



The Echo



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Swing into Spring Ball

The date has been set and tickets are now available for the 5th Annual Swing into Spring Ball. Power Swing will provide the music for the dance on May 8. The ball will also commemorate the city's 100th anniversary.

The ticket price is the same as last year at \$17.50 per person or \$35 for a couple. Proceeds will fund the skatepark again and the 100th anniversary celebration. The ticket price includes the dance, hors d'oeuvres and champagne reception.

CLEANUP MONTH

Spring Cleanup will start for Sanitary Disposal Customers April 1-7, which are the dates for the annual Cleanup Month. Cash customers using the Transfer Station will receive up to a \$12.50 discount for each load. This means loads measuring up to 2.5 cu. yds. with a maximum weight of 454 lbs. can be disposed of free of charge.

Tires are not included and are charged at regular rate. Hours are 8 to 5 pm weekdays and 9 am to 5 pm weekends. The transfer station is 2 mi. north of Hermiston on Hwy 395 across from the Northrop Building.



Meter Reading

The City will begin reading water meters

again after March 15. Please remove any insulation from meter cans to expedite reading and to avoid the mess. Please also avoid parking on meters between the 15th and 23rd of each month.



Anniversary Planning

Ideas for the 100th anniversary celebration were either submitted on the forms sent in the last newsletter or at a meeting before the last council meeting. Ideas will be further discussed at a meeting Monday March 15. Everyone interested in getting involved is invited to attend.



Among ideas discussed to date are having a community cleanup day, a community potluck, combining a celebration with the Flying Buffalo Street Dance and Anniversary Celebration, and inviting dignitaries to the celebration. The 5th grade class contributed a number of ideas including having a parade, hay rides, books produced by Echo students, time capsules, spelling & geography bees.

A proposed **poetry contest** has a donor who will provide prize money. Categories will be 1st thru 5th grade, 6th thru 10th grade. High school students in 11th and 12th grade and adults will compete together. The poems can be on any subject related to Echo.

Another proposal is to have a **photo contest**. Photographers would be required to enter photographs depicting what they love