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By Pat Savage
My hometown pride felt more than justified Monday, when not only were all the flags out on Main Street but many, many homes, organizations and businesses had our colors flying. And to make our Bicentennial year a little more impressive, the flags may be flown for the next 21 days (Flag Day, June 14 through Independence Day, July 4). Let's all get with the Spirit of '76 and keep those flags flying in the breeze.

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This is the week to don your cowboy hat, levis and cowboy boots. It's Nyssa Nite Rodeo time. The stock producer is Vernon Hawkins of the "Lazy SZ" Stock Company of Weiser. Understand this is all new stock, and good entertainment, as well as tough competition is guaranteed. Claim the bulls are exceptionally tough. Watch the parade at 7 p.m. and go to the rodeo at 8 p.m. both Friday and Saturday. Have a good weekend, rodeos are fun!

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The Kids for Baseball banquet was successful, thanks to many individuals who worked very hard. The proceeds totaled \$300 and this will help with our summer baseball program. Kids need something to do, and what better activity than baseball for girls and boys?

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Remember when I was a kid, we had a summer recreation program which provided something for all youngsters from handcraft, sewing, games, baseball, swimming lessons, etc. There was a director for this, and he coordinated all events, thus easing the load of busy individuals and avoiding the overlapping of time and activities. Schedules were printed and parents knew what to expect a month at a time and where their children were supposed to be and what time. It was a busy and fun time. Just food for thought.

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Wouldn't you like to be able to say, "I remember when I donated my first pint of blood. It was June 22, 1976." New blood donors are very badly needed in our area. Old donors are much appreciated and needed also but they have established their pattern and can be counted on to give. Blood replacement is important and you never know when you or your loved ones may need some. Let's see how many first time donors we can add to our procurement list this June 22 at the Eagles Hall.



THE "BAREBACK RIDERS OF BOISE VALLEY" a group composed of persons from the ages of 7 to 18 who ride to honor the American Indian, will be this year's featured attraction at Friday and Saturday's 30th Annual Nyssa Nite rodeo. Admission is \$2.75 for adults, \$1.25 for children ages 6-12. Children 5 and under will be let in free.

School Board Awards Roofing Contract

The Nyssa School board opened bids Monday on new roofing for the Arcadia Building and the Primary School and awarded the contract to Ontario Roofing Company.

Ontario Roofing's bid of \$6,486 was the lowest of four bids received. The other bidders included Williamson Roofing Company, New Plymouth (\$8,406), Treasure Valley Roofing, New Plymouth (\$8,752) and Fox and Sons, Nyssa (\$6,749). One provision faced Ontario Roofing. A possible 100 feet of gutter on the Elementary School may need replacement and Ontario Roofing must reach an agreement with School Superintendent W. L. McPartland on the price for it. If not, the contract awarded will be nullified. McPartland expressed confidence that an agreement will be quickly reached.

The School Board also opened bids on a new school bus, but tabled them pending acceptance of the budget. Architect Robert Smith spoke with the Board about building construction and said, "Phase One is substantially complete." Except for the Science Room, the High

School is "practically complete." Smith finished his report to the Board when he said, "I'm just tickled to death with the whole project."

Concerning the upcoming open house, June 27, the Board will tour the school with the Building Committee June 24 at 7:30 p.m.

The Board will also hold an organizational meeting July 1 for new Board members.

In other business, the Board authorized McPartland to look into advertising for a new liability insurance arrangement, form an advisory committee to aid in the selection of banquet china, buy small kitchen equipment from the lowest bidder and enter into an auditing contract with the IED of Malheur County.

Finally, at the meeting's close, a few Board members discussed the need to have closer contact with the educational programs at the schools. Board member Bill Schilling said they had been too busy with putting up new buildings to keep in contact with the different departments at the schools. The need for developing a system of review for teachers up for tenure was also discussed as the long meeting ended.

Summer Journalism Interne at Gate City



SUMMER JOURNALISM INTERNE at the Gate City Journal for this summer is Alan Abbey, graduate student at the University of Oregon School of Journalism. Previous Journal summer replacements from the University are both successfully employed in journalism, Richard Sept at the Cottage Grove Sentinel and Merlin Mann at the Idaho Statesman in Boise.

Alan's home is in Brooklyn, New York where he graduated from high school. He received his BA from the State University of New York in Albany, and he has been at Eugene for the past school year. He hopes to receive his MS in Journalism after this next year.

Alan is finding the West much different than the environs of New York, but says that he has enjoyed his year in Western Oregon, and is looking forward to a summer in Eastern Oregon. He is being indoctrinated into cowboy life with his coverage of the Nyssa Nite Rodeo, and has plans to accompany some of the rockhounds on their hunts later in the summer.

His experiences in New York include a stint as a taxicab driver in Manhattan, and he spent one summer as a camp counselor in the Catskills. This weekend he will accompany some friends to attend a wedding in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and hopes to see some of the flood ruins of Eastern Idaho as well as the scenery of that area on his trip.

Malheur County Budget Balanced For 1976-77

The Malheur County Budget Board has balanced the proposed budget for fiscal year 1976-77 and will not have to ask for any additional tax above the 6 percent limitation.

The original budget prepared in early April of this year did not anticipate an additional \$30,000 cash carry over. It is from additional funds generated by increased delinquent tax collections and alcoholic beverage fund apportionment. Also added were funding through the state for the County Child Support Enforcement program receipts from the sale of livestock associated with a pending livestock theft case and elimination of a projected cost of feeding those animals in next year's budget.

Local Students Earn Degrees

More than 2,000 University of Oregon students were honored as candidates for degrees during the University's Spring Term commencement Sunday, June 13. Among the candidates were Linda Sue McMullen, BIARCH, Interior Architecture; Daniel Todd Garner, BS, Political Science; and Sharlene Kido Desrochers, BA, Journalism, from Nyssa; and Sheila Rose Pratt, BS, Speech Pathology and Audiology, Adrian, the latter with honors.

In addition, latest estimates show that the State Highway apportionment will be approximately \$53,000 more than the Board anticipated earlier this year. This increase in highway revenue going to counties is due to the change to two year vehicle registration. This increase might cause a decrease in next year's revenue which could cause serious budget problems next year. This money is limited to use in the road fund.

In other business, salary negotiations with the county employees have been completed with employees scheduled to receive a \$62 per month salary increase. Department heads and supervisory personnel will receive an 8 percent salary increase. Overall salary increases will be approximately 10 percent.

Drivers License Examinations

The Oregon Motor Vehicles Division Mobile Office will be in Nyssa to give drivers license examinations on July 21, August 18 and September 1. The office will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each of those days, and will be parked at the City Library parking lot.

245 Entries in Nyssa Rodeo, Begins Friday With Parade

There'll be a lot of cowboys in Nyssa this weekend, as 245 entries were made in this year's Nyssa Nite Rodeo. While there are many persons who are entered in two and three events, that's a lot of beef on the cowboy boot. The 30th Annual Rodeo begins Friday night with a parade down Main Street at 7 p.m. The rodeo begins at 8 p.m. Saturday's schedule is the same.

Summer Band Starts June 21

The summer band program will begin on Monday, June 21, 1976 with registration at the Nyssa High School office at 8 a.m. Beginning band will meet from 8 to 9:30 a.m. while Advanced Band will meet from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Monday through Friday until July 16, 1976.

The four-week session will include individual help, group musical selections, marching in the Vale 4th of July Parade and a concert on July 16 in the evening in South Park. The cost is \$14.00 per student, with the music being supplied except for the First Division Band Method, Part 1 for beginners.

If you are interested but cannot attend the registration meeting, please call 372-2287 between 8 and 10 a.m. on June 21, for further information.

Cottrell Named

OIC at Hagerman

Melvin Cottrell, assistant postmaster at Nyssa is now in Hagerman, Idaho as officer-in-charge of the post office there. He will remain in Hagerman until a permanent postmaster is appointed. Cottrell started with the Nyssa post office in 1948 as a clerk, and was named assistant postmaster in 1963.

Harold Pook, Nyssa postmaster, said that after the Hagerman position is filled Cottrell will be transferred to some other job in the postal service.

Robert Church Devry Graduate

Robert D. Church, a 1969 graduate of Nyssa High School, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electronics Engineering Technology from the Devry Institute of Technology, Phoenix, Arizona.

His brother Kenneth, who graduated from Nyssa in 1971, received his Associate of Applied Science degree in Electronic Engineering Technology at the same time. He will graduate from Devry with a Bachelor Science degree next March.

Both boys are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Church, formerly of Nyssa, who now live in Ontario. Robert has taken a job with national Semi-Conductors in Sunnyvale, California.

This year's featured attraction is the "Bareback Riders of Boise Valley." The group is comprised of young people from the ages of 7 to 18. They practice three nights a week in the summer as well as care for and groom their horses. Youngsters from all backgrounds have been welcomed into the group; those who could not afford horses on their own have been provided with horses and scholarships for their care. The riders make their own uniforms, with their parents' help. Simple tack completes their outfits.

Their riding style honors the American Indian. Drillmaster Wayne Steer has 25 years experience with teaching horsemanship and riding skills. Sharon Schmitt is the group's queen. This year's Rodeo Queen is Deby Goodman, Vale. Princesses Patty Needham, Ontario and Sue Olsen, Vale, round out the court.

A special added attraction is the Junior Barrels, non-card holders up to 15 years

old. Steer stopping for local persons is also featured. These entrants, while they only pay a \$10 entry fee (regular entrants pay \$26) are included in the total of 245.

The main events, which will be called by announcer Allen McGrath, Vale, are: bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, barrels, bull dogging, calf roping and team roping. A rough estimate Wednesday placed the purse for team roping at almost \$700.

Accompanying the rodeo, on the edge of the grounds is Zimmer's Rides. They opened today and will be here through Saturday.

Admission to the Rodeo is \$2.75 for adults, \$1.25 for children 6-12. Children under five will be admitted free.

This year's stock producer is the "Lazy SZ" Stock Company, owned by Vernon Hawkins of Weiser. Good stock and exceptional bulls are promised.

As last year, the Rodeo is sponsored by the Owyhee Riding Club.

Olsen Named Regional Dentist of the Year

Dr. John W. Olsen of Nyssa was awarded as the

Regional Dentist of the Year by the Oregon Academy of General Dentistry at a recent meeting in Portland.

The Academy of General Dentistry award is given to those dentists who have given exceptional contributions to their community and profession.

A graduate of the University of Oregon Dental School, he has been past president of the Eastern Oregon Dental Association and the Idaho Pioneer Dental Study Club. He currently serves as trustee of the Oregon State Dental Association and has received the American Academy of Dental Medicine Certificate of Merit Award.

Dr. Olsen is a member of the American Dental Association, and the Oregon State Dental Association. He is a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force Reserve.



Dr. John W. Olsen

FLAG WEEK PROCLAMATION

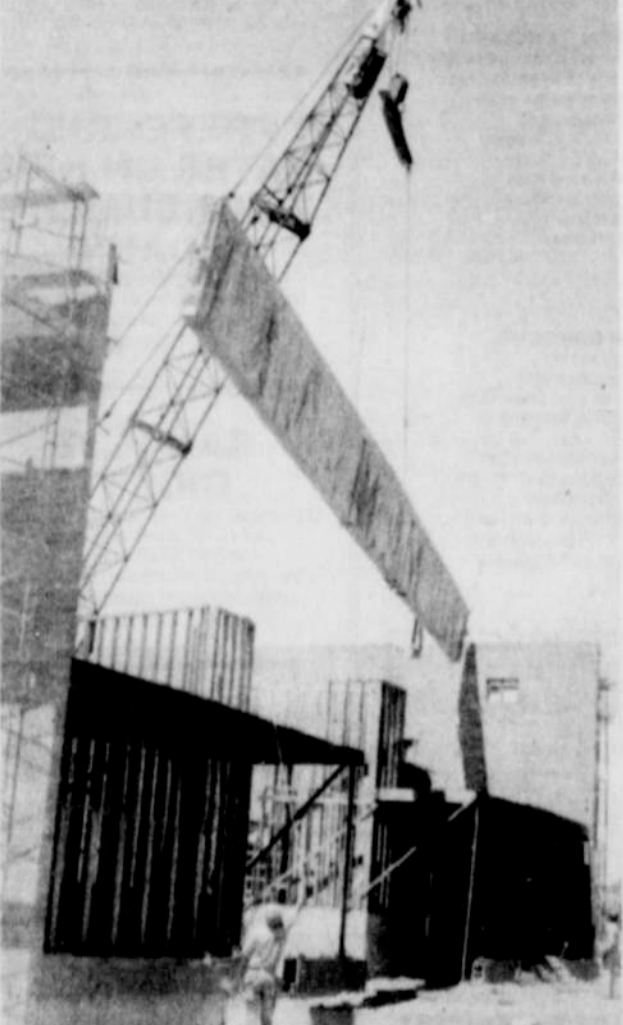
WHEREAS the people of the United States of America are celebrating the 200th anniversary of the birth of this great nation, and

WHEREAS the Congress of the United States has declared the twenty-one days from Flag Day through Independence Day as a period to honor America and conduct public gatherings and activities at which the people of the United States can celebrate and honor their country in an appropriate manner and

WHEREAS the continuous display of the flag of the United States throughout this twenty-one-day period has been declared by the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration to be a meaningful expression complementary to the common effort to insure a national commemoration touching the hearts and minds of all citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Nyssa join with other communities throughout the land in a Bicentennial 21-Day Flag Salute in which every citizen and every organization will be urged to fly the flag of the United States as a symbol of rededication to the principles upon which this nation was founded.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Donald Oldemeyer, Mayor of the City of Nyssa do hereby proclaim the period of June 14 through July 5 as Nyssa Flag Week and I urge all citizens of our town to fly their flag during this period.



HUGE LAMINATED BEAMS were lowered into place on the auditorium Tuesday, as the new buildings rapidly take shape. School authorities invite all school district patrons to visit the beautiful new high school classroom building Sunday, June 27 for an Open House between 2 and 5 p.m.

WEATHER

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
June 9	80	49	.13
June 10	63	50	.02
June 11	73	51	.16
June 12	71	50	
June 13	63	43	
June 14	73	38	
June 15	80	40	
June 16		46	

Owyhee Reservoir Storage
6-16-76 663,160 Acre Feet
6-16-75 700,000 Acre Feet



FLAGS ARE FLYING IN Nyssa in response to the 21-day celebration ending July 5. This nationwide observance will climax the 200th birthday celebration. Boy Scouts put out the flags, with merchants bringing them in at night and putting them out each morning for the three-week period. Home flags are also flying, as they are in every city in the United States.