

The Echo

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America in Bloom

Judges Bruce Riggs and Leslie Pittinger will begin their evaluation of Echo for the America in Bloom Circle of Champions, Small City, competition on June 18 & 19. Its time to finish cleanup and planting operations around town and in your yards. We are

working toward a best in Floral Displays, in particular this year, so help make a good showing.



Echo Downtown Project Funding

\$10,000 & over
Federal Highway Administration ODOT
City of Echo Echo Community Benefit Plan
Umatilla County Meyer Memorial Trust
Wildhorse Foundation

\$500 & under

Amstad Farms
Charlotte Berry
Diane Berry
Dale & Jerrie Fife
Banner Bank
Echo Garden Club
Elephant's Trunk Antiques
LeWard Collinsworth
Seymour Mills, Jr.
Seymour & Irma D Mills
Chester "Chot" Prior



Reception/Dedication

Everyone is invited to a reception to welcome the America in Bloom Judges and to a dedication ceremony for the Dorn Tree and the Fort Henrietta Park improvements on Thursday, June 18 at 2 pm.

The event will start at the Dorn Tree in the Fort Henrietta Park where the Dorn Tree Sign will be placed, followed by cake and refreshments at the park picnic shelter. Are you willing to bake and donate homemade cookies? We would love to have the judges experience our great Echo cooks. A sign recognizing contributions to the park project has been placed on the shelter.

The judges love to meet

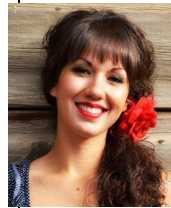
with residents and hear their impressions of the community.

First Friday

This Friday, June 5, the Echo First Friday will include a Farmer's Market in the Gathered Over Time courtyard and in front of the Service Station Building next door. The market will be open from 4 to 7 pm. Plants, crafts and art. Vendors can set up at 3 pm.



Contact Dottie Sheffield at Gathered Over Time to sign up or for details. (509) 948-1851.



Sno Road Winery is hosting a party at 7 pm for the premier of a CD by Echo's Jamie Moreno Nasario and guitarist Luke Basile.

A.C.E. Car Show

The A.C.E. Car Show was a great success again this year, hosting over 166 cars in the downtown and countless visitors on May 23. Thanks so much to Rick Denning for being the primary organizer of the event, which ben-



The Dorn Tree

The name "Dorn Tree" is in honor of Mildred (Berry) Dorn, Fred Dorn and the many contributions of the Dorn Family to Echo's history and development.

This plaque also honors the 2013-25th anniversary of Echo as a Tree City USA. This is a Red Horsechestnut which is the City's official tree.





efits student organizations, Echo businesses and show cases

the town in a great way. If you want to see a video of the car show made by Kevin Kamlin and his drone, follow the link below. It will give you a new perspective of town, as well as a great view of the cars. If you can't get this link to work you can also find the video posted on the City's Facebook Page and the A.C.E. Car Club Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/kevin.kamlin>.

From the ACE Facebook Page: "Well the numbers are in. This year's car show was a huge success! 166 vehicles entered. **ACE RAISED \$3763** that means we will have another fun and educational year with a trip to The Portland Roadster Show in 2016 along with other great activities. The **Echo Football** program raised \$1140 not counting the ongoing sales of raffle tickets for the Ferrari. The **Volleyball team** raised \$613 getting them closer to their goal for Volleyball Camp. And the **Basketball team** raised \$61 at the dunk tank. A HUGE THANKS TO EVERYONE INVOLVED IN THIS YEAR'S SHOW!!!! "

Preparing for AIB Tour

Since the last newsletter, floral baskets, planters and window boxes for city hall, downtown and Thielsen St. arrived from the Kopacz Nursery Greenhouse-two pickups and a trailer load later, we have instant color in downtown Echo.

New fluorescent yellow planters came out of the greenhouse to provide a bright display on the pond courtyard fence.

Improvements for sidewalks and



other Masonry work also started. The pillars for the picnic shelter have been boxed in and stone will soon face them. A new concrete pad



for the RV Dump Station and Picnic Shelter/Skatepark sidewalks were added. Mike Walton Construction completed the new sidewalk from the Masonic Lodge to



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 end of the previous downtown project. A new sidewalk in front of city hall will be poured around June 25. Walton will also be repairing the Thielsen Street planters.



AIB Donations

Donations for the America in Bloom program through 6-3-15 are listed below. Thanks so much to everyone who supports the program and beautification of Echo. The total to date is \$2825.



