

Local & Entertainment

OTEC's annual meeting packed

It was a packed house as members from across four Eastern Oregon counties traveled to attend Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative's 28th Annual Membership Meeting at the Baker County Event Center in Baker City, OR.

"This business meeting, and the election of three of our Board of Directors, is a great example of local, democratic control," said OTEC's General Manager Werner Buehler. "Having our membership gather together, vote for their board members, listen to presentations on the health of their electric cooperative and get to know their fellow cooperative owners is important. Non-profit cooperatives are powered by their membership and they have a valuable voice in the direction OTEC takes."

Board President George Galloway highlighted the clean audit OTEC received in 2015 as well as the steps the OTEC Board and Management have taken to ensure the excellent financial health of the electric cooperative.

OTEC's resilient safety record was also discussed.

"When August barreled down and delivered two of the largest wildfires our service territory has ever seen, our dedicated line crews and support personnel worked tirelessly around the clock to safely maintain our lines and restore power in record time," said Buehler. "With the combined loss of over 215,000 acres, the Comet-Windy Ridge and the Canyon Creek Complex wildfires burned 160 OTEC poles, 60,000 ft. of wire and when the smoke had cleared, OTEC had sustained approximately \$1.5 million in damages."

"Moreover, even though hundreds of additional overtime hours were worked, in harrowing conditions as of the result

of these historic blazes, OTEC crews - once again - powered through the year with a clean safety record and no lost time accidents."

Buehler also noted the challenges and opportunities OTEC will face in the future from the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), increased distributed generation, and new technologies while working to keep electric rates low.

Along with the report outs on the cooperative, the OTEC Board Election results were also announced.

Greg Howard (position 7) of Union County was re-elected with 3,149 votes. David Baum (position 8) of Union County was re-elected with 3,082 votes. Charlene Chase (position 9) of Baker County was re-elected with 3,030 votes.

Crossroads Carnegie Art Center Executive Director Ginger Savage was also honored and presented with the \$25,000 Peggi Timm Civic Leadership Award. The honor is currently awarded annually to a woman residing in OTEC's service territory who most exemplifies the cooperative founder's ceaseless spirit of volunteerism to improve life in their communities.

"Ginger, like Peggi, is a top-notch community connector," noted her nominator, Mary Tomlinson. "She always 'knows somebody who knows somebody' to find resources for volunteer efforts and community problem-solving. Ginger has gained those trusted connections through her own diligent volunteer work and modeling her 'do unto others' approach over the years."

"Whether for Baker Literacy, the Ford Family Foundation, the Baker Heritage Museum, the YMCA, schools or other organizations, Ginger proactively sends notices for



Submitted Photo.

Ginger Savage and George Galloway.

resources, classes or other funding to non-profit directors in the community so they can also be successful," added Tomlinson. "People genuinely enjoy Ginger and know they can count on her to get things done."

Savage thanked her family and reflected on her mentor, Peggi Timm, saying, "Peggi lived by one basic principle, 'do what is right for Baker' - always, in everything she did. It is impossible to walk in Peggi Timm's shoes, but I like to think I stepped right to the side of Peggi's footprints and I will continue walking forward."

Savage selected the Crossroads Carnegie Art Center a non-profit 501(c)3 to receive the \$25,000 award, made available through earnings on unclaimed capital credits. "Crossroads will indeed put this to very good use," said Savage smiling.

Barbara Prowell of Baker City was the raffle winner of the \$500 flat screen TV "OTEC Attendance Award" and Krystal Doucette, also of Baker City, was drawn to win the mail-in ballot drawing for the \$500 OTEC energy credit.

For additional information about OTEC, the Peggi Timm Civic Leadership Award, board candidates and the Annual Meeting visit: www.otecc.com.

