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By Pat Savage
My two weeks of vacation seemed to fly by. It is nice to be back to work, but sure do agree with Arlene Robb when she told me no time goes faster than vacations and noon hours. How true....

I don't want to sound like I'm boasting, but aren't you Nyssa people proud to be able to support Kathy Kunkel our new Miss Malheur County? This community has certainly been well represented in this particular achievement. We have had several Miss Malheur Counties from the old hometown and two Miss Oregon's. I think it is particularly nice that the Paul Kunkel family has two beautiful daughters each wearing the crown of Miss Malheur County, and acting as our representative not only locally and for the county, but also at the Miss Oregon Pageant in Seaside. Miriam, you have done well and been a most gracious representative for us all. Kathy, our support and best wishes pour forth as you are now our reigning Miss Malheur County. We are proud of you, and prouder still to say you are from Nyssa.

Alvin Allen and Ron Moffis certainly should be quite adept as baseball coaches for 12-year-old boys as having finished their regular season, they are now coaching the SRV All-Star team. Team members were chosen from Nyssa, Ontario and Vale. Four Nyssa boys have been named to the team. They are Gary South, Rick Harris, Mike Palmer and Bobby Rodriguez. District playoffs will be in Pendleton July 21, and teams playing will be from Oregon, Mountain Home and Washington. To Alvin and Ron, we say thanks for taking the time and making the effort, and we sure hope your team is a winner.

Nyssa Police Officer Steve Buchtel will leave July 17 for the Police Academy in Monmouth, Oregon, where he will train in all phases of law enforcement. Following his seven weeks of study he will then become a certified officer. Rick Debban, who is a certified officer, has been named to replace Frank Pittz who resigned recently from the Nyssa force. Officer Debban, his wife and two children are looking for a home in Nyssa.

Hope you've noticed the posters in all the stores about the drawing for the canoe. Not only is it a free drawing, but there will be lots of super special buys on July 30. You may register for the canoe at any Nyssa Merchant who is listed as participating in the promotion. The River Runner Canoe is on display at the U.S. Bank until July 19, and will then be at the First National Bank from July 20 to the 30. Get registered so you won't be caught up the creek without a paddle. Watch The Gate City Journal for the July 30th boat full of value sales.

Schilling Re-elected

At its regular Monday meeting, the Nyssa School Board re-elected Bill Schilling as Chairman. Don Bullard was elected Vice Chairman, Leota Krieger, Deputy Clerk and Superintendent Kenneth Kramer was elected Budget Officer.

In other business, the board also appointed a new Budget committee. Appointed were Harvey Wilmot, Gerald Simantel and Prudencio Escobedo Sr. Alternates will be Don Dirksen and Dick Esplin.

The second Monday of each month was established as the board's meeting date. The meetings will start at 8 p.m. This year, the board will meet in the High School Library.

Also discussed were proposed policies for the use of school facilities. One member felt that perhaps the fees were not high enough. However, another member pointed out that the facility was there for the community and that the fees were based on a break-even basis. It was agreed by the board that they try the policy until January and review it at that time.

It was approved that the aggregate borrowing power be raised from \$400,000 to \$500,000.

Also approved was the expenditure of \$4680.00 for gym mats.

The U.S. Bank was designated as the schools' bank for the upcoming year.

Older Americans Receive Tax Break

Beginning this year, certain taxpayers 65 years of age or older may exclude all of the gain from the sale of their home from their gross income if the adjusted sales price is \$35,000 or less.

Ralph Short, IRS District Director in Oregon, cautioned taxpayers that this change is effective for Tax Year 1977. Under the new law, if the adjusted sales price is more than \$35,000, the tax break is prorated.

In prior years, the full tax break could be taken only if the adjusted sales price was \$20,000 or less. The adjusted sales price is the amount that the seller receives after paying selling commissions and certain allowable fix-up expenses, the IRS explained.

The IRS said that to qualify for the exclusion, as in the past, taxpayers must:

--have been at least 65 before the sale of the house.

