

## Ione celebrates Children's Book Week



Ione School Board member Joe McElligott brought turkeys he raised to the school



Anne Morter reads one of her favorite books to the kids

By Brittnee DesBouillons

Last week the Ione Elementary and Middle School participated in Children's Book Week. Students got to participate in events and dress up for a different theme each day. On each day there was a different theme that the children got to participate in and dress up for.

Monday, November 13 was "Hats Off to Reading Day" where the kids all came to school in hats. The young readers gathered in the hall to listen to John Rietmann tell a short story and then retreated to the cafeteria for the Readers Theatre. Tuesday, November 14 was "Snuggle up To a Good

Book Day" and the kids dressed up in their pajamas. The featured reader was Gregg Rietmann and everyone gathered in the hallway to hear him tell a story. Wednesday was "Saddle up with a Good Book Day" and the kids dressed up like cowboys and cowgirls. Anne Morter read in the hallway and Joe McElligott brought wild turkeys for everyone to see. Thursday was "Dress as Your Favorite Book Character Day." So everyone dressed like a character, and Joel Peterson read to the kids. Hasa Brown visited the library to show the kids his drum and teach them some Indian songs.

## Heppner native elected Washington sheriff

Mark C. Brown was elected Island County (Washington) Sheriff for a four year term beginning in January 2007.

The son of Betty Brown of Heppner and the late Paul Brown, Brown is a graduate of Heppner High School, the University of Oregon, and served as a commissioned officer in the US Navy before joining the Washington State Patrol (WSP) in 1974. Over the course of a 30-year career with WSP, he was decorated for bravery in the line of duty

and also selected as Trooper of the Year for the entire State of Washington in 1986.

Island County is comprised of both Whidbey and Camano Islands and the Sheriff's office where Brown will assume duties has over 70 employees and is the fourth largest county in terms of density of population within the state.

Brown, who currently resides in Oak Harbor with his wife, has one son serving as an officer in the Navy and another attending the University of Washington.

## Artifactory kicks off holiday season



Barb Moore, HES Parents Club member and organizer of the Artifactory this year, hands a piece of pie to helper Emily Pappas, eight.

Artifactory, the annual arts and crafts fair held in Heppner, kicked off the season on Saturday, November 18, with artists and artisans offering a variety of holiday and gift giving items. It was the first year of sponsorship by the Heppner Elementary Parents Club which took over



Rachel Holland, eight, and Emily Holland, 10, look over craft items for sale at the Artifactory

the event from the recently-disbanded Willow Creek Service Club. The Artifactory was started by the local branch of the American Association of University Women and then sponsored by the Soroptimist Club, which evolved into the Willow Creek Service Club.

## HHS implements attendance program



Attendance certificate awardees

Heppner High School Associated Student Body implemented a new program this year called "Attendance Pays". Students who missed less than two days of school during the first quarter with less than six tardies received award certificates at an assembly on November 16.

A large number of students received this award. The purpose of the attendance drive is to increase good attendance records at the school and to maintain and improve compliance with state attendance requirements, according to a school release. Students with perfect attendance, who missed no days of school, not only received a certificate, but their name was placed in a drawing for a \$50 savings bond. The winner of the

certificate was Zech Hintz. The following students had perfect attendance: Justin Bailey, Cassidee Day, Zechariah Hintz, Natalie Rauch, Daisy Victorio, Brandon Garcia, Marc Thompson and R.J. Farrens.



Savings bond winner Zech Hintz

A \$50 savings bond will be given each quarter. Student names will remain in the drawing, with names of perfect attendees going into the drawing each quarter and in the spring, those who had perfect attendance all four quarters have four chances to have their name drawn for a \$200 savings bond.

## Ione businesses plan Christmas open house

Ione businesses will hold their annual Christmas Open House on Friday, Dec. 15, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

This year a snowflake contest will be held for preschool through 12th grade children. Those who wish to participate may bring a snowflake with their name and grade on the back to the Bank of Eastern Oregon, Ione branch, by Monday, Dec. 4. The

snowflakes will be displayed in business windows around Ione.

Also this year, each business/organization may donate a decorated wreath for a silent auction. Proceeds from each wreath will be designated for special projects of groups. Wreaths will be on display at Taylor's Restaurant and Lounge in Ione, beginning Dec. 4.

Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy Ione's Christmas Open House.

