

**SCIENCE FAIR:** Multiple hands-on exhibits educated public

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a cart or something that rolls with an attached balloon,” Corrigan said. “They use the energy that is stored in the balloon to propel their car.”

David Novotny and Spencer Bordonoro won first place.

Ian Sherman from the Central Oregon Rocket Club had a display table with model rockets for viewing, and also had small model rocket launches outdoors in the baseball field for spectators to watch at two separate times during the fair.

“We’ve been constructing rockets all day,” he said. “This year we also brought a cosmic globe with us. It shows you the way electricity interacts with the human touch.”

Outside in the 30-by-50-foot greenhouse, Seed to Table Farm founder and greenhouse manager Audrey Tehan was standing by to answer questions about the living laboratory.

“We have been studying the different growing techniques and learning about hydroponic growing and aquaponics,” said



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Wren Gunnarson was fascinated with looking through the microscope.

Tehan. “We are now growing figs, avocados, peach trees, guava, citrus and all sorts of things. We are seeing what the potential is for the greenhouse. This is exciting to be able to explore the field and try to create kind of a tropical environment since we don’t get to experience that in

Central Oregon.”

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.

**NOISE:** Decimal reading requested for judging levels

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that the wording of the City code is not criteria-based, but rather left to the discretion of the City Manager, a situation he thinks is too subjective.

“I want to treat everyone the same. I don’t want to hurt businesses but I also need to meet needs of the residents,” Kucera said.

Staff suggested that perhaps businesses could be allowed three special events when music could go later. They also suggested that the two large signature events in Sisters – the rodeo and the folk festival – should be considered special circumstances being exempt from needing any kind of variance, based on the understanding that those events will necessarily

involve loud outdoor music being played later into the evening.

Hardtails Bar & Grill owner Steve Macey testified during visitor communication that he is in favor of specific decibel-level regulations and had suggested that previously to the City. He thinks decibel measurements will remove the human element from the equation.

He said his entertainment helps bring people to town. He has offered to cut down the number of events he will hold and a sound technician has been hired. Macey explained that in the summer, his outdoor shows don’t start until 9 p.m. because that is when the sun is low enough in the sky so it isn’t shining in the eyes of his patrons.

Macey told the Council, “I’m here to work with you, not against you. I am asking you to make it 11 p.m. on the weekends.”

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