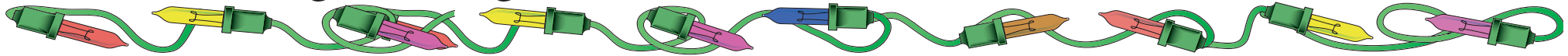


It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...



JOIN SATURDAY'S UNION COUNTY DECORATION VIEWING CARAVAN

UNION COUNTY — Grab a warming drink and some tasty treats from your favorite shop or coffee bar, jump into your favorite holiday sweater or cozy jammies and join Union County's guided Decorations Viewing Caravan Saturday, Dec. 19.

For this inaugural county-wide even, the Union County Chamber of Commerce has put together different routes to choose from for "a fun, relaxing tour throughout Union County to check out all the holiday lights and decorations," according to organizers.

Lining up begins at 5:30 p.m. in the Bi-Mart parking lot (enter from 20th Street), La Grande, and the caravan launches promptly at 6:30 p.m.

Participants may hop on and off the routes as they like. There

is no formal schedule.

The event also will include a car-decorating contest. Decorate your car for a chance to win some serious bragging rights.

Spread the cheer

Travelers on the caravan are encouraged to share their holiday spirit by bringing:

- Non-perishable foods that will help your Union County neighbors.
- Toy(s) to donate to a collection sponsored by Carpet One, Les Schwab and Island Express Lube and Car Wash.
- Letters to Santa, which will be collected and read on KLBH throughout the day, Monday, Dec. 21, before being mailed to the North Pole.

LIGHT DISPLAY OPENS FRIDAY AT WALLOWA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

ENTERPRISE — A holiday light display will soon turn the Wallowa County Fairgrounds into a magical wonderland of glowing and animated reindeer, candy canes, holly, snowflakes and snowmen.

Fair Lights, a drive-thru event sponsored by the Wallowa County Fair Board, opens Friday, Dec. 18, and will run nightly from 5-8 p.m. through Dec. 27. Cars will enter the display area through a gate located across from Les Schwab, then drive around the track to view the display, exiting through a gate at the western edge of the fairgrounds onto Litch Street.

On opening night, the first 100 cars will each receive a

goody bag, and Santa will be there to welcome attendees and collect letters. (Santa too must social distance, and Kringle fans of all ages are required to stay in their cars.)

The Fair Board is organizing the event as a gift of Christmas cheer to friends, families and neighbors as Wallowa County wraps up an unusual year — and with hopes of starting a new holiday tradition.

According to organizers, "The purpose is to make us happy and give us something to look forward to."

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