

'Circles in the Sand' beach art event returns to Florence Oct. 16

The nationally celebrated Circles in the Sand beach art returns to Florence on Saturday, Oct. 16, on the beach at Driftwood Shores.

"This is always an uplifting event at a great time of year to visit Florence's beaches," said Bettina Hanigan, president/CEO of the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce. "People come from all over. It's wildly artistic, spiritually uplifting for many, and incredibly unique among beach events anywhere in the country."

A giant labyrinth will be carved in the sand beginning around 3 p.m. A public walkthrough the begins at 5 p.m. Low tide will be at 5:15 and sunset will be at 6:30.

The event is free to attend and will be held rain or shine.

Circles in the Sand

events tend to draw big crowds, especially once the public is invited to walk through the labyrinths upon completion. Volunteers will be on hand at the beginning of each labyrinth walk to help people keep physical distance.

COVID-19 masking and distancing guidelines in effect at the time will be enforced.

Driftwood Shores Resort and Conference Center, Sand Master Park Sandboarding and Venomous Sandboards, Sea Lion Caves, Mo's Seafood and Chowder and The Little Brown Hen restaurant are sponsoring the annual event.

"We are eagerly looking forward to another



amazing and unique beach draw," said Lon Beale, event sponsor and owner of Sand Master Sandboarding and Venomous Sandboards in Florence. "We would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone; and don't forget, it's completely free."

Jim Myers of Driftwood Shores said, "We receive many calls about Circles in the Sand each year, and our guests really enjoy the event. Each of our rooms has beach and ocean view and guests will have a front row seat of this amazing artist in action."

Circles in the Sand was created in 2011 by labyrinth artist Denny Dyke. This will be

Dyke's fourth trip to Florence.

Dyke is based near Bandon, Ore., and does several beach draws each year on Bandon's beaches, which has led to him gaining an international following. In the early years of his work, it was not uncommon to see mentions of "crop circles" or "alien art" after his work was found on the sand.

His first intention was to create labyrinths so that everyone could enjoy a walk on the sand.

Dyke's volunteer drawing team starts with a blank canvas of sand and then creates a beautiful work of art for all to enjoy. Every pattern has a single path, with no wrong turns or dead ends, that spirals and meanders throughout the entire labyrinth and returns near its entrance.

Darlings to host Chili Cookoff 2021



On Saturday, Oct. 2, Darlings Marina & RV Resort is hosting its 2021 Chili Cookoff from 3 to 5:30 p.m. People can be part of the event as either a contestant or taste-tester. For more information, visit darlingsresortrv.com and www.facebook.com/iheartdarlings.

Florence Indivisible announce Oct. 2 Women's March for Reproductive Freedom

On Saturday, Oct. 2, people are marching in every state ahead of the Supreme Court reconvening on Oct. 4. In Florence, the March to Mobilize and Defend Reproductive Rights will start at Florence City Hall, 250 Highway 101, at 1 pm.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there will be no speeches. For everyone's safety, masks and social distancing are required.

Florence Indivisible is inviting women, as well as caring men, to join them in the march.

Women's March and more than 90 other organizations, including National Latina Institute for Repro-

ductive Justice, Planned Parenthood, SHERO Mississippi, Mississippi in Action, Access Reproductive Care-Southeast, The Frontline, Working Families Party and SisterSong, are organizing this national call to mobilize and defend our reproductive rights.

On Oct. 2, those groups are going to send the Supreme Court and lawmakers across the country a clear, unified message.

"The attack on reproductive rights will not be tolerated," said Darlene Norwood.

"We have this opportunity to invite all the people that know us and love us into this important movement

and work united as we build something better for our families and communities. As a small powerful group tries to come for our human rights over and over again, we'll never let go of our vision of reproductive justice; for unfettered abortion access and everything we need to support and grow our families to thrive and live healthy lives."

People are invited to take up the fight since this impacts everyone.

For more information on the Women's March Mobilize and Defend Reproductive Freedom, visit www.womensmarch.com/mobilize.

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to go for a big kill versus when to tip it into a hole. She's the calm on the court for her teammates and her contribution is always substantial."

Unquestionably the team's leader, Tupua's statline reflected as much; she had 9 kills for the match, along with 12 digs, 10 perfect passes and 3 assists.

Set three also went to the Vikings. Siuslaw took an 11-point lead and the Falcons came back to get within five, but couldn't close the gap. Siuslaw took the set 25-18.

The fourth and final set was a back and forth battle. Six times the teams were tied, the last time being at 21-21. The Viks finished strong though, scoring the last four points to take set four 25-21 and the match three games to one.

Sophomore Meika Shappell excelled from the middle back position. She had 21 perfect passes, 7 digs and 2 assists on the night. Shappell had very few errors on defense and her serving was nearly perfect, as indicated by her 10 aces, 11 serves in and only one missed serve in 22 attempts.

Other highlights from the stat sheet include a team-high 10 kills for junior Hailee Outlaw and 7 for junior Mylee Blake. Sophomore Rhianna Lane used all of her six feet to lead the team with 5 blocks, followed by Blake, Tupua and Alberty with 3 blocks each. Senior Hayden Muller also had 5 aces.

As if the Siuslaw varsity team's play isn't exciting enough, the future of the Viking volleyball program also looks very bright. Twenty-nine girls went out for volleyball this year, only three of which are seniors. The high number of

student-athletes allowed SHS to form three teams: varsity; JV1, coached by Aylene Vazquez; and JV2, coached by Kya Blake. The JV2 team is undefeated and JV1 has only one loss the entire season.

"The JV teams are the building blocks of our program," said Coach Kari Blake. "I am really excited to start to grow this program. We have student-athlete numbers that we haven't seen in years. Just a couple of years ago, we weren't

even able to form a JV team due to lack of players."

The Vikings were on the court Thursday night versus Junction City after press deadlines. They play next Saturday at a tournament in Junction City. Pool play starts at 10 a.m. when the Viks play Woodburn, followed by a match at 11 a.m. versus Tillamook. Then, Siuslaw returns to Sky-Em play at home on Tuesday, Oct. 5, against the league's first-place team Cottage Grove at 6:45 p.m.

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1. Rainier 3-0
2. Siuslaw 3-0
3. Warrenton 2-1
4. South Umpqua 4-0
5. Junction City 2-0
6. Cascade Christian 1-1
7. Santiam Christian 2-1
8. Amity 1-2
9. Vale 3-1
10. La Pine 1-2

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VOLLEYBALL MOUNTAIN WEST STANDINGS

- Mohawk 6-0
Eddyville Charter 6-2
Crow 2-1
Alesa 2-4
Triangle Lake 1-2
Mapleton 0-4
Siletz Valley 0-4

VOLLEYBALL SKY-EM STANDINGS

- Marshfield 3-1
Cottage Grove 2-0
Siuslaw 2-1
Junction City 1-1
Marist 1-2
Elmira 0-4

SOCCER SKY-EM STANDINGS

- Cottage Grove 3-0-1
Marshfield 3-0-1
Marist 3-1
Junction City 1-3
Elmira 1-3
Siuslaw 0-4

FOOTBALL SPECIAL DISTRICT 2 STANDINGS

- Siuslaw 1-0
South Umpqua 1-0
St. Mary's 1-0
Junction City 1-0
Santiam Christian 1-0
Sutherlin 0-0
Cascade Christian 0-0
La Pine 0-0
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