

**C O M M U N I T Y**

# Climate change talk on tap at The Belfry

Earth's climate has changed in the past, and it will continue to change in the future. Some of these changes occurred slowly over long periods of time, but other changes happened over relatively short periods of time with catastrophic consequences.

What can these periods of catastrophic change tell us about current climate changes and about the ability

of Earth systems to adapt? "Climate Change: A Geologic Perspective" will be the topic when Dr. Daniele McKay speaks at The Belfry on Tuesday, November 19 for the third lecture in the 2019-2020 Frontiers in Science series.

A geologic perspective is one of scale with enormous explanatory power.

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PHOTO BY SUE STAFFORD

Heartwarmers President Mary Tomjack presented Bob Grooney with a handmade blanket in honor of his service.

# Community focuses on wellness

By Sue Stafford  
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When you hear the term "healthcare" what comes to mind?

Does the term mean services provided by doctors and dentists, medical response by the fire department, air ambulance service, hospitals, urgent care, mobile medical vans, mental-health services, substance abuse treatment, support groups, or perhaps some other service or provider?

For the group that gathered in Sisters last week to discuss improving local healthcare options, the concept grew over the course of three hours to a point where

the focus became the wellness — or well-being — of the community on all fronts.

Age Friendly Sisters Country (AFSC) convened a meeting and brought in Denise Bacon, field coordinator for the Ford Family Foundation, to lead a discussion on the healthcare challenges in Sisters. Bacon is also a city councilor in Newberg and leader of a successful healthcare initiative in her city.

The Sisters Horizons Vision Project identified the desire for an urgent-care facility in Sisters. The AFSC board decided to investigate the possibility for such

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# Honoring veteran Bob Grooney

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Bob and Claudia Grooney were enjoying a quiet afternoon at home last Saturday, November 9, when about 15 people trooped into their house with a special gift. The 90-year-old Grooney is healing from a leg fracture that occurred in September.

The Heartwarmers, who make cut-and-tie fleece blankets to be given to those who may need a little comfort and support, received a donation of fleece from the Assistance League of Bend. Among a variety of patterns was some red, white, and blue fleece with all things Marine on it. They whipped up a blanket using the fabric and then

knew they had to find a Marine to receive the blanket.

A chance encounter at Bi-Mart between local Navy veteran Earl Schroeder and Heartwarmer volunteer Lori Chase led to Grooney's front door. Schroeder knew Grooney was a Marine Corps veteran who served in World War II. He also knew Grooney was recuperating from having broken his leg. And he knew that November 10 marked the 244th birthday of the Marine Corps, a date remembered every year by all Marines.

Arrangements were made for Schroeder and several other local veterans to join with representatives of Heartwarmers and members of Grooney's family to

surprise him with the special blanket, right before the Marine Corps birthday on the 10th and Veterans Day on November 11.

Grooney joined the Marines at age 15 in 1944 and trained in San Diego before being sent to Maui as a private in the 4th Marine Division. He came ashore on Iwo Jima the second day of that famous battle in which 7,000 Marines were killed. He was there for 26 days until the battle ended.

Grooney returned to Maui before coming back to Camp Pendleton and eventual discharge. After eight months working for Warner Brothers as a standby driver for the

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## SISTERS AREA MEETING CALENDAR

### BOARDS, GROUPS, CLUBS

- Al-Anon** Mon., noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. 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), Stitches 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.
- Let's Talk, Sisters** 3rd Mon., 5:45 p.m., Paulina Springs Books. 541-815-2088 Citizens4Community.com/events
- 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 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., The Lodge in Sisters. 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, 2 p.m., The Lodge. 541-668-6599.
- Sisters Red Hats** 1st Friday. Location information: 541-279-1977.
- Sisters Rotary** Tuesdays, noon, Aspen Lakes Lodge. 541-760-5645.
- Sisters Speak Life Cancer Support Group** 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 1 p.m. Suttle Tea. 503-819-1723.

- Sisters Trails Alliance Board** 1st Wednesday, 5 p.m. Sisters Library. 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** 2nd & 4th 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