

A View from the Hill

By Doris Brosnan

Last month, 29 diners were thankful for being at Willow Creek Terrace for the Thanksgiving feast. Residents, staff and guests enjoyed the camaraderie and traditional menu that left no one hungry for food or companionship.

Adding to the colorful and inviting atmosphere at the Terrace's meals are new sets of tablecloths. Howard Bryant contributed two sets for the several tables, and another set of festive red cloths were a gift from Kelli Boyer, Susan Hisler, Jan Stroeber and the Friends Helping Friends group.

These same tables serve in several other capacities, also. They are great as card tables, and residents continue to encourage individuals to call 676-0004 to become included in afternoons of pinochle, bridge, cribbage, or other games. The tables were useful, as well, when the residents made angels for their Christmas tree, decorated on Dec. 6. The theme of the tree is immediately obvious, as it is festooned with angels—a variety added to each year by residents.

Seventeen guests joined the residents gathered for the tree trimming party, including four grade-schoolers who added their expertise to the decorating and their voices to the singing of carols with Katie Anderson at the piano. Two stayed for the soup supper that featured homemade soups and homemade breads.

Another focus on Dec. 6 was the observation of National Miners Day. That morning, several residents contributed to a lengthy discussion of the mining industry, recalling personal experiences of relatives told to them or witnessed by them. Many residents could recall the attack on Pearl Harbor, remembered

on Dec. 7, and the topic of discussion the next day created some nostalgia as residents shared horse stories on the National Day of the Horse.

That same day saw the return to the Hill of a favorite group of entertainers: the Kloggers from Pendleton. About 15 dancers in red and white "Santa" outfits delighted the residents and staff with their fancy footwork and singing. The youngest clogger was only two years old. The oldest was in her fifties.

Other entertainment enjoyed by all recently was the young carolers who brought cards for the residents and the pianists on Dec. 13. Piano-recital music will again grace the atmosphere of the Terrace on Dec. 20, and more carolers will be welcomed on that same day. Three days later, the residents will greet more sounds of the season by another thoughtful group of carolers.

Seventeen residents joined their larger Heppner community to usher in the sights of the season on Nov. 29, appreciating the time and effort individuals spent on creating holiday-magic light-parade entries. A drive around the towns for a look at house decorations will also add to the season's appeal.

Only the weather seems to be unseasonably warm, possibly precluding a white Christmas, as many residents continue to enjoy the good weather for walks and for chats on the front porch and patio. Since Dec. 21 is National Hamburger Day, chances are very good that the residents could be eating barbecued burgers on the patio!

Since Santa doesn't require snow for his Christmas Eve visits, he is expected to bring all of the "nice" residents gifts while they

are tucked snugly in bed. Another gift will come their way three days after Christmas, when they get to enjoy homemade fruitcake...a must on National Fruitcake Day, right?

Bud-Batty-Day must have been on Dec. 9, for that is when Bud celebrated the last birthday of the year at the Terrace, his 96th! Alvina Padberg will have the honor of being the first celebrant in 2013, when she will turn 92 on January 15.

A new neighbor, Royce Fulleton, timed his move into a Terrace apartment perfectly for getting in on the tree trimming-caroling-soup supper event on the 6th. Royce moved to Heppner from Hermiston, but he was previously a Heppner resident for many years, as well as the owner of the Chevrolet dealership. Fellow residents welcomed Royce with pleasure to their community. They were saddened, however, to learn on the next day of the passing of former neighbor Bob Hickerson. Although Bob resided at the Terrace for only two weeks in November, his upbeat presence and witty repartee were a refreshing addition to life on the Hill, and he is missed.

The Terrace community, both residents and staff, do not want to miss this opportunity to thank the many people whose kindnesses have contributed to another positive year for them. Recently, donations have come from the Odd Fellows, Carl and Pat Lauretsin, Patty Walker, Kermin Kennedy, Barry and Mary Anne Munkers, and Dave Sykes. These thoughtful people are included in a long, long list of individuals who have played important, helpful roles in the success of Willow Creek Terrace. All of them are viewed as friends and neighbors.

Junior Mustangs keep the wins coming

The Heppner Junior High School boys' basketball A team played five games last week and won four of them.

The Mustangs traveled to Lone for league games and won all three. In the first game of the day, they beat Lone by a score of 30-22. Logan Grieb was two rebounds short of a "triple-double" with 13 points, 11 steals and eight rebounds. Caden Hedman followed next with eight points and 10 rebounds. Kevin Murray scored four and ripped down a game-high 13 rebounds. Jake Lindsay and Kolby Currin scored two points each in the win. Kevin Smith scored the other point for the team.

The next game had the Mustangs beating the Ir-

rigan Knights 30-25. Grieb led a balanced scoring attack with nine points. Murray was next with seven, Hedman had six, Currin scored five and Lindsay had three. Hedman recorded eight rebounds and Murray followed with seven. Grieb also had five steals and six assists for the game.