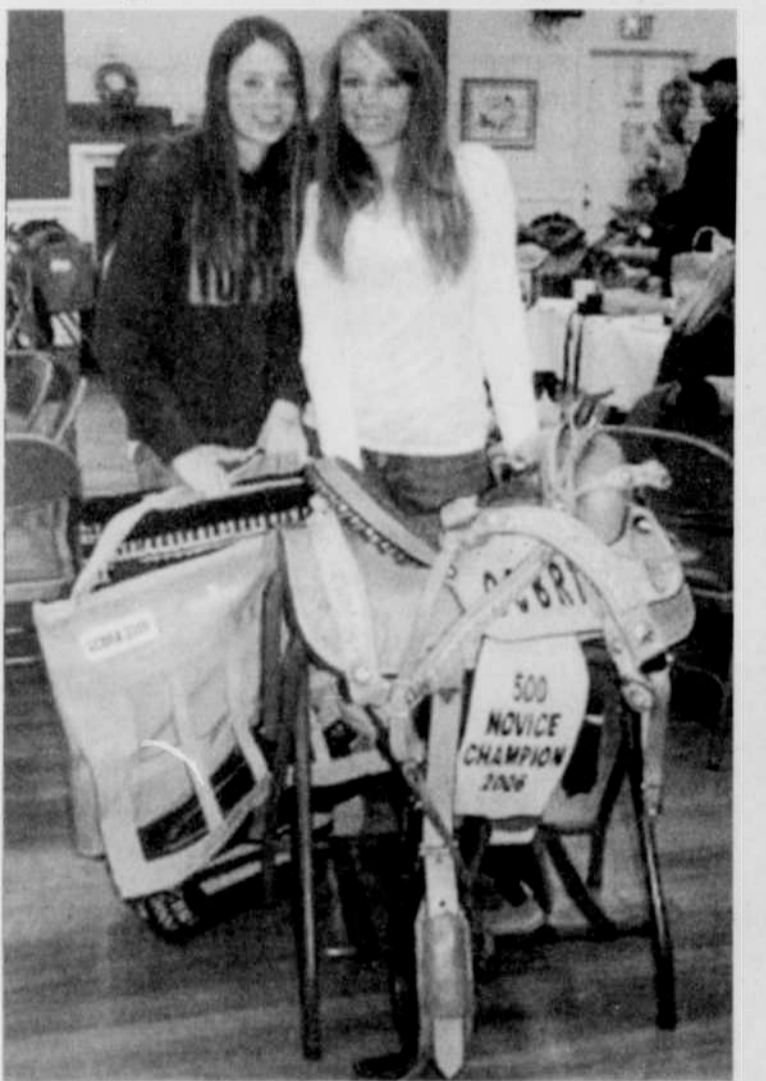
## 'Stranger danger' discussed at Heppner Head Start



Left to right: front-Jordan R., Makayla S., Kegan S., Abbie M., Suzanneah C.; middle-Hunter G., Kellen G., Deputy Bredfield, Angel M.; top-Derrick S.


Morrow County Sheriff's Deputy Adam Bredfield visited the Heppner Head Start on Thursday, November 16, to share information with the children about "Stranger Danger".

## Local girls win barrel racing awards



Taighlor Dougherty and Jessica Hughes

Two local girls finished the barrel racing season with awards. Taighlor Dougherty, Heppner, placed fourth in the senior division and Jessica Hughes, Heppner placed second in the senior division. Jessica also won first in the 500 Novice class, winning a saddle, and also placed second in the overall 4D division. The barrel races were held in Hermiston and Echo from March through October.



# Real Estate

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### ON DISCLOSING DEFECTS

The saying used to be, "Let the Buyer Beware," but because of court decisions over the past decade or so, sellers need to be aware of their responsibility to disclose all material defects and known facts that could affect the value and livability of a home.

The old days of closing the sale and letting the buyer discover any problems about the home for themselves are long gone, and most sellers need to go to great lengths to inform potential purchasers about important facts concerning the

home. This is not to say that any and all conditions that are known and disclosed need to be repaired. That is not the intent of disclosure laws. The real bottom line is that all of the facts need to be put on the table - with nothing hidden - so that all parties can then negotiate in good faith with full knowledge of the condition of the home. At present, California and Maine have mandatory seller disclosure rules, but legislative efforts are underway in 30 states to adopt similar requirements.

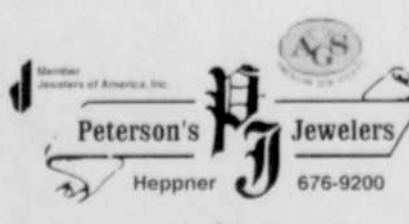


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