

The Echo



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Hiking/Walking Trail



The City Council chose the name and logo for the Hiking/Walking Trail that will overlay the Thielsen Street sidewalks at their meeting last month. The drawing is of a tule matt teepee and the name will

be the Native American name for the Echo area T'ko plus Echo. The native name was place of the Tules, (Bull Rushes) and was pronounced very similar to Echo. The logo will be professionally drawn by a graphic artist so it can be used on signs and stencils.

The area was named for the abundance of Tules that grew on the swamps of the Echo Meadows. Tocappo, place of the Tules was one of the permanent Umatilla villages before the Treaty of 1855. Tules were used for food and to make matts for sleeping or to cover teepees or lodges.

Survey

As the old saying goes: *"You can please some of the people all of the time, you can please all of the people some of the time, but you can't please all of the people all of the time"*... While only 23 responses have been received out of approximately 235 households, they tend to be very diverse. With responses being at each end of the spectrum and few in the middle. For Example Questions #24 asked what improvements or changes over the last decade were the best and which were the worst. The Downtown Project and beautification projects were mentioned many times as a favorite, but in contrast three people ranked it as the worst and two wanted to bulldoze the round planters and one didn't like the "flower crap." Four people praised the city administrator

and staff while another felt she was rude and 2 thought maintenance staff



lazy. Another commented that they appreciated what staff were able to accomplish with limited resources. One survey listed City Clerk Peggy Haines as one of the city's greatest assets.

We will list some of the results and comments in this and the next few newsletters.

Library: The Library and Golf Course were the highest rated items on the survey. For the library the results were: avg. 6.58 (19 responses). 1=0, 2=0, 3=2, 4=2, 5=1, 6=1, 7=4, 8=9 Only one person had a negative comment: *"I try to [use] but have found the staff (not the librarian) very rude, both to me & my children."*

Annexation: Question 5 asked how residents felt about the potential annexation of Tourist Commercial/Light Industrial zoned land at the north entry to town. The majority were opposed for an average of 3.77. 1=8, 2=3, 3=1, 4=1, 5=2, 6=1, 7=2, 8=4;



Several people felt more information was needed and a town hall meeting. The city has not actually received a formal annexation application yet, but did have a session at the May 18 council meeting where people could come in and ask questions and Kent Madison outlined some of his plans/concepts. (cont. pg. 3)



Library

Echo Library is already geared up for the Battle of the Books Competition. Echo Students can check out the books selected for this year's competition.

Anonymous	\$10
George & Debbie Koffler	\$50
Bonnie Berry	2 book
Lou Nakapalau	2 books
Sue Winter	4 books
Dorothy Trotter	Fort Henrietta Days Rendezvous Scene painted on a Hand Saw.

Bringing back memories of Fort Henrietta Days.



Other Donations

Blockhouse Restoration: Diane Berry \$100
Public Art: Penny & Ray Shepherd \$50 & **NNO**

You should have been there folks, as you can see from the donation list there were great prizes and food.

Anderson Perry & Associates	\$150
Anonymous	\$20
Bi-Mart	\$20 gift cert.
Sonia Bogart	\$100
Butter Creek Coffee	\$10 gift cert.
CocaCola	pop for dinner
Desert Springs Water Dispenser/water bottles	
Eagle Ranch	\$100
Echo Quarterback Club	\$150
Echo Secured Storage	Hamburgers, Hot Dogs
El Erradero	\$10 gift cert.
Janie Enright	Bingo/Raffle Prizes
Good Shepherd Hospital	12 bicycle helmets for Bike Rodeo
H & P Café	\$25 gift cert.
His Design	\$100 & prizes
Job Harvesting	\$250
Mike's Mobile Slaughter	Burgers, hot dogs
Ryan Morris	\$10

Doris Pitzer	\$25
Purswell Pump	\$50
Power Pro	\$50
Randy Sperr, Echo Golf	Ping Putter
Shearer's	chips
Stanfield Main St. Market	buns
Styling Nook	Gift Certificates
Umatilla Co. Fair-tickets & concert tickets	
Walmart DC lawn mower, 10 back packs, 2 Norelco shavers, 4 dirt devil vacuums,	
Walmart store	BBQ/Bag charcoal

