

**SCIENCE FAIR:**  
Event set at SHS on Saturday, March 14

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Space travel is a topic in the news these days given the successes of SpaceX's Dragon (with Ripley, the dummy astronaut) and Boeing's upcoming Crew Space Transportation (CST-100) Starliner test. The Sisters Science Fair is amply representing cosmic science with demonstrations, observations and exhibits.

The Rocket Club will offer an opportunity for students to build and launch rockets if weather permits. ISTAR, a company that launches stratospheric balloons for commercial use, will be on hand along with Steve Peterzen from ISTAR and Sisters High School students. This group will explain the concept, show their payloads, and launch balloons from the Sisters High School field.

OMSI will have their new sophisticated planetarium to help us all learn to search for and name those elusive stars in our heavens.

For a taste of aviation closer to home, the Radio-Controlled Airplane Club will demonstrate flight using a hand-held transmitter and a lot of skill to fly around our area. Of course, there's always the Paper Airplane Challenge, where you can compare your aviation design talents with other competitors for the right to hold the overall paper airplane winner of flight and distance.

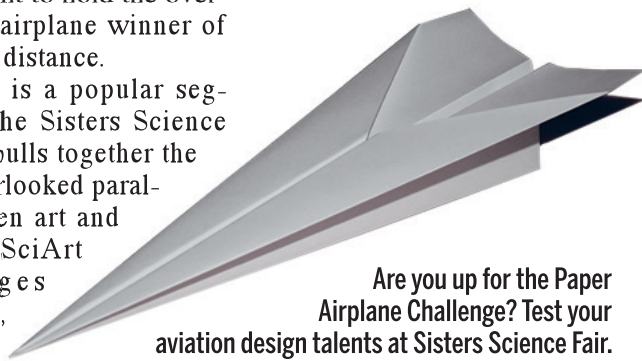
SciArt is a popular segment of the Sisters Science Fair that pulls together the often-overlooked parallel between art and science. SciArt challenges students, from

elementary to high school, to use their imaginations and "find the art in science." These creations are on display at the fair so plan plenty of time to see each one, check out the winners, and pick your own favorites.

Again this year, the Sisters High School gym will erupt with noise from an exuberant audience when they cheer on the teams involved in the Design, Construct and Compete (DCC) Contest.

Elementary students will captivate the crowd first as each student signed up for the competition races their own specially designed and decorated balloon car in the gym starting about 2:30 p.m. Following that race, the middle school and high school students compete as individuals or teams in the Tennis Ball Launch Contest. As teams progress after each round, the complexity and difficulty of the course increases until only one person or team is left to claim the first-place-winner prize. The audience participates, too, with their encouraging cheers and the escalating sound of their shouts.

The Sisters Science Fair offers families the opportunity to explore science together, to ask questions, and learn about our natural environment. Everyone is empowered to inquire and experiment at the Science Fair. The event is free and open to everyone. For more information, visit the Sisters Science Club website at [www.sistersscienceclub.org](http://www.sistersscienceclub.org).



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"black enough" to star in a role as father of the Williams tennis sisters. Seriously?!

In trying to outdo other extreme liberals in New York, several states are jumping on the bandwagon to approve abortion up to the time of delivery. (And Trump is called a Nazi?!)

In my opinion the Democratic Party has completely lost its moral and ethical compass in a span of one generation. Where's the commitment to an oath of office with their hand on the Bible? Just look at the contrast between John F. Kennedy, who put a man on the moon; and Barack Obama, who put men in women's restrooms. Pretty much says it all.

Jeff Mackey



To the Editor:

Senate Bill 47, the Natural Resources Management Act, recently passed both houses as part of a package of major public lands bills. This act includes Sen. Ron Wyden's

version of House Bill 2075, the Crooked River Ranch Fire Protection Act, introduced in the House by Rep. Greg Walden.

I want to thank both Sen. Wyden and Rep. Walden for their efforts to help prevent wildfires on public lands adjacent to Crooked River Ranch through passage of SB 47. Sen. Wyden's amendments to Rep. Walden's bill improved wildfire protection through the release of 688 acres of Wilderness Study Area while providing for fuels reduction and restrictions on vehicular access.

Now there is the opportunity to build upon the work started with this legislation and address other unresolved issues on public lands near Crooked River Ranch, such as vandalism and the destruction of precious natural resources. There are significant recreational, fishery, wildlife, scenic, and archeological values associated with these lands that deserve special designation to provide permanent protection. Let's hope our congressional delegation will now work with the concerned public to protect the larger Lower Crooked, Middle Deschutes and Lower Whychus Creek area.

Henry Mottl

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