

La Grande School District receives rebate from OTEC, BPA



The La Grande School District recently received a rebate check of \$76,445.25 from Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative and the Bonneville Power Administration for energy-saving improvements it made in heating, air conditioning and ventilation systems in 2019. An enlarged replica of the check was presented by BPA and OTEC representatives to La Grande School District representatives on Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2021. Shown from left are Tom Osborn, an energy efficiency manager with the BPA; Heidi Dalton, OTEC's chief financial officer; Randy Shaw, vice chair of the La Grande School Board; and George Mendoza, superintendent of the La Grande School District.

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OTEC

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world of immersive technology. The 360-degree video engages the viewer in 3D fashion.

When participants put on a headset, they can look up, down and 360 degrees around a scene while they listen to the training, allowing OTEC to communicate safety messages with greater nuance and more impact, Hathaway said.

The VR video on agricultural safety encourages farmworkers to conduct a hazard assessment prior to working so they know the placement of power lines.

OTEC's safety advice is to stay at least 50 feet between a farm implement and a power line, which may require spotters to alert the equipment operator.

Farmers who are irrigating are asked to locate electrical hazards prior to starting work and keeping equipment and metal pipes at least 50 feet away from

power lines.

Hathaway noted that agricultural equipment is usually tall, increasing the likelihood that someone operating it could hit an overhead power line. This is why one of the pieces of advice to agricultural workers on the video is "Look up to live."

Hathaway believes virtual reality training will be a big part of OTEC's educational tool kit for years to come.

"Virtual reality is the wave of the future. It will play an active role in our safety program," he said.

The videos for first responder and agriculture workers are among seven OTEC has made.

The five others focus on tourism and economic development in Northeastern Oregon. The tourism videos were made because OTEC wants to bolster the economies of the counties it provides service for.

"We want to boost tourism because it can drive the economy," Hathaway said.

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HOROSCOPES by Stella Wilder

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2021
YOUR BIRTHDAY by Stella Wilder

Born today, you are likely to become embroiled in all manner of things from an early age, and you'll surely learn to distinguish that which is positive and productive from that which is negative and destructive -- but does that mean you'll make the right decision when it is presented to you? The fact that you are so driven may sometimes create confusion in your mind and compel you to go down a path that looks to be the right one at the time, but which turns out, before long, to be very wrong for you.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Not everyone is aware of what you've been through lately; there are a few people you should tell before embarking on a new collaboration.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Despite a minor error made during your first major efforts of the day, you should be able to progress as planned -- if you admit the mistake!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Anyone who tells you that you needn't be clear at this time is selling you something you don't want. You must be simple and accurate!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- You may still be feeling the restraints that held you back some time ago -- but this is your own doing, and you can fix the problem yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- A message received from an unknown source today is worthy of suspicion, and you should do all you can to learn its true pedigree.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) -- The difference between success and failure today lies in the short space between "yes" and "no" in which so much decision-making is done!

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- You may not fully appreciate what someone has been doing for you as of late, but there's still time. Take a close look at what's happening.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- You don't have to displace someone in order to put yourself in a better position today; try working with, rather than against, a rival.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- The suggestions you receive today may actually enable you to lighten your own load -- but take care you're not falling into a personal trap.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- You cannot be everywhere at once, certainly, but you can send out feelers and take in information from a variety of sources throughout the day.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- A surprise may give you quite a shock today -- one far more significant than was intended. Let the perpetrator off the hook when you get a chance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- It's not up to you to point out a potential offense if it's not something that offends you directly. You must let others speak for themselves.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLER

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2021

ACROSS

- Made pictures
- Choose
- Candied tuber
- Goofball (hyph.)
- Black-and-white snack
- "— you sure?"
- Blissful spot
- Riverbank growth
- Small, in Dogpatch
- kwon do
- Winning
- Town official
- Yard tool
- Lots of spirit
- Rookie socialite
- Stick around
- Kind of dance or paint
- Expert
- Flightless bird
- Stripe
- Egyptian boy-king
- Cry noisily

DOWN

- Tint
- Dowser's tool
- Swiss cheese hole
- Chinese soup
- Skin opening
- Dublin's loc.
- So-so mark
- Hearthly laugh
- Taj —
- Canning jar size
- Horse color
- Web addr.
- Use a camcorder
- Thrilled
- Adherent
- Checkup
- Third-quarter tide
- Chinese "way"
- Vegas alternative
- Formic acid producers

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- Blend
- Ess lead-in
- Chop down
- Whimzy
- Kyrgyzstan range
- Wild tale
- Happen again
- Help go wrong
- Computer input
- Memsahib's nanny
- Where Keokuk is
- Like most cagers
- Miscalculate
- Cereal topper
- Furry swimmer
- Greek letter
- Halt
- Minor
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