

Arts & Entertainment

Home review offered by Ore. Energy Trust

Along with higher temperatures, many home owners will face higher energy costs as they try to stay cool this summer.

Fortunately, many energy-saving home improvements -- including insulation, air sealing and efficient lighting -- while sometimes thought of as winter improvements, can dramatically improve comfort and energy savings during the warmer months as well.

To help home owners determine which energy-saving ideas might work best for them this summer, Energy Trust of Oregon is encouraging area utility customers to sign up for a free one-hour Home Energy Review.

The review includes a visit by an Energy Trust energy adviser who will seek areas of energy loss in the house and create a list of prioritized recommendations. Advisers also share information about available Energy Trust cash incentives and state and federal tax credits, and provide information about qualified contractors and financing for the suggested improvements.

If needed, free energy-saving products can be installed, such as compact fluorescent light bulbs and "eco-faucet" aerators and showerheads.

"A Home Energy Review is a simple first step home owners can take to help lower their utility bills and improve comfort," said Marshall Johnson, residential sector manager, Energy Trust. "As the weather heats up, there has never been a better time to get started."

While every home is different, some of the most common problem areas impacting summer comfort and energy savings include:

*Air leaks, duct leaks and lack of insulation. The small gaps, cracks and leaks in a typical home can add up to the loss of energy and comfort you'd get from leaving a window open year-round. And only 20 percent of homes built before 1980 are properly insulated.

*Another surprise for many home owners: They could be paying to cool their attic or crawl space instead of

their living area because of leaks in their ductwork. For homes that are uncomfortably hot in the summer (and cold in the winter), sealing air and duct leaks and adding insulation can dramatically increase comfort and save up to 20 percent on heating and cooling costs. (A picnic cooler works the same way to keep drinks cold.)

*AC and furnace maintenance. A well-maintained, regularly serviced air conditioning unit can help save 15 percent on cooling costs. Air filters should be changed once a month. Summer is also a great time to schedule a tune-up for your furnace before the busy heating season.

*Installing a programmable thermostat. A programmable thermostat makes it easy to cool the house only when people are home -- and can save up to \$180 per year, paying for itself in six to nine months.

*Replacing incandescent light bulbs with cooler compact fluorescent bulbs. Up to 90 percent of the energy used by old incandescent bulbs produces heat, not light. Home owners can save on cooling costs as well as lighting costs by using CFLs.

Home owners can sign up for a Home Energy Review online at www.energytrust.org/her or by phoning 866-368-7878. Oregon customers heating their homes with electricity or natural gas provided by Pacific Power, Portland General Electric, NW Natural or Cascade Natural Gas are eligible.



Country guitarist Dale Hopper (right) with wife Sharon and yodeling terrier 'Claude' performed at the Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce-sponsored *Concerts in the Park* series on Thursday, July 15. Oregon Little Big Band will be featured on Thursday, July 22 beginning at 6 p.m. in Jubilee Park. (Photo by Michelle Binker, *Illinois Valley News*)

4-H Trap shoot set July 31

A trap-style shoot on Saturday, July 31 at the Josephine County Sportsman Association Park will be held by the Josephine County 4-H Bullseye Club.

The park is at 7407 Highland Ave. in Grants Pass. The public can watch beginning at 9 a.m.

Many 4-H members ranging in age from 10 to 18 from Deschutes, Lane, Douglas, Jackson, Klamath and Josephine counties will participate. Each participant will shoot up to 100 targets during the day, using up to 12-gauge shotguns as they fire at single-clay targets on a standard trap field.

Valley Immediate Care will purchase the clay targets for the youth. Phone Daron Dawson at 541-659-7007 for more information.

Grill safety tips offered

State Fire Marshal Randy Simpson reminds Oregonians to be "fire safe" during summer barbecues and cookouts to avoid tragedy during summer activities.

The Office of State Fire Marshal offers the following safety tips:

*Place grills away from home siding, deck railings, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.

*Place your grill a safe distance from any play areas and foot traffic.

*Keep children and pets away from the grilling area; declare a 3-foot safe zone around the grill.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Friday, July 23
 - Phil King, solo guitar & vocals, 5:30 p.m. at Taylor's Country Store
 - Where's Waldo benefit: Magic of Seth and Dr. Birch's Medicine Show, 7 p.m. at Out 'n' About Treehouses. \$10 adults, \$5 children 6-17

Saturday, July 24
 - Farmers Market, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. & Swap Meet / Flea Market, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Selma Community Center
 - Texas Hold 'em benefit supporting Harvest Kitchen, 5 p.m. at Nacho Mama's

PHONE 541.592.2541
 TO ADD AN EVENT TO THIS CALENDAR ONLY \$5 PER ITEM.

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How to Play Sudoku

- Each of the numbers from 1 to 9 should only be placed once in each column.
- Each number from 1 to 9 can be placed only once in each row.
- The numbers 1 to 9 can appear only once in each 3 x 3 grid

Crossword Puzzle courtesy of Cave Junction One Hour Photo

Monday - Friday
 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

223 N. Redwood Hwy., Cave Junction
 (541) 592-6440 or 592-4638

ACROSS

- Assiduous
- Acquire
- At once
- Motor vehicle
- Bustle
- Measuring stick
- Wise Men
- North Atlantic fish
- Harvest
- Disentangle
- Sponger
- Other
- A fit of weeping
- Having great dignity
- Stash
- Beer
- Couch or chesterfield
- Type of coffee
- A sudden desire
- Harp
- High mountain
- Tapping gold stroke
- Tedium
- Garland
- Deoxyribonucleic acid
- Baseball stat
- A movable top or cover
- The whole
- amount
- Type of car
- Shade tree
- Unfurl
- Garish
- Nocturnal bird of prey
- Shriek
- A token of victory
- The full range
- Informal term for clothing
- Before
- Keen on
- Any system of principles or beliefs
- A unit of area
- Pasture
- Rapscallion
- Theatrical performance
- Withdraw
- Apply
- Putsch
- Advert
- Daughterly
- Foul
- Decade
- A pause
- Beer mug
- Gloriole
- Web
- Tub

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Hurting from a past abortion? Ready for healing? Sometimes you just need someone to talk to. Let us be that someone. We care and are here to help. All services are confidential.



Post-abortion Healing Class

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www.PregnancyCenterIV.org

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Magic of Seth

Portland's Hottest Magician

Friday July 23 7 p.m.

"Where's Waldo" benefit to provide a new plaque for this historic location

Dr. Rocky S. Birch medicine show

Out'n'About \$10 adults, \$5 ages 6-17

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