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City Hall & the Library will be Closed on Friday, Nov. 7 for Mandated Training and Nov. 11 for Veteran's Day & Nov. 27 & 28 for

Scarecrow Contest

Despite the wind and rain, Scarecrows on Main was a great success in its first year with 17 entries. Many of the scarecrows are still protecting downtown from those pesky crows.

At the right Cari Vol-



ger poses with the Overall Winning which supports breast cancer awareness "Save the Pumpkins, which received a \$50 cash prize. Also winning \$50 was the group entry by the Brown/Piercy: Nerdy Husband

and 80s wife. This entry is by the Hotel doorway. Another Echo Entry winning a cash prize was Melissa McPherson-Cearns Crazy Hair Scarecrow (by H & P Café) Cont. Pg. 2

Ben Franklin Theater

Thanks to the Libraries of Eastern Oregon (LEO) and the Echo Public Library Ben Franklin will be "Appearing in Person! Ben Franklin is coming town with the Traveling Lantern Theater Company on **Friday, November 14 at 2 pm**. The Performance will be in the city hall auditorium and is free and open to the public.



"Meet the intrepid inventor, quipping author, productive scientist, and founding father; Benjamin Franklin. You'll travel with him, meet his friends, help him in his work, and learn all about the courageous and diligent man who tamed electricity with a kite and key.

The Traveling Lantern Theater Company has been bringing interactive, education programs to the public for over 25 years. *"Our mission is to bring great stories to children, to draw them into an active theater experience, to excite their minds and to tickle their imaginations."* Don't stay away just because you are an adult, Mr. Franklin will educate and entertain you too.

Free Thanksgiving Dinner

Mark your calendar for the annual Thanksgiving Dinner at the Echo Community Church. **Saturday November 15 from noon to 2 pm.**

"Turkey and pie (and other goodies) Oh My!"



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As well as the scarecrow, painted “pumpkin rocks” helped hold the scarecrow in place. Charlei Harwood won the \$25 prize in the children’s class with her Tinkerbelle Scarecrow (by museum).

Entries winning ribbons included: Phyllis Shovelski’s “Scarecrow Guarding the Harvest”, Alexa Rose’s scrowhead “Henry”, Connie Fisher and Sue Winters “Cowboy George” (winery). The judges and organizers were very impressed with the imagination and depth of the entries and hope these scarecrows are inspiring others to enter next year.



Library News

Libri Foundation: The 43 books provided to the Echo Library through the Libri Foundation grant have arrived and will soon be on the shelves. The Libri Foundation provides books on a two-to-one basis. The foundation provides \$500 to a local match of up to \$250. As a result the library just received \$753.44 worth of books.

Selected titles are aimed at the Young Adult readers, but a few are also for early readers. A few of the titles include: Three titles in the Al Capon Does My... series by Jennifer Choldenko; Code Talker; Faces from the Past; Found and Sent by Margeet Haddix; The Grimm Legacy; The Land of the Silver Apples by Nancy Farmer;



Electronic Games: The library now has over 50 games representing Playstation 2, Playstation 3, X-Box 360 and Wii. The games are located in an acrylic display case just east of the library check out coun-

ter.. We have also received the donation of 8 Playstation 2 games from an anonymous donor.

Christmas If you are going to have a “homemade” Christmas this year, now is the time to start preparing. We have 4 new holiday periodicals with fun looking décor and crafts and scrumptious looking recipes. Ask at the library about Christmas and holiday books. We have a large selection.

New Movies & Bestselling Books

New movies are being added almost every week. Come and check out the newest releases. We are also adding bestselling books by authors such as Catherine Coulter, James Patterson, Sandra Brown, Janet Evanovich. Etc. Come and see what is on the new books spinner.

We also have a new selection of audio books and soon will receive new large print books.



Library Donations

Anonymous	\$10
Bonnie Berry	6 Books
Jeanne Daly	periodical

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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- Arrangements & more
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- Blooming & House plants
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Dale Fife	periodicals
His Design	6 Playstation 2 games
Katlyn Jackson	16 books
Lou Nakapalau	2 books, 9 new DVDs
Tammy Swanger	8 boxes of books

Other Donations

Diane Berry, Echo Public Art \$100



Reading Meters

The final meter reading for this season was in October. Water meters can be insulated now. **Please only use a small grocery size sack of leaves or insulation in the meter box.**

Your December, January, February and March utility bills will be the minimum charge. We don't read meters during the winter. Meters will be read in mid March and your April bill will include usage above the 3000 gallon per month minimum. The overage charge will be for usage above 15,000 gallons.

America in Bloom

The results are in and while we didn't win our population category in the America in Bloom program, Judge Jack Clasen reported



that there were mere points between Echo and the winner McCall, Idaho. We received special recognition (4 blooms) this year for floral displays.

