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Property Owners Must File For Farm Use Assessment

Malheur County Assessor Oscar Bratton today emphasized that property owners who wish to be assessed on farm use value have until April 1 to file for this assessment.

Property zoned F-1 (exclusive farm use) and used for agriculture purposes will automatically receive this farm use assessment.

Property owners in F-2 zone (not exclusive farm use) and other zones having acreage used for production of agriculture products may file for farm use assessment on the portion so used. If you are presently receiving farm use, refiling is not necessary.

"In any event," Bratton explained, "All property receiving 'Farm Use' assessment and not zoned F-1 (exclusive farm use) will have the difference in taxes between market value and farm use value as a lien against the property. If the property then has a change of use from farm use to some other, the owner is required to pay the deferred tax, plus 6% interest for the number of years receiving farm use assessment up to a maximum of ten years."

If you are not sure of your zoning, contact the Assessor's office or Al Pottoroff, County Planner.

Grazing Fees Used To Improve Rangeland

What happens to the monies collected annually for grazing livestock on National Resource Lands? The fee, an even one dollar per animal unit month this year for lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management, is divided and spent as illustrated by the familiar "pie cut" method.

After deposit into the U. S. Treasury, the fee is divided into three parts or funds. Almost half of the fee dollar, or a combination of two funds, is used for range improvement work in the same district where the money originated.

The Range Improvement Fund is 40 cents of the fee dollar which is returned to the BLM district from which it was collected. This money is used to supplement BLM's appropriated Soil and Watershed funds which provide for range seeding, fencing, water developments, soil stabilization and other conservation and rehabilitation

practices on National Resource Lands.

The Advisory Board Fund is eight cents of the fee dollar that is returned to the State from which it was collected for use by the State. In Oregon, this money is distributed to the county from which it originally came. This money can be spent only as recommended by the local Advisory Board for range improvements in the county (district). This fund is normally used for fencing, fuel and power costs to provide stock water and predator control through the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife.

Approximately 100,000 head of livestock graze the National Resource Lands in the Vale District and funds returned to the advisory board from last year's receipts totaled \$19,263.99, comprising the 8-cent "piece of pie."

The remaining 52 per cent of the fee dollar remains in the U. S. Treasury for other purposes.



THE NYSSA BRANCH OF FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF Oregon will look like this when this new building is completed during the Fall of 1974. The exterior will be giant brick masonry units with bronzed glass and a roof constructed of built-up frame trusses. Plans call for extensive landscaping at the site with 21 off-street parking stalls.

Marion Goin Heads Campaign Construction To Start Soon on New First National Bank Building

The Easter Seal Campaign for 1974 will be March 1 thru April 14. During those weeks, a statewide appeal for funds will be made by the Easter Seal Society of Oregon to finance treatment and rehabilitation service for crippled children and adults in Oregon. Last year more than 3500 handicapped persons received help from the Easter Seal Society.



MARION GOIN

Apparent low bidder to construct a new building for the Nyssa branch of First National Bank of Oregon is Arvy Construction Co., announced Manager Rod George.

The Caldwell, Idaho, firm submitted a low bid of \$245,671. Haynes Construction Co., Bend, submitted the second lowest bid of \$264,602.

The new structure will feature a 1,500 square foot mezzanine level and will also house conference, lunch and bookkeeping rooms.

First National plans to construct the new facility on property adjacent to the existing branch office.

Work will begin as soon as the contract is signed with completion of the new structure expected by Fall 1974.

Water Supply Excellent

"Average to excellent in Malheur County" describes the present water supply outlook, according to USDA Soil Conservation Service forecast. The snowpack is much above normal except for the low elevations where melt and runoff have already occurred. Precipitation for the winter period, November through January, has been 130% of average. As a result soil moisture conditions are good and reservoir storage is fair to good. Spring and summer runoff volumes on nearly all streams will be average to above average.

TVCC Budget Hearing

At the recent TVCC Budget meeting, there was discussion of salaries and an explanation of the plan for utilizing state over realized enrollment receipts from the past year to bring the institution's payroll commitment totally within the fiscal year.

Dean DeBisschop reviewed the food service costs and requested a total increase for the year of \$45. This amount is below the predicted 16% increase expected in food costs for next year, but is expected to be adequate. Cost by the term will be: fall \$200, winter \$175, spring \$175.