--have owned and used the property as their principal residence for at least five years (continuously or with interruptions) within an 8-year period ending on the date of sale;

--never have used the tax exclusion before (it may be used only once in the taxpayer's lifetime).

Information on the sale of a home by older Americans is available free from the IRS in Publication 523, "Tax Information on Selling or Purchasing Your Home," and Publication 554, "Tax Benefits for Older Americans."



RALPH LOWE and Dean Winchester are cooling the ashes at the front of the garage, while Max Brittingham takes care of the side, with the crowd inspecting the volunteer's work.



MAX BRITTINGHAM directing the hose, is being assisted by Gene Orr behind him, Steve Marez and Delbert Malloy at the far left, volunteer fire members look on. In the background are the owners of the garage.

Active Members Make Up Nyssa's Volunteer Fire Dept.

By Kathy Daudt
Risking their lives to protect their fellow citizens are twenty-five men who make up the Nyssa Volunteer Fire Department. The Department led by Chief Delbert Malloy and Assistant Chief Jack Pittz are only two of the twenty-five men who donate their time to the Department.

In payment for these volunteer services, the budget allows refreshments after practices on Monday nights and a yearly Christmas party and a Firemen's picnic, which was July 11. Nyssa's Fire Department spends a mere \$1,500 for all services, compared to \$80,000 or \$100,000 if Nyssa were to have a full-time Fire Department. "As far as our record goes, I'll match our department against anybody," exclaims Jack Pittz.

Nyssa's Fire Department has no recruiting problems, but to be considered an applicant, you must be a Nyssa resident, and have lived in the Nyssa area for one year. You must be able to leave work for fire calls and live nearby for quick responses. Members then vote on the applicant. If he receives two no votes, he is not added to the member's list. No applicant has ever been a woman, but if one was to apply, she would have just as good a chance as a man.

Two pumper trucks with a combined capacity of 1,250 gallons and a tanker which holds 1,000 gallons are property of the Nyssa Fire Department. These trucks serve the Nyssa and surrounding rural area, which was the result of a Rural Fire District which was formed in 1950. The Rural Fire District owns one of the pumper trucks and the tanker truck, while the city owns the other pumper truck. Trucks for the rural fire district may be used in the city or outlying areas, in return, the city stores the trucks. The city truck may be used only in the city limits.

Two sirens sound when a fire is reported and can be heard up to five miles away. Fire calls come through a dispatcher at the Police Department, but this change

is recent. Calls used to ring twelve different phones at firemen's homes and each phone had a switch to turn on the siren.

To keep the Fire Department shining, the department practices every Monday night on hose laying and other tactics except on the first Monday which is open for a business meeting. Once a year the State Fire Marshal presents a training session, where the men practice on donated burning buildings.

In addition to fire fighting the department responds to car accidents. They own a power saw which comes in handy when they need to cut a car apart. The department also owns a resuscitator for drowning and other accidents. Treating accident victims is no problem for most volunteers since they have Red Cross First Aid Training.

Not only is the crew called to emergencies, but have found themselves at such events as when a woman's bedsheets were blown into a tree from the clothesline.

Nyssa's biggest fire, in the last ten years, was when the Nyssa High School burnt till only ashes and a small part of Nyssa High was left.

A mutual aid agreement with Adrian and Ontario, nearby towns, makes additional support available if needed, as in the case of the high school.

"I wouldn't stay with the department if they paid us, it would just be interference," commented Wilmer [Duke] Hipp, 30-year veteran of the fire department.

Remember Nyssa's, the next time when there is a fire, your firemen care about what happens to you. So don't complain, say—THANKS!!



I'm a rare bird— a blood donor.
The American National Red Cross
"All Birds Between 17 and 66 are Welcome"
... Don't Forget to Give!

Junior Lifesaving

For all youngsters between the ages of 11-14 years or who have completed the fifth grade, Junior Lifesaving will begin July 18. The Lifesaving course will last two weeks from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon, and will be held at the Nyssa swimming pool.

The cost will be \$10.00, plus a Lifesaving Book (\$1.75). Everyone interested is to sign up at the Nyssa swimming pool, on Park Avenue.

