

The Echo

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ECHO CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

December 6, 2014

At the Echo School

Echo PTA

8am-4pm

Free Admission

Over 20
Vendors

- ♦ Pictures with Santa
- ♦ Bazaar Hop Drawing (attend 3 bazaars)
- ♦ Breakfast 8-10 am Lunch 12-2

Echo Church Bazaar

Saturday, Dec. 13, 9 am to 2 pm

Church Basement, Bonanza St.

Vendors, Book Sale

Chili Feed w/cookie and beverage \$4

Homemade Tamales

Proceeds benefit VFW Scholarship fund and Echo Community Church Lunch Program. For more information contact Jeanie Hampton 541-376-8603

Deck the Halls & Houses

Its time once again for the annual Echo Boosters Christmas Lighting/Decorating Contest. This year to try to promote more interest in the competition and to turn Echo into the areas Christmas destination, we have received the donation of \$50.00

toward the grand prize. Additional prizes will be award-



ed for the top ten displays.

Echo Businesses and Inland Northwest Musicians are working together to create "Christmas in Echo" on Friday Dec. 12, so they are hoping residents will have their decorations up before that Friday. More details about the festival will be available below.

Need Help? Dan "Buster" McClinton has volunteered to help residents put up Christmas Lights. He put up the lights at H & P Café. His number is 541-561-0259



Christmas in Echo

"Christmas in Echo" is a joint venture of Inland Northwest Musicians (INWM) and

Echo Businesses. INWM's chorale and orchestra will preform twice on **Friday, Dec. 12 at 6 pm and 8 pm** in the City Hall Ballroom. The concert is free, but donations are welcome and you can purchase season sustaining memberships for \$50.

These concerts are very popular so it is necessary to make a reservation by calling 541-289-4696 or email inwm@machmedia.net. Please leave your name and the number of seats you need. Those without reservations will be seated as seats are available after all reserved seats have been allocated.



The Sno Road Winery and Echo Boosters will host a reception for concert goers and musicians in between concerts in the ballroom at Sno Road Winery 210 W. Main. Gath-

ered over time will serve hot cider at 5 pm.

There will be door prizes at the concert and many of the Echo businesses will remain open that evening. There will be carolers on the street before and in between concerts and the downtown will be lit up for the evening.

Come and browse around town and enjoy the Christmas atmosphere.

Program: Chorale

Ding Dong Merrily on High

Angels' Carol * Velvet Shoes

I Love the Winter Weather

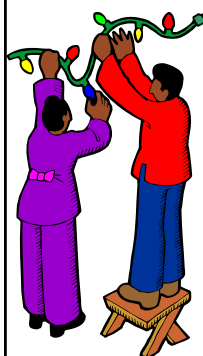
Festive Carols— European celebration of Christmas:

Orchestra: Bells of Christmas

In the Bleak Midwinter (Manheim Steamroller & Chip Davis) & Auld Lang Syne

Free Christmas Lights

Echo Boosters are continuing their annual presentation of Christmas Lights to new homeowners. Also this year the first 10 households who come to city hall and ask for a strand of lights will be presented a free 100 light strand to help light up Echo.



Homeowners who can pickup a strand of lights include:

Ryan Mc Bride, 200 S. Dupont

Chad & Christen Brattlie, College

Melvin & Barbara Wagner, Smith Dr.

Library News

Thanks to a grant from the Echo Community Benefit Plan, the library is getting more light. LED ribbon lights and LED bulbs are providing light so that it is easier to see titles on bottom shelves, where light has been limited. This grant is also providing funding for awnings for two windows, drapes and new blinds and drapes throughout the building.



Oregon Cultural Trust

The Oregon Cultural Trust has recently completed a series of **Voices of Oregon Culture** videos that make a compelling case for supporting culture. Each features someone whose life has been transformed by cultural funding. Lloyd Piercy, Sno Road Winery/Echo West Vineyard/Piercy Ranches was asked by the Cultural Trust to appear in one of the videos. You can find the videos on [the Trust's website](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Ti_P0eAYLMA): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Ti_P0eAYLMA

The Oregon Cultural Trust guarantees access to culture for all Oregonians by funding state and local cultural organizations as well as activities such as library programs, performances visual arts and historic preservation. Since 2003, the Trust has granted almost \$16 million statewide, and you can help: For every dollar you donate to one of the Trust's partner nonprofits you can claim an Oregon tax credit by matching it with a gift to the Trust. This is limited to \$500 or \$1,000, depending on whether you're filing as an individual or jointly with a spouse. For more information visit www.culturaltrust.org.

The trust has a [fun quiz about Oregon culture](https://quiz.triinteract.com/#/culturaltrust/5) on its website at: <https://quiz.triinteract.com/#/culturaltrust/5>.

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.

Story/Craft Time: Weekly Story and Craft time at the library will continue as scheduled this month. Children will make Christmas Cards for residents of the Regence Care Facility and this Friday will decorate the library Christmas Tree.

