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Kiwanian Kerry Bott thanks firefighters Cody Meredith, Pat Burke, Jett Hamik, Blair Brock and Thornton Brown.

FOOD BANK: Community steps up to donate and to volunteer

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School students are hosting their Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive during the month of March for Sisters Kiwanis Food Bank. The event, which began on Friday, March 10, runs through Friday, March 24. This food drive is an effort to inspire donations of kid-friendly foods and raise awareness about childhood hunger in Sisters. Students are encouraged to bring in not just peanut butter and jelly but other kid-friendly foods in order to support families that utilize the local Food Bank.

The Sisters Kiwanis Food Bank recently celebrated their volunteers for 2016.

“It was an amazing year,”

says Kiwanian Barbara Bott. “People kept showing up (to help.) We were excited to pull in the Fire Department as volunteers this past year.”

The volunteer operations of the Food Bank span about two weekdays where designated volunteers are in Redmond, Bend, and Sisters picking up food from NeighborImpact, Food 4 Less, Melvin’s Fir Street Market and Ray’s Food Place. Other volunteers are at the Food Bank where loads are weighed, sorted, and shelved; then all is safely put away and ready for weekly distribution on Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All volunteers who contributed 20 hours or more received a mug designed by local artist Kathy Deggendorfer. This year’s volunteers receiving the honor were: Carol Ast, Betsy

Beaver, Phil Ashley and the Sisters-Camp Sherman fire crew.

Several people received mugs last year, but also achieved the 20-hour mark for 2016 and received a special Kiwanis Pen. They include: Marsha Allen, Dale Payne, Katie Powers, Done Rowe, Liz Weeks and Vince Wilson.

The top Food Bank donors in 2016 included all three Sisters public schools, Melvin’s Fir Street Market, Mail Carrier’s Food Drive, St. Edward the Martyr Catholic Church, Angeline’s Bakery, the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, and Sisters Community Church.

The Sisters Kiwanis Food Bank accepts donations throughout the year, and they can be dropped off at the Food Bank on Main Avenue and Oak Street on Wednesdays.

Woman accused of leaving kids previously investigated

BEND (AP) — A Bend daycare provider who has been accused of leaving seven children at her home daycare while she went tanning was previously investigated by state officials.

The Bulletin reports that 31-year-old January Neatherlin was charged last Thursday with child neglect, reckless endangerment, and criminal mistreatment.

State records show that Neatherlin’s business, Little

Giggles Daycare, was investigated twice since 2014 by state child welfare advocates. Despite the investigations, her business was still listed as an option for students at Oregon State University-Cascades.

Neatherlin was first investigated by the Oregon Office of Child Care in 2014 after a citizen tip. She was found to be caring for more than three children, more than allowed without a license, and told to drop her client load.

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