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Clothing discovery spurs new search for Linn teen-ager

From staff and wire reports
ALBANY — Search and rescue Sunday resumed the search for a 13-year-old girl missing since July 14. The search was led by Sheriff Art Martink of Linn County, who said the search had been curtailed Friday, but two hikers found some clothing late Saturday that was thought to belong to the girl.

About 20 people searched the mountainous Big Lake area Sunday, about four miles east of Santiam Junction, but nothing turned up, Sheriff Art Martink of Linn County said.

The girl lived in a trailer with her family at the state Highway Division's maintenance complex at the Santiam Junction, where state highways 20 and 22 converge.

"You'd like to have it wrapped up. You'd hate to think that she's alive up there, and you weren't looking in the right spot," Martink said.

Meanwhile, the girl's stepfather said investigators had questioned him about Barbara's disappearance.

John Arthur Ackroyd, 41, also recalled to investigators that he found items leading to the identification of a missing Eugene woman.

"I never want to hide nothing because if you try to hide something, it looks funny," Ackroyd said.

He said he told authorities how he supposed to find the jogging shorts and bonnet fragments that led to the identification of the remains of Kaye Dawn Turner, who disappeared while jogging near Camp Sherman in December 1978.

Martink declined comment on whether Ackroyd was a suspect in either case.

"We're aware of his involvement in the Kaye Turner case," Ackroyd told investigators at the time that he was walking his dog when it led him into an area where he saw what turned out to be Turner's running shorts. Turner was identified by a lower jawbone later uncovered by searchers in the area.

Police think that Turner was murdered, but so far has been charged or convicted in connection with her death.

In a separate interview Friday, Linda Ackroyd, Barbara's mother, said her husband had taken a polygraph test concerning the girl's disappearance.

John Ackroyd was questioned because he was the last one in the family to see Barbara alive, she said.

Linda Ackroyd said she didn't think that her husband harmed her daughter.

"I think my husband, he doesn't even beat the kids," she said.

John Ackroyd, a mechanic, went to work in Bend the day of his stepdaughter's disappearance.

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Some legwork

Travelers did double-takes as they passed a hayfield near Gardiner on the Olympic Peninsula on Highway 101 recently. No, it's not a worker wrapped up in a mound of rolled hay, but a pair of stuffed legs protruding from the hay.

Amity breakfast serves community

By Barbara Millian

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The breakfast lines moved slowly through the dappled shade, and other small groups gathered to talk and watch the children play.

Nearby, the Bradis and Boves square dancers showed off their style and taught dances to anyone brave enough to volunteer.

Calvin Jerry Abbey of McMinnville said he was as nervous as the audience spectators.

"This is my debut as a caller," he said. "I just started caller school, and I haven't been out in public before."

Abbey does "right calling," where he makes up the dance as he goes along.

"It's all learning how to do it in the right order and at the right speed. They have to know how to anticipate them and get them back home," he said.

Although he loves the dancing and calling, Abbey said what is more important to him is the friends he's made in the Bradis and Boves.

"I wish I'd gotten over my young man much more about dancing earlier. I've got better friends here than any other place," he said.

As the square dance tunes drifted through the trees, and the breakfast crowd chatted across the picnic tables, others wandered down the rows of gleaming antique cars.

Once the feed was done, women's club members gathered in the kitchen to clean up. They served about 2,000 people, vice president Edna Taylor said.

From her stepdaddy by a shelf, club member Gloria Andrews called out the quantities of food used in the breakfast: 400 dozen eggs, 400 pounds of ham, 90 pounds of butter, 60 pounds of coffee, 100 gallons of juice and 1,200 pounds of pancake mix.

"And don't forget the other main ingredient. It took our community. It took hundreds of volunteers to put this on," Taylor said.

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community and helping others.

Pope-Bialsky said his wife, Leanne, doesn't mind that his volunteer work sometimes takes him away from home and their three children for hours or days at a time.

"We both believe in giving of ourselves," he said, bragging and grinning as he looked down at the pen he was fingering with.

During summers, Pope-Bialsky works weekdays as a medical technician and a collections officer at the U.S. Forest Service campgrounds at Diamond Lake in Southern Oregon.

His life nearly took a drastically different direction about 15 years ago. When he was a college student, he planned to join the Catholic Church's Franciscan Order and work as a parochial teacher. But after applying to join that order, he had difficulty with the requirement to enter a training program that would keep him apart from his family.

"And that was about the time I met my wife," he said.

Pope-Bialsky grew up in an Iowa town that he said was even smaller than Sheridan.

He moved to Oregon during his college years, transferring from Northern Iowa University to Western Oregon State College in Monmouth.

His 14-year teaching career

began at Tukaloa Falls Elementary School in the Southern Oregon Cascades. He eventually moved to Sheridan, a Franciscan Elementary.

Pope-Bialsky said that both teaching and working as a volunteer medic allow him to do what he loves with people.

"I have been allowed to work with the most beautiful creatures in the world — children," he said of his teaching job. "In no other profession can one receive so many hugs."

"In no other profession can a man make a middle-aged bookmaker from tongue depressors and needles, but the union encouraged its 3,200 members to stay on the job, except for 210 employees of Kinnow's supermarkets.

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McMinnville Safeway, other stores lock out union members

From staff and wire reports

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