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Giving Tree

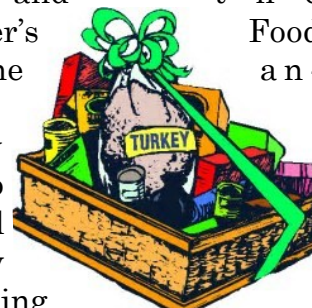
Names are on the Giving Tree in the City Hall Entry, if you would like to help brighten Christmas for a needy child in the community, you can pick out a tag and purchase a gift for the and return the **unwrapped** gift to city hall by **December 15 at 11 am.** The tags have the sex and age of the child, and sometimes sizes.



Choose your tag and then show the city clerk so she can note that it was selected and by whom.

Christmas for Needy

The City of Echo and the Echo Kiwanis' Chester's Food and Pantry are organizing the annual Christmas Basket Program for Needy ECHO families, Echo Boosters, the School, and Echo Community Church are also helping with the annual Christmas Food Drive again this year. Canned and packaged foods (Please no home canned or perishables except for fresh potatoes, onions or carrots) can be dropped at city hall. Students will also be collecting food. The City of Echo and other local agencies have been coordinating the annual Food Baskets for Needy Families and Giving Tree Toy Drive for over **37 years.** Food and toys are provided to residents of **Echo Only and only one Food Basket & turkey per household** Food Baskets may be picked up **Wednesday, Dec. 20 between 4 and 5:00 pm** at the Masonic Lodge, 20 S Dupont. **If you need to have the food delivered, let the city clerk know when you fill out the application.**



Echo PTO Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, Dec. 9,
Echo School
Commons/Gerone St.—9
AM to 1 PM

"Please join us for our annual Holiday Bazaar, hosted by the Echo Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). We will have an array of handmade goods from local creators, a raffle, as well as homemade desserts for purchase. All proceeds will benefit the Echo School District on behalf of the Echo PTO."



If you need a food basket and/or Giving Tree gifts (children must be under 17) you need to come by city hall during business hours at 20 S. Bonanza and fill out an application before Dec. 15 at 3:30 p.m.

Delivery for those who sign up for home delivery will be the morning of **Thursday, December 21.** Gifts from the Giving Tree for children will be delivered at the same time. The collection point for donations of food, toys (new or like new only please) and

cash is city hall.

As well as dropping donations at city hall, you can also mail donations to PO Box 9, Echo, OR 97826. Cash donations are used to purchase turkeys and perishables such as milk, butter, bread and celery and for gifts for children who's names are left on the Giving Tree.

Food and toys can be donated through the school food and toy drive or dropped by city hall. Please provide **donations** by **Monday, Dec. 18 at 10 am.**

Even if you normally pick up food at the *Kiwanis' Chester's Food Pantry* each month, you still need to fill out the application at city hall for Christmas/December ahead of time so we can have enough food and turkeys available. If you know a family in town who you feel needs the food basket or gifts, please contact city hall on their behalf.

This replaces the regular Kiwanis Chester's Food Pantry for December each year only.

Chester's Food Pantry honors the late Chester Prior who worked diligently to get the program started through the Echo Kiwanis. Funds from the Bob Hale Memorial Fund within the Echo Boosters also provides funds for needy families at Christmas. Echo School children donate food items that become the staple for the Christmas Food Baskets. Teachers and staff each donate a toy which provides the bulk of the gifts.



Donations to Date

Donations to the Christmas Program so far include:

Diane Berry	\$100
Ryan Morris	\$10
Pacific Power & Light	\$500
Melvin & Barbara Wagner	\$100
Richard & Sue Winter	\$100
Joe & Mary Middleton Coats & Misc. items	
Bob Hale Memorial Funds Balance	
Northeast Oregon 4 wheelers: car load of toys	



Christmas Lights

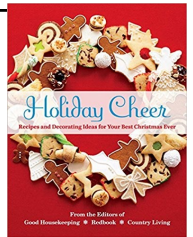
Echo Boosters are continuing another Echo Tradition—for over two decades the boosters have provided a free strand of Christmas lights to any new homeowner or new business owner in Echo to encourage them to join our annual tradition of lighting up the town with Christmas lights. In addition the first 10 households who come to city hall and ask for a strand of lights will be presented a free strand. New Home or Business owners:
Bri Van Cleave, Wild Bleu Yonder
Natalie Lapp, Redhead Express Business Solutions
Sonia Bogart
Austin Bentz
Bobbie Schultz

Library

Christmas Materials for all ages are out on the display racks at the library. Come by and find ideas for crafts, gifts and decorating or some stories to read "On a Cold Winters Night". We also have a selection of holiday dvds.

