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DIANE HANEY CHOSEN MISS MALHEUR COUNTY IN COLORFUL CEREMONY

A blue-eyed golden haired singer from Nyssa was named Miss Malheur County Friday night at the close of nearly a week's activities. Miss Karen Diane Haney, 19, was named winner of the pageant and will now represent Malheur County at Seaside this summer in the Miss Oregon pageant.

Diane is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Haney of Nyssa and is a 1970 graduate of Nyssa High School.

First runner-up, also a Nyssa girl, is Debra Jean Fangen, 19. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fangen. Debra sang an original composition and accompanied herself on the guitar. She is a 1971 graduate of Nyssa High School.

Gloria Jaramillo, 18, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Jaramillo of Ontario, was chosen second runner-up. She did a pantomime to a record. She will graduate from Ontario High School in June.

Other finalists included Lorellyn Hansen of Vale and Pam Skeen of Nyssa.

The new Miss Malheur County was crowned by Nancy Jane Skinner, Jordan Valley, retiring after a year in the position. She also delivered a farewell speech thanking those for giving her the opportunity to participate in the program.

The coveted Miss Congeniality award went to Christine Mangun, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Blodgett of Ontario.

The pageant was staged by the Ontario Chapter of the Jaycees and Radio KSRV. Serving as able master of ceremonies was general Clint Bellows of the "Today in Idaho" TV show.

Special guest at the Miss Malheur County pageant was Lynn Dee Grenz, reigning Miss Oregon, now a student at OSU. She sang several numbers during the evening.

Also making a guest appearance was Miss TVCC Debbie Gillies who will also be in the Seaside competition.

Diane's talent presentation was a song "One Tin Soldier Rides Away". She was accompanied by her high school music instructor, Gary Condon.

The new Miss Malheur County was very active in the music department at Nyssa High School and excelled in solo work. She received a superior rating in district competition and did well at state competition according to Condon. Miss Haney won the "singer of the year" award her senior year and was soloist in the girl's ensemble. She auditioned for a singing group called "Young Americans in Concert" and toured Europe with them in 1971.

Leslie Gulch Use Limited

Malheur county and Bureau of Land Management officials in Vale have issued a plea for cooperation of the public using the Leslie Gulch area in Central Malheur county.

During the spring season the Gulch is readily accessible over county and BLM roads through Succor Creek State Park or from Rockville, Oregon. Predominant activities include sight seeing, rockhounding and fishing in Owyhee Reservoir.

According to Malheur County Judge Ellis White, "the area is composed of fragile slopes and distinctively shaped and colored pinnacles."

George Gurr, Vale District Manager of the Bureau of Land Management, the agency administering the lands in Leslie Gulch, noted that the area has only limited space and does not readily accommodate overnight camping. Sanitary facilities are very limited and campsites or drinking water are not available.

Visitors are urged to limit their activities to day use and remain on the road with vehicles.

Gurr stated that comprehensive recreation planning is scheduled for later this year. Users of this area will be asked to express their desires for future development and plans made for improvements to accommodate the needs.

NYSSA STUDENT WINS OSU AWARD

Twenty-five students in the School of Home Economics at Oregon State University have received special honors and awards.

The newest award for home economics students, the Azalea and Charles Sager \$200 scholarship, went to Ruth Ann McGinley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry McGinley, Nyssa.

The award was established by Mr. and Mrs. Sager of Corvallis, and is to be awarded to a junior or senior in home economics, and preferably a resident of Azalea House, a woman's cooperative.



The new Miss Malheur County, Diane Haney, of Nyssa, is shown with first runner-up, Debra Jean Fangen, right, also of Nyssa; and second runner-up Gloria Jaramillo of Ontario. The girls were finalists in the Miss Malheur County Pageant Friday night in Ontario.

As Miss Malheur County, Diane receives a \$300 scholarship

and a chance to compete for Miss Oregon at Seaside next summer, as well as being official hostess for Malheur County for the ensuing year. Debbie receives a \$150 scholarship as first runner-up, and also received a \$50 special talent award. Miss Jaramillo was awarded \$50 as second runner-up.

Council Buys Two Vehicles

The Nyssa City Council purchased a new police car and a new pick-up truck as part of their busy schedule Tuesday evening at the regular meeting of the council.

Gentry Ford was low bidder on the police car with a bid of \$2,698. The only other bidder was Johannesen-Adams Motors, with a bid of \$2,810 on a Chevrolet.

Wilson Buick Company was low bidder on the half-ton pick-up, with a bid of \$2,635 for a GMC pick-up. Gentry Ford's bid was \$2,749; and Johannesen-Adams Motors bid \$2,793 on a Chevrolet.

The council accepted the budget as presented from the budget board, and set the regular meeting in June for the public hearing on the budget.

Mrs. Olga Johnson and Mr. Larry Silvera talked to the council regarding the proposed operation of a service center and day care center to be opened in Nyssa as soon as suitable quarters can be located.

