

Cast Creek rescue takes crew 13 hours

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On Labor Day the relatively quiet summer for the Hoodland Rural Fire Department came to a halt with a special rescue that took more than 13 hours.

At 3:02 p.m. the department received a call to assist a 60-year-old hiker

suffering a heart attack three miles up the rugged Cast Creek Trail, above Riley Horse Camp.

The victim, Dr. Frederick W. Siefert of Mt. Carroll, Ill., was on a hike with his son and a friend when he began to experience chest pains, said Armintrout.

Siefert, he said, had a heart condition. When the

pains started he took nitroglycerin tablets and his son hiked to Riley Horse Camp where his car was parked and drove to Kathy and Dan Willis' "Cold Springs Homestead" on Lolo Pass Road, where he called for help.

A special rescue crew led by Captain David Summer responded. The officers on duty, Lieutenants Neil

Singer, Richard Curtis and Frank Douglas, and firefighters Lynn Norguard and Mike Hall, comprised the crew.

Carrying first aid equipment, Douglas and Summer hiked in to the victim in front of the other members of the team, said Armintrout.

The Cast Creek Trail is unimproved and is

reportedly the most difficult in the Zig Zag Ranger District. A long stretch of the trail has a 45 percent grade, and in part rises 1,000 feet every mile.

When the two-person crew reached Siefert he was lying on the ground unconscious. They worked for an hour trying to revive him but he did not regain consciousness, said Armin-

trout. Emanuel Hospital's Life Flight helicopter was called but was unable to land because of the terrain.

The 304th Aero-Space Rescue Squadron from Portland Air Base, specially trained in rescues from mountainous areas, could not be of any assistance, said Armintrout. They have a policy against transporting a deceased person in their helicopter.

The Emanuel helicopter flew to the fire station at Zig Zag where it picked up supplies for the firefighters, who would pack the body out under the cover of darkness.

The plan, said Armintrout, was to drop a pack filled with food, extra clothing, water and headlamps for the

firefighters. No one anticipated problems with the supply drop but two of the six headlamps were damaged beyond repair when the pack was thrown from the helicopter.

Realizing it would be almost impossible to carry the body out on foot, Summer decided horses were the only available option. Firefighter Jack Shelton brought two of his horses

up to pack out the body, as well as the hiking companion who had stayed with Siefert.

This was the first time the fire department used horses in a rescue. Armintrout said the importance of horses has become apparent and the department will develop a list of horse owners who will voluntarily assist them in future operations, if needed.

2 citizens groups set meeting dates

Two Mt. Hood area citizen planning organizations will conduct meetings this week.

The Rhododendron Neighborhood Group will hold its annual meeting on Friday, Sept. 17, at the Welches Grade School multipurpose room beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The primary purpose of the meeting is the election of officers to serve the 1982-83 year.

Scheduled to be discuss-

ed is the proposed logging of Enola Hill, which could affect the quality of the area's water. The water system is operated by the Rhododendron Summer Home Association. The U.S. Forest Service has scheduled to sell 1.5 million board feet of timber from the mountain in 1986 or possibly even earlier.

Included on the agenda is an update on a number of issues the RNG has dealt with the past year. This in-

cludes the status of an illegal landfill in the flood plains of the Zig Zag River, the possible impact of Clackamas County's revision of the Mt. Hood Community Plan and how it could affect Rhododendron's 30-acre wetland, and the progress of the proposed Henry Creek and Devils Falls hydroelectric projects.

Also, a sewage problem that RNG members have been concerned about the

past 10 years will be addressed. Sewage is flowing into an unnamed creek that passes through Rhododendron and empties into Meadow and Henry Creeks. In spite of monitoring that the county was to conduct this past year, the problem continues.

The Mt. Hood Corridor Citizens Planning Organization will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, Sept. 20 at 7:30 p.m. in

the multipurpose room of Welches Grade School.

Scheduled to be discussed is the wetlands review and environmental impact study, which were just recently written by the developers of the Brightwood Glen subdivision, proposed for a 93-acre parcel in the Cedar Ridge area.

In addition, two other reports prepared last year will be discussed.

