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Sisters folks wear bright colors, playing drums and bells as they navigated Sisters Community Labyrinth on summer solstice in a previous year.

Labyrinth hosts solstice gathering

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Sisters residents and visitors are invited to “move, smile, and drum in the new season” on summer solstice at Sisters Community Labyrinth. The gathering takes place Sunday, June 20 beginning at 7:30 p.m. It’s a chance to welcome a light new season during solstice, when the sun stays up much longer than usual.

“The labyrinth has become a special place for many of us in Sisters,” said Sharlene Weed, who sits on the official committee that oversees the outdoor facility. “I especially like it when we gather there as a group to celebrate and reflect on the changing of the seasons.”

People of all beliefs — or none in particular — take part in labyrinth walks. Events on solstices and equinoxes usually feature a brief, nonreligious talk or ceremony to help visitors engage with the labyrinth, each other, and the season.

Committee member Pat Leiser enjoys “meditating on the movement of the earth around the sun through the changing seasons, the wandering path of the moon, and the back-and-forthing of the planets as mysterious

patterns in the night sky that connect all humanity through time in a quest to understand our place in the universe.”

The word “solstice” has a connection to the town’s name, via the Latin “sistere.” The Latin “solstitium” means “point at which the sun seems to stand still.” “Sol” means the sun. The last bit of the word is the “past participle stem of ‘sistere’... to stand still, take a stand; to set, place, cause to stand,” according to the Online Etymology Dictionary.

Where winter solstice often finds a silent meditation at the labyrinth, summer solstice is different. Participants are invited to make some jubilant noise — regardless of whether they’re musicians. Folks are encouraged to bring drums, bells, and other instruments.

People are also invited to

dress in bright colors or white clothes, if convenient. Some participants wear festive hats, flowers, ribbons, or leis.

The Summer Solstice Gathering & Labyrinth Walk begins at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 20, with casual gathering time. At 7:45, participants will gather for a circle. The walk begins at 8 p.m. sharp. Unvaccinated participants are asked to wear masks.

The event takes place at Sisters Community Labyrinth on West Hood Avenue. The labyrinth is located within East Portal, the U.S. Forest Service site where Highway 20 and Highway 242 meet, roughly between Bi-Mart and Les Schwab.

Sisters salutes...

Hats off to the members of the Sisters School District budget committee: Steve Swisher; Darek Olsen; Kristin Turnquist; Anthony Georger; Mark Christie.

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VIRTUAL Calendar

Things to participate in online while staying safely at home.

- JUNE 17 THUR

Paulina Springs Books Virtual Event 6:30 p.m. David B. Williams and Lyanda Lynn Haupt share from their new books, “Homewaters” and “Rooted.” Call 541-549-0866 or go to www.paulinaspringsbooks.com.

Deschutes Public Library: Beginning Birding with Chuck Gates 6 p.m. Live Zoom meeting with the basics of birdwatching. Go to www.deschuteslibrary.org/calendar/.
- JUNE 21 MON

Deschutes Public Library: “French Troubadour” Plays Americana 4 p.m. Eric John Kaiser will perform a selection of French chansons. Link to the recording will be available at www.deschuteslibrary.org/calendar/.
- JUNE 23 WED

Deschutes Public Library: The Library Book Club at Sisters 5:30 p.m. Discuss “The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo” by Taylor Jenkins Reid via Zoom. Go to www.deschuteslibrary.org/calendar/.
- JUNE 24 THUR

Deschutes Public Library: BBQ Beet Salad 3 p.m. Fire up the grill to make this summery BBQ roasted beet salad. Recipe and link to the recorded presentation available at www.deschuteslibrary.org/calendar/.

Paulina Springs Books Virtual Event 6:30 p.m. Keenan Norris and Tina Ontiveros discuss Norris’s new novel, “The Confession of Copeland Cane.” Call 541-549-0866 or go to www.paulinaspringsbooks.com.

SISTERS-AREA Entertainment & Events

- JUNE 17 THUR

Food Cart Garden at Eurosports Trivia Night 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. Sign up 5:15 to 5:30 p.m. Family-friendly trivia. Free. For additional information call Eurosports at 541-549-2471.
- JUNE 18 FRI

Food Cart Garden at Eurosports Friday Car Show 5-6:30 p.m. Bring your cool or vintage car for the free Friday car show. For more information call Eurosports at 541-549-2471.
- JUNE 19 SAT

Outdoor Stage at Sisters Depot Live Music with Nicky Croon 6 to 8:30 p.m. \$5 cover charge. Reservations recommended. For info call 541-904-4660 or go online to www.sistersdepot.com.

Cork Cellars Live Music with Jazz Folks 6:30 p.m. No cover! For information call 541-549-2675 or go online to corkcellarswinebistro.com.
- JUNE 20 SUN

Fir Street Park Sisters Farmers Market 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fresh local produce. Every Sunday June to October! Go to www.sistersfarmersmarket.com for more information.

Sisters Saloon Patio Stage Live Music with Toast & Jam 6 p.m. Summer Sunday Nights at the Saloon. For additional information call 541-549-7427 or go to www.sisterssaloon.net.
- JUNE 21 MON

Sisters Depot Wine-O Bingo 6:30 to 8 p.m. Join this fun version of bingo. Free with prizes! Space limited and reservations encouraged. For info go online to www.sistersdepot.com.
- JUNE 24 THUR

Food Cart Garden at Eurosports Trivia Night 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. Sign up 5:15 to 5:30 p.m. Family-friendly trivia. Free. For additional information call Eurosports at 541-549-2471.
- JUNE 25 FRI

Food Cart Garden at Eurosports Friday Car Show 5-6:30 p.m. Bring your cool or vintage car for the free Friday car show. For more information call Eurosports at 541-549-2471.
- JUNE 26 SAT

Outdoor Stage at Sisters Depot Live Music with Steve and Margot Kelly 6 to 8:30 p.m. \$5 cover charge. Reservations recommended. For info call 541-904-4660 or go online to www.sistersdepot.com.

Cork Cellars Live Music on Saturday Nights 6:30 p.m. No cover! For information call 541-549-2675 or go online to corkcellarswinebistro.com.
- JUNE 27 SUN

Sisters Saloon Patio Stage Live Music with Superball 6 p.m. Summer Sunday Nights at the Saloon. For additional information call 541-549-7427 or go to www.sisterssaloon.net.