

# BUILDING A BETTER COMMUNITY

By Marshal Jared Brown

Well it seems summer is finally here in Butte Falls. With it comes warm weather and good times. Unfortunately there also comes a few not so good things. There is an increase in traffic coming through our town and with it are drivers from outside of our area who don't pay as much attention to posted speeds and traffic control devices. Now is a really good time for everyone to pay closer attention to their defensive driving and to remind their children to use more caution while walking or riding bikes.

There are many people who come here during summer and children should also be reminded to use caution when dealing with strangers. While most who visit us are basically good people enjoying our beautiful area, there is always a chance that a child abductor or molester may come here looking for a new victim. Lets all use good judgment and instill the buddy system in our kids and keep them safe.

I have now been here six months and can honestly say I have enjoyed every minute of it. Up to this point I have taken a very lenient stand on enforcement of certain laws. I believe the time for stricter enforcement is now. We now have a new ordinance for towing and impounding uninsured vehicles and vehicles driven by suspended drivers. There will be no more warnings for this. I am also going to start citing kids who are not wearing helmets while riding their bikes. There has been plenty of time for parents to purchase helmets for their children and those who have not yet done so need to do so no later than July 4.

As most may already know, I have a **zero tolerance policy for illegal drugs**. Marijuana has been recriminalized in the State of Oregon for **ANY** amount. There are to be no more breaks given on this issue. I will remind everyone about civil forfeiture. If I find any sales of controlled substance going on at any residence, in addition to the arrests I will check with the RICO laws to seize the property. This includes vehicles and real property and anything else the arrested cannot prove was not purchased with the proceeds of drug sales.

It would be in the best interest of rental property owners to be aware of the activities of their renters. There are several houses in Butte Falls which fit the criteria for confiscation. Drug dealers are now forewarned, so I do not want to hear any complaints later on. We, as a community, need to make our town a safe place for kids to grow up in. I am asking for your help to rid our town of drugs and those who supply them.

I wish to commend those of you who have already helped me by pinpointing those individuals selling drugs. You have set a great example for others and I hope others will follow. Lets all have a fun and safe summer and get rid of those who would infringe on our community's harmony.

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## RECYCLE CORRECTLY

By Diane Gorman

An increasing number of Butte Falls residents are taking advantage of the convenience of the local recycling depot. As summer will undoubtedly bring out the meeker recyclers, we feel the need to address a small but crucial problem...Improper Recycling. It is very important to bring clean items and the correct items. No matter how nice we think it would be to recycle everything, Butte Falls has limited outlets for recyclables. Remember that the people who work at the depot are volunteers, and when they have to sort through dirty and non-recyclable items, it makes their job harder and lowers their enthusiasm. You are already in the right frame of mind to recycle, so take the extra step to recycle correctly.

Our main outlet is Southern Oregon Sanitation that picks up: Milk jugs, glass jars and bottles, cardboard, and paper bags.

Other Community Volunteers haul the following items from town: Tin Cans & Aluminum and Styrofoam peanuts

We don't take dirty items, telephone books, catalogs, plastic bottles, other than milk jugs, or broken glass. Unfortunately, the depot workers have to find a way to dispose of these items when they are left at the depot.

We don't officially take plastic shopping bags yet. We are still looking into the program called Enviro-bag. Please watch for signs at the depot to tell you when the program is in place.

Although you may see bags of office paper at the depot from time to time, we do not accept paper from the general public. These bags come from the school and the depot is just a storing place until the bags can be hauled to Medford.

If you see an urgent need to recycle other items, feel free to do some research and suggest a way for us to meet your needs.

Approximate Hours:

M-F 8:00-4:30

Tues. open until 8:00

Sat 9:00 -3:00

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## BUTTE FALLS RANGER DISTRICT NEWS

By Janice Schultz

All of the campgrounds are open and a campground host is in place at Whiskey Springs. His name is Leo and he is taking care of Fourbit Ford campground too. Rogue Recreation is still having some problems and the newest one concerns the reservation system. There was a big mix-up on which campgrounds were available for reservations, and some reservations were taken by mistake for campgrounds that weren't really available. The result of these mistakes are this: Rogue Recreation will honor all reservations that have been made for ANY campground so far, but are discontinuing ALL reservations for Butte Falls and Prospect campgrounds for the rest of the summer. If you have any questions or are unclear about this, please call the Butte Falls Ranger Station at 541-865-2700. We can also answer any questions you have about fees and what is available.

HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY!!