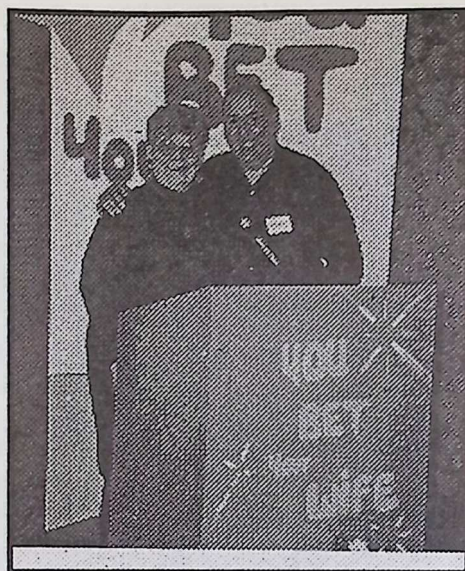


YOU BET YOUR WIFE

Frank and Dottie Villa recently appeared on the local game show *You Bet Your Wife*. The show, which airs on Mondays on TCI Cable channel 49, pairs two couples against each other. The husbands select from one of two trivia categories, either movies or TV. The wife is then asked a question from that category. After she answers, the host asks the husband if he will accept the answer. Couples earn points based on correct answers given by the wife. Sound like fun? Frank and Dottie thought so!!



Dottie and Frank Villa

SPRING CLEANING YOUR YARD

Spring cleaning not only involves cleaning your house, but also the area outside around your house in preparation for the coming fire season.

Now is the time to create a defensible space around your property. Defensible space is a vegetation buffer that surrounds your home to reduce the chance of a wildfire reaching it.

Creating defensible space requires you to reduce piles of debris and landscape in zones near your house. The clearance of flammable vegetation around buildings has proven to be one of the most important factors in wildland fire survival. Landscaping should be free of dead and dying vegetation. Remove branches from trees to a height of 15 feet to prevent ground fire from spreading to the tops of trees. Do not stack flammable material such as fire wood next to buildings.

Be sure to check with local laws on burning debris and consider the alternatives to burning. **HAPPY SPRING CLEANING!**

Let us all get ready for a beautiful spring and prepare to show off Butte Falls to all the visitors that will be traveling thru our town on their way the mountains this spring and summer.

Until next month,

Gary Shipley

Public Works Superintendent

BUTTE FALLS RANGER DISTRICT NEWS

Happy Spring everyone and hope you all are enjoying this beautiful spring weather. While doing so, please keep in mind that the Butte Falls Ranger District parking lot is off limits to bicycles, roller blades, skateboards, etc. during office hours which are 6:00am to 4:30pm. After business hours the parking lot is available for play, but please stay away from the landscaping and the building. The new trees and bushes are budding and need a chance to grow. For safety sake, we ask that no ramps are created for bicycle jumping across the rocks. We've recently had some vandalism to one of the heat pumps and our Forest Service law enforcement officer, as well as our town Marshal will be patrolling the grounds more often. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

We have no public wood cutting areas open at this time, but for more information regarding future wood areas please call the Ranger District during business hours at 865-2700.

The Rogue River National Forest is offering the opportunity for the operation of a horse riding stable at the Farewell Bend Snow-Park. Farewell Bend Snow Park is located in the Union Creek Recreation Area.

Information about how to submit a proposal will be in the Medford Mail Tribune. The contacts at Butte Falls Ranger District are Chris Dent, Marc Ellis and Kathleen Tallman.

Next month we'll have some current recreation information for you including campgrounds and trails.



HOTSPOT

Can you believe that it is already spring? Usually that means spring cleaning for a lot of folks and I'd like to remind all of you wood stove owners that your chimney needs regular cleaning too. We've had two flue fires recently that could have been avoided with a little chimney brush applied on a regular basis, we have the brushes to lend out to anyone who needs to use them. So take advantage of this nice spring weather and clean your chimney.

Later on this month we are sending three of our recruits to Basic Fire Academy. This is a really great opportunity and we're proud to be sending Tim Shaw, Shannon Wright and Shannon Turner. Good Luck Guys. We know you'll pass with **FLYING COLORS!!!**

Just a note to remind all of you who live inside the cattle guards. You need to purchase a burn permit before you burn any leaves, slash or use a burn barrel. The permits are valid for one year and only cost \$2.50.

Well, that's all for now ... remember... **SAFETY ALWAYS PAYS.** Ruthe McCaw