

## FIREFIGHTER NEWS AND VIEWS

by Blair Anderson

On January 29, 2000, Hugh Simpson, Blair Anderson, Roger Beck, Mike Blake, Darren Kinyon, and Shannon Wright of the Butte Falls Volunteer Fire Department had the opportunity to receive some much needed training in the operation and maintenance of the Department's extrication tool. This tool which was donated by Rural Metro Fire Department of Grants Pass, Oregon in 1998. This tool is used to cut, pry, pull, lift, and spread different areas of automobiles (roofs, doors, main structural supports, steering columns) to remove people who are injured in accidents.

Removals of these hazards also help the EMT's and Paramedics in the treatment of injuries. Josh Moulin, who is the Rural Training Officer for Mercy Flights, taught us how to secure the vehicle, remove roofs, pry doors, cut structural supports, break windows, and to work using safe methods.

A big thank you goes out to Action Auto Recyclers for donating a couple of cars and the space for our training, Josh Moulin who took the time out of his busy schedule to be our instructor, Mike Blake for arranging accommodation with Action Auto Recyclers, and Darren Kinyon for arranging Josh Moulin's time, and to the rest of the BFVFD firefighters who attended.

The Fire Department would like to remind everyone to drive safely. Welcome Cass Wolfe and Jeff Gorman to BFVFD!! Your community will be rewarded richly. If you are interested in becoming a BFVFD Firefighter; our meetings are every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Fire Hall.

**A BIG THANK YOU**  
to the Totem Pole, City Hall, BF General Store, and Post Office for being so kind and helping me out.

*Edith Sheppard*



Blair Anderson, Hugh Simpson, Roger Beck, Mike Blake, Darren Kinyon, and Shannon Wright training with the extrication tool

## CENSUS 2000

### THEY'RE COUNTING ON US

In school, they've been learning about the importance of the census. The census is taken every 10 years. In the 1990 census about 2 million children were not counted. This is the year to make sure our whole family gets counted.

By counting all the people in every state, America learns what America needs. An accurate count can mean our community gets its fair share of funding for education, health care, transportation, and job training. That could mean more dollars for schools and playgrounds, or a new hospital or bus line. If we miss people, our community may not get all the money it deserves.

When the census form arrives in March, please don't forget to fill it out, *completely*...and especially don't forget to include the kids, no matter how young they might be.

City Hall will help in filling out the census forms. Help will be available Monday thru Wednesday from 8 am to noon. March 8<sup>th</sup> thru April 14<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget. This is very important!

## BUTTE FALLS YOUTH CENTER GOLF BENEFIT

by Jack Brown

This is just a quick note to let the people of Butte Falls know we are having a youth center benefit golf tournament. The tournament will be at Eagle Point Golf Course on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm. We would like to have the people check in by 2:30 pm. The cost will be approximately \$25 with a cart. All proceeds go to the youth center. Last year we raised over \$500 and we are hoping to exceed that amount this year. The format will be a four man scramble. If you are interested, call Mike or Liz Stritenberg at 865-3651 or Jack and Joyce Brown at 865-3574.

*Did you know Mel Ray  
is fifty-one (51) this month*

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