

Rescue was culmination of years of work

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The successful rescue of a sick hiker at Mirror Lake earlier this month was the culmination of years of work.

The Hoodland Fire Department's special rescue team's training, and the coordination of medical assistance and air rescue

efforts, were unheard of four years ago.

The ruggedness of the Mt. Hood area, the dangerous, icy conditions of the roadways and the deep snows have created a need for such a team.

But it wasn't until a pickup truck went over a bank on Lolo Pass Road, with four children in back, that the need for a

specially-trained crew with proper equipment was realized.

Fire Chief Don Armintrout said it took three hours to bring the injured up the bank in that incident, though the distance was a mere 75 yards.

Today, the department is equipped with gold mining ropes, portable radios, cutting torches, emergency

medical equipment and other special equipment.

"We now have the money, the time, and the talent to conduct these special rescues," said Armintrout.

"We are comprised of personnel with such expertise as downhill skiing, cross-country skiing, mountain climbing and diving, who combine these

skills with medical training."

Armintrout said that rappelling is now a major part of the rescue effort in the area, and all department staff and volunteers receive this training. He said that many times they've had to scale the dangerous "Map Curve" to bring out persons injured in auto accidents.

Three drills a year are centered solely on special rescues. This has paid off in lives saved.

The fire department dispatches its special rescue team about 10 times a year. Frequently, said Armintrout, they are called upon to rescue injured cross-country skiers on back trails with broken legs.

Last year the rescue team escorted three hikers caught in a snowstorm at

Trillium Lake. Three years ago, when a Volkswagen got stuck in a snow bank on Marmot Road and heavy snowfall threatened to bury it, members of the rescue squad skied to the site and helped them out.

But Armintrout pointed out that the department is not in the search and rescue business, which is a function of the Clackamas County sheriff's department.

"We're not geared to, nor

can we participate in, search and rescue efforts," said Armintrout. "We cannot spend four days looking for a lost person when we have to provide fire protection to the entire area."

"But if the victim's location is known, we'll get in there and provide assistance immediately."

"Our ability to is to mobilize quickly with a highly-trained team," Armintrout said. "We have the necessary skills and manpower to do the job."



Pictured above are members of the Mt. Hood brownie troop, and leaders Dawn Morrison, left, and Marilyn Giuntini. Front row, from left to right: Shana Switzer, Anna Hutchison, Dulcinea Myers-Newcomb, Monique Mulford, Heather Giuntini, Stacey Cabral, Lindsey Draper and Anna

Piedlow. Middle row, (from left to right): Ann Meeker, Christy Walters, Angela Peixoto, Elizabeth Morrison, Julie Lookabill, Angela Morris, Elsa Meiser and Anisha Hillison.

16 Brownies receive pins

In a ceremony last Wednesday, the Alpine Neighborhood Brownie Troop of the Columbia River Council presented the Mt. Hood area Brownies pins.

Troop Leaders Dawn Morrison of Zigzag, and Marilyn Giuntini of Brightwood, put the pins on 16 girls. The troop is comprised of girls seven and eight years old.

Each Brownie wore a uniform for the first time and recited the "Brownie Promise" which is to do their best, love God and

their country and "to help other people every day, especially those at home."

Morrison said that the moment after each Brownie is pinned is called the "investiture." She said that each of the pins is turned upside down "until they do a good deed like wash the dishes, make the bed, or help to clean the house."

Morrison said that the troop helps to teach the girls how to be responsible, learn how to work with others, be good citizens, and plan activities, both at home and within the troop.

The troop meets once a week at the Women's Club in Zigzag and its activities range from crafts, overnight trips, cookouts, knot tying and camping, to learning about friendship and how to get along with others.

Morrison said that the activities of the troop would be impossible without the work of Chri-Hutchison of Wemme, who is the group's "Mother-Chairperson." Hutchison arranges carpools, does all the telephoning and provides refreshments.

Hoodland Happenings

Bookmobile to visit Plaza

Thursday, Dec. 24
The Clackamas County Library Bookmobile will be at Hoodland Plaza from 4 to 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 24
Merry Christmas
Wednesday, Dec. 30
Welches Community School's Tiny-Tots group meets from 10 a.m. until noon. Call Louise Hoyt, 622-3752, for information and meeting location.

The Wy'east Artisans Guild recently held elections for 1982 guild officers. Selected as officers for 1982 were: Phid Simons, president; Connie Westly, vice-president; Eunice Packer, secretary; and Merna Rabe, treasurer. The guild reports that they will soon have Wy'east Artisans Guild t-shirts for sale. The shirts are white cotton with a red and green "rhody" on the front.

On Jan. 4, the guild plans to hold a board meeting at Liz Jordan's home in Sandy at 7:30 p.m. Also a guild

gallery committee meeting will be held Jan. 6 at 7 p.m. at Helen Ladd's home, with a discussion and plans for the new guild gallery as the topic for the meeting.

Beginning Jan. 4 Welches administrative offices will be open in the new building. Kindergarten through fourth grade students will be picked up and delivered to the new building.

The Hoodland Women's Club will hold its January

meeting at the Alpine Hut restaurant on Jan. 11 at 11:30 a.m.

Reservations can be made by calling Pauline Beckoff at 622-3253 or Renee Knapp at 622-4671. The meeting will include a program by the U.S. Forest Service.

To place an event in "Hoodland Happenings" contact Dawn Morrison at 622-3538.

Knapp to be in Who's Who

John Knapp of Sandy, a student at Linfield College in McMinnville, has been named for inclusion in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Knapp is the son of Duane and Madeline Knapp, Sandy. He is a senior majoring in business administration.

The 47-year-old publication honors students nationwide who achieve success both scholastically and in

non-curricular areas, such as community services.

More than 1,400 institutions in all 50 states and the District of Columbia submitted nominations for the 1982 edition.

At Linfield, 22 students from a student body of 1,250 were selected.

Nominations for the honor were submitted earlier this year by a committee comprised of Linfield students, faculty and administrators.

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