

# Nyssa Gate City Journal

## COUNTY FAIR STARTS WED., OUTSTANDING ENTERTAINERS FEATURED

Entertainment is the key word when the Malheur County Fair opens on August 16th according to Gordon Capps, Chairman of the Board. Area residents will be given an opportunity to participate in the SILVER DOLLAR FUN TIME sponsored by the Board under the direction of the Malheur County 4-H Advisory Committee.

Capps said that a number of events are planned with silver dollar awards. Open to all interested horsemen ages 9 to 19 are such events as the Ribbon Race, Surry Race, Relay Race with four to a team, and the riding for Dollars race. Other events are planned for the Silver Dollar Fun Time which is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 16.

A number of well-known TV and Singing stars are featured in this year's fair entertainment. Two performances at 2:30 p.m. and again at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday will star Hank Thompson with the Brazos Valley Boys and Grandpa Jones. Hank Thompson and his group have been the No. 1 Western Swing Band for 13 consecutive years and Hank Thompson has had over thirty records that have sold over a million each. Along with the Brazos Valley Boys is Curtis Potter, a recording artist with Dot Records.

Country music lovers all know Grandpa Jones who has appeared on many television programs such as "Hee Haw" and is a long-time star of the Grand Ole Opry.

Friday's performances at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. will headline

JoAnn Castle and guest star Eddy Fukano. JoAnn is an accomplished vocalist and an accordionist as well as pianist. Long a favorite on the Lawrence Welk show she is probably best known for her honky-tonk style of piano playing.

Popular in his native country of Japan as a country vocalist, Eddy Fukano is now a well-known personality in the United States. An excellent musician, he also adds comedy to his talents which include yodeling as well as singing.

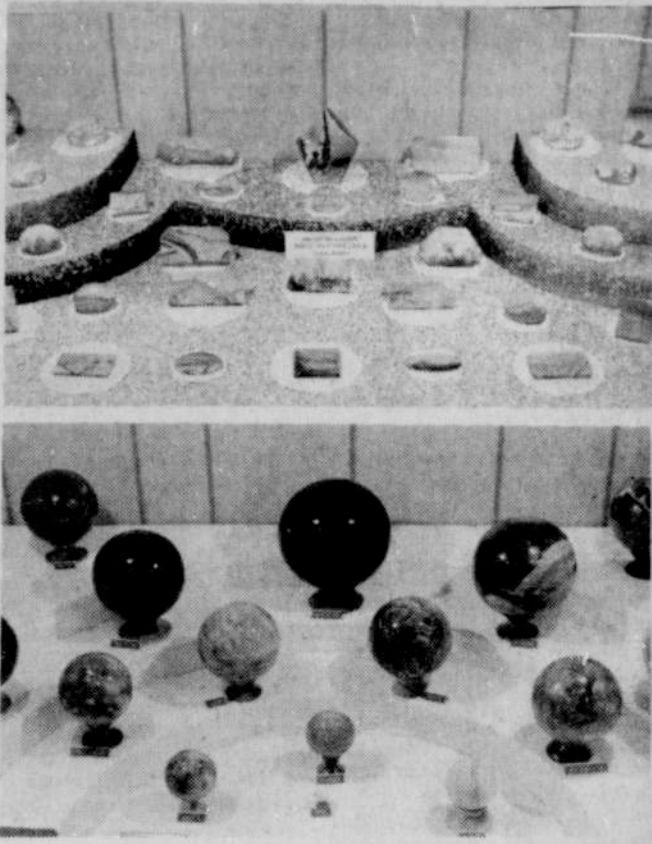
A number of gospel singing groups in the Treasure Valley Area will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday evening, August 19th, to round out four full days of outstanding entertainment.

Capps stated that all this entertainment is available for \$1.00 per person age six and over. Admission is by a fair button which is being sold now by 4-H and FFA groups as well as local banks and chambers of commerce.

Along with the entertainment a number of area businesses and organizations are cooperating to make this one of the biggest fairs Malheur County has had. Capps said that a number of farm equipment and trucking and automotive displays will be on exhibit as well as a boat display. He said that livestock entries are being received and that the home economics and land products divisions are being lined up.

He urged everyone to participate either as an exhibitor or a fairgoer or both.

## Large Crowds Visit Nyssa's Rock Show



FOUR OF THE MANY OUTSTANDING DISPLAYS at the Rock Show last week, attended by over 5,600 persons during Nyssa's 7th annual Thunderegg Days. Chairman Wayne Muncie said that this was the best event ever, and most visiting rockhounds were more generous, many saying that "this was the best show in the country."

Upper left is the spectacular display of Owyhee Picture Rock prepared by E. H. "Shorty" Brandt.

Lower left is the display of spheres by Bob Jackson, also of Nyssa.

Upper right is a display of thundereggs in every conceivable shape and form by Bill Drover, Nyssa.

Bob Wertz, Nampa, was the exhibitor of this beautiful display in the lower right picture.

Cases of the valuable and picturesque rock displays filled the old gym, with traders and commercial dealers parked outside.

## SCHOOLS OPEN AUGUST 28 WITH PRE-REGISTRATION FOR GRADE STUDENTS

Nyssa schools will open early this year, with the first day of school to be Monday, August 28. Classes will run just to noon Monday, with the first full day of classes on Tuesday.

High school principal Gene Chester said that high school students will register on the first day of school rather than a pre-registration as in past years. This will allow students and parents to complete their vacations or work, as the case may be.

Chester said that physical examinations are required for Freshmen students. The fee schedule will be announced later, but will be much the same as last year.

Junior high principal Dan Martin said that the 7th and 8th grade students will also register on the first day of school. Both principals emphasize that students should know their complete address, and the distance they live from school.

and may be paid at the time of registration.

Beginning students must have a physical examination, using the Goldenrod form. These are available at the local doctor's office, or at the school administration office, and when completed are filed in the county health office.

Teachers will return to school on August 21 for a week of in-service and preparation for the school year. Wednesday, August 23, at noon in the cafeteria will be the annual luncheon put on by the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce for teachers and school employees.

All three principals and secretaries have returned to work, and further information may be received by calling them at their respective schools.

## BLM WEATHER STATION DAMAGED

U.S. government weather measuring instruments and the structures housing them have been severely damaged by vandals, George R. Gurr, manager of the Vale District, Bureau of Land Management, said today.

Melvin Munn, elementary principal, said that registration for youngsters entering the first grade will be held Thursday and Friday, August 17 and 18, at the Primary Building, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Parents are urged to register these children in advance so that delay and confusion are avoided later. All other students will register on the first day of school.

Munn said that each beginner must have his birth certificate with him. There will be a \$1.75 registration fee which will provide all of the year's supplies except for physical education equipment. School insurance for elementary students is \$2.50.

Gurr said the damage was found when Max Olson, fire control technician for the district, went to take the daily weather readings and found that someone had shot through the structures several times, damaging them and the delicate instruments enclosed. The weather station is located two miles south of Vale.

Daily weather data is computed and sent into the National Weather Reporting Service where it is coordinated with similar information from other areas to arrive at the all important fire weather danger ratings. This data is also used for other scientific and agricultural purposes.

## TVCC Accepts Nyssa Students

The following Nyssa students have been accepted for the Fall Term, 1972-73, at Treasure Valley Community College.

Peter Morgan, will major in Agriculture.

Janet Pecora will major in Secretarial Science.

Cruz Ribera will major in Secondary Education.

Maria Sifuentes will major in General Education.

## SMITH APPOINTED DELEGATION WHIP

Governor Tom McCall today appointed House Speaker Robert F. Smith of Burns as whip for the Oregon delegation to the Republican National Convention in Miami Beach later this month.

McCall is chairman of the delegation and was asked by Robert Dole, national Republican party chairman, to appoint a member of the delegation to the post.

The whip has the responsibility of assuring that the delegates are on the convention floor at the proper time to cast their votes.

## BLM Asks For Bentonite Bids

Bids are now being solicited for 180 tons of bentonite delivered to the warehouse of the Bureau of Land Management here, George R. Gurr, district manager, announced this week.

Specifications ask for the bentonite to be delivered in 50 or 100 pound paper or plastic bags, on wooden pallets. The bentonite, a clay which expands when wet, is mixed with soil and used to seal stock water reservoirs.

Bids will be received in the BLM's Portland Service Center until 2:00 p.m. August 14, 1972.

Bids are requested from small business concerns only, Gurr said.

## BLOOD DRAWING ON AUGUST 23

Blood donors are reminded of a blood drawing on August 23. More details later.

## B&M Equipment Co. Schedules Open House

B & M Equipment Co. has scheduled an open house for all farmers in this area on Saturday, August 19. Mr. Les Burbank, owner of the Nyssa firm says they will unveil Generation Two, the biggest advance in tractors since John Deere introduced the New Generation Tractors twelve years ago.

Mr. Burbank recently attended a two-day meeting at Waterloo, Iowa, where the new line was introduced to all John Deere dealers. He said their enthusiasm was very high, particularly after he and other dealers had operated the new tractors. While he cannot discuss specific details until the August 19 announcement, Mr. Burbank says it will be every farmer's advantage, especially from a health and comfort standpoint, to attend the open house and learn all the facts about the new John Deere Tractors.

The open house will begin at 9 a.m. and will last all day. Refreshments will be served and door prizes will be awarded.

## TAKAMI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP STARTED

A special memorial scholarship fund for a ceramics student at Treasure Valley Community College has been established at TVCC in remembrance of Wayne Y. Takami.

Wayne, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Takami of Nyssa, was killed July 27 in an accident while on a field trip with the college's summer art program.

He was a student at Oregon State University in Corvallis majoring in art and was an instructor of the art program at TVCC this summer.

He had traveled to northern Idaho with several others involved with the program to pick up some clay to use in the classes as well as some "super-brick" he'd heard about for a kiln he was making. This brick had been over-fired and consequently wasn't suitable for the manufacturer's needs, but for a kiln, it was excellent.

