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The Black Butte elk herd was out for a holiday stroll last week.

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## Sisters Country is getting a real winter

Much to the joy of skiers, snowshoers, snowmobilers — and irrigators — Sisters Country is enjoying a real winter.

Not only did the area experience a white Christmas, the snow lingered on the ground under temperatures that did not crack the freezing mark through the last week of December and into January.

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## Civility project gets underway in Sisters

By Sue Stafford  
Correspondent

Speak Your Peace: The Civility Project (SYP), a community-building initiative aimed at improving civil discourse, will be introduced to residents of Sisters Country on January 14-15, in a series of meetings.

With funding from the Ford Family Foundation, SYP national spokesperson Rob Karwath is being brought to Sisters by the local non-profit, Citizens4Community (C4C). Karwath will introduce the SYP fundamental principles of civility and facilitate discussions about how Sisters might adopt, customize and utilize the principles to enhance community interaction.

"I will be presenting the story and tools of SYP and listening to where people think problems lie," he said in an interview with *The Nugget*.

Karwath will share stories of how communities, organizations, and businesses across the country have benefitted

from adopting SYP.

"Everyone who has used it (SYP) has gotten some good from it. There is no place that it has fallen flat," he shared.

There will be three presen-

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tations on Thursday, January 14. Service organizations, hosted by Sisters Kiwanis Club, will meet 7 to 8 a.m. at Aspen Lakes Lodge. Anyone wishing to attend please RSVP to Kiwanis program coordinator Jim Horsley at jimhorsley4@gamil.com.

Nonprofit and government organizations, as well

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## Sisters youth earns Eagle rank

By Sue Anderson  
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The prestigious rank of Eagle Scout was awarded this past Saturday evening to Rory Petterson, a member of Troop 188, centered at the Sisters Branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. More than 50 friends, family, and community members attended the Court of Honor celebrating Petterson's achievement of attaining scouting's highest award.

Officiating were Ren Broomhead, troop advisor, Barrett Ford, past scoutmaster of Troop 188, and Eric Liddell, current scoutmaster. Others on the stand included former Eagle Award recipients and two members of the local Post of the Veteran of Foreign Wars.

After the posting of the colors and the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance, Barrett Ford pinned the award emblem to Petterson's shirt, changed his scarf to reflect his new status and presented him with his official certificate. Petterson's parents, Mel and Swen, stood beside him and joined with the audience



PHOTO BY SUE ANDERSON

Barrett Ford presented Rory Petterson with his Eagle Scout honors.

in applauding his new rank.

As is traditional, Petterson then presented each of his parents with a pin to represent their role in his achievement. He also wanted to recognize two mentors who were of considerable assistance and encouragement along the way, and those two pins were given to Barrett Ford and Petterson's father.

Next, Eric Liddell read The Eagle Charge, a scouting document that reminds all Eagle Scout recipients

that they must remain true to the pledges they made during their scouting career, including living by the principles of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Two members of Local VFW Post 8138, Bill Anttila, commander, and Earl Schroeder, senior vice commander, then presented Petterson with a flag that had flown at the request of Senator Jeff Merkley over the

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