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Town Crier

By Pat Savage

The long-awaited day is coming Saturday. Of course, I am referring to the free drawing for the beautiful, sleek River Runner Canoe. There will also be many other prizes to be given at the same drawing. Some are: a rod and reel from Nyssa Merc; \$10 gift certificate from the Kids Kiosk; four dinners from Brownies Cafe; large pizza from the Olympic Club; and four subscriptions from the Gate City Journal plus the numerous sale items found in all the local stores. The drawing will be at 3 p.m. at the M&W parking lot. Let's all come to Nyssa on Saturday, a good place to shop, with a good opportunity to be the winner of a canoe.

Are you ready for the tailgaters and the rockhounds? Well according to Emil Wohlcke, chairman of the Thunderegg Days Celebration, they are coming whether we're ready or not. Last year 2,000 persons per day visited the rock displays, enjoyed the special entertainment during the evening and shopped the tailgaters specials. Perhaps we can do better than that this year. 73 tailgaters opened for business last year with 110 reserving spaces this year. The rocks are interesting, the gem and rock displays are beautiful and educational, and most of all the people are friendly, and the special entertainment is something the whole family can enjoy. Sounds like a real bargain don't you think? See you at the Thunderegg Days, August 3-7 at the Elementary School and McPartland Hall.

The Nyssa High School Class of 1956 (my class) is having their 21st class reunion August 5, 6, 7. I mention this only because we have had many replies from class members who have moved away. These people are interested in returning for the reunion and keep asking who is coming? Or why isn't so and so coming, he or she lives right in Nyssa? I really don't have any answers as to why the local people are always the last to answer or don't bother to answer inquiries at all, but for those of you who haven't, it still isn't too late. If you are interested in coming contact Cleta deBoer, 889-5750 or Pat Savage, 372-3760. A big time is planned, won't you share in it for old time's sake?



DICK UDLINEK proudly displays the First Place Trophy he received at the Eagles State Convention in Medford recently. The recitation or one-man ritual must be given from memory and the actual presentation lasts for thirty-six minutes. Dick is the second man from Nyssa to win this award, as the late Ken Renstrom claimed the first-man honors many years ago.

Council Rejects Low Rent Housing

The Nyssa City Council turned down a request from the Malheur County Housing Authority for permission to build low-rent housing units in the city.

The council felt the plan was not "economically sound" for the city or other taxing districts. One of its main objections was to the ten percent in lieu of taxes portion, of the proposal, which said, that ten percent of rent collected would be paid to the city instead of property taxes. The Housing

Authority proposed to build about 15 multiple-family units around the city.

The budget committee approved a list of expenditures to be funded by state revenue sharing and anti-recessionary funds. The list includes chemicals need for park lawns, a south park sprinkler system, a new radar gun for the police department, well exploration and drilling, a new fire department base station radio, bicycle path signing and a water line on Commercial Street.

Packwood Calls for Showdown on Public Financing

Senator Bob Packwood (R-Ore.) launched an attack on public financing Thursday by charging the Carter White House with attempting to steamroll the Senate into taking up a bill that would give special interest groups more power over Congress.

"Public financing is a fraud. It will hand over to the wealthy and the big special interest groups the power to propel their own puppets into the highest political offices in the land," the Oregon Senator warned. "Unfortunately, I don't think many people, including the Administration, the public, the media, or Congressmen themselves, have given much thought to the consequences of public financing," he criticized.

A call by the Majority Leadership to bring up the public financing bill reported out of the Rules Committee without calling up an alternative plan reported out by the Senate Finance Committee sparked Senator Packwood's charge.

Senators Packwood, Herman E. Talmadge (D-Ga.), Howard Baker (R-Tenn.), Sam Nunn (D-Ga.) and Daniel Moynihan (D-N.Y.) introduced legislation last May which provides an alternative tax credit system. It would allow taxpayers a credit of 75 percent of their political contribution in a calendar year up to \$100 (\$200 on joint returns). As reported out of the Finance Committee, of which Senators Packwood, Talmadge and Moynihan are members, the bill also allows contributors to get a check back for their tax credit within 60 days from the internal Revenue Service, or they can choose to wait and take it as a credit when they file their taxes.

