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## Engagements

### Collin - Adams

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Adams announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Jean, to John Collin, son of the late Billie Rudolph and Leonard Collin.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Spray High School, Columbia Basin Community College and Eastern Oregon State College. She is presently employed as a third grade teacher at Ione.

Mr. Collin is a graduate of Wheeler High School and is currently farming in the Winlock area.

The couple have planned a June 18 wedding at the Assembly of God Church in Spray.



## Births

**Brittli Dorean Padberg** - A daughter, Brittli Dorean, was born to Connie and Wade Padberg of Lexington on May 16 at Pendleton Community Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs. 14 1/2 oz.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Stacey Lovgren and Colleen Bergstrom, all of Heppner, and Ron Quigley of Baker.

Great-grandparents are Irene Padberg of Lexington, Harold Quigley of Clarkston, Wash. and Mr. and Mrs. Al Lovgren of Heppner.

**Katherine Emily Crawford** - A daughter, Katherine Emily, was born to Susan and Tom Crawford of West Richland, Wash. on Friday, May 13. She weighed 8 lbs., 4 1/2 oz.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Crawford of Eugene and Mr. and Mrs. Mohler of Corvallis.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Daizell of The Dalles.

## St. Patrick's Altar Soc. plans breakfast

St. Patrick's Altar Society will sponsor a parish breakfast this Sunday, May 22, after the 11 a.m. Mass, in the parish hall, announced a society member.

Religious articles will be sold after the breakfast and the sale will be open to the public beginning at 1 p.m. All members of other churches are invited to attend the sale then, she said.

## Obituaries

### Wilber R. Akers

**BOARDMAN** - Wilbur R. Akers, 73, of Boardman, a former Ione resident, died Sunday, May 8, at St. Mary Community Hospital, Walla Walla, Wash.

He was born December 23, 1909 at Ione, the son of Ralph and Esther Ball Akers.

Mr. Akers had been a resident of Boardman since 1972, where he was employed as a groundskeeper at Wilson Willow Run Golf Course.

He was a member of the Ione Grange.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Ione United Church of Christ with the Rev. Roy Plant and the Rev. Howard Wheeler officiating.

Ron McDonald was the soloist and Rikka Tews was organist.

He is survived by sons Ivan, Ralph and John, all of Boardman; brothers Burl Akers of Ione and Kenneth Akers of Irrigon; sisters Hazel Miller, Boardman and Bertha Heald of Scottsdale, Arizona; and 11 grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Oregon Cancer Society.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, was in charge of arrangements.

## Hospital Notes

The following patients were admitted and released from Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner during the past week:

Shawn Holt, Heppner - admitted May 9, released May 10;

Clarence Austin, Heppner - admitted May 9, released May 11; and

Betty Corey, Heppner - admitted May 10, released May 11.

## Public Meetings

**Monday, May 23 - Heppner Fire Department, fire hall, 7:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, May 23 - Heppner Fire Department, fire hall, 7:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, May 25 - Morrow County Court, north Morrow annex, Irrigon, 9 a.m.; Heppner Public Library Board, library, 8 p.m.**

## Former county sheriff has visitors

Carl Bauman of Anchorage, Alaska and Jack and Carol Holt of Portland were visitors this past week at the Heppner residence of former sheriff Clarence J.D. Bauman, who is critically ill.

## Let it be their night

To the editor:  
I have been waiting a whole year to write this letter, in hopes that I could time it right. I hope it will hit in the right place, the right people, and with the right attitude with no hard feelings. So here it goes!

Graduation is to me, one of the most important things in our lives. I will never forget my graduation and I'm sure you remember yours. This night, when graduation takes place is an event that only

happens once in one's life, so I say let's all let it be their night. What I am talking about is small children brought to graduation, who interrupt the programs.

I know that they are cute and all but last year at both Ione and Heppner graduations they interrupted the programs, either the cute little ones running wild and laughing and/or the ones crying and drowning out the valedictorian's speech.

I love little kids and I'm sure most people do, but please, if they are not big enough to sit still and not interrupt, please leave them home. I am sure that the cost of a babysitter for the two hour program will not break anyone. Remember these graduates have worked for this one night for 13 years and their parents and grandparents have a right to hear what they have to say on this, their big night. And I'm sure that the little child that is left at home will never know the difference.

Thank you,  
Charlene Papineau  
Box 461  
Lexington, Oregon

## Not funded through county budget

To the editor:

In a recent article concerning the tax levy, it was stated that, "The proposed budget includes a 3.3 percent cost of living increase for county employees, funding for all county operations, plus operation of Pioneer Memorial Hospital, of the North Morrow Medical Clinic and Ambulance, the County Fair and Rodeo."

The Fair Board would like it known that the County Fair and Rodeo is funded through state racing funds and not the county budget as stated in the newspaper. The Fair and Rodeo stays within the budget allowed from state funds.

The only paid employees are the grounds caretaker and the secretary. Board members, committee members and Fair-Rodeo workers are all volunteers.

Signed,  
Morrow County Fair Board  
By: Ruby Munkers  
Secretary  
Charlie Daly, Chairman  
Merilyn Robinson, vice chairman  
Harold Peck  
Bob McLaughlin  
Pete Richards

## Taking part

To the editor:  
To the People of Morrow County:

On behalf of the Doboszynski family and Hope and Valby Lutheran congregations, thank you, so many of you, for your caring and outpouring of help to the Doboszynski's.

Many articles have stated that the refugees are a Lutheran project. That isn't so. We have sponsored them, but many of you are taking part in helping them become self-sufficient.

The family is deeply appreciative. Thank you all, and keep up the good work.

John S. Maas, pastor  
Hope-Valby Lutheran Parish

## Heppner woman attends Washington conference

Neola Mackey of Heppner recently attended a Regional Community Action Program Conference held in Richland, Wash.

