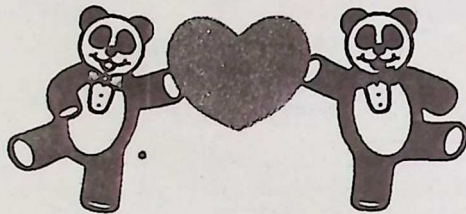


TOWN INFORMATION THAT WE NEED TO KNOW...



KEEPING INFORMED...

BY JULIE FREEMAN

ON MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2002, THE SCHOOL BOARD MET TO DISCUSS THE FORBIDDING POSSIBILITY OF FINDING A \$150,000.00 SHORTFALL THIS YEAR. THEIR SOLUTION TO THIS POSSIBLE CATASTROPHE WAS, "TO NON-RENEW TWO ELEMENTARY TEACHERS CONTRACTS AND BLEND FOUR CLASSES". IN OTHER WORDS, THEY WANT TO GET RID OF THE 2ND AND 4TH GRADE TEACHERS AND HAVE ONE TEACHER TEACH TWO GRADES AT THE SAME TIME. TWICE. THE OTHER DECISION MADE WAS TO NON-RENEW THE ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL POSITION BASED ON FINANCES AND TO POST A NEW POSITION, WHICH IS A COMBINATION OF SUPERINTENDENT AND PRINCIPAL IN BOTH BUILDINGS. IN OTHER WORDS, MR. BENNIGHOF'S POSITION IS TERMINATED AND HE MUST APPLY FOR THE COMBINED POSITION IF HE WISHES TO REMAIN IN THE DISTRICT. HE HAS BEEN A PART OF THE DISTRICT FOR FIVE YEARS. AS WITH ANY ELECTED POSITION THE PEOPLE VOTE REPRESENTATIVES TO SUPPORT AND SPEAK FOR THEM. MY PAST EXPERIENCE AS A REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE TOWN TAUGHT ME OFTEN I NEEDED TO HEAR THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE. ONLY THEN COULD I MAKE SOUND DECISIONS. DECISIONS THAT NOT ONLY REPRESENTED THE PEOPLE,

BUT WAS ALSO FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWN AS A WHOLE. GRANTED, THIS IS NOT ALWAYS AN EASY JOB, BUT YOU TRY. COMMUNICATION IS ESSENTIAL. AS PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS IT IS OUR RIGHT TO BE A PART OF THE PROCESS THAT AFFECTS US AND OUR CHILDREN. DID THE SCHOOL BOARD MAKE THE DECISION TO SWITCH TO BLENDED CLASSROOMS BECAUSE THEY REALLY BELIEVE THAT CHILDREN WILL LEARN BETTER THIS WAY, OR WAS IT SIMPLY DONE BECAUSE OF LACK OF FUNDING? ARE THERE OTHER AREAS BESIDE ACADEMICS THAT COULD BE CUT FIRST? DO WE WANT A STRANGER COMING TO LEAD OUR DISTRICT IN A TIME OF CRISIS, OR SOMEONE WHO IS FAMILIAR WITH OUR CHILDREN AND POLICIES?

THE NEXT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2002 AT 7:00 PM. I URGE

ANYONE WITH ANY QUESTIONS ON THESE DECISIONS TO ATTEND THE NEXT MEETING. TIMES ARE HARD FOR MANY PEOPLE THESE DAYS. THE COUNTRY'S HARDSHIPS TRICKLE DOWN TO US ALL. SO YOU TIGHT-EN YOUR BELT. YOU DO AWAY WITH THE THINGS YOU CAN LIVE WITHOUT. YOU EAT BEANS INSTEAD OF STEAK. BUT YOU NEVER THINK OF SELLING ONE CHILD SO YOU CAN FEED THE REST.



Flowers for Blanche

There is a group of ladies that would like to plant flower bulbs in Blanche's memory along Butte Falls Highway. We are looking for donations of bulbs or money to purchase bulbs for this love project. Please call JoAnn Lyon at 865-3506 or mail donations to her PO Box 168, Butte Falls. Also, you can leave bulbs at PJ and Candys Adams house across from the Community Church. Thank You.....



Butte Falls Recycling Depot News by- Dianne Gorman

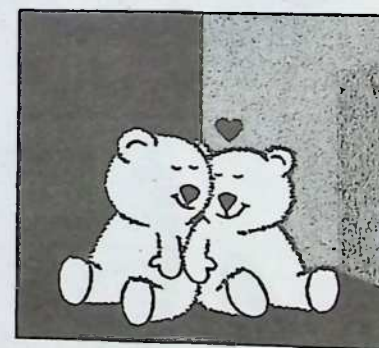
The Butte Falls Recycling Depot is NO LONGER accepting tin and aluminum at our site. If you wish to recycle these items, please visit the Ball Road Recycle Center or Rogue Recycling on Table Rock Road (they have a really nice facility).

Just a reminder of what we do take: milk jugs (no other plastics), corrugated cardboard, glass, packing peanuts, newspapers.

Please do not bring other items to the depot. It makes a mess and more work for our volunteers.

Thank you

Totem Pole



Bring your "Honey"
in for one of our specials!
She'll love you for it...
Open 7 days a week
865-3311