

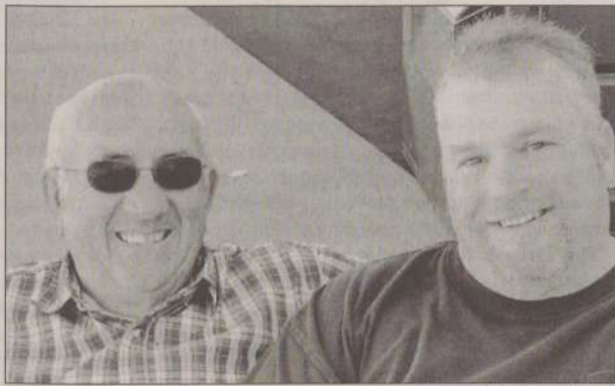
50 Years Since Baker City Man Saved Child From Flooded Powder River

By Kori Rayborn-Goudy (Granddaughter of Byron Henry)

Reunited in 2009, Byron Henry and Randy Shankle took a moment to remember the near tragic accident, which happened years ago. Before the dam, the Powder River swelled and flooded, setting the conditions for the mishap in 1965. Shankle, only a year and a half at the time, thought he saw kittens floating by in the river while playing and somehow managed to scale the yard's fence and fall into the frigid spring waters.

Shankle's friends, who were playing in the yard as well, ran into the house and alerted Shankle's father. Mr. Shankle quickly went to search for his son. Henry only happened to be crossing the Campbell Street Bridge when he spotted the boy floating down the Powder River. Local UPS man, Chuck Risley, attempted to use a stick to help pull the boy to the edge, but could not manage to get ahold of him in the rough current.

Henry ran down the east shore and tried wading in, but the water quickly began rushing up



Byron Henry and Randy Shankle

Submitted photos

over his shoulders and dragging him in. Forced to swim, he caught up with the unconscious child and made his way to the west bank with him.

Shankle lay unmoving as Henry gave mouth-to-mouth resuscitation until Baker Aid men arrived with oxygen equipment. Baker Aid men did not see any signs of life, however, Henry insisted he had seen him move earlier. Risley, who had remained on the scene, carried Shankle to the ambulance. Shankle slowly began to show signs of life and then was rushed to St. Elizabeth hospital. He had spent a total of seven minutes in the frigid water and had traveled seven blocks downstream. Shankle made a full recovery at St. Elizabeth Hospital. Henry suffered a rough bout of pneumonia due to the cold waters, but in time made a full recovery as well.

First-Aid by Man Saves Tot in River

By Hans Brinken

While numerous accidents abound by spilled water Friday afternoon, Baker City First Aid men administered oxygen to 11-month-old Randy Shankle, and with the first sign of life, rushed him to St. Elizabeth hospital.

Young Henry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Shankle, had floated nearly five blocks down river on the Powder River from his home on Clifford street just north of the Campbell Street bridge when he was pulled out by the alert efforts of Byron Henry, proprietor of Baker Valley Enterprises, who luckily happened to be passing going east over the Campbell St. Bridge, and down the east shore to get below the water and to the child, but with the water over his shoulders, being hooked up by an irrigation division only a short distance downstream, he was swept down and forced to swim, catching the youngsters and taking him to the west bank where he immediately began mouth-to-mouth resuscitation before he himself was out of the ice-cold river.

Mr. Henry continued his efforts to revive the child while Baker Aid men rushed to the scene with oxygen equipment.

Immediately the aid men set up their equipment and took over from Henry and then the team immediately began as they used one bottle of oxygen and switched to another before signs of life reappeared.

As soon as it was apparent that Randy still retained signs of life he was picked up by Chuck Risley, local United Parcel representative who was at the scene and carried in the ambulance, as attendants continued to administer oxygen to the child across the field.

The youngster was rushed to St. Elizabeth where doctors took over from the aid men and he was held several days before being released. An apparent good health, possibly Chasing Kittens.

