

# 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.



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Regular Easter Service, April 5th, 10:45 am



**TREE CITY USA®**

## Tree City, USA-26

The Arbor Day, Tree Fair Celebration has been moved to Thursday, April 23 at 12:35 pm. City will celebrate its 26th year as a Tree City with Echo Elementary Students and the public. Participants will rotate through stations set up by Jeanie Hampton. The stations will feature life cycle of trees, Leaf Identification and several other educational interactive activities.

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 signage for the Dorn Tree at the Fort Henrietta Park that day.

\*New Homeowner (owner occupied) homes will be given a tree.

\*Seed Packets are available at city hall to commemorate Arbor Day.

\*Congratulations to the City of **Stanfield**. They will celebrate their first year as a Tree City USA.

\*Books and Posters on Trees and Tree Care will be on display at city hall.

\*The City is posting information on Tree Care and Tree Varieties on the city's Oregon Trail Arboretum page this month so check it out.



## Easter Egg Hunt

**What:** Annual Fire District & Echo Community

Church Easter Egg Hunt

**When:** April 4th —9 am

**Where:** Infant to 4 years, Echo Community Church  
5-7 Years, Fort Henrietta Park  
8-12 Years, Echo Football Field

Children can hunt for plastic eggs that will earn candy, coins or a special prize.

Turn the eggs into the attendants at each site.

### Easter Schedule

Good Friday, April 3, 7 pm

Sunrise Service, April 5, 7 am Church Shelter northeast of church building. (Coffee & re-



## Blue Book Article

**From the Desk of Senator Bill Hansell:**

"I had an absolutely delightful time hosting Lily Volger as my guest on the floor on the Senate on St. Patrick's Day. Lily, a

sixth grader, lives in Echo and is the daughter of Eric and Cari Volger.

The Oregon Blue Book is the state's official fact

book and is printed every odd numbered year by the Secretary of State. On Monday March 17, the 2015 edition was released. Prior to the printing, a state wide essay contest was held, and Lily entered the contest answering the question, "My Favorite Oregon Place." Her essay was chosen as one of the top eight in the state and was published in this year's Blue Book. I hope you enjoy her essay which follows, as much as I did."

### ***My Favorite Oregon Place***

*Lily Volger      Mr. Heriza's 6th Grade Class*

*My favorite place to visit in Oregon is my hometown Echo, Oregon. It may be a little rough around the edges, but it is truly a beautiful town. It gets its name from the first Mayor's [J H Koontz was town founder in 1880, but never mayor] daughter Echo Kuntz [Koontz]. The Oregon Trail went through this little town in 1842. Echo is located eight miles south of Hermiston, Oregon and 20 miles west of Pendleton, Oregon.*

*If you visit Echo, don't forget to visit these beautiful landmarks. Echo has a tree arboretum right by my amazing little school's football field. We also have a gorgeous winery, run by one of my best friend's grandparents, Lois and Lloyd Piercy. H & P [Café] is a great spot to get some good ol' comfort food. If you love to golf, you're in luck because Echo has a nice golf course up on Echo Hills. Finally, Echo has a cool Echo History Museum. And that's why you should visit Echo, Ore.*

"Meeting with Lily and speaking with her parents was very special for me. I cannot congratulate Lily enough for her tremendous accomplishment. Her essay is on **page 246** of the Blue Book and will forever be documented in Oregon's history. By the way, I had Lily au-



tograph my copy on her essay page.

Congratulations Lily, you have made your family, the Echo community, your school, and this Senator very proud. Job well done! Also, The East Oregonian wrote an article about her accomplishment and other features of

the *Blue Book*. If you did not have a chance to read that article, I would highly encourage it. <http://www.eastoregonian.com/eo/community-news/20150316/echo-student-highlights-hometown-in-oregon-blue-book>."

We at the City of Echo are very proud of Lily also. She and her parents were kind enough to donate an autographed copy for the library. The Echo Museum will also be ordering one and having Lily autograph it. We also want to thank Mr. Heriza for having his students enter the contest.

## **New Winery Coming**

Winery number two will soon be coming to Echo and improving the property on the north side of town that has been an eye sore for years. The Bales family, owners of the Echo Ridge Cellars Vineyard (looking across

## **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

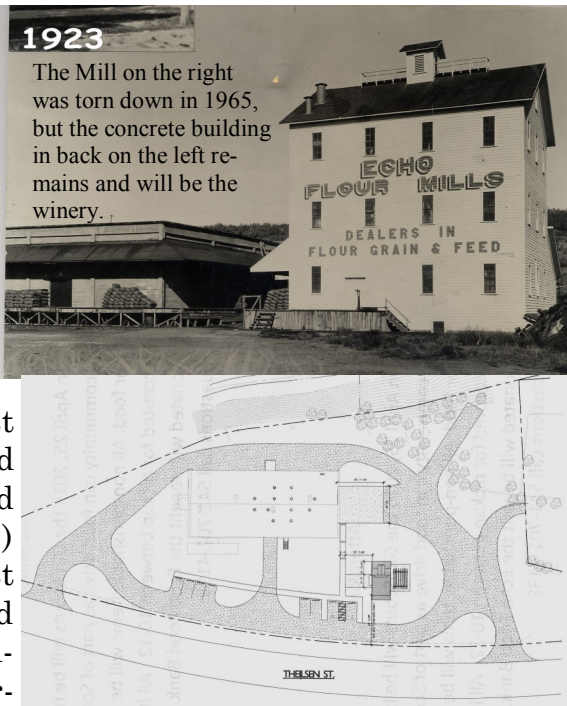
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the valley south of Echo, this is the vineyard on the top of the slope to the north of Echo West Vineyard (Sno Road Winery) have just obtained the building permits that



will allow them to begin the renovation of the former Henrietta Flour Mill Site.