"Congratulations to Echo for participating in America in Bloom for the eighth year. The city continues to shine and make improvements each year."

"The small population of 715 does not stop this community from dreaming big and implementing their plans with quality. Few towns of any size continue to make improvements to their downtown like Echo. New planters, a water feature, and artwork in planters have been added to dazzle residents and visitors alike. It is amazing that a Public

Works Department consisting of two people can accomplish as much as they do, Bravo...The America in Bloom program is driven by the municipality with encouragement from the business community and a small group of volunteers who make a big impact. Financial donors to the AIB effort are recognized in the city newsletter. Echo has a bright future and will continue to be a model for the rest of the country. Thank you for participating in America in Bloom and we look forward to seeing you next year. Keep up the excellent work."

As part of the America in Bloom Program, the judges prepare a Evaluation that scores the participants in areas such as Floral Displays,



Landscaped Areas, Urban Forestry, Environmental Efforts, Heritage Preservation and Overall Impression.

Floral Displays

	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Pts. Awarded</u>
Municipal:	75	67
Business:	30	24
Residential	30	22
Community Involvement	40	24

Judges Comments: *"The planters are top notch in Echo, Oregon. They are overflowing with colorful bright flowers; these planters demonstrate a superior use of good design. This wonderful display of flowering planters in the heart of Echo are planted and maintained by staff of the city...The centerpiece of the flower bloom is City Hall where hayrack planters and hanging baskets adorn the building overflowing with bright colorful annuals."*

The team has thoughtfully and creatively placed floral displays throughout the city. Hanging baskets are on the new light posts; free standing planters with horse head motifs are along the main street; in-ground planting beds with unique artifacts all provide welcoming and festive spots (cont. pg. 4)

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of color...There is a nice mix of perennials, annuals, bulbs, grasses, succulents and colorful foliage plants in all of the plantings.

The entry welcome gateways into the city have a beautiful old-fashioned logo with well-defined signage structure with a complimentary planting using interesting plants. We suggest improving the plantings at these entry signs to have a more dramatic effect. Reduce the height of the planting at the Theilson [Thielsen] and Main Streets so that the shrubs do not block the sign.

We loved the horse theme on the planters, benches and the hitching posts that have been added throughout the town giving a unique feeling of sense of place. A story about the horse theme should be displayed somewhere so visitors can get greater insight into the reason for the theme."

A new 'galvanized garden of plants in galvanized watering cans and containers has been added to the City Hall planting in addition to a raised bed vegetable garden where everyone is encouraged to harvest the produce. These new planters should be put on an auto drip watering system. This space would benefit from the addition of benches.

The eight new round planters on Main Street make a dramatic addition to the streetscape. The large planters feature vintage bicycles as sculptures and modern wheat sculptures sited in them. They are excellent additions to the streetscape. The addition of annual flowers, perennials and grasses adds a nice diversity of plant material that will display well throughout the season

We encourage you to plan a spring planting. Pansies or cool weather vegetable crops like spinach and lettuce can be planted ...then harvested before the annual flowers need to be planted. The vertical sides of the planters need to be improved. Currently the cement on the



AIB Judges

Jack Clasen, PhD, has been with America in Bloom (AIB) since its inception judging communities, universities, and business districts throughout the United States. In 2009 he was the international representative for AIB judging towns in Canada, Ireland, and Scotland.

Jack's own garden has been on numerous garden tours, was selected by the Cincinnati Horticultural Society as one of the ten best amateur gardens in Cincinnati, filmed for Home and Garden TV's Do-It-Yourself (DIY) Network, scouted by editors of Better Homes and Gardens Magazine, and featured in the October 2007, issue of Cincinnati Magazine.

Melanie Riggs, New Rochelle, New York, began her career as a horticulturist for the Wild-cliff Museum Greenhouses where she worked as the greenhouse Exhibitions Director for many years. She is an adjunct instructor at the New York Botanical Garden and is a garden designer, garden consultant and lecturer. Her passion for plants and gardens compliments her passion for travel. Melanie has traveled extensively throughout Europe, South and Central America, Southeast Asia, North Africa and North America.

lower vertical walls is messy looking. Either remove the messy cement or blend it in."



The judges also recommended more use of native species. *"We recommend partnering with the new greenhouse project...and engaging them to explore learning about and using native plants in ornamental landscapes. This could be a good project to combine horticulture, natural sciences and environmental ecology for one of the school horticulture projects. Perhaps a small native species demonstration garden could be sited on the school property."*

Public Library Facts

A report from the PEW Research Center (Jan. 2014) found e-book reading is growing but print books still dominate the reading world. People do and will continue to read books with paper, pages, and bindings. In the same PEW report they found 80% of Americans age 18+ who have ever used a library say no-cost access to books and media is the

