

The Echo

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Kiwanis Cleanup



Our thanks to the Echo Kiwanis for holding their annual Spring Cleanup on April 25. Kiwanis members and other volunteers cleared brush,



trimmed roses and shrubs at the Chinese House OR& N Railroad Museum lot, picked up trash around town and planted perennials bulbs in the planters on Main

Street.



Annual Kiwanis Yard Sale

Echo Kiwanis is having it's annual yard sale on May 9th at the old service station between the hours of 7:00 am and noon. If you have something you would like to donate...or to have your own yard sale, come join us.

Email Karl at manfromecho@yahoo.com or text 541-701-1935 for more information. Sale items are donated. Proceeds go towards the

Community Service Fund of Echo Kiwanis.

A.C.E. Car Show

The annual school's A.C.E. Car Show will be on May 23 throughout the downtown again this year. Registration will start at 10 am and the show will start at noon. The Car registration fee will be \$20 or \$5 for any high



school student's car. Over 100 cars registered last year and at least that many entries are anticipated for this



year. The cars will park around the park, along Main Street and down side streets. Above are some of the

coveted trophies under construction. The car above is one that will be on display. There will also be vendors, crafts, a school art show in the Masonic Lodge, a Football Team BBQ and the volleyball team will serve Italian Sodas.

The Echo Historical Museum will be open for its annual Free Family Day.

For More Information see the flyer on page 2.

Ferrari Raffle

This Ferrari will be at the A.C.E. Car Show this year! Tickets will be sold at the show and can also be purchased on line. <http://ferrariraffle.com/car.html>

Part of the proceeds from every ticket sold there will go to the football program. Cost is \$10.

The F355 Spider debuted in 1995, its Pininfarina-penned lines honed by 1,800 hours in the wind tunnel, resulting in a blend of elegant style and aerodynamic performance. The Spider proved to be the second-most popular F355 model, with a total production of 3,717 units.

The raffle will be in December and as well as the football team will benefit the Special Needs Foundation for Children in the Portland area.



CAR SHOW

Volleyball Team Italian Soda Bar

Football Team BBQ Burgers and Dogs

MAY 23, 2015

12:00PM-5:00PM

Down Town Historical Echo Oregon

CAR ENTRY FEE: \$20.00

STUDENT CAR ENTRY FEE: \$5.00 (WITH STUDENT ID)

All Cars and Motorcycles Welcome!

Food, Raffles, and Fun for All!

CLASSES:

BEST MOTORCYCLE

PRE 1930

1930-1939

1940-1949

1950-1959

1960-1969

1970-1979

1980-1989

1990-1999

2000-2015



BEST HARLEY

BEST STUDENT CAR

BEST TRUCK

BEST IMPORT

BEST TUNER

BEST LOW RIDER

BEST STREET ROD

BEST RAT ROD

AT LEAST I HAVE A CAR

BEST OF SHOW

For more information call Echo High School (541)376-8436

Mr. Estrada (advisor) extension 6215 or Ace Car Club parent

volunteer Rick Denning (541)571-4417.



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www.facebook.com/ACEautomobileclubofechohighschool

Charles Fitch Day

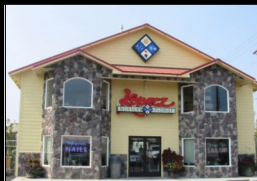
On May 23, at 12:15 pm during the A.C.E. Car Show, the city will be honoring Echo High School Graduate Charles "Chuck" Fitch's 100th Birthday (May 20). The presentation will be at the announcer's stand near the corner of Dupont and Main. Chuck will not be able to attend, but his sons hope

to be able to accept on his behalf.

The city will also honor long-time Echo supporter **Frank Harkenrider** with a key to the city. (cont. pg 3)



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.



Biography: His age has not stopped Chuck Fitch from travelling around Dallas, Oregon in his Golf Cart to visit Murphy's Grill where he is treated as family. Back at the Dallas Retirement Village in his apartment he is often working away at his computer and emailing. He does crossword puzzles from the Oregon Statesman daily; in ink to keep a sharp mind.

Charles Henry Fitch was born in San Francisco, May 20, 1915. and orphaned at 4. His father, Charles Henry Fitch was chief mechanic for the Don Lee Cadillac & LaSalle dealer on Van Ness Ave. His mother Elizabeth O'Rourke was a school teacher who died when Chuck was 4 and he went to live with his grandmother. When she died in 1927, he was 12. He went to live with his aunt Nan Fitch Crary and uncle William H. Crary in Echo, Oregon. The Crary's raised Chuck and were Mom and Dad Crary to him. He had his 12th birthday May 20, 1927 on the train from Oakland to Portland and it was the same day that Charles Lindbergh flew the Atlantic. That event so impressed Chuck that it shaped his future of a career in airlines.