The remaining concrete building was constructed c. 1910 and was one of the largest reinforced building outside of Portland when it was built. It will be the site of the winery. The grain elevator will be refurbished and will become the tasting rooms.

## Library Donations

Bonnie Berry	4 books
Dale Fife	40 magazines, Railroad Tool
Elsie Middleton	4 books
Randy & Karen O'Brien	5 Echo School
"Cougar Track" newsletters	from 1947-1949
	(cont.)
Janice Schulze	1 book, 2 magazines
Lily Volger	Oregon Blue Book
Frankie Wirtz	8 DVDs, 6 books
Anonymous	\$10
Fran Fitzhugh Memorial	\$25

## Library News

The Library and city hall will be closed on Friday, April 3 for a mandatory training session.

Oregon & NW History Books purchased with funding from the C.S. Jackson Memorial Fund have began to arrive.

## Dog Licenses

Dog License are now overdue and a **\$20 penalty will be added to** licenses issued this month. Citations will be issued in April for failure to license your dog.

## Spring Water Bills

If your water bill is higher than the last few months it is because you were billed the minimum charge for usage up to 3000 gallons from for the last four months, as we do not read meters during the winter. This bill is based on actual usage, so any charges above



15,000 gallons usage over the winter will be included in this bill.

## Other Donations

Chet Prior Memorial	\$175
<u><b>America in Bloom</b></u>	
His Design & Thrift Shop	\$100
Judy & Bill Webb	\$ 20
Diane Berry	\$100

## Alexa Rose Wins

Librarian Laurie Nelsen had children at the weekly Story Time enter poems in the "Honoring Our Rivers" Student Anthology Contest. One of the entries was a poem by Echo's Alexa Rose and it was selected to be in the "Ripples and Eddies" section of the book this year. There were over 1000 entries so being selected is a great honor.



### ***A River Surprise***

By Alexa Rose 5th grade

*A River has a Surprise for you*

*Just for everyone and you*

*Can you feel it*

*Can you See it*

*A River Surprise for you.*

## Canned Food Drive

On April 25, 2015, the Echo Girl Scouts will be holding a community can food drive as part of "Scouting for Food." All non-perishable items will be accepted for pickup between 10-12. All items collected will benefit the Echo Food Bank. If you have questions, call 541-701-4138.



## Sidewalk Bids

The City of Echo is accepting bids for sidewalk and related projects. A copy of the bid packet can be picked up at city hall. Bids are due by April 15 and work is to be completed by June 30.

## More on Arbor Day

### Books for the

**School:** Each elementary class will receive a tree book for their classroom library again this year.

### Library

**Books:** The library has also added to its collection of Tree Re-



lated books in honor of Arbor Day.

### Arbor Day/America in Bloom Collage

**Contest:** During the Tree Fair elementary students will work together to create Col-



lages honoring Trees, Flowers and Nature for Arbor Day and America in Bloom. However the contest is open to the public. Please consider designing a page and submitting it by April 30. at city hall with your name, address, phone # and title.

## America in Bloom



### America in Bloom

Judges Bruce Riggs and Leslie Pittinger will visit Echo on June 18 and 19. We hope everyone is getting excited about showing our community to the judges. To inspire you, we have been posting fun ideas and garden tips on the city's Facebook

Page from Better Homes and Gardens, Best Backyards, Country Living, Old Moss Women's Secret Gardens and other sites. Here are a few of the links.

.Garden Tip Webinar: <http://craftsy.me/1CCR5ux>. [http://blog.gardenloversclub.com/diy/20-low-budget-garden-pots-container-projects/?utm\\_source=Facebook&utm\\_medium=20GardenPotsClicksDesktopAd3&utm\\_campaign=20GardenPotsWebClicks](http://blog.gardenloversclub.com/diy/20-low-budget-garden-pots-container-projects/?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=20GardenPotsClicksDesktopAd3&utm_campaign=20GardenPotsWebClicks)

If any of our postings inspire you, please let us know by posting on Facebook, calling us or emailing to [ecpl@centurytel.net](mailto:ecpl@centurytel.net)

## Free Magazines

A box of magazines is in the hallway near the book drop. These are free copies pulled from the library magazine rack as new copies come in. Others are donated duplicates. Please feel free to help yourself. You don't even need to tell us, take one or all...

## The Annual Water System Consumer Confidence Report is attached