Although Mr. Shankle had built a fence on the back yard on Clifford street a block above Washington St., for the express purpose of keeping his children from the river, young Randy somehow he was thought to have seen some kittens float by in the river.

Neighbor children, playing with Randy at the time, immediately rushed to the house to inform Mr. Shankle that Randy had fallen in the river, and Mr. Shankle ran to the stream bank.

Shankle then raced in the Washington street bridge but could still not see his son, so returned for his car to drive further down the river. He arrived just shortly after Henry had pulled the youngster from the water.

Estimates are that the youngster went in the river somewhere close to seven minutes and had floated five or six blocks downstream for about seven city blocks.

Mr. Shankle was free in his praise of the actions of all the people concerned in the rescue, especially Byron Henry.

Henry in turn praised the Sheriff's department and those who he had the first aid course.

"Without the first aid training given by the Sheriff's posse, I would never have known what to do," Henry said.

Randy had only a slight "bruise"



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Huntington Museum Annual Candy Sale

Feb. 13 from 10-3 at Howell's Cafe

Lots of good candy and cookies for your sweetheart!

North Powder Tops Helix

Friday night girls and boys at Helix in Helix and both came out with the win

Girls score was **67-45 Powder Valley**
Boys score was **64-54 Powder Valley**



Photo by Sam Stephens
Hallie Feik with Powder Valley

Saturday night was Senior Night and they played Echo. The senior girls who were honored included Bailie Allen (who is out due to a second concussion of the year), Sally Mary Blair, Amanda Feik, and Taylor Martin. Boy Seniors are Lee McElligott and Eddy Bedolla.

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Pine & Eagle Valley News



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Seriously, here we are, the middle of February and winter is over? I quite literally am able to see the procrastination of not raking the leaves in my yard. The snow is melting fast, the ditches are overflowing and I hope you are having a fabulous week! Panhandle Snowmobile Poker Run

The fun begins on Sunday, Feb. 15 here in Halfway. Sign up is at the Lions Hall from 9-12. Then parking is up at the snow park for your second spin. The trail is groomed and there is signage to keep you on track. A \$4,000 purse for the lucky poker hand. The tickets are \$5 a hand. You do not have to snowmobile to play.

Wet
The melting snow is giving us lots of mud. Be careful where you drive, or the driveway that you pull into.

Home
Matt Tarter traveled home to visit with family, namely his grandmother Dorothy Brower in Halfway and other family and friends. Matt and his wife, Tori are now living in St. George, Utah. Matt and friend Ryan Swan of Richland (Ryan is home on leave) were able to visit as well.

Wrestling
Pine Eagle Charter School will have Jr. High Wrestling starting at 10 a.m. Then on Saturday the Varsity will hold a wrestling tournament here on Saturday, Feb. 14 starting at 10 a.m. There are 16 schools participating. Come on out, cheer on these athletes.

Valentines
On Thursday, Feb. 12, the kindergarten-sixth grades will

have their Valentine's Day parties. Then that evening the sixth-eighth grades will have a Jr. High dance in the lobby of the high school from 6-8.

Firemen's Breakfast
Yes it is this weekend. No I couldn't find anyone who knew for sure the dates, except for Saturday. So it's either Friday & Saturday or it's Saturday and Sunday. Look for the signage in the middle of the road near the Elementary School. The monies raised go to the burn out fund. Oh yes, and it is always a great breakfast.

Basketball
On Feb. 13 the girls basketball will travel to Prairie City. The Varsity will travel to play against Nixyaawii. Then on Thursday, Feb. 19, begins the District Basketball at Baker High School.

Charter School
Monday, is a School Day for Pine Eagle Charter School. Next Thursday is the end of the mid-term 3rd quarter.

Crab Feed
Crab Feed Tickets are for sale, get yours today. They are available at the Halfway Motel or the Bev'Ridge Cellar. Or call Ralph 742-4664. If you're in Baker City, you can pick some up at Banner Bank.

