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Floral Baskets the Best

In 2013 we hung our first floral baskets on Main Street. Since that time, Tania Hoeft of Kopacz Nursery has



perfected the planting and design of the baskets and Darin Tuil the drip irrigation for them. As a result each year we have been getting more and more compliments on and inquiries on how to create such beautiful baskets. The America in Bloom Judges have told us that cities with much larger budgets, personnel and resources don't have nearly as beautiful of floral baskets.

On Sept. 24-26 Diane Berry & Tania Hoeft will be in Holland, MI to make a presentation on Echo's floral displays & to talk about our AIB program at the AIB symposium. We will find out at that time what if anything we won. In the AIB competition.

Beautification Contest

Winners of this years Beautification Contest were announced at National Night Out on August 4. Prizes are available for winners to pickup at city hall.

Best Floral Display: Steve Haney, 201 N. Thielsen & Ruth Mead, Fife RV Park (tie).

Top Blooms & Yard Art: Colleen Williams-1 Smith Dr., Sharon Lilly-320 W. Buckley, Han-

nah Smith,-315 W. Buckley, Carol Neely-Stephens-231 Garden, Sheryl Gilbert-910 College, Chad & Kristi Ray, 11 Smith Dr., Cari Volger-280 Golf Course Rd, Theresa Ramos-400 W. Buckley, Laurie Nelsen-130 Cottage, Patti & Jeremy Cisneros-221 Garden, & Brenda Hunter-8 Smith Dr.

Commercial: Echo Community Church, Abundant Care, & Gathered Over Time.

Manicured Yards / Landscaping:

Anita Dorn-431 Hiestand, (cont. pg 2)



Historic Photos

We are looking for historic photos of Echo Buildings and events. In particular we are looking for photos of the Echo Hotel/Tavern, inside and out dating from 1950 or earlier. We can scan and return your photos to you.

We are also looking for stories such as how and when the balcony shown above was removed. The photos will help with the (restoration process. Information is needed (continued pg 2)

(cont. from pg. 1) Manicured Yards and Landscaping: Connie Fisher-640 Kennedy, Todd & Myrna Dorn-210 Dale, Suzie Davie-361 W. Bridge, Richard & Sue Winter-200 S. Bonanza, Darin Tuil-325 Buckley, Jim Gray-200 W. Bridge, Jerrie Fife-210 N. Dupont, Gayle & Dick Yoder-300 Golf Course Rd, Charlene Longhorn-210 S. Dupont.

Most Improved: Shelly Elkins-101 N Bonanza, Trevor Morris-951 E. Gerone, Diane Wilson-440 W. Buckley, Swayne Evans-310 W. Buckley.

Honorable Mention:

Kandy & Art Wortman-130 S. Prescott, Sheryl Morris-10 N. Front, Ascension Ibarra-321 Willow, Heather Thorne/Len White-

120 N Dupont, Jose Lopez-201 N. Prescott, Cliff & Lou Williams, 101 N Dupont, Joseph & Kaila Sullivan, 400 Kennedy.



(continued from pg. 1) on city hall. When was the



theater closed? What happened to the original historic street lights and pillars? When were they removed and what happened to them? Does anyone have photos of the German Christmas Tree from the George and

Miller Co. across from city hall?

Any other old photos or memories of Echo are always appreciated. Write them down and drop them by city hall or email ecpl@centurytel.net.

Library Donations

Bonnie Berry	2 Books
Kathryn Cram	1 DVD
Pat Haggenson	1 DVD
Lou Nakapalau	3 Books
Melvin Wagner	1 CD
Anonymous	\$10

Community Benefit Plan

The Echo Community Benefit Plan Board met the first of last month to review grant applications. The City of Echo was awarded two grants. One is to provide funds to replace many of the perennials in public gardens that froze out by last years early frost. The City also lost numerous trees around town and on the golf course. We lost four trees located along the football field alone. Many residents also lost trees or had them severely damaged. The grant will allow the city to purchase replacement trees for city property and then budget can be used to purchase more trees for the 50/50 tree program for residents to obtain new trees. Award: \$1,600.

The other grant of \$24,500 was awarded to the city and Echo Mason #40 to make repairs to the Masonic Lodge.

The Echo School District was granted \$24,485 to purchase new tools and a plasma cutter to upgrade the schools Metals/Wood Shop.



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



Door to Door Salesmen

We have been getting complaints the last two weeks about door to door salesmen working in Echo. This is a reminder that anyone going door to door to solicit sales needs a Solicitor's permit with the exception of religious organizations. If you have someone come to your door, ask them to let you see their City of Echo Solicitor's Permit and make sure it is dated for the date or week they are contacting you. If they do not have such a permit, please do not let them in. Ask them to leave and if they give you problems call the police or city hall.

