

# SAGE Center illuminates holiday spirit

Boardman plugs in lights Dec. 4

By TAMMY MALGESINI  
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Employees of the SAGE Center and the Port of Morrow have been making a list and checking it twice since the end of October. They are preparing to illuminate the holiday season with around 500,000 lights at the interactive visitor center.

Torrie Griggs, the center's manager, said people will see some new additions to the 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 outdoor 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 gets underway Saturday, Dec. 4, as the SAGE Center and the Boardman



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**A December 2019 photo shows the decorations that are customary at The Christmas Light Show. It will be illuminated this year nightly starting Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021, at the SAGE Center in Boardman. The free event runs through the end of December.**

Chamber of Commerce host the annual Christmas Tree Lighting event. The festivities, which include photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, and refreshments provided by Mid-Columbia Bus Company, runs from 6-7 p.m. at 101 Olson Road, Boardman.

The light show will continue nightly from dark to daylight through Dec. 31. There is no admission charge.

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 located in Boardman for all to enjoy," Griggs said. "It's a way to provide the Christ-

mas spirit to the community and passersby."

With the SAGE Center located just off Interstate 84, people can see it going either direction from the freeway. 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.

For more information, call 541-481-7243 or visit [www.visitsage.com](http://www.visitsage.com).

## DEATH NOTICES

**Donald 'Don' Cabral**  
Aug. 4, 1940 — Nov. 28, 2021  
Pendleton

Former Hermiston resident Donald "Don" Cabral, 81, of Pendleton, died Nov. 28, 2021, at his home. He was born Aug. 4, 1940, in Brockton, Massachusetts. A funeral service will be Tuesday Dec. 7, 3 p.m. at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop, 131 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton. Arrangements are with Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop. Online condolences may be sent to [www.pioneerchapel.com](http://www.pioneerchapel.com).

**Douglas Gregg**  
Nov. 14, 1933 — Nov. 19, 2021  
Hermiston

Douglas Gregg, 88, of Hermiston, died Nov. 19, 2021, at a local care facility. He was born Nov. 14, 1933, in Tennessee. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Pendleton. Sign the online guestbook at [www.burnsmortuary.com](http://www.burnsmortuary.com).

**Robert 'Bob' Jensen**  
Nov. 6, 1962 — Oct. 31, 2021  
Stanfield

Robert "Bob" Jensen, 58, of Stanfield, died Oct. 31, 2021, in Portland. He was born Nov. 6, 1962, in Baker City. A celebration of life service will be Friday, Dec. 10, 1 p.m. at Burns Mortuary Chapel, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**Lois I. Myrick**  
July 6, 1927 — Nov. 26, 2021  
Umatilla

Lois I. Myrick, 94, of Umatilla, died Nov. 26, 2021, at her home. She was born July 6, 1927, in Ithaca, Nebraska. A graveside service will be Saturday, Dec. 4, 3 p.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**Juan Orozco**  
Aug. 25, 1961 — Nov. 23, 2021  
Irrigon

Juan Orozco, 60, of Irrigon, died Nov. 23, 2021, in Irrigon. He was born Aug. 25, 1961, in Milpillas, Jalisco, Mexico. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Share memories at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**Douglas E. Sheirbon**  
Aug. 2, 1953 — Nov. 27, 2021  
Hermiston

Douglas E. Sheirbon, 68, of Hermiston, died Nov. 27, 2021, in Hermiston. He was born Aug. 2, 1953, in Hood River, the son of Leonard and Georgeanna (Moore) Sheirbon. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**Henrietta 'Luella' Taylor**  
Dec. 21, 1930 — Nov. 27, 2021  
Hermiston

Henrietta "Luella" Taylor, 90, of Hermiston, died Nov. 27, 2021, at Regency Hermiston Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. She was born Dec. 21, 1930, at Spearfish, South Dakota, the daughter of Edwin and Leslie Knust Schmidt. A graveside service will be Monday, Dec. 6, 11 a.m. at the Mayville Cemetery. Arrangements are with Sweeney Mortuary of Condon. Sign the online condolence book at [www.sweeneymortuary.com](http://www.sweeneymortuary.com).



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# Tamástslikt Cultural Institute highlights native history, culture

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The public is invited to immerse themselves into history by exploring the exhibits at Tamástslikt Cultural Institute in Mission. And what better time to visit than Friday, Dec. 3 — during Free First Friday.

It's located off Interstate 84 Exit 216, near Wildhorse Resort & Casino, Mission. It is open Tuesday through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Celebrating the traditions of Cayuse, Umatilla and Walla Walla tribes, Tamástslikt features permanent exhibits, which are divided into three main sections, "We Were," "We Are" and "We Will Be." In addition, the Coyote Theater introduces visitors to Spilyáy, the magical coyote who shares about wisdom and foolishness in a humorous exposition of how the world came to be as it is today.

Randall Melton, the center's exhibits coordinator, is thrilled with recent recognition. Tamástslikt has gotten attention from both TravelMag — as one of the top 10 exhibitions to visit in Oregon — and for three years running, it has appeared on Oregon Business magazine's top 100 fan-favorite destinations



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**Instructor Marjorie Waheneka, third from right, teaches a Native American beading class in the Tamástslikt Cultural Institute gift shop in an October, 2018, photo. The museum, located near Wildhorse Resort & Casino in Mission, is offering free admission Dec. 3, 2021, as part of its Free First Friday program.**

in Oregon.

"We consider ourselves ambassadors of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation in telling our story in a respectful way ... being straightforward and factual," he said. "Accolades like that means we are following what our elders said (in the planning process) — make sure to do it in a hospitable way in explaining our history."

With a planning process that spanned a decade, Tamástslikt opened in August 1998. The 18,000-square-foot facility features approximately 13,000 feet of exhibit space, as well as a cafe and gift shop.

Melton, who has worked as a permanent full-time employee since 1998,

said the name in the Walla Walla language means, "to interpret."

"For me, the highlight is the fact that we are telling our story in our perspective in our words," he said. "When opening up, that was like a radical idea ... now, it's more common to hear those voices."

With only a couple of exceptions, the permanent exhibits were closed for more than a year because of the global pandemic. Operations resumed in the late-spring with reduced occupancy. People are encouraged to call to confirm hours of operation. Also, temperature checks are taken at the door and visitors are required to wear face coverings and observe social distancing.

## PET OF THE WEEK



MEET FINNY!

Finny is a sweet boy that loves to cuddle and hang out, although he can be a bit anxious so would love to be in a quiet home. He is still working on potty training, but wears a belly band. He gets along well with other small dogs, but will chase cats. He does bark, so apartment living is not ideal and he would need a secure fenced yard as he loves to run.

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