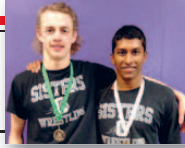


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Fair sparks fascination with science

By Jodi Schneider McNamee
Correspondent

The Sisters High School commons buzzed with excitement on Saturday for the fifth annual Sisters Science Fair. Students from all three Sisters schools showed off their educational experiments, displays, and demonstrations. Hundreds of folks expressed interest by watching or getting involved through hands-on challenges.

The fair was sponsored by the Sisters Science Club and free to all. "The Science of Nature" was this year's theme and was evident throughout the fair with student displays, ranging from the "Science of Photosynthesis" to "What's In Our Forest" and "Pop Bottle Ecosystem" drawings done by students from Sisters Elementary School.

The Sisters Science Fair is an educational opportunity to gather students, teachers, and ideas together in an environment immersed in science, technology, engineering, math and history.

Riding a bicycle is a life



PHOTO BY JODI SCHNEIDER MCNAMEE

Fairgoers at the Sisters Science Fair played with hands-on exhibits, including a gyrosopic umbrella.

skill we learn as kids that sticks with us for a lifetime. Once you learn it you never forget it. But what if there was

a special kind of bike that will make everything you learned useless? Cal Allen, co-founder of

the Sisters Science Club, was ignited with energy as he See SCIENCE FAIR on page 10

City works on forgivable-loan program

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

In an effort to attract new business to Sisters and to retain businesses already established here, Sisters City Council has been working on the establishment of a forgivable-loan program.

The City of Bend established such a program with the original intention of stabilizing companies and retaining businesses, and thus local jobs, during difficult economic periods. As the economy has strengthened, the focus has shifted to attracting new business to Bend.

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Sheriff's captain fired after theft charge

BEND (AP) — A Deschutes County Sheriff's captain faces federal charges that he stole more than \$200,000 from the county, then turned over much of it to an ex-colleague with whom he had a romantic relationship.

Scott Beard was arrested and fired Friday, two days after a grand jury returned a five-count indictment charging him with theft, money laundering and passport fraud, *The Bulletin* newspaper reported. He was jailed pending a Monday court appearance.

Beard, 45, is accused of

stealing the money between January 2014 and September 2015, when he was put on paid administrative leave. Investigators say he sometimes submitted overstated or fake funding requests for a regional drug task force he oversaw.

His attorney, Erick Ward, said in an email to The Associated Press on Saturday that he could not immediately comment on the case.

Beard gave at least \$100,000 to former sheriff's office employee Krista Mudrick, 35, the indictment

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Chamber honors Sisters' best

By Jim Cornelius
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"It's always better to get a plaque than a headstone," said Bob Grooney at Friday night's Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce Awards dinner.

Longtime members of the Chamber have come to expect that kind of dry humor out of Grooney, who served 26 years as a member of the Chamber's board of directors. That service, along with his work on the school board; early economic development efforts; his work as the owner and operator with his wife, Claudia, of The Gallimaufry; and as a founding member of what is now Sisters Park & Recreation



PHOTO BY JODI SCHNEIDER MCNAMEE

Peter Storton presented Bob Grooney, right, with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce.

District, earned Grooney the first-ever Chamber Lifetime Achievement Award.

The award was presented

by Peter Storton, who offered up a heartfelt tribute to a

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