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## Log truck loses brakes, hits auto



A log truck driven by Art Warren of Heppner lost its brakes Thursday around 1 p.m. and hit an automobile driven by Kenneth Smith, also of Heppner.

According to Heppner Police Officer Merle Cowett, the car driven by Smith had been traveling south on

Main Street and was turning left onto May Street by the Coast to Coast store. The tractor trailer rig was traveling north on Main when it lost its brakes and hit the Smith vehicle on the front fender. The tractor trailer was not able to stop until it reached the Wagon Wheel

Restaurant on Main Street, about a block away from the accident. The car came to a stop near First Interstate Bank on the corner of Main and May.

According to Cowett, no one was injured in the incident, and probably no citations will be issued.

## Man sentenced on burglary

A former Ione resident was sentenced Friday following his convictions of separate burglary charges in Morrow County Circuit Court, according to Morrow County District Attorney Jeff Wallace.

Richard Weaver, 20, who now resides in Prineville, had plead guilty earlier in separate second-degree burglary charges in connection with break-ins at Ione High School and Bristow's Market in May 1989. He also plead guilty to the October 1988 burglary of the Ione Post Office, ac-

ording to Wallace.

Circuit Judge Pro-Tem Ralph Currin imposed but suspended a three year prison term on each of the three burglary convictions, and ordered that Weaver be placed on three years formal probation. As part of his probation, Weaver was ordered to make restitution to Bristow's Market in the amount of \$1,127.00, Wheatland Insurance in the amount of \$100, and the U.S. Postal Service in the amount of \$27.75.

## Museum to sponsor children's theater

The Morrow County Museum has announced that it will sponsor a week-long residency in Heppner of the Missoula Children's Theater in May of 1990. The MCT travels extensively in the United States and Canada, auditioning and rehearsing local young people for a performance at the end of its week's stay. It has had successful runs in Hermiston, the most recent ending just a few weeks ago.

The museum will be responsible for dissemination of promotional material and, with the help of local supporters, fund raising. Already, through the efforts of Pat and Fred Lundin, generous donations from the Toastmasters and the Lions Club made it possible to send the necessary deposit that accompanied the contract. Further pledges from the Lions and the Parents Club have put the treasury within \$500 of the group's fee.

It is anticipated that an organizational and informational meeting regarding the residency, its workshops and the local help needed will be held soon after the first of the year. Anyone with questions or suggestions is encouraged to contact either Marsha Sweek at the Morrow County Museum or Pat Lundin.

## Horses' deaths a mystery

Three horses, all belonging to Roger and Kathy Johnson of Irrigon, have died under mysterious circumstances.

The first two horses died Dec. 6 at Irrigon. The third horse was put to sleep Dec. 12 at a veterinary clinic at Pullman, WA. It had been taken to the clinic on Dec. 6 after becoming ill.

A team of veterinarians based in Pullman are investigating the deaths.

According to Mrs. Johnson, a research team from Washington State University at Pullman took soil and water samples Dec. 14 from the area where the horses were pastured.

"They (the researchers) have ruled out infectious diseases," said Mrs. Johnson. "It was not a contagious disease."

Mrs. Johnson said that nine horses were together and that they all ate the same hay, but only three became ill. Six of the horses are "fine," she said. Of the three horses that died, two drank water from a creek and one drank well water, she said. The Johnsons home is located "down from the potato fields," in Irrigon.

The incident is being investigated by some of the same researchers who investigated the Nov. 21 deaths of 300 sheep owned by William Rill. The sheep died near Burbank, WA.

Soroptimist Coloring contest winners were listed as follows: front row left to right 3 & 4 grade third place Josie Proctor; 1 & 2 grade first place Ashley Ropp; pre-school/Kindergarten third place Kiel Nairns, first place Jessica Gutierrez. Back row: 1 & 2 grades second place Lindsey Grief; 3 & 4 grade first Linsey Ropp, second Jessica Keersemaker, 1 & 2 grade third place Stephanie Clough. Not pictured pre-school/Kindergarten second place Brian Haguewood. Children may pick their pictures up at the Gazette-Times if they want them. They will be held for one week.



## McCabes, Forquers win lighting contest



Ernie and Mary Jean McCabe residence

Ernie and Mary Jean McCabe on Water Street in Heppner have won first place in the outdoor lighting contest and Seth and VoJean Forquer are first place winners of the indoor lighting category. The contest is sponsored by the Heppner Chamber of Commerce.

Second place in the outdoor category was won by Ed and Merilee Hiemstra. Third went to Mike and Sherry Verjaska.

Second in the indoor category was won by Randall and Marlene Peterson. Third went to Stephen and Susie Coupal.

Gardners won the business category.

"The Heppner Chamber of Commerce appreciates Columbia Basin Electric Company's continued monetary support for the lighting contest," said a chamber spokesperson.

Columbia Basin helps the chamber fund the lighting contest prizes.



First place winner indoor lighting was VoJean Forquer

## Popular man



Photo by Joyce Hughes

The First Christian Church Sunday School children entertained the Lexington Grange members Monday night and were treated to a surprise visit from Santa arranged by the Grange. Their Christmas program will be Sunday, December 24 at 10 a.m. with children ages three through fourth grades participating. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## The winner



Photo by Joyce Hughes

(L) Ms. Wight drew the winning name for the Black Hills Gold ring. (R) Queen Judy Jepsen presented the winner (C) Chirella Wallace with the ring on Monday.

## G-T office open half day Dec. 22

The Gazette-Times office will close at noon this Friday, Dec. 22 and will be closed Christmas day, Monday, Dec. 25.

The G-T staff wishes you all a Merry Christmas.

## Weather Report

by City of Heppner

	Dec. 12 - 18		
	High	Low	Prec
Tues.	41	20	.0
Weds.	39	22	.0
Thurs.	46	21	.0
Fri.	31	21	.0
Sat.	31	20	.0
Sun. 271	21	.0	
Mon.	33	21	.0

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