Senior Lifesaving will be offered later this summer. More information will be given at a later date.

Date	Gallons Uged	Pumping Hours	Per Capita	Temp.
Wednesday	1,723,000	23	607	78
Thursday	1,701,000	21	600	74
Friday	1,780,000	23	628	85
Saturday	1,826,000	24	644	89
Sunday	1,698,000	22	599	84
Monday	1,753,000	22	618	87
Tuesday	1,787,000	23	630	88
Date July 11, 1977				
Population	2,834			

This chart is a daily pumping record from Wednesday 0900 A.M. through Tuesday 0900 A.M. of each week. According to the national average, Nyssa residents should use 425,100 gallons per day.

Wilderness Area Proposed

The proposal for a 175,000-acre wilderness in the Wenaha-Tucannon area of north-eastern Oregon and south-eastern Washington represents a balanced approach to managing the resources of the area, Oregon Congressman Al Ullman said Thursday.

"This proposal protects the vital resources of the area, particularly fish spawning grounds and elk country, without removing substantial quantities of valuable commercial timber from the resource base," Ullman said in a speech to the Optimists Club.

Ullman praised the work and cooperation of the representatives from fish, wildlife, environmental and industry groups in drawing the new boundaries on the Oregon side of the proposed wilderness area.

"The new boundaries add about 4,500 acres to the 170,500 acres proposed by the Administration. These additions were made to protect critical spawning grounds in the Wenaha River drainage," Ullman said.

The proposal, included in the Endangered American Wilderness Act, recently was approved by a House subcommittee. It is now before the House Interior Committee. Related legislation is pending in the Senate.

Originally, a 200,000-acre wilderness area was proposed, but 25,000 acres was deleted in subcommittee. Ullman noted, however, the subcommittee directs the Forest Service to manage the 25,000 acres in a manner that gives primary consideration to the protection of fish and elk habitat.

On another forest issue, Ullman said progress is being made in the Congress on legislation that would allow Pacific Northwest timber sales to be conducted by oral auction rather than sealed bids.

Ullman said recent sealed bids in the Bend-Prineville area are a clear indication of the need for the return to predominantly oral auction.

"The threat to the economic stability of these communities cannot be ignored," Ullman said. Recent changes in Forest Service regulations that permit up to 75 per cent of sales to be conducted by oral auction do not meet the needs of communities which are dependent on National Forest timber sales, he said.

The legislation repealing the requirement for sealed bidding has won approval in Senate and House committees and will be considered by the Senate this month.

Reading Program

Studies show the reading achievement level of students drops during the summer months. To encourage summer reading, the State Department of Public Instruction has initiated a project which will award Oregon students who read ten or more books, a reading certificate signed by Governor Bob Straub.

Students should list the titles of the books in a letter to Verne A. Duncan, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Salem, Oregon 97310. They should include their school grade level, a return address, and the signature of their parent or guardian.

WEATHER

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
July 6	77	45	
July 7	85	47	
July 8	94	49	
July 9	93	53	
July 10	84	55	
July 11	90	54	
July 12	92	56	
July 13	53	trace	

Owyhee Reservoir Storage
7-13-77 336,780 Acre Feet
7-13-76 590,480 Acre Feet

Planning Commission Draft Near Completion

Nyssa Planning Commission is nearing completion of draft copy of the Comprehensive Plan for the City. After five months of Townhall Meetings to collect citizen input on public facilities, public services, economics, population and housing, the Planning Commission is entering into the goal and objective-making stage of the planning process.

During its last meeting, it was the general opinion that Nyssa had a very tight housing market (both rentals and for sale); and low-cost units were in high demand. Source of obtaining these low-cost units was controversial, however.

Next Townhall Meeting is scheduled for 26th of July and will contain a short presentation of data found in the Land Capabilities and

Natural Resources Report - soil information, geographical data, groundwater information, and brief conclusion on which areas are better suited for which type of land uses. Main objective of this Townhall Meeting will be to present list of goals, objectives, and policies, the Planning Commission is now assimilating for review, to the public.