The council discussed and is seriously considering adoption of the Oregon State Plumbing Code. City manager Fred Koch said that the code requires a licensed plumber on the job and makes certain that good plumbing practices prevail.

Joan Stunz To Graduate From WU

Joan E. Stunz will be among the graduates at the 130th Commencement exercises of Willamette University in Salem on May 14.

Joan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Stunz, Nyssa.

DISCUSSIONS START REGULAR MEETINGS

The 1972 Idaho-Oregon row crop discussion sessions got off to the seasons beginning this past Wednesday, May 3. Some forty row crop growers and fieldmen met to discuss subjects pertinent to the production of row crops in this Treasure Valley Area. This meeting was held in Ontario, at noon at the East Side Cafe.

According to Warren Henninger, Malheur Extension Agent, these meetings will be held during the summer months. All will be held in Ontario at 12:00 noon. The County Extension Service of Malheur County, Oregon and Owyhee County, Idaho are conducting the meetings. All Treasure Valley row crop growers and area fieldmen, shippers and processors are invited to the meetings.

At this first meeting for the 1972 season, Warren Henninger said those in attendance heard discussions on weed control, green peach aphid, and potato irrigation and fertilization.

Luther Fitch, Agronomist at the Malheur Experiment Station, told growers that moisture is needed to activate herbicides and a lack of enough moisture may be a reason for some reported slow herbicide activity. Robert Romanko from the Parma Experiment Station, told the group about experiments being conducted in the Treasure Valley to evaluate the

effects of different levels of nitrogen fertilization and different irrigation regimes on the quality of potatoes for processing. Twenty-one on the farm locations are involved in this experiment with locations stretching from Mountain Home, Idaho to Vale, Oregon.

Mr. Henninger said the early indication on green peach aphid population points to a low incidence of this potato pest during the early part of this season.

Overwintering forms of this aphid and live aphids were not observed this spring on peach trees located in the area. Henninger further said that this aphid travels great distances, and can very easily move into the Treasure Valley from other potato producing areas in the Northwest. Under the supervision of the Malheur Extension Service a green peach aphid survey program will be conducted this season to monitor the movement of this aphid. Henninger said this program will serve as a guide for potato growers in scheduling their aphid control programs.

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Kozak stated that the film will be made available for showing at civic, service and church groups after the television appearance. Persons interested in obtaining a print of the film should contact the commission office in Portland.

Queen Contest Saturday, May 13

All single girls between the ages of 14 to 25 are invited to enter the contest for Queen and Princess for the Twenty-Sixth Annual Nyssa Night Rodeo which will be held at the rodeo grounds in Nyssa this Saturday, May 13, starting promptly at 10 a.m.

Any girl in the area is invited to compete. Clothing apparel is not a factor in the judging so casual western clothing is all that is required. Girls will be judged on horsemanship, showmanship, personality, and appearance.

Sponsor for the queen and her court this year are Howard's Texaco, Nyssa Machine & Welding, Oregon Concrete and Gentry Ford.

The Nyssa Nite Rodeo will be held Friday, July 7 and Saturday, July 8 this year. For further information on the Queen's Contest contact Buster Talbot, chairman, at 889-5854 after 7 p.m.

ISU Professor TVCC Speaker

Dean of Student Affairs, Richard DeBisschop, announced today that Professor Charles Bilyeu of Idaho State University will speak at the 1972 Treasure Valley Community College commencement exercises. The ceremony is scheduled at 8 p.m., June 9, in the college gymnasium.

Bilyeu has been 23 years in the Idaho State University speech department, and is currently a state senator from Bannock County.

School Budget Vote May 15

Nyssa School District voters will go to the polls Monday, May 15 to cast their vote on the 1972-73 operating budget. The sum to be voted on is \$212,459 outside the 6% limitation.

The total budget is \$55,322 greater than the operating budget for the current year. School district officials point out that this amount is less than a 6% increase over the current year, and last year the Nyssa schools were lowest in Oregon on a cost per pupil basis.

Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the multipurpose room of the Primary Building.

Oregon Film On Channel 7

"This Is Oregon", a film showing the scenic beauty of the state plus the economic importance of agriculture, will be shown on KTVB-TV, Channel 7, at 12:30 - 1 p.m., Saturday, May 13, according to Ray Kozak of the Oregon Dairy Products Commission.

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Otto Heider To Receive Degree

Otto W. Heider, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Linegar, Nyssa, is among 182 candidates for degrees at Linfield College commencement on Sunday, May 21.

Heider will receive a Bachelor of Arts degree in Environmental Studies from Linfield.

The commencement speaker will be Senator Henry M. Jackson, Washington, Democratic presidential candidate.

