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## OWGL to hold annual meeting

Members of the Oregon Wheat Growers League (OWGL) will gather at the Pendleton Convention Center on Sunday, Nov. 24, for the 1996 annual meeting.

The agenda includes election of officers to the OWGL board and presentation of the 1997 resolutions, which will guide the organization's activities for the coming year. Also on the agenda is presentation of the gavel to the incoming president and a review of legislative activity by legislative analyst

Mike Dewey of Salem.

The meeting begins at 8:30 a.m. and is scheduled to conclude at noon. All OWGL members are urged to attend.

The meeting is held in conjunction with the annual convention, which begins Thursday, Nov. 21 with the president's reception at the Red Lion in Pendleton. General sessions are scheduled for Nov. 22-23. Convention participants may register at the door both days. No registration is necessary to attend the annual meeting.

## Engagement



### Wilson — Borup

The parents of Steve Wilson and Bonnie Borup, both McNary, invite friends and family to attend the couple's marriage on Saturday, Nov. 23, 1996, at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 515 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston.

Steve's parents are Carmen Wilson, Lexington, and Danny Wilson, Heppner. He graduated from Heppner High School in 1994 and is employed with Marlette Homes in Hermiston.

Bonnie is the daughter of Debbie and Dave Borup, Hermiston. She is employed with Hermiston Good Samaritan Center.

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## Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: Letters to the editor must be signed. The Gazette-Times will not publish unsigned letters. Please include your address and phone number on all letters for use by the G-T office. The G-T reserves the right to edit.

### Back to the basics

To the Editor:

The Nov. 10 "CNN Presents" researched the results of using a curriculum developed in 1906 by a predominantly white private school. This same curriculum was adopted by the black administrator of Barclay Elementary Schools and was presented to predominantly black, impoverished students with high expectations of their success. And these expectations produced the desired results.

The curriculum offered was the traditional basics. It had been assumed heretofore that students from more economically stressed homes could not achieve at the same level as the privately schooled children, but this program proved that this assumption was incorrect.

The key was high expectations, plus the back-to-basics approach. It appears that nationwide there will be a renewed effort to hone our educational skills by a "back-to-basics" approach. Probably no other approach would be so welcome.

Which brings us to the fact that our elementary system in Morrow County will fall further behind a renewed national push if we do not dedicate ourselves to improvement. In talking with one elementary teacher, we are told that she spends all her time Monday mornings reviewing what the students had forgotten over the three-day weekends. Talk to another and she says the young ones fall asleep after 2:30 p.m. This doesn't leave much time for learning.

No one wants to downgrade our teachers' efforts, but the painful fact is that while they are being paid for a 10 hour day, four day week, the students are not learning 10 hours a day. Possibly the top fourth of a class could learn just as much under these circumstances, but the average student probably will regress to less than average. Is this what we want for our children?

The thought of changing jobs

five or six times in a lifetime scares me. Without a basic foundation of elementary skills, our children will not be able to absorb and use the new technologies. An article in "The Oregonian" said that many schools operate for the convenience of the adults, not the children. I believe this is what we now have in Morrow County.

There is a two-part questionnaire at the end of this letter. Please, all of us, take the time to check your answer and return to your school board member whose names and addresses are as follows:

Scott Bauska, 318 Willow Fork Drive, Boardman, OR. 97818; Dwayne Carroll, Rt. 1, Box 1816, Hermiston, OR. 97838; Bill Doherty, P.O. Box 4125, Lexington, OR. 97839; Gary Frederickson, Rt. 1, Box 73-D, Boardman, OR. 97818; Scott Johnson, Rt. 2, Box 72, Irigoin, OR. 97844; Russell Morgan, P.O. Box 628, Heppner, OR. 97836; John Rietmann, P.O. Box 313, Lone, OR. 97843.

Teachers in Gilliam County asked their school board to change their schedule to a four-day week. The Gilliam County Board put this to a vote of the public and it was defeated. The following tabulation may, or may not, send a message to the Morrow County School Board. Please check off your answer, sign your name (this is important for accuracy) and mail. We all love our kids.

Sincerely,  
(s) Meg Murray  
Lone

Yes, I want to go "Back-To-Basics" and the five day week for school.

No, I feel we are preparing our elementary students adequately for the future now and wish to keep the four day week for school.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nov. 1996

## Theft, vandalism ruin it for all

To the Editor:

We are writing concerning the theft of the money exchange machine at our laundromat on Nov. 1 at around 7 p.m.

