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Deputy Clark Linden and Corporal Jason Pollock met with Bethanne Kronick Blann at Black Butte School, where school children will honor Dave Blann through an essay contest.

BLANN: BBS students invited to write essays to remember deputy

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much he loved his job. He loved taking care of our community and he took his work really seriously. "But," she added, "He also loved to have fun. He had three rules that he lived by: First, have fun. Second, make someone smile, and; third, see rule number one."

Deputy Dave served Camp Sherman for 24 years. He passed away on February 15, 2019. Bethanne told the students that on snowy days during the winter months, her husband's morning began at 3 a.m. when he climbed up into a big yellow snowplow and cleared the road so the school bus could safely pick up and deliver students to school and back. Keeping everyone safe was one of his biggest priorities. He was such a beloved member of the community that the Camp Sherman Road was dedicated to him with a plaque just off Highway 20.

Sharp said Deputy Dave's relationship with the Camp Sherman students was a special one.

"He really enjoyed working and interacting with the kids. His tone would change and he could talk in kid language making them comfortable," said Sharp. "He made it kind of light for the kids and put them at ease. It was cool to see that side of him. My last interaction with him was with the kids.

the week before he passed. We were coming back from a ski day and our bus driver, Bob, saw Deputy Dave. They were friends from way back. Deputy Dave got on the school bus and was joking with Bob giving him a hard time and telling the kids to keep an eye on him to make sure he was following all the rules and keeping them safe. The feel of that interaction was so positive and fun with the kids all laughing. It was so fun watching Dave razzing Bob and Bob razzing him back. It was a razz fest!"

Sadly, the following week Sharp had to break the news of Deputy Dave's death to his students.

"It was one of the hardest conversations I've ever had to have with the kids," he said. "Some were as young as 5. They all knew who Dave was."

The Deputy Dave Memorial Essay Contest is open to all Black Butte School students. They are invited to write an essay in letter format, along with an illustration, to Deputy Dave that describes an experience they have had with a deputy or law enforcement officer that positively impacted them or their community. They can also write about why they think officers like Deputy Dave are important to the community.

The letters are due February 1. One student will be selected based on his or her letter. On February 17, the winner will receive an award. All participants will receive something special to remember Deputy Dave.

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Sisters Arts Association Annual Meeting

The Sisters Arts Association (SAA) is holding its annual member meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, January 26 at 10 a.m. To register, go to www. sistersartsassociation.org, click on "Events/Annual Meeting" and fill out the form. Those who do will receive an invitation by email to join the meeting. Sign-up deadline is Sunday, January 24 at 10 a.m. SAA will review its accomplishments during 2020, despite the pandemic. During this Zoom meeting, participants will be able to meet the board, learn about plans for 2021, and how they can participate. Stick with the meeting and at the end a name will be drawn to receive a complimentary membership for 2021, worth \$50.

Sisters Library **Children's Activities**

Deschutes Public Library is offering virtual events and takehome activities for children. On Tuesdays at 10 a.m. join community librarians and other preschoolers for songs, rhymes, stories and fun. Online story time is live at 10 a.m. on Thursdays and at 10:30 a.m. children ages 3-5 can join in music and movement to develop literacy skills. Parents, don't miss the opportunity to pick up a story time activity kit for your preschooler at Sisters Library on Thursdays starting at noon. Available while supplies last. Go to www.deschuteslibrary.org/ kids/programs or call 541-312-1032 for more info.

Career Funds Available

Applications are available for the Sisters Kiwanis Career Opportunity Fund to help adult residents of Sisters establish an occupational path. Pick up forms at the Kiwanis House, corner of Oak and Main, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays, and during regular hours from the Sisters Habitat for Humanity office. For more information, call 541-719-1254.

Save the Rubberbands

Business owners: Are you the recipient of a bundle (or more) of Nuggets each week? Those huge, fat rubberbands are nice and stretched out, and highly valued by the Nuggeteers that bundle your papers each week. If you can save them, we'd love to use them again. And to those of you who already return them to us: thank you! Questions? Call Lisa at 541-549-9941.

Free Weekly Grab-N-Go **Lunches For Seniors**

The Council on Aging of Central Oregon is serving seniors (60+) free Grab-N-Go lunches on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays each week. The lunches are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis drivethrough style from 12 to 12:30 p.m. at the Sisters Community Church, 1300 W. Mckenzie Hwy. Seniors may drive through the parking lot and pick up a meal each day of service. Come on by, no need to make a reservation. Info: 541-678-5483.

