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Sisters Woodlands marking trees for preservation

By Jim Cornelius
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Hundreds of trees at the future site of the Sisters Woodlands housing development along Pine Street are festooned with green and blue ribbons.

The ribbons identify trees that will be preserved as the 200-plus-unit development

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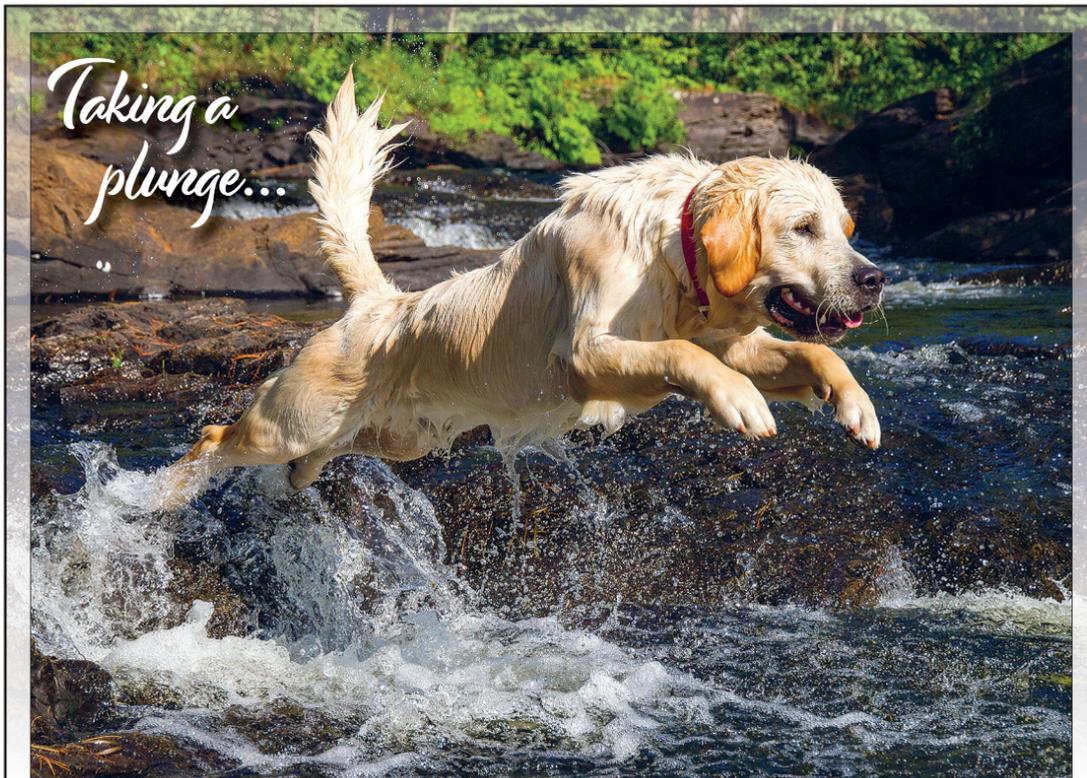


PHOTO BY BILL BARTLETT

Max took his person, Sally Bryant, to the Metolius River for a frolic in the water last week. Max and Sally live in Portland and spend summers in Camp Sherman.

Traffic stop in Sisters yields meth bust

A traffic stop in downtown Sisters in the early hours of Thursday, August 19, led to the arrest of three people from Salem and the seizure of more than four pounds of methamphetamine and over \$9,000 in cash.

Detective Sergeant Doug Sullivan of the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office reported that their street crimes unit, with the assistance of the Central Oregon

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Laird CEO steps aside, will remain on board

By Bill Bartlett
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For the second quarter ending June 30, Laird Superfoods (NYSE: LSF) reported net sales increased from \$5.6 million for the same period in 2020 to \$9.2 million for the most recent quarter. The jump in sales did not translate to profit as the largest employer in Sisters is reporting an operational loss of \$6.3 million.

Paul Hodge, cofounder, president, and CEO, who has been with the fast-growing company since its inception, will be stepping down as soon as a successor can be found. The board has already launched a global search for his replacement, rather than looking inside its ranks. The ideal candidate attributes will include large consumer package goods experience, Hodge said, as part of a lengthy press release dated August 11.

Hodge will remain on the board and "will begin transitioning to a nonexecutive role," the company's statement reads. He is a major shareholder, holding 6.5 percent of the shares. Shares have nosedived since the

announcement. On August 8, they traded at \$23.91 per share but have since hit a low of \$17.38, settling the week ending August 20 at \$18.84 an hour before markets closed. Its 52-week high was \$60.80, for a 69 percent decline.

In the last quarter, Hodge and other insiders sold 6,956 shares of company stock valued at \$208,743. Insiders control 35.94 percent of the shares. A number of equities analysts have issued reports on the stock generally remaining bullish on the company. Canaccord Genuity cut their target price on shares of Laird Superfood from \$70 to \$40 and set a "buy" rating for the company in a research report on Thursday, August 19.

Roth Capital downgraded shares of Laird Superfood from a "buy" rating to a "neutral" rating and lowered their target price for the company from \$43 to \$23 in a report on Thursday, August 19. Craig Hallum lowered their target price on shares of Laird Superfood from \$60 to \$40 and set a "buy" rating for the company in a report

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Habitat for Humanity honors volunteers

By Bill Bartlett
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About 100 volunteers, staff, and supporters of Sisters Habitat for Humanity gathered last Wednesday in Village Green for the 2021 Presidential Service Awards ceremony. Accompanied by a barbecue and festive dinner, 51 volunteers were merited with Bronze recognition, 23 earned Silver status, and five were honored with Gold achievement.

In 2020, 198 volunteers contributed 23,127 hours serving on committees, staffing the stores, helping in the office, or working on construction sites.

Debra Lajko, Bob Lawton, Bev McKay, Cathy Sewall, and Jerry Wallace joined the 1,000-Hour Club. Lynn Jones, Marsha Lewis, Dennis Mills, John Milne, and Paula Surmann were given Lifetime Achievement Awards for attaining at least 4,000 hours of volunteer service.

The Presidential Service Awards are given annually to those who volunteer 100 hours or more during a one-year period. Bronze is awarded to those with 100-249 hours, Silver for 250-499 hours, and Gold for putting in 500 or more hours.



PHOTO BY ANGELA LUND

Diana Harris paid off her mortgage on her Habitat for Humanity home in Sisters in 2020, and she burned her "certificate" in celebration.

Sisters Habitat for Humanity now has 113 members of the 1,000-Hour Club; since 2016, 17 volunteers attained the Lifetime Award.

The most emotional part of the evening for many in the audience was when a single mother who raised her two children in a Habitat home talked about the joy and sense of accomplishment

she felt when she paid off her mortgage in 2020 after 15 years in her home. Tears were aplenty as she spoke with humility of how Habitat shaped her life.

Diana Harris is the second in Sisters to retire her mortgage, which runs 15 years under the terms of housing.

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