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Thunderegg Capital

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NYSSA THUNDEREGG DAYS ATTRACTS VISITORS FROM MANY STATES-CANADA

The Seventh Annual Thunderegg Days program in Nyssa was officially under way Wednesday morning, although it was reported that approximately 30 units were already in the area waiting to park at the South Park the day before the official signing up Wednesday morning. Spaces are assigned to each party. Visitors are assigned stakes with their names on them when they register, which are used to reserve their spaces while out rock hunting.

Guided tours got underway Wednesday morning at 7 a.m. to the main rock areas.

The three areas are Succor Creek area south of Nyssa to hunt Thundereggs. Graveyard Point near Homedale for Plume Agates, or Petrified Wood in the Bully Creek area near Vale. Guided tours will also leave the park area Friday and Saturday mornings at the same time.

Chairman Wayne Moncur, assisted by Bernard Eastman, has everything in readiness for the visitors, which are arriving in record numbers. Chamber of Commerce members are assisting the committee by taking care of the registration booth. The Nyssa Jaycees and Lion's Club are co-sponsoring the barbecue this year. The barbecue will be held in the South Park today, Thursday, August 3, starting at 6:30 p.m. The meal will feature barbecued beef, corn on the cob, baked potatoes, rolls, coleslaw, milk, orange drink or coffee and ice cream. Nyssa merchants have tickets for sale or they may be purchased at the dinner. Prices are \$1.75 for adults, \$1.00 for

children 6 to 12 and under 6, free if accompanied by parents. Friday, starting at 6:30 until the ice cream is gone, there will be an old-time ice cream social at the "Y" at the west end of Main Street. Extra "yummy" homemade ice cream and cake, coffee or punch for 50¢. As an added attraction this year, the Waymark Singers will be rendering songs from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The event is widely advertised in different rockhound magazines, with the committee receiving more than 200 letters which were personally answered. The letters came from approximately 30 states and many from Canada. Each magazine reaches a wide segment of rock-hunting enthusiasts. As the event grows in popularity we find that many rockhounds hear about Nyssa also from visiting with other rockhounds.

Rock and gem displays can be seen in the old gym at the "Y" on Main Street each day from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and on Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. Many other types of hobbies and interesting displays are featured. From all reports this will be one of the biggest displays the Thunderegg Days have ever presented.

Tail-gating (the buying and selling of rocks) will again be permitted, with these rigs in the lot in front of the gym. This will enable visitors to accumulate rocks from areas where they might not be able to secure them otherwise.

There is no admission charge for any of these events, and all visitors and townspeople are urged to come out and see some of these valuable collections.

Chavez New Navy Recruiter

Chief Boatswain's Mate Max Chavez, USN has arrived at the Navy Recruiting Branch Station in Ontario where he will assume the duties of the Recruiter in Charge. He replaces former Navy man Tim Gallagher who is now seeking a state office. The new assignment again brings to the Ontario area two full time Navy Recruiters.



A veteran of 28 years of Naval Service Chief Chavez arrives from duty at the U.S. Naval Training Center in San Diego, California where he served as a recruit company commander and instructor to new recruits who enter the Naval Service for the first time. He

describes the duty as some of the most challenging and yet most rewarding duty of his career.

The early part of his Navy life was spent during World War II when he served two years of active duty in the South Pacific on ships and units of the famed 3rd Fleet. He took part in the Philippine Liberation and Okinawa Campaigns following up with the occupation of the enemy held port city of Shanghai, China. The remainder of his career has been spent on various other ships and stations throughout the Pacific areas.

Chief Chavez and wife Rita have five children, and they will arrive during the month of August and plan to make their home in Ontario.

Along with his past experiences and more recent duty involving recruit training, Chief Chavez has a wealth of information and experience to share among young people with whom he is concerned with. He feels that there are many young men, and women in the area, who are not aware of the many opportunities available to them both in and out of Military services.

Chief Chavez invites all interested persons to contact him at the Navy Recruiting Office located at 67 S. W. 2nd Avenue in Ontario, Oregon, Telephone number 889-8384.

