



Father and son translation team Chung and Nick So work together on the archival documents at Kam Wah Chung. Contributed photos

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The funds, totaling more than \$12,000, included \$2,000 from the Oregon Cultural Trust through the Juniper Arts Council, \$8,000 from the museum fund of Oregon State Parks and \$2,500 from the Oregon Community Foundation.

The Friends group applied for grants for over a year.

The documents are personal and business correspondence, medical records and prescriptions, books and business records, which contain a wealth of information about Kam Wah Chung, local Chinese and American history and Hay and On.

Four people will do the work:

- Christy Sweet, Kam Wah Chung museum curator, who is responsible for preserving and organizing the vast amount of materials, artifacts and the physical building of Kam Wah Chung and the Interpretive Center.

- Chung So, a native Chinese professional translator who grew up in the same area as Hay and On and has worked with the Kam Wah Chung papers for documentaries.

- Micah Sprouffske, a local teacher and Chinese translator, who has spent extensive time on the materials.

- Cline, a local Chinese medicine practitioner.

The Friends group also received donated lodging and have more than 100 hours of volunteer contributions to prepare for the project.

According to Cline, the

OTEC to return \$2.3 million in capital credits to members

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Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative members are encouraged to check their mailboxes this month for a slice of the \$2.3 million in capital credits the cooperative is returning to its members.

The amount is nearly double the \$1.2 million returned in 2014, according to OTEC General Manager Werner Buehler.

“It is a great opportunity for the cooperative to give its members ‘credit’ — in the form of a check — for continuing to help build, sustain and grow their electric cooperative,” Buehler said.

Current members who have eligible capital credits of \$15 or more will be mailed a check in mid-December. Those with capital credits of \$14.99 or less will receive a credit in the amount owed to them on their December bill.

“It is always good for our board to be able to return Capital Credits during the holiday season,” said Buehler. “It brings good cheer and is part of our cooperative principle, to help where we can during tough economic times.”

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Christy Sweet, museum curator, consults with volunteer Carol Faulkner about digital scans of documents.

material offers valuable insight on what life was like during that period.

“It’s like a hidden treasure waiting to be revealed by the appropriate translator,” he said.

Cline said they’ve also been collaborating with the Malheur National Forest archaeological unit to connect some of the mining cabins and camps in the area with Kam Wah Chung.

“We are excited to get started on this next stage of revealing some of the fascinating history of this area,” Cline said.

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Local daycare forced to shut down

Police, state agency investigating potential malfeasance

By Sean Hart
Blue Mountain Eagle

Growing Tree Infant Center in John Day is closed pending an investigation by local law enforcement and a state agency.

John Day Police Chief Richard Gray said the department has an open investigation related to the daycare facility. He said he could provide no further details.

The Oregon Department of Education’s Early Learn-

ing Division, which licenses all daycares throughout the state, is also conducting an investigation.

Karol Collymore, public affairs director for the early learning division, said Growing Tree has been closed since last month.

“Currently, they are on an emergency suspension as of Nov. 24,” she said, adding she could not provide specific details about the agency’s investigation. “In general, if we suspend a child care center, it’s because there was a potential violation of the rules.”

Collymore said, depending on the outcome of the investigation, the license could be revoked or reinstated.

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