

Foundation members in Heppner for funding talks

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Morrow Extension Service
 A meeting of the Eastern Oregon Development Committee of the Oregon 4-H Foundation was held recently in Heppner, bringing Foundation Board members from Malheur, Umatilla, Gilliam, Sherman, Grant and Crook counties to discuss business of the foundation.

Chairman of the committee is Louis Carlson, Ione. While the Oregon 4-H Foundation was organized in 1957 to solicit and administer contributions in order to provide necessary private funding to the state-wide 4-H program, many in eastern Oregon are not familiar with the organization. Many changes have occurred in the foundation organization recently with foundation board members from each county now serving. Alan Nistad, Heppner, and Carlson, are the Morrow County representatives.

Many do not realize that funds are available from the Oregon 4-H Foundation to assist with local programs and needs. The foundation's support is widespread, with the most easily recognized program, the International 4-H Youth Exchange, funded through donations made to the foundation. Foundation-donated funds also help support awards programs, leadership trainings for both members and leaders, post high school scholarships, the Community Pride program, and many other worthwhile projects, including the Oregon 4-H Center in Salem. Attending the meeting were Louis Carlson, Alan Nistad, Morrow County; Ron Campbell, executive director of the foundation, Corvallis; Bill Moore, Malheur County; Jessie Lewis, Grant County; Jean Mikkalo, Gilliam County; Bill Hansell, Umatilla County; Blanche Harper, Crook County; Marjorie VanGilder, Sherman County. Guests at the meeting were John Nozheim and Birdine Tullis. Several members remained to join the bus tour of north Morrow County and became better acquainted with the area.

Wheat Weaving...Classes will be available this fall...

Wheat weaving is an art that has caught the fancy of local individuals and we have many requests for classes. While extension will not be sponsoring classes, they will help make them available locally from a talented teacher, Francine Evans, Irrigon! Classes will be offered in early fall, with 6 hours of instruction on wheat weaving. Ms. Evans will take a class of 10 to 15 persons. Those planning to attend may call Birdine at 876-9642, or Ms. Evans at 922-3183. (Names left with the extension office will be delivered to Ms. Evans as a special courtesy for those in south Morrow.)

Wheat weavers should be looking for their supply of wheat right now. Wheat should be gathered while it is still in the "dough" stage, which is a week or more before the wheat is ripe.

Pick wheat in full color, the stalks golden, with only a few inches of green showing at the bottom. The heads should be erect and the beards still close to the center. If the kernel is

"milky" when pinched, the wheat is too green; if it is "doughy", the wheat is just right. The stalks should be cut fairly close to the ground, then tied in small bundles. Bundles must be hung heads down, or stacked loosely so air can circulate.

Anyone planning to attend a workshop will need at least 100 stalks of wheat. Ms. Evans states that other grains in

addition to bearded wheat may be used, and while the "dough" stage is ideal for wheat weaving, the grain picked later may still be used.

For complete information on costs for classes, dates and other details, call Ms. Evans, 322-3138, or write her at Rt. 2, Box 574, Irrigon, 97844, (or leave your name at the Extension office.)

Wheat production is an

important part of the agricultural base of Morrow County, and wheat weaving provides a creative way to share a local product. Items which can be made are lovely gifts as well as home decorations. Wheat weaving may be of Scandinavian origin, but it fits in perfectly with Eastern Oregon's wheat fields. Grande Ronde Mini College cancelled...

The planned Mini College on the campus of Eastern Oregon State College, La Grande, was cancelled due to limited registration.

Invitation to visit camp...
 While it has been traditional to invite 4-H parents to lunch the last day of camp, this was not included in plans for this year since camp ends mid-day on Wednesday and another

camp moves in as soon as we move out. However, there is an open invitation to any parent or others interested to visit our 4-H camp and enjoy some time with the campers. Pick a time and come join in the fun! Camp dates are June 24-27. We'll be happy to see you anytime. Extension staff chairman on trip... If you miss the friendly face

of Harold Kerr...up and down the streets and around the county the next two weeks... you'll be happy to hear that he was selected to represent Oregon on an educational tour sponsored by Dow chemicals. Flying out of Portland Sunday, June 17...he is off to Texas and adjoining states. We'll miss him...but wish him good times on the trip well earned.

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"We are even lower in gasoline supplies compared to normal increases in summer demand," he said, "even though total gasoline supplies will increase slightly in June."

"It is even more important this month that motorists curtail their driving as much as possible to prevent the buildup of long lines at service stations," he said. "I do wish to commend the leadership and initiative shown by the service station operators in stretching their allotted supplies of gasoline to make them last throughout the month. It has not been an easy task for them."

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