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Halloween Party

The annual City Halloween Party was a success again this year with about 90 people attending. The party included hot dogs/sausage



dogs, chips, cider and cookies. Mayor Jeanie Hampton organized the "Win it in a Minute" carnival again this year, and the Echo FFA did a great job of helping to run it. Halloween Movies and theater boxes of candy won the day as prizes for the Costume Contests.

Thank You to other volunteers: Laurie & Frank Nelson, Lou Nakapalau, Tyler & Samantha Kordosky and Melissa McPherson shared her creativity with beautifully decorated sugar cookies and cupcakes she donated.



Other donations: Stella Queen candy, Diane Berry, Condiments, & juice; His Design Thrift \$100; National Night Out Hot Dogs.

Octoberfest

Despite the rain and a decline in about 100, the Echo Kiwanis said that the 2nd annual Octoberfest was a success. Sponsorships helped save the day..



Chester's Food Pantry

November 21st, 2017

December 20th

4 to 5 pm/Echo Masonic Lodge

Food & Funds Donations Welcome

Veteran's Celebration

Students from Echo Kindergarten through Twelfth Grade would like to invite Veterans and the public to attend our **Veterans' Celebration** on Thursday, **November 9th**. Again this year students will honor all Military Branches with a parade at 10 am. The parade route will start in front of the school on Gerone Street, 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, 600 E. Gerone.

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 9th!

SENATOR BILL HANSELL & REPRESENTATIVE GREG BARRETO HOLD MEETINGS

State Senator Bill Hansell (R-Athena) and Representative Greg Barreto (R-Cove) will be holding a series of meetings with members of local Chambers of Commerce. The Chambers which will be hosting the meetings are as follows: Union County, Hermiston/Echo, Pendleton, Milton-Freewater and Wallowa County. Please see dates and times below.

Contact: Branden Pursinger, 503-986-1729
Sen.billhansell@oregonlegislature.gov
Rep.gregbarreto@oregonlegislature.gov

THURSDAY Hermiston Chamber

Date: November 9th **Time:** 8am

Location: **Buttercreek Coffeehouse and Mercantile, 201 W Main St, Echo**

Echo PTO Holiday Bazaar

The Echo Parent Teacher's Organization will be hosting their annual Holiday Bazaar on **December 9** at the **School Commons from 9 am to 1 pm**. As there will only be 21 spaces available this year, they are trying to get early commitments from those interested in having spaces. Ashley Harwood is the contact person and you can reach her through this email address: echoopenairmarket@gmail.com.



Cost: \$10 per table. Table and 2 chairs will be provided. More details will be available after the Nov. 8 PTO meeting.

It's Magic/Christmas in Echo

When: Saturday, Nov. 25 10 am—6 pm
Where: Downtown Echo



Echo Merchant's are inviting residents and visitors to join them in a day of Holiday Shopping & Festive Refreshments.

Happy Veteran's Day Nov. 11.

Veterans Day

City Hall Will be closed Fri. Nov. 10. Thank you Veteran's



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/>

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- Visit us on Facebook

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465 W. Theater Ln.

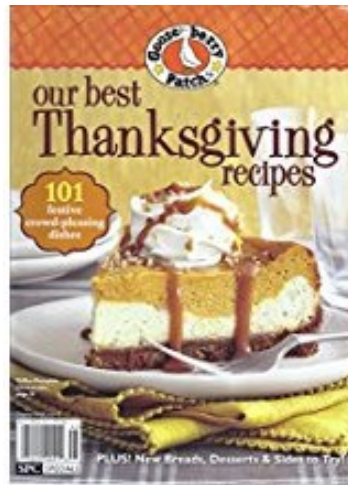




Police Report Summary

09/03 & 9/07 Dog Complaint 331 E. Willow

09/03 Domestic/assault 41 N. Prescott
 09/04 Sex Crime/Unfounded Sprague St.
 09/05 Driving Complaint Speeding Student, Parents notified High School
 09/05 report of Transients sleeping on Football Field, subjects left when asked
 09/06 Two female students posting & texting harassing messages on Facebook & cell phone Report Taken, Students Advised to Desist High School
 09/08 Parent asked to leave Football game due to causing disturbance. Parent continued to cause problems outside and was told to go home.
 09/10 Trespass Citation Railroad Car
 09/12 Warrant Arrest 410 W Bridge
 09/12 Drug Activity 3 males contacted smoking Marijuana in alley, MIP citations were issued S. Thielsen St.
 09/13 Solicitor w/o permit unable to locate S. Dale & Kennedy
 09/13 Criminal Mischief, Vehicle vandalized, scratch marks found 100 S. Dupont
 09/13 Phone text Facebook Harassment, Students contacted and warned High School
 09/16 Burglar Alarm, False City Hall
 09/16 Solicitor w/o permit Contacted & advised of requirements W. Main & Bonanza
 09/17 Burglary/Unfounded Door believed to have not shut properly, no evidence of disturbance 20 S. Prescott
 09/21 Bike Theft Fife Apartments
 09/22 Dog Complaint, Yellow Lab running loose; City Hall warned owner N. Prescott
 09/24 Dog Complaint 41 N Prescott
 09/29 Prowler Complainant saw 2 people in construction area w/flashlights High School



