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## Town Crier

By Pat Savage

I experienced a first-time treat the other evening at the Junior High Band and Choral concert. The eighth grade band played the "Bulldog Fight" song in concert. If no other song played that evening caught everyone's attention, that one certainly did. Perhaps this had been done before, but I had only heard it played at sports events. Brought back lots of memories and never fails to make me want to stand up and cheer. I'm proud to be from Bulldog Country.

Dennis Francis, who manages the Merc, has come up with the Bicentennial Window display idea and I think this is a good one, as it involves our young people. The Junior High and High School art students will be painting scenes on the store windows, thus displaying their talents, plus helping Nyssa on the way to celebrating our nation's birthday. Thanks to everyone who helps, for your time and effort. Nyssa needs people like you.

I understand the Junior-Senior Prom was successful. The decorations were beautifully worked around the theme, "Stairway To Heaven." The sophomore class provided the program for the banquet, and very successfully did a take off of NBC's Saturday Night, with their rendition of Friday Night with Honk Nerd. It's nice to know that there are enough interested kids in our school who are willing to spend many hours of work and preparation to keep this tradition a part of being an upperclassman.

A Nyssa Bulldog, Bill Marcum and an Adrian Antelope, Greg Coleman will be playing in the Shrine All-Star game in Baker in August. Vale Coach Arnie Lewis will be coaching the East-West team. Congratulations boys, it's nice to see our area so well represented.

Don't forget "Anything Goes" and the Sunday buffet at Brownies Cafe. These two events are to help our band go to Disneyland. Have fun and help out at the same time. It must give these band kids a good feeling to know that, we as a town go together and helped to send them as our ambassadors to California. It gives me a good feeling to know that they will be representing our high school and wearing our school colors. If you haven't helped in some way, now's your chance.

Mrs. Nedry has been in Waco, Texas for two weeks getting acquainted with her new granddaughter. Consequently, we have been going to press with the help of five people instead of six. Hope you're having a good time Margaret, but please hurry home.

## "Anything Goes" Set For This Weekend

Tomorrow evening, (Friday, April 30) at 7:30 on the High School football field begins the preliminary competition of "Anything Goes." There will be six teams participating with ten people on a team (5 males and 5 females). One of the highlights of the competition will be "The Pie Over The Goal Post." There are three different heights of goal posts. There will be a one minute time limit for each team to see how many pies can go over all three goal posts and stay in tact. Of the six teams in Friday night's competition only three will make enough points worthy to graduate to the Saturday evening finals, where 1st place gets a trophy and second and third get ribbons.

The teams and competitors are as follows:

**School Board** - Bill Schilling (Captain), Kieth Langley, Don Bullard, Walter MacPartland, Christina Mejia, Leota Kriehg, Connie Bullard, Ernestine Messick, Lupe Lopez.

**Faculty** - Tom Snyder (Captain), Jess Collins, Newell Cleaver, Don Bates, Al West, Beth Leggett, Suzy Mejia, Dora Gallegos, Lynne Snyder, Elsa Rosales, Lynda Aman.

**Freshman Class** - Rachael Elguizabal (Captain), Pam Townsend, Gina Udlinek, Vickie Savage, Melissa Cleaver, Mike Johnson, David Ross, Jose Delgado, Ruben Lopez, Daryl South.

**Sophomore Class** - Ann Jimenez (Captain), Lori Lane, Barbara Haney, Cyd Morrison, Sara Marcum Kelly Garner (Captain), Eddie Tensen, Rudy Longoria, Tom Wilson, Gene Cordova, George Urrutia (alternate).

**Junior Class** - To be announced.

**Senior Class** - Greg Bair (Captain), Randy Savage, John Kouns, Daniel Rodriguez, Dan Simantel, Tami Bybee, Dalene Schilling, Eartha Carter, Paula Saito, Rosie Estrada.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend this rare, fun and competitive atmosphere tomorrow night. Tickets for admission will be sold at the gate (1 ticket is good for both nights of competition).

There will be concessions for the fans. The Band has a goal to meet and what better way than to bring the whole family to this fun and hilarious competition. Remember "When Anything Goes, Laughter Grows." See you there!

