

PUBLIC WORKS CORNER

We have been seeing an alarming increase of vandalism to signs. Signs have been pulled up, knocked down, moved and bent up. It is costly to deal with this problem, not only to town, but it also comes directly down on the taxpayer. It is the taxpayer who is suffering the consequence. If anybody witnesses this act of vandalism, please report it to the Marshall at 865-3200, City Hall at 865-3262 or Public Works at 865-3220. You do not have to give your name - you may remain anonymous if you like. Remember, it is your tax dollars at work. I would much rather use the tax dollars to improve our town, not fix it.

I would like to encourage everybody to drive down Obenchain Road and look at your cemetery. Karen Davis and several other volunteers have donated many hours to give your cemetery the facelift it has needed for a long time. Karen worked for several days as an employee of the Public Works Dept. and just did not want to stop. Karen has donated countless hours to the cause of turning the cemetery back into a respectful resting place for friends, relatives and loved ones. Thank you Karen and the other volunteers who have stopped and helped.

I would like to thank the residents for helping the sewer treatment plant out by not putting items in the drain that will not dissolve. I have definitely noticed a difference. Your continued effort will be very appreciated. Did you know cigarette filters will not break down and decompose? I didn't think so. Now you do.

Spring is just around the corner and it has been called to my attention some of the trees on City property are in need of trimming. If there is a tree that looks like it might have some branches that could fall out and cause property damage or personal injury, please call me and alert me as to their location so I can get them before they get you. Call 865-3220. I need to know the locations as soon as possible so they can be trimmed before the sap starts back in the spring. Until next month,
Gary Shipley, Public Works Superintendent.



MARCH IS EYE DONOR MONTH

*Give the gift of sight,
complete your donor card today!*

The Oregon Lions Eyebank is dedicated to the collection of eye tissue that can be transplanted into another person to restore that person's sight, for surgical training, or to be used in crucial research aimed at finding causes and cures for blindness. In 1996 the Eyebank received 1025 cornea donations and completed 460 transplants. Since 1975 the Eyebank has supplied 5,957 corneas for transplants, 4000 in Oregon and SW Washington, 1151 to other areas in the U.S. and 806 to other countries.

The local Lions Club and The Sight and Hearing Center in Medford assist individuals with other sight and hearing problems. Last year the center funded eye exams for 244 low income people and funded hearing exams and hearing aids for 63 low income people. These services cost over \$29,000.

The Sight and Hearing Center operates on donations from Lions and Lioness Clubs in the Jackson/Josephine Counties, individual donations, and income from newspaper recycling.

The Butte Falls Lions Club wishes to thank everyone of you who continues to drop off your old newspapers at our recycle station behind the post office. If you want to drop them off at the Recycle Depot they will be redropped off at the Lions Box.

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance with eyeglasses contact a local Lions member. If you don't know a Lion, call Bev or Carlos Carrillo at 865-3837 or Gloria Karches at 865-3341. Harvey Boyle is the Lion representative at the Butte Falls School District.

DRUG TESTING

Random testing for drug use among athletes as a preventive and corrective measure seems to be working. We have had no positive drug tests this year compared to those we had last year.

Although we do not have completely definitive data, observations indicate students have a higher achievement level than in previous years; that there is an absence of discussion about the desirability of drugs among students; and there is a general atmosphere of cooperation among students that was absent two years ago.

We feel fortunate that we've had no positive tests and that if any should appear, that we have a plan in place for helping students through counseling who may have an addiction problem. Counseling is also available to non-athletes who ask for help.

Harvey Boyle, Superintendent

CYCLE OREGON DOLLARS

Thanks once again to all of you who helped out with Cycle Oregon. The bills are all paid and the town is richer by approximately \$3500. The funds were distributed as follows: \$1000 towards **THE BULLETIN**, \$1000 towards a Toddler Playground to be constructed in the park, \$500 towards upkeep of Community Hall, \$500 to the Economic Development Fund, and \$500 to the Butte Falls Ambulance.

Your hard work is truly appreciated!

LIONESS

The Butte Falls Lioness Club held a bake and craft sale February 14th in front of the store. It was very successful as we made \$144.07 to help with our sight and hearing projects and local donations. We invite ladies who are interested in helping in the community to come to a meeting and see if they would like to become a member. Call Gayle at 865-3400. Two of our upcoming projects in March will be helping with the Scholarship Dinner March 15th and the Easter Egg Hunt.