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## Search and Rescue Posse prepared for any situation

The first call came in at 10:20 p.m.—a concerned father informed the Morrow County Sheriff's Office that his son was long overdue from an afternoon hunting trip.

By 10:30 Deputy Wayne Maxam had relayed the message to Sheriff Larry Fetsch's home and was on his way to the Blake Ranch Spring area where the boy was last seen. Word was also spread to members of the Morrow County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Posse to mobilize men and machines for what was to become an exhausting, thorough and successful search—lasting nearly 10 hours and covering some 150 miles of wooded hills.

On the afternoon of Oct. 5, 15-year-old Mike Miller, Portland, packed a lunch and a rifle on the back of his off-the-road motorcycle, told his parents he would return in a couple of hours, and headed through the woods—just as he had done many times during the summer.

When the afternoon passed with no sign of the boy, his parents decided he had probably bagged his deer and was taking his time dressing the animal before returning. After dark, Miller's father drove to the area where Mike said he would be hunting but was unable to locate the youth.

Back at the cabin, he summoned the Sheriff's Office and set the search operation into motion.

A communications base station was established in the area at a cabin owned by Bud Englert. From there, CB contact was maintained with Posse members and descriptions of Miller were radioed to any hunters in the area. The search continued throughout the night with the only clue coming from a woman who had seen Miller on his motorcycle at 6:30 in the evening.

By daybreak, ten Search and Rescue personnel—some on foot and some on motorcycles were combing the hills. Based on the information from Miller's father, the Posse was concentrating the search on the hills southwest of the North Fork of Willow Creek.

Fetsch directed the search from a hilltop vantage point—relaying messages with the radio equipment in the Posse's renovated Ford Bronco. Near 7 a.m. he ran across two hunters traveling northeast and told them to be on the lookout for the boy.

About 45 minutes later, as Posse member Pat Cutsforth was entering the area for an aerial search with his Super-Cub, the hunters radioed back that they had located Miller on the Caldwell Grade Road. His motorcycle had crashed into a five-foot gully and Miller was found 50 yards down the road where he apparently collapsed after attempting to walk away from the wreck.

Emergency First Aid was administered until an ambulance arrived. Miller was taken to Pioneer Memorial Hospital for more emergency treatment and then transferred to St. Vincent's Hospital in Portland where as of Tuesday he was listed in serious condition with head injuries.

The efforts of the Morrow County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Posse in locating Miller are typical of the services performed by the group since its inception in 1972. Now marking its 5th anniversary, MCSRRP has grown from its original 12 members to a present 37-man roster including 20 to 25 active deputies.

Operating out of Emergency Services in Salem, the Posse was formed to assist the Sheriff's Office in search and rescue situations. Similar Posses are operating in most



Sheriff Larry Fetsch (l) with Search and Rescue Captain Simon Winter and "Felix".

counties throughout the state. "I don't know of any Sheriffs who aren't in favor of the idea," Fetsch said. "This county, like most counties, couldn't have this many trained deputies without the assistance of the Posse."

Fetsch said that at any given time he could depend on 12 Posse members to be available for emergency service. Each member must be knowledgeable in Red Cross Standard First Aid, trained in two-way radio communication and the regulations governing the use of the equipment and accomplished in map and compass reading skills. In addition, Posse members learn survival techniques and law enforcement investigation procedures. Under mission conditions, Search and Rescue deputies are given the same power as peace officers—excluding the power of arrest.

Specialized training also plays an important role in the Morrow County Posse with several members holding certification as Emergency Medical Technicians and others qualified as CPR instructors. Recently, four members of the

Posse travelled to Fossil to participate in a field tracking seminar conducted by U.S. Border Patrol Agents.

The group conducts its own training exercises with the help of "Felix"—a stuffed dummy deposited in some remote spot and located through the grid searching efforts of Posse members. Along with improving their search techniques, members have spent a lot of hours and dollars refurbishing a government issue Bronco. The vehicle is equipped with rescue lines, a stretcher, medical supplies and radio equipment including a high voltage sheriff's radio—in effect, a mobile command post for search and rescue missions.