Rock Show Readied



E.H. "Shorty" Brandt, one of the area's leading rock collectors and exhibitors, is being assisted by "Rocky Joe", center, a Rockhound from Willowcreek, and Wayne Moncur, right, general chairman of Nyssa's Thunderegg Days. They are preparing the exhibits in the Old Gym, and the show will run from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. each day and Sunday until 6 p.m. Many say it is the finest collection of rocks and gems seen anywhere, and is visited by thousands each year.

Rockhounds Gather For Annual Thunderegg Days



Rockhounds come from 28 states and 5 Canadian provinces to attend Nyssa's Thunderegg Days this year, according to Wayne Moncur, general chairman of the affair. Relaxing and visiting in the South Park Tuesday afternoon were these four groups, some of the early visitors to arrive and get settled. The upper left photo shows Robert Russell, Bob Mansell and Maggie Russell, all from Independence, Missouri.



Lower left is John and Ann Simmons, Riviera, Arizona; Ray Davis, Quartzsite, Arizona; and Ann and Earl Kirchgatter, Tucson, Arizona. Upper right are Mary and Pete Conner, Orange Cove, Calif.; George French, Santa Cruz, Calif.; Gertrude and Joe Halama, Three Lakes, Wisconsin; and Katherine Hille, Sanford, Florida. Lower right, Erick Arvidson, Spokane, Wash., is visiting with Irene and Paul Christman of Lewiston, Idaho.

Nissan Dies In Accident

Wayne Takami, 23, of Nyssa was killed July 27 when the brakes failed on a truck loaded with bricks, one-half mile from Kendrick, Idaho. Takami was driving a 2 1/2 ton truck down a grade at 6:18 p.m. on Idaho 99 when the brakes faded.

He was a summer art instructor at TVCC. The art students were following in another vehicle when the accident occurred. The bricks in the truck were to be used for their art project.

The truck traveled broadside 254 feet, went over an embankment and tumbled 483 feet before it came to rest on its top. A passenger, Keith Marple, 37, Ontario, was reported in good condition at a hospital in Lewiston, suffering from cuts and bruises.

NIXON COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN NAMED

The leaders of the Malheur County Committee for the Re-election of President Nixon have been appointed by the State of Oregon committee headed by Congressman Wendell Wyatt. Robert F. Smith of Burns, Speaker of the Oregon House of Representatives, is the District Chairman of the Committee. Malheur County co-chairmen are Mrs. Joe (Irene) Hobson of rural Nyssa and Ontario, Mrs. Gus (Teddy) Tanaka of Ontario, and Gene Stunz of Nyssa. The local committee is now organizing and invites all local citizens to participate in the campaign. Especially invited are the young people of the County, including those not yet 18, and registered Democrats who do not agree with the revolutionary proposals of Senator McGovern.

The county leaders of the Nixon campaign ask anyone interested in helping them re-elect the president, to call any one of them and join their ranks.

TVCC Students Named

New students accepted for the 1972-73 school year's fall term at TVCC are Hollie Ballou, Nyssa who will major in law enforcement; and Lisa Sykes, Nyssa in General Education.

WEATHER

DATE	MAX	MIN
July 27	94	58
July 28	97	56
July 29	98	56
July 30	100	57
July 31	98	59
Aug. 1	95	59
Aug. 2	95	60

Owyhee Reservoir Storage
8/2/72 580,629 Acre Feet
8/2/71 605,120 Acre Feet

Assessor Says Farm Land Valued At Farm Use

Malheur County Assessor Pierce said that early last spring news releases from the Assessor's office directed attention to the fact that the 1971 Legislation required bona-fide farm lands be valued on a farm use basis rather than market value for assessment purposes when actual zoning of the county farm lands does occur. It was further explained that owners had the option of using the farm use value assessment prior to zoning and to do so had to apply for assessment as unzoned farm lands by April 1st of each year. The April deadline is past, the applications for deferral of taxes has been processed, the deferrals or farm use values computed and the following results presented for your information.

Pierce said that approximately 750,000 acres of the 1,380,000 acres of farm and range lands on the county assessment roll are being assessed at farm use value in the 1972 assessment year. This figure compares with approximately 600,000 acres in the 1971 year and reflects a 150,000 acre increase.

The approximate market value or true cash value of these 750,000 acres is \$36,000,000 and the farm use value is \$27,000,000. The actual taxes in dollars that owners have chosen to defer payment on is approximately \$180,000. This \$180,000 when related to all taxes assessed in Malheur County in the 1971 assessment -- some \$5,700,000 -- reflects

Art Display At Library

Jose Luis Rodriguez is the featured artist at the Nyssa Public Library during the month of August. Titles of some of his artwork currently on display are "Sorrow", "Head of Saint Anne", "Suffering" and "Aztec Calendar". Jose has used charcoal and felt-pen ink in creating his drawings.

The nineteen year-old artist was born in Mexico and attended school there. He moved with his family three years ago to Nyssa and is currently an accountant for Community Health Clinics, Incorporated and is working in Boise.

Jose has been drawing as a hobby since he was six years old. But his only art instruction has been a class in charcoal and one in water color from Pete Stark, instructor at Treasure Valley Community College.

The artist is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Apolonio Rodriguez, also of Nyssa. His paintings may be viewed during regular summer library hours.

Farm Bureau Asks For New Revenue Source

Oregon Farm Bureau 1st Vice President Waldron Johnson, in response to Governor Tom McCall's recent statement condemning Farm Bureau's property tax proposal, said that the Governor and other critics of Ballot Measure #9 are "looking at the issue through the small end of the horn".

The Farm Bureau spokesman concluded that "alternative sources of revenue can only be fairly considered after we have substantially reduced the tremendous burden that has accrued to property owners."

Johnson said that Farm Bureau is willing to cooperate with other organizations and government entities in recommending alternative methods of financing school operational costs, for another year.

Singleton said his organization felt the auditor should be rotated every three years and suggested a penalty clause be written into the contract. "We aren't questioning John Fowler's capabilities but the audit has been late for the past seven years," he said. "The books were in such a mess at first, no one could do much with them." Ball declared noting that as the years progressed, Fowler suggested many things which have helped the school.

Emery Skinner, president of TVCC, traced much of the trouble to the fact that until recently, there was no community college code spelling out what was to be done and when. He said this is now set up. Foreign student tuition was set at \$430 per quarter plus fees.

TVCC Becomes Accredited

Notice of accreditation, a summer school report, and selection of an auditor for TVCC were the major items of business for the TVCC board of education meeting July 26. Edwin Haynes, dean of instruction, said the school received notice recently that its programs have been accepted by the Commission on Higher Schools. The report said "The commission was pleased with actions that have been taken at Treasure Valley regarding the suggestions included in the 1970 report." The report was made indicating summer enrollment is down from last year, because of the very limited number of academic classes offered this year. Dean Haynes noted that the greatest enrollment in the summer this year has been in the short term classes such as art. Haynes also reported that by reducing the offering for summer school, salaries were also reduced. "In the summer term we fulfill the obligations of a community college to the community better than at any other time," he said. Business Manager Jim Roberts reported to the board that

HIGH SCHOOL RODEO TO BE HELD FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHTS

The Nyssa Rodeo Board is sponsoring an Invitational High School Rodeo to be held Friday and Saturday, August 4 & 5 at 8 p.m. at the Nyssa rodeo grounds. It is being staged this year as an addition to the Thunderegg Days program and will give many visiting rockhounds a chance to see good, fast high school rodeo.

The Invitational includes Oregon and Idaho District #2 rodeo members. This will be the first and only time that high school rodeo members are able to compete against each other from the two states. The only other opportunity they have is at the National Finals once a year when all the states compete.

