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## NYSSA NITE RODEO

The 26th annual Nyssa Nite Rodeo is all set for Friday and Saturday evenings at the rodeo grounds, and all indications point to one of the best rodeos ever staged in Nyssa.

This will mark the second year that the Nyssa Rodeo Board has sponsored the program, and their experience and increased know-how should make for an outstanding show. Sponsored for many years by different groups in the community, last year they all got together to form the rodeo board which promises to give permanence and continuity to this always interesting and exciting event.

Brought back by popular request this year are the Eh-Capa Riders of Boise. This group of young riders are one of the truly talented riding groups in the Northwest, and perform their intricate maneuvers without benefit of saddles or bridles. They performed here two years ago, but a sudden thunder shower midway through the Friday night show cleared the grandstands for awhile, and many (including us) didn't return for the remainder of the show. Those who did, and those who saw these riders the following evening, had nothing but praise for their horsemanship.

Rodeos are a way of life to many in our western towns, and it is fitting that we here on the route of the Old Oregon Trail help to continue this tradition. Vale just completed their rodeo over the 4th, Weiser held their Hell's Canyon Rodeo a few weeks ago, the famous Nampa Stampede is scheduled later in the month, and throughout the area rodeos will be a popular entertainment feature from now through fair time.

This area has contributed a fair share of the big time rodeo performers, including Dean Oliver, Harry Charters, and many more. We now have a few young fellows in Nyssa who participate actively in rodeos. And this year for the first time a rodeo club was formed in the high school, with nine of its members competing this weekend for the high school championships in Burns.

The Nyssa Nite Rodeo is sanctioned and approved by the Idaho Rodeo Association, and attracts some of the better cowboys in this area. The stock will be furnished by Harry Dixon, Jr. of Star, and he is reported to have outstanding rodeo stock.

Rodeo queen this year will be Nyssa High School sophomore Cindy Sawyer, daughter of the Darrell Sawyers, and her princesses are Jackie Mewhinney of Homedale and Ramona Plaza of Ontario. The fact that ten girls tried out for these honors, and that they were judged by experienced rodeo judges, speaks well not only for their beauty, but their horsemanship.

It takes a lot of hard work to stage an event of this kind. We can best show our appreciation by turning out either Friday or Saturday nights to enjoy a traditional and truly Western event.

## CONSERVATIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

**SUNDAY:**  
 Bible school for all ages at 9:45 a.m. with two classes for adults. Junior high through college will combine for a special study with Breakaway team. Morning service at 11 a.m. Message, "Judging and Discerning." Based on Matthew 7:1-29.

A team of high school and college youth from Scott Memorial Baptist Church of San Diego will conduct a special study and training session for the youth of the church here in preparation for what they call "Breakaway." This Breakaway program is designed to help local youth reach their generation with the gospel of Christ. The study session will begin after lunch at the church. Evening service at 8 p.m. This service will be conducted by the Breakaway team with special music, testimonies and a message by one of the team members.

A "Catacombs Communion" for the Breakaway team and local youth will be conducted at a location to be announced by Pastor Coats at the evening service.

**MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY:**  
 Daytime study and training sessions with the Breakaway team.

Evening "Breakaway Programs" conducted at the church with recreation, skits, singing and refreshments combined for spiritual development. Invitations to the programs will be distributed each day. Watch for team members and ask for an invitation.

**WEDNESDAY:**  
 Midweek service of family Bible study and prayer. You are always welcome at this back-to-the-Bible church.

**Latin Assembly of God Church**  
 Sunday, church activities begin with Sunday School at 10 a.m., followed by worship service, 11 a.m.

Sunday night service, 7:30 p.m.  
 Bible Study every Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.  
 Royal Rangers, every Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.  
 Young people's service, every Thursday, 7:30 p.m.  
 A friendly church with a friendly smile.  
 --Rev. David Martinez, Pastor.

## OBITUARIES

### David Lee Patterson

Graveside services for David Lee Patterson, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Patterson of Nyssa, who died Wednesday June 28 in Forest Grove, Ore., following a long illness, were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 1, at the Nyssa Cemetery. The Rev. Armand Larive of Cove, Oregon officiated under the direction of the High Funeral Chapel, Vale.

He was born on August 3, 1949, at Portola, Calif. and attended schools in Boise and Vale. He graduated from Vale Union High School in 1967. He entered Eastern Oregon College in La Grande and the Oregon College of Education at Monmouth, Ore.

In addition to his parents he is survived by a sister, Barbara Patterson at home; and a brother Dean Patterson of Banks, Ore.

The family suggests memorials be given to the Heart Fund.

### Erma J. Rookstool

Services for Erma J. Rookstool, 42, Route 6, Caldwell, who died of natural causes June 29 at a Caldwell hospital were conducted July 3 at Dakan chapel by the Rev. Roland Schaeleger, Grace Lutheran Church. Interment followed at Canyon Hill.

