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## School Board, Bob Smith Unite, But No Honeymoon

By Merlin Mann  
Nyssa, meet Bob Smith. That was the tune of the Nyssa School Board special meeting Monday night. The school board and some members of the Budget Board and the School Building Advisory Committee met with Bob Smith, who as architect will supervise the reconstruction of a Nyssa High School complex.

Smith is a partner in the architect firm of Smith and Martin Hasegawa of Ontario. They were approved by the board last week.

But after the official joining of Smith and the board Monday night there was no honeymoon. Not even a reception.

The board got right down to business and sparred for two hours on what, why, how and where the reconstruction should take place. Certainly no decision is yet close on the exact location of a new school, but two items were directed at Smith to check into before the board would again meet with him next Monday night in the superintendent's office in the primary school building near the burned out high school.

The board asked Smith to determine if there was enough room north of the old elementary school gym between the gym and the street to build a new gym this summer. It would serve as a multi-purpose room for all schools next year and then be converted into the elementary school gym after the high school's completion hopefully the following year. The new gym would house assemblies for all grades, possibly serve as a dining area, and offer some limited space for practice floor for the school's indoor competitive sports.

The board also asked Smith to determine the feasibility of remodeling the bus garage into a vocational ag building for the coming year.

After much discussion and varied opinions on where the actual complex should be located and what features included, the board got down to other business. Superintendent W.L. MacPartland



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was given permission to hire an additional industrial arts instructor. The move reversed the boards earlier feeling that an instructor not be hired and the building trades program be dropped for a year.

The decision came after junior and senior high principals Dan Martin and Gene Chester presented arguments showing that by not filling the position left open by the resignation of Ron Oakes, it would force the elimination of more programs than just the building trades program. The entire junior high shop program and high school electronics class also would be forced out, they said.

The board also gave MacPartland permission to proceed with the purchase of band uniforms. The board, however, reacting to a sizable price increase, advised MacPartland to check with the insurance company to determine if the additional cost of the uniforms now would also be covered. MacPartland said he talked with an insurance company spokesman Tuesday morning and he indicated the entire cost of replacement was covered in the school policy.



The pouring of concrete for the four-foot high foundation ring wall is shown here as work continues in the readying of Airport Hill for a three-million gallon water storage tank. The new water tank, expected to be completed by August 1975, will increase Nyssa's water storage capacity by 20 times the existing capacity. Nyssa is able to hold 150,000 gallons now.

When the new tank is completed the existing 50,000 gallon storage tank, which began operation in 1918, will cease operation. A booster station will be installed at the base of Airport Hill to send the water across the Snake River and into existing Nyssa water lines.

Construction is being handled by Ray Kenney of Ontario.

## County Fair Premium Books Now Available

Premium books for the 1974 Malheur County Fair, August 14-17, are now being distributed according to Guy Sparks, Vice-Chairman of the Board.

The book has been revised this year, and Sparks urged everyone to note the changes. All rules for the various divisions have been grouped together, as well as all special awards have been put in a separate section.

Sparks noted that a map showing main buildings and parking areas as well as parking information is listed on Pages 5 and 6. He said that improper parking has caused the Board to lose

revenue through the Merit Funding Program, and encouraged everyone to cooperate with the Board in meeting state regulations concerning fire safety as well as pedestrian and vehicle safety.

He called attention to several new attractions at the Fair this year. An Open Class Horse Show will be held on Saturday, August 17, and an Open Class Dog Show on Friday August 16.

The theme of the Fair this year is "Malheur County-The Family Fair" with the motto "All In The Family." Sparks said in line with this a special exhibit "The Family Exhibit" is sponsored by the Board to encourage families to exhibit as a unit. Sparks said information for this is on Page 7.

Professional entertainment will be provided Thursday, August 15 with "The Hagers of Hee Haw" fame and on Friday, August 16, by George "Goober" Lindsey, also a performer on that show.

Sparks said the books will be distributed through 4-H leaders, FFA instructors, newspaper offices, Chambers of Commerce, and banks. Anyone interested may also request a copy be mailed them by contacting the Malheur County Agents Office 889-9129 or Mrs. Alice Murphy, Secretary, 889-9391.

