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PARADE: Hardy souls braved chilly conditions for annual event

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"sleigh" — actually a sparkling white, horsedrawn carriage.

Kaia Backouris, age 8, moved to Sisters recently and began attending Sisters Elementary School. This was her first time being in snow.

"I just love everything about snow," she said, eyes wide. She described the parade as "really cool and fun." Her favorite part was "the rodeo queen and her horse."

Sixteen-year-old Hope Johnson and her dad, Jeff, were visiting from Corvallis.

"Community and coming together," is what holiday celebrations in Sisters represent to Hope. Her favorite part of the parade was "being warm and welcome, seeing everyone come together and celebrate Christmas as a community."

The Johnson family lives in Corvallis and has owned a second home in Sisters Country for "probably 30 years," according to Jeff. "Our family's come over here quite a bit. We come over at Thanksgiving time; it's nice because there's snow. That's the fun part. Snow is Christmas!"

"Seeing the different floats, seeing what people are putting together," is what draws Jeff back to the parade every year. "It's nice to see the little things, the new ideas. There's always something a little different every year."

This year's parade, with the theme "A



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Newfoundlands were a friendly feature of the Christmas Parade.

Sisters Country Christmas," was sponsored by Hayden Homes and presented by the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce. Afterward, folks gathered at the Chamber's visitor center on Main Avenue. There, people of all ages mingled and chatted while waiting in line to meet Santa Claus.

"Seeing the fire engines was my favorite part of the parade," said Alexei Peters with a chuckle, as his kids hid shyly behind him, munching on parade candy. "And of course, Santa."

Peters said his Portland-based family comes to Sisters Country almost every Thanksgiving.

"We stay at Black Butte Ranch. We always come to the parade," he said. "Last year's was longer, because it was a little bit better weather. Only the hardy people came out this time."

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