

Cadet participates in Idaho search



A recent four-day trip took 16-year-old Rain Circle Courtney into an isolated wilderness area of north eastern Idaho--to help search for the body of a 43-year-old Texas woman missing since November 1990.

Courtney, a member of the Warm Springs 4-H Search and Rescue Cadet program and Jefferson County Search and Rescue, and club leader Keith Baker were among 14 searchers and trackers to make the trip into the Selway Bitterroot Wilderness 25 miles west of Hamilton, Montana July 11.

According to reports, the woman, an avid birdwatcher and lover of outdoors, wandered away from their camp, located in rugged terrain, to do some bird watching. Her husband and a hunting guide informed authorities of her disappearance and a week-long search was conducted. No sign of the woman was found.

Courtney and Baker joined other searchers and trackers, including six dog teams, four trackers, a cook, the woman's brother, a guide and the local county sheriff. "I liked the way the Inter-Agency Fire Service got us in and out of the area and the way the dogs

didn't mess up the tracks. I was impressed with how well people worked together and the moral support," said Courtney.

Baker, showing his pride, said that Courtney was treated as a peer, not as a kid. "He wasn't treated any differently than anyone else." Courtney, at 16 years of age, was the youngest among all search participants. Others ranged in age from 25 to 64.

All cadet program participants are members of Jefferson County Search and Rescue, which is coordinated by Stoney Miller of the Sheriff's office. Courtney, among other club members, is certified in Search and Rescue under the State's Emergency Management Division.

A member of the local club for about a year, Courtney has participated in three other search and rescue operations in the past. Just prior to the Idaho trip, Courtney participated in a search for a drowning victim in the John Day River.

Courtney and Baker left the Madras airport on the morning of July 11 and were flown to Grangeville, Idaho by Sheriff Tim Nettleton of Owyhee County. From there, the pair was taken to the base camp, about a twenty-minute flight, via a Huey 206 chopper that was provided by the Inter-Agency Fire Service. They then spent the next two days searching for signs of the woman.

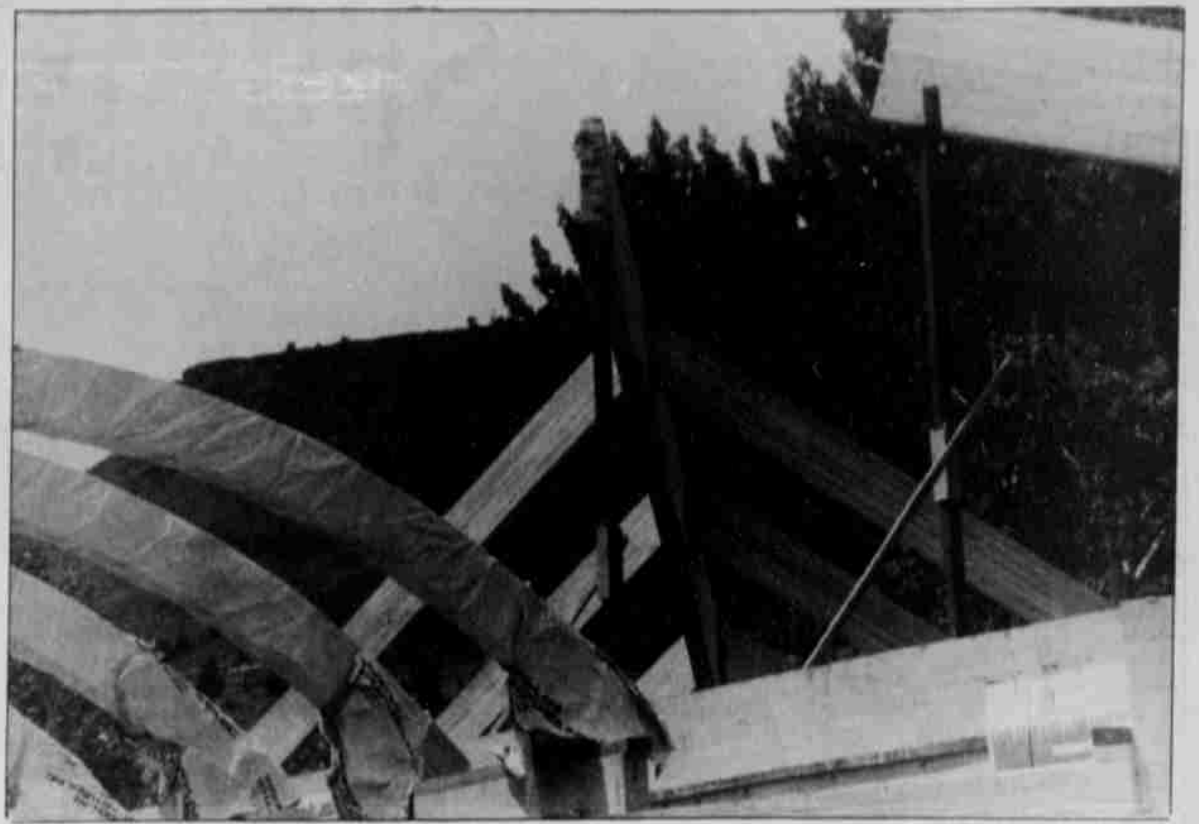
Their days began at 4 a.m. with a full breakfast. They were on the trail by 6. Fifteen minutes into the first day, after a thorough briefing, Baker found the first tracks. It took Courtney another 10 to 15 minutes to find where the woman had been seated upon a rock nine months ago.

