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"GIVE A LITTLE BLOOD" WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29 AT EAGLES HALL

Most people never get the opportunity to save a life. Yet everyday in our community, according to Marie Wilson, blood bank chairman, anonymous citizens become lifesavers. They have saved lives by offering their blood to the sick and injured who need it to live.

The use of the blood of one human being to save the life of another is one of the world's greatest medical achievements. Thousands of people are alive today because blood and blood products were available to combat and cure many types of fatal diseases.

About 10 units of blood are used every minute, totaling well

INVESTMENTS EARN HIGH INTEREST

County Treasurer Jean (Pat) Bond released her annual statement this week for the fiscal year 1972-73, revealing that the investment program started by her in fiscal year 1964-65 has topped the \$100,000 mark in interest earnings for the first time.

A modest start was made the first year, with \$12,227 earned by investment of the various taxing district funds not needed for immediate expenditure. The amount has grown larger each year, except for a brief setback from 1969 to 1972, and the amount for 1972-73 reached \$106,758.31 interest.

The General County Fund earned the most interest of the taxing districts, with a total of \$24,039. Next largest was Ontario Schools, \$19,077; TVCC \$12,145; and Malheur IED, \$11,829. Adrian Schools earned \$4,135; Nyssa Schools, \$3,560; and the City of Nyssa Construction Fund earned \$2,143.

Total receipts received by the County Treasurer for the fiscal year totaled \$8,986,067.58.

over six million units a year. An average of 500 of those units are needed per week for the Boise region, which includes 37 counties in Idaho and Eastern Oregon, Mrs. Wilson said.

1. "No one ever asked me to donate blood." Consider yourself invited - Your gift could mean life for a sick child, accident victim or an elderly person needing surgery.

2. "I'm scared." Nearly everyone feels that way the first time. Donating blood has become a meaningful habit with many people.

3. "I already gave this year." Many donors give up to 5 times annually. Intervals between donations must be at least eight weeks.

4. "My type isn't the right type." Every type is the right type.

5. "It's inconvenient." We are set up for 4-hours to make donating as convenient as possible. We'll make appointments, when necessary, and your entire visit will take less than an hour. Check with your employers about donating this hour to us.

6. "I'm too busy." If you stop to think of all the good your donating blood can do, we believe you might decide you aren't too busy after all.

Mrs. Marie Wilson, Ethel Laurence and Freda Holcomb, representing the Malheur Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will be conducting the drawing. The Lutheran Ladies will act as the hostess group with child care included. Members of the Lions Club will set up the unit, and local Scout Troops will be distributing leaflets during the day reminding everyone that it is "Give a Little Blood" day.

If there are any further questions, please contact Mrs. Wilson, 372-2981.



GRAND CHAMPION RIBBON WINNERS at Malheur County Fair, Judy Mecham and Mike Parker



Nyssa Youngsters Win At County Fair

By now the dust at the Malheur County Fairgrounds has started to settle, all of those mouth-watering baked goods have long since gone stale, and the truckloads of animals have all disappeared. The 1973 edition of the Malheur County Fair has closed its gates on another successful year.

Billed as a fair with "something for everyone", this year's fair drew between 28,000 and 30,000 people, according to fair officials.

Mrs. Alice Murphy, fair secretary, said exhibits were up this year from past years and displays were set up under the grandstand to accommodate the increased number.

Local youngsters, members of the 4-H Club and FFA Chapter, entered animals in nearly every class and won numerous awards and ribbons for their efforts.

Two youngsters from Nyssa won the coveted "Grand Champion" ribbons:

MIKE PARKER had the Grand Champion Beef Female and also won an Award of Merit from the Western Charolais Association. JUDY MECHAM won her top ribbon in the 4-H division Sheep Showmanship class.

The awards assembly Saturday afternoon, August 18, drew a large crowd and a number of awards went to youngsters from the Nyssa area.

SAM HARTLEY received a trophy for showing the Top FFA Holstein Steer. CRAIG FROERER was recognized for having the outstanding alfalfa seed exhibited at the fair.

DAVID ROBBINS received special recognition for "best exhibition in farming practices, outstanding leadership and agricultural training in Malheur County, scoring highest in tests for the State Farmer plaque."

In addition to getting record prices for their animals at the Friday auction, local youngsters carried away a large number of ribbons, including many Champion and Reserve Champion awards. All of those who exhibited during the fair, however, deserve special recognition for their hard work.

Members from the Nyssa 4-H Club who showed at the fair: Sharon Barnes, Mark Goodell, Bruce Goodell, Jodi Grunke, Robert King, Leslie Linegar, Neal Linegar, Toqua Linegar, Judy Mecham, Nancy Mecham, Tim Mecham, Donna Osborn, Mike Parker, Brian Piercy, Linda Richesin and Dirk Sappe.