"We have just recently required the taxpayers to give us a pay raise. Are we now going to require them to also pay for our campaign billboards? Are we going to

once more wallow up to the public trough?" Senator Packwood asked.

Public financing will take away the freedom of choice to support a particular candidate from the voter, will hurt minor parties and independents, and bring the government in as a regulator and administrator—red tape flying—the Oregon Senator said. There can be no Constitutional limits on how much an individual or special interest group can independently spend for the election or defeat of a candidate. This means that rich persons or well-financed special interest groups can spend a million or more dollars to buy up huge blocks of television time or newspaper ads, radio spots, bumper stickers or billboards to elect or defeat a candidate, Senator Packwood said.

"We are talking about giving up control of political races to organizations and individuals unaccountable to anybody but their own special interests and momentary passions. A better system is to preserve free choice—to make candidates come to the voters for money, to make candidates responsible to individual contributors, to give the taxpayer a voice in where his dollar goes. All candidates are not created equal and I frankly don't think the public wants its dollars doled out to every candidate who holds out his hand," the Oregon Senator said. Public financing with Presidential elections has been disappointing he said, citing the case of Pennsylvania Governor Milton Shapp who has been ordered to pay back substantial sums of money he wrongly claimed. "Imagine the room for abuse if we expand public financing to cover all Congressional races," Senator Packwood said.

Senator Packwood will offer his bill as a substitute for the public financing bill.

Cancer Society Meets Tonight

There will be a County Unit Meeting of the Cancer Society Thursday, July 28 at Ontario at Rusty's Pancake and Steak House. The no-host dinner will begin at 7 p.m. with the meeting from 8-9:30 p.m. Reservations for the dinner may be made by calling Mrs. Phyllis Grasty, 889-5256.

The 1977 Crusade report will be given and the election of new officers will be held. Also goals of accomplishment for the local unit will be discussed. Everyone is invited to come and contribute suggestions and recommendations for what should



ARRIVING EARLY is Engel King (right) a tailgater from California, discussing parking manners with Emil Wohlcke (left), chairman for Thunderegg Days. Mr. King is only one of the 110 expected tailgaters coming to Nyssa for Thunderegg Days next week.

Rockhounds Slate

By Kathy Daudt

Heading off Thunderegg Days this year is Emil Wohlcke. This being Emil's fourth year as chairman, he has received many letters and recently was told that out of all the places they had been, Nyssa had the friendliest people anywhere. Emil encourages everyone to come down next weekend and visit with all the Tailgaters and Rockhounds.

Expected is 110 tailgaters, real die-hard rockhounds who take in around 30 to 35 shows a year. They will set up outside on the Elementary School lawn and 12 of them will occupy McPartland Hall. They will sell everything you can make from rocks—jewelry, clocks, tables, bookends, belt buckles and coat buttons. Rockhounds will also sell and trade rocks, gems, minerals and tales. To sell from a tailgater's spot at Nyssa's Rock Show, your products must involve about 75% rock products. "That's to keep the Rock Show from turning into a flea market like many other rock shows, from other towns have," stated Chairman Emil Wohlcke.

People will come far and long next week to see the rock show, from 36 states and four Canadian provinces is expected.

People came from as far as New Zealand, Hawaii, Japan, Scotland and the Carolina Islands in the past twelve years. 150 people attended in 1966 from ten states and Canadian provinces in the blistering heat of 100 degrees (plus). In 1968, 221 people showed up and in 1970, 3,535 signed in. In 1971, 4,000 attended; in 1972, 5,600; in 1974, 6,600 and last year, 8,000 lookers with 72 tailgaters.

