

# The Echo

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## VFW Hall

The City of Echo recently received the donation of the VFW Hall. It is being set up as a meeting space, library craft room, indoor game room and will house the Library's Amazon Sales area.

If you have a decent sofa, chair, kitchen table, stove or refrigerator you would like to donate to the cause, let us know at city hall.

The VFW purchased the building in 1956 from the Pause family. **We are looking for any early photos and information about prior owners and uses of the building.** One story is that it was a barber shop at one time.



## Christmas Light Contest

Unfortunately when the judges went around this year there were several houses with the Christmas lights off, which couldn't be judged. Christmas Lighting Contest winners include: Winner of the Best Display and \$50: Stuart and Lorraine Bance, 640 Kennedy.

The judges could not narrow the list to the Top Ten and instead awarded the Top Fifteen. The winners will receive \$15 credited to their utility bill in January from the Echo Community Boosters: Winners: Dan & Pauline Sherbahn, 550 S. Thielsen; Chad &



Kristi Ray, 11 Smith Drive; Dan McConkey, 16 Smith Dr.; Larry & Brenda Hunter, 8 Smith Dr.; Stephens-Neely, Garden St.; Dale & Jerrie Fife N. Dupont; Jim & Toni McLachlan, W. Bridge St.; Marvin & Sandy Storz, W. Bridge; Rose Family, 310 S. Bonanza; Sandra & Ross Akey, S. Bonanza; Peggy & Frank Haines, S. Bonanza; Carrie Hlawek, S. Bonanza. Carrie & Eric Volger, Golf Course Rd; Gatchell/Weatherson, Smith Dr. Sharon & Marshall Lilly, W. Buckley.

**Commercial:** Echo City Hall, H & P Café, RV Park, Abundant Care. Abundant Care and H & P will also receive a \$15 credit to their utility bills.

## Commercial Lights

The Echo Community Benefit Plan has awarded \$2100 toward purchase of new street pole decorations and ground mounted ones for downtown planters. Donations toward this project are welcomed.



## Walking/Hiking Trail

The Echo Benefit Plan has asked the City of Echo to poll residents about if they are interested in and would they use a walking trail. The city's Transportation Plan and Public Facilities Plan both call for development of such paths, but because such a project is very expensive, we need to know if this would be cost effective and if there would be enough use to make the maintenance fea-



sible. (With low use, the path could be taken over by weeds). Please let us know your opinion by Emailing [ecpl@centurytel.net](mailto:ecpl@centurytel.net) or phoning 541-376-8411.

## Rabies Clinic

Country Animal Hospital will hold a rabies vaccination clinic again this year, but the date has not yet been set. A poster will be displayed at city later this month with the date and time. City Clerk Peggy Haines will send out letters to dog owners with the date and will be at the clinic to issue dog licenses for 2016.



## Dog Licenses

The 2015 dog licenses expired on Dec. 31 and **2016 licenses** need to be renewed. Licenses not renewed by **Feb. 28, 2016** will be subject to a penalty of **\$10 per month** for each month the licensing is delayed. Current license fees are \$4.00 per year for a spayed or neutered animal and \$12 per year for an unaltered animal. Proof of a current rabies shot is required.

## Christmas for Needy

This year 40 families were served through the annual food and toy drive. The city and Echo Boosters have been delivering food and toys to needy Echo families for more than 30 years. Now the program is a co-operative one between the city, Echo Boosters, Echo Kiwanis, Echo Community Church and the School



Thanks to all who helped and/or donated:

Anonymous	\$20
Margaret Anolfo	Giving Tree
Kim & Jay Bales	Giving Tree
Curtis & Cecile Bauck	\$25
Diane Berry	\$200
Charlotte Berry	\$50
Bonnie Berry	\$25/Giving Tree
Donna Brown/Jon Reuter	Toys
Central Machine Sales	Toys
Tieler Cooper	\$20
Todd & Mary Dimbat	Giving Tree & toys
Bill & Karen Douglas	\$50
Echo Community Church	\$200,
Echo Quarterback Club	\$250
Echo School	Food Drive
Echo School Teachers	Toys
Janie Enright,	sacks of toys & clothing
Teres Fair	toys, Scentsy items
Kevin & Kim Fife	2 cases Food
Garcia/Sunderson Family	\$50
Gathered Over Time	\$20
Charlei, Kobe & Gunnar Harwood	\$18
Leola Lyons/Dan McConkey	boxes of candy canes & food
Echo Kiwanis	Food, Volunteers
Ed & Tara Longhorn	Giving Tree
Elsie Middleton	Toys

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## 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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465 W. Theater Ln.






Joe & Mary Middleton	Clothing
Northwest Farm Supply	Toys
Pacificorp	\$500
Veronica Perez	Toys-4 bags
Pine City Study Club	Toys
John & Elaine Ramos	\$50
RDO	Toys
Janice Schulze	Handmade Quilts
Alfred & Janice Scott	Giving Tree
Smitty's Ace Hardware	coats, sweatshirts
Cindy Spike	toys
Jack, Mike & Patsy Taylor	food, giving tree
Bill & Judy Webb	giving tree, food
Western States Cat	toys
Erv Williams	\$100
Richard & Sue Winter	\$100
Pat & Judy Wood	Giving Tree
Larry & Bethany Woodall	Truck Load of
	toys and gifts
Agape House	Food

Special thanks to volunteers: Buster McClintock, Jeanie & Gene Hampton, Jerry Gaunt, Jake Broyles, Lloyd Ferge, The Caplingers, Janie Enright, Justin Morris, High School Students, other Echo Kiwanis members. The Woodall's have helped the last few years to gather toys by visiting Farm Supply Stores ask for donations to the Giving Tree. Thanks so much.

