

The Echo



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Scarecrows on Main #2

Gathered Over Time and the City of Echo are sponsoring the 2nd annual scarecrow contest, SCARECROWS ON MAIN, Sat. Oct. 10. Cash prizes, a trophy for Best of Show and ribbons will be awarded. The flyer with further information is enclosed.

The library has 3 copies of a book on crafting scarecrows that you can check out to get ideas.



Halloween Party

The Annual City Halloween Party will be at city hall Saturday, Oct. 31 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. The party will include a costume contest, hot dogs, cider, children's



games & prizes. Last year Jeanie Hampton organized a "Win it in a Minute" series of games for youth and we hope to have this again this year. High school students helped with the games. Thanks to Melissa McPherson Cearn for providing a fun treat each year.

Volunteers are needed to help with games & serving please contact city hall @ 541-376-8411 if you can help.

Day of Service

Next Saturday, October 10, the Church of Later Day Saints is coming to Echo for a Day of Community service starting at 9 am. They will be undertaking tasks large and small from planting spring bulbs to painting the gazebo and fire museum and from laying bark to building benches.



They hope that other civic groups and individuals will join them and help beautify Echo. Lou Nakapalau is coordinating effort on the Echo end. If you would like more information or would like to help contact Peggy at city hall (541)376-8411 and leave you number.



AIB Symposium

Diane Berry and Tania Kopacz Hoeft are just back from the America in Bloom Symposium in Holland, Michigan. While we didn't win in the Circle of Champion division, we had people coming up to us all the time introducing them-



selves and telling us how they loved our floral displays and that they have been hearing about our town and how much we have accomplished with our small population and limited resources. We still remain the smallest competitor comparing to cities between 2,500 and 100,000 plus. In order to qualify for the Circle of Champions a community has to have won a population category or special award three times.

We were amongst the top 3 in a new category, best streetscapes. Diane Berry was also nominated for the John Holmes III Community Champion Award.

Seeing the beautiful gardens and grounds in these cities can be a little discouraging. They have 100s of volunteers who plant, weed, water gardens and containers and who raise funds and promote their communities. They also have much money and resources to use for projects.

In reviewing the Judge's evaluation of Echo we can see that our lower scores are in the commercial and residential areas. Excerpts from the evaluation are printed here. Copies of the report can be picked up at city hall.



Downtown Holland, MI

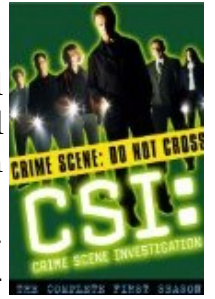


Castle Rock, WA

Library News

Be sure and drop by to find books on Halloween, Fall and making Scarecrows to help with fall projects.

We recently added a collection of workbooks to help students and parents with Common Core Math. We have also removed most of the VHS tapes and are purchasing replacements of popular movies in DVD format. New also is collections of some of the more popular TV Series. Please let us know TV shows you would like to see in DVD format.



Library Donations

Bonne Berry	1 book
Tania Hoeft	5 boxes of books, radios & other items for the museum.
Aubree Lawrence	3 books
Lou Nakapalau	1 book
Janice Schulze	2 books
Kay Stockard	14 books
Darin Tuil	47 DVDs
Anonymous	\$10.00

Other Donations

Public Art	\$525
America in Bloom	\$400

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.

The Balcony is Back

The 1948 photo below shows the Hotel/Tavern balcony before a team of spooked horses pulled it down the road. Last week the



Piercy's crew installed a balcony with wrought iron rail.



AIB Evaluation, P. 1

We received 4 Blooms out of 5 this year with our Special Mention in Heritage.

We received a 789.5 score, which is a little higher than last year.

