

Holiday Rescues In The Superstitions

SSAR ensures happy holidays for area families

By Jill Jones
The News

APACHE JUNCTION- Two Apache Junction women in their seventies have the selfless efforts of the men and women of Superstition Search and Rescue (SSAR) to thank for helping them out during the recent holidays.

On November 23, 2005, 71-year-old Marilyn Farley of Apache Junction fell while hiking with a group on the Lost Gold Mine Trail. Farley suffered a broken wrist and a bruised shoulder. A man in the hiking group had a brand new Global Positioning System (GPS) unit and was able to call in coordinates to SSAR Com-

mander Robert Cooper to assist in the rescue.

Cooper used the GPS information to stage a base camp near the hiker's location. SSAR members were then able to treat Farley's injuries and load her onto a Polaris Ranger off-road vehicle, thanks to member Peter Fleuret. She was driven out of the

Superstition Wilderness and handed over to South West Ambulance.

On December 24, 2005 (Christmas Eve), fifteen members of SSAR were called out at 3:45 p.m. to search for 77-year-old Mary Kiehl of Apache Junction.

Kiehl had been hiking with her daughter, son and a friend when she somehow got separated from them

while hiking Bluff Springs Trail. Five teams were sent into the field to sweep any trails Kiehl could have strayed onto.

As darkness fell, the Department of Public Safety joined the search by sending a helicopter with night vision. Despite their efforts, they were unable locate her, but Kiehl emerged on her own at midnight Christmas morning near the Arizonian RV Resort on U.S. 60 east of Gold Canyon.

"Our guess is that she dropped into Barks Canyon drainage to flat ground and when it got dark, headed for the lights on the highway. We estimate she walked seven miles," said Cooper. Tired and a little scratched up, Kiehl was unharmed.

Although the incident took SSAR members away from family gatherings on Christmas Eve, according to Cooper, "We're all just happy she made it home safe and sound to spend Christmas with her own."

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charter schools whether they bused or not. Either the distribution has been in error, or transportation funds are not actually included in the bulk funds.

If Parker's crusade is successful and charter schools are reimbursed for actual mileage, the dilemma becomes: What happens to the transportation allotment that charter schools, which don't bus are currently receiving? Herein lies the re-

sistance from his own contingent, particularly from non-busing charter schools. Parker contends that this is a loss that cannot be absorbed by the already financially strapped charter school system. He would like to see the bulk amount remain the same or be increased, not withstanding the additional transportation funds he feels are due in order for charter schools to be on an equal footing

with traditional public schools.

Parker wasn't initially aware that the money was imbedded and only discovered that fact when he tried to determine if the \$174 had been increased over the years since 1998, when it was originally allotted. He now faces trying to draft legislation that will leave the current allotment alone and simply add to the funds for charter schools that provide transportation. Parker has also had to respond to inquiries as to why it is important for any of the charter schools to bus.

He replies, "Some charter schools don't have a need to bus because they are in an area and serve a population that can afford to drive their children to and from school. Our schools, among others, serve families that have to have the same amenities as traditional public schools in order to enroll their kids. These are families with both parents working, who don't have the

luxury of transporting their kids daily."

Parker also found himself informing many of the school administrators he contacted for the first time that there even was a transportation consideration. Because the monies were not specifically iden-

tified, Parker says about half those he called were surprised at the issue. He found many of the schools expressed a desire to bus but felt they were stuck unless funding was provided.

Parker has a self-imposed timeframe of January 10, 2006 for get-

ting back to Senator Johnson. He wants to be able to present the information he has gathered along with a draft proposal for legislation he hopes will be voted on in time to bring more transportation funds to busing charter schools during the 2006-07 school year.

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Fish Creek high above the creek's bottom. This cabin had horizontal shutters over its windows. The cabin was constructed of stone and mortared together with cement and sand. It has been more than twenty years since I visited this old cabin, but at the time it was in excellent shape. Many years ago there was a small stone cabin on Peter's Mesa in a clump of Laurels near the mouth of Cottonwood Canyon. Many such cabins probably served as line shacks for different ranchers over the years or were used by independent miners.

Another interesting cabin stood near the head of Rough's Canyon. The cabin was constructed of small Ponderosa pine logs. The last time I saw the cabin the roof was gone and most of the walls were down. There was a board cabin located near the Roger's Canyon mill site at the base of Iron Mountain. This small cabin had two rooms and even running water. Years ago the old steam boiler was still at the site.

There are several cabins I have forgotten or never had observed.

Also it is important to classify what is a cabin and what is not. Many of the cabins in the Superstition Wilderness Area were nothing more than a wooden floor with a wood frame covered with canvas. Eight-ounce canvas was usually only good for two or three seasons in this hot and dry climate.

The policy managers for the Superstition Wilderness Management Plan want to remove any evidence from the region that is indicative of contemporary man's occupancy of the area. There has been a great effort on behalf of several people to try and preserve the history of all these cabins within the wilderness. Hopefully, we will never lose this legacy to some notion that contemporary man was not a part of the history of this region. These old cabin sites are silent witnesses to the men and women who dreamed about the gold of Superstition Mountain. The adventures, prospectors, miners and cowboys are all a part of the history and legacy.

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Malicious

On Wednesday afternoon, 12/28/05, my husband was riding his bike in the vicinity of St. George Catholic Church. He was about a block off Idaho St. on a side street when a midsize light colored car passed him at about 35-40mph. Someone in the vehicle threw something out of the car window and it hit his arm. He didn't think much of it until about a block later he looked at his arm and saw that it was cut and had a huge bruise (about 3x4) where he was hit. He went back to see what they had thrown out. A paper drink cup (about 9-10oz) that had what appeared to be pink lemonade is what he found. He could have been seriously hurt had this missile hit him in the face. Some people would have lost control of their bike when hit, even on the arm. Unfortunately, he was unable to get the make of car or license number. We would like to believe that this was unintentional but with what we have witnessed during our winter visits in Apache Junction the past two years we feel it was an intentional act of maliciousness.

Mary A. Lowe
Apache Junction

Attention MountainBrook Village

You and I recently received a 5-year Plan/Information Ballot which really concerns me. Why?

1. My name and address are printed on the back of the "ballot". I thought ballots were secret.
2. The ballot mentions a committee, though they remain nameless. This is no disclaimer.
3. I think two (2) important choices were left off the list.
 - A. None of the above.
 - B. Reduce MountainBrook Village dues.
4. I'm asked to choose five (5) projects. Nowhere is there any mention of cost. MountainBrook Village has a very tight budget which really has a \$12,000.00 surplus. Are you willing to be assessed?
5. I talked to the Chairman of this committee. He said if I wrote anything on my ballot it would not be counted. Is this legal?
6. This Chairman also told me the Board of Directors was not responsible for this ballot. When did the Chairman of any MountainBrook Village Committee have the authority to authorize the Management Company to issue this ballot and charge our Association for the cost which was \$1,130.00?

MountainBrook is an age restricted, residential area, not a resort. Most of our residents want the common areas maintained and the existing facilities kept in tip-top condition. Of course, our low dues are greatly appreciated. Don't you think we deserve some answers?

Nan Hutchins
Gold Canyon

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