

C O M M U N I T Y

Sisters woman served in World War II

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As Americans marked Memorial Day last Monday, some paused to remember the many women who served both at home and overseas beginning in the 1940s. These women paved the way for women in military service today.

There were just over 1,000 women in the military before World War II, serving either as Army or Navy nurses, all stationed in the United States.

Beginning in October 1940, men between 21 and 35 were drafted for military

service. When war came with the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, husbands, sons and brothers left home. Women wanted to contribute militarily and fought for the opportunity to join.

Congresswoman Edith Nourse Rogers from Massachusetts introduced the first bill to establish a women's auxiliary in 1941. On May 15, 1942 the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) was signed into law by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The WAAC provided

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Sisters youths were eager participants in Run Across America, many logging big miles.

Sisters youths 'Run Across America'

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Have you ever wanted to run across the whole country? Students at Sisters Elementary School (SES) got the opportunity to do just that this spring.

For three weeks, students from preschool through fourth grade can choose to forgo playing at recess and run all the way around the playground. Each lap represents approximately a third of a mile. Students receive a punch card; for every lap they get a hole punched in their card. Each card has 15 punches representing five miles. Students that complete a card receive a toe token to wear on their shoe or as a

bracelet or necklace. Students that run a full marathon get a pizza party with PE teacher Mark Lamont.

"I wanted to run this year because it was very fun last year," said seven-year-old Emmitt Buller.

Run Across America is an optional recess activity that has happened every spring for the last 10 years at SES. Students try to run or walk enough miles to go across America in 12 days. Everyone's laps count toward the school's goal of approximately 3,100 miles.

"I wanted to find a way to motivate kids to run and possibly discover a talent for or love of running," said Lamont. "Getting elementary

children interested in distance running is tricky."

Lamont believes having a school goal, along with individual goals like the toe tokens and pizza party, seem to do the trick to motivate many of the young students.

"The students are inspired and ready to go," said Lamont. "Some first-graders ran 30-40 miles at recess times."

First-grader Kainoa Goe-Alayon loves Run Across America.

"He is so excited every day to share his progress and his toe tokens," said his mother, Kimberly Goe. "He finished his marathon last Monday and he is so excited

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Hook retiring from Sisters schools

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For the past 21 years Debbie Hook has been an integral part of the Sisters School District (SSD). From driving a bus to serving as lead custodian at Sisters Elementary School, she has seen it all. She will be retiring on June 30.

"This was a great job, I was blessed to get it," said Hook.

Hook was working in Central Oregon at The

Riverhouse before taking the job with the SSD driving school bus in the mid-'90s. She wanted to move her family to a smaller community.

"I love watching the kids grow up and move on," she said. "I have been here long enough that some kids' children are in the District now. I love seeing Sisters kids being successful, they come back and introduce me to their children."

"Working with Deb has

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SISTERS AREA MEETING CALENDAR

BOARDS, GROUPS, CLUBS

Al-Anon Monday, noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church • Wednesday, 6 p.m., The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration. 541-549-8737 or 541-549-1527.

Alateen Thursday, 7 p.m., The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration. 541-549-1527.

Alcoholics Anonymous Thursday & Sunday, 7 p.m., The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration • Saturday, 8 a.m., The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration • Monday, 5 p.m., Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church • Tuesday, noon, Big Book study, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church • Thursday, noon, Sober Sisters Women Meeting, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. 541-548-0440.

Authors Support Group 2nd Friday, 10 a.m., Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce. 541-588-0081.

Black Butte Macintosh Users Group 3rd Thursday, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Sisters Library community room. 541-549-1471.

Black Butte Ranch Bridge Club Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m., Black Butte Ranch community room. All welcome; partner required. 541-595-6236.

Central Oregon Council on Aging Senior Lunch Tuesdays, noon, Sisters Community Church. 541-678-5483.

Central Oregon Fly Tyers Guild 4th Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For location information: 541-549-2072.

Central Oregon Spinners and Weavers Guild 4th Saturday, 1 to 3 p.m. Sisters Library. 541-639-3217.

Central Oregon Woodworkers Guild 1st Tuesday. 541-639-6216.

East of the Cascades Quilt Guild 4th Wednesday, September-June, Stitchin' Post. All are welcome. 541-549-6061.

Friends of the Sisters Library Board of Directors 2nd Tuesday, 9 to 11 a.m., Sisters Library. 541-977-8285.

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 541-548-3304.

Military Parents of Sisters 2nd Thursday, 5:30 p.m., 17549 Knight Rd., Bend (Plainview area). 541-388-9013.

Oregon Band of Brothers - Sisters Chapter Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m., Takoda's Restaurant. 541-408-5594.

SAGE (Senior Activities, Gatherings & Enrichment) Wednesdays, 1 to 4 p.m. at SPRD. 541-549-2091.

Sisters Area Photography Club 2nd Wednesday, 4 p.m., Sisters Library community room. 541-549-6157.

Sisters Area SketchUp Users Group 2nd Wednesday, 7 p.m., Earthwood Timber Frame Homes. 541-549-0924.

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 Cribbage Club Tuesdays, 11 a.m. to 1:30 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 3rd Wednesday, 3:15 p.m., Sisters Elementary C-wing. 971-570-2405.

Sisters Red Hats 1st Friday. Location information: 541-279-1977.

Sisters Rotary Tuesdays, noon, Aspen Lakes Lodge. 541-977-6545.

Sisters Trails Alliance Board 2nd Wed., 5:30 to 7 p.m. Sisters Art Works. 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 8138 & American Legion 1st Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Sisters City Hall. 541-903-1123 or 541-549-1132.

CITY & PARKS

Sisters City Council 2nd & 4th Thursday, 7 p.m., Sisters City Hall. 541-549-6022.

Sisters Park & Recreation District Board of Directors 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., SPRD building. 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 Wednesday, 7 p.m., Main Station, George Cyrus Rd. 541-548-4815. See the agenda at www.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 Mondays, 7 p.m., Sisters Fire Hall, 301 S. Elm St. 541-549-0771.

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 Out West Realty office at Outlaw Station. 541-549-4133.

Sisters School District Board of Directors One Wednesday per month, SSD Admin Bldg. See schedule at www.sisters.k12.or.us. 541-549-8521 x4011.

