

## Scarecrows on Main

Echo Boosters and Gathered Overtime hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Scarecrows on Main Scarecrow Contest on October 10. Best of Show received a trophy and \$50 dollars. Other first place categories received \$25 with 2nd, 3rd and Honorable Mention receiving ribbons. There were 15 on display this year.

Best of Show was a real surprise. Daniel McClintok was a living scarecrow who scared a number of the people as they walked by. Other Winners:

Adult: 1. Connie Fisher, Winery, Echo, 2. (tie) Cindy Jewell & Mark Enright, Echo Fire Fighter..."Justin Waiting for a Call". & H & P Café, skeleton scarecrow, Echo.

Best Display: Phyllis Shovelski, "A Sleep on the Job", Main Street Bench, Echo.

Most Artistic: 1. Echo Station, wooden scarecrow.

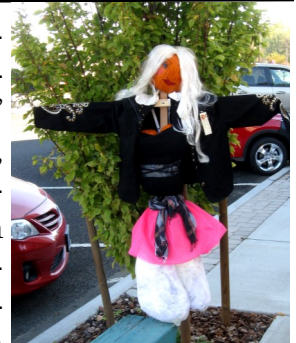


This scarecrow was raffled off. 2. Melissa MacPherson, "Miley Cyrus and Nicki Minaj", Echo, located along fence adjacent to H & P Café.

Kids: 1. Valen & Kohl-

vin Wyse, "Leaning on Potato Fork, Echo. 2. (tie) Charlei Harwood, "Uptown Girl" near Gathered Overtime, Echo; Michele Ryan Children, Child Scarecrow in PJs, planter in front of service station, Echo. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Charlei Harwood, Cowboy, bench

at museum garden. Honorable Mention: Sam Wyse, Pingpong ball scarecrow, Echo.



## Halloween Party

This year's Halloween Party drew over 100 people. The costume contest also drew the largest turnout to date and large variety of costumes. Thanks to donors and volunteers Frank & Laurie Nelsen, serving; Melissa McPherson, Halloween snacks & prizes, Jeanie Hampton, game organization & costume contest Missy and Luke White & other 8th graders, game volunteers.

Donors: Erv Williams \$100; Charlotte Berry \$25; Diane Berry \$25.







## Veteran's Day

**Breakfast, Nov. 11 7 to 9 am**  
Echo Church Basement. The Girl Scout Troop will prepare

breakfast.

### Echo School Veteran Tribute

The school's Veteran's Day celebration will be the day after Veteran's Day, Thursday, **November 12.**

**Parade:** The school will have police, fire and military leading the parade that starts at the school at 10 am and goes to Main Street. Elementary students will be representing the five military branches; The Middle School is doing a wax museum and will march in the parade as characters representing military heroes from their museum.

**Assembly:** At 1 pm at the school they will host an assembly honoring veteran's. There will be guest speakers, presentations by students, patriotic songs and more followed by cake. The public is welcome.

**City Hall will be closed Nov. 11 for Veteran's Day.**



spring bulbs in that area. In the George Park they removed old bark and placed new, weeded, painted the gazebo, built fence and new benches. In the arboretum they placed bark and applied wood preservative to the gazebo.

Thanks so much also to Lou Nakapalau and Ron Hendrickson for organizing the event.

## Library News

We are gathering up our Christmas and holiday books for patrons to find ideas on recipes, decorating and creating gifts. Just ask the library or city clerk and they will direct you to the display.

Our library's collection of DVDs featuring TV series continues to grow. Do you have suggestions? Just let us know or list it on the

## Day of Service

The city owes a big thank you to the Hermiston LDS Church for the Day of Service they held in Echo on October 10. The huge crew of volunteers accomplished everything from cleaning up an abandoned property to painting the Fort Henrietta Park Oregon Trail and Vintage Fire Equipment building. They cleaned out Main Street and Bonanza Street floral beds, spread bark, and planted



## 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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suggestion sheet on the library counter

The Library will be open Veteran’s Day, Wed., Nov. 11 from 3 to 8:30 pm, but city hall will be closed all day. The Library and city hall will be closed Friday, Nov. 6 for Library District Training.



