

KARATE CORNER

Northwest TAI Karate Group of Butte Falls has had a very busy May. They participated in two tournaments and held a demonstration.

On May 4, they attended the Southern Oregon Karate Championships in Winston, OR. Shane Hayes placed 1st in Forms and 1st in Sparring in the Intermediate Mens Division. Austin Owens placed 3rd in Forms and 2nd in Sparring in the Advanced 7-8 year old division. Ken Owens placed 3rd in Forms and 2nd in Sparring in the Advanced Mens Division. Travis Owens placed 4th in Sparring in the Advanced 7-8 year old Division. Stephen Rozzell placed 3rd in Sparring in the Advanced 7-8 year old Division. Chris Stephenson placed 1st in Sparring in the Beginning 9-10 year old Division.

On May 11, the Karate group attended Scott Halsey's Karate Championships in Redding, CA. Josh Kelsey placed 1st in Forms and 1st in Sparring in the Beginning 7-8 year old Division. Joe Rozzell place 2nd in Forms in the Advanced Mens Division. Stephen Rozzell placed 3rd in Forms in the Advanced 7-8 year old Division. Trae Stephenson placed 2nd in Forms in the Beginning 7-8 year old Division.

Also on May 11, a karate demonstration was held in the park on Butte Falls during the Family Fun Walk/Run. Those participating in the demonstration were: Shane Hayes, Austin Owens, Travis Owens, Ian Rydberg, Lee Rydberg and Chris Stephenson. The demonstration was led by Ken Owens.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in these events. Participation in these events is difficult but rewarding. We would also like to invite anyone who has not joined our classes to come see just what we do. Our classes meet Tuesday and Thursday from 6pm to 7pm at Community Hall. Come join or just come and observe.

"GIVE YOUR HOME A FIGHTING CHANCE"

by: Mary Ceglia

A wildfire a few miles away can under certain circumstances reach your property in a matter of a few hours or less! But a good firebreak can assist in removing the fuels that supply the fire. The lack of brush and debris will rob fuel from the fire allowing the fire to slow enough for firefighters to take action. **JUST REMEMBER...** that grass, brush, small trees, low branches and limbs are fuels that carry a ground fire up to your home. Here are some helpful hints to firebreak your ground:

1. Clear a firesafe area 10 feet around structures by removing flammable or burnable materials. It need not be bare soil. A green lawn, rock garden, or well space large trees with branches pruned to the height of 8 feet.
2. Make a firebreak 100 feet wide around all structures.
3. Remove small trees, household debris, dead ground fuels, and shrubs beneath large trees.
4. Keep trees adjacent to, or overhanging, any building free of dead or dying wood.
5. Keep grass short.
6. Select slow burning, ground hugging plants for landscaping.
7. Generally eliminate the fuel chain between structures and surrounding forest vegetation.



HATCHERY OPEN HOUSE FREE FISHING WEEKEND

The Butte Falls Fish Hatchery is inviting the community to an open house on June 8th and 9th that is being held in conjunction with the Free Fishing Weekend. The hatchery will be open from 7:30 am to 4:30pm. If you have not visited the hatchery for a while you can get reacquainted, see the fish, and ask questions about the operation.

Several activities are planned in the local area, but the most important thing to remember is that **NO LICENSE OR TAGS** are required to fish in Oregon during the **FREE FISHING WEEKEND!**

The planting schedule for Big Butte Creek is the same as last year. Fish will be planted in the creek from Bud Nutting Park to just above the 19 mile marker and also at Fourbit Ford Campground. The planting season starts just before fishing season opens and continues to just before Labor Day Weekend. The plants are made the end of the week, the day depends on the availability of hatchery employees and equipment.

Medco Pond and Willow Creek Reservoir are now planted by the Cole M. Rivers Hatchery with the numbers of fish and the stocking times being about the same as before. This change was due to budget reductions made at the Butte Falls Hatchery. No decrease was made in the stocking of fish in this area.

Normal hours for the hatchery are 7:30 am to 4:30pm every day of the year. The public is invited to stop by for a visit during those hours.

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