The list will then be remodeled, based on comments received at the meeting, and will be recommended to the City Council at their regular meeting in August.

Planning Commission members appreciate attendance and input received from the citizens to date and would urge citizen involvement and interest in future Townhall Meetings.

Still Time for 4-H Camp

Do you know how evening campfires, hiking, fishing, meeting new friends, and having fun can be a part of your summer vacation? By going to 4-H Camp! There is still room for youth grades 4, 5, and 6, who would like to attend 4-H Camp, notes Marilyn Mohr, Malheur County Extension Agent.

4-H Camp will be held July 27-30 at the Jackman Youth and Natural Resource Center known as Lakecreek Camp. Lakecreek is located just south of Strawberry Mountain in beautiful Logan Valley. This scenic location makes it ideal for hiking, fishing, wildlife and water investigations.

All Malheur County youth grades 4, 5, and 6 are invited to attend camp. Although a 4-H Camp, youth need not be enrolled in 4-H in order to participate. Cost of the four-day camp is \$35.00 which includes meals, lodging, transportation, materials and insurance.

Does camp sound like fun? Don't delay - register today! Applications will be accepted through Friday, July 22. For applications or more information contact the Malheur County Extension Office, 889-9129.

4-H seeks and encourages the participation of all youth regardless of race, color, or national origin.

Senior Citizens Plan Bus Trip

Malheur Council on Aging is sponsoring a senior citizen's bus trip to Sumpter, Oregon, July 28, Thursday.

Departure time will be 8:30 a.m. sharp from Nyssa Legion Hall and 9 a.m. sharp from Ontario Veteran's Hall. There will be a fee of \$5.00 per passenger for bus fare on an air-conditioned coach line.

Bus passengers may bring a bag lunch or eat at the restaurant in Sumpter. The bus will stop in Baker on the way home to eat dinner at a popular smorgasboard.

The bus will return to Ontario Veteran's Hall approximately 6:30 p.m. and Nyssa Legion Hall 7:00 p.m.

Malheur Council on Aging is now taking reservations for the bus trip. We hope to have enough reservations for two buses, so please call early at 889-7651.

Seuell Elected Conductor



Woody Seuell of Nyssa was elected State Conductor of the Fraternal Order of Eagles June 24, at Medford, Oregon. Prior to being elected, Conductor Woody held the position of Inside Guard. Seuell has been a member of the Eagles since 1948.

Gold Medal Winner



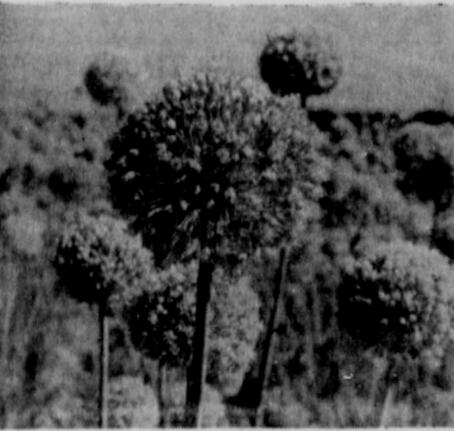
Gary Lee Smith, son of Gary Smith, former Adrian and Nyssa resident, has won the gold medal in Idaho the past two years at the state Skills Olympics in Electronics. This year he will compete at National Skills Olympics in Cincinnati. Last year, he competed in Miami. Smith is a recent graduate of Burley High School and will be attending Idaho State University in the fall.

Be a Rare Bird

A Blood Mobile Visit is scheduled for July 21, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The summer blood donor is a Rare Bird. Come join the flock. Just because you've migrated to the vacation spots, don't think the continuing need for blood has flown away. An hour of your time can help maintain the nest egg of life-giving blood.

The visit will be at the Eagles Hall, Thursday, July 21, the hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with free lunch and free baby sitting provided for the donors. Hostess group will be the Owyhee LDS ladies, and sponsors of the drawing are the Malheur Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.



WHAT IS IT? See page 6 for the answer.