

Missing since November

Friends, clubs join hunt for body

Members of three area conservation clubs are joining efforts the weekend of April 22-23 to find the body of a deer hunter who was lost in Kalkaska County last Nov. 25.

Dean and Beverly Wyckoff of Warren long ago gave up hope their son, Larry, 15, would be found alive. Now the snow is melting in the woods and marshlands, and their friends hope only to find Larry's body for burial before wild animals destroy it.

"The lost count of the times we've been up there looking," Mrs. Wyckoff said. "We searched every weekend just month."

"She said Larry was hunting with four other teenagers when a deer ran

across the road late in the day. Larry went to hunt it. He never came back.

FAMILY FRIENDS George Bauer and Bob Staron, Macomb County residents, organized the search. They are being joined by three chapters of District 1 of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs—the Western Wayne County Conservation Association, the Four Seasons family camping club and Detroit Outdoorsmen.

Sterling Heights REACT members will join the search and provide communication equipment. "We're going to search in Garfield Township, near the crossroads town of Sharon, in Kalkaska County," said Staron. "It's a 12-square mile area of

swamp, woods, marsh, and buck brush—relatively rough country. It's easy for someone to get lost."

"Our search method is this: The road runs north-south through the area. We'll line up on the road at 20-foot intervals. With 13 people, we can make a half-mile swath through the woods. "We'll cover and cross off sections on the map. The agencies which searched before can't say they did that. They just followed trails."

PERSONS WHO want to join the search may register by calling: Andy Hallman, Livonia, 464-6273; Ron Caren, Westland, 427-0123; Bill Archer, Livonia, 464-0179; and Hank Chrusciel, Livonia, 476-7178. Coordinator George Bauer is at 247-0194 in Mt. Clemens.

Staron said there will be bivouac facilities in the Eagles lodge hall in Grayling and other points. Searchers should bring sleeping bags. There will be some lunches pro-

vided, but searchers should plan to pack their own food and provide their own meals.

There will be a meeting on Sunday, April 16 at Mott High School, 3131 12 Mile between Ryan and Dequindre to familiarize searchers with the terrain and how the hunt will be conducted. The meeting will begin at 2 p.m.

"Each searcher should have a 20-foot length of rope, a compass, a whistle, warm clothing, and footwear like good hunting boots," Staron said.

"You should have a supply of tail, plastic, kitchen garbage bags and electrical tape. The plastic bags you can wear between your liner and the boot if you have to wade; the tape you can use to tape the bags to your legs."

Persons with citizens band radios should make that known to the search leaders. Staron advised against bringing metal detectors or snowmobiles.

Staron said about 300 persons have signed up for the search, and the MUCC members and friends hope to swell those ranks to 1,000.



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OCC seeks new college president

A committee to find a replacement for the late Joseph Hill as president of Oakland Community College (OCC) has begun its search.

The basic structure of the committee was established in late February, but no action was taken until Hill's death.

Hill, who had served as the multi-campus college's president for a decade, died March 24, after suffering a severe stroke. He had been on medical leave since August 5, when he suffered a major heart attack and a stroke.

THE SEARCH COMMITTEE will be composed of 20 members from different levels of the college. A special consultant, who has not yet been named, will help direct the search.

OCC Trustee Dennis Rogers, who was recently defeated in his bid for the Troy City Council, is the chairman of the search committee.

Rogers said the board of trustees delayed moving the search committee into action sooner because of the uncertainty surrounding Hill's condition. Until Hill's second stroke, the board had been working on a special contract which would have allowed Hill to remain with OCC as a special consultant.

"WHAT IS IMPORTANT," Rogers said, "is we let the potential candidates know the position is available in April. If we don't do this until May or June, we might limit the candidates available for this position."

The search committee consists of administrators, faculty members, representatives from the college's labor

unions, students and members of the board of trustees.

Committee members from the administrative level include: W.H. Nidek, vice president for business affairs; Marion Rice, provost at Auburn Heights; Auburn Hills campus; Ned Brodbeck, provost at Union Lake's Highland Lakes campus; Richard Thompson, provost at Farmington Hills' Orchard Ridge campus; Walter Fichtmaster, provost of the southeast campus system; Keith Sauert, dean of administrative services at Auburn Hills; and Fred Charbonneau, college support staff representative.

OCC's faculty will be represented by Dennis Feims of Highland Lakes, Lawrence Gage of Orchard Ridge, Henry Gram of Auburn Hills, and Ann O'Grady of the southeast campus system.

Students will be represented by Nancy Vangilder, student government president at Orchard Ridge and John Reynolds, student government president at Auburn Hills.

Three of OCC's unions will be represented as well. Representatives include: Ellen Keith of the classified employee's union; Bill Watts of the operating engineers union; and John Balog of the maintenance union.

The college's public safety union declined naming a representative to the search committee.

Rogers will be the only trustee to serve on the committee full-time. The other two trustee positions will be filled by the remaining six trustees on a rotating basis.

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