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Randy Stephenson JULY CITIZEN of the MONTH



This month **THE BULLETIN** honors Randy Stephenson as its Citizen of the Month. Born and raised in Butte Falls, Randy has been active in athletics since his school days. He played basketball, football and baseball. Randy was a member of the State Championship Loggers in 1973. An article titled 20 Years Ago, taken from the pages of the Medford Mail Tribune in 1993, said "Randy Stephenson, 5-2, 130 pound offensive back, was a major factor in Butte Falls High School winning its first Football Championship."

Randy continued to participate in sports after high school. It was while playing on a fast pitch team that Randy first met his wife Vennea. Today Randy and Vennea have six children, Jovena, Lanae, Issac, Trae, Chris and Karlee.

Randy has been head coach for the Butte Falls Lady Loggers Softball team since 1993, and has led the team to *the district playoffs four of those years*. This year Randy had the distinction of being the first coach to have girls from both Butte Falls and Prospect on his team. At the sports awards ceremony he said he felt honored to be part of something that made history. He asked the question, "Whoever thought Prospect and Butte Falls would do anything together, let alone play softball?" Randy helped prove that the two schools could join together to create one fantastic team.

In addition to his coaching duties, Randy waters, drags and chawks the field prior to each home game. While Randy is busy coaching, Vennea is always on hand to enthusiastically cheer on the team and keep records.

Randy is currently coaching Vennea's slow pitch softball team. They are in first place and are sponsored by Rick's Greatway Market. Watch for their tournaments at the Butte Falls Park on week-ends.

Randy has also coached the Little League Major Boys for two years and the Butte Falls fifth and sixth grade boys YMCA Basketball team. Issac describes his dad as "an awesome coach."

Some may think that it is just because he has kids involved on these teams that Randy coaches. Although that may be part of the reason, those who know Randy know that he has a lot to offer these young kids. Randy is looked up to, trusted and respected.

In addition to coaching, Randy and Vennea have put in many long hours over the past two years as part of a team that has done clean up at Mac Field. They have helped put up new fencing and a back stop and continually work to keep the field mowed and clear of trash.

Thanks Randy and Vennea for helping make Butte Falls a great place to raise kids.

Each month, **THE BULLETIN** is proud to profile contributions made by individuals in the community. We are grateful for our many fine community volunteers and for their continued contributions of time, skills and commitment to the Town of Butte Falls. If you have a nomination for such recognition please contact City Hall.



July Citizen of the Month in his younger baseball playing days.