

C O M M U N I T Y

Science talk takes on 'fake news'

The Internet and social media make information easier to find than ever before. From pranks to parody to propaganda, we are exposed to misinformation every day.

Companies such as Facebook and Google have pledged to fight back with artificial intelligence, developing algorithms to detect falsehoods automatically. But will it work?

Dr. Daniel Lowd says the answer is complicated. He will speak at The Belfry on Tuesday, April 23 as part of the 2018-19 Frontiers in Science series, sponsored by the Sisters Science Club.

Science news is especially vulnerable to the spread of misinformation, complicated by public unfamiliarity with scientific processes, the inherent uncertainty of research findings and journalistic tendencies to overstate results.

Artificial intelligence is at least part of the answer to detecting fake information, abusive language and spam, Dr. Lowd contends. But humans are going to have to do their part, he says.

Just last week, Facebook announced a comprehensive

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Tickets for a June 27 show featuring Josh Ritter go on sale April 17.

Easter Egg hunt set at Sisters parks

Children from infant to 11 years of age are invited to participate in the annual Easter Egg Hunt co-sponsored by the Sisters-Camp Sherman and Cloverdale fire departments. The event will take place on Easter Sunday, April 21, at 1 p.m. at the adjoining Creekside Park and Three Sisters Overnight Park, regardless of weather. The Easter Bunny will be present.

Parking is limited, so plan to arrive early. Children wishing to participate are asked to be at the parks at 12:40 p.m.

so they can be divided into the appropriate age groups. Children are divided into the following groups: Infant to 2 years old will be in the red area, 3-5 years old will be in the yellow area, 6-8 years old will be in the blue area and 9-11 years old will be in the white area.

Participants must be prompt; the eggs disappear fast.

For more information call the Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire Department at 541-549-0771.

Folk festival to host Josh Ritter

Acclaimed musician and songwriter Josh Ritter will help Sisters Folk Festival purchase its current headquarters.

Sisters Folk Festival will present Josh Ritter & The Royal City Band at the Sisters High School auditorium in a fundraising concert for "Connected by Creativity," a capital campaign of Sisters Folk Festival. Tickets will go on sale to the general public April 17 at 10 a.m. and are \$35 to \$60 (plus fees) each.

Ritter is celebrating the release of his 10th studio album, "Fever Breaks." Produced by Grammy

Award-winning musician Jason Isbell, the 10-song record was recorded at Nashville's historic RCA Studio A. *Paste* magazine considers Ritter "one of the 100 best songwriters living today," and *Rolling Stone* says of "Fever Breaks": "It's classic Ritter on Muscle Shoals-bred steroids."

Sisters Folk Festival has been conducting a capital campaign for the past year to purchase the Sisters Art Works building and the adjacent land, which serve as the largest venue for the annual festival and a community space for events throughout the year. The purchase of the

building will allow Sisters Folk Festival to secure their largest venue space, provide a dedicated "home" to execute their mission of enriching lives through arts and music performance and education, and to create new ways to serve the community through programming with adults, after-school and underserved populations.

"The 'Connected by Creativity' concert is a great way to educate the public about our mission and add to the excitement for the closing of phase one of the capital campaign," said Creative

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SISTERS AREA MEETING CALENDAR

BOARDS, GROUPS, CLUBS

- Al-Anon** Mon., noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Wed., 6 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration. 541-549-8737 or 541-549-1527.
- Alcoholics Anonymous** Thurs. & Sun., 7 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration / Sat., 8 a.m., Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration / Mon., 5 p.m., Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Big Book study, Tues., noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Gentlemen's meeting, Wed., 7 a.m., Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Sober Sisters Women's meeting, Thurs., noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Step & Tradition meeting, Fri., noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. 541-548-0440.
- Alzheimer's & Dementia Caregiver Support Group** 1st Tuesday, noon, Sisters City Hall. 800-272-3900.
- Black Butte Ranch Bridge Club** Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m., BBR community room. Partner required. 541-595-6236.
- Central Oregon Fly Tyers Guild** For Saturday meeting dates and location, email: steelefly@msn.com.
- Central OR Spinners and Weavers Guild** One Saturday per month, Jan. thru Oct. For schedule: 541-639-3217.
- Council on Aging of Central Oregon Senior Lunch** Tuesdays, noon, Sisters Community Church. 541-480-1843.