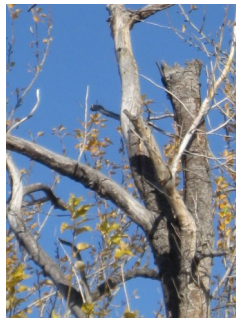


Chuck Slack Illustration

Trees, Dead or Dying

The city has received a grant to help replace dead trees on city property, which will free up part of the city's budget to purchase more 50/50 Trees. You pay 1/2 the cost of the new tree and the city pays the other.

The cost is usually \$17 to \$24. If you lost trees and want to be on the list for a 50/50 tree call 541-376-8411 and let the city clerk know that you are interested in the program. Also are there power line? If so smaller trees are needed. The trees must be planted within the Echo city limits. We will also do a cooperative order this year if you need more than 1 tree, others can be order for cost plus freight. This is still a discounted price as we are able to order at wholesale costs.



Scarecrow Contest

Gathered Over Time and the Echo Boosters will be sponsoring the 2nd annual Scarecrows on Main this year with judging on Saturday, Oct. 10. The Library has at least one book on scarecrow making that can be checked out. There are also lots of images on the Internet. The Grandprize will be \$50

and a trophy. The People's Choice and Best Children's will receive \$25. Ribbons will be awarded in a variety of other categories.

If you would be interested in helping to sponsor the contest, please contact Diane Berry at City Hall or Dottie Sheffield at Gathered Over Time.

Marijuana Ban?

The Echo City Council has several options for regulating marijuana dispensaries and growers and is asking for public input. Currently Medical Marijuana dispensaries are allowed in commercial or light industrial zones that are further than 1000 feet from a school, playground, daycare or other place where children congregate. Growers must be in a Farm Residential Zone.

However the legislature ruled that if voters in a county voted against measure 19 by over 60%, the Recreational Marijuana bill, the city council can opt to ban both Medical & Recreational facilities in their town, just recreational marijuana facilities, or regulate it as we currently do with medical marijuana. If the council decides to impose a ban, it must be implemented by the end of December. The ban would not ban personal use within a residence and you would still be allowed to grow your own plants as allowed in Measure 19.

Umatilla County and most cities around us have banned both medical marijuana and recreational marijuana. The council would like to hear your opinion on this matter. On the next page is a straw ballot that you can fill out and mail back to us or place in the drop box on the city hall front door.



Marijuana Straw Ballot

Please indicate your opinion below and drop by city hall or mail to PO Box 9, Echo, OR 97826.

_____ Ban, I don't want any Marijuana Facilities in Echo.

_____ I favor Medical Marijuana Only.

_____ Allow both Medical and Recreational Marijuana as provided by the current city code....no Marijuana Facilities within 1000 feet of a school, playground, day care or other place where children hang out.

Comments: _____

Sewer Project

You may soon receive an income survey either in the mail or have someone come to your door. Please provide the requested information. This survey is to find out Echo resident income. Such information will indicate whether or not the community is eligible to receive a Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Block Grant for the sewer project we have been working on since 2006.



National Night Out

National Night Out was a great success again this year with about 111 people attending and enjoying a sausage/hot dog dinner and refreshments. Bingo, games and drawings followed. Beautification awards were presented.

Our thanks to everyone who helped and who made donations to fund the event.

Anderson Perry & Associates Prizes.\$75, Eagle Ranches \$50, Echo Church \$50; Fort Henrietta Fnd. \$50; Echo Boosters \$25, Echo Hills \$75, Gathered Over Time \$25, His Design 2nd Hand & Gift Shop \$50, Power Pro Electric \$100, Umatilla Electric \$100, Diane Berry \$50; Charlotte Berry \$50., Doris Pitzer \$25, Richard & Sue Winter \$50. Janie Enright & Diane Berry, Bingo & Raffle.

Thanks to Jeanie Hampton for cooking hot dogs and serving, Peggy Haines & her crew for organizing and running Bingo, Charlei Harwood for organizing and running the children's games and face painting. Others who helped Darin Tuil, Trevor Morris, Laurie

& Frank Nelsen, and thanks to everyone who helped with tables and chairs at the end.



Commemorating 9-11

September 11th is next week. This day has become a day of service and appreciation. Take a moment to honor a fire fighter, a policeman or a serviceman. Shake their hand, buy them a cup of coffee or just drop a note of thanks to your local departments. As our NW forests burn up, we can see how important fire fighters are. With the anti-police movements and assassination of police across the county, show our local police we support them. And of



course we always want to honor our military. All of these people risk their lives to protect us.

Puncture Vine Bounty

The Puncture Vine bounty program funding is all gone so no more bounties are being paid out.

Ice Cream Social

The Echo Community Church is inviting the public to attend their 5th annual Ice Cream Social at the church on Sept. 26 from 1 to 3 pm. They will have homemade ice cream and cake.



Dupont St. Crossing

Thanks to Mayor Winter and Senator Bill Hansell for their perseverance in working to get the Dupont St. Crossing repaired. The crossing should have a cold mix patch by Friday.