Floral Displays

Municipal

Leadership & planning	19 of 20
Concept and Design, variety of planting, overall effect	18.5 of 20
Maintenance	18.5 of 20
Design for all seasons	11 of 15
Total	67 of 75

Business:	24.5 of 30
Residential	22 of 30
Community Involvement	25 of 40

Comments and suggestions:

"It was a pleasure to see all of the beautiful plantings lining the main street and intersection. The library and city hall plantings were stupendous and we congratulate everyone who helped make this effort possible for a job well done. The church's baskets and planter looked great and reflect the loving care given to the building by the congregation. Some residents had attractive containers and baskets decorating their home.

We thought your plant selections were excellent. You are lucky to have Kopacz Nursery nearby and involved. ...Try to involve more businesses and residents ...offer floral display kits in colors you will be using...Firehouse: add planters between bays.. Add more perennials to Main Street planters. Suggested plants: hakonechloa, blue fescue, red-stemmed rhubarb, Jerusalem artichokes. Add Blue spruce of chamaecyparis for color and height.

Use the water bill to bring attention to the Echo in Bloom program and to prod businesses and resident to spruce up and plant their properties especially just before the judges arrive.

We especially like your Galvanized Garden with the beautiful flowers in diverse array of inter-

esting containers...Your galvanized waterfall added a nice touch with the sound of water.

Your daylilies are also attractive. The daylily society is an active group and might donate plants..."

America in Bloom Survey

1. Do you think that America in Bloom and the improvements to Echo public spaces is important: Yes No
2. Do you take pride in Echo: Yes No
3. Would you be willing to volunteer to help with America in Bloom? Yes No

How: _____ Watering planters

_____ Weeding & picking up litter

in public spaces & along roadsides.

_____ planting (bulbs, flower, etc.

_____ deadheading plants in

parks & public gardens

_____ working in the arboretum

_____ participating in a commu-

nity service day doing things like painting, planting, etc.

4. Would you be willing to contribute \$25.00

Per year to become an Echo America in Bloom Patron? Yes No

5. Would you be willing to help a neighbor with upkeep Yes No

6. Would you be willing to make an effort to improve your yard to earn more AIB points?

7. Do you have ideas or suggestions : _____

Your name is not required, but if you would like to volunteer, please list your name and email or phone number.

Name _____

Contact Information: _____



Scarecrows on Main Echo, Oregon Saturday, October 10

Its time to start planning your entry for the 2nd Annual Scarecrows on Main. How about a contest that will fill the sidewalks and maybe a park or two with fall fun? Yes? Okay! Here's the scoop. Fill out and return the entry form below, then you or you and your group go build a scarecrow. Bring it or Build it on Main Street on Echo's Main St. by **9:30 am on Saturday the 10th.**

Scarecrow Central (check-in point) is Gathered Over Time, 210 W Main. A volunteer will tell you where to put the scarecrow. It has to be completed and ready for judging by 11 am. It can be a sitter or a stander, but if it's a stander make sure it will stand strong (include support). It can be homemade or a Rehabbed Commercial Scarecrow.

Judging begins at 11 a.m.. Prizes will be awarded at 1 pm. **Cash prizes** will be awarded to **Best in Show \$50, Peoples' Choice \$25, Built by Kids \$25.** The judges will pin ribbons on some other scarecrows of note as well. We would love to have as many scarecrows as possible spend the rest of October on display. We promise to do our best to look after them, but well... we're not around 24/7 so we can't promise that they will remain perfect.

Scarecrows must be picked up by November 2, 2015 or they go to Scarecrow heaven otherwise known as the city dumpster.

Questions? Contact Diane at City Hall (541)376-8411 ecpl@centurytel.net or Dottie at Gathered Over Time, (509)-948-1851. Also www.echo-oregon.com

Important rules: Preregistration is preferred. Latest possible time to register is 9:30 am on the 10. The idea is to scare crows not children. If you're taking your scarecrow home on Saturday, **don't take it until 5.** Have fun. Play nice.



Your Name _____		Phone # &/or email: _____
Mailing Address _____		
Description _____		
Sitter or stander? _____	Homemade/Refurbished Commercial _____	
Number _____	Prize _____	

