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Fair encourages futuristic thinking

By Jodi Schneider
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The Sisters High School commons buzzed with excitement on Saturday during the eighth-annual Sisters Science Fair. Students from all three Sisters schools showed off their educational experiments, exhibits and demonstrations.

Students showed off their wide range of hands-on demonstrations, from a vacuum-propelled ping-pong cannon to lemon-powered light-bulbs. People of all ages got a charge as they made their way around the maze of educational experiments.

This year, Sisters Science Club's treasurer Cal Allen built an exhibit, Galileo's Acceleration Experiment, that demonstrated how the Italian physicist measured time using a water clock. Galileo used inclined planes to slow down the acceleration rate of an object under the influence of gravity to measure the time interval of an object in freefall.

Science fairs are a great way for students to become more knowledgeable about



Wren Gunnarson was fascinated by a gyroscope at Sisters Science Fair last Saturday.

PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

how the world around them, including the solar system, works.

Sisters High School Astronomy Club member Delsie McCrystal participates in the Research and Education Collaborative Occultation

Network (RECON) project.

"The point of the project is to discover as many of the different objects that are in the Kuiper belt as we can," McCrystal told *The Nugget*. "The Kuiper belt is a field of asteroids that surround our

solar system."

McCrystal added, "Using our telescope, we record when an asteroid that's beyond Neptune goes in front of a star. The star blinks out

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Road rage incident leads to arrest near Sisters

A 31-year-old Bend man was taken into custody during a high-risk traffic stop after he allegedly fired shots at another vehicle in an episode Deschutes County Sheriff's Office personnel characterize as a road rage incident on Sunday afternoon.

The sheriff's office reports that a driver called in at about 6:55 p.m. to report that she was being tailgated by a large white Suburban, and that the vehicle had almost hit her car. At the time of the call, the suspect vehicle was following the reporting person.

A short time later, the reporting person said that the Suburban had passed them, and fired several shots at their vehicle as they passed.

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USFS plans major Suttle Lake project

By Jim Cornelius
Editor in Chief

Suttle Lake is one of the best-loved and most heavily trafficked areas in Sisters Country. It is also home to an old and decaying forest. The combination of those two factors has led the Sisters Ranger District to propose a major project to deal with diseased and potentially dangerous trees.

The District is seeking public input on a project to fell dangerous and/or diseased trees and replant and transplant in the area. The project is designed to address safety concerns and also to promote the health of the forest in the area.

Disease including dwarf mistletoe and a variety of forms of rot is prevalent in the forest surrounding the popular lake.

Sisters District Ranger Ian Reid told *The Nugget* that he was "blown away" by the extent of the decayed forest conditions — especially in the area of the Suttle Lake United Methodist Camp — when he toured the area after taking his position last year. The Suttle Lake area has become well-known among foresters for its condition.

"It's a place where employees would go to train on the various hazards and defects in trees," he said.

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Tehan will be Rodeo Grand Marshal

By Bonnie Malone
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Sisters Rodeo has chosen Sisters legendary songbird Peggy Clerf Tehan as the 2019 Grand Marshal of the Sisters Rodeo Parade.

Tehan, a 35-year resident of Sisters, sang the National Anthem at every rodeo performance for 29 years. Her pure soprano voice impressed Rodeo President Glenn Miller, who first asked her to sing the anthem in 1989. She saddled up, performing a cappella on horseback for all but one rodeo in the ensuing years.

During her first performance, Peggy left her three-month-old daughter in the stands with Jean Wells of the Stitchin' Post. She laughingly

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