Library Donations

Anonymous	\$10
Dale Fife	periodicals
Trent Fife	box of books
Katlynn Jackson	2 books, 1 DVD
Richard Koenig	14 DVDs
Lou Nakapalau	1 book
Jean Perdue	history books/1 box
Janice Schulze	Periodical
Randy Sperr	19 books
Kay Stockard	1 box books

Giving Tree

Names are now on the Giving Tree in the City Hall Entry. If you would like to help brighten Christmas for a needy child in the community, you can pick out a tag and purchase a gift for a child and return the unwrapped gift to city hall by December 15 at 10 am. The tags have the sex and age of the child, and sometimes sizes.



Choose your tag and then show the city clerk so she can note that it was selected and by whom.

Christmas for Needy

City Hall with assistance of Echo Boosters, Echo School, Echo Church and Echo Kiwanis are coordinating the annual Christmas Food Drive for needy families.

The collection point for donations of food, toys (new or like new only please) and cash is city hall. We have been coordinating this program for 30 years. As well as dropping items at city hall, you can also mail donations to PO Box 9, Echo, OR 97826. Foods can include canned and packaged foods. Please no home



canned or perishables. Potatoes, onions and carrots can be accepted. Please provide donations by **Monday, Dec. 15 at 3 p.m.**

Deliveries/Pickup: If you need a food basket or children's gifts from the giving tree, you need to sign up at city hall **by December 15 at 3 p.m.** Even if you normally pickup food at the Kiwanis Food Pantry each month you need to fill out the application at city hall. If you know a family in town who you feel needs the food basket or gifts, please contact city hall on their behalf. Food Baskets and children's gifts can be picked up at the Echo Masonic Lodge, 20 S. Dupont on Wed. December 17 between 4 and 5 pm. This will replace the regular Kiwanis Food Basket Program. Those who cannot pickup their basket, please let the city clerk know when you sign up and those baskets will be delivered Thursday morning, Dec. 18. Only one basket per family

Donations to Date

Donations to the Christmas Program so far include:

Bill & Karen Douglas	\$100
Echo Church	\$100
Diane Berry	\$ 75
Anonymous	\$ 10
Pacific Power & Light	\$500
Bob Hale Memorials	\$1275



Letters to Santa

The North Pole has arranged for City Hall & the Library to have drop boxes for letters to Santa. Santa and his helpers will make sure any letter dropped off here will be answered if received by December 19 and if the mailing address and full name of the child is provided.

If you cannot get to city hall during business hours, letters can be placed in the library drop box.

Wagon Rides

Sno Road Winery & Echo Boosters are

sponsoring Wagon rides on Saturday, Dec. 13 from noon to 4:30 pm at Sno Road Winery, Cost is canned or packaged food valued at \$5. Food goes to Echo Christmas Food Baskets for Needy families.

Library Open House

Come by the Library between **3 and 5 pm on Monday, December 22** for the annual Christmas Open House. Browse the shelves, snack on a cookie and punch, sign up for a door prize and enjoy this last event celebrating the library's Centennial.

If you haven't toured the library and city hall at Christmas, you may enjoy looking at the beautifully decorated building.



Echo Museum

Its time again to renew Echo Historical Museum memberships or to sign up for the first time. The museum relies on your memberships and donations to cover operational costs.

The museum board continues to make improvements and to plan for future ones. The upstairs has been arranged into period living rooms as well as adding a book room. Plans are being developed for a hardware and tool area. The mezzanine has been rearranged and includes a Vintage Clothing area.

In December Vintage Christmas decoration will be displayed in the north east corner window. Although the museum is closed, you can peek through the window to see the display.



The museum is working to develop a collection policy and set of goals.

We owe a thanks to **Ta-mastslikt** Cultural

Institute for donation of display cases. This coming year we will work on working these into the museum.

If you would like to join, clip the form below and return it to Echo Historical Museum, PO Box 205, Echo, OR 97826. Membership provides free access to the museum throughout the year.

Individual \$10 per person \$_____

Household \$25 per household \$_____

Patron \$50 \$_____ Sustaining \$100 \$_____

Extra Donation For General \$_____

Museum Garden \$_____ Displays \$_____

Other:_____ \$_____



December Calendar

- Dec. 5 Storytime/decorate tree
- Dec. 6 PTA Bazaar, School Stag Quarterbacka Club Fish Feed, fire hall 6 pm
- Dec. 11 School Christmas program
- Dec. 12 Christmas in Echo, concerts, Receptions & more... Library Story/Craft Time
- Dec. 13 Horse & Wagon Rides, Sno Road Winery-noon-4:30 pm
- Dec. 15 Deadline for Giving Tree, Christmas Basket Sign up & last Day to turn in gifts & food
- Dec. 17 Pickup Food Baskets for Needy 4 to 5 pm or.....
- Dec. 18 Delivery of Food Baskets, toys Church Bazaar, 9-2
- Dec/ 19 Library Story/Craft Time
- Dec. 22 Library Open House
- Dec. 24 City Hall Closes at noon
- Dec. 25 City Hall/Library Closed

