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Traditional tree-lighting unites community

By Jodi Schneider McNamee, Correspondent

An enthusiastic crowd gathered in Fir Street Park on Friday evening, radiating with Christmas cheer, for the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Folks didn't notice the cold, with the warmth from the firepit and the warm savory taste of hot chocolate, coffee and fresh-popped corn provided by the Three Sisters Lions Club. Most important was the warmth of comradeship that this annual Sisters tradition brings to everyone who partakes.

Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Judy Trego kicked off the festivities by thanking the Sisters business community for sponsoring the annual tree-lighting event for the past 14 years.

Hayden Homes helped sponsor this year's event.

A popular custom is to bless the Christmas tree before lighting. Peter Storton, the leader and founder of the Sisters National Day of Prayer, took the honors, ending the prayer with the heartfelt words:

"The tree stands in our midst as a tree of light that we might promise such beauty to one another and to our world."

Mayor Chuck Ryan welcomed everyone to the event and stated that "The great city of Sisters is the best city in Oregon by far."

This year four singers from The Victorian Carolers, a professional a cappella group who performs in Period costume from Central Oregon, began the festivities with the classic Christmas song, "Oh Come All Ye Faithful."

Director of the group, Steve Osterkamp, who has an extensive background singing with holiday quartets, also sang with Dickens carolers, a professional caroling company from Seattle for six years before moving to Central Oregon.

"We have a group of about eight this season, but I work with about four singers at a time. We are all classical trained singers," Osterkamp told *The Nugget*.

The ceremony closed with the lighting of the tall live tree at the east side of the park. The crowd cheered as they walked over to see the glistening bright white lights while taking photos of family in front of the magnificent Christmas tree.



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Folks in Sisters came out to Fir Street park for the annual lighting.

The Rainwater Café

The Rainwater Café Bakery & Pizzeria is a true family operation. Owner Dera Rainwater has welcomed her daughter, Krista, and Krista's husband, Justice, to the operation.

That family, homey feeling is part of every aspect of Rainwater Café. They serve breakfast and lunch, and offer delicious take-and-bake pizza (perfect for the busy holiday season). And Dera and Krista are now offering a range of delightful baked goods all made from scratch and including moist, flavorful gluten-free and sugar-free options.

The Rainwater Café is a great place to get your holiday baked goods — from pies to breads. Come in during your holiday round and relax and refresh yourself with something from the espresso bar featuring a proprietary roast by Cascades Estate Coffee.

Whether you are looking for a delicious meal while you're out putting check-marks on your Christmas list, or creating your holiday meal, you owe yourself a visit to The Rainwater Café.



Lions Club Holiday Faire

A handmade gift can be the most thoughtful kind of gift you can give. The Three Sisters Lions Club Holiday Faire makes it easy to find one-of-a-kind handcrafted gifts of exceptional quality.

At a new and welcoming location at 142 E. Main Ave. (just east of Sisters Feed Co.) the holiday faire runs through December 17.

From wonderful holiday décor items that will put your home or business in the Christmas spirit, to unique gifts that will be appreciated and handed down, you'll find a host of treasures at this annual event. Magnificent cutting boards have been a big hit this year, as are clever "pocket purse," handcrafted pottery, affordable fleece dog coats — all kinds of unique gifts made by local artisans.

And your gifts give in multiple ways. Of course they will delight the loved ones on your list. They'll also support the thriving arts economy in Sisters, while supporting the vital outreach of the Three Sisters Lions Club.

