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Is a visual arts center in the cards for Sisters?

Since the 1990s Frank and Kathy Deggendorfer have been dedicated to growing the creative economy of the Sisters area. Through The Roundhouse Foundation they make many grants to strengthen arts organizations throughout Central Oregon. The Deggendorfers personally own and operate the Sisters Art Works building on Adams Avenue, and continuously advocate for working artists and cultural organizations.

Now The Roundhouse Foundation is exploring opportunities to build a Visual Arts Center that would reinforce the local arts culture and could help Sisters become a more recognized arts destination.

Two research projects, focused on how to enhance the local creative economy, were conducted in 2011 and 2016. They point to the benefits of an arts facility and find that now may be the time to begin the process of developing such a program.

"We looked at nationally

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Sisters Dance Academy will dance through a multitude of historical eras in a June 17 recital.

City of Sisters presents forgivable loan

Bv Sue Stafford Correspondent

Laird SuperFood of Sisters accepted a check last week in the amount of \$51,000 - the promisedforgivable loan granted to Laird by the City of Sisters on December 22, 2016. The Sisters City Council decision to grant the forgivable loan followed a recommendation from the EDCO (Economic Development for Central Oregon) due diligence committee and Sisters EDCO representative Caprielle Lewis.

Laird SuperFood is a

manufacturer and distributor of "superfood" products including premium coffee, dairy-free coffee creamers, sweeteners like coconut sugar, and dairy-free cocoa. Superfood is a marketing term used to describe foods with purported health benefits. Founded by Laird Hamilton, a world-famous surfer and innovator, Laird SuperFood is one of his four brands, including Golfboards (based in Bend), Laird Apparel and XPT.

The company opened in

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Sisters will dance through time

The Sisters Dance Academy will be performing their ninth-anniversary spring dance recital on Saturday, June 17, at the Sisters High School Auditorium.

The theme of this year's performance is "Dancing Through Time," and each performance will truly take the audience on a beautiful journey through the ages through amazing music, costuming and, of course, dance.

Featured performances include the contemporary dance piece, "Hallelujah," defining an era dated back to 1025 B.C. Dancers will depict the fables of Greek goddesses as well as portraying a journey of the

first pilgrims. Fifteen dancers en pointe will visit the 1600s at the French Palace of Versailles. Performers will step into the 1900s and dance their way through the Roaring 20s, the Great Depression of the 1930s, as well as the age of jazz and swing that carried through to the 1940s and '50s with songs such as "Rosie the Riveter" and "Born to Hand Jive."

Dancers will represent the 1960s through to our modern day, as well as reaching ahead with a futuristic ballet piece entitled "Virtuoso."

"The dancers have had so much fun getting a little taste of what it must have been like to be living in different eras through time and can't wait to share all they have learned over the past six months," said Sisters Dance Academy proprietor Lonnie Liddell. "The Sisters Dance Academy invites our community to support all of the hard work and effort put in by over 150 dancers, ranging in age from 3 to 18 years old."

There will be two shows on Saturday, June 17: a matinee at 1 p.m. and an evening performance at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and teens, \$5 for youth ages 12 and younger. Purchase advance tickets in the studio office at 325 N. Arrowleaf Trail, Ste. #107 or at the door. Tickets are reserved seating.

CALENDAR

BOARDS, GROUPS, CLUBS

Al-Anon Mon., noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Wed., 6 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration. 541-549-8737 or 541-549-1527.

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

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

Central OR Spinners and Weavers Guild 4th Saturday, 1 to 3 p.m. Sisters Library (Jan.-Oct.). 541-639-3217.

Central Oregon Woodworkers Guild 2nd Tuesday. 541-639-6216. East of the Cascades Quilt Guild 4th

Sisters Caregiver Support Group

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,

Three Sisters Lions Club 1st Thursday, noon, Ray's Food Pl

Three Sisters Irrigation District

Board of Directors 1st Tuesday.

4 p.m., TSID Office. 541-549-8815

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., Station 602, 67433 Cloverdale Rd. 541-548-4815. See the agenda at cloverdalefire.com.

Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD Board of Directors 3rd Tuesday, 5 p.m., Sisters Fire Hall, 541-549-0771.

12:30 p.m., The Pines Clubhouse. Novices welcomed. 541-549-9419

Alcoholics Anonymous Thurs. & Sun., 7 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration / Sat., 8 a.m., Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration / Mon., 5 p.m., Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Big Book study, Tues., noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Gentlemen's meeting, Wed., 7 a.m., Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Sober Sisters Women's meeting, Thurs., noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Step & Tradition meeting, Fri., noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. 541-548-0440.

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., BBR community room. Partner required. 541-595-6236.

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

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 541-719-1230.

Military Parents of Sisters Meetings are held quarterly; please call for details 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.

3rd Tuesday, 10 a.m., Ray's Food Place community room. 541-771-3258.

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 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 1st Wednesday, 5 p.m. Sisters Art Works. Public welcome. 541-719-8822. community room. 541-419-1279.

Sisters Veterans Thursdays, noon, Takoda's Restaurant. 541-903-1123.

Sisters Walking Group Fridays, 10 a.m. at Village Green Park. All are welcome to come walk! 541-410-9245.

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 Wednesday, 6:30 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.

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, 0 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.

