

# Sisters set for Cowboy Christmas

As part of its Cowboy Christmas events, the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce has scheduled its yearly Christmas Tree Lighting on Friday, November 23, 5:30 p.m. at Fir Street Park and a Christmas Parade on Saturday, November 24, at 2 p.m. on Hood Ave. This year's parade theme is "Rockin Around the Christmas Tree."

"This is such a fun event, always exciting and festive," said Jeri Buckmann, events director at the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce.

The parade, sponsored by Hayden Homes, will begin at 2 p.m. and will have participants riding on floats, marching and singing their way down Hood Avenue for onlookers. Spectators can join Santa Claus for refreshments at the Sisters Chamber office (291 E. Main Ave.) after the parade.

For more information or a complete Cowboy Christmas calendar of events email [jeri@sisterscountry.com](mailto:jeri@sisterscountry.com) or call the chamber offices at 541-549-0251.



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Sisters choirs performed for Veterans Day observances on Friday, November 9. They will host a fall concert on Thursday, November 15.

## Sisters choirs to perform in fall concert

The fall middle school and high school choir concert is set for Thursday, November 15 at 7 p.m. in the Sisters High School auditorium. Admission is free.

The 6th-grade and 7/8th-grade choirs will perform music with a fall season and patriotic theme.

The high school musical theater choir will perform a medley of music from the musical "Phantom of the Opera" — with microphones, special lights, and stage movement. Soloists include Sarah Kissinger, True Duerden, Alessandra

Wentworth, Leah Chapman, Maya McCurdy, Teegan Hass, Bebyn Dyer, Ayumi Stewart, Sasha Stolasz, Toma Prichard, Ashton King, Cambrian Leaver, LaLa Debari, Ian Cash, Korbin Sharp, August McKeown, Tasman Rheuben, Lydia Yoder, Paola Mendoza, Ryon McIntosh, Emily Huber, Zach Anderson, Sage Rullman, Roy Gannon, Rachel Lilley, and Tyrell Beatty.

The jazz choir will open the concert with a couple of songs: "Why Do Fools Fall In Love" and "What a Wonderful World."

# More school days in Oregon? Panel considers idea

SALEM (AP) — Among the policy ideas lawmakers are considering for Oregon's troubled education system are longer school years, limited class sizes and more access to state subsidized preschool.

The *Statesman Journal* reports that since January, the Joint Committee on Student Success has been meeting with educators, families and business leaders across the state to figure out what is going well in schools, and what isn't. The bipartisan panel is made up of 14 legislators.

The primary task of the committee is to address Oregon's four-year graduation rate, which, at 77 percent, is the third lowest in the country.

From a lack of diverse staff and social-emotional learning opportunities, to unsafe buildings and scarce mental health services, the committee quickly found there are myriad factors

influencing students' success in and outside the classroom.

"We are really at a crossroads that we either fix it or we spiral into a really negative place," said Sen. Tim Knopp, R-Bend, co-vice chairman of the joint committee. "If one thinks there are issues in schools today, it can be much worse if we don't act."

Preliminary policy recommendations from the committee were made public this week — including some specific funding recommendations that would total in the hundreds of millions — but they are expected to change significantly before the start of the 2019 legislative session in January.

Ultimately, the committee plans to get more of the ideas priced out and release a report on their key findings and refined recommendations, then provide a comprehensive bill for the upcoming session.

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# Celebrate the holidays in Sisters Country

**Friday, November 23**  
**Christmas Tree Lighting**  
5:30 pm • Fir Street Park  
Central Oregon Mastersingers  
Victorian Carolers

**Saturday, November 24**  
**Christmas Parade**  
2:00 pm • Hood Avenue

**Saturday, November 24**  
**Visits with Santa**  
3:00-4:30 pm  
Chamber Office  
291 E Main Avenue

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