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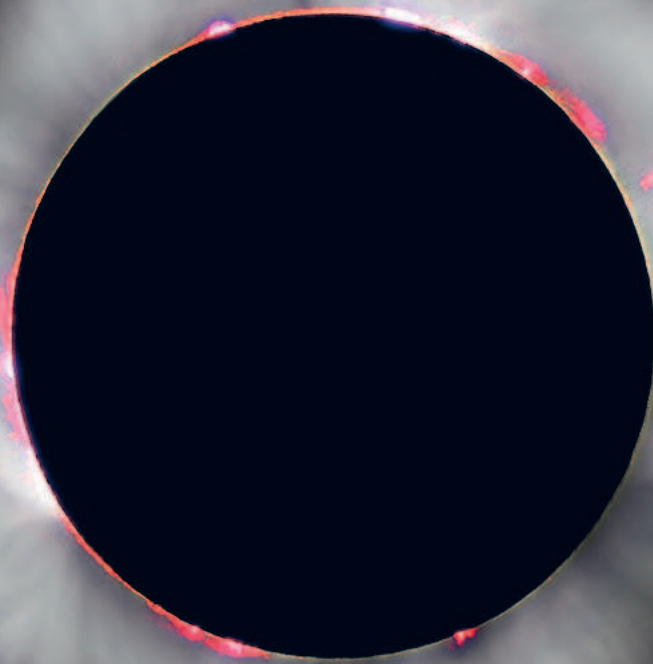
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Solar eclipse will roll across Sisters

By Grace Maiden *Correspondent*

The Great American Eclipse of 2017 will move across Sisters Country on Monday, August 21. The moon's shadow will cut a 70-mile-wide swath of totality across the country from Oregon to South Carolina. Viewers within the path will see the moon completely cover the sun to reveal the sun's beautiful, tenuous atmosphere, called the corona.

The sun's corona and reddish-colored prominences are clearly displayed in this picture of a total solar eclipse taken in 1999. A similar sight awaits residents of Sisters — which will receive about 30 seconds of totality on August 21. PHOTO BY LUC VIATOUR /WWW.LUCNIX.BE



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Campfire ban in place for forest

With increased fire activity and an influx of visitors coming to Central Oregon for the solar eclipse, public land managers for the Bureau of Land Management, Deschutes and Ochoco national forests and Crooked River National Grassland will implement a ban on open campfires and Industrial Fire Precaution Level 4 on Friday.

Beginning at 12:01 a.m. on August 11, campfires, including charcoal and pellet fires, will no longer be allowed on public lands. This is a change from the implementation of Public Use Restrictions on July 18, which limited campfires to designated

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Fires break out in Sisters Country

After enduring many days of heavy smoke inundation from fires as far away as British Columbia, Sisters Country got hit with some fires of our own, sparked by lightning that moved through the region last week.

Firefighters have the upper hand on the Whychus Fire eight miles northeast of Sisters — after a hectic Sunday afternoon in which the 34-acre fire, driven by stiff winds, jumped containment lines and took a swift and massive run to the east, covering two-and-a-half miles in just a couple of hours.

The blaze approached inhabited areas along Lower Bridge Road, and a portion of the area was put under a

Level 2 evacuation notice, as air tankers made water and retardant drops to quell the advancing blaze.

A calm day on Sunday helped get things in hand and the fire was winding down as of Monday. It had, however, grown to 2,030 acres.

A fire on Black Crater known as the Milli Fire is expected to ramp up. As of Monday, it was at 150 acres and is 2 percent contained. There are many safety hazards affecting firefighters' ability to attack the blaze.

This fire is currently eight miles west of Sisters and about one-and-a-half miles southwest of Black Crater

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Fair serves up old-fashioned fun

By Jodi Schneider McNamee *Correspondent*

Every summer Sisters Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration hosts its traditional small-town country fair, a crowd favorite, and last weekend marked its 22nd year. Folks rolled in from all around the region for some good old-fashioned fun.

The smoky air didn't deter folks from lining up at the Sweet Tooth Booth waiting for a piece of Ann Reed's delicious marionberry cobbler.

Volunteers Ann Reed and Vickie Babbitt served up the cobbler early Saturday morning.

"We already emptied two pans out of the 15 made," Babbitt exclaimed.

It was over 22 years ago that the mouthwatering recipe



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Two-year-old Michael Alexis Gauthier enjoyed the petting zoo at the annual Country Fair at the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration.

for the marionberry cobbler was perfected by the late Edie Larsen.

"We used to sell it at the

Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show before the Country Fair,"

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