- East of the Cascades Quilt Guild** 4th Wednesday (September-June), Stitchin' Post. All are welcome. 541-549-6061.
- Friends of the Sisters Library Board of Directors** 2nd Tuesday, 9 to 11 a.m., Sisters Library. www.sistersfol.com.
- Go Fish Fishing Group** 3rd Monday, 7 p.m. Sisters Community Church. All ages welcome. 541-771-2211.
- Heartwarmers** (fleece blanketmakers) 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 1 p.m., Sisters City Hall. Materials provided. 541-408-8505.
- Hero Quilters of Sisters** Thursday, 1 to 4 p.m. 541-549-1028 or 541-719-1230.
- Military Parents of Sisters** Meetings are held quarterly; please call for details. 541-388-9013.
- Oregon Band of Brothers - Sisters Chapter** Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m., Takoda's Restaurant. 541-549-6469.
- SAGE (Senior Activities, Gatherings & Enrichment)** Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Sisters Park & Recreation District. 541-549-2091.
- Sisters Family Aglow Lighthouse** 4th Saturday, 10 a.m., Ponderosa Lodge Meeting Room. 503-930-6158.
- Sisters Area Photography Club** 2nd Wednesday, 4 p.m., Sisters Library community room. 541-549-6157.

- Sisters Area Woodworkers** 1st Tuesday, 7 to 9 p.m. 541-639-6216.
- Sisters Astronomy Club** 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., SPRD. 541-549-8846.
- Sisters Bridge Club** Thursdays, 12:30 p.m., The Pines Clubhouse. Novices welcomed. 541-549-9419.
- Sisters Caregiver Support Group** 3rd Tues., 10:30 a.m., Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. 541-771-3258.
- Sisters Cribbage Club** Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Ray's Food Place community room. 541-923-1632.
- Sisters Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors** 4th Tuesday, 6 p.m. Location information: 541-549-1193.
- Sisters Kiwanis** Thursdays, 7 to 8:30 a.m., Brand 33 Restaurant at Aspen Lakes. 541-410-2870.
- Sisters Parent Teacher Community** 2nd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. at Sisters Saloon. 541-480-5994.
- Sisters Parkinson's Support Group** 2nd Tuesday, 1 p.m., Sisters Community Church. 907-687-8101 or 541-668-6599.
- Sisters Red Hats** 1st Friday. Location information: 541-279-1977.
- Sisters Rotary** Tuesdays, noon, Aspen Lakes Lodge. 541-760-5645.

- Sisters Trails Alliance Board** 1st Wednesday, 5 p.m. Sisters Art Works. Public welcome. 541-719-8822.
- Sisters Veterans** Thursdays, noon, Takoda's Restaurant. 541-903-1123.
- Three Sisters Irrigation District Board of Directors** 1st Tuesday, 4 p.m., TSID Office. 541-549-8815.
- Three Sisters Lions Club** 1st Thursday, noon, Ray's Food Place community room. 541-419-1279.
- VFW Post 8138 and American Legion Post 86** 1st Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Sisters City Hall. 541-903-1123.
- Weight Watchers** Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. weigh-in, Sisters Community Church. 541-602-2654.
- SCHOOLS**
- Black Butte School Board of Directors** 2nd Tuesday, 5 p.m., Black Butte School. 541-595-6203.
- Sisters Christian Academy Board of Directors** 2nd Thursday, 8 a.m., RE/MAX office. 541-549-4133.
- Sisters School District Board of Directors** One Wed. monthly, SSD Admin Bldg. See schedule online at www.ssd6.org. 541-549-8521 x5002.
- Sisters Middle School Parent Collaboration Team** 1st Tuesday, 2 p.m., SMS. 541-610-9513.

CITY & PARKS

- Sisters City Council** 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Sisters City Hall. 541-549-6022.
- Sisters Park & Recreation District Board of Directors** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m., SPRD bldg. 541-549-2091.
- Sisters Planning Commission** 3rd Thursday, 5:30 p.m., Sisters City Hall. 541-549-6022.

FIRE & POLICE

- Black Butte Ranch Police Dept. Board of Directors** Meets monthly. 541-595-2191 for time & date.
- Black Butte Ranch RFPD Board of Directors** 4th Thursday, 9 a.m., Black Butte Ranch Fire Station. 541-595-2288.
- Cloverdale RFPD Board of Directors** 3rd Wed., 7 p.m., 67433 Cloverdale Rd. 541-548-4815. cloverdalefire.com.
- Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD Board of Directors** 3rd Tuesday, 5 p.m., Sisters Fire Hall, 541-549-0771.
- Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD Drills** Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Sisters Fire Hall, 301 S. Elm St. 541-549-0771.

This listing is for regular Sisters Country meetings; email information to lisa@nuggetnews.com