Mrs. Mackey is vice-chairperson of Blue Mountain Economic Development Council, emergency food coordinator for south Morrow

County and is a regular volunteer at the Heppner Neighborhood Center. B.M.E.D.C. Community Action Programs service Morrow, Umatilla, Wheeler, Gilliam and Grant counties.

During the conference she attended workshops on board evaluation and job training.

## Bus seats available for Yakima trip

By BIRDINE TULLIS  
OSU Extension Service  
Morrow Co.

Seats are still available for a chartered bus tour to the Yakima, Wash. area on June 1. Cost for bus is \$12, plus a one dollar charge for a guided tour of the Yakima Nation Cultural Center. Other events are also

being arranged. Anyone interested may join the tour by sending a check for \$13 to the Homemakers Advisory Committee, Box 397, Heppner. Deadline to reserve seats for the trip is May 15.

If the bus is not filled on that date, the trip will be cancelled and money will be refunded.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Express concerns for Workfare

To the editor:

The House Human Resources Committee held a hearing April 28 on House Bill 2920, which would establish a pilot project for Oregon's first community work experience program — also known as Workfare.

The workfare concept originated in 1981, when Congress approved federal legislation allowing states to reform their welfare systems by permitting a work-for-benefit requirement. Simply stated, workfare is a program which requires able-bodied recipients of public assistance to perform purposeful community service in exchange for the benefits they receive.

States were first given the opportunity to develop workfare programs for recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children (A.F.D.C.). In 1982, however, Congress passed legislation enabling states to extend the program to food stamp recipients.

HB 2920 would exclude recipients who are temporarily

unemployed, mothers with children under school age, the elderly, handicapped and those in rehabilitation programs.

Workfare is a progressive concept. It is an alternative to the traditional dehumanizing welfare programs that take away an individual's self-respect and incentive, and gives participants an opportunity to receive the job training and employment history necessary in today's marketplace. It would reduce the burden on taxpayers in two ways. First, through finding permanent employment, and second, when recipients are removed from the welfare rolls for failure to comply with work requirements.

Another positive aspect of the program is the fiscal impact it would have on the state's public assistance fund. In Michigan, one of 20 states with workfare programs, an estimated \$60 million was saved after the project began.

Workfare is not designated to punish people or create a new government watchdog.

### Competitive swimming

To the editor:

With the summer soon approaching and the weather outside finally becoming bearable, summer activities once again come to mind. I am writing this letter to hopefully interest some of you, "that aren't already involved," in the sport of competitive swimming.

Since the age groups range from under six to 18, there is a variety of interests that go into making a swim team. For the younger people, I'd like to interest you parents in offering the opportunity to your child. I can guarantee a few positive points that aren't always present in team sports.

First, and foremost, my emphasis is not solely on winning. As long as someone puts out a good effort, they are a winner, no matter what their finishing place. There will not be the high team pressure placed on the kids to perform. Swimming is as much an individual

sport as a team one, and added pressure is not needed to help someone improve. I would like to see the kids become as good a swimmer as they possibly can, and build a confidence in themselves that will help them in any competition.

For the older swimmer these points also hold true, with a few other added advantages. The physical shape you get in during the summer will probably be the best in your life. If you want to be in shape for a fall sport, be it football or volleyball, meet a lot of new people, and have an excellent time in the process, come out and give the team a try.

If you have any questions about the swim team, get hold of Gary Bruch or Sheridan Tarnasky.

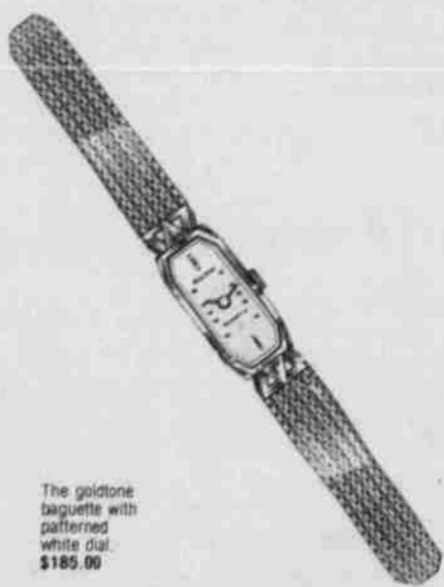
Our starting date will be on or about June 6.

Sincerely,  
Scott McEwen  
Heppner Swim Team Coach



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And it would not displace any current public or private employees. Nor would it undercut existing minimum wage laws — benefits and work would be calculated at full minimum wage, with earnings credited against an individual's welfare check.

Participants in the program would be offered a wide variety of public and private sector opportunities, that would not have been cost-effective otherwise. In fact, one of the primary objectives of the plan is to provide existing social service organizations with the personnel they need to help meet the needs of Oregonians.

The cost to implement the proposed workfare project has not yet been determined by the Director of Human Resources, but much of the administrative expenses would be paid for by the federal government.

Despite the positive impact workfare would have on Oregon, some groups are opposed to the idea because of misconceptions about the program.

One of the most common is the fear that paid employees in low-skilled jobs would be terminated and replaced with welfare recipients. As I mentioned earlier, however, workfare participants would not displace any existing workers. It would be against the law.

I am presently scheduling meetings with representatives from Legal Aid, the Department of Human Resources, the Human Resources Committee and other interested people. Our common goal is to support a bill that would be fair and beneficial to everyone involved.

Additional hearings on HB 2920 will be scheduled within the next two weeks. I encourage you to express your support and/or concerns on this bill to your representative, or the House Human Resources Committee in Salem. They can be reached toll free by dialing 1-800-452-7813.

Sincerely,  
Peg Jolin  
State Representative  
District No. 44

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