American Printing	\$50
Anonymous (Goat Head program)	5
Charlotte Berry	50
Diane Berry	200
Anna Marie Buck	50
Burns Mortuary	50
Crown Supply	50
Rita & Dean Drake	75
Echo Boosters	50
Echo Garden Club	100
Echo Hills	100
Echo Ridge Cellars (Bales)	150
Janie Enright	50
Fort Henrietta Fnd.	50
Fort Storage in memory of Eleanor Walls	50
Frank & Bev Harkenrider	25
His Design & Thrift Shop	100
Dan Huxoll Mobile Repair	50
John & Karen Luciani	50
George & Bea Luciani	50
Madison Ranches	50
Mr. Insulation	100
Doris Pitzer	50
Power Pro Electric	100
Purswell Pumps	100
RDO	100
Ray & Penny Sheperd in Memory of Bob &	

Suzanne Spike	100
Mick & Susan Tolar In memory of Ray &	
Bennie Tolar	100
Robert & Maria Tolar	100
Umatilla County	500
Umatilla Electric Coop	100
(also \$1000 sidewalk & \$1000 park proj.)	
Judy & Bill Webb	20
Richard & Sue Winter	50

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 \$ _____

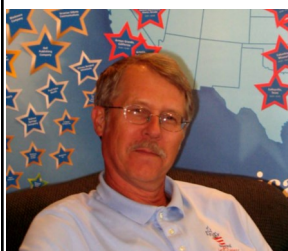
Park \$ _____

Project Ideas or suggestions:

AIB Judges Biographies

Bruce K. Riggs

Bruce Riggs now works free-lance in horticulture and is also very involved in the family Landscape Design business with his wife Melanie



Menachem Riggs who is also an AIB judge. He recently held the position of Curator of Science at the Bruce Museum (no relation!) of Arts & Science in Greenwich, CT. He was involved with the conception, planning and execution of museum science exhibitions and interactive children's science exhibits. His responsibilities included curation of the extensive and diverse science collections, conducting and supervising science educational programs, ...

He worked 18 years at the New York Bo-

tanical Garden where he was very involved with the Horticulture and Education Divisions as part of the internationally recognized interpretation program for the NYBG team.. He also managed the NYBG Plant Records department which oversaw the inventory, research, identification, accessioning, tagging, data entry, labeling, His also an instructor and lecturer in the NYBG Continuing Education Program. He has recently been very involved in elementary school science and horticulture programs. He has worked on projects for the American Association of Museums and the Institute of Museum Studies. He has been very involved with Mountain Top Arboretum in Tannersville, NY, serving as President since 1998. Bruce is an avid traveler having visited numerous gardens and natural areas.

Leslie Pittenger

Leslie Pittenger joins America in Bloom judges this year after starting the Belpre in Bloom program in Belpre, Ohio, in 2011. Although her “official” position is City Auditor for Belpre, her passion for the improvement of her area has inspired community volunteers. Belpre received the 2013 Outstanding Achievement Award for Community Involvement sponsored by the American Horticultural Society. As an active member of the Belpre Garden Club, she works with local students to complete environmental and beautification projects.



Currently serving her second term as Auditor, she has received the Ohio Auditor of State Award for exemplary financial reporting. She serves on the board of directors for the Belpre Alumnae Association and the Belpre Area Community Development Foundation. She graduated from the University of Georgia, and was a business owner for ten years. Leslie believes in – and has experienced - the value of AIB for the benefits it can bring to the well-being and pride of small towns across America.

Good Samaritan

Recently Greg McAtee, long-time Echo resident who is battling Cancer fell down while walking near the RV Park and couldn't get up. Many cars passed by on the highway, but no one stopped. Finally a lady from Pendleton stopped and flagged down another man

to help her. The family has asked that we remind everyone to look out for each other and pitch in if someone has fallen or been injured. They are very grateful for this lady being observant and a Good Samaritan.

Goat head Program

Beginning Monday, June 15, 2015 and running until Aug. 30, 2015 or until the budget is depleted, whichever comes first, the city will pay \$1.00 per bag as a bounty for the noxious “goat head” weed. Because of the heat, the weed is already growing this year.

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.

Summer Reading Program

This year's Summer Reading Program theme is “Every Hero has a Story” and Librarian Laurie Nelsen has a slate of fun activities lined for the summer.

The story/craft time is every **Friday at 2 pm**. Children will decorate their own “Super Hero” cape and make and decorate a mask. Programs will feature: military, police, nurses. The weekly craft will relate to the hero of the week.

The program will kick off on **June 19 with a program by Rich Glauber, at 2:15 pm**. Music in Action, which is funded again this year by the Oregon College



Savings Program. OCSF provides the free entertainer to small libraries as part of its summer reading partnership with libraries around the state. Parents can pickup entry forms for a drawing to provide a free college saving account for their child.

