

COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY CENTER TO BECOME A REALITY

By Harvey Boyle

After many delays, the Community Technology Center, which will be housed in the high school library, is finally on the way.

Last year, the school district polled the community about creating a community technology center, and received overwhelming support for the concept. The development of the center depended on promised grants from both the state and federal governments. The grants ran into red tape and were delayed.

In the meantime, while awaiting word of those grants, Dianne Gorman, our current business teacher, applied for several more grants, and recently received partial funding from the Community.

Bear Creek Corporation offered to give the district 30 computers that were no longer powerful enough for them, and Carla LeFever, the high school social studies teacher and computer coordinator, applied to the Earl Family Foundation for funds to purchase refurbished computers which would run at internet speed. Those funds were granted, and several computers were purchased.

At the same time, Mrs. LeFever's Computer Wizardry students, Maggie Harrington, Mark Parara, and Jonathan Pomes, tore down the Bear Creek computers and rebuilt them to make them more usable and up to date.

With all of the grants and gifts, including School-to-Work grant funds from the Federal government, the district is in the position to install sixteen internet connections in the high school library.

The internet laboratory will be open to students during the day, and will be open to the public after the inevitable glitches are removed, probably in February or late January.

Let's take a look at what some of the students and staff are saying about the new computers.

Suzy Ford-School Librarian

"Excellent, Love it, Incredible! The computers are full all of the time! More kids are coming in now!"

Maggie Harrington

"I enjoyed very much the time I spent helping to set up all the new computers. I think it is really valuable for the school and the community to have access to all of these high quality computers and new equipment. It is definitely an improvement over what we had before. There is a better chance now that there will be a available computer to use. It doesn't matter where you go now, because all the computers are in the different locations are capable of handling the programs that I need to use. I really appreciate the Earls for their continued support in upgrading our computer technology during the last few years. Thanks so much to Mrs. LeFever also for all her efforts to improve her school! She understands the need to have current technology available for all the students. Without her hard work none of this would have been possible!"

The Butte Falls Lions Club Congratulates Elizabeth McLauchlan Student of the Month



Lindsey Stockton and her mother June work together on 'Close Up' wreaths. Several of the students parents assisted with this years project.

WHAT IS STUDENT GOVERNMENT DOING THIS MONTH?

By Melissa Hamilton-Secretary of State BFHS



As I promised I'm writing a monthly update about student government activities. In the last article I wrote about our program Adopt-A-Family. For the last few weeks we have been busy

contacting stores and putting together a canned food drive at the high school for the Christmas time program. As of now the program will be adopting tow families in the community. The baskets are not as large as the Thanksgiving baskets but they will provide the families with a holiday meal. We would also like to give thanks to Rick's Greatway Market and Safeway for their donations of turkeys. They were greatly appreciated.

Along with the Adopt-A-Family program student government will be reaching out to the community for support with their fund raisers for Drug Free Zone Signs that will be put up around the community. Student government is planning a few bottle drives, community bingo, and 50/50 raffles. We hope to be able to put up art least three signs. These signs will be placed in various areas such as near the cattle guard and in front of the schools. The signs will cost student government about \$130.

Student government also has a program of recognition, which is headed by Jackie Lyon, Student Body Vice President. Students who do something special for the community or the school are selected for the 'Student Spotlight'. For the month of September Jonathan Pomes and Bernadette Piter were chosen for being foreign exchange students. For October, Jessica Bergren and Ben Schoaf were chosen for winning the NIE ad contest. The months of November and December have yet to be chosen. These students receive their recognition by hand made banners that are hung up in the hall of the high school.