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Small brushfire threatens home near Sisters

Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District made a swift response early Sunday morning for a reported residential structure fire that turned out to be a small brushfire threatening a home north of the Squaw Creek Canyon Estates area.

Neighbor Kimberly Boggio called 911 at 3:34 a.m. after her husband noticed the fire. First units were on scene by 3:50 a.m. and discovered brush and a snag

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Smoky sunset...



PHOTO BY GARY MILLER

Heavy smoke from wildfires as far away as British Columbia have hazed the air of Sisters Country over the past week. There's little to recommend the phenomenon — except some spectacular sunset skies.

Sisters resident competes in Special Olympics

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Local resident Lizzie Affonso celebrated a great achievement last month by attending the Special Olympics State Games to play golf.

Lizzie, 33, living with Down syndrome, grew up in Stockton, California, and moved to Bend in 1995 with her mom, Sandy. In 2001, they both moved to Sisters where

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Protect your eyes during solar eclipse

Once the preparations for heavy traffic and a massive influx of visitors have been taken care of, folks in Sisters will be turning their eyes to the sky to take in the total solar eclipse that is set for Monday morning, August 21.

Safety should be the top priority while viewing the eclipse.

Sisters is close to, but not IN, the "path of totality," so the eclipse will not be complete from any Sisters Country vantage point. That means there will NEVER be a point during this eclipse event at which it's safe to look at the sun with the naked eye.

According to NASA, "The only safe way to look directly at the uneclipsed or partially eclipsed sun is through special-purpose solar filters, such as 'eclipse

glasses' or hand-held solar viewers. Homemade filters or ordinary sunglasses, even very dark ones, are not safe for looking at the sun; they transmit thousands of times too much sunlight."

Several shops in Sisters are carrying eclipse glasses. To make sure what you have is safe, verify that the glasses are certified compliant to the ISO 12312-2 international safety standard for such products.

NASA offers the following safety tips:

- Always inspect your solar filter before use; if scratched or damaged, discard it. Read and follow any instructions printed on or packaged with the filter.

- Always supervise children using solar filters.

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Livestock club in top form at fair

By Jodi Schneider McNamee
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With its unique sights, sounds and smells who can resist the annual Deschutes County Fair? For many, just talking about the fair can conjure up memories that instantly take us back to our childhood.

The Deschutes County Fair is run by the local fair association with big support from 4-H volunteer leaders. And for 32 years Pam Mitchell has been leading the Cloverdale Livestock Club — long before her own children were able to participate. The fair has been a key part of her life since the fourth grade when she became a 4-H member.

"I have only taken one year off from 4-H, and that was after graduation. I felt so out of place that I went back to helping lead the club and have been at it ever since,"



PHOTO BY JODI SCHNEIDER MCNAMEEE

Faith Keeton with her steer at the Deschutes County Fair.

Mitchell told *The Nugget*.

4-H is one of the largest out-of-school youth programs in the nation. It

encourages participants to learn by doing. Through

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