



# Holiday Events

**TUESDAY, DEC. 4**

**BOARDMAN CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING**, 6-8 p.m., SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road. (541-481-7243).

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5**

**WASSAIL HOLIDAY CELEBRATION**, 2-4 p.m., Badgley Hall, Eastern Oregon University, La Grande. Holiday refreshments with the Northeast Oregon Area Health Education Center and OHSU School of Nursing. (541-962-3422, www.neoahec.org).

**THURSDAY, DEC. 6**

**HERMISTON TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY**, 6 p.m., downtown festival street. Music, campfires, hot chocolate, vendors and Christmas tree lighting. (541-667-5018).

**UMATILLA TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY**, 6:30 p.m., city park, near library

**FRIDAY, DEC. 7**

**HOLIDAY BARREL TASTING**, various times at Walla Walla Valley (including Milton-Freewater) wineries and tasting rooms. With a festive atmosphere of the season, winemakers and cellar staff provide samples of future releases. (www.wallawallawine.com).

**PENDLETON WINTERFEST**, 6 p.m., Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate. Dinner followed by auction of decorated trees and baskets. Tickets are \$40. (www.sahpendleton.org)

**SATURDAY, DEC. 8**

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA & MORE**, 8 a.m. to noon, Milton-Freewater Community Building, 109 N.E. Fifth St. Meal (\$5) from 8-11 a.m.; cookie making and gift store open from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Kids ages 2-18 can shop in the Little Angels Gift Store (no parents allowed) — all gifts \$10 and under and includes gift wrapping. Free pictures with Santa. (541-938-5563).

**CHRISTMAS ART SHOW & SALE**, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Oxford Suites, 1050 N. First St., Hermiston Features local artists and refreshments (janbeitel@outlook.com).

**THE ARC CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., The Arc Umatilla County, 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Also, food available for purchase. (Deanna Plum, 541-567-7567).

**HOLIDAY BAZAAR**, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Echo Community Church, 21 N. Bonanza St. Includes a raffle.

**ST. MARY'S HOLIDAY BAZAAR**, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Mary's Catholic Church, 800 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. Brunch, lunch and desserts available for purchase, raffles and more. \$1 admission includes one raffle ticket. (541-215-3464).

**THE ARC HOLIDAY BAZAAR**, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., The Arc Umatilla County, 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Food available for purchase and 25 vendors (541-561-7567).

**ARTIFACTORY**, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., St. Patrick's Parish Hall, 525 Gale St., Heppner. Holiday bazaar to benefit Heppner Day Care (Vendor tables \$20, call Andrea Nelson, 541-720-4399).

**PENDLETON WINTERFEST FAMILY DAY**, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate. View decorated trees, pictures with Santa, family games and refreshments. (www.sahpendleton.org).

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**INLAND NORTHWEST MUSICIANS HOLIDAY CONCERT**, 4 p.m., Echo Community Center, 20 N. Bonanza. Combined symphony and chorale ensembles. Free admission, but reserva-



Juan Ortega, 15, of Pendleton prepares for a hard landing while jumping a plastic sled on Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2017, while sledding at Aldrich Park in Pendleton.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

tions are highly recommended. (541-289-4696, inwm@machmedia.net).

**WINTERFEST LIGHT PARADE & CHILI FEED**, 6 p.m., downtown Pilot Rock. Followed by hot chocolate and chili in the council chambers. (541-443-5832).

**WELCOME SANTA DRIVE 2018**, 6-8 p.m., follow the SECO Pallets sleigh as Santa travels from Boardman's Main Street to the SAGE Center. Santa will then set up in the parking lot for pictures. Also, enjoy hot chocolate and goodies. (541-303-3221).

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**HOLIDAY MUSIC FESTIVAL**, 2 p.m., Vert Auditorium, 480 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Oregon East Symphony presents the annual holiday concert, which also features other community groups, including the Pendleton Men's Chorus, Sisters in Song, Eastern Oregon Community Big Band and Our Songs are Alive. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors, \$15 for students or \$65 for a family. (www.oregoneastsymphony.org, 541-276-0320).

**INLAND NORTHWEST MUSICIANS HOLIDAY CONCERT**, 4 p.m., Connell High School, 1100 W. Clark Road, Connell, WA. Combined symphony and chorale concert featuring Inland Northwest Musicians ensembles. (541-289-4696, inwm@machmedia.net).

**THURSDAY, DEC. 13**

**MAIN STREET MAGIC CRAWL**, 5-8 p.m., North Main Street, Milton-Freewater. A night of shopping, wine and beer tasting, art & craft vendors, photos with Santa and more. (541-938-5563).

**SUNDAY, DEC. 16**

**THE ARC CHRISTMAS PARTY**, 2-3:30 p.m., The Arc Umatilla County, 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Enjoy refreshments, crafts and a visit

from Santa. To participate in gift exchange, bring a wrapped present, \$5 limit. (541-567-7615).

**GREAT PACIFIC XMAS PAGEANT**, time to be announced at Great Pacific Wine & Coffee Co., 403 S. Main St., Pendleton. The all-ages event features a variety of regional musical acts amping up the holiday season. (541-276-1350).

**TUESDAY, DEC. 18**

**IRRIGON CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST**, judging held with prizes of \$100 for first, \$75 for second and \$50 for third. Must be in the 97844 zip code. (541-922-3047).

**SATURDAY, DEC. 22**

**ELF RUN**, 9 a.m., Irrigon Marina Park. Registration is \$25 (with shirt by Dec. 15) or \$30 after. People are encouraged to dress up for a chance to win medals. Hot chocolate and cookies at the finish line. Benefits the Irrigon High School basketball team (Tiffany Locey, tiffany.locey@morrow.k12.or.us).

**PANCAKES WITH SANTA**, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Hermiston Community Center, 415 S. Highway 395. Breakfast, photos with Santa and holiday story shared by library staff. Tickets (\$8, child; \$10, adults; \$30 family of 4) must be purchased by Dec. 19. (541-667-5018).

**MONDAY, DEC. 24**

**BMCC CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER**, 2-4 p.m., Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate. In its 48th year, the Blue Mountain Community College student government will host the free community dinner. Note the new time. (541-278-5774).

**TUESDAY, DEC. 25**

**COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP DINNER**, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Hermiston High School, 600 S. First St. Free traditional Christmas meal features ham (and limited turkey) and all the fixings. For meal delivery or a ride, call 541-567-3013 through Friday. On Christmas, call 541-371-9772. (To volunteer, call 541-371-9772).

*Holiday events are assumed free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. Submit information c/o East Oregonian, 211 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton, OR 97801, 333 E. Main St., Hermiston, OR 97838, community@eastoregonian.com or post at www.eastoregonian.com*

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