

The Echo

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The Echo Kiwanis Oktoberfest on Oct. 22 was a great success, bringing hundreds of people to town to eat German Food, try local beers and wine and listen to music.

Children's games on Main Street and the Bouncy Castle also attracted parents and children. Dottie Sheffield, Gathered Over Time, and the



City of Echo provided pumpkins and decorations for a pumpkin decorating craft and all 50 pumpkins were quickly claimed. Cookies and apple cider were served. Brandi George, owner of Echo Station provided free Children's books.

An Oompah band played on the street and at Gathered Overtime. The Pendleton Art Center put on a Halloween Rocket project and it was also a success.



Nearly 500 people visited the Corn maze on the northwest edge of Dupont Street. Both regular and a super scary Haunted Maze were available.

Over 350 people visited the Haunted House in the Bale's Echo Ridge Cellars warehouse. Both the Corn Maze and Haunted House continued through October 31.

Scarecrows on Main

Our third annual Scarecrow Contest on Oct. 22 relied on Quality over Quantity this



year. The Best of Show winner was the "murder victim" at H & P Café. This was one of three scarecrows entered by the Barzees.

They received a Scarecrow Trophy for this entry and Blue Ribbons for the "Cutest" Couple for the other two. Unfortunately someone took two of the Barzee's Halloween Masks from this display. They would like the masks back and are willing to offer a small reward for their return, no questions asked.



Breana Cearns won the Kids Best of Show.



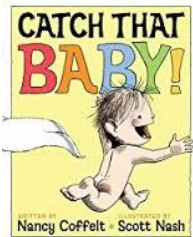
Other Blue Ribbon Winners include: Phyllis Shovelski's Princess, "Fairest of Them All" Gina Tyhuis' Tin Man/Lady at the post office garden-"Most Fun." Echo Ridge Cellars: Most Distinguished Couple.



SPECIAL STORYTIME

Nancy Coffelt, Portland children's book author/illustrator, will visit Echo Library on **Thursday, November 3 at 4 pm** for a special Story/Craft time at the Old VFW Hall, Catycorner from City Hall on Bridge Street. This will give Echo children an opportunity to meet and talk with an author and illustrator in person.

"Author/illustrator, Nancy Coffelt will



read from her picture book, *What's Cookin'? A Happy Birthday Counting Book*, emphasizing number and word recognition. And then by pulling words from the book: "cook", "cat", "cake" will recreate the book as an interactive game. A simple craft project at the end will reinforce those words and numbers.

Nancy is also the author of *Catch That Baby!* and *Uh-oh, Baby!* as well as *Fred Stays with Me*, a *Boston Globe-Horn Book Award* Honor winner, Best Book of the Year from *School Library Journal*, and an ALA Notable Children's Book. Visit her online at NancyCoffelt.com.

The program is sponsored by Libraries of Eastern Oregon (LEO) and Echo Public Library as part of the ArtPlace program. "*ArtPlace America (ArtPlace) is a collaboration among a number of foundations, federal agencies, and financial institutions that works to position arts and culture as a core sector of community planning and development to help strengthen the social, physical, and economic fabric of communities.*"

Veteran's Celebration

Students from Echo Kindergarten through Twelfth Grade would like to invite Veterans and the public to attend our Veteran's Celebration on Thursday, November 10th. To kick things off, the students will honor all Military Branches in a parade at 10:00 am. The parade route will start in front of the school on continue down Main Street and circle back to the school. Our parade will be escorted by local Police, Fire and Military Personnel.

In addition, we are inviting Veterans and their families to attend our school assembly at 1:00 pm in the Echo School gymnasium. We would love to recognize our Veteran guests during our assembly. We



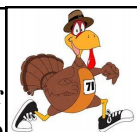
are asking that you get us your name, branch of service, and dates served. Our 4th and



5th Graders will be introducing our honored guests. Postcards have been left with the local VFW Halls, or you may call the school at 541-376-8436 to leave your contact information and a student will return your call. "We thank you for your service and hope to see you on Thursday, November 10th!"

Billing

The October meter reading is the last reading until March 15. December thru March Billings will be at the minimum only and the April bill will include overages above the 3,000 gallons per month minimum used over the winter months.

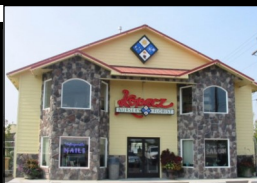


Hermiston Turkey Trot

Thanksgiving Day
*7 am check in & race day registration
*9 am Start

Register by Nov. 8 to guarantee T-shirt.
Costumes Encouraged.
Sponsored by Sno Road Winery, Echo
\$15 adult, \$10 Youth
Register at any Club 24 or club24turkeytrot.eventbrite.com.

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 web page. <http://kopacznurseryflorist.com/>

- Beautiful Bouquets
- Arrangements & more
- Gift Center
- Blooming & House plants
- Pond Care Fairy Gardens



VOTE!!!

Don't Forget to Vote **by November 8!**. You can even vote that day and not have to rush to a neighboring city. The County installed a Ballot Box on the south side of City Hall on Bridge Street. It is the box with the red stickers as shown at the left...**Don't use the green box**, that is the Library Book Drop. No stamp needed. The box will be locked at **8 p.m.** on Election Day.



