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#### High/Low Precip

Tues., Dec. 14	47	42	.02
Wed., Dec. 15	55	41	.03
Thurs., Dec. 16	53	41	.01
Fri., Dec. 17	53	32	
Sat., Dec. 18	44	32	T
Sun., Dec. 19	45	32	.03
Mon., Dec. 20	50	31	.02



## Merry Christmas

There is no more significant time than now for all of us to count our blessings, to be thankful that hope springs eternally from the Christmas message and in the great example of the life and death of Christ.

Because God gave to the world His Only Son, there is for all men the promise of a greater and better tomorrow.

This is the season of peace. Christmas brings pause, never an end to the many ills, the many weaknesses of a human world. It will bring a total peace only when all men accept the Spirit of Christ and make Christmas a year-long observance.

For Christians, it is a time of true faith. Each in his own way can renew strength and courage in the quiet stillness of a church, in the darkness of a solitary room, in the hustle and bustle of the crowd. Let us reach out for the hope and joy that symbolizes the Christmas Spirit. There is no better time to find the peace and faith that can be ours because Christ lived and died for all mankind.

## School District to go to court to determine property ownership

The Morrow County School District has decided to go to court in an effort to determine ownership of a piece of property bordering Columbia Junior High School in Irrigon.

Part of the property, which is 50 feet wide and runs along Main Ave. across from the school, is being used now for school parking. The district would like to know who owns it.

Ownership of the land came to light recently when developers in Irrigon talked to the school board about building a shopping center there.

No owner had been named and the district feels it may have a right to the land.

"The district might acquire the property because of evidence of use," School District Attorney Bob Abrams told the school board at its monthly

meeting Monday night. Abrams said title to the land is confused, but a railroad company has been paying property taxes on the land.

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## Two lone homes destroyed by fire

Two homes were destroyed by fire the past week.

Wednesday, Dec. 15, the home of Don and Gail Papineau was burned to the ground. The fire started in the morning, no one was home and the house and all its contents were destroyed.

The house is located on Highway 74, outside the city fire district, so the city fire department could not respond. "It wouldn't have made any difference," one lone fireman said, "because it was destroyed before anyone could have gotten there anyway."

A collection drive to furnish the family with clothes, household items, money and other goods was launched immediately.

June Crowell, manager of the Bank of Eastern Oregon, Lone branch, which served as the drop off spot for donations, said Monday that the response had been "wonderful."

"We got in donations of clothing, blankets and even some furniture and appliances," she said. "The people have just really come through on this."

It was the second time the family of five had been burned out. In 1978 the family's home in Lexington also burned down.

Another fire in Lone, this one on Saturday, burned to the ground the home of Bill and Sharon Lapsley.

The Lapsleys, who have three children, Richard, 15; Jennifer, 7; and David, 4 were not at home when the fire started. Two boys saw the fire



photo by Wayne Hays

Fire engulfs Papineau home in Lone last Wednesday. House and contents were totally destroyed in blaze. Family was not at home at the time.

start at around 1:30 p.m. and drove in a pickup truck to Beecher's Cafe in Lone to report the fire.

The home was about one mile out of town, so city fire trucks did not respond.

The Neighborhood Center in

Heppner began putting together bedding, clothing, food and some toys for both families as soon as word was received about the fires.

Bill Lapsley works for the State Highway Department. The family is staying with Keith Vosberg and family.

Tuesday, an official from the state Fire Marshall's office was in Lone investigating the causes of both fires. No cause had been determined, but investigation would continue through the end of the week, he said.

## Lone woman named to 1983 Pendleton Round-Up Court



Anita Palmer

Anita Palmer of Lone was selected as a princess on the 1983 Pendleton Round-Up

Court last Saturday.

The daughter of Lee and Mary Ann Palmer, she was

queen of the 1982 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo. Princess Anita's court experience began in 1977, serving as a pennant bearer for three years. In 1981 she was a princess on Morrow County's court.

The princess started riding as a small child and began competing 12 years ago in the Wranglers Riding Club. She was also a 4-H member and competed in 4-H Horse Shows and the Wrangler's Open Horse Show each year.

The 18-year-old has won her share of awards. At this year's 4-H Horse Show in Heppner she won four championship awards in halter, English jumping, colt training and equitation. She also took reserve champion and received blue ribbons in stock seat,

trail and bareback equitation, as well as placing in several events in the Wrangler's show.

A 1982 graduate of Lone High School, she participated in girls' basketball and volleyball for three years, held offices in National Honor Society and Girls' Athletic Club, was named in "Who's Who Among American High School Students," and was honored with a citizenship award.

Princess Anita is a freshman at Oregon State University at Corvallis.

Cyd Cimmiyotti of Pendleton was named as queen of the 1983 Pendleton Round-Up. Other members of her court are Tara Temple of Helix, Andrea Beck of Walla Walla, Wash. and Lisa Martin of Adams.

## Department of Justice issues consumer alert

The Oregon Department of Justice has issued a consumer alert to Oregonians receiving promotional material from American Testing Institute of Miami, Florida. The Consumer Protection Services Section has confirmed that the Miami Postal Inspector has filed a civil complaint against the business alleging mail fraud, postal lottery fraud and misrepresentation.

Several local residents have reported receiving the material.

The promotional material claims that "You have automatically been awarded one of the twenty outstanding gifts listed below worth between \$360 and \$2,000." Individuals are asked to complete a response form and forward \$14.80 to "help defray the cost of shipping," handling, postage, printing, and adminis-

tration of this testing procedure."

The list of gifts includes microwave ovens, cash gifts of \$2,000 and unlimited film "for the rest of your life." Postal authorities indicate that this "free film" is the item generally received. After forwarding their \$14.80, participants receive a coupon book good for one free roll of film when they pay to have a roll

processed by specific out-of-state photo labs.

Attorney General Dave Frohnmayer warned Oregonians to "be on guard against too good to be true promotional material. There is usually a catch," Frohnmayer said, "unfortunately it is the consumer who falls victim to the headlines and is caught investing money in an unrealistic dream."