He graduated from Echo High School in 1933 with honors and was active in school sports including tennis, basketball & track. During school and after graduation he worked operating printing presses and linotype in Will Crary's weekly newspaper, the Echo News. Chuck was fascinated by radio communication and during this period he studied for and obtained a ham radio license and also an FCC commercial radio operator license. He built his own receiver and transmitter station, working contacts all over the world. It was about this time he met and dated Betty Hawkins from Dallas, a Willamette University graduate who was an English teacher in Echo High School.

On April 20, 1937 Chuck was hired by United Airlines as a Station Agent in Pendleton. On Thanksgiving Day that year they were married in Dallas. In 1939 Chuck was transferred by United to Salt Lake City as a

Ground Radio Operator. In 1942 he was promoted to Chief Radio Operator and assigned to San Francisco to work with United's domestic operations and their Pacific Military Air Transport Command. Following the end of WW2 he was transferred to United's headquarters in Denver CO as Director of System Air Ground Communications. In 1948 the airlines ceased operating their own air to ground radio stations and contracted with Aeronautical Radio Inc, (ARINC), a newly formed company, headquartered in Washington D.C. to operate air-ground radio stations for all the airlines in United States controlled air space. Chuck transferred from United to ARINC as Station Manager at San Francisco. In 1950 he was transferred to their headquarters in Washington, D.C. as Director Operations which title he held until 1968 when he was promoted to Vice President-Operations and ARINC headquarters was moved to Annapolis, Maryland. He retired from this position in September 1977 when his wife Betty died of cancer. After a consulting contract with United Nations to survey air traffic control operations in seven "backward" Asian countries, he returned to Oregon in 1979 and settled in Dallas in the Greenway Mobile Home Court. Chuck has three sons; David,(and Linda) a consulting geologist of Reno, Michael, (and Jackie) a retired United Airlines pilot of Clearville. PA, and Richard (and Lin) a retired High School teacher and administrator of Cape May, NJ. **Note: The Heritage 'Crary' Tree in front of Fife Apartments on Main St. was planted by the Crary's. Their Newspaper office was in that building. Nan was a member of the Echo Needlecraft Club who raised money to purchase trees planted in Echo. Mr. Crary was also city recorder for many years.**

Library Donations

Bonnie Berry	4 books
Lou Nakapalau	3 books
Anonymous	\$10 Children's materials

First Fridays

We missed May's first Friday, but keep a look out for each First Friday in Echo. Through the summer Echo businesses are organizing entertainment and activities around the first Friday each month.

Don't miss the fun!!

<i>Friday May 1st</i> <i>7 pm</i>	<u>Nancy & Bill</u> <i>Acoustic & Old Time American!</i> EVERYONE WELCOME!!!
<i>Friday May 15th</i> <i>7 pm</i>	<u>Dan Myers</u> <i>Piano</i> EVERYONE WELCOME!!!
<i>Saturday May 23rd</i> <i>12-5pm</i>	<u>Ace Car Club - Car Show</u> <i>\$20 entry fee</i> <i>From Hot Rods to Rat Rods</i> <i>Antique to Classic</i> <i>Contact Mr. Estrada (541) 376-8436</i> EVERYONE WELCOME!!!
<i>Every Friday in May</i>	<u>Kentucky Derby Hat Month</u> <i>Wear your Kentucky derby hat in our</i>

America in Bloom

Charlotte Berry	\$ 50
Echo Hills Golf	\$100
Fort Henrietta Found.	\$ 50
Anonymous	\$ 5 goat head Program
Umatilla County	\$500
Umatilla County Economic Development Fund:	\$1000 sidewalks & \$1000 Park Picnic Shelter Masonry

Goat head Program

Beginning Saturday, June 15, 2015 and running until Aug. 30, 2014 or until the budget is depleted, whichever comes first, the city will pay \$1.00 per bag collected of the noxious "goat head" weed.

The Puncture vine (Tribulus Terrestris) seeds or burs, also known as "Goat Heads", only take three (3) weeks to sprout and make seeds. They can lay dormant up to 20 years until the right conditions for them to grow and spread. Unless you stop it! Property owners and/or renters are responsible for controlling this weed on their property and the sidewalk and road edges adjacent to your property, but the city started a bounty to help eliminate this noxious weed.



Only Goat Head seeds and vines will count toward the bounty. No other weeds such as tumble weed are allowed. The weeds must be removed from Echo sites. The Puncture vine and their seeds (Goat Heads) need to be collected in bags provided by the city and returned to City Hall to receive the \$1.00 per bag bounty. Bags can be picked up at City Hall M-F, 9:00am – 5:00pm. After June 15.

Tree City, USA-26

The Arbor Day, Tree Fair Celebration on April 23 was a great success and a fun way for children to learn about trees. They created wonderful collages focusing on nature, trees and flowers that were used to create a



2015 scrapbook. The scrapbook will be shared with AIB judges and then donated to the Echo Museum. Included in the scrapbook are photo pages for each elementary class.