## Bicentennial Painting Contest

Art classes at the Junior and Senior High Schools in Nyssa will participate in a window painting contest with cooperation of Nyssa merchants in honor of the Bicentennial.

Prizes will be given in both a senior and junior division, with \$60 in prizes in each division, contributed by the merchants. First prize will be \$20, second \$15, third \$10, and fourth, fifth and sixth prizes \$5 each in each division.

Nyssa business firms who have contributed to the prizes and expense of the contest are Brackens, Brownies, Coast to Coast, First National Bank, Gambles, Gate City Journal, Hello Gas Station, Knit Knacks, Les Schwab Tire, M&W Market, Mike Mathews Tire, Nyssa Merc, Michael's Pharmacy, Newhouse Chevrolet, Nyssa Co-op, Nyssa Insurance, Nyssa Electronics, Raggedy Ann's Pad, Ray's Food Fair, Rieb's Foodland, Dr. David Sarazin, Sells Union Service, Bob Thompson Realty, U. S. National Bank, Wilson's Department Store and Zimmerman Plumbing and Heating.

## Lions Elect New Officers

Dick Martin was elected president of the Nyssa Lions Club to serve for the year starting July 1. He will replace President Alvin Allen with installation in June.

First vice president is Dan Martin; 2nd vice president, Harold Pook; 3rd vice president, Don Buker; Tail Twister, Ken Nyce; Lion Tamer, Lauren Wright; Directors, George Craig, Jim Garner, Pancho Rios and Jim Monroe and Secretary-Treasurer John Worrall.

The annual Athletic Banquet sponsored by the Lions Club will be held May 11 at the Oregon Trail Grange. Ray Lewis of Boise State University will be the speaker.

District Attorney Frank Yraguen was a visitor at the meeting, and explained his qualifications for Circuit Judge, a position he is seeking against incumbent Jeff Dorroh.

Yraguen said that he would "do it again" when asked about his charges against Malheur Memorial Hospital, which resulted in a grand jury indictment, and were later dropped. His campaign manager, Jake Fischer, was also a guest at the meeting.

## Hells Canyon Dedication Planned

Dedication of the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area will be held in June with ceremonies at Lewiston, Idaho, and at Hat Point in Oregon's Wallowa-Whitman National Forest.

Regional Forester Theodore A. Schlaffer, U.S. Forest Service, said there will be a ceremony at Hat Point overlooking North America's deepest gorge on Saturday, June 19, followed by another event in Lewiston the following day.

Three National Forests in three Forest Service Regions have portions of the National Recreation Area—the Nezperce and Payette National Forests in Idaho and the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest in Oregon. Overall coordination of the dedication events will be handled by the Northern Region of the Forest Service, headquartered at Missoula.

The law establishing the area and preventing further damming of the middle Snake River directs the Secretary of Agriculture to present to Congress within five years a comprehensive management plan "which shall provide for a broad range of land uses and developments as are compatible" with the Act.



**SNAKE RIVER SHRINE CLUB** members honored local high school football players who will play in the East-West All-Star game at Baker in August at their dinner meeting at the Twilight Cafe in Nyssa Monday evening.

Shown above, from left, are Bill Marcum, Nyssa; Arnie Lewis, Vale, who will coach the all-star team; Shiner Bill Kidder, chairman of the football committee; Mike Recla,

Vale; and Greg Coleman, Adrian. Also honored were Larry Lewis, Vale, and Robert Skinner, Ontario, who were unable to be present. Skinner will play on the North-South team for larger schools.

The Shrine game in Baker is growing in popularity each year, with the proceeds from the game for the benefit of the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children in Portland.

(Argus photo)

## Irrigation Outlook For County Good

The water supply forecast shows an adequate supply for the coming irrigation season according to the Water Supply Outlook for Oregon prepared by the USDA, the Soil Conservation Service and the Oregon Department of Water Resources.

Snow cover for March was above average on the Owyhee and Malheur watersheds and water has been spilling over the Owyhee Glory Hole for some days now.

The report said snow is nearly gone from the Bully Creek and Willow Creek

drainages. Soil moisture at the upper elevations was near normal and precipitation at most stations was 60 per cent of normal for March with some heavy rains early in April.