The Board moved to increase the budget and the expenditure categories of the Food & Housing Fund to reflect the \$3750 additional. It was announced that the Budget Election and election for three board positions will be March 26, 1974.

Republican Chairman To Visit Malheur County

Featured speaker at the regular meeting of the Malheur County Republican Central Committee will be Dave Green, State Chairman of the Oregon Republican Central Committee. The meeting is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. in W-10 or the Weese Building at Treasure Valley Community College on Monday, March 11.

A resident of Central Oregon, Green has ranched in the Madras area and is presently a partner in an insurance firm. He has been active in politics on both a local and state level, and has served as precinct committeeman several times.

Green has traveled considerably as National Vice-President of the U.S. Junior Chamber and is aware of conditions throughout the United States. He has been honored as an outstanding young man of Oregon and is an Honorary Lifetime Member of the International Organization of Jaycees.

Green will spend the day in Malheur County and will address the Nyssa High School Student Body in the morning and the Ontario High School students in the afternoon. He will be discussing his philosophy of the two-party system in national politics, and the reasons he feels that this is essential to maintain democracy in the United States.

Nyssa PTA To Meet Mar. 14

The Nyssa PTA will hold their March meeting one week earlier this month.

The main topic will be "Alcohol." This should be of interest to everyone, as alcohol is one of the nation's biggest problems.

The meeting will be held Thursday, March 14, in the School Cafeteria at 8 p.m. Everyone is invited, teachers, students and parents, as well as interested citizens.

Nyssa Students To Attend TVCC

The following students have been accepted for the Fall Term, 1974-75, at Treasure Valley Community College.

Lilly Fuentes, 505 N. 5th, Nyssa, Oregon, will major in Fashions.

Scott Goodell, Route 2, Box 334, Nyssa, Oregon, will major in Agriculture.

Lee Ollison, Route 1, Box 638, Nyssa, Oregon, will major in Police Science.

Herlinda Rosales, 716 N. 2nd St., Nyssa, Oregon, will major in Secretarial Science.



SID AND HAL BUCK are owners of Nyssa Electronics, new business opening in Nyssa at 101 Main Street in space formerly occupied by Judge E. Otis Smith.

The brothers, formerly from Homedale, will service and repair any home electronics devices including stereos, television sets, electric organs, radios, inter-coms, tape decks, and electronic auto equipment.

Hal has been working the past five years in the electronics field in Portland, and Sid has been in the Columbia Basin area. Hal and his wife Helen have four children and live in the former Warren Farmer residence on Grand Avenue. Sid and his wife Moesena live in the Big Bend area on a 40-acre farm, and have eight children.

Sid and Hal say they are glad to be back in the Treasure Valley, and plan to give Nyssa and the trade area good service on electronic equipment.



FRED OSBORNE, BLM SAFETY OFFICER, points out damage to a BLM sign. Vandals who shot up the sign, shot across Lytle Boulevard endangering lives of motorists. See story.

Vandals Destroy BLM Signs

Indiscriminate shooting of a large sign installed by the Bureau of Land Management two miles south of Vale has destroyed a sign which cost at least \$75, but more important, has jeopardized the lives of people traveling Lytle Boulevard. Money used to repair the sign could have been used to develop BLM recreational facilities in Malheur County.

The sign which has been in place approximately six months, was shot at least 13

times from angles which sent shots coursing across the well traveled thoroughfare.

Fred Osborne, safety officer for the Vale BLM District, said shooting across a public road is strictly against Oregon State laws and that some bullets have been recovered in the sign area. He also noted that destruction of such property is a federal offense. The Federal Bureau of Investigation recently solved a similar case where recreational facilities at Antelope Reservoir were shot up. The incident is one of many that has occurred to federal property throughout the district.

Watson Office Misses Cash

Nyssa police are continuing their investigation into a theft at the J. C. Watson Co., offices.

The incident, reported to officers early Thursday, February 28, apparently occurred sometime Wednesday night or early Thursday.

Acting Police Chief Pancho Rios said that there was no evidence of forced entry to the office but about \$35 in cash is missing.

Mechanics Pass Competency Tests

Boyd Wilson, owner of Wilson Buick in Nyssa, announced today that two of his mechanics, Buddy Smith and Red Price, have successfully completed recent tests of their competency conducted by Educational Testing Service of Princeton, New Jersey. As a result of this accomplishment, each mechanic has received a certificate from the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence indicating the areas of his demonstrated competency.