In Echo we have openings for three council members at-large on the ballot, but only two people filed for the positions: Robert Harris and incumbent Jerry Gaunt. Eugenia

"Jeanie" Hampton has filed for mayor and is unopposed.

Library Donations

Library donations listed below are for September and October. Thanks for your donations. We want to thank the Hermiston Public Library for donation of a number of Antique and Vintage Books.

Koby Baker	9 Wii Games
Linda Ball	22 Computer Games
Connie Fisher	2 books
Lou Nakapalau	9 books

Other Donations

Ryan Morris—Christmas \$10
Jean E. Johnson—Halloween Party \$20

CAFO Permit

DEQ has asked that the City of Echo Share details about the Proposed Lost Valley Ranch Confined Animal Dairy that is proposing to locate near Hermiston. More information on this project is available on a flyer at city hall or the city Facebook Page: [https://www.facebook.com/City-of-Echo-Oregon-](https://www.facebook.com/City-of-Echo-Oregon-146928128350/?ref=br_rs)

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Please provide comments, if any to the City of Echo ASAP so we can share this information with the DEQ representatives working on the permit for this facility. You can also contact William Matthews, ODA/CAFO Program, 635 Capitol St. NE Salem OR 97301-2532

Phone: (503) 986-4792 / Fax: (503) 986-4730
E-mail: wmatthews@oda.state.or.us

Sewer/Income Survey

Federal income statistics showed that Echo was higher than the 51% low to moderate income levels required to qualify for a \$1 million plus dollar grant for the sewer project. The state allowed the city to hire Portland State University to do an income survey as in 2007 we were well above 51%. This income survey put our income levels too high to qualify. As a result we lose out on the grants and residents will have to fund more of the sewer project through revenue bonds paid by increased sewer rates.



The income survey completed in September was just short of meeting the 51%. Some people refused to participate and others wouldn't respond to mailings or door to door visits. Possibly these households would have made a difference.

City Hall Closures

Nov. 4,	Library In-Service
Nov. 11	Veteran's Day
Nov. 24 & 25	Thanksgiving Holiday



America in Bloom



Scores from this year's America in Bloom (AIB) evaluation were disappointing. Despite the many improvements such as installation of the two sculptures on Main Street, Restoration of the old mill site by the Bales at Echo Ridge Cellars, renovation of the Masonic Lodge Interior and addition of more floral containers and benches, this years' judges gave a score (3 Blooms) at the level of our first year's entry in 2006.

Judges comments were full of praise, but scores were not. One of the disappointing parts of the Judges Report is that it gives little insight into why scores declined.

As a result, the City will not be entering AIB next year. We will continue our beautification and livability improvement efforts around Echo next year, which has been earning plenty of kudos from residents and visitors and hope our donors will continue to support our efforts through their donations of money and time and gain community pride from our accomplishments.

Your ideas for projects is appreciated. We did go down in residential points for floral and landscaping and noted many yards were not as well kept as before. Ideas to encourage residential pride in their homes and yards would be appreciated.

Our area of special recognition this year was Environmental Effort. The city worked with Oregon

Energy Trust on several projects which helped in this area and installed LED lights in the Masonic Lodge as part of the renovation. Other projects included installation of a Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) on Well 5 which "cleaned" up power and provided stable electricity while lowering the power bill at least 1/3. Main Street Lights were converted from Sodium Vapor to LED lights which is saving power, providing bright white lights and lower maintenance



charges.

America in Bloom Score Table

Criteria	Points		
	2014	2015	2016
Floral Displays	137	138.5	115
Landscape Areas	142	143.5	100
Urban Forestry	121	125.5	91
Environmental Effort	132	133	142
Heritage Preservation	146	149	133
Overall Impression	98	100	91
Total	776	789.5	672

Observations and Recommendations

"Echo is truly a unique small community with loads of charm and relaxed lifestyle. As long time America in Bloom participants (this is the ninth year of participation) Echo continues to compete in the ... Circle of Champions [Small Cities] As the community slowly grows, Echo continues to incorporate the recommendations from AIB judges and thrive. ...Two wineries are providing diversity in agriculture and will draw an increasing number of visitors. ...

Historic structures form the backbone of the charm found in Echo. Reuse and rehabilitation of these buildings continues and will be critical to the future success of Echo. Meanwhile, the incorporation and promotion of unique events such as the Red 2 Red Cycle Race and the car show attract new and returning visitors to the jewel of a town. A natural attraction to promote is Fort Henrietta Park's public access to the Umatilla River....Colorful plantings fill circular planters that anchor major intersections and gorgeous hanging baskets adorn lampposts. Collections of containers are clustered near city hall and the widely read newsletter, the Echo informs residents and businesses about interesting flowering plants and beautification efforts. Echo successfully provides floral color during the warm months. Extend the color into the cooler months by replanting containers with ornamental kale, mums and ornamental peppers. The railing planters [pond] are a good idea to add color at eye level...use shade plants like Whopper begonias or blue torenia.

Many groupings of planters in the downtown attract the eye well...Add planters with edibles...replace small galvanized planters with larger ones. Residential Floral points 7 of 15 compared to 11 of 15 in 2014 & 2015. (cont. Dec.)