She was born April 5, 1930, in Delta, Colorado. She moved to Nampa in 1936 and graduated from Parma High School in 1948. She married Robert Rookstool on December 8, 1950, at Winnemucca, Nevada. They have made their home in Caldwell since 1951 where she was a member of the Grace Lutheran Church. She had worked for Mountain State Bell during the past 16 years.

Survivors beside her husband include two daughters, Carol Jean and Loree Rookstool, Caldwell; four brothers, Chester Eason, Union, Oregon, Curtis Eason, Cape Girardeau, Mo., Wallace Eason, Springfield, Missouri, and Samuel Eason, Spokane; three sisters, Violet Etter, Eldorado, Kansas, Eunice Lonz, Colville, Washington and Naomia Freed, Federal Way, Washington and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joy Eason, Addy, Washington.

The family suggests memorials to the Oregon Heart Fund.

### Yuki S. Sato

Services for Yuki S. Sato, 71, Ontario, who died Friday, June 30, as a result of a car-pedestrian accident, were conducted Monday, July 3 at the Community Methodist Church in Ontario by the Rev. Mas Kawashima. Interment was at Evergreen under the direction of the Bertelson-Lienkaemper Memorial Chapel.

Mrs. Sato was born Jan. 25, 1901, in Fukushima, Yoshida, Ken, Japan. She came to the United States and Ontario in 1921 and became a citizen of the United States in 1950. Her husband, Roy Sato, died August 31, 1956, in Ontario.

She was a member of the Community Methodist Church, the Issei WSCS and the Shigin Club.

She is survived by a son, John M. Sato, Los Angeles; four daughters, Mrs. Isam (Mary) Ishida, Pasadena, Calif., Mrs. Glen (Maxine) Morioka, Morgan Hill, Calif., Mrs. Ben (Lolo) Hanada, Seattle, and Mrs. Stan (Rose Ann) Bybee, Ontario; a brother, Keichi Suzuki, Japan; two sisters, Ojin Suzuki, Japan, and Soyo Watanabe, Hilo, Hawaii; 17 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

### Johanna Skinner

Services for Johanna Skinner, 82, Box 216, Jordan Valley, Oregon who died June 30 at a Caldwell hospital was conducted July 3 at Dakan Chapel by the Rev. Roy Thompson, Portland. Interment followed at Canyon Hill.

She was born November 14, 1889, in Scotland and attended school there. She came to the United States in 1909 to visit her uncles in the John Day country of Oregon. She taught school in Riverside, Oregon, Westfall, Oregon, Bully Creek, Oregon, Warm Springs, Oregon and Jordan Valley. She married Kirt Skinner in the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Portland on October 16, 1917.

They lived on a ranch in Jordan Valley during their married years and observed their 50th anniversary in 1967. She returned to teaching during World War II and taught the community's children at her ranch home.

She was a charter member of the Malheur County Co. Belles and was active in community affairs and was an active supporter of the Jordan Valley Community Methodist Church. She was named "Mother of the Year" by the Malheur County Extension Clubs.

Survivors besides her husband include four sons, Robert H. Skinner, Jordan Valley, Kirk Skinner, Houston, Texas, Dan Skinner, Jordan Valley, and John Skinner, Salem, Oregon; two daughters, Mrs. Christine William Moore, Vale, and Johanna Owens, Sherwood, Ore., and 19 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, William Skinner.

The family suggests memorials to the Oregon Heart Fund.

### Marie A. Richards

Marie Argenta Richards, 74, New Plymouth, died at an Ontario hospital Thursday, June 29.

She was born April 15, 1898, at Fullerton, Nebraska. She had lived at Fullerton until 1914, when she moved with her family to Eastern Wyoming. In 1933, she returned to Nebraska and lived there until 1941, when she came to New Plymouth where she has since resided. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

She is survived by four brothers, Harold Richards, Tucson, Arizona, Keith Richards, New Plymouth, Vern Richards, Nyssa and Cecil Richards, Baker, Oregon and several nieces and nephews.

Services were conducted Monday, July 3 at the New Plymouth Shaffer-Jensen Memory Chapel by the Rev. Hayden Abel, pastor of the First Baptist Church. Interment was at Park View.

## Home Builders Must Register

As of July 1, Oregon home builders, home remodelers and subcontractors must be registered with the State, reminds Ralph Rogers, coordinator, Oregon State University extension housing education program.

The registration requirement was passed by the 1971 Oregon Legislature, which also established a Builders Board to administer the law. With the new law, Oregon joins 33 other states which have similar regulations.

"Facts on the New Oregon Builder and Subcontractor Registration Law" is the title of a new circular just published by the OSU Extension Service in cooperation with the Oregon Builders Board in an effort to help explain the new regulations.

The folder explains who must register, why registration is important, and gives examples of specialty subcontractors who must be registered. Copies of the folder are available from County Extension Offices.

Registration forms, application blanks and additional information about the law may be obtained by contacting the Builders Board, State Department of Commerce, 204 Commerce Building, Salem 97310, or from Department of Commerce field offices in Coos Bay, Eugene, Medford, Pendleton, or Portland, Rogers explains.