To the two local men who did this act of destruction and vandalism, we hope you enjoyed the \$20 or \$25 you got. Your actions have now deprived everyone who used that machine for quarters, not to mention the great expense it will cost us to replace the machine (if we do) and to fix the wall. Yes, it's true you will probably not be prosecuted, but we know who you are and so do the police. We can only hope that someday you will slip up at the wrong time and get caught at your thieving ways.

We also want you to know that as of Nov. 13, there will be security cameras about the building and you will no longer be able to turn the lights off from inside the laundromat.

To all the fine, hard-working people of Heppner and the surrounding area, we thought long and hard about going to this extreme, but with the soap machine broken into last year,

the clothes cart (which, by the way, many senior citizens used to help get in and out of the laundromat) stolen the first part of deer season this year, floors and appliances written on, and half-burnt newspapers and books strung all over, we felt we have no choice anymore. The only other thing we can do is lock up the laundromat when we leave from work and open it again in the morning.

As most of you know we have worked hard these last couple of months painting inside and out and doing a lot of remodeling, cleaning and trying to build up our inventory, not to mention adding a hydraulics shop for the local farmers and loggers. We have also purchased another double-stacked dryer which has not been installed yet.

With all the money, hard work and time we have spent to improve the business, we felt we also had to protect ourselves from people who want to live off others and ruin it for all.

Thank you to our friends and customers for your support.

(s) Dale and Marda Adlard  
Heppner

## Justice Court Report

The Justice Court office at the courthouse annex building in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:

Daniel Chetwood, 32, Sweet-home-Theft II, \$920 fine plus \$150 restitution and reimbursement of court-appointed attorney, 189 days in jail with credit for nine days served, \$200 and jail sentence suspended with two year probation with no further violation of law, excluding minor traffic;

Ana Erazo, 25, Heppner-Maintaining a Dog as a Nuisance, \$145 and 180 days in jail, jail sentence suspended with one year probation with no further violation of law; Failure to Appear, \$181 fine, 180 days in jail, jail sentence suspended with one year probation with no further violation of law.

## Obituary

### Frances H. Farrens

Funeral services for Frances H. Farrens, Keizer, were held Monday, Nov. 18, 1996, at Lincoln Memorial Park Funeral Home, Portland. Burial was at Lincoln Memorial Park.

Mrs. Farrens, 72, died November 15, 1996, at Keizer. She was born February 9, 1924, at Lake Zurich, Illinois. She moved to Milwaukie in 1957 and to Keizer in 1983.

Mrs. Farrens was a homemaker. She enjoyed collecting antiques and traveling. She was a member of the Faith Lutheran Church at Keizer and the Shamrock Lodge of the Rebekahs.

Mrs. Farrens was preceded in death by her husband, Roland. Survivors include daughters, Kathy Thomas, Keizer, and Susie MsGowan, Silverton; a son, Pepper Farrens, Heppner; and seven grandchildren.

Lincoln Memorial Park Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## FSA committee election upcoming

The slate of nominees for the upcoming Farm Service Agency (FSA) committee election has been developed, Ronald Matthews, CED, announced.

The candidates for Morrow County LAA B, Heppner/Lexington area are as follows: Mark Miller, Craig Miles, Lori Seitz and Michael S. Jones.

The FSA committee election will be conducted by mail from Nov. 18 through Monday, Dec.

2. Voters may also get ballots at the county FSA office. Eligible FSA voters will receive a secret ballot in the mail with instructions on how to vote for candidates of their choice and return the ballot to the county FSA office.

Participation in FSA elections is open to all farmers regardless of race, religion, sex, color, age, handicap or national origin.

## Farm Fair set in Hermiston

The 23rd annual Farm Fair will be held at the Community Center in Hermiston, Wednesday through Friday, Dec. 4-6. The Farm Fair is an agricultural forum co-sponsored by the Oregon State University Extension Service, local agri-businesses and the ag committee of the Greater Hermiston Chamber of Commerce. In addition to some informative talks, farmers and city residents alike will have an opportunity to view and hear about some of the newest technologies available from the exhibitors present, plus "plenty of free food and fun," said a fair news release.

This year's program includes sessions on agricultural issues such as water rights, salmon recovery and land use, and feature sessions on potatoes,

alternate crops and pesticide safety.

Those holding a pesticide applicator's license will be able to pick up recertification credits during program sessions Wednesday afternoon, Thursday, and Friday morning.

The Farm-City Fair dinner will be Thursday night, Dec. 5, at the National Guard Armory building in Hermiston. The evening gala will begin with a no-host social hour at 6 p.m. with musical entertainment by Five Minus Two, followed by a prime rib and chicken dinner at 7 p.m. The after-dinner entertainment will be provided by Fritz Hill, farmer/humorist from Pendleton. Tickets for the dinner are \$12 each, and are on sale at the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce.

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