

Aviator fought in World War II

Ten Sisters veterans gathered at the Village Green on Memorial Day, May 25, to honor the fallen and to pay their respects to all veterans who had served our country in U.S. military service.

The small ceremony took the place of the traditional Memorial Day service at the Village Green Park, which was not held this year due to COVID-19 restrictions.

This year's keynote speaker was to be World War II Navy fighter pilot Leon Devereaux who currently resides in Tumalo.

Devereaux was born on August 26, 1923, in Bend. He became interested in flying at an early age, after his father arranged a flight for him in a Ford Tri-Motor airplane. He attended Bend High School and was active in multiple sports. Upon graduating in 1941 he attended OSU, majoring in Aeronautical and Mechanical Engineering.

On December 7, 1942, one year after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Devereaux joined the Naval Air V-5 program with a goal of



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Sisters veterans gathered in a small ceremony at the Village Green to observe Memorial Day. The traditional event was scaled back to meet with social distancing and gathering limits.

becoming a pilot. His training involved ground school, physical fitness and survival training. Flight training continued in the Boeing N2S Stearman, known as the "Yellow Peril." Final training took place at Corpus Christi Naval Air Station in Texas, where he received his commission as an ensign on

July 14, 1944.

Next, he was transferred to Green Cove Springs NAS, Florida, where he began extensive combat training in the F4U Corsair, and became carrier qualified in March 1945. He was then sent to Saipan with the VBF-99 to escort B-29 bombers to deter enemy aircraft.

His next key assignment was aboard the USS Shangri La CV-38. Task Force 38 launched over 1,000 sorties to northern Honshu and Hokkaido where the B-29s from Tinian or Guam could not reach.

On the morning of July

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Police seize heroin in Sisters traffic stop

A traffic stop on the outskirts of Sisters on Wednesday afternoon led to the seizure of heroin and other drugs, a set of brass knuckles and more than \$3,000 in cash.

The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office reports that its Street Crimes Unit has been investigating 33-year-old Derek Chamberlain of Bend for the sales of controlled substances in Deschutes County. On May 20, Street Crimes detectives reportedly learned that Chamberlain was returning to Deschutes County with possible controlled substances in his possession.

Detectives observed Chamberlain driving a Toyota 4 Runner heading eastbound through the City of Sisters. Chamberlain was stopped near milepost 1 on Highway 20. According to a sheriff's office report, Deschutes County Sheriff's Office K9, Ares, and his partner, Deputy Mike Mangin, responded and

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Sisters woman had a vision to help students

By Charlie Kanzig
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For Karen Hensley, co-founder of Sisters Graduate Resource Organization (GRO), the desire to create opportunities for others had its roots in being part of a big family growing up in a small town in the Willamette Valley.

"When you are one of 10 kids, you learn about giving and receiving and the need to be unselfish, so I have always had a heart to help others," she said.

Her motivation to build up a scholarship program for students in Sisters also stems from understanding, from personal experience,

the challenges of affording higher education.

When she graduated from high school Hensley did not have the sort of financial support to make further education affordable. A strong work ethic, along with a high school intern program, helped her on her earliest career path, as she earned certification as a dental assistant before she was 19. Later in her life she managed a dental office and became active in commercial real estate.

"I want kids to feel supported in their dreams, especially with the cost of post-high school education being

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Retailers happy to be open for business

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The road to recovery has started for local businesses in Sisters. They unlocked their doors on Friday May 15, the day Deschutes County moved into Phase I of the state's reopening.

For the first time in weeks many retailers welcomed people in their stores and said it's giving them a sense of normalcy. Some small business owners in Sisters are still erring on the side of caution, sticking with curbside pickup. A couple are remaining closed.

But for others, it's business as usual — with some restrictions.

While these businesses have guidelines in place to keep everyone safe, many



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The staff at Bedouin is masked up and helping customers.

proprietors told *The Nugget* they're excited to reopen, and so are their customers.

On Hood Avenue in

downtown Sisters, shop owners Brian and Heather Olson

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