Each child will receive an incentive book for signing up and the summer program will end with a party and prizes for participation and for turning in their reading lists. You may sign your children up any time after June 15.

Remember studies have found that children who read while summer is out start out the new school year by retaining more knowledge from the last school year and as a result do better in school.



Officers have already started tagging vehicles that are inoperable and/or unlicensed and these will then be towed if they remain after the 24 or 72 hour notice.



Yard Clippings

Residents have two options for free disposal of yard clippings. Sanitary Disposal allows customers to take a load of grass clippings, limbs and other yard clippings to their land fill with a drop slip. The slips can be picked up at city hall.

The City of Stanfield allows yard clippings to be deposited at their composting site off of Hoosier Road.

However if other trash or garbage is deposited there they will close the site, so please don't spoil this for everyone by leaving batteries, tires or other non-yard debris.



Welcome

We want to extend a welcome to Mike & Tania Barzee and family the new owners of the H & P Café. Mike has been in the fast food business for over a decade, but is new to the café scene. They have the same basic menu, but have began adding new items like a Chef Salad, Breakfast Sandwich, Breakfast Burritos and homemade soups. Ph: 541-376-0406.

While we wish great success to the Barzee family, we want to extend good luck and best wishes to Patty and Noel Harshman.

Nuisance Control

The City council has directed that we notify the public that they will be taking an active roll in community cleanup this summer. They will be touring town each month before council meetings and will declare properties with debris piles, unmown weeds and grass, etc. as nuisances. A notice will be sent to the owner (and renter if applicable) to abate the nuisance within five (5) days to avoid a citation into municipal court.



School Cleanup Day

Our thanks to the Echo School students and staff for hosting their 9th Cleanup Day on May 21. Students pulled weeds in the skatepark, Museum park and garden, Rain garden and at senior citizens homes, They worked on the school grounds weeding and picking up trash. They swept the Skatepark and worked at the arboretum, washed fire trucks and police cars and



cleaned up the "E" on the hill above the football field.

Contact Information

The Fire District is interested in building a data base of resident contact information. They had an incident recently where a neighbor was afraid a senior citizen next door was in the house injured or ill. The firemen were not able to find information to contact the next of kin. With so many people dropping their land-lines, the phone book often doesn't have contact numbers listed even if we do know the name of the next of kin.



They are asking that elderly, disabled or ill residents, especially those living at home might want to provide the Fire District with contact names and numbers. If you are interested in providing the Fire District with this information, you can email ecpl@centurytel.net with your name address and contact names and phone numbers. You can also write down the information and drop it by city hall. We will give it to the district.

Vandals/Reward

Last month the city was forced to lock the restroom near the skatepark due to vandalism. Someone or a group of people went into the restroom and left three piles of human "poop" on the floor and wrote graffiti on the walls. Fortunately we have good graffiti removal chemicals and were able to cleanup that mess.



However if people are not willing to act like humans instead of animals, neither city staff or our RV Park camp hosts feel a need to cleanup after them. In other words "crap in your own nest" not ours. As a result the restroom was kept locked until June 4. If the problem continues the restrooms will be locked except for events.

We hope that those using the park will police their own and provide information on those vandalizing, leaving litter or bullying at the park and skatepark. The city has a standing policy of providing a \$50 reward to anyone who provides information that leads to the arrest and conviction of anyone vandalizing city property.

Library Donations

Bonnie Berry	2 books
Kevin Fife	17 books
Lou Nakapalau	1 book
Terry Rudolf	11 books
Dave Selders	18 books
Judy Webb	25 books
Anonymous	\$10 Children's materials

Other Donations

To Echo Museum: Janet & Steve Anderson donated an Echo Souvenir flashed glass tulip vase c. 1900. The family had five of these vases and is interested in any information about where they may have come from. Janet's grandparents didn't live in Echo, but during the period when these glasses would have been manufactured they farmed near the Pendleton Airport.

Utility Rate Increase

Base rates for water and sewer will increase with the July 1 utility bill. The rates have not increased since 2012 and to avoid a major increase, the council tries to look at rates at least every other year. In addition sewer rates must meet "the state average sewer bill" in order for the city to qualify for state and federal construction grants and loans for the sewer upgrades the city needs to implement.



Water rates are increasing 6% from \$29 to 30.75 per month (minimum) & about 4% from \$45 to \$47 for sewer.

A charge will be assessed for anyone leaving a vehicle, wood pile or other materials blocking water meters. A notice will be left as a warning before the fee is assessed.

Council News

The Budget for the fiscal year 2015-16 was adopted June 4 & the hearing will be at the June 18 council meeting.

The City will discuss a proposed ordinance to regulate marijuana dispensaries & growers. The new code will be available June 15 for review.