Bebe's word search

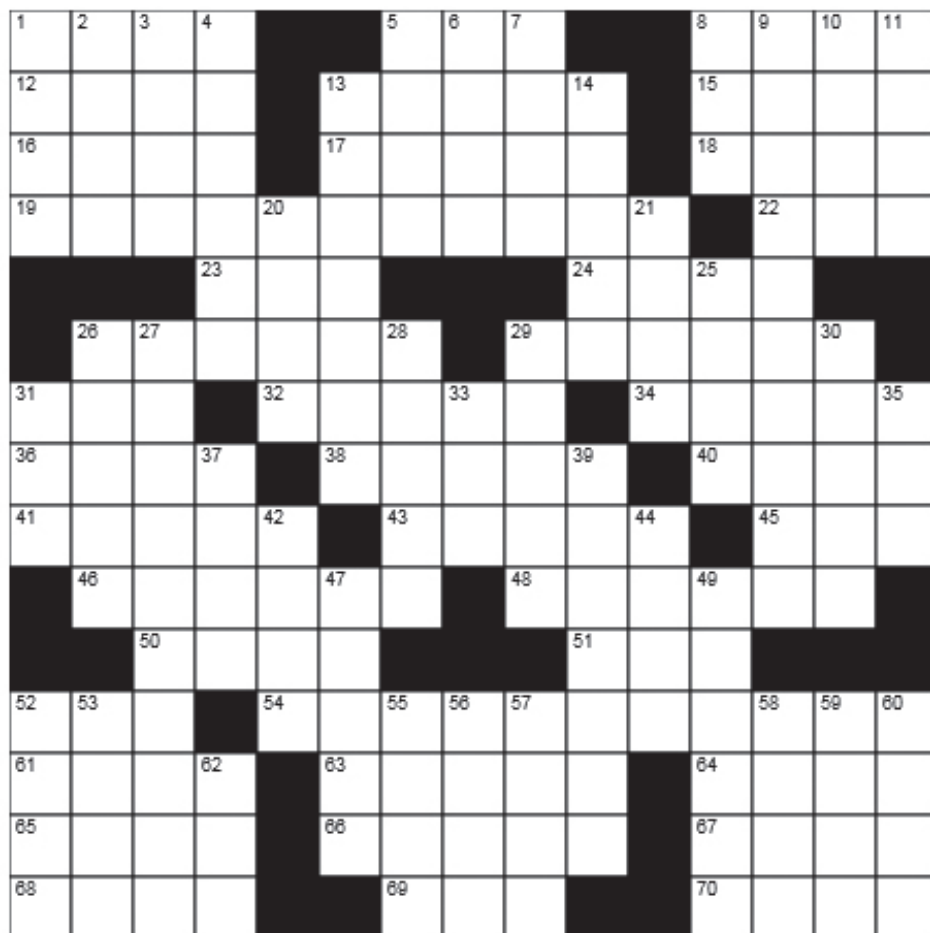
Types of Music 2

Find and circle all of the different types of music that are hidden in the grid. The remaining 15 letters spell an additional type of music.



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|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------|
| ACID JAZZ | CLASSICAL COUNTRY | GYPSY IRISH | REGGAE |
| AFRICAN ALTERNATIVE | DOO WOP | MAMBO | ROCK AND ROLL |
| BEBOP | ELEVATOR | MARIACHI | SALSA |
| BLUES | EUROPOP | MIDDLE EASTERN | SURF |
| BOLLYWOOD | EXPERIMENTAL | NEW AGE | SWING |
| BOSSA NOVA | FOLK ROCK | NEW ORLEANS | TECHNO |
| BRAZILIAN | FUNK | OPERA | TRIP HOP |
| CELTIC | GOSPEL | POP MUSIC | TROPICAL |
| CHAMBER | GRUNGE | PROGRESSIVE | URBAN |
| | | | ZYDECO |

The Littles' crossword puzzle



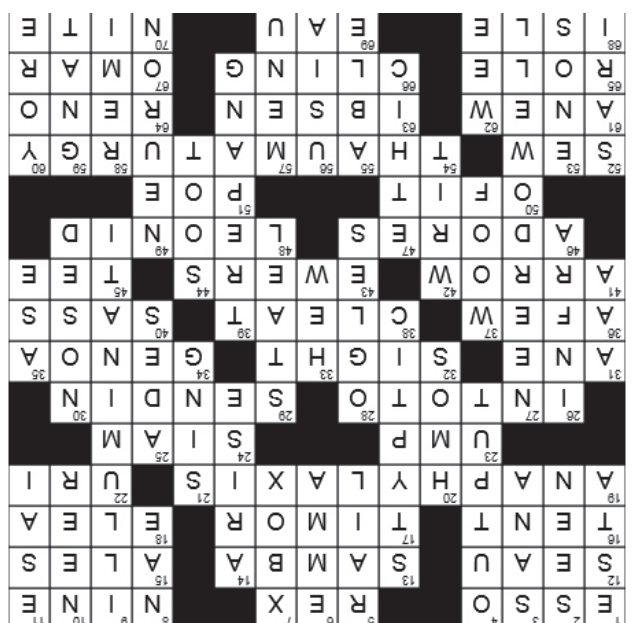
Across

- 1- Exxon, once;
- 5- Harrison of "My Fair Lady";
- 8- Largest digit;
- 12- Linebacker Junior;
- 13- Brazilian ballroom dance;
- 15- Draft picks;
- 16- Camp sight;
- 17- Indonesian island;
- 18- Zeno of ___;
- 19- Hypersensitive reaction;
- 22- One of the Four Forest Cantons;
- 23- Ref's counterpart;
- 24- Former name of Thailand;
- 26- Entirely;
- 29- Submit;
- 31- Hydrocarbon suffix;
- 32- Vision;
- 34- Where Columbus was born;
- 36- Not many;
- 38- Wedge;
- 40- Smart talk;
- 41- Shaft shot from a bow;
- 43- Pitchers;
- 45- Golf ball prop;
- 46- Worships;
- 48- Soviet leader Brezhnev;
- 50- Think nothing ___;
- 51- Master of the macabre;
- 52- Stitch up;
- 54- Magic;
- 61- Over again;
- 63- "Peer Gynt" playwright;
- 64- Betting setting;
- 65- Auditioner's goal;

Down

- 1- Como ___ usted?;
- 2- Perceived;
- 3- Yemen's capital;
- 4- Yield;
- 5- Banister;
- 6- Madame Bovary;
- 7- Microsoft game system;
- 8- Burnsian refusal;
- 9- Persons who claim superior enlightenment;
- 10- Opposite of alway;
- 11- Actor Morales;
- 13- Astringent;
- 14- Come up;
- 20- Med. care providers;
- 21- Do a number;
- 25- Summer coolers;
- 26- Prefix with red;

- 27- Good-for-nothing;
- 28- Leers at;
- 29- Madame de ___;
- 30- Snooped (around);
- 31- Motorists' org.;
- 33- Hack;
- 35- Peer Gynt's mother;
- 37- Pound sound;
- 39- Sea cucumber;
- 42- Habeas corpus, for one;
- 44- Smoke deposit;
- 47- Set of principles;
- 49- Nerve cell;
- 52- Rani's garb;
- 53- Baseballer Slaughter;
- 55- ___-bodied;
- 56- Voice of America org.;
- 57- Course list;
- 58- Do followers;
- 59- No-see-um;
- 60- Time past;
- 62- Minuscule;



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