Show set to benefit candidate for board

The Grand Ball Room of the Waverley Country Club will be the setting for a luncheon and fashion show, to be held Sept. 21 with an 11:15 social hour.

The event is sponsored

by the Lake Oswego Republican Women's Club for the benefit of Bev Henderson, candidate for Clackamas County Commissioner, a member and past president of the club.

Activities set at Welches School

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With the passage of the \$106,782 special Welches Grade School levy by Mt. Hood area voters on Aug. 10, once again co-curricular activities will be offered to students this year.

Co-curricular activities include numerous art and drama workshops, as well

as athletics for both boys and girls. All these activities will take place after school, from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.

It will be the responsibility of the parents of participating students to furnish transportation for their child.

Fall sports officially began on Sept. 13, with football offered for seventh and eighth grade boys, and

volleyball offered for seventh and eighth grade girls. This was one week later than originally planned. The delay was the result of a still unresolved contract dispute between teachers and the district.

The football season will run from September through the end of October and will consist of an eight-game playing season. The team will have three weeks of practice before the first game.

Tom Well has accepted the position of head coach and Mark Hamby, assistant coach.

The girls volleyball team has a 12-game schedule with the season concluding at the end of October. Raelene Olson-Smith has accepted the position of coach.

Coaches for the winter and spring seasons will be selected prior to the first practice.

The winter sports season will be divided into two sessions.

Basketball, for seventh and eighth grade boys, will

be offered for the months of November and December.

The season will be comprised of 12 games, played against such grade schools as Corbett, Redland, Damascus, Boring and Orient.

Girls basketball begins in January. Their 12-game season will last through February.

In the spring sixth, seventh and eighth grade boys and girls will have the opportunity to compete in six track meets. The season begins on March 28 and concludes in the middle of May.

Students interested in participating in sports this year are required to pass a physical. Students may go to their family doctor or may take the physical through the school.

ART AND DRAMA There will also be art and drama workshops offered for students in grades five through eight.

Scheduled are 10 different two-week art workshops, which will run throughout the year. They

include pottery, sketching, oil painting, printing, watercolors, calligraphy, macrame and mural painting. Depending upon the interest, other workshops may also be offered.

According to Gary Dieterich, vice principal, registration for the classes will begin in middle of September.

What workshop will be offered first will depend upon which has attracted the largest registration.

Two six-week drama workshops will also be offered, and will be coached by Jeanine Boldt.

The first workshop is scheduled to begin in the middle of October and run through November, with the finale being the production of a play put on for both the rest of the school and in a special evening performance for the parents.

Edgar takes training at Lackland Air Base

David B. Edgar, son of John and Kathleen Edgar, Sandy, recently enlisted in the United States Air Force, according to Staff Sgt. Don Anderson, the local Air Force recruiter.

Airman Edgar, a 1977 graduate of Sandy Union

High School, departed Sept. 3 for Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Upon successfully completing the Air Force's six-week basic training course, he will receive further training in his chosen career field.

Swiss festival set for Sept. 25 and 26

Timberline Lodge will sponsor its 13th annual tribute to the Swiss who live in the Northwest.

It will be held Sept. 25 and 26. Music will be provided by the Werner Blaser Swiss Kapelle. Featured vocalists will be Betty and Shirley Abbott, who have entertained audiences from Portland to Ohio with close-harmony yodel selections.

Incidental accordion numbers will be played by Walter and Shelby Aeppi

and Dieter Nachmann. Room package plans are available that include the dinner, dance and breakfast. For more information call Timberline Lodge at 272-3311.

Area people who would like to attend just the dance, or the dinner and dance, may do so. Tickets for the dance Saturday, which lasts from 8 p.m. to 2:30 a.m., are \$3. Tickets for the dinner (from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.) and dance are \$13.

OFFICER of the week

We salute Gresham Police Department's Paul B. Politras



Paul began his law enforcement career in 1980 when he was hired as a regular officer with Gresham Police Department. He attended both Gold Beach High School and Centennial High School and is currently majoring in law enforcement at Portland State University while continuing his duties as a patrol officer.

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