

VOICES FROM THE PAST

My name is Karen Davis, and I work for the Town of Butte Falls in the Public Works Department. I would like to up-date events at the Butte Falls Cemetery, and of course include a little *history* too.

The first grave is that of Charles Arnold. It is found in Block #1 and contains an up-right marker stating his name and "Died before 1868". He was the Great-Great Grandfather of Harold Arnold. To the right of the Arnold grave is another with the marker "Jeff Davis". Davis was a Native American and as a boy, was adopted by the Edmondson family.

Maps at City Hall were made by Ernest Smith in 1931. They were re-copied and up-dated by Bob L. Tucker in 1981. I am currently up-dating and starting to re-copy both the maps and ledgers to bring them up to date.

Maintenance that is funded by the City budget ran out in January, so I decided to volunteer to work on the cemetery. My family has plots throughout the cemetery. During the prior three years I had already recorded all the gravesites.

Currently, the children from the school are scheduled to help out in cutting the grass, painting the building, and placing flowers on all the graves for Memorial Day. Mrs. Zola Ellefson and I are working to get flags for all the Veteran's graves. BLM has donated gravel for walkways and roads and I have replaced most of the worn out and unreadable markers, and placed markers on sites that had none.

I feel my life is blessed as I interview people who have worked with my Father, Grandfather and Great-Grandfather. I made a promise to my mother that I would write the history of our family and I am trying to do so from the voices of so long ago. If anyone has any history to share with me, I would be very happy to get it. I have a packet and you can get one by writing to me at the following address:

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Besides the usual menagerie of kindergarten classroom animals, Mrs. McNeill's class now has a WORM BIN to learn about the role of worms in RECYCLING food waste. COOL!!!

SENIOR VAN

According to Eleanor LeNeve, who rides the Senior Van regularly, it is a God send to her. She rides nearly every Tuesday and cannot understand why all senior citizens do not take advantage of the van's service. She does her shopping, gets her groceries and goes to all her doctor appointments.

The van comes to Butte Falls at 9am every Tuesday and returns at 3:30pm. Seniors ride for \$6.50. Riders can come to City Hall on Tuesdays at 9am if they wish to ride to Medford.

Eleanor wishes to tell the drivers **THANKS** for their courtesy, kindnesses and careful driving during the past year!

RECYCLING

On May 14, BLM representatives came to Butte Falls to learn about some of the achievements in the community. Presentations were given by individuals. Two of those were Crystal Lunsford and Maria Silveria, students at Butte Falls High School. These two girls, officers of the Recycling Club, gave a presentation on how recycling has grown in this community. Good Job Guys!!!!

Jeremy McKibbin

BUTTE FALLS

RANGER DISTRICT NEWS

Come One! Come All! It's National Fishing Week, June 2nd through June 8th and the Butte Falls and Prospect Ranger Stations would like to invite you to Willow Lake on Saturday, June 7th for a fun in the sun (we hope) **FREE FISHING DAY!!** The first cast will be at 8am and the fishing will be hot and heavy until 1pm. There will be some fishing presentations and fishing lessons, and for those kids who think that they're already pretty good we'll have a fishing contest. We've got some gear to loan and bait will be provided. So come on out and join the fun! Eat a hot dog and see if you can catch a fish! If you have any questions or comments please call Frank Lake at the Prospect Ranger station, 541-560-3400.

This blast of heat we've had recently has cooled the mushroom hunting, but if you still want to track that illusive morel, free use permits are available.

Weather like this will also bring out the bees and hornets so be prepared for your individual needs while out in the woods.

Driving conditions are already shaky due to the flood damage on National Forest roads, but now we'll have the dust piling on our windshields and the sun glaring into our eyes to impair our vision. Please be careful and courteous while visiting your National Forest. Drive carefully and obey all safety rules.

Fire season is just around the corner, so if you are doing some back yard burning please keep an eye on things so they don't get out of hand. Things are drying up fast.

We have one public wood cutting area open at this time. The wood is chinkapin and mixed softwoods. For more information call the Butte Falls Ranger Station at 865-2700.

