

you have water in the lines. I did not know this would work, but it does, and I would have preferred not to know. I would have preferred to have had someone call the city hall and make arrangements to pay all or part of the bill. The rumors have probably been hot and heavy about this one, as one hose was connected to a city council person's residence. Neither the council person, nor spouse knew of this however, despite what you may have heard. I think that our public works person has more important things to do than to be a police person of water systems. I ask for your cooperation in this matter. Thanks again, in advance. I strongly believe that we can work together to solve some of our existing problems within the community. It will take us working together, and with open communication.



Fire: Hugh Simpson had more good news this month. A private citizen, who wishes to remain anonymous, gave our Butte Falls Volunteer Fire Department a \$500 donation for purchase of equipment. A big shamrock thanks to you from all of us in the community! Other good news is that we have two new fire department members. Georgia Fewer moved here from Idaho to work for the Forest Service several months ago. She brings to our community past experience as an EMT and as Fire Chief of a small community in Montana. The other new fire department volunteer comes to us from California. We welcome Mike Blake to our department. Thanks to you both!!

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EDC: Joyce Hailicka presented an update on each of our grants at our last meeting. She also introduced Chaline Owings who will work with the community for six months. Chaline comes to us through the Americorp

program, and will assist in getting our PASSAGES program started. A separate article will tell you more. Joyce reported that we have received a \$3♣♣♣ tourism grant to assist with putting on the Forest Jubilee here in Butte Falls again this fall. Another \$5♣♣♣ will come our way through Cycle Oregon. They are not coming back to Butte Falls yet, but will be at Lake of the Woods this September. We will be contracted to provide a lunch. More details on this later. We will need 30 volunteers. Carrie Driskell showed the council the Spirit Award presented to the Town of Butte Falls by the Forest Service. The award comes with a \$5♣♣♣ check. This is a grant that Carrie and Joyce applied for last year. The grant dollars may in part be used for a teen center.



Water Bottling: In brief, we do not have a grant (at this time) for acquisition of land and building the facility building. What we do have is a business plan that would have us create a private corporation which would buy water from the city, run the business, and pay us a royalty. We need to provide the funding agency with an addendum covering the land acquisition, building construction information, and equipment costs before we can receive our reimbursement. At the time Tom Armstrong prepared the business plan. We had high hopes of receiving grant dollars for all this. The reality is that the lead agency (FS) can no longer fund construction. I believe Joyce is hard at work now getting a technical assistance grant application ready to cover engineering work for the building construction. As a new mayor, I am getting a real education!!!



Recycling: I attended the Recycle Club meeting at the high school February 15th. I am delighted to see our students actively

