

The Echo



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Cleanup Week

Sanitary Disposal's Annual Free Cleanup week is April 1 thru 7 for cash customers in good standing. Customers will receive up to a \$13.50 discount on each load. This means loads measuring up to 2.5 cubic yards with a maximum weight of 454 1/2 lbs. can be disposed of free of charge. This includes all acceptable solid waste with the exception of tires, which will be charged at the regular rate.



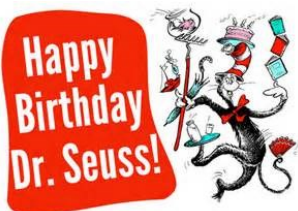
The transfer station is located 2 miles north of Hermiston on the West side of Hwy 395. It is open weekdays from 8 am to 5 pm and weekends from 9 am to 5 pm.

Dr. Seuss Week

During the week of March 2-5, Echo Elementary School will celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss by holding a **Seussational Celebration**. Each day of the week will feature a different student/staff Seuss dress-up theme. The week will also feature an art contest and a read-off, and we'll wrap up on Thursday with traditional activities: a green eggs and ham breakfast, a community reading hour and an assembly. The PTA will be scheduling activities, as well.

Community helpers are needed to read with students during the Community Reading Hour, which will take place at the school from 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. on **Thursday,**

March 5. Following the Read Off will be an assembly. Volunteers are encouraged to stick around for the grand finale: birthday cake!



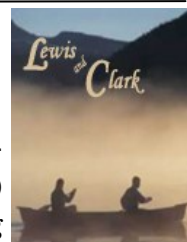
If you like to volunteer, email Mrs. Reese at Pamela.reese@echo.k12.or.us.

Meter Insulation

- ◆ Please remove all insulation from water meters by **March 15**.
- ◆ The meter reading for this season will begin March 15 with any usage above the 3000 gallon minimum per month will be added to your April 1 bill.

Traveling Lantern: Lewis & Clark

The Echo Library and Libraries of Eastern Oregon (LEO) are hosting the award winning **Traveling Lantern Theater** again this year on **Friday, March 20 at 2 pm** at city hall. The program is Free and open to children and adults. This year they are presenting **Lewis & Clark** (Last year Traveling Lantern presented Ben Franklin). Traveling Lantern has been providing educational interactive performances since 1985 across the country,



Story: *Two brave friends begin the perilous journey of the Corps of Discovery! Join our daring explorers, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, as they scout and map the unknown beauty of our newly expanding nation. Help them find their way as they meet Native Americans, canoe down mighty rivers, and become the first to see the grandeur of the northwest as they follow the sunset to the ocean and carve out the Oregon Trail.*
<http://www.travelinglantern.com/aboutus.php>

Door to Door Sales

Reports of Door to Door Salesmen working the area, not only in Echo but around the

region, have been increasing. Some of the salesmen have been persistent, rude and aggressive. The city has an ordinance requiring door to door salesmen to obtain a solicitor's license before working in Echo. The license is not required if the company is visiting established customers, but is for Tree Services (additional licensing and insurance required), door to door food sales, vacuum sales, etc.



If salesmen come to your door, be sure and ask to see their Business License or Solicitor's Permit from the City of Echo. If they cannot produce one, please call city hall 541-376-8411 during business hours or county dispatch at 541-966-3651 and provide information such as vehicle type to the dispatcher to give to the police.

Dog Licenses

Dog Licenses for **2015** are now overdue and a \$10 **penalty will be assessed** for license obtained after March 2. The penalty will increase to \$20 April 1, and another \$10 each month thereafter.



Warnings will be issued this month and **citations** for failure to license your dog will be issued in **April**. If you no longer have your dog, please contact the city clerk ASAP so she can remove the animal from our records.

If you are a new resident you have two weeks to license your animal to avoid a late fee and your license will be pro-rated. If you obtain a new dog, please let the clerk know so she can pro-rate your license and doesn't charge a penalty.

Library Donations

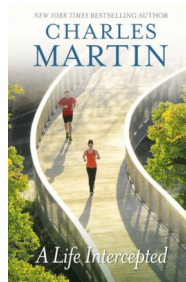
Patty Cisneros	2 Audio Books
Cox Family	22 VHS
Dale Fife	28 magazines
Gloria Lampkin	8 books
Elsie Middleton	4 books
Lou Nakapalau	4 DVD
Janice Schulze	2 magazines

Note: The library is eliminating our

VHS collection so we are no longer accepting VHS Donations. While we appreciate your donations, please do not donate volumes that are in poor condition, that have been wet or smell of mildew or are dirty. Thank You.

One Book One Community

The Hermiston Altrusa is sponsoring the One Book One Community program with Charles Martin and his book *A Life Intercepted*. Altrusa has provided books at area libraries and businesses for people to pickup free, read and then pass along to others to read.