But the Bronco is just part of the rescue arsenal used by the Posse. Members volunteer the use of their own vehicles—snowmobiles, 4-wheel drive rigs, scuba gear, motorcycles and the SuperCub to name a few. The group is now working on forming a horse-mounted Posse, should the need arise. "We've got just about anything you could name as far as rescue equipment goes," says Posse leader Simon Winter.

"Almost everyone has a CB in his rig to keep in contact."

CB Channel 9 is open 24 hours a day for monitoring emergency calls to the Posse. When an emergency extends beyond county lines, the Morrow County group can join forces with the Posses in surrounding counties.

"When you're involved in a search to save a life, boundaries don't matter—inter-county cooperation is important," says Fetsch.

Forming the leadership core under Captain Winter are vice president Grant Weatherford, treasurer Mark Miller, secretary Gary Munkers and the Board of Controls consisting of Ed Baker, Bill Nichols, Fetsch and the other officers. Archie Ball serves as the group's historian.

Last year the Posse responded to seven emergency calls during the hunting season—always the busiest time of the year for rescue operations. With even more hunters pouring into the area this year, the MCSRRP will be ready to move into action again—with the manpower and know-how to get the job done.

## VIEWPOINT • LETTERS • COMMENTS

### Letters to the Editor

Editor:

Lois Winchester of your city has long been a champion for animals. I notice in Ms. Winchester's letter to the Editor dated September 8th, she was responding to a previous letter of William Baker. Ms. Winchester's letter refers to Mr. Baker to read a copy of Oregon Law ORS 653.315 on animal care. Should someone actually look up ORS 653.315 it has to do with working hours for children under the age of 16 years and not on animal care. Perhaps she was thinking of animal cruelty statutes ORS 167.850 and ORS 167.860. ORS 609.010 to 609.190 covers dogs (biting, chasing, running at large, killing livestock, barking, etc.)

Sincerely,  
Gene R. Burgess  
Director and  
Special Agent  
State of Oregon  
Humane Society

Editor:

The letter Mr. Jim Ackley wrote in your Heppner Gazette-Times several weeks ago to promote kindness was most commendable. It is gratifying and encouraging to note that a teacher will help promote humane education.

We all know humane education in our schools would help prevent crime and violence. The sooner it is made compulsory in our schools, the better off every one will be.

His letter should help to alert local people to the fact of the Heppner High School Band's need for full dress uniforms.

The American public is known all over the world for its glib nature to give to every known gimmick even after the Readers Digest informed them that only ten percent of the cash really arrives at its intended destination, they are still over generous to give.

I would suggest that the Band students get suitable containers and decorate them to let the local people know of the plight for decent duds to perform in. If they were placed in all business houses for a few weeks, I'm sure Heppner people would help promote the money drive for such a worthy cause.

I will be pleased to be among the first to drop a ten spot in the bottle to start the ball rolling.

Kindness is the sunshine in which virtue grows and the more we divide it with others the more it multiplies.

Kind regards,  
Lois Winchester

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mrs. Winchester did exactly as she said in the second to the last paragraph of her letter. Along with her letter came a container with a "ten spot" and some odd change. The monies were turned over to Jim Ackley, Heppner music teacher.

## Sifting through the TIMES



"Old timers said they had never seen so many hunters. One reported that he had counted 49 camps below Cutsforth Park Saturday. Another said he counted 85 vehicles coming up Willow Creek."

This excerpt from the Gazette-Times during this week in 1967 could easily have been written of opening weekend of deer season this year, proving once again that some things just don't change all that much.

Another item printed in that issue hits even closer to where we live: "State directors of agriculture all over the nation are concerned about the plight of the American farmer and say there is an absolute need for an increase in his income." Amen.

