

LED light program hits Sisters milestone

The Energy Challenge announced that they installed free LED light bulbs in the 333rd home in Sisters on November 19.

Over the past three years, The Energy Challenge of Central Oregon has installed over 75,000 super-efficient LED (light emitting diode) light bulbs in over 5,000 homes in Central Oregon. Each bulb may seem like a small drop in the bucket, but cumulatively these bulbs will save Central Oregon residents over \$13.8 million, or an annual savings of almost \$500,000.

This free program connects Central Oregon residents, homeowners and renters alike, with resources to save energy instantly — as soon as you switch a light on, you are already using 80 percent less energy than a conventional light bulb. On top of the LED light bulbs, water-saving features can help save energy by reducing the amount of hot water that needs to be heated, and of course, the amount of water consumed. In addition to instant savings, participants are connected with resources to take their energy savings a step further through other

opportunities such as heat pump water heaters, ductless heat pumps, and solar power systems.

By installing the bulbs and water-saving fixtures in the home, participants are helping their community by saving energy to prevent needing to build more power plants. The program is scheduled to run through Christmas and is still installing in Sisters. Residents are encouraged to sign up at TheEnergyChallenge.org/freebulbs or by calling 541-385-6908 X26

The amount of energy saved each year with these bulbs has an energy equivalent of what it takes to power 333 homes for one year.

“We hope this illustrates that even your smallest actions add up to something much bigger...” said Neil Baunsgard, program director of the free LED program. “When you’re making changes to save energy, however small, you’re part of a community-wide movement and you truly are making a difference.”

The program is made possible through collaboration with Energy Trust of Oregon and Central Electric Cooperative.

Lost dog found safe

By Jodi Schneider
Correspondent

Warley, the greyhound who was missing for nine days in Sisters, has been rescued.

The three-year-old black greyhound had wiggled his way out of his harness while with his pet parent, Steve Baughman of Salem, at Village Green Park on November 14.

After nine days of evading rescue attempts Warley was finally found curled up in a small hole he had dug under a tree beside a Missy trap arranged for him by the local Pet Evacuation Team when volunteer Ann Brewer and her daughter Sarah came to check it on November 23.



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After nine days on the loose, Warley was found and rescued by Pet Evacuation Team volunteers last week.

Editor's note: The Nugget will feature a complete story on Warley's adventures and the extraordinary effort to find and rescue him in the December 5 edition.

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