Ending
The Pine Valley Fair Association will had their meeting Tuesday night and yes, when you call with your news, it helps my busy schedule so much. Lets end with this thought said by John Wayne. "Courage is being afraid and going on the journey anyhow." Have a great week everyone.

North Powder News



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Cloudy and windy but it feels like a spring day and I love the 56 degrees.

Sweetheart Banquet Valentine's Day
Don't forget the Sweetheart Banquet next Saturday at the North Powder Grange. For reservations call 541-898-2146. Cost is \$15 per person. Fabulous dinner planned with all the trimmings. Take your sweetie out for something special!

Thank you, Fire Department
How special was it to see our little kindergarten class and fire department on the front page of the Record-Courier. Yeah, I love to see our community and school kids working together. The kids love it and learn so much actually experiencing one on one learning. As adults we sometimes take so much for granted that we think kids know, but many times the actual "seeing and doing" is a much better learning tool. Thank you North Powder Fire Department.

Breakfast Fun
The library had its annual Groundhog Day Breakfast. Even though it was drizzly and windy several locals braved the weather and joined us for breakfast. Had good food and fun visiting. Thank you to Evan's Corner, North Powder Truck Stop, Union Grocery, North Powder Motel, Safeway in Baker and LaGrande, Walmart and The Canned Food store in La Grande for their donations of food which helps make the breakfast a success. And thank you to the ladies that helped cook and serve the breakfast. We couldn't it without you.

Mark Your Calendar...School activities: Box top Contest: Elementary Feb 2-17; School carnival, February 13, 5-8 p.m. Feb. 16-No school, Talent Show Audition Feb. 17. Dress rehearsal on Feb. 25 and the show is Feb. 26 at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. School board meeting Feb. 17, at 7 p.m.

Special Fundraiser to Help with Medical Expenses
The K-6 classes have another competition going. Usually the month of Jan. is dedicated to raising funds for the American Cancer Society, Ronald McDonald House, or Locks of Love. However, this year the funds are going to someone closer to home. Mag and Chris have been coming to North Powder school for the past

several years to kick start the year with new, fun games at the assemblies.

Mag (Scott Mag Hughes) was the National & World Champion Footbag or hacky sack player. In 1997 he was inducted into the Footbag Hall of Fame. This year, Mag has to have a hip replacement and his deductible is extremely high. So the kids are doing a coin drive to help offset Mag's deductible. The class who brings the most money will get to shave Mr. Dixon's hair in an all elementary school assembly. They started collecting money on Monday, Jan. 26, and will continue until Thursday Feb. 12. The winner will be announced that day and Mr. Dixon will get a new look.

Powder Valley FFA to Hold BBQ During District Basketball Tournament
FFA week is the 22-27 of Feb. Since there is no school on Monday we will start with a dress up day on Tuesday. Members will wear red for Massey Ferguson or green for John Deere. Wednesday, they will have a Blue and Yellow Dress up Day for the FFA Colors, and have an assembly with three different events where the classes will compete against each other. The winning class will get ice cream.

On the Friday before FFA Week during the District 7 1A tournament on Feb. 20, the North Powder FFA will be having a Drive Thru BBQ at the Baker Fair Grounds. The meal will include BBQ Beef, Green Beans, Baked Potato, Garlic Bread, Brownie, and a bottle of water. Those wishing to eat inside the event center may also do so.

Condolences
I am sorry this is short but we are headed for Albany as our sister in law passed away. Nancy Free-Klein will be manning the library this week. So stop in and say hi. Also experiencing the loss of a family member was Joyce Lawyer and Faye Morris. Joyce's brother in Arkansas passed away Friday night and Faye's sister passed away early Saturday morning. So remember these families and until next week. Have a blessed and safe week and love those close to you. Tell them you love them often and hug them as much as you can.