Members from the Nyssa FFA Chapter who showed at the fair: Mike Ausman, John Frieta, Bruce Goodell, Mike Kurtz, Kent Cleaver, Scott Goodell, Gene Bair, David Day, Bruce Corn, Craig Froerer, Don Orm, Sam Hartley, Paul Kesler, Jerry Robbins, Raymond Wiley, Leslie Linegar, Mike Parker, Paul Skeen, Peter Stephen and Matt Ure.

Loan Assistant

At U.S. Bank



JANICE HOOD

Manager Don Young of the U. S. National Bank, Nyssa, announced the appointment of Janice Hood to the position of General Loan Assistant at the Nyssa branch.

Miss Hood came to Nyssa from Baker where she had served that branch the past ten months, and had previously been in The Dalles branch of U. S. National for five years. She grew up in Dufur where her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hood, still reside.

OREGON RECEIVES PUBLIC LAND FUNDS

The State of Oregon will get \$321,168 from Uncle Sam as its share of the money collected from the management of the national resource lands by the Bureau of Land Management. This is in addition to the more than \$47 million recently distributed to Oregon's 18 western counties from sale of O&C timber.

According to Archie D. Craft, BLM state director, the additional money is the state's share of revenue from mineral leasing, grazing leases, and sale of national resource lands during the first six months of 1973.

Adrian Pre-School Testing Slated

Testing of pre-school youngsters at Adrian School will be held from August 27 to 31. Testing will run from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please call 372-2337 for an appointment.

WEATHER

DATE	MAX	MIN	PREC
Aug. 15	96	55	
Aug. 16	96	55	
Aug. 17	85	56	
Aug. 18	85	57	
Aug. 19	90	49	
Aug. 20	95	61	
Aug. 21	93	59	
Aug. 22		59	

Owyhee Reservoir Storage
8/22/73 464,060 Acre feet
8/22/72 522,510 Acre feet

SCHOOL BOARD REVIEWS PREPARATIONS FOR RETURN TO SCHOOL

One week later than usual, the monthly meeting of the District Number 26 School Board was called to order by Don Engstrom, chairman, at 8:00 p.m., Monday, August 20, in the conference area of the superintendent's office.

The original meeting, August 13, was canceled last week when not enough board members were present to constitute a quorum. Present at this week's meeting were Bill Schilling, Vic Hurbachak, Gerald Simantel, Mark Hartley and W. L. McPartland, superintendent.

Board members not at the meeting were: Gene Stunz and Van Ure.

Items on the agenda for the meeting included: paying of bills, school insurance, new teachers, custodians and a report on summer work by McPartland.

Board members listened while Bernice Ableman, secretary, read through a lengthy list of bills to be paid, a few items were questioned by various members, but the board voted to approve the list which totaled \$75,520.59 in district bills.

Gene Chester, Nyssa high school principal, made a presentation to the board on school insurance for the coming year and suggested the board vote to continue with the company, Oregon Scholastic Activities Association (OSAA), which provided the insurance last year. In addition, Chester suggested that the board vote to seek assistance from local insurance agents in picking next year's school insurance.

The board, with Hartley and Simantel voting against, adopted Chester's suggestions. Hartley and Simantel expressed dissatisfaction with the rate structure set down by the OSAA.

Superintendent McPartland reported to the board that one teaching position, auto mechanics, is still open, but that the

rest of the district's vacancies are filled.

Also, McPartland told the board that he had hired two custodians: Virgil Krause and Dora Rodriguez.

Board members asked McPartland about summer work projects and were told that construction work in the district was on schedule, with the exception of the installation of showers in the boys locker room at the high school.

McPartland, however, assured the board that shower facilities would be available for the opening of school.

Prior to adjourning, Engstrom suggested that the board should take a position on a referendum action being directed against Oregon H.B. 2263--a law which allows collective bargaining by all public employees.

Board members indicated they were unfamiliar with the details of the referendum, but voted in favor of the idea of putting the question to the voters.

Engstrom adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.--a fairly early adjournment time, noted the pleased board members.

Adrian Schools

Start Monday

Adrian schools are making final preparations for the start of school, Monday, August 27, according to Superintendent Glenn Ward of School District No. 61. Registration has been in progress the first part of this week, and late-comers may register on the first day.

Buses will run their regular routes Monday morning, but school will be only one-half day Monday, and buses will return the students to their homes at noon on that day. Full schedules and school lunches will start on Tuesday.

Ward lists four new faculty members on the staff. They are Dorothy Phelps, English; Nora Akers, Commercial; and Priscilla Young, Mathematics in the high school. Raymond Maynard will teach 7th & 8th grade math in the elementary school.

Holdover teachers in the high school are Jim Johnson, Music; Larry Cain, Social Studies; Ruth Steinhilber, Home Economics and English III; Carol Schultz, Girls PE; Eugene Dockett, Science & PE; and Joe Witty, Agriculture.

