theater Ln.

## RV Park Dumpster/ Dumpster Diving

Notice: The RV Park Dumpster is not for public use but is only for the use of the city and rv park tenants. For the last several months the dumpster has been filled with garbage by people who are not tenants. The license plates and descriptions of those filling the dumpster will be turned over to the Stanfield Police Department and they will be charged with theft of services. The city hall dumpster had to be locked because of illegal dumping.

It is also illegal to dumpster dive or go through trash cans at private residences do to problems with Identity theft.



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## Benefit Fund Grants

The Echo Community Benefit Plan awarded the following grants in August.

\*Echo F.D. - Electric Garage Door Openers  
\$7,200

Echo F.D.—Plumbing Project for Hose/  
Turnout Washer - \$2,000

City of Echo -City Hall Improvements - \$8,000

Agape House - Echo Backpack Program to  
help feed needy children - \$4,000

Echo Community Church - Small covered  
building for public BBQ & picnic use/covered  
baptismal - \$11,950.00

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## Library Databases

The library district is currently running a series of ads encouraging residents of the county to obtain a library card. As well as allowing you to check out materials from local libraries, the card provides you access to a number of databases that are free to patrons and to Electronic Books, music and DVDs through **Libraries2Go**.

You can access the databases by going to the Echo Library webpage (most are on the right side of the page) and inputting your library card barcode and password. You can also go to your account through the webpage

<http://www.echo-oregon.com/library.html>



## Databases:

Gale Cenagage Learning, Heritage Quest, Learning Express, Rosetta Stone and Ebsco Auto. Ancestry.com's **Ancestry® Library Edition** is also offered but it can only be accessed from a library computer or a wireless device using the library's WiFi.

**Gale** is a huge collection of databases with magazines and research materials. **Learning Express** offers online tests and study guides for GED, SAT, ACT, professional certifications and more. **Heritage Quest** offers a vast collection of information to help you find genealogical information for your family tree. **Rosetta Stone** offers language lessons in more than 24 languages from Arabic to Vietnamese. **Ebsco Auto Repair Center** is a do-it-yourself resource for repairing most domestic and foreign vehicles.



For more information on the databases or help with access, call or stop by the library 541-376-8411.

To obtain a card, you need a picture id. You can use a card from any of the libraries in the Sage System (most of eastern Oregon & Hood River Co.) to check out materials.

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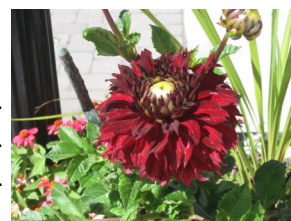
## Beautification Contest

The following people have not picked up their prizes or certificates from the annual Beautification contest. They can still be picked up at city hall:

Emma Roberts, Ruth Mead, Jerrie & Dale Fife, Chad & Kristi Ray, Carl & Eric Volger, Theresa Ramos, Anita Dorn, Stuart & Lorraine Bance, Carol Reese, Ben & Jessie Campbell, Todd & Myrna Dorn, Richard & Suzie Davie, William Gatchel/Gayle Weather-son & Al & Rebecca Gronewold

## AIB Conference & Awards

Winners will be announced at the AIB Conference Oct. 4 in Philadelphia.







## Scarecrows on Main



### Echo, Oregon

Saturday, October 11

Main Street merchants, along with the City of Echo, think it's time for some scarecrow fun! How about a contest that will fill the sidewalks and maybe a park or two with silly fall fun? Yes? Okay! Here's the scoop.

Fill out and return the entry form below, then you or you and your group go build a scarecrow. Bring it (or the components to build it) to Echo by **9 am on Saturday the 11th**. Scarecrow Central (check-in point) is Gathered Over Time, 210 W Main. A volunteer will tell you where to put the scarecrow. It has to be completed and ready for judging by 11. It can be a sitter or a stander, but if it's a stander make sure it will stand strong (include support). It can be homemade or a Rehabbed Commercial Scarecrow. **Judging begins at 11**. Prizes will be awarded at 2 o'clock.

Cash prizes will be awarded to Peoples' Choice \$50, Best in Show \$50, Built by Kids \$25. The judges will pin ribbons on some other scarecrows of note as well.

Scarecrows must stay until 5 pm, but we would love to have as many scarecrows as possible spend the rest of October on display. We promise to do our best to look after them, but well... we're not around 24/7 so we can't promise that they will remain perfect.

**Questions?** Contact Diane at City Hall or Dottie at Gathered Over Time.

**Important rules:** Preregistration is preferred. Latest possible time to register is 9 am on the 11th. Don't be super scary. The idea is to scare crows not children.



Your Name

Phone # &/or email:

Mailing Address

Description

Sitter or stander?

Homemade/Refurbished Commercial

Number

Prize