Library

We have a few books to help you with your Thanksgiving Celebration and Lots of books and periodicals to help with Christmas that we are just bringing out for quick access and library displays. Stop by and get a library-card, renew one and

check out our wonderful selection. Thanks for your Donations:

Karen Beacham	1 book
Bonnie Berry	1 book
Charlotte Berry	11 books
Linda Camerow	15 Books
Sheryl Gilbert	2 boxes of books
Jonnie Moreno	42 books
Carol Neely Stephens	Replica Fur-trader era clothing
Phillip Walchli	8 books
Fisher Family:	Lighted Christmas Tree & Craft supplies
Terri Voorhees	Vintage Doll

Water System Information

A few people mentioned concerns about the brown or rust colored water that moves through the water system, usually after fire hydrants have been opened. This article is addressing some of the misconceptions that were voiced. Below is some Research by Texas A & M University.

Misconception 1: City water pipes need to be replaced to rid the system of the brown water. Over 90% of the city's water system is made of PVC. The brown water is not the result of rusty pipes, although some households may have galvanized or metal pipes running from the meter into their home. This is not the source of the Brown water that moves through the city water system. There is ductile iron under the railroad tracks, but it is again a small part of

the system. PVC systems had been in use without fail in Europe for over 40 years at the time the city's "new water system" was installed in 1980.

Misconception 2: As indicated below, while a nuisance the brown water is not harmful to drink or bathe in. In fact the EPA has not set any limits on Iron and Manganese in Drinking Water.

Misconception 3: The brown water is a management/operation issue. The Manganese and Iron are naturally occurring elements in well water. While we have a hydrant flushing program, this doesn't eliminate all the problem. This year with the school construction underway and frequent use of water from hydrants by contractors, the issue has been worse than normal.

Iron and manganese settle to the bottom curve of water pipes and when there is a high volume demand, such as when hydrants are opened, the elements are stirred up and travel throughout the system. If you happen to turn on your water, flush a toilet, etc. you draw the brown water into your household. The part that is not flushed out then settles back into the bottom curve of the pipe until the next high demand stirs it up again. In low demand situations the water moves through the center of the pipe without stirring up the iron and manganese sediment.

What is it: *Iron and manganese are two similar elements that can be a nuisance in a drinking water supply. Iron is more common than manganese, but they often occur together. They are not hazardous to health. They naturally occur in the earth's crust and are released into water by weathering processes.* As water percolates through soil and rock it can dissolve these minerals and carry them into groundwater.

What problems do iron and manganese cause? Iron and manganese can give water an unpleasant taste, [Note: the iron and manganese have been in the water since the late 1940s when the city went to its first deep well. The taste people complain of today is not due to the iron and manganese, but the fact the city is now required to chlorinate

drinking water] ***odor and color. Iron causes reddish-brown stains on laundry, porcelain, dishes, utensils, glassware, sinks, fixtures and concrete. Manganese causes brownish-black stains on the same materials.***

Detergents do not remove these stains. Chlorine bleach and alkaline builders (such as sodium and carbonate) may even intensify the stains.

Iron and manganese deposits build up in pipelines, pressure tanks, water heaters and water softening equipment. These deposits can restrict the flow of water and reduce water pressure. More energy is required to pump water through clogged pipes and to heat water if heating rods are coated with mineral deposits. This raises energy and water costs.

Water containing iron and manganese often contains iron or manganese bacteria. These bacteria feed on the minerals in the water. **They do not cause health problems,** but do form a reddish-brown (iron) or brownish-black (manganese) slime in toilet tanks. Also, iron pipes can corrode and leach iron into a household plumbing.

There are some treatment options, such as addition of polyphosphates. These can be expensive to implement and to make sure that air in the system doesn't cause the elements to come out of suspension, since contact with air precipitates both minerals out of solution, it is sometimes difficult to get this to work long-term. An alternative to adding chemicals is installation of an aeration system as contact with air also precipitates iron and manganese. And a filtration system to filter out the iron and manganese suspension...but no need to add chemicals to the water. Any such changes require engineering and approval from the Health Division.

Noise

The council did amend the City Noise Code to allow for commercial/public music and entertainment outside by until 10 pm at night with seasonal permits or special one time permits, such as for the Oktoberfest.