Reservoir storage today was 45,420 thousand feet for Beulah with a useable capacity of 60,000. Bully Creek has 25,805 acre feet with useable capacity of 30,000. At Owyhee the figure was 697,640 acre feet with 715,000 acre feet useable storage. Warm Springs has 163,970 acre feet stored with a

capacity of 191,000 acre feet. Streamflow forecast for the Owyhee is estimated at 120 per cent of average of April through July with slightly less for April through September. Bully Creek is forecast at 72 per cent of average March through May with Malheur near Drewsey 103 percent April through July with a 1 percent increase when measured through September. The North Fork Malheur is estimated at 100 percent April through July and 97 percent April through September.

## Housing Assistance Program Available

Fred A. Robinson, Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Malheur County announces the new Section 8 Housing Assistance Program for low income families, handicapped, disabled and elderly persons.

Robinson said that Section 8 is a federally subsidized program to assist eligible persons who need housing at a reasonable rent.

Persons who apply and are eligible will be selected to participate in the order they apply. The Housing Authority (HA) will insure participants a Certificate of Eligibility. Then participants will be required to find their own home anywhere within the limits of Malheur County, within the rent limits of the program, and must meet the

HA's housing quality standards. If the house or apartment meets the requirements, the participant will enter into a lease agreement with the owner.

The participants rent is based on the income of family members. The HA will pay the difference between the amount paid by the participant and the actual rent.

The number of people who can participate in this program is limited. Participants will be selected on a "first-come-first served" basis. Interested persons should complete the attached information form and mail promptly to the Housing Authority office at the Nyssa Labor Camp, Nyssa, Oregon. Or call to 372-3946, for appointment as to date and time to come to HA office.

## "Top op" Plans Are Now Taking Shape

On June 19, the Jordan Valley Bicentennial - "Top Op" celebration will take place, according to Ray Novotny, County Extension Agent.

The noon festivities, according to Mike Hanley, Jordan Valley rancher and Bicentennial chairman, will take place in the shadow of Pharmacy Butte. Hanley went on to say, the butte was known as "Holler Hill" to the Indians because according to legend a young man lost his girl and went up to the highest point on the butte—and lamented his loss. He then jumped to his death.

When Tom Skinner and his family lived at the base of the hill, it was known as Skinner butte. It carried this name, according to Hanley, until several unemployed painters passed through Jordan Valley; but they stayed long enough to paint the name "Pharmacy" across the face of the east rim. Dr. W. W. Jones had hired them to advertise his drug store—the name has stuck ever since.

The combined "Top Op" - Bicentennial program will include ranch visits showing a variety of activities, plus a pony express ride from Vale to Jordan Valley, coupled with a "pack string"; all arriving at 11:30 a.m. to

signal the beginning of the parade. Noontime festivities include beef barbecue, big loop roping (north vs. south), flag presentations, pioneer recognition, Basque dancing, art displays, rawhide workmanship, and many other exciting activities. Novotny stated.

The tour will conclude at the pioneer Skinner ranch, Novotny concluded.

## Weiser Hopes To Keep Contest For Fiddlers

Weiser City Council last week passed an ordinance prohibiting camping in city parks at any time, including National Old Time Fiddlers' Week, June 22 thru 26.

At last year's Fiddlers Event, it was estimated by Sheriff James Johnston that 600 came, not for the fiddling, but for the "fling" and that caused many problems.

In an attempt to avoid such "happening" this year, there will be no festival-type

side-attractions as there has been for the past 23 years. Also camping spaces will be marked out and advance registrations will be required

Because this is the Bicentennial year, it was decided in February to give the National Contest one more try. If the party-boys and party-girls come again, it'll be the end of Weiser's attempt to perpetuate old-time fiddling, said Seth Dunn, general chairman.

## Kathryn Kunkel Gets Merit Scholarship

A total of 1,485 winners of college-sponsored four-year Merit Scholarships were announced today by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) of Evanston, Illinois. This is the last of three nationwide announcements this year that together covered a total of about 3,830 Merit Scholars who will receive awards valued at over \$10 million.

One of the winners, and one of only 13 in Oregon is Kathryn Kunkel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kunkel of Nyssa. Her scholarship is for the University of Chicago, and is renewable for up to four years of undergraduate study, but not transferable to another college or university.