Nyssa accommodates rockhounds with free camping at the park and a small fee for tailgater spots. Also Nyssa has something going on every night starting with the Lion's Club barbecue on Thursday, ice cream social on Friday and special entertainment on the night of Saturday with watermelon available on Saturday and Sunday.

Past chairmen for the Thunderegg Days have been Harold Brendle, Wayne Moncur, Bernard Eastman and Emil Wohlcke.

Ten years ago only retired people were rockhounds, now in the last two years, younger ones do it as well. Around 75% of the rockhounds feel that rockhounding is a fun hobby while the other 25% feel it's just a job.

If you're in need of a hobby or just have some free time—truck, run, or just walk, on down to the Elementary School lawn, August 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

WEATHER

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
July 21	98	61	
July 21	101	63	
July 22	86	67	
July 23	98	63	trace
July 24	78	68	trace
July 25	88	51	.10
July 26	90	56	.13
July 27		59	
Owyhee Reservoir Storage	77-77	298,130	Acre Feet
	77-77	552,170	Acre Feet



Four years spent in Kenya, 1966-70, formed a highlight in Croghan's career to date. He served as a special technical consultant to the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting in Nairobi during a period of Kenyan government's reorganization.

THIS THUNDEREGG along with many others will be on display August 3-7 on the Elementary School and in McPartland Hall. The thunderegg shows many interesting parts and no two look alike.

be done locally to help individuals and the public regarding the subject of cancer. The opportunity to sponsor "Up With People" for a fund raising event will also be discussed.

Family Swimming Hours Announced

Glenn Walker manager of the Nyssa Municipality Swimming Pool announced that starting immediately there will be adult and/or family swimming every evening starting at 7 p.m. No children under 16 will be allowed in the pool without their parents. Walker also stated that if there is enough interest in the program, possibly the starting time might be moved up to 6 p.m.

Director of Public Information

John R. Croghan is the new director of public information for Cascade Natural Gas Corporation. His appointment, announced by President O. Marshall Jones, became effective July 1.

Croghan had been general manager of radio station KSEM in Moses Lake for the past two years and held management positions in other radio and television stations in Washington and Montana. He is a 1954 graduate of the University of Washington, holding a B.A. degree in mass communications.

House Passes Sugar Support Program

The House of Representatives passed legislation similar to that introduced in the Senate by Senator Frank Church to provide mandatory price supports for sugar.

Church hailed the House action, and said he will urge his Senate colleagues to accept the legislation, added as an amendment in the House to the pending farm bill.

Adoption of price supports, said the Idaho Senator, is essential to the financial well-being of American sugar growers, who now face economic disaster as a result of burgeoning imports of foreign sugar.

The amendment passed by the House today would establish a minimum price support level at 55 percent of parity, or about 14 cents a pound. Church's Senate legislation, introduced earlier this month, would still have set the minimum level at 60 percent of parity, or about 15½ cents a pound.

"Although I feel my bill would provide a more realistic level of support for sugar beet farmers, the House version would still be of great aid to the industry," Church said.

American sugar is now selling for around 9 cents a pound, well below the cost of production.

Church said that unless such a price support program is established soon, American growers will simply

abandon sugar crops because of depressed prices. "This would leave the United States dependent upon foreign sugar, which would hurt not only the domestic industry, but consumers as well."

If the Church proposal becomes law, the ultimate effect would be the establishment of import quotas on foreign sugar. "We've known for a long time that foreign countries are dumping excess sugar on the U.S. market at subsidized prices. Foreign sugar is being sold at loss just to get rid of it, and American farmers are bearing the economic brunt of these imports."

Sixteen Senators have joined Church in co-sponsoring the Senate legislation.

Earlier this week, Church met with American negotiators enroute to London for talks on a new International Sugar Agreement, which would be designed to limit imports and stabilize the world market.

"While such an agreement would be of long-term benefit to U.S. growers, action is needed now to support the domestic industry, and that is what my legislation is designed to accomplish," Church said.

