

OTEC capital credit notices are in the mail

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Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative members should soon be receiving in the mail notices of capital credit allocation.

As a not-for-profit electric cooperative, OTEC delivers electric service to its members at cost. When revenues exceed the operational expenses of providing electricity, OTEC allocates these operating margins back to its members.

OTEC General Manager Werner Buehler said every year around this time the cooperative gets many questions about the capital cred-

its and allocations.

"Capital credits represent our membership's personal investment in the cooperative and their stake in all of its assets," Buehler said. "After all, they are the owners of the cooperative."

He said people who receive electricity through OTEC aren't just customers, but "vested members with a stake in the operations of the cooperative."

"Members enjoy certain rights that investor-owned, for-profit, utility customers don't have," he said.

The amounts shown on the notice represents each member's share of the operating

margins realized by OTEC in the previous year as well as the cumulative unpaid capital credit balances. These funds are returned to the members as the cooperative is deemed financially able by the Board of Directors.

The notifications are a record of each OTEC members' ownership in the cooperative and should be preserved. The announcements are for informational purposes only, are not negotiable and cannot be applied to a member's electric bill.

For more information, visit otecc.com under the "Members" tab.

RAIN OR SHINE, THE FUN GOES ON



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From left, DJ Donathan, 8, Ty Donathan, 4, and Lizzie Parker, 5, all of John Day, test their twisting skills with an "old school" game at the CASA booth during Family Fun Day Saturday at John Day City Park. Plenty of fun-lovers of all ages enjoyed the ninth annual event despite the rainy weather, and in fact, the inflatable waterslide didn't even need any additional water. Those still hanging around by the afternoon were rewarded with sunshine, and a steady line of participants lined up at the dunk tank eager to try out their pitching skills.

Animal care is a family affair

Former Texans open veterinary clinic in John Day

By Cheryl Hoefler
Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY — Two veterinarians have launched an animal care business, Canyon Creek Veterinary Clinic, at 813 S. Canyon Blvd., in John Day.

The owners are Kent Jisha, DVM, and Ramy Jisha, DVM, who moved to Grant County from Texas.

The building, closed for over three years, was the former location of Country Spice residential care facility.

The clinic offers a full service of mixed practice veterinary medicine for large and small animals, plus mobile services.

"We will do what we can to help whatever walks in the door," said Ramy.

Ramy added they don't have much experience with exotic animals, but "will be happy to help any way we can."

The Jishas graduated from Texas A&M — Kent in 1987 and Ramy in 1997. They owned an organic dairy and farm in Texas and had veterinary practices there. Ramy works mostly with small animals and horses, and Kent has extensive experience with cattle as well as horses.

In 2015, they sold their property and relocated to Grant County.

When asked why they moved, Ramy joked, "Have you ever been to Texas in the summer?"

"We love the remoteness



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Animal care is a family affair at Canyon Creek Veterinary Clinic. Ramy Jisha holds a cat while her daughter, Sky Jisha, 6, listens to its heartbeat and Brittany Wells, who works at CVCC, looks on.

of Grant County and the people," she said.

After moving here, they took some time off to "play in the mountains," Ramy said, before deciding it was time to open their practice again.

Other staff at CVCC are Barbara Dole, Alesa Molyneux and Brittany Wells. The Jishas' daughter, Sky, age 6, is "chief puppy snuggler" at the clinic.

Future plans for the clinic include continuing to remodel

the building to allow for large animal work and expanding the kennel facility to house more animals, plus dog training classes.

Canyon Creek Veterinary Clinic is open 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 7:30 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays, and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

Call 541-575-0212 for more information, or visit Canyon Creek Veterinary Clinic on Facebook.

Futures Scholarship winners announced

Blue Mountain TV Cable donates \$10K to the program

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The Grant County Futures Scholarship has named three winners this year and announces a major donation to the program.

The 2016-2017 scholarship winners are Lindsay Bullock, who is working

on an associate's degree in accounting from Blue Mountain Community College; Cody Nielsen, who is studying computer science, also for an associate's degree from BMCC; and Rhiannon Bauman, who is working on a bachelor's degree in physical activity and health through Eastern Oregon University.

The scholarship program has received a donation of over \$10,000 from Blue Mountain TV Cable Company, in honor of former owner, Jack McKenna,

who supported educational and job training opportunities for adults in Grant County.

The funds will be invested through the EOU Foundation and will increase available funds for local students who seek degrees through the Grant County Center, 835 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day.

For more information about the scholarship, and EOU and BMCC programs, contact director/advisor Chris Cronin at 541-575-2168.

ACADEMIC REPORT

Katelyn Page, of John Day, a junior at the University of Montana, has earned a \$3,000 John "Fid" Fidler Memorial Scholarship from

the College of Forestry and Conservation at UM.

Page is majoring in forest operations and fire management.

A 2009 graduate of Grant Union Junior-Senior High School, she is the daughter of Richard Page and Donna Speakman.

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would especially like to thank Al Cummins, Judy Krutsinger, John Day Hardware True Value, Grant County Jammers (directed by Ron Phillips), Nature's Calling Sanitation, KJDY, Long Creek Historical Society & the Blue Mountain Eagle for your generosity. A special thank you to all who attended and donated to the Fox Community Church restoration.

THANK YOU!
Fox Community Church board and the community.

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NOTICE OF 40 MILE CHIPSEAL PROJECT ON MIDDLE FORK ROAD, COUNTY ROAD 20

On MONDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 20th, the Grant County Road Department will begin its 40 mile Chip Seal Project on the Middle Fork Road, County Road 20. It is anticipated to continue through July 1st. Work is scheduled for Monday - Friday, 7:00 am-4:30 pm, and possibly later if necessary.

Starting point of this project is the Junction of State Hwy. 395 and County Road 20, and will proceed east, ending at the Junction of County Road 20 and State Highway 7, by July 1st. (It is estimated we will chip seal approximately five miles a day).

A pilot car will be utilized for the duration. A bike shuttle will not be available. Be prepared for possible loose rock, and some delays.

For further information on this project, call the Grant County Road Department, at 541-575-0138, or 541-575-3783.

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Traveling In and Around Grant County this Summer?

For Grant County Road Dept. alerts on construction, closures or delays, check out the website at: www.gcoregonlive2.com.

It's right on the front page for your convenience.

Remember to follow the speed limit and use caution at all times in construction zones.

Be safe. Be smart. Be focused.