The celebration of the 101st birthday of 'Grandma' Ellen Rieth, Morrow County's oldest resident at that time, was front page news this week in 1967, as was the survey of a new one-way street to serve Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

However, the big news of the week—and the decade—was touched upon in an editorial on an inside page:

"Last Friday night's announcement of Russia's 'New moon' probably was the most important story to break in the world since the word was flashed that the first atom bomb was exploded...Do you realize that man has now taken his first step off the earth—and that the universe is now within reach for our exploration...The more ominous part of last Friday's story is in the undisclosed part of it. HOW the Russians got their satellite into the void beyond the earth's atmosphere. It had to be done by a multi-stage rocket much more powerful and more controllable than anything the United States has been able to get off the ground, or at least that the government has told us about. Suppose the Communists decided to aim a few dozen of these rockets, armed with atomic warheads, instead of satellites, at the

U.S....Not a particularly pleasant thought, is it?..."

Yes, while Sputnik ushered in the Space Age, editorials like this appeared in papers all over the country, reflecting both the wonder of the event and the pervasive 'Cold War' paranoia of the day.

In this week's Times of 40 years ago, Charles Bartholomew, president of the North Morrow County Grazing District, explained how damage done to the range by wild horses and jack rabbits helped pave the way for the forming of the district. Its goal was to put 300,000 acres of the north county under management and eventually back to a paying basis.

Bartholomew, a county pioneer, told the tale of the big rabbit hunts of 1905 which netted close to 30,000 animals—and a resultant business venture that didn't quite make it.

"Apparently so plentiful was the rabbit supply that Mr. Bartholomew and three of his neighbors started a cannery at Echo for the purpose of marketing the meat. Several tons of the stuff was canned, but before any could be sold, the cans began to bulge. They waited until the Umatilla was at flood stage and dumped the whole lot in the river. The following spring farmers working in their hay fields complained of the stench resulting from breaking the cans open with their machinery. The rabbit canning venture cost him \$3,000, Mr. Bartholomew laconically recalled.

If this were 1917, Morrow County residents would be able to choose between two entertainments this weekend. A large Star Theater advertisement in the Times featured "Two Great Serials": "The Neglected Wife" with Ruth Rutherford and "Patria", starring Mrs. Vernon Castle, "the best known, best dressed woman in America".

A wrestling match was also advertised, pitting Ray McCarroll, Boy Wonder of Pendleton, against Jake Dexter, the Heppner Giant at the Opera House on Saturday night.

## BMCC evening program seeks class preferences

Fall classes for Blue Mountain Community College Evening Division in the Heppner area are now closed for additional students. This fall there were several classes that had to be cancelled due to lack of students.

If you were interested in attending classes during the evening, but did not find something of interest, please contact Nancy Brownfield, Coordinator for BMCC Evening classes in the South Morrow area. There are many possibilities for evening classes—the college need only to know where your interests lie.

In order to offer a class, the following requirements must be met: 1) interest from a group of ten or more people; 2) an instructor to teach the class. (This is the responsibility of the coordinator, however, suggestions are always welcome.); and 3) a place to hold the class. (This is also the responsibility of the coordinator.)

In most cases, the first requirement is the most difficult. If you have an interest, but can not locate nine other people, call the coordinator anyway—there may be other people you are not aware of.

The college offers the evening classes for you. If you feel your interests are not being fulfilled, BMCC wants to know that. If you would like to see a particular class offered, or if you could teach a class, please feel free to contact Mrs. Brownfield.

For Winter term there are a

number of people interested in learning to upholster. If you are qualified to teach a class on upholstery, and are interested in doing so, please contact Mrs. Brownfield at 676-5039. Office hours are 9-11 a.m., 2-4 p.m., and 7-8 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## School Board session today

The Morrow County School Board will hold a work session on Thursday, October 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the District Office in Lexington.

The Board will examine some long range areas of district operation which have been identified by Supt. Matt Doherty.

Among those areas to be examined are: Budgeting, Staffing, Administration, Transportation, Insurance, Curriculum, Buildings, attendance areas and Board representation.

The work session will include the Board Members and the School District Administrative Staff and will serve as a preliminary to actual preparation of the 1978-79 School Budget.

Actual preparation of the School Budget is slated to begin in all schools of the district in the near future.