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Teen vaping is local and national issue

By Charlie Kanzig
Correspondent

After years of seeing cigarette smoking rates decline, a new nicotine phenomenon has taken hold in the United States through a clever marketing and manufacturing strategy by companies like Juul, resulting in a wave of teenage users who may not have any real comprehension of the health dangers involved.

Welcome to the world of vaping, the common term for using e-cigarettes.

Vaping devices are also common for ingesting marijuana products, but this article

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Sworn in...



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

New City Councilor Michael Preedin and returning Council President Nancy Connelly were sworn in at the Sisters City Council meeting last week. Returning Councilor Richard Esterman was out of town for the meeting and was sworn in earlier.

Sisters supports family of slain woman

Friends and family of Jenny Cashwell are mourning her death this week and rallying to support her two young children.

Cashwell, 37, was killed Saturday afternoon at the Cedar West Apartments in Bend. The incident remains under investigation. Bend Police reported on Sunday that they took Alan Peter Porciello, 36, of Bend into custody on charges of Manslaughter in the First Degree and Unlawful Use of a Weapon.

Cashwell lived east of Sisters and worked at Fullhart

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Drawing offers chance to win coveted tickets

“Starry Nights Presents An Acoustic Evening with Lyle Lovett and John Hiatt” was a quick sell-out, but Ray’s Food Place is offering a chance to win a pair of tickets and other prizes. Visit the Starry Nights display at Ray’s in Sisters and enter to win tickets, CDs from the artists, a “locals gift bag” and other local gift cards. The drawing will be held on Friday, January 25, at noon.

“We are thrilled to continue our support of the Sisters Schools Foundation through Starry Nights” said Ray’s Food Place manager Jeff McDonald. “We have been there since day one because we know the importance of the Foundation and what it affords the students

in our community through our schools. Our kids have an array of things available to them that they otherwise might not. What a unique and invaluable event this is!”

The concert takes place on Tuesday, January 29, as Lovett and Hiatt team up for a performance at Sisters High School to kick-off their 2019 tour. The artists are donating their time to support programs and activities at Sisters elementary, middle, and high schools.

Doors open at 6 p.m., with Sisters High School Americana, Jazz Choir, and Jazz Band students performing, complimentary hearty

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Look for total lunar eclipse in Sisters

By Jim Hammond Vice-chair, Sisters Astronomy Club

The glare of a full moon will be temporarily darkened when earth’s shadow falls upon the face of our only natural satellite on Sunday evening, January 20.

The celestial event is a total lunar eclipse — a super blood moon one at that — to be conveniently staged in the evening hours here in Sisters Country.

Because the moon’s orbit is tilted at about five degrees with respect to the orbit of the earth around the sun, we enter an “eclipse season” approximately every six months, and during this time there will be two or three solar or lunar eclipses visible at some places on the earth. Right now we are in one of those seasons. Last week there was a partial eclipse of the sun visible in parts of northeastern Asia and barely visible from southwestern Alaska.

On Sunday night, January 20, a total eclipse of the moon

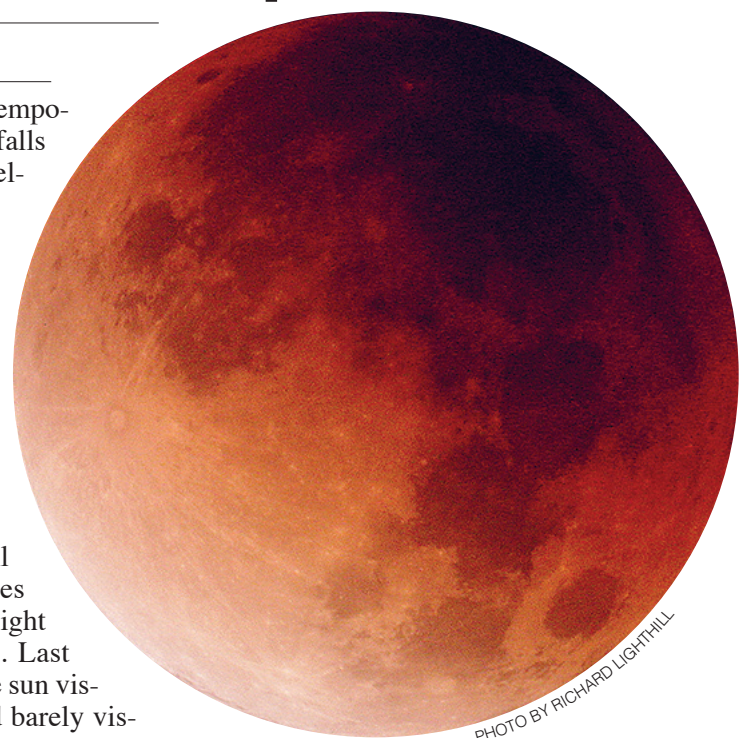


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Photo of total lunar eclipse taken January 31, 2018 by Richard Lighthill from his observatory in La Pine.

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