Library Donations

Bonne Berry	3 books
Dale Fife	12 magazines
Tania Hoeft	4 boxes books
Elsie Middleton	13 books
Gloria Rodriguez	42 books
Janice Schulze	2 books
Anonymous	\$10.00

Other Donations

Janice Diggins—America in Bloom: antique wheel barrel & vintage iron wagon wheels.  
Diane Berry \$50 Public Art  
Jackie Whitsel \$20 Historical Preservation

AIB Evaluation, Part 2  
Landscaped Areas

Municipal

Overall design and planting	13.5
Environmental Management	12.5
Quality of maintenance	13.5
Sustainable management, naturalization & Eco-design	12.5
Total 52 out of 60 possible points	

Business

Overall design & planting	12.5
Turf & groundcover management	8.5
Maintenance quality	12.5
Total 33.5 out of 40 possible	

Residential

Overall design & planting	11.5
Turf & groundcover management	11.5
Maintenance quality	12.0
Total 35 out of 45 possible.	

Community Involvement 23 out of 30

Judges Comments:

*“The landscaped areas were attractive and well cared for on the street around city hall and in the areas where you have installed the “Welcome to Echo” signage. The use of rocks to landscape in areas where you have no water is a very practical way to enhance your signage. The metal sign for the golf course is difficult to read because the torch cut letters are very similar in color to the background. Consider changing one or the other. You might also add torch cut outs of trees {Note there are already trees on the sign} or giant flowers to bring attention the landscaping at the golf course. Currently the golf course has more garden beds than can be cared for with the limited*



Reading Meters



The final meter reading for this season was in October. Water meters can be insulated now.

Please only use a small grocery size sack of leaves or insulation in the meter box.

Your December, January, February and March utility bills will be the minimum charge. We don’t read meters during the winter. Meters will be read in mid March and your April bill will include usage above the 3000 gallon per month minimum. The overage charge will be for usage above 15,000 gallons.

Free Thanksgiving Dinner



The Echo Community Church will hold their annual Free Thanksgiving Dinner from noon to 2 pm on November 21 in the church basement.



staff [Volunteers] available. Consider reducing the number of planting beds and concentrate your efforts on a few plantings and do them very well rather than spreading your efforts...The lilies planted there looked wonderful and there was a nice selection of various kinds of perennials.

Now that you have deemed dahlias as the city flower you might consider having an Echo perennial plant. Suggestions include ornamental grasses, like the yellow hakonechloa that can be used as a effective border plant to surround landscape plantings or perennial sunflowers, daylilies, rudebeckia, or Echinacea [coneflower]. Order a dozen or more and test their hardiness and ability to withstand your hot dry summers before declaring it the Echo perennial.

We did notice that your hydraneas were flowering profusely. There are a number of varieties that might do well in Echo. ..

Urban Forestry

Municipal

Overall plan of action, tree planting, variety, inventory.	17.0
Tree maintenance	12.5
Preservation & restoration of natural areas	10.5
Tree Protection/planting regulations & by-laws	13
Total	52.5 out of 65 points

Business

Overall planting program	13.5
Tree Maintenance	8.5
Total	22 out of 35

Residential

Overall planting program	15.0
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Tree Maintenance	10.0
Total	25 out of 35

Community Involvement 26 of 40.

Judges Comments: The memorial tree planting ceremony we attended was a great success and needs to be expanded.

Develop a wish list of trees and future locations. Calculate the true cost to purchase, plant and sign a memorial tree. Double the cost and when a donation is made toward a memorial tree, put the extra monies in a separate tree fund to cover replacement and tree care. Along that line a sign standard for memorial plaques should be created. Have this approved by the city council Smaller is better.



Your arboretum has a valuable collection of trees that need attention before they lose their intrinsic value. ...You need to hire professional staff soon. Surrounding cities must have landscapers who attend to the care of private residences and businesses and they could be hired to regularly care for the arboretum. Consider adding mulch rings & plant labels to protect the trees from weed whips, improve water and moisture retention and held reduce the need to weed.

George Park in the center city is a beautiful respite and has an interesting diversity of trees. The small bridge over the gurgling stream produces a calming and cooling effect. The park has a nice combination of evergreens and deciduous trees some of which provide much needed shade. Consider labelling more of the trees so visitors know what they are seeing.

It was nice to wee the planting plans for the new winery and that a number of trees are planned. Consider visiting the Idaho Botanical Gardens to see their plant selection as they have a similar environment.

They also suggested planting more trees around the school ground to make it more inviting & replacement of arboretum interpretive panels which are cloudy.