The mayor signed the Arbor Day Proclamation and the city was awarded its flag and signage for the 26th year as a Tree. Thanks to Jeanie Hampton for all her creative efforts to design the Tree Fair and to the other volunteers who helped.

*New Homeowner (owner occupied + homes) Trees should arrive later in the month.

*Seed Packets are available at city hall to commemorate Arbor Day & America in Bloom.

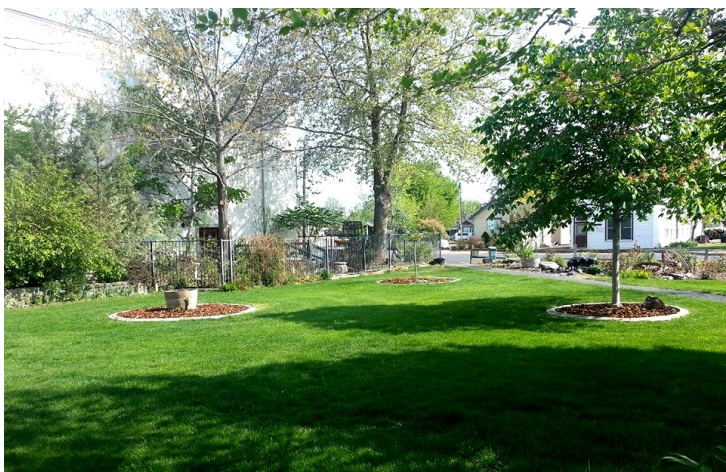
*A few 50/50 Trees will be available for residents to purchase on a first come first serve basis in the \$25 to \$35 range.

East Oregonian Article

Jade McDowell of the "East Oregonian". wrote the article below about the Tree Fair.

"The adults in the community passed that [of Trees] knowledge on to the next generation Thursday, manning stations around downtown to teach Echo schoolchildren about the life cycle of trees, how to care for them and their different classifications. "It's their future," said fifth grade teacher Rick Thew. "Hopefully it will get them to think about it so when they get to be our age they will work on sustaining it for the next generation." He stood in the gazebo outside city hall, holding up slices of wood from different trees and asking a group of elementary school students why one had 10 rings and one had 20 rings.

Most students knew that the tree with 20 rings was twice as old, but Thew threw them a curveball when he asked why the tree that was 10 years old was twice as wide around. "Maybe this one lived somewhere by itself and had all the space it wanted, all the water it wanted and all the sunshine it wanted," he said after the group talked about what elements help trees grow more quickly.



Jeanie Hampton taught students to identify different types of trees based on the ... their leaves — are they simple or compound? Serrated or smooth? Pointed or rounded? Afterward Hampton said the city and school district partnered on the event because they believe it is important to help the next generation buy into the idea of Echo being a "tree city." It's important they learn about trees and how they interact with the environment," she said. "When you have knowledge it helps with ownership."

Students also learned about fire's role in the life cycle of forests, decorated ...and listened to the true story of the Katherine Sessions, who significantly influenced the look and feel of San Diego by planting 100 trees a year there throughout her life."

School Cleanup Day

The annual School Cleanup Day is scheduled for the afternoon of May 21. Students will undertake projects around town to spruce it up, such as washing fire trucks, weed-
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America in Bloom

As Kiwanis and Echo School students work to spruce Echo up for the America in Blooms Judges visit and for visitors this summer, we hope you will make the effort to spruce up your property.

Hanging Baskets and Containers will be arriving from the Kopacz Green Houses this week as will "Raady to Go" planters for the Galvanized Garden and other areas in the downtown.

Mike Walton Construction has been awarded the bid to install new sidewalks at city hall and from the Masonic Lodge. He will also be finishing the sidewalk at the picnic shelter and installing stone around the posts. The project also includes repairing the Thiel-sen Street Planters.

Have any of our Facebook Garden, Floral or Garden Art projects posts inspired you? If so, please let us know by posting on Facebook, calling us or emailing to ecpl@centurytel.net. Posted here are some more fun projects, for you non-Facebookers.

Remember, your donations, no matter how small help fund America in Bloom Projects.

From America in Bloom President Charlie Hall:

I am quite excited that we have more cities participating in America in Bloom this year (42) than we've had in a while. I think it speaks to the improving economic conditions at the local level, as well as the recognition that quality landscapes are one of the best forms of economic development that a city or community can engage in.

It's also exciting to consider that we have a good mix of small and medium-sized cities this year, with a number of first-time communities. Obviously, word is getting out about the AIB program and the good results communities are realizing from participating.



Use old clay pots to mark your herbs

School Greenhouse Plant Sale

May 7, 3-6 pm
May 8, 1-4 pm
May 9, 1-4 pm
541-376-8436
Help the FFA



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:

