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## Town Crier

by Pat Savage

Don't forget the Baseball for Kids banquet Monday, June 14 at the Twilight Cafe. There will be continuous buffet serving from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Here is a chance for a good meal, an interesting program and a chance to help finance programs for our young people. There isn't much to do here in the summer and these youngsters do like to play ball. Not only does it give them something to do, it is good for them to be active. This takes not only money but adult help, so there are ways we all can help, 'pay or play', or do both if you possible can.

Our modern day pioneer, Evelyn Bailey, has taken a little time off the Bicentennial wagon train due to a lack of finances. She is working as the caretaker of the Dogwood Stables in Paducah, Kentucky. She will be training saddlebred horses plus a few thoroughbreds. She still plans to ride into Valley Forge on July 4th if possible.

People may now water their lawns and gardens without restrictions, but I would like to see people use their water sensibly and with conservation in mind. Don't set your sprinklers and let them stay in one spot all day or for several days, turn your water off at night, don't let it run down the sidewalks and streets. Use it for your needs, but don't go hog wild. If we use this water wisely, and I'm sure we can, perhaps this will help ward off restrictions in the future. Think when you turn the tap!

Just a reminder - Flag Day is Monday, June 14. Wouldn't you like to be different from most people that day? You can - just fly your flag! One of the most beautiful and memorable occasions that could happen to our town is for everyone to fly their flag at the same time on June 14. Couldn't we all think alike and be proud to wave our country's banner one day out of the year?



TWO NEARLY BLIND BICYCLISTS STOPPED OVERNIGHT in Nyssa with their dog Lightning, shown here in the backyard of the Walter Burdette home, where they camped Sunday night.

They are Mr. and Mrs. Leo Riegel of Boise. Leo, 37, and Anna, 26, both have eye disease and he is going blind. They will pedal across the United States, or until his eye sight fails entirely, whichever come first.

The couple and their part wolf and husky dog left Boise last week, and after leaving Nyssa were to visit cousins in Vale, a grandmother in Bend, a mother in Portland, and then down

the Oregon Coast, across California to Nevada, and across the United States to Florida.

They are financed by Leo's social security disability payment, which amounts to \$236 per month. This will take care of food and bike repairs, and if they run short they will stop and work for a few days here and there if necessary.

The cart to haul Lightning and the supplies is Leo's own design, and he built it while going to school sponsored by the Commission of the Blind.

The couple does not have a schedule, and they just plan to go as far as they can each day. Leo said "we want to see what America looks like while we can."

## School Board Adopts 1976-77 Budget, Election June 29

The board of directors of Nyssa School District No. 26 adopted the proposed budget for the 1976-77 school year at their budget hearing Monday evening. The budget board was adopted unanimously. Budget committee members are Don Dirksen, Joel Mitchell, Harvey Wilmot, Richard Mejia, Val Garner, Farrell Peterson and Duane Drydale. These seven also with school board members Mark Hartley, Gene Stunz, Vic Haburchak, Don Bullard, Keith Langley, Gerald Simantel and Bill Schilling, have worked since last November on the budget.

The budget of \$1,836,683 includes debt service of \$237,808 to pay for school construction bonds, and \$26,300 for food service. The latter was not a budget item last year, as there was no cafeteria.

The school board is asking approval on a levy of \$240,922 above the 6% limitation. This compares with \$138,266 in the 1974-75 year, and none last year. The estimated tax rate per \$1,000

will be \$17.15, compared with \$14.71 in the current year.

Other than an average salary increase of 6.8% added to the base, and an increase in the cost of teaching supplies and equipment, most of the budget increase will be due to the opening of the new buildings. An estimated \$30,000 is budgeted for heat and additional lights. Due to the fire, churches and other groups have carried much of this expense.

Fire insurance costs are increased because of a large increase in property values. Superintendent McPartland pointed out that there are many other expenses which the schools will have this year when the new buildings are put in operation which did not exist the past two years when there were no buildings.

**Open House June 27**

After the hearing school board and budget board members walked through the new high school. Arvy Construction Company will

complete their work in the building about June 15, and the school board has scheduled an Open House for Sunday, June 27 between the hours of 2 and 5 p.m. They expressed satisfaction with the new building, and invite school district patrons to come and inspect it.

Estimated completion schedules for the other new buildings were also discussed by the board. Barring unexpected strikes, material shortages, or other delays, the buildings will be completed as follows: Cafeteria, by opening of school. Gymnasium, in December, before the start of wrestling and basketball seasons. Auditorium, before the end of the year. Elementary multi-purpose room by early fall. Industrial arts complex by opening school. The facing on the burned end of the old high school (new junior high) will be completed, and virtually all outside work other than landscaping should be completed before the start of school in September, according to McPartland.

## City Water Tank Completed, Sprinkling Restrictions Lifted

The three-million gallon water tank warranty work has been completed according to Ralph Lowe, City Water Foreman. The top two rings of the tank were sandblasted, with a primer added. Three protective coats of grey paint were then applied to complete the tank.

A seven day curing time added to the length of time the tank was out of service.

This inspection period also brought to light a faulty valve which failed to completely open when programmed to do so. The valve has been removed, according to Lowe, and returned to the factory. In the meantime the operation is being done manually with good results.

The Ranney Collector has been cleaned and tested to meet State Water Standards and will be used to fill the tank.

City Manager Schneider again requested people to be more selective in their lawn irrigation habits and urged them to move sprinklers when the ground becomes saturated. "We have too much water running down the street and this costs the City money."

The City Council lifted the irrigation curtailment with the understanding that the collector be used. Although the Ranney Collector water meets State Standards, the chlorine addition imparts a pronounced taste to the water. "Nyssa is consuming more water than our wells can produce," Schneider said.

"So unless the Collector is used our storage tanks cannot recover."

He further pointed out that the National water consumption average per capita is 150 gallons per person. "Here in Nyssa our average is at least four times as high and our

wells just can't compete with that kind of use."

Ralph Lowe pointed out that there is no overall shortage of water, only the well water is limited. "If people would cut down on their water use we can reduce the amount of collector water needed to supplement the system."

In removing the irrigation restrictions the City Council expressed the hope that people would voluntarily review their sprinkling methods. The City Manager was directed to be on the lookout for water running in the street due to overwatering.

## Nyssa Nite Rodeo June 18, 19 Nyssa FFA Places Second

Nyssa's 30th Annual Night Rodeo will again be sponsored by the Owyhee Riding Club and will open this Bicentennial year with a parade down Main Street Friday, night June 18 and Saturday night, June 19 at 7 p.m. The Rodeo will begin promptly at 8 p.m. each evening.

There will be seven main events which will include: bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, barrels, bull riding, bull dogging, calf roping and team roping with \$700 added prize money. Special added attractions will be the Jr. Barrells - non-card holders up to 15 years old and steer stopping for the local Nyssa area people and also non-card holders.

Entries may call 372-2403 beginning June 15 between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Call backs may be made June 17 between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Any other entries above the

scheduled one for the main shows will be run in slack time.

Stock producer this year is the "Lazy SZ" Stock Company owned by Vernon Hopkins of Weiser.

The 1976 Rodeo Queen is Debbie Goodman of Vale with princesses Pat Needham, Ontario and Sue Olsen of Vale.

Featured attraction will be the "Bareback Riders of Boise Valley" with Sharon Schmitt, queen and Wayne Steer, drill master. The club is comprised of young people ranging in ages 7 to 18. A group of very dedicated youngsters, who in the summer practice three nights a week. Each rider is responsible for all the care and grooming of his horse.

The original concept of the group is so that any youngster who wants to learn to ride can do so, no matter what their financial situation

is - if they can't afford a horse they are provided with one which they must care for through scholarships. Since this is their concept they make their own uniforms, with their parents help, and their tack is also quite simple.

They ride to honor the American Indian and proudly display their style of riding. Their drill master, Wayne Steer, has worked with horses and young people for 25 years.

## City Council Tables Farm Labor Request

All members of the City Council were present at their regular meeting Tuesday evening June 8 beginning at 7:30 p.m. In addition to all routine business Ordinance #458 was passed by the Council granting a franchise to Cascade Natural Gas for continued operations in the City for the third and final time.

There were no remonstrances on the Budget as published and it was duly adopted for the coming year. The total levy to be certified to the Malheur County assessor will be \$161,826.06 which is within the 6% limitation.

Mrs. Dorothy Nolen was re-appointed for a full term to the Nyssa Library Board.

A Resolution of the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce denoting their approval of a proposed fifty permanent

Nyssa FFA Places Second

Nyssa FFA members, accompanied by their advisor, Deryl Leggett, attended the State FFA Livestock and Meats judging contest in The Dalles, Oregon, June 6 to 8.

Nyssa members placed second in the meats judging contest. Those attending the contest were Rene Simpson, Barbara Holmes, Tim Mecham, Ken Mosely, Charles Sims and Carl Simpson.

## Baseball Banquet Slated June 14

The Baseball for Kids banquet will be Monday, June 14 at the Twilight Cafe with continuous buffet serving from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per plate and are a donation to the Baseball for Kids program and other youth activities.

