

Local dairy, 4-H members work together



Front row (L-R): Dr. Brittany Casperson, Riley Archer, Jules Archer, Katie Spivey, Liam Heideman and Gage Heideman. Back row (L-R): Hunter Houck, Nathaniel Wedam, Dr. Ehrin Dawson, Jake Heideman, Dr. Ryan Wedam and Dr. Jeff Wendler.

Threemile Canyon Farms Dairy and Morrow County 4-H have developed a first of its kind program to increase the dairy presence at the county fair. Youth in both 4-H and FFA got the opportunity to get involved in raising and showing dairy heifers with little financial outlay. By completing a written application, a formal family interview at the dairy with the vet and nutrition team and a number of other checks, they are

able to take home a heifer to raise and show at the Morrow County fair. After the fair, the animal will be returned to the dairy.

Jeff Wendler, head veterinarian for Threemile Canyon Farms said, "This is an opportunity for our organization to help grow the dairy industry in Morrow County with limited financial strain on families. We want to build the excitement in youth about the dairy industry and con-



VSI, an animal pharmaceutical company in Albany, donated buckets, feed scales and brushes to each member. Pictured (L-R): Hunter Houck, Dr. Jeff Wendler, Gage Heideman, Jake Heideman, Liam Heideman, Katie Spivey, Nathaniel Wedam, Riley Archer and Jules Archer.

tribute to our community."

Eight 4-H members and their families picked up their heifers on Jan. 21 after a full class with the dairy nutritionist Dr. Ehrin Dawson and a lead veterinarian Dr. Ryan Wedam. "This is a program we have given a lot of thought to and this first group is our practice run. Our hope is it will continue to grow and that all members will experience success," said Morrow County

4-H Extension Educator, Erin Heideman.

The heifer project group will return to the dairy on Mar. 22 for vaccinations, vet and weight checks on all the heifers. It will be the first of three times the heifers will return to the dairy for vet checks. Nearer to fair time, visits will include showmanship practice and clipping techniques as well.

Mustangs suffer first BMC loss, 47-46

The Heppner Mustang boys' basketball team split their Blue Mountain Conference games this past weekend. The Mustangs defeated the Stanfield Tigers by a score of 63-55 and then suffered their first BMC loss to the Grant Union Prospectors by the score of 47-46. The Mustangs still remain atop the BMC standings with an 8-1 record and are 14-7 for the season so far.

The game against the Tigers was a close one throughout the first half. The Mustangs led at the end of the first quarter 13-10 and were up 26-24 at halftime.

The third quarter belonged to Heppner as they outscored the Tigers 22-13 to lead 48-37. The Mustangs would up their lead to 17 points with just over six minutes left in the game when Stanfield came charging back. They cut the Mustang lead to only five points at 52-47 before Heppner took back control and didn't let the Tigers get any closer. The Mustangs stretched the lead out to 11 points late in the game and won the contest by the score of 63-55.

Trent Smith led the Mustangs in scoring with 17. He also had four rebounds and a steal. With eight points each were Hunter Nichols, Cason Mitchell and Logan Burright. Nichols also had two rebounds, three assists and a steal while Mitchell grabbed six rebounds and had one assist. Burright also contributed five rebounds in the game. Tyler Carter chipped in seven points and hauled down 11 big rebounds. Scoring five points each were Gibson McCurry, Justin McAninch and Mason Lehman. McCurry also recorded six rebounds and blocked five shots. McAninch had two rebounds and blocked one shot while Lehman had three rebounds, one assist and two steals. Derek Howard ripped down a rebound for the Mustangs.

Grant Union High School is always a difficult and interesting place to play and this year was no different. Difficult, because they have some very passionate fans who make lots of noise at times. It can sometimes be interesting because the officials are from a different association than our team has worked with most its games and it can be difficult to adjust to some of the calls that they make.

The game started slowly for both teams and the Mustangs fell behind early 8-0. They battled back to trail at the end of the first quarter 8-6. Neither team



Logan Burright leaps high in the air.

could get much going in the second quarter and Grant Union led at halftime 14-12.

The Mustangs found their game and outscored the Prospectors 19-13 to lead at the end of the third quarter 31-27. Heppner continued to play pressure defense and attack the basket in the fourth. They stretched their lead to 11 points at 40-29 with 3:30 to go in the game. Grant Union then hit two quick three pt. shots to get right back into the game. They ended up cutting the Mustang lead to two points at 40-38 and the teams traded baskets for several more possessions. With just under a minute left in the game the Mustangs led 46-42 before Grant Union made two free-throws and hit another three pt. shot to take the lead 47-46. The Mustangs did get the ball back with six seconds left in the game but their final shot came up short and the Prospectors got the win by the score of 47-46.

