

A university in Oregon will use balloons to track eclipse

PORTLAND (AP) — Portland State University in Oregon will launch four high-altitude balloons equipped with GPS tracking systems and 360-degree video cameras during the upcoming solar eclipse.

The university said Wednesday that the balloons will allow anyone to watch a live stream online as the moon's shadow darkens a large swath of Oregon on August 21.

One balloon will be a part of a larger live-streaming project funded by NASA that involves 55 college and school teams throughout the U.S.

Three others are part of a PSU project.

The first balloon will reach 70,000 feet in the air, the second will reach 100,000 feet and the third will go to 130,000 feet.

For comparison, the school says a typical airliner cruises at an altitude of 39,000 feet.



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Friends of the Sisters Library is hosting a pre-owned art sale.

ART SALE: Don't need to donate to buy — or vice-versa

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they deem inappropriate. Any art that doesn't sell will be donated to the Habitat for Humanity ReStore or Goodwill. If a donor wants an unsold item returned, it must be picked up in the library community room on Monday, July 31, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. After 12:30 p.m. everything left will be removed.

FOSL wants to be sure people understand it is not necessary to make a donation on Saturday in order to purchase art on Sunday and

vice-versa; each is a separate event. The proceeds from the sale will go toward supporting the many programs and materials offered by the library.

Artwork may be framed or unframed. If framed, FOSL asks that the frame be intact with no broken glass. All artwork must be clean and undamaged, with no water/moisture or insect damage. Posters will be accepted as well as art quilts, but not large ones like bed-sized quilts or mural posters.

Payment for all purchases on Sunday will be accepted in the form of cash or check only — no credit or debit cards.

Fire district improving training site

The Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD is working on improving its training site located at the south end of Locust Street.

The district is soliciting bids for the following: Locust Street Training Site Preparation Project.

"We're trying to get it paved," Fire Chief Roger Johnson told *The Nugget*. "The main thing is getting a clean, dry place to pull hose."

Chief Johnson also said that the district is panning to move a couple of shipping containers on site to be used as props for live-fire training.

Bid documents may be obtained by request at 301 S. Elm St. in Sisters beginning July 19, between the hours

of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. each weekday or online at www.sistersfire.com. Bids must be received in a sealed envelope to: Fire Chief Roger Johnson at 301 S. Elm St., PO Box 1509, Sisters, OR 97759 no later than 1 p.m. on August

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2, to be considered. Bids are scheduled to be opened at 1:15 p.m. on August 2, at 301 S. Elm St. Contact Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District with questions or to request a copy of the solicitation document call 541-549-0771.

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