Speaker for the evening will be Mike Manning of the Boise A's professional baseball team, who will bring two of the team members with him. He will show a film on the 1975 World Series.

## WEATHER

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
June 2	70	48	
June 3	66	47	
June 4	70	39	
June 5	80	41	
June 6	84	57	
June 7	86	56	
June 8	84	58	
June 9	49	.13	

Owyhee Reservoir Storage  
 6-9-76 678,000 Acre Feet  
 6-9-75 705,850 Acre Feet

## Car Wash Slated

There will be a car wash Saturday, June 12 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Ron's Shell Service, 101 North Main in Nyssa. This car wash is being held to help with the Nyssa Nite Rodeo queen and princesses expenses.

Prices are: \$2 - complete washing of outside, \$2.50 - inside and outside. A good job guaranteed each time.

## Jonathan Reece

### EOSC Graduate

A total of 189 students graduated from Eastern Oregon State College in La Grande, at the 47th annual commencement ceremonies held on Friday, June 4. Those graduating during the outdoor celebration included 16 Associate of Science, 145 Bachelor of Science, 24 Bachelor of Arts, and 4 Master of Science degrees.

Among those graduating was Jonathan Lyle Reece, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Reece, Nyssa.

## Wildlife Federation Meets At Redmond

The Oregon Wildlife Federation will hold its semi-annual meeting at Redmond at the American Legion Hall June 18-20.

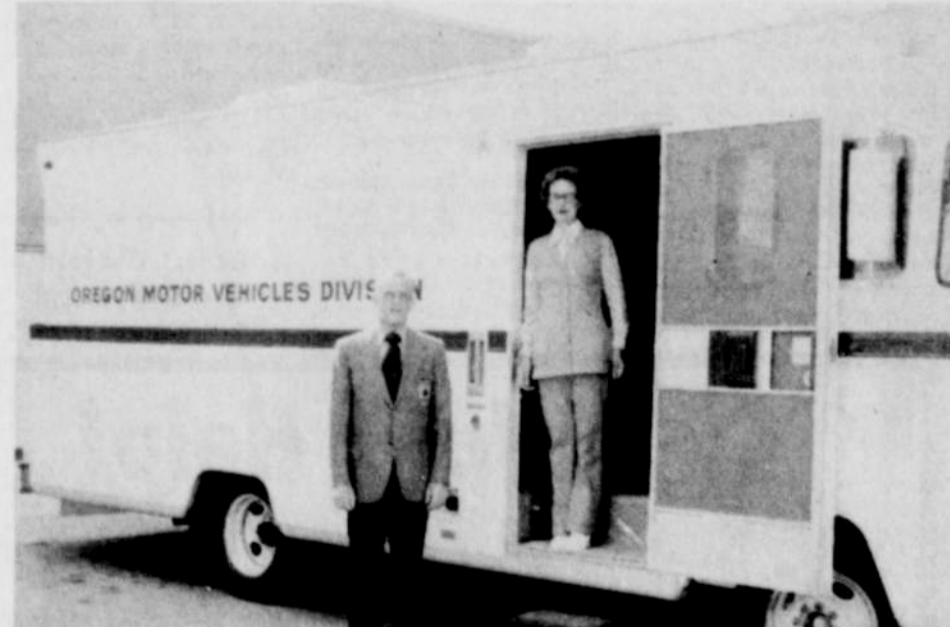
President George Moorhead of Salem will open the meetings Saturday, June 19 at 9 a.m. following registration and a board meeting Friday evening.

Installation of officers is one of the first orders of business, with new president Jerry A. Hansen of Nyssa assuming that office. The banquet is Saturday evening at 7 p.m., and Sunday sessions will end at 10:30 a.m., followed by a directors meeting.



MEMBERS OF THE QUEEN'S COURT of the Nyssa Night Rodeo include, left to right, Queen Deby Goodman, Vale, and Princesses Patty Needham, Ontario and Sue Olsen,

Vale. The girls invite everyone to come to the rodeo June 18-19 and to view the parade on the evening of June 18.



THE OREGON MOTOR vehicles division mobile office was in Nyssa Tuesday, with Allan Sigler, assistant supervisor for the Eastern Region, and LaVelle Haynes, who will be in charge of the office. Based in Baker, the vehicle will visit Nyssa, Vale, Jordan Valley, Arock and Huntington one day a month as in the past.

This mobile office is set up to take pictures for the new drivers license, and car registration, driver testing and other business of the department. A similar vehicle will be stationed in Bend to serve central Oregon communities. Regular field offices in the larger cities will continue to offer these services on a daily basis.