On April 22 at 7 pm at the Eastern Oregon Higher Education Center in Hermiston they will host a free author reading and book signing. Books can be picked up at Hermiston Drug, KOHU, Cottage Flowers, Banner Bank, Echo, Stanfield, Hermiston and Umatilla Libraries.

Library Dr. Seuss

The Echo Library will be holding a Dr. Seuss Birthday Party on **Friday, March 6 at 2 pm** with cake and crafts. Parents are welcome as well as children.

I Love My Library Month

I Love My Library Month was in Febru-

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.

ary, but we didn't receive the following in time for the February newsletter so we are including it this month.

10 Reasons to Love Your Library:

1. Because your library card is good at most public libraries in Eastern Oregon,
2. Because library staff will gladly help you with ideas for books to read, DVDs to watch or audio books to listen to.
3. Because you can have materials delivered to you at your library thru interlibrary loan (ILL) from libraries all over Eastern Oregon and Hook River County.
4. Because your library offers examples of resume writing and job interview information, both in print and online. Prepare at your library for the job you want.
5. Because your library gives you access to online materials such as Heritage Quest, Ancestry Library Edition, Library2Go, and EBSCO Auto Repair Reference Center.
6. Because your libraries offer programs which educate, entertain and enlighten
7. Because your library offers Internet access—free. Come in and connect your laptop or tablet or use a library computer
8. Because your library card gives you free access to language learning access with a valid card.
9. Because your library offers the latest bestsellers, popular titles and classics.
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Fire Board President, Merle Gehrke, at 541-376-8118.

Red 2 Red XC Race

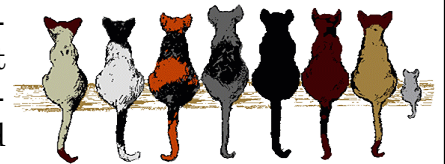
The 7th annual Red 2 Red Cross-Country Mountain Bike Race filled the town with about 400 cyclists who competed in 25 categories from pro level to junior with three distances ranging from 15 miles to 32 miles in length. Cyclists came from all over the Northwest and a few from further afield such as Colorado's Cody Peterson who was 2nd. Chris Ganter of Boise was the winner with a time of 2 hrs and 5 minutes.



Affordable Spay/Neuter

PAWS has a grant that will expire on March 30th that is allowing them to Spay stray/feral cats. They offer other low rates for spaying or neutering dogs and cats on a regular basis for as low as \$10.

They can also provide traps and assist with pickup. Call 541-276-0181 or 541-278-1253 as soon as possible to make an appointment or to find out further information about spaying or neutering dogs and cats.



Fire District Budget

The Echo Fire District is forming its annual Budget Committee and is asking that any community members interested in serving on the Budget Committee attend a meeting at the Fire Station, Main Street, on March 18th at 7:00 P.M. to help form the committee. Two Budget Meetings will follow: April 15th and May 20th. If you have any questions, call Echo



Chester "Chet" Prior

Echo and Umatilla County lost a great man with the passing of Chet Prior last month. Chet has been involved in so many projects to better our area whether in providing for the needy to improving agriculture or bringing water or business to the area. Mayor Richard Winter working with the Governor's office and the City of Hermiston was



able to obtain permission to fly flags at half-staff Thursday during Chet's memorial service.

The City has received \$150 in donations to date for a memorial to Chet. What the memorial will be is undetermined at this time.

America in Bloom

- ♦ Free Seed Packets at City Hall (1 per household)
- ♦ Check the City of Echo Facebook Page for ideas and information on gardening and landscaping.
- ♦ Consider making a donation this year.
- ♦ Echo has been invited to make a presentation at the AIB convention in Holland, MI in September on our Floral Displays.



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 \$ _____

Project Ideas or suggestions:

Council Committees

There are several openings on the city budget committee. If you are interested in serving on the committee, you can pickup an application at city hall. Requirements are at

least one year residency & a registered voter.

New Businesses

We have three new businesses in Echo this month:

*Echo Station: An antiques mall has opened in the old liquor store building next to A Cut Above Salon. The store will be open Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

*God Speed Coffee Cart. The coffee cart will be located in the Gathered Over Time Courtyard on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

*L & M Info Tech is a computer IT business.



Tree City, USA-26

The City will celebrate its 26th year as a Tree City on April 16 at 12:45 pm with Echo Elementary Students at a Tree Fair.

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Hampton is

organizing

stations that

children (and

any interest-

ed communi-

ty members)

can rotate

through. The

stations will

feature life cycle of trees, Leaf Identification

and several other educational interactive ac-

tivities.

Refreshments will be served. There

will be door prizes and the city will receive

their annual Tree City Program awards from

the state forestry department. The City also

plans to install sign-

age for the Dorn

Tree at the Fort

Henrietta Park.



Right: An Echo Floral Display featuring the town flower, the Dahlia.

