

Astronomy Club hosts talk on space telescope

The Sisters Astronomy Club will host Dr. Ron Polidan, former NASA scientist, to speak about the recently launched James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) at their meeting on Tuesday, February 15, at 7 p.m.

It will be a virtual meeting only, accessible online to anyone through Zoom by clicking on the following link or scanning the QR code below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81963561802?pwd=MmZVZVNVmJPeUIROG04dEZROEdZQT09>



Polidan will discuss the development history and technology of the JWST, its launch and in-space deployment, current status, and plans for its commissioning. Easily the most complex space science observatory ever built, the JWST is expected by many astrophysicists to offer new insights into the nature and possible origin of the universe.

Polidan is an astrophysicist/space technologist who has over 45 years of space mission experience. He retired and moved to Oregon in 2016. He unretired in 2020 and is currently employed by Lunar Resources, Inc., a space industrialization company based in Houston, Texas, as their director of programs.



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Sisters athletes earn spotlight

Outlaws wrestler Daisy Patterson and basketball plenary Max Palanuk were selected by coaches at Sisters High School for a moment in the spotlight.

Wrestling Coach Gary Thorson said, "Daisy will be the first female wrestler to letter and compete all four years for Sisters High School. So far this year, she has a record of 16-7 and has been instrumental in helping to grow the numbers in our program and has been a great help in leading and modeling the other girls who have wrestled for us this year."

Patterson took third place at the Lady Dragon Invitational in Dallas where she went 4-1 in her tournament and collected four pins for the Outlaws. On Saturday, January 29, she went 2-0 with two pins at The Todd Sermon Invitational in Albany.

"Daisy has a great work ethic and positive attitude that rubs off on everyone," Thorson said. "She has taken on the unofficial title of 'Team Mom,' as she takes care of many of the needs of the other wrestlers and is a huge help to everyone!"

Coach Chad Rush praised Palanuk's leadership on and off the court.

"Max has established himself as a leader on and off the floor this season," he said. "Through 15 games, Max is averaging 17.6 points per game while shooting 44



PHOTOS BY JERRY BALDOCK

Max Palanuk is a leader on and off the court.

percent (35 percent from the three-point line). He has been a consistent scorer for a team that has struggled to find a flow and rhythm on the offensive end at times. Max has gained the attention of our opponents, always drawing the team's best defender. He also is third on the team in rebounding at 4.4 per game."

Rush continued, "Max has worked hard to make his senior year the best possible. He is very coachable and has changed aspects of his game that coaches have asked him to change. He has done it despite it being harder work. His buy-in to the changes in the basketball program expectations has been instrumental in helping the team win as many games this season as in the previous two seasons combined."



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Daisy Patterson brings a strong work ethic and positive attitude to the Outlaws wrestling squad.

Fire district seeks board candidates

Sisters-Camp Sherman Rural Fire Protection District is extending the application period to fill a vacant position on the board of directors. Completed applications need to be returned, with a cover letter, to the Fire District's administrative office no later than Friday, February 25 at 5 p.m.

After reviewing all applications, the board of directors will appoint the successful candidate to the vacant position through June 30, 2023. The board of directors meet each month at 5 p.m. on the third Tuesday. In addition, all members of the board of directors serve on the Sisters-Camp Sherman Rural Fire Protection District Budget Committee.

Members of the board of directors must be a resident or own real estate within the boundaries of the Fire District which includes Sisters, Camp Sherman, Squaw Creek Canyon Recreational Estates, Tollgate, Crossroads, and other small subdivisions.

Applications may be picked up at the Fire District's administrative office at 301 S. Elm St., 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., or online at www.sistersfire.com.

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