

Ann Tucker; coffee preparation.
The Buchta Family; punch preparation.
Toni Snider; guest book.
Jessica Buchta; beautiful calligraphy on name tags.

Thanks to all that participated in this very successful, first of many, Potluck Socials!

FOREST SERVICE NEWS

Our woodcutting area is now open and located just off of Lodgepole Road. This area consists mostly of Chinkapin and mixed softwood. Permits can be purchased from the Ranger District Office during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Snow level at this time is about 4500 feet. Parker Meadows, South Fork and Big Ben are still open, with very limited service. Please pack out your garbage.

If you have any further questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact our office or stop in anytime! *We will soon be open week-ends!!!*

Thanks goodness for people like Charlie! Charlie McLaughlin has been coming over to the District Office from school to be Sara Beck's eyes. Charlie comes once a week to help Sara read through her computer messages. Charlie has been a real blessing! Thank You Charlie!! Another new face around the office is Michelle Barnett who comes to us from the Job Council. Michelle helps Sara in the computer department and is also learning other skills in the office; she's a great help at the front desk! Welcome Michelle!

FAREWELL TONI! Our receptionist, Toni Snider, will be leaving us in early April. Everyone in the whole office would like to say, thanks for all you've done for us! Toni is a great worker, and liked being busy. All her co-workers wish her well in her new endeavors.

ATTENTION: The Forest Service building has new landscaping trying to grow. We'd like to get the word out to keep rollerblades and bicycles off of the area where there is bark, small trees and bushes. Rollerblades and bicycles are wel-

come on the blacktop after our working hours. Any questions, please call the office. Thank You!

BLM NEWS

Many residents in the Cobleigh Community have recently agreed to become participants in a field survey to determine the types of Special Forest Products (SFP) growing on their land. SFP's are those "other" forest commodities (boughs, botanical herbs, mushrooms, floral greenery, etc.) that may have commercial value. The residents, working with Chris Lewis (FS), have made an agreement with the Rogue Institute of Economy and Ecology to have their property surveyed by crews as part of a Forest Service grant designed to explore potential values in the forest beyond the traditional timber values. For more information call Chris at 865-2739.

NEEDED...!!!OLD PHOTOGRAPHS!!!

The Butte Falls Discovery Loop Tour Committee is seeking old - real old and not-so-old - photographs of life in and around the community and of railroads and logging. Photos with people in them are best. The Committee has reviewed the photos from the Southern Oregon Historical Society and the collection of Elga Abbott. The pictures would be used in interpretive signs that will describe the history of the Big Butte country at three sites in the soon to be completed driving loop tour. For questions, photos to share, or other information call Alan Buchta at the Ranger Station, 865-2738.

