



SCHOOL NEWS!!!



Greetings Residents of the Butte
Falls School District!
By- Steve Pine

I want to take this opportunity to thank those members of the educational community that took the time to speak with me about the district's educational goals and ultimately selected me to work toward their accomplishment. In what has to be recognized as troubled times in education in Oregon, it might help to consider that, "Good timber does not grow with ease; the stronger the wind, the stronger the trees." I look forward to working with each of you as we face the coming winds in establishing an educational COMMUNITY in the truest sense of the word. I'll do my best to get "out and about" in town over the next weeks, but if I miss you, I'm hopeful that you'll find an occasion to drop by the district office or one of the schools and introduce yourself. Be advised, however, I will certainly ask for your opinion as to how to move in the direction you feel is best suited to the district's youth! And to those of you in the community that *are* the district's youth, this would be a great time to come in, say hello and let me know your thoughts about the schools. Our staff has already begun the process through which we will be making application for a Rural Community Enhancement Grant due in November of this year. This process requires that the schools

and community work closely together in establishing goals and objectives designed to "enhance" our conditions. While that may sound rather vague, it is to our advantage. There are certainly issues we will want to discuss and focus on as we comprise our final request for this grant. It is a substantial amount of money, and we will do well to attend to this in a timely manner. The district will take the lead by scheduling "town meetings" in order to fully explain the intent and process, and to solicit your participation in completing the steps required. And finally, I want to encourage each of you to make the commitment to become actively involved in your community schools. I'm aware that many of you are familiar faces around the schools and help out when asked, (such as Burt Pederson, Dee Burg and Terry Facey most recently in the gym doing the painting, thanks again!) and I respect and appreciate that! To those of you not yet as fully involved, please consider the contribution you can make to the lives of the students in your community by modeling for them what we hope they will take to heart through our actions; "We cannot become what we need to be by remaining what we are." As I see it, small communities in rural America are still the best places to take advantage of the opportunity to form the significant relationships necessary to instill values and

provide insights to future generations. An easy one to remember that you might think about; "Success is failure with the dirt brushed off." Once again, thanks for inviting me to Butte Falls, I look forward to our work together.



OH, AND THIS TOO....

NEWS FROM THE ACTIVE CLUB DESK.

I WISH TO EXTEND MANY, MANY THANK YOUS TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE ACTIVE CLUB AND TO THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED MAKE THE 4TH OF JULY SUCH A SUCCESS. A BIG THANK YOU TO THE LOCAL BUSINESSES WHO DONATED FOR THIS EVENT. A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR DONATING THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE BUNTING TO THE ACTIVE CLUB. IT TRULY AMAZES ME TO KNOW THERE ARE SO MANY WONDERFUL PEOPLE THAT LIVE IN THIS COMMUNITY. OUR NEXT MEETING IS AUGUST 12TH AT 7 PM IN CITY HALL. THIS MEETING WILL BE ABOUT PLANNING THE HAUNTED HOUSE NIGHT FOR HALLOWEEN. ANYONE WANTING TO VOLUNTEER TO BE A PART OF A FUN FILLED NIGHT IS WELCOME. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE. ACTIVE CLUB PRESIDENT LORI PAXTON.