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Weather

by the City of Heppner

	High	Low	Precip
Tues., Nov. 16	53	38	
Wed., Nov. 17	59	38	.01
Thurs., Nov. 18	56	30	.03
Fri., Nov. 19	48	30	.01
Sat., Nov. 20	47	24	.02+
Sun., Nov. 21	42	17	
Mon., Nov. 22	35	20	

+ : 1/8 in. snow



Tree, decorations ready for Christmas Opening



A Columbia Basin Electric Co-op crew placed Christmas tree on Heppner's Main St. Tuesday. The tree was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Garrison of Heppner.

The Christmas tree is up, street decorations have been hung and merchants have been planning and working all week for Heppner's Christmas Opening this Friday and Saturday. Many new activities have been planned to add to the Christmas spirit.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

A new feature of this year's opening will be a Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony which will begin at 4 p.m. on Friday around the tree in front of Case Furniture. Chorus students and everyone in the community is invited to join in singing Christmas carols as the ceremony begins. At dusk, O.W. Cutsforth is scheduled to flip the switch, lighting the tree. The Soroptimists will be giving out free hot cider between 4 and 5 p.m.

SILENT AUCTIONS

Another new feature this year will be silent auctions. Many Heppner merchants will have items on display in their stores to bid on. The highest bid on each item buys the merchandise. The auctions will be held Friday and Saturday.

MR. AND MRS. SANTA CLAUS
Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will be arriving in Heppner from the North Pole on a fire engine Saturday at 2 p.m. Children may meet them and tell them their Christmas wishes at the Post Office. A photographer is scheduled to be available to take pictures of

children with Santa. BAKE SALE

The Morrow County Search and Rescue Posse'ettes will hold a bake sale Friday in front of Central Market beginning at 3:30 p.m. Cookies, cakes, cream pies, breads and other goodies will be available for sale.

Local churches plan Thanksgiving services

All Saints Episcopal Church

All Saints Episcopal church in Heppner will hold an Evening Prayer Service on Wednesday, Nov. 24, at 7:15 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

On Thursday, Nov. 25, a Thanksgiving Day Eucharist will be held at 11 a.m. A traditional Thanksgiving day turkey dinner with all the trimmings will be served following the service. Members of the community who wish to share the day with others are welcome to attend.

Dinner trays can be delivered to those who cannot leave their homes.

Those who plan to attend the dinner and anyone who would like a dinner tray are asked to contact the Rev. Ed Watts, 676-9691 or 676-9970, Theta Lowe, 676-9496 or Bob Abrams, 676-9789.

Ione United Church of Christ

A 7:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service of prayer and song will be held at the Ione United Church of Christ.

A thank offering for world hunger will be taken. Everyone is invited to attend.

IHS students, faculty plan Comm. Ser. Day

Students and faculty at Ione High School will hold a Community Service Day on Wednesday, Dec. 8, announced Principal Chuck Starr. The group will be working to help clean up the community, and will help individuals with projects or work that needs to be done. Starr emphasized that there is no charge for the

services. Anyone who needs wood chopped, a yard cleaned, home weatherization or any other work done is asked to contact the school at 422-7131. Also, anyone knowing someone who needs a job performed is asked to contact the school and give that person's name.

G-T office to close for Thanksgiving holiday

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, the Heppner Gazette-Times office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 25 and Friday, Nov. 26, so that staff

members may enjoy the holiday with their families.

The Gazette-Times wishes everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Hope & Valby Lutheran Churches

The congregations of Hope and Valby Lutheran churches will join together for a Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7:30 p.m. at Valby Lutheran Church. The church is located

west of Highway 206 on Valby Road.

A thank offering for world hunger will be taken.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

St. Williams & St. Patricks Catholic Churches

Bishop Thomas Connolly has announced that a special Mass of Thanksgiving will be cele-

brated at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Heppner, on Thursday, Nov. 25, at 9 a.m.

Rauch to complete school board term

Irvin Rauch, Morrow County Commissioner elect, has announced that he will complete his term on the Morrow County School Board. Rauch said he will not seek re-election to the board after his term expires in July.

Rauch has served as a director on the board for 17 years.

School board applies for exercise equipment grant

The Morrow County School District has applied for a grant from Wells Fargo Bank of California to purchase and install exercise equipment at Heppner grade school.

If the grant is awarded the equipment would be installed on a one-half acre site across the creek behind the school.

The district will be required to pay \$4,600 to match the grant money from Wells Fargo.

The equipment would include various wooden exercise implements which would be placed on a cleared area covered with wood chips.

