

FROM THE DESK OF GARY SHIPLEY: Public Works Superintendent

I will be writing this monthly column to communicate with you and be in touch with the good people of Butte Falls. I will be sharing with you problems I am encountering and keep you informed of projects to better the community.

First, on a positive note. I have had my assistant, Karen Davis, working in the cemetery this past week doing deferred maintenance and general cleanup. This will continue until the cemetery is the showplace we all want to be proud of. Thank you to the volunteers who stopped by and just helped. This was very kind and greatly appreciated.

Secondly, I am asking for help from the entire town to solve a problem. Many of the citizens are not aware of how a sewage treatment plant operates. It digests and separates *biodegradable* items. Biodegradable basically covers a very small range of items that *should* be sent down the drain. I am receiving a lot of items that do not dissolve and consequently "plug up" the system.

Your help will certainly be appreciated and help make the town run smoother. If you have questions "what can go down the drain", or other requests, please call me at the Public Works Office, 865-3220. Let's work together and make Butte Falls an even better place to live.



PIZZA DINNER

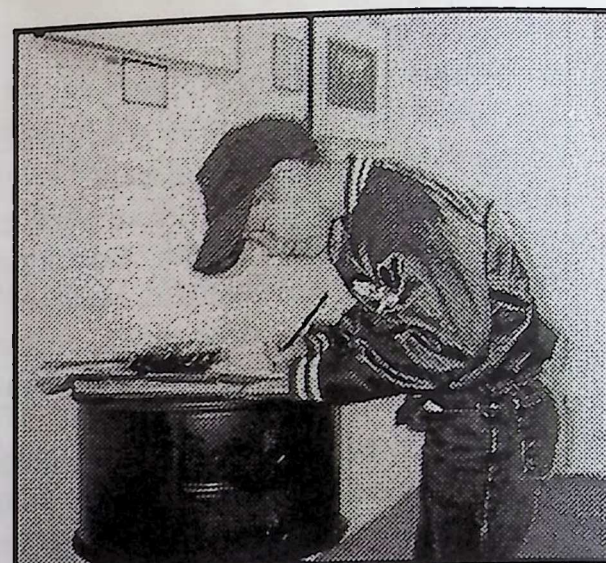
Prior to the Donkey Basketball game (this Thursday, the 30th), as part of CloseUp and BFAA's Family Fun Evening, they will host a fund-raising dinner at Community Hall. Pizza is \$2 a slice, salad \$1 and with the purchase of salad and pizza you will receive free punch or coffee and a dessert.

We wish to extend
OUR SINCERE THANKS
to everyone in the
BUTTE FALLS COMMUNITY
that expressed such a
GREAT OUTPOURING
of LOVE and SUPPORT
for Betty Dillingham
at the passing of our Father,
Ken.
We sincerely appreciate your
generosity,
the Dillingham Children

HOT SPOT

by Ruthe McCaw

I know it's been a while since I wrote anything about the Fire Dept. and what's going on, so here I go... Our first meeting of the year was one of joy and sorrow, first of all we were deeply saddened to learn that T.C. and Mary Castantine were unable to make a go of things at the Butte Falls Service Station. They have returned to the Phoenix, Arizona area. We will certainly miss them and wish them well. Happily though, we gained four, that's right, four new firefighters to our ranks. Shannon Wright is one of our newest recruits. Already he has shown an eagerness to be available whenever the need arises. Our second recruit is Tim Shaw. Tim has gone on his first fire call and we are proud to have such a diligent guy on our team. Shannon Turner is our third recruit and brings with him a lot of medical experience. He is an EMT and is trained in several areas of rescue. Then last, but certainly not least, we have added Gary Shipley to our department. Gary is certified as a firefighter I, apparatus operator II, and an EMT. It sure is great to see our department grow and we welcome all of our new members. Of course there is always room for more of you who might be interested in joining the fire squad, so come



Brandon Zartman, a new resident of Butte Falls, pays his second visit to the Ernest W. Smith House. Many youngsters enjoy visiting the museums each month. If you or your children have not visited yet, stop by and *Take a Step Back in Time*. Open Friday 1-4pm, Saturday 10-4pm and Sunday 1-4pm.

on by either on the 4th or the 18th of this month at 6:30 pm. We'd love to see you there.

We also had some good news from the Sprint Company as they donated \$1000 to our department. We are certainly grateful for the funds and want to thank Sprint for their continued support.

As you can see things have really been happening at the fire department. We have already had two fire calls this year and I would like to give some pointers for reporting a fire. 1. If you have a fire emergency call 911. 2. If possible have an actual physical address to give to the 911 dispatcher. 3. Be ready to give an accurate description of the type of fire, i.e. smoke, heavy smoke, flames, explosions, etc. 4. Please give an accurate description of the building that is involved, i.e. one or two story home, trailer, barn, garage, or outbuildings. All of this information enables the 911 dispatch to accurately notify our department which in turn could save someones home and possibly their life.

Until next month remember:

Safety First, Safety Always.