

Boardman's community Christmas lighting draws over 300 residents



Riverside High School Christmas Carolers get in the "Christmas Spirit" with Santa Claus!

"Ohhhh - the weather outside was windy", but inside everyone was cheery!"

This was the feel throughout the evening at this year's Community Christmas Lighting. Over 300 residents of Boardman came together to enjoy the first of many festivities this holiday season.

For several years, Boardman residents have gathered together for an evening of well-being. Our community has grown, and it was determined our wonderful Boardman Senior Center is well over capacity during this celebration, so the event was moved to the SAGE Center.

Festivities began with the lighting of SAGE center's musical light show of dancing lights, followed by a narrated play of the "Christmas Story" performed by First Baptist Church, Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church and Good Shepard Lutheran Church –

AWANA's Group. The performance finale was Boardman Child Development Center's pre-school students happily singing Christmas songs for all to enjoy.

While everyone waited patiently to visit with Santa, the community enjoyed refreshments and roaming Christmas Carolers from Riverside Jr/Sr High School and a surprise guest... The Grinch! Who did not even come close to stealing any Christmas spirit from this town!

The next opportunity to get to visit with Santa is coming quickly! December. Saturday, December 10, 2016 "Breakfast with Santa" sponsored by Boardman Kiwanis will be held at the Boardman Senior Center. Santa would love to spend breakfast time with everyone! Kids can also get their "Christmas Craft on" during this event.

Boardman Chamber of Commerce would like to give a heartfelt

"Thank You" to all the businesses and individuals that made this event so successful: The Port of Morrow and SAGE Center for use of your facility and GREAT staff, City of Boardman, Boardman Fire Department, Boardman Police Department and City of Boardman Employees, RHS students and local volunteers for all the wonderful Christmas decorations and our Community Christmas Tree, Mayor Sandy Toms as our evening greeter. AWANA's Church Youth Group, Boardman First Baptist, Good Shepard Lutheran Church, Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, Boardman Child Development Center, Santa Claus, The Sunrise at Boardman Café, Boardman Select Market, Maria Richards/Boardman Hardware, Riverside Jr/Sr High school, Bank of Eastern Oregon, Lori Moss, Toni Perlot and Cheryl Frederickson.

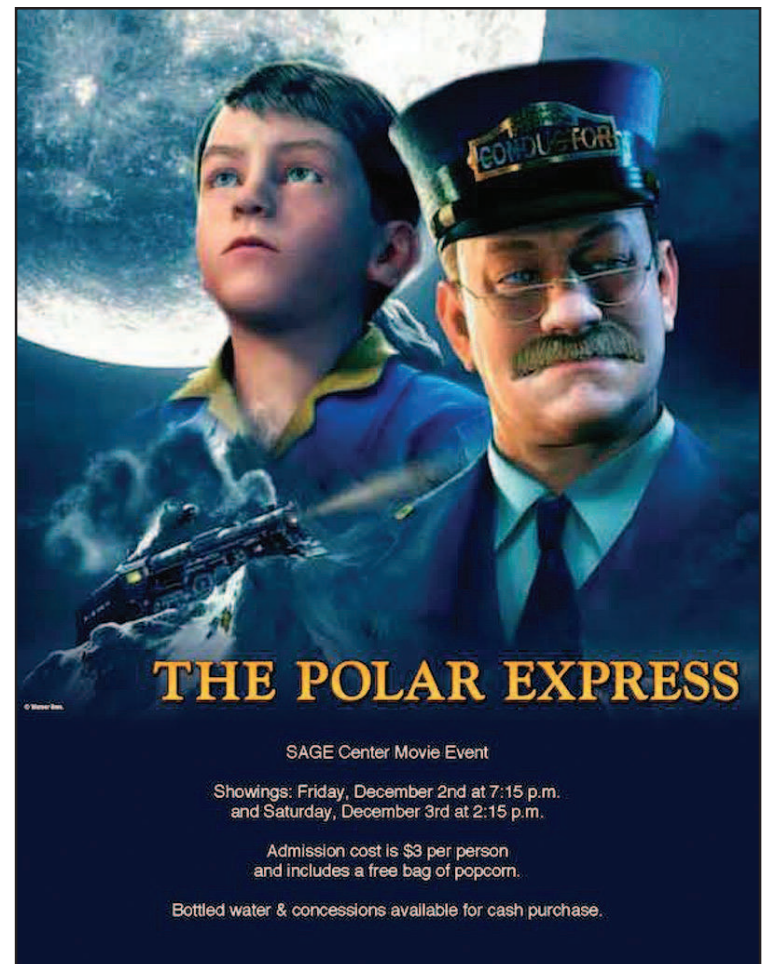
Join us for a Celebration of Life

Friday, December 30th
4:00 to 7:00 pm
Port of Morrow Riverfront Center



John Prag

February 25, 1935 - November 9, 2016



SAGE Center Movie Event

Showings: Friday, December 2nd at 7:15 p.m.
and Saturday, December 3rd at 2:15 p.m.

Admission cost is \$3 per person
and includes a free bag of popcorn.

Bottled water & concessions available for cash purchase.