The Morrow County School District voted to apply for the grant at its November meeting last Monday night.

In other business, the board:

— decided to put off a decision on adopting a new conflict of interest policy governing employees of the district until its next meeting. The board wanted certain wording in the proposed policy changed.

— heard a report from lone teachers Bob Deeter and Marv Peterson concerning a unique class at Ione where students set up their own company and manufacture goods. (see related story, this issue).

— voted to sell Warren Plocharsky, Eric Dick and Earl Harman four used busses from the district. A total of \$2,762 was made on the sale.

— approved 29 field trips for four schools in the district for 1983-84 school year. The trips will cost \$11,029.

— voted to support efforts by the Associated General Contractors of America to repeal Oregon's prevailing wage law. The law requires contractors to pay union set

wages for all workers on public works projects.

Repeal of the law would enable contractors in some cases to pay lower wages to workers. The association estimated that costs on some public works projects could be reduced "from 15 to 30 percent."

— approved extra duty contracts for Ron Mack and Dave Sime. Mack will coach jr. high track and Sime JV boys basketball at Ione.

Soroptimists to sponsor kid's coloring contest

Soroptimist International of Heppner is sponsoring a Christmas Coloring Contest for children. The contest will run from Saturday, Nov. 27 to Saturday, Dec. 11 and will include three categories: preschool and kindergarten, first and second grades and third and fourth grades.

Coloring sheets will be available at Murrays' Rexall Drugs, Coast to Coast, Shoe Box, Peterson's Jewelry and Gardner's Men's Wear.

Entries must be returned by

December 4 to Peterson's Jewelry or to the Soroptimist booth at the Artifactory, said a spokesperson.

First place winners in each category will receive a \$10 prize. Second place winners will be awarded \$5. Third and fourth place winners will receive a certificate of recognition. All prizes are sponsored by the Soroptimists.

This special contest is a project of the Service Activity Committee of Soroptimist International of Heppner.

HHS Drama Club at it again



Glenn Smith and Joanna Bown rehearse a scene from "Gift of Murder!" The three act play will be presented at Heppner High School Nov. 30 and Dec. 2.

By MARYANN CERULLO

The Heppner High School Drama Club is at it again with "Gift of Murder!" a comedy thriller by George Batson.

The story unfolds with an aging actress, played by Joanna Bown, resting and recuperating in an old, out-of-the-way hunting lodge with her niece, Mary (Vicki

Adams). Her producer (Ken Curtis) arrives with a new play script and with his arrival begins a series of strange and unexplained happenings: Wimpe, played by Mel Seitz, finds poisoned birds; Peter, a neighbor, (Danny Fortenberry) drips across the rug; Oliver (Glenn Smith) reappears; Flavia, played by Annette Wilgers, stalks across the stage and Nurse Pepper

(Mardel James) shows her salt.

"Come and unravel this mystery on Tuesday, Nov. 30 or Thursday, Dec. 2 at the high school cafeteria at 7:30 p.m.," said Larry Cerullo, director.

Tickets will be sold at the door, \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for students.

Far from Heppner but at home in the arena

Though four local rodeo'ers will be far from Heppner this weekend they should feel right at home — in the arena — at the Cowtown Coliseum at Fort Worth, Texas. Tara Mahoney, Jeff Bailey, Earl Hammond and Lee Rice are to compete in the Youth National Finals Rodeo November 26, 27 and 28.

National champions and runners up in nine events will clash head-on in the Super Bowl of youth rodeo, said a rodeo spokesperson. Premier youth athletes from major

rodeo associations will be vying for \$50,000 scholarships plus buckles and saddles, the spokesperson said.

What is said to be the toughest, most talent-packed youth rodeo of the year will include saddlebronc, bareback, bull riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, team roping, barrel racing, breakaway and goat tying events. National Intercollegiate rules will be followed the spokesperson said.

The champions and second

place winners in each of the following associations are eligible: the National High School Rodeo Association, the National Little Britches Rodeo Association, the Western States Junior Rodeo Association, the American Junior Rodeo Association, the Lone Star High School Rodeo Association and the North Texas High School Rodeo Association.

Mahoney, a senior at Heppner High School, is first in goat tying in the Western States Junior Rodeo Association (WSJRA). Bailey is ranked second in steer wrestling with WSJRA, Hammond is first in the saddle bronc with WSJRA and Rice is second in the bareback event with the National High School Rodeo Association. Bailey, Hammond and Rice are all 1982 graduates of Heppner High School and are attending Walla Walla Community College at Walla Walla, Wash.

The spokesperson reported that the event is to be nationally televised.