

**CHILDCARE:** Check into providers background and qualifications

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Some providers are diligently working to upgrade their skills by attending classes and working to move into a higher level of caregiving. Many are working with The Oregon Registry: Pathway for Professional Recognition in Childcare and Education, which is a statewide program that records and recognizes the professional development growth and achievement of people who work with and for children and families. It is always a good idea to ask a provider what training and education they have.

To upgrade their skills providers attend classes in evenings after having cared for children all day. Or, they commit to Saturday trainings or online trainings to assure they know all they can about how to be the best childcare provider possible. Through Child Care Resource they stay abreast of the newest health and safety requirements, providing parents with assurance that their children are getting the very best of care.

Never forget, it is your job to be sure your children are always safe and well cared for, even when you are away.

*Eddie Jones is the retired executive director of Together For Children and the author of "Raising Kids With Love, Honor, and Respect: Recipes for Success."*

**SCIENCE FAIR:** Activities went from greenhouse to flight simulator

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from ENERGYneering Solutions to test their airborne abilities.

"We're teaching younger kids how to work our flight simulator from the flight science program," said ninth-grader Charmayne Owens. "I'm in Sheryl Yeager's flight science class and it's an amazing opportunity right now because it's a free class and free for a student to get their pilot's license."

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A new highlight at the fair this year with healthy living displays was the 30- by 50-foot greenhouse recently built right next to the high school.

Seed to Table Farm founder Audrey Tehan is the greenhouse manager and also



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SHS freshman Dan Schmidt operates/demonstrates a drone as his friends look on.

serves as agriculture teacher in the high school. The Seed to Table Farm was initiated by Tehan with the help of the Sisters Science Club during the fall of 2013, and Seed to Table is the only farm-based education program serving Central Oregon.

"This greenhouse is going to be a living laboratory," Tehan said. "We will be able to have various growing techniques going on and learning about hydroponic growing

and aquaponics. I've been teaching the class for almost a month with 20 high school students attending, and we are going to have a big opening ceremony in April."

The Science Fair was a chance for young scientists to investigate questions and to show off their own experiments and demonstrations. It was an opportunity for students to learn science hands-on, and to teach others what they learned.

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