

WREATHS: Event was held at same time nationwide

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Col. Miller urged citizens to teach their children the value of freedom, quoting President Ronald Reagan:

“Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn’t pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children’s children what it was once like in the United States where men were free.”

The cemetery, in Whychus Creek Canyon next to the Camp Polk Meadow Preserve owned by the Deschutes Land Trust, is a true pioneer cemetery, with graves dating back to the 1880s, with names like Fryrear and Hindman, Allingham, Farthing and Wilson marking the stones.

Camp Polk Cemetery was originally owned by four Sisters families including the Hindmans, who settled in Camp Polk Meadow. The remnants of their old barn can be seen on the Camp Polk Meadow Preserve property. In the early 1940s the



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Rhonda Funk sang the National Anthem at a Wreaths Across America observance at Camp Polk Cemetery.

property was entrusted to Thelma Roberts, and since then no additional ownership changes have taken place.

The peaceful natural setting of Camp Polk

Cemetery enhanced the beauty and power of the observance.

Kris Kristovich, a military veteran and local photographer, placed a wreath on the

grave of Dave Goodwin. He noted, “I was further touched by the hearing the single call note of the Townsend’s solitaire during the ceremony.”

CORRECTION

The Sisters School District is “pumping the brakes” on its planned transportation facility. There was a typo in the first line of the story “School district bus barn plan on hold,” (*The Nugget*, December 13, page 1) — which, one might say, was a bad break.

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