Fire department sponsors spirit of giving drive

Sisters is a generous community all year round, but that spirit is especially in evidence during the holidays.

The Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire & Ambulance Association is sponsoring the annual "Spirit of Christmas Giving Tree" to provide Christmas gifts to families in need in Sisters Country this holiday season. They expect to serve close to 250 families this year.

Gifts are available to children age newborn to seniors in high school of low-income families who live within the Sisters or Black Butte school districts.

The Association is collecting new unwrapped gifts at the fire station at 301 S. Elm St. in Sisters. There will be "Spirit of Christmas Giving Trees" at Sisters Ray's Food Place, Sisters Bi-Mart, Black Butte Ranch Post Office and Black Butte Ranch Police Department.

Volunteers encourage you to pick a gift tag for a child from one of the trees and purchase specific gifts requested by the families rather than just donating a non-specific gift. For those folks that would like to participate in the program but are unable to purchase a specific gift, they will also accept cash donations. Cash donations are tax-deductible and will go toward gift-buying. Cash donations can be made at the main fire station, by mail at PO Box 1509, Sisters, OR 97759 or at www.sistersfire.com.

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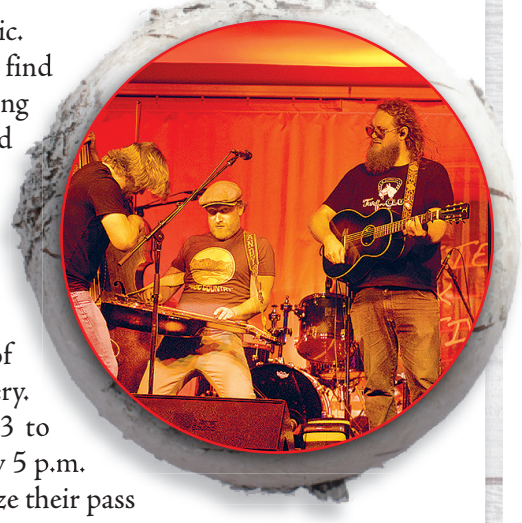
The Giving Tree us up at Ray's Food Place.

The deadline for gift donations is Tuesday, December 18. The tags that are not filled by the community will be filled by Fire District volunteer shoppers using donated funds, which means that no qualifying child gets left without a gift.

Sisters Folk Festival

There is no gift more sublime than the gift of music.

The music lovers on your list will be delighted to find tickets to the 2019 Sisters Folk Festival in their stocking — and if you act quickly, you can get in on early-bird pricing that would make any elf jolly.



Sisters Folk Festival is opening weekend pass sales for the 2019 festival on Monday, December 3. The festival is always on the weekend following Labor Day. Next year's Festival dates are September 6-8.

The organization is offering a limited number of "Early Bird" discounted passes, distributed via lottery. Patrons have until 8 a.m. on Monday, December 3 to enter the lottery. Winners will be notified by email by 5 p.m. that day and have until the end of December to finalize their pass purchase.

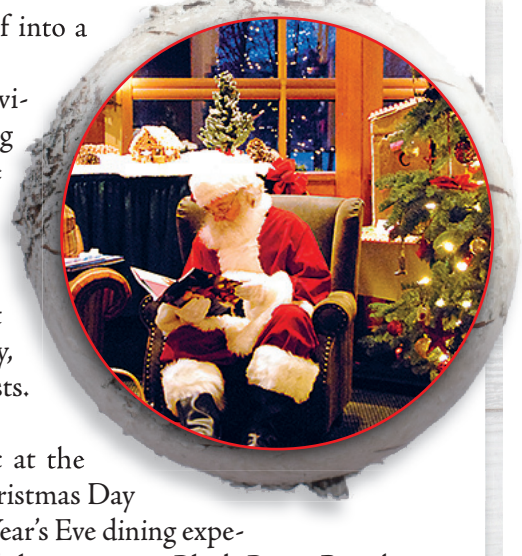
Visit www.sistersfolkfestival.org/tickets.

The 23rd annual festival will feature over 40 acts, 11 stages and three days of world-class music.

Black Butte Ranch

Each winter, Black Butte Ranch transforms itself into a holiday wonderland.

The spectacular setting and heart-warming activities make the Ranch a wonderful place to create lasting family memories. Take a magical horse-drawn carriage ride, December 26 through January 1. Tickets are $12 (free for kids under 5) and can be reserved by calling 541-595-1252.



Bring the little ones to breakfast with Santa at the Lodge on Saturday, December 15, and Sunday, December 16, featuring a special buffet for young guests. Call 541-595-1260 for reservations.

Additional holiday activities include live music at the Aspen Lounge December 21 and December 28, a Christmas Day Celebration Dinner at the Lodge, and a special New Year's Eve dining experience to complete the season. For details on all holiday events at Black Butte Ranch, visit BlackButteRanch.com/holidays.