The holiday season is a wondrous time in Sisters Country. There are places where you can slow down, take a moment to enjoy a hot cup of winter cheer in front of a roaring fire; places where strangers become friends and friends become family.

As the big day approaches, Santa Claus is coming, too. He'll be joining the annual Sisters Christmas Parade, then making his list and checking it twice right afterward.

Turn the page to find out more about these events and other interesting news about the holidays in Sisters Country.

The holiday season is a wonderful opportunity to give unique gifts while supporting your local economy. Many of those gifts are easy on the budget, so get out there and explore. It's more fun to hunt for the perfect gift in Sisters than just about anywhere.

Going holiday shopping in Sisters isn't like going to the mall — or surfing the Internet on your couch. Here, you are dealing with mom-and-pop shopkeepers who offer a nice dose of holiday hospitality to go along with a selection of unique gifts.

Take some time to explore Sisters this holiday season, and enjoy a classic Christmas in our own winter wonderland.

## Be Of Good Cheer, Sisters! A COMMUNITY-BUILDING ADVENT CALENDAR

Take your children shopping to pick out a toy or book to donate for a child in need.

Write a thank-you note to a family member.

Deliver a meal to an elderly neighbor or invite them to your holiday table.

Paint a rock with an encouraging word and leave it in a public place for someone to find.

Bake homemade cookies with your children and share them with a neighbor.

Smile and say "hi" to the people you see in town.

Visit your favorite Sisters business and tell them what it means to you to have them in town.

> Donate to our local food bank.

Purchase a local restaurant gift card to give to a friend or acquaintance.

Pay for the purchase of the meal or coffee for the person behind you in the drive-through.

Purchase lastminute gifts at a local shop and wish the owner a Happy Holiday!

Call someone and tell them you appreciate them.

Write a thankyou note to a service provider (cashier, teacher bank teller, fuel attendant).

Hold a door open for someone today.

Make arrangements to be a youth mentor volunteer in the New Year.

Offer a ride to the doctor's office or grocery store for someone who needs help.

Adopt a pet to be part of your family.

Leave a thank-you note for the person who cleans your office.

Visit FAN (Family **Access Network)** to see if there is a family in need that you can help.

Take one of your neighbors to dinner.

While driving on Cascade stop to allow someone to turn left in front of you.

24 days to share happiness, food, and services with friends, family, or total strangers

> Visit a Sisters business that you have had trouble with in the past and give them another chance.

> > Take a treat to the fire hall or sheriff's office.

Schedule a regular time to read a book to someone who is sight-impaired.

