

SAGE Center illuminates holiday spirit

Free event runs through Dec. 31

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BOARDMAN — Employees of the SAGE Center and the Port of Morrow have been making a list and checking it twice since the end of October. And the fruits of their efforts have paid off — illuminating the holiday season with around 500,000 lights at the interactive visitor center in Boardman.

Torrie Griggs, the center's manager, said people will see some new additions to this year's Christmas Light Show, including Santa taking flight and lighted presents along the light show loops. Also, Griggs said the display now features all LED lights.

The choreographed light show, which is synchronized to music, features eight holiday songs. In addition to the out-

door speakers, Griggs said they revamped the radio station for improved audio sound.

"We made a lot of improvements for the show quality," she said.

The Christmas Light Show recently got underway at 101 Olson Road in Boardman. The display will shine nightly from dark to daylight through Dec. 31. There is no admission charge.



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The Christmas Light Show illuminates the holiday season in December 2019 at the SAGE Center in Boardman. Now in its sixth year, the free event runs through the end of December.

Now in its sixth year, the annual Christmas Light Show was the only event held in 2020 at the SAGE Center. Griggs said the push for the festive holiday display came from the former Port of Morrow general manager.

"It was Gary Neal's vision to have a robust Christmas Light Show in Boardman for all to enjoy," Griggs said. "It's a way to provide the Christmas spirit to

the community and passersby."

With the SAGE Center located just off Interstate 84, it can be seen from the freeway in either direction. A pair of convenient exits — at milepost 164 and milepost 165 — allow people easy access to hop off the freeway to get a closer look.

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