Echo Open Air Market Saturday, Sept. 16 Echo City Park 4 to 7 pm

Police Report (July Summary)

- July 14, Reckless driving complaint, 300 Block W. Halstead, juvenile in blue Dodge
- July 15, Theft of Medical Marijuana Plant, 330 W. Bridge St.. The suspect had taken the plant to a back yard at 540 W. Kennedy; Suspect arrested.
- July 17, 41 N. Prescott, Assault; Callers girl friend threw something at him; hitting him in ribs; conflicting statements and no injuries were found.
- July 24, 41 N. Prescott, Domestic Disturbance. Caller reported her mother's boyfriend grabbed her and pushed her out the door. No injuries, Verbal dispute, no crime.
- July 24, Driving complaint, 200 Block N. Thielsen. Caller reported party driving w/o license.

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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465 W. Theater Ln.



Police Report Cont.

July 28, Burglary/Theft at His Design & Thrift, Main Street. The inside was ransacked & numerous items taken.

(Continued from pg 1) The minutes from this meeting are on the city website as well as minutes from other meetings where this was discussed.

The main oppositions listed to the annexation were traffic congestion and too much demand on city services, particularly water. *[Echo is in Sage Gulch Critical Groundwater area and no new water rights are issued. Ground water levels in wells continue to decline even with the state Water Resources Department cutting back allocation for junior water right holders. The city has had wells go dry twice and our Well #5 (the newest well) started out artesian, but due to declining groundwater levels, the city has had to lower the pump bowls and put in larger pumps several times over the last few years].*

Some comments: 1. *“..Do not want to share water; (5 suveys) 2. How would Echo benefit?” (4 surveys). 3. “In association with others, I will use legal representation to oppose the proposed development. It would consume inordinate amounts of water. 4. Noise and traffic congestion (4 surveys) 5. not consistent with the character of the City of Echo.” 6. “We need to upgrade our sewer system. We do not need a huge development on this side of the free-way.” 7. “Oppose the amphitheater; make sure city’s water is protected; Concerned about blocking view of Meadows and changing the dynamic and historic feel of town that makes it special and unique.” 8. “I know it is good for the wineries, however we moved here for the small town. I can only imagine crime rates will increase and the smalltown/secure feeling will decrease.” 9. “Does he want to sell? I don’t think it should be annexed.” 10. “We don’t need it. Will create more hardship for downtown businesses and more traffic problems just like at Pilot. Let them build over there, its farmland only.”*

In Favor: 1. More jobs. 2. *I think it is a great idea to develop that area. Adding a restaurant, hotel(s), gas station, etc., will be great for Echo, and people who live in Echo. There are really* 3

no concerns...100s (1000s) of people stop at the Pilot everyday and they don’t bother us here in town. We are lucky if a fraction of these new people will visit our shops, restaurants and wineries.” 3. “If this is in regard to the Madison development, the only objection would be increase traffic and the concert area. RV-Motel-Restaurant is good idea.”

Police: Several people were interested in having the police report or included in the newsletter. We will try to put at least highlights of the police report in from now on. However you can visit the Police Activity Website and find up to date information, including activity maps on line. The Stanfield website is <http://www.cityofstanfield.com/>. On right upper side is a link to the Police Activity site. <https://stpd.crimegraphics.com/2013/default.aspx> It is also now on the City of Echo webpage www.echo-oregon.com. Go to Departments on the left hand side of the page and click on it. Then Police and Stanfield Police link will be in the middle of the page.

If you don’t have a computer and want to browse this report/site, drop by the library and we can set you up on one of the public access computers.

Police ranking information from the survey, Question 6: 1=2; 3=1; 4=2; 5=5; 6=4; 7=3; 8=6 for an average of **5.69**. Comments: 1. “Do not see them driving around.” 2. “Slow down speeding cars on Gerone and Thielsen Streets.” 3. “Could drive though Echo more often. Kids drive too fast after school.” 4. “Seeings that the city council has capped enforcement of local/county/state laws perhaps we should resort to neighborhood watch with open carry after 10 pm...”