"The buttons scraped the moss off the rock as she slid down", Courtney said. They were fully aware of what the woman was wearing and the trackers could detect that the tracks they found were made by a human.

"We look for unnatural things such as bruised leaves and scuff marks--humans leave distinctively different signs than animals," said Baker.

"Finding the tracks was exciting," said Courtney. "Not finding the body was disappointing." The group of searchers ran out of time and hit a deadend, said Courtney and Baker. "We had to back-track and then search the area again to find new tracks." If there had been more time, the pair felt confident that they would have found the body. "It's difficult, emotionally, when you don't locate the body where you think it should turn up," said Baker.

Courtney, son of Bernyce Courtney, will be a junior at Madras High School this fall. He says he will probably "go into the service" following school. This summer he is a "grunt" for Chilkat Enterprises, owned by Kelly and Pinky Beymer.



Work continues on Warm Springs Museum. Completion is anticipated in about a year.

Suicide conference set for Spokane

Native American families, relatives and friends of suicide victims will be hosting the United Northwest Tribes Suicide Prevention Conference III. The conference will take place at the Sheraton-Spokane Convention Center in Spokane, Washington October 2-4, 1991. The event is being sponsored by United Suicide Prevention conference series and the American Indian Program in Spokane.

The gathering will consist of potential suicidal individuals, family members, relatives and friends of suicide victims. Each day will end with confidential counseling. Many topics of suicide will be covered. In the evenings there will be different events. Wednesday will include a banquet, Thursday night consists of a tribal powwow, and Friday will end with closing ceremonies and a traditional salmon bake.

for adults, \$70 at the door or \$20 a day. Students pre-registration will be \$15 (\$30 at the door or \$10 a day) Senior Citizens will cost \$15. Make checks payable to Northwest Tribes Suicide Prevention Conference and mail, Attn: Zelma Greene-Minthorn, P.O. Box 75869, Washington, DC 20013, or Attn: Director, c/o Sheraton-Spokane, N-322 Spokane Falls Ct., Spokane, Washington 99201. The deadline for pre-registration will be September 15, 1991.

Pre-registration cost will be \$45

Trio arrested for disturbing ancient Klamath Indian graves

Three individuals have been arrested for the theft of Indian burial artifacts and the vandalism of a Klamath Indian cemetery in Chiloquin last December.