Donations:

Jeanne Albro
Bonnie Berry



DVD
7 books

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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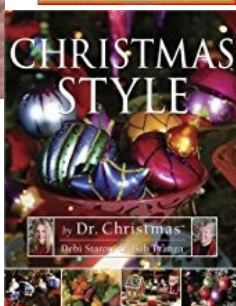
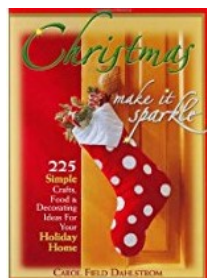


Library continued)

Jean Johnson 2 boxes books
Sandy Storz 6 books
Richard & Sue Winter 3 books
Jean Johnson \$25

Other Donations:

Diane Berry \$100
Public Art



INWM Christmas Concerts

It has become a tradition since renovation of the City Hall Ball Room was completed in 2000, that the Inland Northwest Musicians perform a Christmas concert. The program has grown to two concerts each with reservations needed to guarantee a seat, making this one of the most popular concerts of the INWM season. The Concert is free, but donations are accepted. Call 541-289-4696 for reservations.

Concerts:

"The Spirit of the Season"

Friday, December 15, 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 16, 4 p.m.

Letters to Santa

The North Pole has arranged for the Library to have a drop box for letters to Santa. Santa will make sure any letter dropped off there will be answered if received by December 20 and if the mailing address and full name of the child is provided. Letters can be dropped through the slot on the front door after hours.



Church Christmas Bazaar

What: Echo Community Church Christmas Bazaar

When: Dec. 9—9 am to 2 pm

Where: Echo Church Basement, N. Dupont Behind Fire Hall



Serving Enchilada Meal 11 am to 2 pm
Proceeds to Benefit VFW/Church Scholarship fund.

Christmas Eve:

Candelight Service at 6 pm.

Friday Free Lunch: The last Friday lunch for 2017 in the church basement will be on Dec. 15. Lunches will resume on Friday, Jan. 12, 2018.

Echo Museum

Its time again to renew Echo Historical Museum memberships or to sign up for the first time. The museum relies on your memberships and donations to cover operational costs and to preserve this National Register of Historic Places building. The museum board continues to make improvements and to plan for future ones. If you would like to join or make a donation, you can clip the form below and return it to Echo Historical Museum, PO Box 205, Echo, OR 97826. Membership provides free access to the museum throughout the year.



Individual \$10 per person \$_____
Household \$25 per household \$_____
Patron \$50 \$_____ Sustaining \$100 \$_____
Donation For General Purposes \$_____
Building Improvements \$_____
Other:_____

Calendar

Dec. 14—School Concert, 6 pm

Dec. 20—Last Day of School

Dec. 22—City Hall closes at noon

Annexation Code

The City Council adopted a new code at their October meeting that establishes procedures for annexation of property located in the city's Urban Growth Boundaries. The application for seeking annexation was adopted at the November meeting and the council will be looking at a System Development Charge Ordinance at the December 14 council meeting. Land must be in the Urban Growth Boundary established in 1979 to be eligible for annexation.

The System Development Charge Ordinance provides for a methodology for figuring out the cost existing users of city services/utilities have paid into the systems over the years such as through General Obligation Bond payments to finance the system development. Any new developments will have to pay a fair share of these costs.

Once the System Development Study is completed, the city will be required to give notice and hold a public hearing on the proposed charges before final adoption.

FOG in Sewer

Just a reminder, please do not dump FOGs (Fats, oils and grease) into the toilet or dump down your drain.



When fats, oils, and grease are poured or flushed down your sinks, drains, or toilets they enter the sewer system where they cool, harden and stick to the inner walls of sewer pipes. Over time, as more fats, oils, and grease are added to the system, these sewer blockages build-up and harden until they completely plug the pipes, as shown above. The hardness of the blockages makes them very difficult and costly to clean out.

Where do fats, oils, and grease come from? The most common sources of household fats, oils, and grease are:

- meats and other food scraps (including baked goods), sauces, gravies, and salad dressings, dairy products (milk, cream, yogurt, kefir, cheese)
- fats, lards, cooking oil, shortening, butter,

and margarine

- cosmetics and toiletries (makeup, lotions, some soaps and oils)

How do these blockages affect the sanitary sewer system? You may think that once you flush it, it simply washes away and is gone for good. That's not the case. Fats, oils, and grease will build up in your pipes, create blockages and plug sewers, leading to problems such as:

- Raw sewage overflowing and backing up into your home, business, or a neighboring property.
- Basement flooding (an expensive and unpleasant situation).
- Exposure to disease-causing organisms.
- Raw sewage overflowing into parks, yards, streets, and waterways.

Increasing operations and maintenance costs to clean and repair damaged sewer pipes.

Christmas Lighting Contest



The response to judging the Christmas Light Displays in town has been lack luster the last

two years. We would like encourage people to drive around, enjoy the lights and then fill out the Ballot this year. Ballots can be returned to city hall during business hours or dropped through the book drop slot on the front doors by December 26. Just vote for your favorite 8 and if you don't know the name put the address and a description.

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