Weekly Food Pantry

Wellhouse Church has a weekly food pantry on Thursdays. Food is currently being distributed drive-through style from 12:30 until all food is distributed at the Wellhouse Market building, 222 N. Trinity Way. People in need of food may drive through the parking lot and pick up a bag of food for their household. Other Sisters-area churches are joining with Wellhouse Church to contribute both financially and with volunteers to help sustain the program. Info: 541-549-4184.

Sponsor an Impoverished Child from Uganda

Hope Africa International, based in Sisters, has many children awaiting sponsorship! For more information go to hopeafricakids. org or call Katie at 541-719-8727.

Antiques & Jewelry **Donations Needed**

Sisters Kiwanis takes donations of antiques, collectibles and jewelry throughout the year for its annual Antiques, Collections & Jewelry Sale, held on Saturday every Memorial Day weekend. Your donation is tax-deductible! For more information and to arrange for pickup of large or small items, please call Pam at 541-719-1049.

Your Announcement Here

Schools, churches, nonprofit, recreational and community groups: this is your page to announce your free gatherings and events! Regularly occurring Sisters Country meetings are listed on the Sisters Area Meeting Calendar on page 3 and special events or featured meetings can be listed on this page. All submissions are subject to editing and run only as space allows. Email lisa@nuggetnews.com or drop off at 442 E. Main Ave. Your text must include a "for more information" phone number. Deadline is 5 p.m. on Fridays.

Furry Friends Has Moved!

The Furry Friends office is now located at 412. E. Main Ave., Ste. 4 behind The Nugget office. Though the office is closed to the public, the pet food bank is still open for no contact porch pick ups. Call to order your pet food for pick up during our regular weekly pickup time on Thursdays from 12:30 to 4 p.m. or by appointment the rest of the week. For more information call or text 541-797-4023.

Organ Donor Awareness

A new nonprofit is in the planning stages to educate the community on the importance of organ donation. Fundraisers and events will be discussed. If interested in taking part, please call Fifi Bailey at 541-419-2204.



who is ready and eager to meet his forever family! This goofy guy is very energetic and needs a family that can provide daily exercise to keep him happy and healthy! Reggie would do great with a fellow high-energy pooch who also loves to romp and play! Reggie would also benefit from some additional training so he can be the best dog he can be! Schedule an appointment to meet Reggie today!

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SISTERS-AREA CHURCHES

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church (ELCA) 386 N. Fir Street • 541-549-5831

10 a.m. Sunday Worship shepherdofthehillslutheranchurch.com

Sisters Community Church (Nondenominational) 1300 W. McKenzie Hwy. • 541-549-1201 10 a.m. Sunday Worship (with signing)

St. Edward the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

sisterschurch.com | info@sisterschurch.com

123 Trinity Way • 541-549-9391 5:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass 9 a.m. Sunday Mass 8 a.m. Monday-Friday Mass

school, childcare)

Calvary Church (NW Baptist Convention) 484 W. Washington St., Ste. C & D • 541-588-6288 10 a.m. Sunday Worship | ccsisters.org

The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration 68825 Brooks Camp Rd. • 541-549-7087 8:30 a.m. Ecumenical Sunday Worship (Sunday school, childcare) 10:15 a.m. Episcopal Sunday Worship (Sunday

Chapel in the Pines

Camp Sherman • 541-549-9971 10 a.m. Sunday Worship

Sisters Church of the Nazarene

67130 Harrington Loop Rd. • 541-389-8960 | sistersnaz.org 10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship | 2sistersnaz@gmail.com

Wellhouse Church

442 Trinity Way • 541-549-4184 | wellhousechurch.churchcenter.com 10 a.m. Sunday Worship (Indoor & Outdoor Venues available)

Vast Church (Nondenominational)

541-719-0587 • 5 and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship at 442 Trinity Way (Wellhouse building). See vastchurch.com for details.

Seventh-Day Adventist Church

386 N. Fir St. • 541-595-6770, 541-306-8303

11 a.m. Saturday Worship

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints 452 Trinity Way • Branch President, 541-420-5670; 10 a.m. Sunday Sacrament Meeting

Baha'i Faith Meetings

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