



The Echo

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Council

Vacancy

Tammie Williams has been appointed to fill the vacancy left by Lou Nakapalau.

Williams will serve until Dec. 31, 2018, but this position and three other council positions will be up for election in November.

Three positions will be for four years and one for 2 years. Echo council members are elected at large. People interested in running for office may pickup petitions after May 30 and they are due by August 25. The charter requires you to file a petition signed by 20 registered voters.

To run for council you must be a registered voter living within the Echo corporate limits for at least one year.

The Mayor's position is only 2 years, so this position will also be up for election.

Utility Bills

If you see a difference in the water charges on your bill this month, the rate didn't increase. You have been billed the minimum over the winter as we do not read meters from November through your March bill. We begin reading again in March and the amount billed in April will include amounts over the minimum of 3000 gallons per month for the winter usage.



Free Dump

Saturday, April 7 will be the last day you can take loads of garbage to the Sanitary

Disposal Transfer Station for cash customers in good standing. Customers will receive up to a \$14 discount on each load. This means loads measuring up to 2.5 cubic yards with a maximum weight of 454 1/2 lbs. can be disposed of free of charge. This includes all acceptable solid waste with the exception of tires, which will be charged at the regular rate. The transfer station is located 2 miles north of Hermiston on the West side of Hwy 395. It is open weekdays from 8 am to 5 pm and weekends from 9 am to 5 pm.



KAYAK Public Transit Needs Survey

Vera Burres carried a petition around town recently asking for public support for bringing the Kayak transport to town. However in order to justify adding this drop to their schedule CTUIR need a survey showing how many people will actually use the service. We have the transport schedules at city hall, if people would like to view these. The completed surveys can be dropped at city hall or mailed back to PO Box 9, Echo, OR.

Survey

Would you use our public transportation if it were available? _____ No _____ Yes

What days of the week would you use our bus service? _____ Mon. _____ Tues. _____ Wed. _____ Thurs. _____ Fri. _____ Sat.

Where would you like to go? (check all that apply) _____ Hermiston _____ Umatilla _____ Irrigon _____ Boardman _____ La Grande _____ Tri-Cities _____ Walla Walla

_____ Pendleton _____ CTUIR/Wildhorse
Kayak survey continued:
 What times of day do you see yourself needing bus service _____

What type of trip would you use the bus service for? (check all that apply)

- _____ Meal Site
 _____ Shopping/Banking
 _____ Employment If checked, where do you work and what hours. _____
 _____ Medical Care
 _____ Recreation/Overnight



Arbor Day/Tree Fair

The City of Echo is preparing to celebrate it's **29th year** as a Tree City USA with the annual Tree Fair and Arbor Day Celebration on **Thursday, April 19th at 12:35 pm.** Mayor Jeanie Hampton has organized a series of stations such as a tree related craft and Tree Story Time. Echo School Children will rotate between the stations that will be located in the city park, city hall, Fort Henrietta Park playground and VFW Hall. Preschool children and anyone who is interested are welcome to attend.

Refreshments will be provided at the Playground station and you can sign up for a door prize there.

Each elementary class will receive a Tree related book for their class library. The library will be displaying Tree-related library books this month too.



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www.echo.kiwanisone.org

Chaster's FOOD PANTRY

Helping those in need.

LAST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Except Thanksgiving & Christmas
 at the Echo Masonic Lodge 4:00pm - 5:00pm

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

541-567-3278

465 W. Theater Ln.



Flea Market/Yard Sale

Brie Van Cleave, Wild Bleu Yonder Boutique on Main Street (old Echo service station of- fice) is organizing the April 28th Community Yard Sale map and the Flea Market Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/178739139438074/>. Brie will be producing a map of yard sales around town. You can contact her and let her know if you are planning one.

The Flea Market and vendors cannot be on Main Street which is a state highway, but will be in the park and on Bridge and Dupont Streets. email: brievancleave@gmail.com Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/907564336086923/>. There is a fee to be a vendor or to set up in the park or on the street, but this is a fee for publicity and promotion, not a space fee.



ECHO CITY WIDE YARD SALE & FLEA MARKET APRIL 28TH, 2018 | 8AM—2PM GEORGE PARK | ECHO, OREGON

Library

Kristine Aiken	1 DVD
Jeanne Johnson (Kennewick, WA)	174 children's books
Hayleigh Schultze	16 books

Other Donations

VFW Renovation/Diane Berry	\$25
<u>If I were Mayor Contest:</u>	
Jeanie Hampton	\$10

If I were Mayor Contest (cont.)

Peggy Haines	\$10
Diane Berry	\$10

Lou Nakapalau Memorial Bench

Bonnie Berry	\$50
Diane Berry	\$75
Peggy Haines	\$25
Trevor Morris	\$25
Darin Tuil	\$50
Bill & Judy Webb	\$50

Beautification/Echo in Bloom

It is time to get geared up for Echo in Bloom and the community beautification effort. Tania Hoeft and Kopacz Nursery have already planted the hanging floral baskets and hay racks and they plants are thriving in the green house.

Heather Wyckoff and the Country Farmers 4H Club worked last week to trim up and pull dead plants and grass from the George Park floral beds. We appreciate their hard work and help.



Although we are not participating in the National America in Bloom

program again this year, we are taking donations to help with the cost of beautification projects and have already received a few donations. If you would

like to donate, please drop your donation by city hall or mail to PO Box 9, Echo, OR 97826.

Mr. & Mrs. George Murdock	\$50
Diane Berry	\$50

VFW

Remodelling at the Old VFW Hall is nearing completion. City staff started moving back into the building this week, Exterior painting will wait for warmer weather, but the new sidewalk is done and the new awning is framed. The building probably had an awning originally, and this awning will keep water away from the building



Stay 'n Play

As part of the Ready to Read Program, the Echo Library will be receiving Melissa and Doug items for the library such as the wooden dolls and accessories below. The learning toys are designed to encourage children



dren to Stay and Play in the Library.

**Library
Story &
Craft
Time
Fridays, 2
pm**

