

The deadline for What's Happening items is 5 p.m. Friday. Call the Eagle, 541-575-0710, or email editor@bmeagle.com. For meetings this week, see our list in the classifieds on Page B7.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15**

**Community blood drive**

• 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Dayville School gymnasium  
To schedule an appointment or for more information, contact Dayville High School Leadership or visit redcrossblood.org and use the sponsor code "DayvilleSchool."

**Lenten luncheon**

• 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Seventh-day Adventist Church, John Day  
A soup meal will be served, followed by a service. All are welcome. For more information, call 541-521-2247.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 16**

**Social artwork guided painting class**

• 5:30 p.m. Outpost Restaurant, John Day  
Blue Mountain Community College is sponsoring a social artwork guided painting class. Artist Kim Randleas will lead the first class. The cost is \$25 and includes instruction, canvas, supplies and light refreshments. All skill levels are welcome. Participants should "dress for the mess." For more information, or to reserve a spot, contact Ashley Armichardy at 541-575-1550. Preregistration is required, and forms may be picked up at the Grant County Education Service District at 835 S. Canyon Blvd.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 17**

**St. Patrick's Day benefit dinner**

• 5-7 p.m. SDA Friendship Hall, Long Creek  
The Long Creek Historical Society will present an evening featuring live music by the Grant County Jammers, with corned beef and all the fixings on the menu. Proceeds will benefit the Fort Townsend Museum building. Reservations are not required. For more information, call 541-421-3010.



Contributed photo  
**People in Long Creek line up for a St. Patrick's Day dinner at the Long Creek Community Center. The Long Creek Historical Society will host a benefit dinner for the Fort Townsend Museum building from 5-7 p.m. Friday, March 17, at the SDA Friendship Hall in Long Creek.**

**CASA benefit prime rib dinner**

• 5:30 p.m., John Day Elks Lodge  
Doors open for a benefit dinner with silent, live and dessert auctions at 5:30 p.m. with dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. Individual tickets cost \$25, and couples cost \$45. Tickets will not be sold at the door and must be purchased by March 15. For more information, call 541-575-5574 or visit grant-harneycasa.org.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 18**

**Ron and Carol Hyder Memorial Jackpot Shoot**

• 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Kimberly Rock Products pit, milepost 9 on Highway 402  
Events include jackpots, Annie Oakley and more, plus men's, women's and children's competitions. Concessions will be available on site. The cost is \$3 per shoot. Call 541-934-2143 for more information.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 19**

**Trap shoot**

• 9:30 a.m., Seneca Range  
Practice starts at 9:30 a.m., and the shoot begins at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Food and shells are available. For more information, call Ab Bezona at 541-240-1452.

**MONDAY, MARCH 20**

**Americanism essay dinner**

• 6:30 p.m. Legion Hall, John Day  
All are welcome to the annual potluck dinner honoring local American Legion Americanism essay contest winners. Ham will be furnished; attendees are asked to bring a side dish. The event is sponsored by the Ellis Tracy American Legion and Auxiliary. For more information, call 541-575-0766.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22**

**Lenten luncheon**

• 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Canyon City  
A soup meal will be served, followed by a service. All are welcome. For more information, call 541-521-2247.

**Local Advisory Committee biennial review**

5-8 p.m., Monument Senior Center  
A biennial review of the North and Middle Forks John Day River Agricultural Water Quality Management Area Plan will be presented by the local advisory committee. Members of the public are welcome to attend. For more information, call Bryan Vogt at the Monument Soil and Water Conservation District at 541-934-2141.

**OUT OF THE PAST**

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**Local author gets published**

Robert Stubblefield, a 1979 graduate of Monument High School, will receive his undergraduate degree this June from Eastern Oregon State College with plans to attend graduate school, but in the interim, he is working to establish his writing career. Stubblefield, son of George and Cora Stubblefield of Monument, first gained recognition as a writer while attending Clackamas Junior College, where he won the Writer's Club writing contest two consecutive years in the fiction category. While attending Clackamas Junior College, he transferred to EOSC. During the 1990-91 school year, he served as assistant editor for EOSC's literary publication, Oregon East, and this year he served as the editor. He is also a contributing writer to Writing and Fishing the Northwest, by the au-



Eagle file photo

**From March 12, 1992: Prairie City Police Chief Tom Hebard (left), Oregon State Police Trooper Mel Pendarvis and OSP Sgt. Dick Tenderella (right) traveled to the Prairie City Elementary School to give youngsters in grades kindergarten through four an opportunity to see the department's new Chevrolet Camaro patrol unit up close and personal.**

thors of Blue Heron. It is the first volume of a new literary magazine showcasing writers from the Pacific Northwest. For the first edition, authors were turned loose on the subjects as "fishing as metaphor and writing as the naming of truth," according to an excerpt from the Nov. 15, 1991, issue of Publishers Weekly.

**Geologist educates public on local rocks**

By Rylan Boggs  
Blue Mountain Eagle

A Forest Service geologist has been giving monthly talks about the geology of Grant County.

Seventy-four people packed into the St. Thomas Episcopal Church to see Hannah Grist's presentation on the sedimentary rocks of the Aldrich Mountains March 8.

She explained a variety of deposition environments, ranging from glacial to oceanic, in which sedimentary rocks are formed.

Through crowd participation and examples, Grist revealed the Aldrich Mountains were formed by marine shoreline and offshore deposition processes.

This is known based on the presence of chert-rich conglomerate, beach sand, marine shell fossils and marine microfossils, such as plankton and other small organisms.

"Sedimentary rocks are the great recyclers of the world," Grist said.

The next talk, focusing on the granites of Dixie Butte, will be April 12. A field trip to explore fossils, chromium mines and stitching plutons is planned for a yet-to-be-decided date in May.

Grist said she started the talks after



The Eagle/Rylan Boggs

**Forest Service Geologist Hannah Grist shares examples of extrusive and intrusive igneous rocks during a geology talk at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Canyon City Wednesday, March 8.**

hearing observations, interpretations and questions about the geology from local miners.

She wants people who attend the talks to take away an understanding of local geology, allowing them to make

observations and draw conclusions of their own while out recreating.

Grist said Grant County is an interesting place to study geology because there have been no lava flows to cover the process of accretion, the addition of material to a tectonic plate, which shaped the west coast. This has left the process that formed the region available to study.

Susan Church, the priest at St. Thomas, said she thought Grist was a great teacher and enjoyed the interactive portions of the lecture, especially the rock identification.

"It was wonderful to learn about the area I live in," Church said.

She was grateful to learn more about the local geology and about how the Aldrich Mountains had formed. She expressed interest in seeing similar events on different topics and planned on attending next month's meeting as well as the field trip in May.

For Church, it was also about building community. In the wake of recent divisive events, she said it was nice to be able to find common ground with other groups.

"It's a way for people who hold different ideas and positions to come together and talk," Church said.

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