Project of ECHO KIWANIS FOUNDATION  
www.echo.kiwanisone.org



**Chester's FOOD PANTRY**

Helping those in need.  
*Wednesday*  
*January 27th*  
**at the VFW Hall**  
**4:00pm - 5:00pm**

Food or Funds -- Donations Welcome  
Checks to: Echo Kiwanis Foundation | PO Box 91 | Echo, OR 97826

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child, and one community, at a time.

Note the Food Pantry will be at the VFW Hall on Bridge Street for January while the Masonic Lodge is remodeled.

## Library News

The library was beautifully decorated for Christmas this year and showed off the décor for Inland Northwest Musicians and library patrons at an open house on Dec. 11. A new book display bin attracted lots of attention to our Christmas Displays. The bin is in the hall next to the big library room doorway. We will be displaying Craft Books to give you ideas for crafts you can do at home on cold winter days. Next we will have Valentine's Easter and Spring Displays. Come check them out.

## December Donations

Koby Baker	1 Wii game
Bonnie Berry	3 books
Charlotte Berry	5 books
Chris Bettencourt	30 Books
Patty Cisneros	11 Audio Books

## Amazon Store

The City's Amazon Book Store will be moving to the VFW Hall later this month. Books are listed for sale on Amazon. The sale area, will have shelves with books in order by title so we can quickly find and ship the books. If you would like to browse through the books make an appointment. We will sell them to you at the listed price less shipping. (541)376-8411.



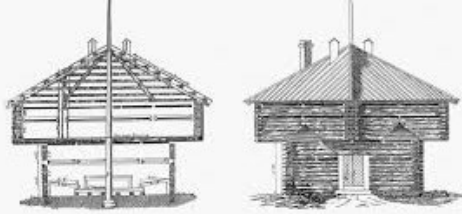
## Move To These 14 Towns In Oregon If You Wanna Get Away From It All

Whether you're looking to relocate, retire, or just find a change of pace, these 14 rural towns in Oregon are wonderful alternatives to the hustle and bustle of city life. Oregon has lots of wonderful tiny towns for those of us who prefer the quiet, peace and serenity of the simple life; communities tucked away in the forest, by the beach, or in the countryside. Here are 14 small towns in Oregon with less than 1,000 residents. Guess where #3 is? Echo, of course.

<http://www.onlyinyourstate.com/oregon/rural-towns-oregon/>

## Blockhouse

The City of Echo asked the Echo Benefit Plan for funding to repair our Leaning Tower of Echo, the Fort Henrietta Blockhouse. The committee suggested that the city look into the cost of demolishing it and rebuilding it vs repairs. Do you have any ideas, suggestions or know anyone who could take this project on? Let us know if you



## America in Bloom

Registration for America in Bloom 2016 has been completed. Judges will visit in June or July to assess the community based on Commercial, Residential and Municipal areas in categories such as Environmental Efforts, Floral Displays, Landscaped Areas, Urban Forestry, Heritage Preservation and Overall Impression. They also look at the amount of community involvement in each category. You can help by getting involved in planning, your home improvements, helping a neighbor or submitting ideas and/or making donations or becoming an Echo AIB member.



### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## Public Art Coming

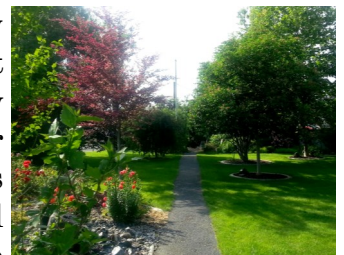
The first piece of public art, the tribute to trees, will be arriving soon. Below is a photo showing the progress on one of the two parts of the tree sculpture.



If you want your name listed on the signage for either of the two sculptures (2nd one features wheels), you still have time to make a donation of \$25 or more.

## Tree Corner

As we start a new year, its time to start thinking about Arbor Day and Tree Care. Remember even in the winter trees need water if it is a cold dry winter. If you have trees and shrubs under your roof line. Even if its been moist out, they may not be getting any water, so give them a drink



Cynthia Orlando, Oregon Department of Forestry has provided a link to a beautiful brochure Native Plants and Trees of Oregon. <http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/Documents/AboutODF/NativeTreesPlants.pdf>. The book is beautifully illustrated and you can print it or just download to a computer.

From Huffington Post Children & Nature Network: **A Dose of Nature: The Secret Prescription to Health and Happiness.**

<http://www.childrenandnature.org/2015/10/06/a-dose-of-nature-the-secret-prescription-to-health-and-happiness/>

**Echo Schools will be hosting a Community Open House for a Facility Analysis on Jan. 26 at 6 pm. Hamburgers will be served (free).**

**The public is invited to attend and go through the school, touring facilities and providing input on the needs improvements you feel are important.**