WEATHER

DATE	MAX	MIN
May 3	77	41
May 4	79	44
May 5	76	46
May 6	79	46
May 7	73	37
May 8	66	46
May 9	67	35
May 10		40

Owyhee Reservoir Storage
5/10/72 711,310 Acre Feet
5/10/71 715,000 Acre Feet

FIRST NATIONAL NAMES ROD GEORGE MANAGER, STENKAMP TO PRINEVILLE

Rod George has been named manager of First National Bank of Oregon's Nyssa branch, announced Ralph J. Voss, bank president. He replaces Tom Stenkamp, who is moving to the bank's Prineville branch as manager.

George has been with First National since joining the La Grande branch in 1960 as a commercial teller. He entered the operations field in 1964 and transferred to the Nyssa branch in 1965 as operations officer. He moved to the Merrill branch in 1968 as general loan officer and to the Klamath Falls branch in a similar capacity in 1970. He was named assistant manager there in 1971 and remained until his present assignment.

George is a member of the American Institute of Banking and while in the Klamath Falls area was active in Kiwanis, the Chamber of Commerce, Lion's Club, the Klamath Basin Home Builders Association, the Boy Scouts of America and other youth programs.

Stenkamp was employed by the bank of 1948 and was general loan officer at the South Street branch in Klamath Falls prior to his assignment to the Nyssa branch in 1965 as general loan officer. He was named manager in 1967.

Stenkamp was active in the Nyssa community as president of the Chamber of Commerce, treasurer of the Malheur County United Fund campaign, and as a member of the Nyssa Vo-Ag Council, the Treasure Valley



ROD GEORGE



TOM STENKAMP

Chamber of Commerce, the Nyssa City Council, the City of Nyssa Budget Committee, and the Nyssa Eagles. He is also a former president of the Northeast Oregon Bankers Association.

Mother's Day To Be Observed Sunday, May 14

Mrs. Flora Keck was 81 years old October 10, 1971. She is the mother of 14 children, including three sets of twins. Eleven of her children, two daughters and nine sons are still living, four were born in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

The family moved to Nyssa in 1916. Flora and her husband, Abdul worked for a Mr. Woods, near Ontario. He was foreman of a land-leveling operation and she cooked for the crew. They received room and board plus \$50 a month.

In 1917, the Kecks bought 27 acres on which Mrs. Keck calls "The Island," east of the railroad bridge, near Owyhee Junction. Here they were engaged in farming and Mr. Keck also worked for what was then called the Roadland Company.

She had never been in a hospital until just recently, during a brief illness. "All of my fourteen babies were born at home," she recalls, and pioneer Dr. J. J. Sarazin delivered the ten children that were born in Nyssa. She still laughs about the time Dr. Sarazin was summoned to deliver one of the babies. He traveled to Owyhee Junction by horse and buggy. To save time, he left the horse and buggy at the Junction and crossed by river instead of going the extra six miles around by road, which in those days was quite a distance. Two of the Keck boys had met "doc" to take him across in a canoe.

The Keck family is very close and they get together for reunions. The last was in 1971 and plans are already made for the next one July 1, 1973. The families descend on Nyssa from all four corners. Its like a small town springing up over night with campers, trailers, tents and Kecks all over the place. Groups go golfing, fishing, swimming, rock hunting, to take him across in a canoe.

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Nyssa PTA To Honor Retirees

The Nyssa PTA will hold their last meeting of the season Thursday, May 18 at 8 p.m. in the school cafeteria, according to Mrs. Mel Beck, president.

There will be installation of officers for the year 1972-73 by Mrs. Jeanetta Garner, Malheur County PTA president.

Four, long time members of the Nyssa school staff, who are retiring this year will be honored. They are Mrs. Harriet Brumbach, high school librarian; Miss Marie Coates, junior high teacher; Mrs. Hazel Lane, elementary school teacher; and Mrs. Mary Sallee, district deputy clerk.

Mrs. Beck said the program will consist of winners of the grade school "Spring Fling of Talent" show. Also a musical group consisting of Fred Child, Vickie Coates and Dean Sappe will perform.

A short report on the State PTA Convention held at Sunriver near Bend in April will be given by Mrs. Nellie Wahlert, Mrs. Glenda Barnes and Mrs. Ruth Beck.

Nyssa Queen Contestants



Nyssa was well represented in the Miss Malheur County Pageant Friday night, and these three Nyssa High School seniors displayed beauty, poise and talent in the pageant to earn the applause of the large crowd. They are shown in evening gown competition.

At left is Pam Skeen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Skeen. Pam sang a solo, accompanying herself on the piano, and was chosen one of the five finalists.

Center is Jan Pecora, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wilson. She performed a toe dance.

Julie Jensen, right, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Jensen. She did a novelty song and dance.



"I am the happiest when I can hold one of my grandchildren in my arms" said Mrs. A. H. (Flora) Keck. You can tell this is true by the twinkle in her eyes, as she holds one of her grandsons, Paul, at age nine months. Paul is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Houston Keck of Richland, Washington.