Elementary teachers are James Holton, principal; Diane Sakamoto, kindergarten; Virginia Baker and Lorena Comer, 1st grade; Amy Hayashida and Betty Kalmbach, 2nd grade; Mary Joyce and Alan Yamasaki, 3rd grade; Pauline Hibbs, 4th grade; Virginia Timmerman, 5th grade; James Phelps, 6th grade; Viki Nakroshis, Carolyn Witty, Jean Thompson, 7th & 8th grades; Hazel Davis, Special Education; and Helen Conant, Librarian.



PAT SAVAGE is the newest member of the Gate City Journal staff, replacing Betty Talbot, who accepted a position with Fiesta Farms after four years with the Journal. Pat will handle news and the front office.

She and her husband Don have three children, Kirk 17, a senior, Randy 15, a sophomore, and daughter Kris 10, a fifth grader. They live at 307 S. 7th St. Pat grew up in Nyssa and her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nicholson.

Very active in Boy Scouts, Pat is on the Ore-Ida Council Executive Board, who for the first time permitted women to serve in that capacity. She has been a Den Leader for several years, and has trained adult leaders.

Council Proposes System Improvements

Fred Koch, Nyssa's city manager, will retire in December and leave the headcases of city government up to some younger man. Before he leaves Nyssa, however, Koch has one final project he would like to see the city go ahead on: a water system improvement program.

LAST WEEK, the Nyssa City Council took the first step in moving the city toward making the improvements Koch considers necessary. Council members voted to seek voter approval of a \$425,000 bond issue to finance the improvements in a special election on Monday, September 10.

The problem with the present system, according to Koch, is "low pressure and lack of storage."

IN AUGUST 1972, Koch made a study of the city's water distribution system and submitted a report of his findings to the City Council.

"The existing storage facilities," said Koch's report "are a 100,000 gallon tank built in 1948 and a 50,000 gallon tank built in 1913. The latter has outlived its useful life and is deteriorating to a point where repairs are not feasible."

"It is obvious that this storage is wholly inadequate," said Koch in his August report.

"Considering the present needs and anticipating future growth, we must increase our water supply and storage capacity."

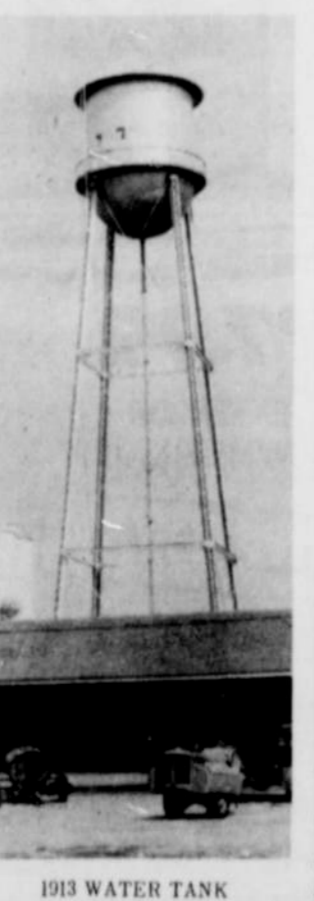
TO ACHIEVE the above, Koch made the following recommendations to the council:

1) Construct one additional well on the Idaho side--a well that has since been constructed and is now in operation.
2) Construct a storage facility of three million gallons and install a booster pumping station to increase the pressure in the city distribution system.

It is this second item which voters will have to decide on during the coming election. It should be noted, however, that Koch is not the only supporter of the water system improvements.

IN DECEMBER 1972, the city received a letter from the State Health Division of the Human Resources Department regarding the Nyssa water system.

"It would seem that additional reservoir capacity is the most urgently needed improvement in this water system," said the department's letter.



1913 WATER TANK

"Normally, we recommend a storage volume equal to three days average use or one peak day's use."

"We note that during peak day use of water in Nyssa the small existing reservoir was empty by noon," added the letter. "This very likely resulted in lower system pressures in some parts of the city in the afternoon."

DURING SUMMER, according to Koch, the water level in the existing reservoir starts dropping at 11:00 a.m. and the tank is considered empty by 5:00 p.m. This situation would present a serious problem for the city if any major fire occurred during those "low" hours.

Along these lines, in March 1973 Koch received a letter from the Fire Rating Bureau which commented directly on the proposed water system improvements.

"From the information provided and making a few assumptions," said the Bureau's letter "we reach the conclusions that had these facilities been in operation at the time of our 1971 inspection, the grading would have improved to Class 6."

THE LETTER, however, went on to note that a new grading system will be in operation before the proposed improvements could be made and the bureau could not make the above statement without qualification.

In May 1973, a Boise firm, Cornell, Howland, Hayes & Merryfield, was retained by the city to review the preliminary engineering report prepared by Koch, to establish hydraulic and control requirements for the system and to prepare an updated construction cost estimate.

A preliminary draft of the firm's engineering study was received earlier this month by the city. The firm supported making the water system improvements and submitted a cost estimate for the project.

LAST WEEK, the City Council added its support to the project and voted to submit the matter to the voters of Nyssa.

Fred Koch has his fingers crossed, because when he retires in December he would like to know that Nyssa's future water system will be a credit to the community.