Christmas Parade is on Main Avenue this year

By Jim Cornelius News Editor

Sisters is getting set to swing into the saddle for its annual celebration of the season: A Cowboy Christmas. The celebration employs all of Sisters' small-town charm and has become a favorite family tradition for families — those who live here and those who are visiting for Thanksgiving weekend alike.

This year, there will be some temporary changes to work around the beginning of construction work on Hood Avenue. The annual Sisters Christmas Parade set for Saturday, November 28, at 2 p.m., will be held on Main Avenue instead of its traditional Hood Avenue route this year.

"The City is going to be doing some work on Hood and the initial phase that requires rewiring the light poles will be taking place during that timeframe," Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Judy Trego explained.

The Main Avenue parade route will be closed from Pine Street to Larch Street from



Llamas were among the many animal entries in last year's parade.

1:45 to 3 p.m. on November 28.

Trego and parade coordinator Jeri Buckmann emphasized that the change in parade route is temporary. "We do plan to move it

o be back to Hood," Trego said.

Buckmann says she expects between 30 and 35 entrants in the parade. Deadline for entry is November 18.

The parade will stage on Pine Street, proceed down Main Avenue, then turn north on Larch and head back up Adams Avenue. KSJJ radio will have a live remote broadcast going from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Bob Buckmann will serve in his traditional role as parade announcer.

"The theme this year is Red, White and Blue Christmas," said Jeri Buckmann. "We are dedicating it to the men and women of the military."

The parade will close as it always does — with Santa and Mrs. Clause rolling down the street in a carriage provided by Black Butte Ranch. He will adjourn to the Chamber Visitors Center at the corner of Main Avenue and Larch Street (right next to Fir Street Park, where he will



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Judy Trego and Jeri Buckmann stand ready to forward letters to Santa Claus to the North Pole.

visit with children after the parade. Refreshments will be provided.

Sisters' annual treelighting ceremony will be held on Friday, November 27, starting at 5:30 p.m. in Fir Street Park. For the first time, the event will feature music performed by students from Sisters High School's Americana Project. Bring a can of food for donation to the Sisters Kiwanis Food Bank. Sisters Lions Club will be on hand to provide refreshments and there will be a bonfire in the park's fire cauldron.

The Chamber is also facilitating Letters to Santa this year. Letters are to be dropped off at the Chamber office to be forwarded on to the North Pole. Include a name and return address so that Santa can reply.



Along <u>Main</u> Avenue Saturday, November 28 2:00 pm



Friday, November 27 Christmas Tree Lighting 5:30pm • Fir Street Park

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