#12 Golf Course: 1=0, 2=1, 3=0, 4=1, 4.5=1, 5=1, 6=1, 7=5, 6=1, 7=5, 8=13; **avg. 6.97**

Comments: 1. Self-Supporting ?” 2. *“The course needs irrigation upgrades (i.e. sprinkler system, utility vehicles*



& better mowers). Randy does a tremendous job there. I hope he is paid accordingly.” 2. I think it is a great asset.” 3. Golfers drive too fast. 4. “Comments from friends always favorable. They enjoy coming very much. 5. The golf course should be improved. This could also improve local recreation with careful planning/involvement Echo could become a summer weekend get-a-way destination, some RV travelers, etc.”

Good Neighbor Award

Sue Winter was the winner of the first annual Good Neighbor Award as part of this year’s National Night Out. The award recognizes the ongoing efforts of Echo residents who are making contributions to improve the quality of life in their community. This will become a yearly award that will honor those

Puncture Vine Program

The Puncture Vine Bounty Program will be extended through mid-September or until funds are depleted. Only Goat Head seeds and vines will count toward the bounty. No other weeds such as tumbleweeds or Kochia are allowed. The weeds must be removed from sites within the city limits.

The Puncture vines need to be collected in bags provided by the city and returned to City Hall Bags can be picked up at City Hall M-F, 9:00am – 5:00pm. The bounty checks will be distributed on Fridays.

Reward Offered

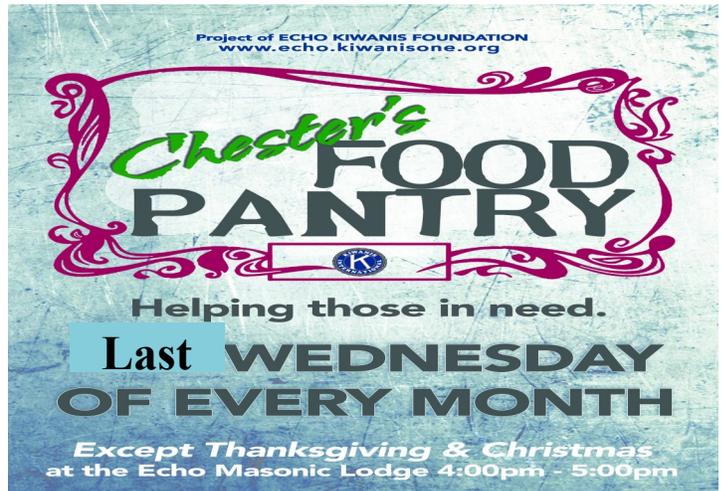
A \$200 reward has been donated anonymously for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the thieves who broke into the Butter Creek Coffee House and His Design Thrift Shop last month and/or the theft of the large concrete Tortoise from the Fort Henrietta Park Playground. If you have information that may lead to the arrest and conviction of these criminals please contact the Stanfield Police Department.

A reward is also offered



This guys buddy, the one with the head, was recently stolen, and it took some effort, from the Fort Henrietta Park Playground.

for information leading to the arrest and conviction of vandals who damaged the toilet at the Skatepark, who spread Diesel lubricant on the Skatepark Bowl last week, and who cut city hall water hoses last weekend.



Playground

Yes, we do have a playground in Echo besides the one at the School. This unit, swings & bouncy animals are at the Skatepark on Main St.

Livability

Your Beautification Program donations make the floral displays and other beautification projects possible. **Please consider making a donation no matter how small this year.** Every little bit helps.

Funds are being raised for the Downtown Art, the walking path along Thielsen, park improvements. Suggestions for other projects are welcome.

Bonnie Berry	\$50
Burns Mortuary	\$50
Charlotte Berry	\$50
Echo Church	\$50
Dan Huxoll Mobile Repair	\$50
Echo Quarterback Club	\$150
Janie Enright	\$50
Ryan Morris	\$10
Sue Jones/Stan Sloan	\$20
Power Pro	\$50
Purswell Pump	\$50
Ray & Penny Shepherd	\$50