Wayne was driving the truck, loaded with the bricks and clay, down the hill from Troy, Idaho when the brakes on the truck failed. According to Keith Marple who was in the truck with Wayne, he was attempting to shift down the gears on the truck but lost control of it and after skidding a distance went over the cliff. Wayne was thrown out of the truck and was killed.

Marple remained inside the truck until it came to rest on its top. He was then taken to a Lewiston hospital where he was treated for a broken shoulder and other injuries.

According to those working with Wayne in the summer art program, he was very committed to art and ceramics and was a fine ceramicist. Anyone interested in contributing to the memorial scholarship fund can do so by sending their contribution to Al Carr's office at TVCC and should specify that it is for the fund.

## '72 Thunderegg Days Best Yet

Nyssa's Seventh Annual Thunderegg Days ended Sunday after a busy five day run.

This year was the largest gathering yet. Over 5,600 persons checked in at the rock show. Well over 1,000 more than in previous years.

People from twenty-nine states, Canada, Japan, Scotland and the Carolina Islands were represented.

The rock show had approximately 70 various displays this year. All were very interesting and fascinating, and one could easily spend hours at each display. As busy as it was, all the participants still had time to tell about their displays and their histories.

Both the barbecue and ice cream social hosted large crowds, despite the hot weather.

## Western Bank Shows Growth

Total assets of Western Bank, home office Coos Bay, reached \$74,358,633.00 as of June 30, 1972, according to Western Bank president A. W. Sweet. That figure represents a 27% increase in total assets since June 30, 1971.

Sweet added that Western Bank's total deposits also showed a 27% gain for the same period, bringing them to \$65,458,904. Total loans made by all Western Bank branches increased 26% bringing the loan figure to \$43,774,887 for the one year period.

The growth rate, considered "quite healthy" by bank president Sweet, occurred after a merger with a Clatskanie bank, but, Sweet said, the new figures reflect growth among Western Bank's other branches as well.

Headquartered in Coos Bay, Western Bank has branch offices in Baker, Bandon, Brookings, Cave Junction, Clatskanie, Coos Bay's Empire District, another branch in Coos Bay, Gold Beach, La Grande, North Bend, and Ontario.

## Money Appropriated For County Mental Health

Oregon House Speaker Robert F. Smith of Burns said this week that more than \$200,000 has been appropriated by the State Emergency Board to provide expanded mental health services for Malheur County residents.

Smith, who is Co-Chairman of the Board, said the funds will permit the employment of 14 additional staff members to provide increased services in Malheur County.

Smith said the principal feature of the program will be the establishment of a core team to provide consultative, diagnostic and treatment services to counties which presently have limited or no mental health services.

The new services, Smith said, will be provided through a variety of public and private agencies.

Smith said it is expected that local hospitals, schools, public and private child care agencies, medical centers, mental health clinics, law enforcement and judicial bodies will participate in the program to provide more responsive and more effective mental health treatment.

Smith said that \$156,000 of the appropriation will come from federal funds. The State and Malheur County will each provide \$8,800 and \$29,000 will come from other local sources.

## Forest Fire Danger High

Rainless July has produced tinder dry forests and grazing lands in Oregon that could be ignited by lightning or carelessness at any time. Many visitors, sportsmen and vacationists in the area are not aware of this vulnerable situation reports the Keep Oregon Green Association.

Law Enforcement officers, Highway Department Parks Personnel and other public employees who come in daily contact with the public in our forest lands are urged to kindly advise them of the necessity for added caution while in the area.

Law Enforcement officers are urged by the Keep Oregon Green Association to be on the alert to observe persons discarding burning material from their cars along the highway and to take prompt action.

## Practical Nursing Program Changes

The Treasure Valley Community College Practical Nursing Advisory Committee has approved a significant change in the nursing program which will go into effect with the enrollment of the 1973-74 class. The class will enroll and begin their studies in June of 1973 and will graduate at the spring commencement. In the past the girls began in September and completed the following August.

The new schedule will require that applications be submitted from January to a probable closing date of May 1. High school students wishing to enroll right after graduation would make application midway through their senior year.

## WEATHER

DATE	MAX	MIN
Aug. 3	89	57
Aug. 4	95	52
Aug. 5	99	51
Aug. 6	101	54
Aug. 7	102	57
Aug. 8	105	57
Aug. 9		61

Owyhee Reservoir Storage:  
8/9/72 560,100 Acre Feet  
8/9/71 585,710 Acre Feet



AREA RESIDENTS joined with visiting Rock Hounds Thursday evening to enjoy the barbecue in South City Park. The large crowd

was served by the Nyssa Jaycees and the Nyssa Lions Club.



PART OF THE LARGE CROWD who enjoyed the ice cream social Friday evening as part of the Thunderegg Days can be seen on the elementary school lawn.

At right Eileen Oldemeyer, Crete Sager, Boyd Wilson, Bob Wilson and Marie Wilson serve punch, ice cream and cake. 53 gallons of homemade ice cream was served by members of the United Methodist Church in their annual social.