Sparks extended a welcome to everyone on behalf of the Malheur County Fair Board to attend the Malheur County Fair as an exhibitor, viewer or both.

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## Mainstream Office Moves

The office of Operation Mainstream, a manpower training program administered by the Eastern Oregon Community Development Council in LaGrande, has been moved to a new location in Ontario. According to Ruth Wayne, manpower coordinator, the office is located in the Iseri Building at 386 1/2 SW. 3rd Street.

Operation Mainstream is a work training program funded under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, Title I, part B, through the U.S. Department of Labor. It provides on-the-job training for chronically unemployed adults and disadvantaged senior citizens and is operated through public and private non-profit organizations.



The burned out high school is coming down and being swept up piece by piece. Above the walls are still standing in portions of the destruction while some of the debris has been swept into a junk pile.

## Bill Bugs Are Problem 'Show Me' Tour Set For Monday, July 1

Bill bugs, the small insect that devastates blue grass lawns in Malheur county are laying eggs and starting to cause some damage, according to County Extension Agent Leeds Bailey.

He says the small weevil like insects lay eggs that hatch out into small white larvae that eat the grass stems off near the surface of the ground. The small grubs can be found in dead appearing areas of the lawn.

The mature larvae are about three eighths of an inch long and have a brown head. They can be found curled up below the soil surface in infested areas.

An insecticide call Diazinon has been effective in controlling the pests. The material should be applied according to the label and watered in soon after application.

Agricultures future production gains must depend on science to furnish the "ammunition" or "know how" in seeking or finding answers to the many problems of food production for the future.

The "Show Me" July 1 offers local people an opportunity to see behind the scenes some of the exciting things yet to come in agriculture's future.

Neil Hoffman, Superintendent of the Malheur Experiment Station, emphasized that the day has been planned for anyone interested in what goes on in the complicated field of agricultural research. Times of visitation are 9-11 a.m.; 12 noon; and 7-9 p.m.

Dr. Warren Kronstad, OSU Scientist known world wide for his efforts in wheat breeding achievements will be at the station during all sessions, according to Superintendent Hoffman. Kronstad, known for his accomplishments in cereal crop production, has spent considerable time in Turkey and other countries in an effort to aid those areas in cereal crop production, thus benefiting the future food needs of people.

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## TVCC Art Class

The art department at Treasure Valley Community College is sponsoring a pre-school art class to be taught on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., in room V-5 of the Lease Building. The popular class will be taught by Mrs. Kathy Kulm and will provide many different kinds of art experiences for the young students.

The class will have a limited enrollment and will carry a \$20 fee to cover the cost of instruction and materials.

## M.I.B. Accepts Janet Dail

Janet Dail, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dail, has been accepted at the Montana Institute of the Bible, Lewistown, Montana for admittance to the fall term.

Miss Dail is a 1974 graduate of Nyssa High School.



LEANN BAIR



NANCY ROSS

Two Nyssa Girls are among the nine candidates for the Miss Malheur County contest tonight at the Ontario High School Auditorium. One of the nine will replace Shan Moss of Nyssa, the current Miss Malheur County.

Leann Bair, 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Bair and a 1973 graduate of Nyssa High School. She has completed her first year at Ricks College.

Nancy Ross, 19, is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. B. E. Ross and also a 1973 NHS grad. She is a student at the University of Oregon.

Leann will demonstrate her art ability and Nancy will play a flute solo as their talent presentations in the pageant.

Approximately 1500 people saw this type of action at the Nyssa Nite Rodeo last weekend. On stock provided by Ralph Stevens of Midvale, Idaho, more often than not the cowboys came in second best to the bucking horses.

## WEATHER

DATE	MAX.	MIN.
June 19	101	63
June 20	79	66
June 21	88	55
June 22	95	60
June 23	97	61
June 24	95	69
June 25	95	57
June 26	48	

Owyhee Reservoir Storage 6/26/74 632,630 Acre Feet 6/26/73 640,830 Acre Feet