

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Exec. Dir.

During the Chamber of Commerce meeting last Thursday, President Nancy Gochnauer, asked that all present write down something that made them thankful they lived in Heppner. I share their answers with you as we approach Thanksgiving Day. For these things and many more Chamber members are thankful:

- The great people, our community, you readers!
- Love that Heppner's a "walk able" town.
- Mustang Football.
- Agriculture.
- Community pride and spirit.
- No traffic congestion and slower pace of life.
- Our local small businesses.
- Positive community attitude and working cooperatively on projects.

DA's report

Brian Keith Carman was convicted of Possession of a Controlled Substance. Brian was sentenced to probation for 18 months, suspension of his driver's license and \$164 in fines and fees.

Curtiss Robert Pullum was convicted of Strangulation. Curtiss was sentenced to probation for 24 months and pay \$1401 in fines and fees.

Daniel Joseph Becker was convicted of Possession of a Controlled Substance. Daniel was sentenced to probation for 18 months, suspension of his driver's license and pay \$1521 in fines and fees.

Joel Ernesto Rodriguez was convicted of Delivery of a Controlled Substance within 1000 feet of a school and Burglary. Joel was sentenced to probation for 36 months and pay \$1,166 in fines and fees.

Lacey S. Jacobs was convicted of Violation of Probation. Further sentenced to 180 days in jail with 12 months post prison supervision.

James Gary Johnson was convicted of Possession of a Controlled Substance. James was sentenced to probation for 18 months, 80 hours of community service and pay \$1,421 in fines and fees.

-Great place for families and "growing" children.

-A willingness to supports schools, student activities, and the needs of the kids.

-The way the community comes together to assist those in times of need.

-Continued improvements: the water system, the Courthouse wall and grounds, the parks.

-The wide-open spaces, stars, and sky that goes on forever.

-Our freedom.

Please add your own thoughts to the list and have a wonderful Thanksgiving Day. See you at the football game Saturday.

Thursday, Dec. 1, will find citizens "Strolling" Heppner, watching or participating in the light parade, and attending the Chamber/Hospice tree/basket auction and raffle at the City Hall.

Lexington Neighborhood Watch meeting rescheduled

Tuesday, Nov. 29 at 7 p.m. there will be an organizational meeting held at the Morrow County School District office building in Lexington.

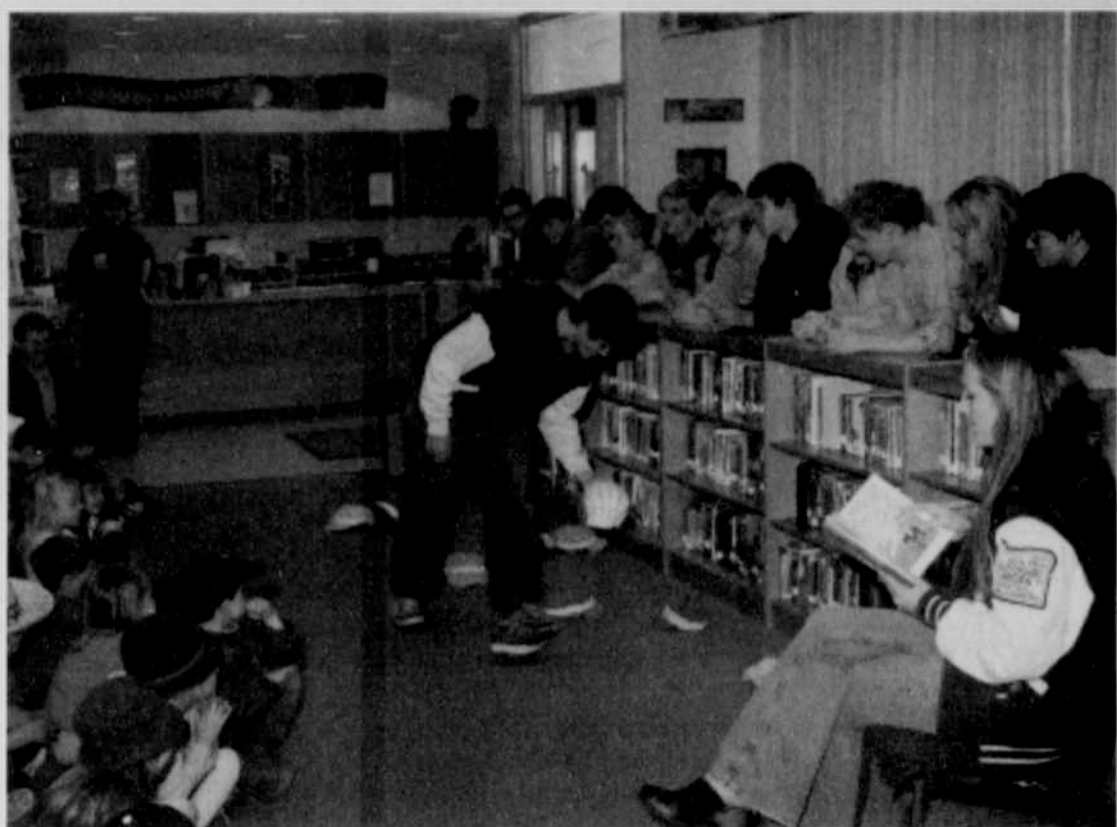
All Lexington residents who are interested in making our community safe for its citizens need to attend.

