



Holidays '19

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Old Man Winter made his dramatic debut a little early in Sisters Country. We're starting the holiday season under a mantle of snow, with Jack Frost nipping at our nose. Santa Claus paid his annual visit with the Sisters Christmas Parade, and the tiny tots — and their parents — are all ramping up for the season of giving.

And there is no better place than

Sisters to engage that giving spirit — whether it's presents for the loved ones on your list or a hand up for folks in need in our community.

Tap into ancient holiday traditions — or create new ones of your own — in our own winter wonderland. You don't have to drive the icy roads or trek into cyberspace to find unique gifts while supporting your local economy. It's all

right here, and it's more fun to hunt for the perfect gift in Sisters than just about anywhere. Our local shopkeepers offer a truly personal experience — a dose of holiday hospitality to go along with a selection of unique gifts.

Sleigh bells are jingling and there is plenty of snow glistening in the lane. Turn the page and discover all of what your hometown has to offer.

Be Of Good Cheer, Sisters!

A COMMUNITY-BUILDING ADVENT CALENDAR

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

- 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 last-minute gifts at a local shop and wish the owner a Happy Holiday!
- Call someone and tell them you appreciate them.
- Write a thank-you 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.
- 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.