Once again Smith led the team with 17 points. He also had a rebound and two steals. Carter scored nine points, had 10 rebounds and a steal. Lehman chipped in seven points, three rebounds and one steal for the team. Nichols and Burright had four points each for the Mustangs. Nichols also recorded two rebounds, three assists and a steal while Burright hauled down six rebounds and had two assists. McCurry had two points, five rebounds, two steals and blocked two shots while McAninch had two points, four rebounds and blocked a shot. Mitchell scored one point, ripped down seven rebounds, had one block and dished out an assist for the team. Dakota Howard recorded three rebounds and an assist.

The Mustangs will play two away games this weekend as they travel to Enterprise to take on the Outlaws. The team will spend the night in Enterprise and then travel to take on the Union Bobcats on Saturday.

A View from the Hill

By Doris Brosnan

"Though one journey ends, another begins..." is a belief that might reflect one held by Bev Norton, and it offers solace to the community on the hill, who were saddened by Bev's passing away on her birthday earlier this month. She is missed, but many view her faith as a continuing inspiration.

A view of the walls at the Terrace for the past three weeks offered a vast array of colors and cuddly inspiration, which quilts always seem to elicit in viewers. Eight quilts, each one different, graced the walls and even brought out some memories. A big thanks goes out to the quilters who shared the beauty of their art with the Terrace.

A big welcome went out to Anna Schwarzin on Jan. 11. Anna has lived in Heppner for many years,

so she was not a new face to most residents but a new neighbor with new ideas and opinions to contribute. On Feb. 11, Anna will celebrate her birthday for the first time at the Terrace, so everyone will be interested to see what her special lunch order will provide.

On Feb. 3, Ernie McCabe will celebrate his birthday, and on the 11th Gladys Van Winkle will be the special person at her birthday lunch shared with neighbors and family.

Another two longtime area residents were welcomed into the Terrace yesterday. Raymond and Norma French lived on Little Butter Creek for many years. More recently, the Frenches have lived in Pendleton but are now coming back to their roots.

A couple of new staff members have also joined

the family on the hill. Administrator Nairns reports that Shea Swindlehurst and Sasha Bloom are both great additions to the staff.

These new faces have arrived in time for the Super Bowl celebration. This Sunday will be a time for chances on the betting board, for some hoots and hollers, some tasty noshes and for after-game Super Bowl soup.

Even the less-spectacular-event days in February will offer activities that never fail to stimulate and entertain. Morning discussions will focus on a couple of serious topics; the cardiovascular system (on National Wear Red Day, the 1st), cancer (on World Cancer Day, the 4th), but also on some more light-hearted topics, send-a-card-to-a-friend (on the 7th), men (on Man Day, the 3rd), Boy Scouts of America (on the 8th, celebrating their beginnings in 1910), make-a-friend-with-a-shut-in (on the 11th, when staff is encouraging guests to visit residents), USA presidents

(a week of presidential trivia beginning on Presidents Day, the 18th) and the power of flowers (on Floral Design Day, the 28th, when they might also try their hands at creating arrangements for the dining tables).

From the 15th through the 18th, residents and staff will be participating in their Backyard Bird Count, coinciding with that of the Audubon Society. Everyone looks forward to their party on the 8th with Julie Baker's 4-H group, entertaining with a Valentine's Day theme. On the 14th, they will gather for the romantic atmosphere of their Candlelight Dinner, a yearly tradition.

Add to these activities the weekly events that volunteers offer and the new variety of activities that the Heppner High School Honor Society will be featuring every fourth Friday of the month, and the residents can see that boredom need not be a problem in February. They view this fact as a good reason to live at Willow Creek Terrace.

National Hat Day celebrated



Mary Jean, Donna, Anna, Mary and Carolyn play Friday brain games sporting their funky hats.

Residents at Willow Creek Terrace Assisted Living facility celebrated National Hat Day on Jan. 18. All residents donned their favorite caps during meals and activities throughout the day.

A number of different daily activities are hosted at the assisted living facility for its residents, including

Friday brain games, book club, bingo, matinee movie showings, gardening, exercise and participation in National health and wellness awareness days.

For more information about Willow Creek Terrace, contact George Nairns at 541-676-0004 or visit willowcreekterrace.com.



Floss, Donna, Gladys and Mary enjoy Hat Day at Willow Creek Terrace.

Wrestlers to be Auctioned for work



BID ON A WRESTLER SATURDAY AT THE BEO TOURNAMENT

2 Senior Wrestlers to be auctioned off This Saturday Feb. 2 at the BEO Wrestling Tournament. The proceeds will be used to fund a drug and alcohol free graduation party for the class of 2019. Support your wrestlers support drug and alcohol free

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