The final game of the day was against the Echo Cougars. The Mustangs won by a score of 31-23. Many members of the team scored, led by Hedman with eight, while Currin had six and Smith scored four. Jake Lindsay tallied three and Kaden Corbin, Tim Jaca and Kane Sweeney had two points each. Jaca also pulled down a game-high eight rebounds, and Corbin had six and Bryan Fowler

followed with five.

Last Saturday, the Mustangs lost to the Sherman County Huskies by a score of 41-29. Logan Grieb scored 11 points and had seven steals for the game. Jake Lindsay and Kolby Currin both had five, Kevin Smith scored four and Caden Hedman and Kevin Murray tallied two each. Murray led the team with eight rebounds.

In their last game, the Mustangs beat the Grant Union Prospectors 39-20. Grieb led the team in scoring with 16 points and had seven steals. Hedman dropped in eight points and Jake Lindsay and Murray had six each. Currin tossed in two points for the game.

The team now has a season record of 9-4.

Mustang wrestling

The Mustangs wrestling team saw plenty of action last week, beginning with a rare home appearance on Thursday, Dec. 13. Heppner hosted a tri-dual meet against Irrigon and Pomeroy, WA.

The team came away with two decisive wins by scores of 51-12 over Irrigon and 39-22 over Pomeroy. It was the first time Heppner has defeated Pomeroy in a dual meet.

Will Lutchter started the Mustangs momentum with a pin in an exhibition match to begin night's competition. He would also go on to score 12 teams points by pinning his Pomeroy opponent and a forfeit win against Irrigon.

Heppner won 10 out of 14 matches against Pomeroy and nine of 11 against Irrigon.

On Saturday, the Mustangs competed in the Mac-Hi Christmas tournament in Milton-Freewater. Heppner

and Mac-Hi were the only Oregon teams, and Heppner was the only small school among 4A to 6A schools from Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

Heppner had two finalists and one champion in the tournament. Treston Maben led the Mustangs with the team's only gold medal despite being the non-scorer at 160 pounds. His three wins were decisive pins over opponents from Southridge, Mac-Hi and Clarkston.

Tim Nelson claimed second place, Jared Lemmon third, Alex Smith and Earl Propheter fourth. Ryan Smith made his first appearance on a high-school award podium with a sixth-place finish. John Propheter also finished sixth.

Jacob Moses picked up his first win and scored varsity team points at 145 pounds.

Dual summaries:

Heppner 39, Pomeroy 22
106 double ff
113 King (P) pinned Smith (H)
120 Lutchter (H) pinned Neice (P)
126 double ff

132 Lemmon (H) pinned Florek (P)

138 Smith (H) pinned Heytvelt (P)

145 Boyd (H) defeated Herres (P) 7-5

152 Lewis (P) pinned Moses (H)

160 Propheter (H) pinned Hyer (P)

170 Jenkins (P) defeated Maben (H) 10-1

182 King (P) pinned Heard (H)

195 double ff

220 Nelson (H) won by ff

285 Propheter (H) won by ff

Heppner 51, Irrigon 12

106 Smith (H) won by ff

113 double ff

120 Lutchter (H) won by ff

132 Lemmon (H) won by ff

138 Boyd (H) won by ff

145 Savage (I) pinned Smith (H)

152 Moses (H) won by ff

160 Propheter (H) defeated Snyder (I) 14-2

170 Maben (H) tech fall over Ruiz (I)

182 Mendoza (I) pinned Heard (H)

195 double ff

220 Nelson won by ff

285 Propheter won by ff

Intro to Ag gets up to something fishy



The Intro to Ag classes have been raising rainbow trout eggs again this year and were able to release 176 fry into Willow Creek Reservoir. Top: Members of the two Intro to Ag classes gather at the lake. (Back L-R): Ryan Cecil, Rian Wizner, Shelton Sharp, Lexi Bray, Jose Andrade Guerra, Sydney Qualls, Austin Ryan, Colton Evans, Emily Cecil and Onna DeLoach. (Middle L-R): Taylor Nelson, Meranda Lemmon, Caden Hedman, Kolby Currin, Logan Grieb and CJ Kindle. (Front L-R):

Tim Gould, Tim Jaca, Kevin Murray and Jake Lindsay. Right: Jake Lindsay carefully releases the fry into the lake. -Contributed photo

Heppner High news

By Jordan Jones

On Friday, Dec. 21, the boys' and girls' varsity will have a basketball game starting at 6 p.m.; this game will be held here in Heppner against the Weston-McEwen TigerScots. The boys and girls varsity will also have a basketball game on Saturday, Dec. 22, which will be held in Union start-

ing at 4 p.m.

Also a reminder to everyone that the Heppner High School is holding a dodge ball tournament on Wednesday, Dec. 19, to raise money for the seniors.

I wish the Heppner community a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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