Church is Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Foreign Economic Policy, which has jurisdiction over international commodity agreements.

90 Donate Blood

Ninety-two potential donors turned out for the July 21 Red Cross Blood Drawing with 90 being successful in donating their pint of the precious red stuff towards Nyssa's quota of 100 pints.

Those donating blood were, Earl W. Jennings, Judy H. Trupp, Gladys L. Spitz, John B. Pratt, Mary Rae Joyce, Donald Oldmeyer, Gladys D. Cooper, Dorothy L. Marez, Roy D. Belveal, Muri C. Lewis, Alan C. Ervin, Mark O. Moncur, Carma M. Nielsen, Jolene J. Reece, Thomas Church.

Stephen B. Fonda, Richard L. Martin, Florence B. Lewis, Richard S. Cooper, John C. Hoff, Deborah P. Hopkins, David W. Sarazin, Ethel C. Lawrence, Leroy H. Remington, Frances Laurence, Thelma J. Huffman, Anthony Frost, Marie N. Wilson.

Daniel R. Martin, Martha Krause, Christine M. Asumendi, Roberta Hiatt, Eugene W. Mason, Effie M. Martin, Jean O. Alexander, Larry P. Wilson, Betty Hopkins, Margery J. Jackson, Michael D. Denney, Cecil H. Morrison, Norma Perdue, Margaret Feik, Marion Del-

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Horseshoe Pitching Contest

A Horseshoe Pitching Contest will be held during the 1977 Malheur County Fair, August 17-20, according to Harold Seley, Chairman. It is scheduled for 4 - 6:30 p.m., each day with the finals on Saturday.

Wednesday afternoon will see the youngsters in action with Juniors, ages 9 - 13, and Intermediates, 14 - 18, competing. Adults (anyone over 18 years) will compete Thursday and Friday, the women on Thursday and men on Friday. Saturday will be the playoffs for the championship.

Ribbons will be awarded the winners each day, and Rosettes and a championship trophy will be given on Saturday.

Seley said there is no entry fee, however pre-registration is required. He stated entry blanks are now available at his store, Krafty Krafts; the Malheur County Extension Office, 889-9129; or from Mrs. Alice Murphy, Fair Manager, 889-9391.

Dairy Honors Recipients Named

Eighteen Malheur County dairies were recognized recently with a 1977 award of "Dairy of Honor" for their excellence in maintaining a clean, well-kept landscaped farmstead that commended a pleasing appreciation of the consuming public.

Three dairies who made perfect scores (100) were Laan & Martin of Adrian; Daryl DeLong family of Vale and Wayne and Ada Houk, of Ontario.

New dairies receiving the award for the first time were Donald Clark and Neil Hiatt, both of Vale; John Wiggins, of Nyssa; Orlee Sipes, of Hometown, Idaho; and Gerald Griese, Big Bend Area, Parma, Idaho both on Oregon side.

Other dairies scoring high were John and Larry White, Ontario, with 99 points; Elvered Roy and Dudley DeLong, both Vale, each with 98 points; and George Zinie, Vale with 97 points.

Other dairies receiving the award were Garland Rogers, Ontario; Harold Saunders, Marvin Rempel, J. Scottie Payne, Don and Kay Kistelman, and John and Patty Faw, all of Vale.

All dairies receiving the award were scored on appearance of buildings, road structure and fences around buildings, landscaping and weeds, absence of rubbish and ways of storing farm machinery and scoring 90 points or better. All scoring was done from the main roadway passing by the dairy, similar to what the public would see.

The scoring team was headed by J. F. Svinth, Salem, representing the Oregon Dairy Products Commission, sponsor of the Dairy of Honor program.

Don Wilson To Midvale

Nyssa Postmaster Harold Pook announced this week that Don Wilson of the Nyssa Post Office will be going to Midvale, Idaho to serve as officer in charge until a new full-time postmaster is appointed to that Idaho community.