

The Echo

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Income Survey

If you get a call this month from Portland State University's Population Center about an income survey, it is not a scam. PSU is conducting the **confidential survey** for the City of



Echo. Please provide them with the information they are asking for. PSU is still trying to gather enough responses to an income survey for financing our sewer system improvements.

As reported in the February Newsletter, to apply for funds to finance the sewer system upgrades, the City must provide certain demographic information about the city to the State of Oregon. PSU has sent out two mailings and has gone door to door over the last two months trying to gather the required number of completed surveys, but are still short the number needed. A phone survey is the next attempt to gather the needed information.

Growth Award

Echo Elementary Students and the public are invited to the Tree Fair which will include rotation between educational interactive stations such as Tree Art, Fire Fighting, Tree Bingo, Tree Story time. Jeanie Hampton was kind enough to organize the stations again this year. Prizes will be awarded for the coloring contest (Preschool children can pickup the coloring sheets at city hall). Elementary students will receive the sheets in the classroom.



Refreshments will be served at the station outside city hall, unless the weather is bad. There will be door prizes.

Echo Ridge Cellars

The Echo Ridge Cellars Vineyard/Three Blonds & a Boy Tasting Room at the North entrance to town is opening Friday. *"The tasting room is officially ready for business! We are opening our doors this Friday, April 8th. Join us for the event from 11:00AM - 8:00PM at 551 Thielsen St.*



After Friday, the tasting room will be opened Wednesdays and Thursdays

Tree City, USA-27

Arbor Day and the annual Tree Fair Celebration is, April 20 at 12:35 pm. Echo will celebrate its 27th year as a Tree City USA. We are



one of 57 cities achieving the Tree City Status in Oregon and one of 15 earning a Tree



12:00PM to 6:00PM, Fridays and Saturdays
11:00AM to 8:00PM.

We would like to welcome Jay & Kim Bales and their Family to the community, wish them luck and thank them for investing in the community and for converting the the old Echo Mill Site from an eyesore to a great asset that recycles this historic site and gives it new life.



Spring Water Bills

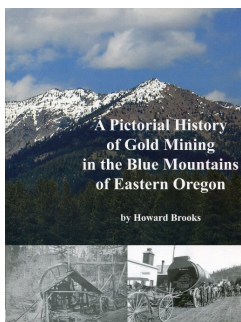
If your water bill is higher this month it is because this bill is the first time meters have been read since October. Over the winter you are only billed the minimum for up to 3000 gallons per month. This bill is based on actual usage less the 15,000 gallons already billed over the winter.

Library Donations

Bonnie Baggerly	2 books
Bonnie Berry	2 books
Joseph Cooper	170 DVDs
Gary Gottschalk	25 books
Corey Hewlett	26 books
Enoch & Nita Hickey	boxes of craft books
Kent Madison	Oregon Trail Sesquicentennial Collectible Embossed Print
Elsie Middleton	4 books
Lou Nakapalau	5 books
Eva Newton	22 books
Stormy Tefft	20 DVDs
Richard Winter	2 books

Library News

Oregon & NW History Books purchased with funding from the C.S. Jackson Memorial Fund are being processed and soon will be available for check out. Pictured is one of the books A Pictorial History of Gold Mining in the Blue Mountains of Eastern Oregon. A number of new DVD/Blue Ray releases will also



soon be on display. The fund also paid for several historic photos which are on display in the hallway.

More on Arbor Day

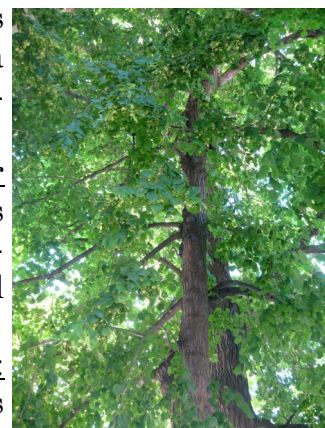
*Posters and books on Trees and Tree Care are on display at city hall.

*50/50 Program: Trees will be available for homeowners who have made prearrangements to purchase trees for half price to replace ones that froze out last year. This is funded by the Echo Benefit Plan. Additionally about 10 other trees will be available on a first come first serve basis at half price.

*New Homeowner (owner occupied) homes will be given a tree. Arrival should be around the first of May.

*Books for the School: Each elementary class will receive a tree book for their classroom library again this year.

*Library Books: The library has also added to its collection of Tree Related books in honor of Arbor Day.



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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Tree Art

The First piece of art purchased through grants and donations to the Echo



Public Art Project went up earlier last month. Douglas Gisi, artist, helps the

city crew guide the art to its home in the garden in front of the old service station. This piece celebrates the history of Trees in Echo's History and our 27 years as a Tree City USA.