Mechanics who took and passed all tests were certified as General Automobile Mechanics. Those who passed or elected to take a lesser number of tests were certified in their specific areas of proven ability.

In addition to his certification, each mechanic will receive identifying shoulder patches, to be worn on his uniform.

The Institute is a non-profit corporation dedicated to encouragement and promotion of a higher standard of performance in automotive service.

Popular Stars Signed For Nampa Stampede

One of the most popular stars to entertain rodeo fans in recent years at the Snake River Stampede--Lynn Anderson--has signed for a return engagement July 16-18.

Trying the split star concept for the second year following a successful debut last year, Stampede President Bob Ferdinand said that two singers who have become popular on the Lawrence Welk television show--Clay Hart and Sally Flynn--will be in the arena spotlight in Nampa July 19-20.

"We feel fortunate to be able to present Miss Anderson again this year, following her tremendous acceptance by Stampede fans in 1973," Ferdinand said.

Commenting on the two stars scheduled the final two nights of the 59th annual Stampede, Ferdinand said, "We also feel that Clay Hart and Sally Flynn will be well received. We can almost consider Miss Flynn a local girl since her home is in Ontario, Oregon, and we are delighted she could return to the Treasure Valley as a star of the Snake River Stampede."

Women Work as Safety Officers

Eighteen graduates of a recent trainee class for Safety Compliance Officers, including seven women, are now assigned to field offices of the Oregon Workmen's Compensation Board, according to that agency's Director, R. J. Chance.

A majority of the graduating class are assigned as safety compliance officers to enforce occupational safety and health provisions of the Oregon Safe Employment Act.

Chance also said a new trainee class which began February 28 includes seven women.



THE RED CROSS FUND DRIVE IS underway in Nyssa and Malheur County. Jake Fischer, left, is Nyssa chairman, and he is shown receiving a check from Ken Nyce, Nyssa Chamber of Commerce president and manager of Stunz Lumber Company.

The Red Cross Blood program is one of the vital services performed locally by this organization. Mrs. Bob Wilson, president of the

Malheur Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, is chairman of this project in Nyssa. The Red Cross chapter pays \$600 per year to make this program available to county residents.

Emil Stunz and Paul Penrod will contact the business area for donations, and the residential area will be covered by Scoutmaster George Hirai and members of his Boy Scout troop.

WEATHER

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PREC.
Feb. 27	50	29	
Feb. 28	60	30	.04
Mar. 1	63	33	trace
Mar. 2	52	37	
Mar. 3	43	30	
Mar. 4	48	27	
Mar. 5	55	36	
Mar. 6		37	
Owyhee Reservoir Storage			
3/6/74	560,670	Acre Feet	
3/6/73	622,680	Acre Feet	

Tack and Horse Sale Planned

A tack and horse sale will be held at the Vale Rodeo Arena May 4, with proceeds earmarked for the mortgage on the Lake Creek 4-H summer camp. Sponsors of the event are some 28 boys and girls of the Vale Vaqueros 4-H Club.

Mrs. W. G. Sanderson, club leader, said anyone may consign any type of horse or tack for a moderate fee. Information for horses consigned will be coordinated into pamphlet form for wide distribution and must be received by April 9. A large number of horses and buyers are expected for the sale.

Anyone wishing more information may contact the Malheur County Agent in Ontario or call the Sandersons in Vale at 473-3315.



SIX NYSSA HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS end their regular season basketball schedule this week-end, with games at Burns on Friday night, and at Vale Saturday night. The players are, from left, Phil Klinkenberg, Ken Stewart, Jeff Marquez, Paul Valencia, Frank Moore and Lee Ollison. A seventh senior, Rex Schilling has been sidelined with injuries and cannot play.

These seniors have led their Bulldog team to an 18-2 overall record, and are

undefeated in Greater Oregon League play with a 12-0 record. They will close out their varsity careers at Eugene at the Class AA State High School Basketball Tournament, starting March 18. Nyssa will represent District 7 as the number one team, with Vale and John Day fighting for the second berth, each with three losses going into week-end play.

The Bulldogs are ranked third in state AA standings in this final week of play.