

Heifer project encourages dairy interest

Threemile Canyon Farms Dairy and Morrow County Extension have partnered to create a one-of-a-kind 'Heifer Project' Program to encourage more dairy cow participation

and interest at our county fair. Youth, in both 4-H and FFA, had the opportunity to get involved in raising and showing dairy heifers without a large amount of financial input.

Youth apply, complete an interview and follow the guidelines for the project and Threemile Canyon Farms provided the heifer with the intent that the animal will be returned to the dairy to be bred for production.

Eight students and their parents interviewed this past December for the opportunity to be a part of this pilot project. They received a 6-month-old jersey heifer calf and some supplies to get started. Heifers are required to follow the strict diet plan developed by the animal nutritionists at the

dairy and youth must bring their heifers back to the dairy every two months for a weigh and vet check.

Stop by the beef barn at fair and say hello to these lovely ladies and visit with the families that worked to help get this program off the ground.



Pictured L-R: Nathaniel Wedam (Irrigon), Dr. Jeff Wendler (Threemile Canyon Farms), Gage Heideman (Ione), Jake Heideman (Ione), Liam Heideman (Ione), Hunter Houck (Heppner), Katie Spivey (Ione), Jules Archer (Heppner) and Riley Archer (Heppner).

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WILL ONCE AGAIN DONATE
TICKETS FOR THE 4-H AND
FFA MEMBERS TO ATTEND
THE OREGON TRAIL PRO
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THANK YOU!!**

Chamber to serve dinner at Murray's Beer & Wine Tasting

The Heppner Chamber Board of Directors and volunteers will serve dinner during Murray's Annual Beer and Wine Tasting "Fiesta" event on Thursday, August 15. The fundraiser dinner will be held at the Morrow County Fairgrounds from 6 to 8:30 p.m. and is being prepared by Alvin Liu of Gateway Café and Mary Ann Elguezabal, who will be fixing her famous rice and beans. Brady Goss will provide entertainment.

The meal will include a beef enchilada with beans and rice, fresh garden salad, dessert and lemonade or water to drink. The cost for the meal will be \$12 for adults and \$5 for children 11 and under. Bottled water will be available for \$1.