

COMMUNITY

Ski lodge renovation gets \$20,000 grant

SISTERS (AP) — A couple hoping to restore a dilapidated ski lodge west of Sisters in Central Oregon has received a \$20,000 state grant to launch the effort.

The Bulletin reports in a story on Friday that Friends of Santiam Pass Ski Lodge received the grant from the State Historic Preservation Office.

Salem couple Dwight and Susan Sheets founded Friends

of Santiam Pass Ski Lodge.

They're relying on grants and private donations to raise the \$2 to \$3 million to renovate the historic lodge.

They signed a five-year permit from the U.S. Forest Service in May to begin work on the lodge that's on Forest Service land. The lodge first opened in 1940.

The Sheets hope to have the lodge available for day-time visits within five years.



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Laird Hamilton cut the ribbon on the Laird Superfood facility in Sisters on Monday.

Emphasizing bicycle safety for children

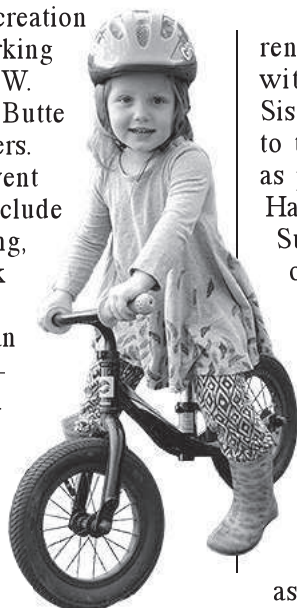
Living in Central Oregon, there are so many great reasons to ride your bicycle. Community partners want all bicyclists to enjoy the fun, freedom and exercise that bicycling offers. In order to help community members bike safely, the Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District is planning a bicycle safety event. The bike event will include bicycle safety inspections by a certified technician and a skill station where participants can ride a cone course. Participants 16 years or younger, of low-income families, may be able to receive a free helmet while supplies last.

Oregon law requires bicycle riders 16 years and

younger to wear a helmet.

The event will be on Saturday, July 21, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sisters Park & Recreation District parking lot at 1750 W. McKinney Butte Rd. in Sisters. The free event will also include face painting, a dunk tank where participants can dunk a firefighter, and popsicles.

See **BIKE SAFETY** on page 30



Laird Superfood making a big splash

By Charlie Kanzig
Correspondent

So what does a world-renowned surfer have to do with economic impact in Sisters, Oregon? The answer to that became more public as professional surfer Laird Hamilton's company, Laird Superfood, cut the ribbon on their new facility in the Sisters Industrial Park on Monday, July 16, at a ceremony attended by civic and company leaders, as well as employees, citizens, and economic development strategists.

Hamilton, best known as a world-class surfer and

fitness guru, was on hand to take part in the celebration that may continue for some time as the company already has 52 employees based in Sisters and plans for literally hundreds more in the years to come.

The company got its start after Hamilton developed the idea of making a more healthy creamer for coffee, which he successfully launched as a product about three years ago. The original creamer includes healthy oils, coconut milk and nectar, along with Aquamin™, a calcium-rich additive. Since that time, the company has expanded to other products, including high-quality coffee

and performance hydration supplements.

Paul Hodge, CEO for Laird Superfood, is pleased to see his vision coming to fruition. "I moved here in 2011 and I felt it was important to build something that gives back to the community and provides jobs for the people that want to live here."

The company opened in Sisters in November 2015 in the former Metabolic Maintenance building with just a small staff led by Hodge. The City of Sisters provided \$51,000 from the Economic Development Loan Fund in December 2016

See **LAIRD** on page 13

SISTERS AREA MEETING 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.

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.

Alzheimer's & Dementia Caregiver Support Group 1st Tuesday, 11 a.m., Sisters City Hall. 800-272-3900.

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 Fly Tyers Guild For Saturday meeting dates and location, email: steelefly@msn.com.

Central OR Spinners and Weavers Guild One Saturday per month, Jan. thru Oct. For schedule: 541-639-3217.

Council on Aging of Central Oregon Senior Lunch Tuesdays, noon, Sisters Community Church. 541-480-1843.

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. www.sistersfol.com.

Go Fish Fishing Group 1st Monday, 7 p.m. Sisters Community Church. All ages welcome. 541-771-2211.

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) Mon.-Fri., 11 a.m. 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 Woodworkers 1st Tuesday, 7 to 9 p.m. 541-639-6216.

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 Caregiver Support Group 3rd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Ray's Food Place community room. 541-771-3258.

Sisters Cribbage Club Wednesdays, 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 Meditation Group Sundays, 6 p.m., 484 W. Washington Ave. #A. Text only (no voice) to 541-207-7266.

Sisters Parent Teacher Community 3rd Wednesday, 3 p.m., Sisters Elementary C-wing. 971-570-2405.

Sisters Parkinson's Support Group 2nd Tuesday, 1 p.m., Sisters Community Church. 907-687-8101 or 541-668-6599.

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

Sisters Rotary Tuesdays, noon, Aspen Lakes Lodge. 541-760-5645.

Sisters Trails Alliance Board 1st Wednesday, 5 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 Post 8138 and American Legion Post 86 1st Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Sisters City Hall. 541-903-1123.

Weight Watchers Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. weigh-in, Sisters Community Church. 541-602-2654.

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 office. 541-549-4133.

Sisters School District Board of Directors One Wed. monthly, SSD Admin Bldg. See schedule online at www.ssd6.org. 541-549-8521 x5002.

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 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 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 Wed., 7 p.m., 67433 Cloverdale Rd. 541-548-4815. 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 Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Sisters Fire Hall, 301 S. Elm St. 541-549-0771.

This listing is for regular Sisters Country meetings; email information to teresa@nuggetnews.com