A second piece by Gisi will be placed in front of the old Echo Hotel and will celebrate Farming and Transportation in Echo History.

These two pieces of art were funded from grants from the Kinsmans Foundation, Umatilla County and Echo Community Benefit Fund. Private donations also have provided over \$2000 toward public Art.

The art will be dedicated and signage installed in July at the America in Bloom Judges Reception.

Donors names will appear on the sign. Any donations toward Echo Public Art received by the end of **April** will be listed on the signage.

Echo's School Art Program is working on two additional art projects for the downtown. The wheat sculpture donated in memory of the Penney & Rauch Families by Chris Rauch will be reinstalled this spring. A new base that can be bolted to the sculpture so it doesn't fall over will soon be reinstalled.

More Art: Other Art Projects have been identified by the Echo Art Committee and will be installed as funding is obtained.

If you are interested in these projects



call Diane Berry, 541-376-8411 or post a message via the city's webpage www.echo-oregon.com.

America in Bloom



We are beginning to kick off this year's America in Bloom Program and Fund-raising effort. Kopacz Nursery reports that they donated nearly \$1100 in plant materials last year.

This doesn't count the greenhouse costs or labor. Thanks so much Tania Hoeft and Sherrie Kopacz. Please be sure and thank them when you visit the nursery. They really appreciate hearing from you.

Please consider making a donation to this program which results in improved looks and livability in our community, not only in flowers and landscape but community involvement, environmental effort, historical preservation and urban forestry.



We will continue the Puncture Vine Bounty this year. Unless weather is too cool, we will start in mid June and run until the \$500 budget is depleted. Last year we received another \$100 in donations toward the program which allowed us to extend the program.

Donations so far this year \$825:

Diane Berry	\$200
Charlotte Berry	\$75
Echo Boosters	\$50
Echo Garden	\$50
Fort Henrietta Foundation	\$75
George Murdock	\$100
Judy and Bill Webb	\$25
Kingsley & Margaret Parker	\$100

(The George Park was donated by & named for his grandparents Mr. & Mrs. F.T. George, and his donation is for this park)

Echo Station Sidewalk & Community Yard Sale

Brandi George, the new owner of Echo Station, and her vendors are planning to take advantage of the warm spring weather to hold a Sidewalk Sale on Main Street on April 30 from 9 am to 4 pm.



They also invite Echo residents to to piggy back on their sale and hold a community yard sales on the same day: *"Take advantage of the warm weather to*

clean out those closets, basements and garages, then join us for the first annual "Spring into Echo" City Wide Yard Sale. The deadline to be included in the map is April 25, 2016. Maps will be available the week of the event at Main Street Merchants. To register your yard sale address and/or for more information call the Vintage Shops at Echo Station at 541-371-2110 or 541-969-9034 or email vintageshops@echo-station.com

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

All residents of Umatilla County are invited to this Free Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event at the Pendleton Convention Center west parking lot, 1601 Westgate, April 16, 9 am to 3 pm. For more information call: Gina Miller, 541-276-6300.



What not to Bring: Ammunition, fireworks, explosives, infection and biological waste, prescription medicines/syringes, radioactive waste, tires, unknown compressed gas cylinders or unsorted solid waste.

What to Bring: adhesives, glues, resins, hobby supplies, artist supplies, oil paints, latex

paints, thinners, stains, strippers, polishes, stains, car batteries, dry cell batteries, engine degreasers, brake fluids, antifreeze, AC refrigerants, transmission fluid, motor oil, waste fuels, (diesel & gas), Insecticides, weed killers, poisons, pesticides, fungicides, propane tanks or cylinders, swimming pool chemicals, wood preservatives, driveway sealer, aerosol cans, lighter fluid, cleaners, spot removers, bleach, computers, electronic equipment, batteries, photo chemicals, chemistry sets, home heating oil, thermometers, fluorescent light bulbs, kerosene.

To Ensure Safety: Never Mix Chemicals, Never smoke while handling hazardous materials, Do not place waste in plastic garbage cans. Tighten lids, Pack in boxes with newspaper packing, Pack paint, pesticides and household cleaners separately.

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Free Magazines

Magazines in the hall by the book drop are free. These are copies pulled from the library magazine rack. Others are donated duplicates. Please feel free to help yourself. You don't even need to tell us, take one or all...help recycle these magazines.....

Memorials

Margaret Bailetti & Marie Roberts donated \$50 and Diane Berry \$30 as memorial to Emma Roberts to the Oregon Trail Arboretum.

Dog Licenses

Dog Licenses were due to be renewed by Feb. 29. A penalty of \$10 per month is added for licenses issued from March 1 on (except new dogs or new residents). In April a **\$20 penalty will be added to** licenses issued. Citations will be issued in April for failure to license your dog.