Kathryn is salutatorian of her graduating class, and was president of both her sophomore and junior class.

## Pre-Schoolers

## To Meet May 5

Wednesday, May 5, at 1 p.m., has been designated as "Round-Up Day" for all pre-schoolers and their parents. This is an important meeting, as medical forms will be distributed and explained, as well as important information to help your youngsters enter the first grade. Any questions that pertain to first graders of the school system will be answered by the school staff.

Parents are urged to attend this meeting. Refreshments will be served. For further information call Mrs. Brent Folkman, 372-3256.

She was a Girls' State delegate, won the Betty Crocker award, and has been active in band and choir.



Each winner of a Merit Scholarship was selected by officials of the sponsoring college who also computed the student's financial need, and determined the individual annual stipend.

The average annual stipend for a college-sponsored Merit Scholarship is currently about \$725, or \$2,900 over four years, depending upon the winner's financial circumstances.

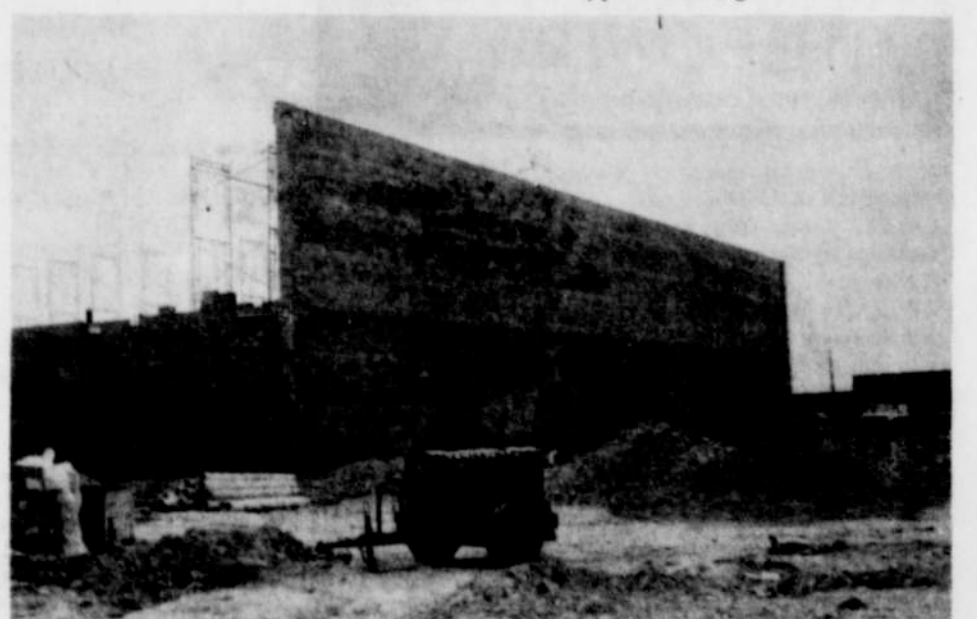
## WEATHER

| Date                     | Max.                      | Min. | Prec. |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|------|-------|
| April 21                 | 58                        | 35   |       |
| April 22                 | 56                        | 36   |       |
| April 23                 | 62                        | 32   | .04   |
| April 24                 | 70                        | 38   |       |
| April 25                 | 53                        | 39   | 11    |
| April 26                 | 52                        | 39   |       |
| April 27                 | 62                        | 38   |       |
| April 28                 |                           | 38   |       |
| Owyhee Reservoir Storage | 4-28-76 692,990 Acre Feet |      |       |
|                          | 4-28-75 629,030 Acre Feet |      |       |



**NYSSA HAD A DISTINGUISHED VISITOR** from India last week when A. S. Seymour of New Delhi, shown here with the Rev. Jim Monroe of the United Methodist Church (right), spoke with groups in Nyssa and

Ontario. Seymour is a lay leader of the Methodist Church in India, and will attend the United Methodist Church General conference in Portland starting this week.



**THE NEW GYMNASIUM** at the high school is rising to its full height as brickwork is completed on the back wall. The area to the left is the gym itself, while at right is the

shower room and lockers area where facilities will be provided for four dressing rooms to accommodate both boys and girls at the senior and junior high school levels.