

COLLOQUIUM



Eastern Oregon University student Corby Weyhmler carefully excavates a grison fossil at the Always Welcome Inn.

Thursday, October 23rd
@ 4pm in
Ackerman Hall #210

Guest Presenter:

Jay Van Tassell, Ph.D.
Professor of Geology
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Eastern Oregon University

Presentation:

Digging Fossils at the Always Welcome Inn

The slopes behind the Always Welcome Inn in Baker City contain fossils that tell us the site was the shoreline of a lake that had a stream flowing into it ~4.5 million years ago. Since the discovery of the fossil site in 2002, Jay Van Tassell and his students from Eastern Oregon University have worked with other scientists and community volunteers to collect and identify the Always Welcome Inn fossils. The fossils from this site are helping us to better understand the migration of fish and small mammals from the Snake River/Lake Idaho drainage to the Columbia River drainage during the Pliocene epoch approximately 5 to 2 million years ago. This important fossil site provides a place where students can experience firsthand the thrill of finding fossils and piecing together the history of life in this area.

Presentation begins at 4:00 pm

Refreshments provided at 3:30 pm

Questions?

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