America in Bloom

Landscaped Areas:

	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Pts. Awarded</u>
Municipal:	60	50.5
Business:	40	33.5
Residential	45	34
Community Involvement	30	23

Totals 175 142

Comments and suggestions: The Echo Golf course is fortunate to have a dedicated garden enthusiast who designs, plants, weeds and waters. The blooming flowers raise the interest of golfers who want to know 'what's the name of that flower?' It is suggested you label one bed of the plants so that visitors will know what the names of the plants are. Use old golf clubs



for the labels; a fun unusual low budget label, marking them with either a sharpie marker or paint to write the name of the plant.

Many stately and beautifully

landscaped homes in different neighborhoods display nice flowering beds using flowering annuals, roses and other landscape plants. **We saw a variety of residential gardens of high standards** including rose gardens displaying many different rose cultivars; pond gardens complete with a waterfall, fish and sculpture; vegetable gardens with compost bins and automatic irrigation systems. It would be a great idea to get a grant or somehow to encourage some of the other neighborhoods to take more pride in their neighborhood by planting. **Perhaps try to establish neighbor**

tural farmlands. The agricultural landscape reflects a high-level and good environmental stewardship of the farmland. Vineyards are using beneficial insects to control many different vineyard insect pests and weeds. New crops such as peppermint are being grown to the highest quality standards. Organic fertilizers and mulches are being explored and used. The round irrigation set-ups have their spray heads mounted under the equipment so as to conserve water.

We commend the farmers in the Echo area and encourage them to explore new and more perennial crops that can be grown. Also consider small fruit crops, herbal and medicinal plant crops.

George Park, in the middle of downtown, is a welcoming park established and maintained by the city. It is a green garden oasis-bursting full of shade producing trees, interesting shrubs and perennials. As garden projects expand, finding ways to reduce the maintenance required should be high on the city of Echo's to do list. One way to decrease the requirement of annual mulching is to plant low maintenance durable ground covers.

Have the student participate in a "done in a day" yard makeover for the resident(s). Have a service club or the Quarterback Club purchase the plants for the makeover.

Urban Forestry:

	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Pts. Awarded</u>
Municipal:	65	51
Business:	35	21
Residential	35	25
Community Involvement	40	24
Totals	175	121

Comments and suggestions:

Tree planting is an ongoing force of the Echo in Bloom program. It is wonderful to experience the green leaves of trees that soften and cool the village in this native prairie vegetative type where trees are few in the natural landscape. A thoughtful core of residents with Diane Berry at the forefront of the tree loving citizens wants to see trees for future generations. New trees are being planted along city streets, parks and in the



planting groups.

In lieu of looking at the environmental management of turf we focused on the agricul-

Echo Cemetery. Trees are treasured at the historic Echo Cemetery where beautiful mature evergreen trees welcome visitors to this marvelous site. Over a dozen new deciduous trees have been added this



year using a larger size tree; replacing older trees that had to be removed. We recommend that new trees be added to the cemetery on an ongoing basis. **Encourage families of loved ones buried at the cemetery to donate a tree or give money to a tree fund for the cemetery.** The lush green trees along Thielsen Street are a welcome refreshing contrast after driving along the beautiful hillsides filled with prairie vegetation. We like the use of many different species planted here. We recommend a regular maintenance tree-pruning program be established before the trees become larger.

George Park is an oasis with tall majestic trees and smaller growing species in this public space ,,,,. The trees here need to have the dead wood removed as it can be hazardous and all the trees should be limbed up so that a tall person



can walk under the tree canopy. The newly planted columnar hornbeam trees that line Main Street are a great addition to the visual appeal of the town. The columnar hornbeam trees which are recommended as street trees were chosen because their naturally narrow

profile will allow the historic buildings sited on the street to be seen. The trees have a nice dense winter profile. Limbing up these hornbeam trees will be an ongoing project with the first pruning needed within the next year.

What a unique way to celebrate **Arbor Day this year.** It was exciting for the students using seven stations with tree related activities



to bring awareness about trees to everyone. We would like to see a tree/sapling prize awarded at this celebration.

We recommend a tree planting at the **Echo school** for each graduating class.

The **Echo Arboretum** is a gem. It is an outstanding collection of trees featuring an enormous variety of valuable ornamental specimens where residents can come to view mature trees of many different cultivars or just spend the day wandering among beautiful trees. Pruning at the arboretum should focus upon shaping the trees that are being overcrowded so they don't become misshapen. A new labeling technique needs to be installed. Consider adding a column to the newsletter about one tree in the arboretum per month.

