

SCIENCE FAIR: Event features student projects, activities

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“ASK ME! What? How? Why?” At the Science Fair, everyone is encouraged to join in the “magic of science” to learn and have fun.

OMSI, from Portland, will be bringing their new, more sophisticated planetarium with a state-of-the-art projection system. This has been a very popular exhibit along with the Sisters Astronomy Club, Sisters High School astronomy team and the Sun River Observatory.

Healthy living and green energy programs will have displays from greenhouse gardening to organic vegetables in our Seed-To-Table program. A 3-D printer will be there to astonish your imagination with fascinating possibilities and new innovation. Many more exhibitors will be announced in the coming weeks.

The 2019 Design, Construct, Compete (DCC) Challenge will feature Balloon Car competitions for the elementary students and a tennis ball launch for middle and high school.

“The DCC Challenges are for all students in Sisters, Black Butte, Tumalo and local private and home-schooled kids. This generates enthusiasm from all ages for at least two months before the challenge,” Packard explained. “Families line the bleachers to cheer contestants on. Students are in the spotlight for doing science!”

The popular SciArt Contest will be held again for all schools. Registration forms and rules for both DCC and SciArt are available for downloading at the Sisters Science Club website at www.sisterssciencefair.org.

WILDFIRE: Climate, development affecting strategies

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resources. Thinning forests helps protect them from wildfires.

The Oregon Department of Forestry uses a “militia” approach to fighting wildfires, drawing employees with specialized fire skills away from regular duties across the agency to fill out fire teams when needed.

“This has proved highly efficient,” forestry department spokeswoman Bobbi Doan said in an email. “However, over the past 10 years, climate conditions,

increased development in and near forests, and other factors have made fire seasons longer, more severe and more complex.”

Brown appointed Matt Donegan as chairman of the new wildfire response council.

According to the non-profit World Forestry Center, based in Portland, Donegan studied forestry and worked early in his career as a forester and investment analyst at Georgia-Pacific Corporation, a pulp and paper company based in Atlanta, Georgia. He was president of the now-disbanded State Board of Higher Education, and was co-chair of the Oregon Global Warming Commission’s Natural Resources Commission.

‘Lift for Jenny’...



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Becky Ward deadlifts 308 pounds in honor of Jenny Cashwell in a Level 5 fundraising event in honor of the Sisters woman.

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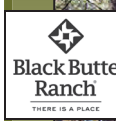


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