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Late afternoon sun lit up the earth on the vernal equinox.

EQUINOX: Celebration at labyrinth practiced social distancing

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Marveling at the beauty of the first day of spring, the walkers offered each other "air hugs" before wending their way back to the labyrinth's entrance.

Jan McGowan, member of the Sisters Community Labyrinth Committee at Sisters Park & Recreation District, had sent out the announcement that the equinox walk would not be canceled.

"This is an outdoor event and we are asking people to maintain a safe, six-foot distance from one another," she wrote.

McGowan noted, "If you prefer not to attend a gathering this week, feel welcome to visit the labyrinth anytime on your own. It is always open and usually empty... the labyrinth is always there for your use, and walking it promotes relaxation, meditation, and reflection. Enjoy!"

Sisters Community Labyrinth is located inside East Portal, a park-like, nearly triangular piece of land located at the confluence of highways 20 and 242. Its driveway is on W. Hood Avenue, between Takoda's/Bi-Mart and XPress Printing/Les Schwab. An interpretive map of Sisters and surrounding passes is located there as well. The parking lot and bathrooms are closed for winter; parking is available nearby.



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Ryan Ward and Jackie Lozaw served as student team leaders when Gonzaga University students came to Sisters to serve.

VOLUNTEERS: Gonzaga students picked up skills quickly

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have done volunteer projects all over the United States. One student has accepted a post with the Peace Corps after graduation this summer. Three others worked on landscaping projects in Kentucky last year. Gonzaga University helps match up students with groups in need of volunteers. The group that came to Sisters wanted to focus on affordable housing.

Student Team Leader Jackie Lozaw said that working on the Sisters Habitat project was a "great opportunity to learn from a community of people who do this work on a daily basis."

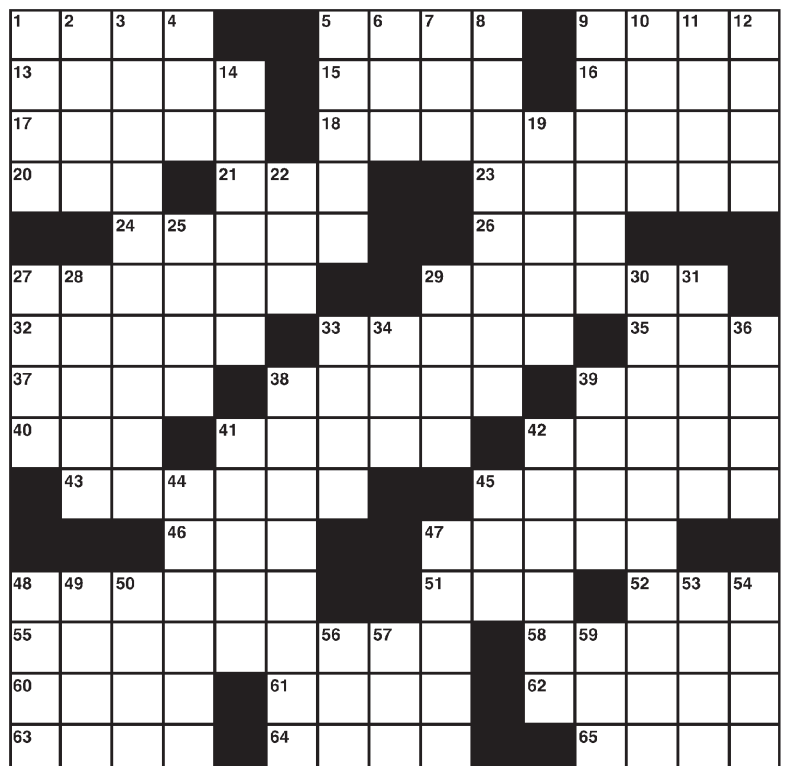
Habitat Construction Manager Darlene Snider said that the "students from Gonzaga University were one of the top two colleges we've ever hosted in terms of their attention to detail and their ability to pick up new skills quickly. By Friday, they were able to work with minimal supervision. I would take them as a crew any day, anywhere."

The Nugget Newspaper Crossword

By Jacqueline E. Mathews, Tribune News Service

- ACROSS**
 1 Injure
 5 ___ machines; casino draws
 9 View from Lake Geneva
 13 Proprietor
 15 Rain hard
 16 Fly alone
 17 Tureen utensil
 18 Blackmail
 20 Hair coloring
 21 Formal promise
 23 Coconut candy bar
 24 Mertz & Flintstone
 26 Cave creature
 27 Protective plate
 29 Nativity set figurine
 32 Glass rectangles
 33 Meager
 35 Singer Stewart
 37 Rarin' to go
 38 See eye ___; agree
 39 Neighbor of Ecuador
 40 Tightrope walker's safeguard
 41 Soupy of old TV
 42 Ivory ___; African nation
 43 Cancel out; invalidate
 45 Horse-drawn carriage
 46 In a ___; mired by routine
 47 Early ___; morning person
 48 Intertwine
 51 Letter on Superman's shirt
 52 "Pledge of Allegiance" ender
 55 Act as a team
 58 Orange Muppet
 60 Enormous
 61 Warren or Holliman
 62 Religious doctrine
 63 Cash register compartment
 64 TV's "___ of Our Lives"
 65 Moccasin adornment

- DOWN**
 1 Buildup on old cheese
 2 "Ladybug, ladybug, fly ___ home..."
 3 Not precise
 4 Singer Tormé
 5 Expels, as lava
 6 Bagel topper, for some
 7 Umpire's cry
 8 Tommy Dorsey's instrument
 9 Sharp as a tack
 10 Source of tender cuts of beef
 11 Walk like a Clydesdale
 12 James & John, to Zebedee
 14 ___ in; enjoys
 19 Cook a turkey
 22 Bizarre
 25 Tall grass stalk
 27 Reach from end to end
 28 Refuge
 29 Noisy birds
 30 Set up beforehand
 31 Steed
 33 Part of the foot
 34 So-so mark
 36 Off ___; not on the clock



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