An employee of the Morrow County Sheriff's office will be conducting the meeting.

Ione students celebrated National Children's Book Week

Ione Community School celebrated National Children's Book Week in grand style last week. Each day included a different theme, such as: "Hats Off to Reading" where all the elementary students wore hats to school and "Slip into a Good Book" where the students could wear slippers in the classroom. Each day started off with an assembly for grades K-5 with a guest reader. Guest readers included faculty and staff of the school as well as community members. Principal/Superintendent Bryn Browning read to each class throughout the week. Older students shared their love of reading with the elementary students.

Ione students explore books and movies



Max Trahan as the Peddler in Caps For Sale after the monkeys have thrown down his caps - Sophomore class as monkeys Emily Rietmann reading.

How do you bring a classic work of literature to life for kids? If you're Disney, you make a two hundred million dollar movie. But what if you're in Ione? Well...the staff and students of Ione Community School are reading C. S. Lewis's *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* and then are planning a field trip to see the new movie coming out next month. Grades four through twelve are reading (or having read to them) the novel and then are loading up on buses Monday, Dec. 12th and heading to Hermiston to see a special screening of the movie. Classes are currently looking for ways to raise money to help defray the cost of the trip. The older students will also be looking into the production techniques used



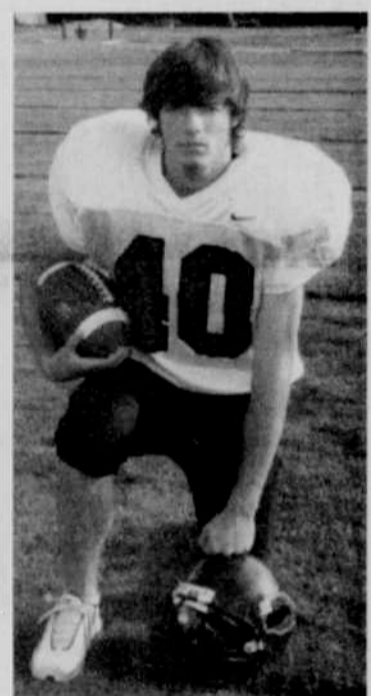
Tori Heagy Morgan Orem and Rebeka DesBouillons.

to bring a book to the screen. Jim Raible, the high school language arts teacher, explains, "If I had a two-

Big Sky Conference honors announced



Darcy Staples



Kelly Thompson

At Ione's fall sports awards, on November 15th, Big Sky Conference honors were announced. First Team offense: senior Kelly Thompson (end). First Team Defense: senior Darcy Staples (line). Second Team offense: sophomore Kip Krebs (line), senior John Walton (line), senior Gordy Wegwerth (running back). Second Team Defense: sophomore Kip Krebs (line), senior Gordy Wegwerth (linebacker), senior Isaac Stillman (linebacker). Honorable Mention Offense: senior Darcy Staples (running back), senior Aric Brandt (end). Honorable Mention Defense: senior

Kelly Thompson (defensive back). In addition to conference honors, Thompson was chosen to Second Team All-State, and Staples received All-State Honorable Mention. Thompson will represent Ione at the Eight Man All-Star Game and Staples will be an alternate.

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