

East Oregonian, File A group from the Oregon and Washington potato commissions tours the SAGE Center in Boardman.

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While at the SAGE Center, don't forget to shop in the museum store. It showcases many local products and creations, including unique handmade wreaths that are themed for the current season, Griggs said.

Browne House Coffee, based in Heppner, offers a full line of locally roasted coffee, whole bean and ground. Visitors can get a taste of products from Stanfieldbased Pat-n-Tam's Beef. And, Griggs said, don't forget about the Tillamook brand.

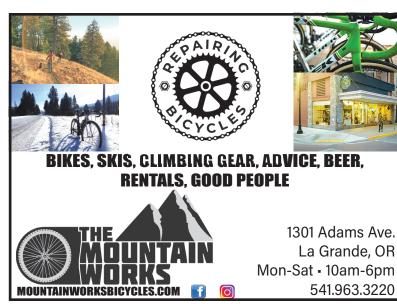
"We have a great selection of ice cream to meet everyone's personal favorite," she said.

And that's not all — the port recently announced that expansion plans are underway. A 12,500-square-foot Cultural Alliance and Training Center will give additional venue space for events and conferences.

"(It) will provide a beneficial community-based development center to assist our regional education and industry partners with programs and events that support continuing education, workforce initiatives and youth

programs," POM Executive Director Ryan Neal said in an Aug. 19 press release.

The SAGE Center's hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. It's at 101 Olson Road, Boardman. For more information, call 541-481-7243, search Facebook or visit www.visitsage.com.





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Sharon Stockman watches her son-in-law, John Malgesini, operate the corn planting simulator at the SAGE Center in Boardman. The museum and visitor center features several interactive displays that showcase the area's agricul-



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