Events will be bull riding, bareback and saddle bronc riding, calf, team, and breakaway roping, bull dogging, pole bending, barrel racing and goat tying. Tuesday morning there were 193 entries entered thus far. Belt buckles will be given to the first three places in events. A team trophy will be

given to the school team with the most points.

Kenny Hansen of New Plymouth will announce the rodeo. Ralph Stevens will furnish regular rodeo stock for the youngsters to compete on. Clowns will also be furnished by Stevens.

High school rodeos are a fairly new sport in our area. Perhaps they aren't as swave as the professionals but if you want to see a show where boys and girls give their all in grit, friendliness and sportsmanship, come and enjoy the show Friday and Saturday evenings. These kids receive no pay, just the chance to win a belt buckle perhaps, or to hear someone cheer them on in the grandstands.

There is an admission charge for the rodeo.

County Court Discusses Salary

Malheur County Court and Budget Committee met to determine what appropriation should be taken in reference to the order filed June 8, 1972 by Circuit Judge Jeff D. Dorroh directing the county to pay a salary of \$500 per month to Secretary Donna C. Calhoun. It was determined that it was not appropriate at this time to pursue legal proceedings against the order.

The County Court and members of the Committee have concluded that the local budget and local control of expenditures to the tax revenue limit inherent judicial authority claimed by the Judge in issuing the order have therefore directed the court and auditor to pay a salary of \$415 per month as approved in budget hearings held earlier this year. County Court and Budget Committee will await development before determining what action or reaction will be taken by the Court in the matter. The Court met August 3.

Savings Bonds Show Strength

Monthly statistics issued by the United States Treasury Department credited Oregon residents with an investment of \$24,435,652 in United States Series E and H Savings Bonds during the first six months of 1972, State Chairman Thomas Pradaux announced today.

The six months total accounted for 61 percent of the \$39,900,000 Oregon state goal for 1972. The really impressive point in this figure is that thirty-one of Oregon's thirty-six counties exceeded the state average, indicating the statewide interest in United States Savings Bonds.

Malheur County sales to date are \$189,333 or 76% of the 1972 goal, according to Jim Leslie, County Chairman.

Temporary Unemployment Compensation Ends

Ross Morgan, Administrator, Oregon Employment Division reported here today that the Division is notifying all persons receiving Temporary Unemployment Compensation that this is the last week for which these benefits can be paid. These TUC benefits have been provided for 26 weeks in Oregon under the Federal Emergency Unemployment Compensation Act of 1971, as amended. The 26th week of compensation as provided under the Act in Oregon ends on July 29.

The EUC Act provided that a Temporary Compensation period shall begin whenever the

rate of unemployment reaches a certain level and shall end whenever that rate falls below the prescribed level, but for a minimum of 26 consecutive weeks. The rate of unemployment fell below the prescribed level of 6.5 percent in May, 1972, and the 26th week of Oregon's temporary compensation period is the week ending July 29, so that such benefits can be paid only through this week.

Morgan added that regular unemployment benefits under State law will continue to be paid under the usual conditions for those qualifying.

School District Administrators



Leota Kreigh, left, and Bernice Ableman will direct the work in the administrative office of School District No. 26 in the future. Mrs. Kreigh will assume the duties of Deputy Clerk, replacing Mary Sallee who is retiring after serving the district for 24 years. Mrs. Ableman will take Mrs. Kreigh's place as administrative secretary.

Mrs. Kreigh has been in the office three years. Her husband Dick farms in the Adrian area, her daughter Karla is Mrs. Glenn Palmer, and their son Steve is a recent Adrian High School graduate and also farms in the Adrian area.

The Joe Ableman's have returned to Nyssa where Joe is territory manager for White Farm Equipment in the states of Oregon and Idaho. They live at 507 Thompson Avenue.

Their oldest son Glenn is with Truss Joist in Sacramento, California. Jim is in the U.S. Navy in Washington, D.C. Jerri is Mrs. Michael Cummings, and lives in Cheney, Washington. Gayle will attend TVCC next year, and Scott will be a senior at Nyssa High School.