

# GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN BUTTE FALLS!

## Firehouse News and Views

By- Hugh Simpson

This Spring, let's all be careful when doing outdoor burning. The weather has been so variable, alternating from wet spells to long dry spells, that there have already been several grass and brush fires in Jackson County.

Please make sure to have a burn permit from City Hall if you live inside the city of Butte Falls. In any case, please check conditions carefully before lighting a burn pile or attempting to burn weeds or brush. If it's pretty dry and there is a stiff wind blowing, it might be better to wait for safer conditions.

The above information takes care of the views, so I can now get to the department news. First, we are pleased to announce that firefighters Darren Kinyon, Cassie Wolfe, and Jeff Gorman just graduated from the Rogue Valley Fire Academy, and are now certified at the Firefighter 1 Level.

The course was rather difficult, and these three people had to attend for 5 full weekends at Rogue River Rural Fire Department, in addition to putting in long hours of study. Our department is extremely proud of these folks, and thanks them for taking time out of their lives to do this for our community.

We will be having a Firefighter's Blast Fundraiser at the Elementary School Gym on April 7, 2001, from 7:00 - 11:00 P.M. There will be pizza and salad, dancing, and karaoke. Prices: Adults are \$5.00, Children are \$2.00. There will also be some items raffled off. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of a more modern fire engine to replace the 1962 GMC we got from Ashland several years ago. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



## News from your Ambulance Crew

by- Carrie Driskell

Just a note to say "Thank You" to those that stop me and give me money or mail us money to apply to the 2002 Mercy Flights Ambulance Membership. Your donations are very much appreciated!

It hasn't been too busy in our ambulance area. Accidents on our major highways are down and that is great with us!

May 13-19th is the 27th EMS Week. Our crew and ambulance will be visiting the Butte Falls Schools to raise awareness in what we do and to show appreciation to a community that has been supporting us. Stay tuned for more information on EMS week!

You'll see us in the 4th of July Parade this year with two of our good friends, Vince and Larry! Remember them? They are the crash test dummies that visited Butte Falls awhile back to promote seat-belt and vehicle safety.

If you have any questions about your ambulance service call Carrie at 865-3224 and if you have membership questions you can call me or Julie Inlow at 779-1019.

Congratulations to Jeff Gorman, Darren Kinyon and Cassie Wolfe. They are now certified Butte Falls Firefighters! They spent a lot of time with their noses in books reading and studying, cramming for tests, and they spent many-a-weekend in class. We are proud of you!

Happy Spring and Be Safe..Mercy 12

**BE SAFE!  
DON'T DRINK  
AND DRIVE**