Roger Keller of Springfield turned himself in to Lane County authorities August 5 Shawn Baker and his father Gordon Baker, Jr. were also arrested.

The indictment charged the Bakers, Keller and a fourth suspect with eight counts of mutilating and injuring Indian graves and with one count each of first-degree theft and first-degree criminal mischief. The theft and criminal mischief charges are both Class C felonies punishable by

five years in prison and a \$100,000 fine. Research is still being done on the grave robbing charge since the jail term and possible fine for that crime are not even specifically listed among Oregon's revised statutes.

Klamath County District Attorney Ed Caleb stated that the case is very important to the Klamath Tribe. "This is the first case of its kind where we've been able to obtain sufficient evidence to get a grand jury indictment.

The case was cracked when an informant, who apparently knew the suspects, contacted tribal members, who in turn notified Klamath County authorities.

Looting of the 100-year-old graves in the Wilson Cemetery was no doubt motivated by the high prices paid for Indian burial artifacts. Authorities believe that most or all of the artifact have already been sold. The Wilson Cemetery is one of nine owned by the Klamath Tribe.



Educators increase their awareness of Native Americans and Indian education at summer institute held August 2 at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort.

Watch for ticks this summer

With summer comes hot weather, outdoor activities and the threat of having one of those little hard-shelled ticks attaching itself to you. Certain diseases are associated with ticks, including Lyme disease.

If left untreated, Lyme disease can cause a disabling type of arthritis or a serious heart problem.

The west coast variety of Lyme disease is carried by the deer tick which are rarely, if ever, found east of the Cascades. However, if you picked up a tick in southwestern Oregon or northern California, there could be cause for concern. According to experts, those areas are known to be the "hotbed" of Lyme disease in the Northwest.

The deer tick is very different than the species found in Central Oregon. The deer tick is about the size of a pinhead, while the most common ticks found in this area are much larger.

Doctors advise that if a tick becomes imbedded in the skin, gently pull it out and if it appears to be intact after it's removed, there should be no problem. But, if it looks like something is still in the skin, and the person becomes ill, a physician should be consulted.

Five cases of Lyme disease have been reported in Central Oregon since 1979. The disease is usually carried by young ticks, while the adult ticks usually feed on larger mammals like deer and elk.

The early-stage symptoms of Lyme disease include a rash, stiff neck, chills, fever, sore throat, headaches, fatigue and joint pain. The disease, in its early stages, is curable with antibiotics. But in later stages, the disease may be confused with other medical problems which can develop weeks to years after the tick bite.

Diabetic exercises continuing now

Diabetic exercise classes are still being offered three days a week. This group has now advanced to stair-step aerobics once a week also they have added an outing or field trip out into the community as different sorts of exercise. They went to Kah-Nee-Ta to do water aerobics, the next trip is a trip to the mountains to hike, but also to pick huckleberries for their diabetic breakfasts.

This program is designed for all individuals that wish to start on any sort of exercise program, not only for the diabetic people.

NPPC can answer questions about energy, basin planning

The close ties between the salmon resources and the Northwest economy are clearer than ever before. Columbia River salmon runs are dwindling. Hydropower dams, agriculture, forest practices and fishing all impact the salmon, but all are also important components of the economy.

The difficult task facing the Northwest Power Planning Council is to help devise a recovery program for our great Northwest salmon without significantly hindering the economy.

The Council's Oregon office can provide background information and reference materials on the 1991 Northwest Conservation and Electric Power Plan and the Columbia

River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program.

Oregon Council members face many challenges. Chief among these are: salmon enhancement, environmental considerations and new energy resources.

For more information, contact Ted Hallock, Angus Duncan or Richard Recker at (5-3)229-5171.



A teepee set up at Hefe during the annual Huckleberry Feast reminds one of the old days when such sights were a common occurrence.

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