## SEVENTH DAY CHRISTIANS

Services every Sabbath, 56 Main Street, Nyssa.  
 Saturday - Sabbath Lesson 10 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
 Mid-week service, Tuesday 7:30 p.m.  
 Every one welcome. Lloyd and Bernice Pounds.

## Missionary Baptist Church

Sunday School, classes for all ages 9:45 a.m.  
 Morning Worship, 11 a.m. (Special music each Sunday)  
 Sunday evening, BTC, 7 p.m.  
 Song Service, 7:30 p.m.  
 Bible Message by Pastor Smith, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Bible study, 8 p.m.  
 Choir practice, 8:30 p.m.  
 Everyone welcome to any or all services.  
 --Dearl Smith, Pastor.

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday School, classes for all ages 9:45 a.m.  
 Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m.  
 Tuesday, (during the summer months) CYF for Jr. High and High School youth, 6:30 p.m.  
 Jesus' Followers, 5th and 6th graders, 6:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday, Choir practice, 7 p.m.; Bible study, 8 p.m.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all of our friends for the cards and other kind expressions of sympathy extended to us at the time of the loss of our loved one.  
 --Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bennett and family, Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Kniefel and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Robins and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dotson

ker, Oregon and several nieces and nephews.

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## Letters to the Editor

Editor, The Journal:

Eleven months ago at this time of year I was making the best of my vacation on the border of the Mediterranean Sea, waiting with the spirit of a Christian to be fed to the lions, and for the beginning of the school year. America was only an occasional thought that brought anger and frustration, since after being granted a scholarship, I would not be placed due to lack of families. But on one of those days when past and future seem crystallized in the slow flow of time, the magic of that precarious balance was broken by the ring of the telephone. As a result of that call (it was my mother that informed me that a family had been found). A few hours later I was back in Florence frantic in the attempt to meet a deadline of five days and leave for the United States, with the required documents, visa and other red tape, junk. My destination Nyssa, and so much I didn't know what to expect.

I arrived in Boise two days after getting on and off jets and arriving with my hours completely messed up and there I met the Jensens. The day after I was in school, and I didn't know if Nyssa was real, or just a crazy dream. So fast and suddenly had things happened that I did not know what was going on and I was so shocked I can only recall confusion from that period. Pretty soon homesickness came, and that was the first time I could realize what a beautiful family I had gotten into.

The Jensens did everything in their power, and evermore they showed much affection and love for me that my homesickness did not last long and did not suffer anymore that year. I think that was the worst part of the year, but the most challenging and for the first time I really had to face problems by myself. This assuredly was one of the most interesting parts of the experience, because it gives an insight into yourself and forms your character and makes you proud and confident of your possibilities.

School especially was new for me, the more relaxed attitude between kids and teachers, the games, dances. There were 400 new friends just waiting for a chance to meet me. Also I started liking the community and its people after the shock, when I found out how small it was compared to my people's hometown. I soon liked being the center of attention and seeing how everybody was trying to be friendly and kind to me.

At the beginning I had failed to realize that I was here mostly for giving and not taking. This is also something that is part of "AFS Spirit" that you don't get automatically being an exchange student, but gradually as you proceed in the experience eager to open yourself to whatever comes along, and not to get stuck on small problems.

By this time I started getting around with other exchange students of the area, first for AFS night in Nyssa and then for programs and speeches in Boise, Baker, Caldwell, etc. All of this was really a blast. It is hard to describe what you feel when you have been close with other kids that are sharing your same experience, a handful of boys and girls from all the corners of the world with whom you share ideals and hopes. You really feel like you are out of the world, a world so much more yours because you know that those you're sharing it with are like you no matter where they live.

So program by program I also learned what sportsmanship means and I found myself going on stage with my guitar in front of 2,000 kids. I remember the nervousness of the first times, and the confidence that took its place later, and evermore the flattering autograph signing sessions afterwards. It will be hard to get back to normality, that is relative enormity.

All this happened about three months ago and I had already absorbed the American cultures and ways of life to the point that I had a hard time speaking on the telephone to my folks in Italy. Even now that I am about to go back I can't help being a little apprehensive about my place back in Italy, in an environment although familiar is now different for me and full of "ifs", most of which I thought full of excessive thinking.

I know that I will have treasures to take back with me; a message of understanding that I think that I have learned well and that I will share with all the people I meet. And you don't know how important a part of this message (you that are reading this letter).

Yes, you along with all the other people that make up this fantastic community of Nyssa; and this country, and also my fantastic family, the Jensens, that have got to be the nicest, most beautiful people on this side of the world. I leave behind with regrets many dear friends, but to them as to you all that are not less dear to me, I can say besides the most deeply felt "Thank You" is "Arrevederci!"

—Sincerely,  
 Ferdinando Chirici

## Sidewalk Sale To Be Held At St. Paul's

The St. Paul Episcopal Church will be holding a sidewalk sale Thursday and Friday, July 6 and 7 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Church located at 5th and Bower Street.

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