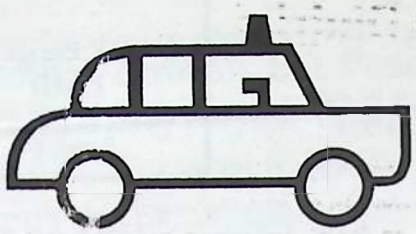

THE "JOHNNY LAW" REPORT
(OCTOBER, 2002)

It's football season. I must confess to being a National Football League junkie. School is back in session as well. Two things should be noted. The curfew for everyone under 18 is 9:00 PM on school nights. To all drivers, the speed limit on Broad Street by the elementary school is 20 mph when children are present. Both laws will be enforced.

The rumor mill in town is faster than the speed of light. So, you may have heard that the Police Department seized sixteen marijuana plants from the back yard of a home on South Street. The agricultural entrepreneur can say, "Here come the judge." He was charged with growing marijuana and with doing so within 1000 feet of a school. Nary a place exists in town that isn't within 1000 of a school. As such, any drug charge in town will have the second charge added as well.

While I'm on the subject of illegal substances, for those of you under 18, tobacco is verboten (period). You will be cited if caught with it. Besides, it makes your breath stink. Your lungs get really screwed up, too. It's interesting how smoking causes your alveoli to turn black and shrivel up so you can't breath. But, if you think smoking is "cool," just remember you won't want me on the jury when you try to sue the tobacco companies for your health problems.

I still have a free blade scooter and a 12-inch bicycle available to anyone who wants them. Contact me at the office if you have an interest in one of them.

John Lawson
Chief of Police

Library news...by Ina Hilkey and Pat Hoel

The Friends of the Butte Falls Library will sponsor in cooperation with the Butte Falls Elementary and High School the General Mills Box Tops For Education and Campbell Products Labels for Education Programs.

Facing cuts in spending on education programs and books, this is a way everyone can participate by doing just a little by cutting and depositing labels at schools, library, city hall and local business'. Watch for more information. "Start Saving Now!!!"

Jean Auel, best selling author of Earth Childrens novels has written "The Shelters of Stone". Auel's Earth Children series is one of the most celebrated and includes: 'The Clan of the Cave Bear', The Valley of Horses', The Mammoth Hunters' and 'The Plains of Passage' Teen Reads include: 'A Face First" - Pricilla Cummings, 'Silent Death' - Katalyn Gay; 'Among the Imposters' - Margaret Haddin and 'Aquamarine' - Alice Hoffman.

Butte Falls Friends group and the High School Scholarship Committee will serve food at the Halloween Haunted House night October 25th. We would appreciate any donations of pies or cakes.

George Myers
Thinking of you as you are missing your very good buddy Bob Gutches. He was the best you could get in a friend.
Don and Cory

NEWS FROM CITY HALL

As you know, we are now on a 30-day past due shut off policy regarding our water and sewer bills. In the past, if someone's water was turned off and they were not home at the time, they could always find the City Recorder after hours and pay their bill to get their water turned back on. The Town Council has decided not to allow this to happen anymore. The Water Department will turn water back on during City Hall office hours only, 8 AM – 1 PM, Monday through Friday. That means, if you go to the City Recorder's home at 4 PM and try to pay your bill, she will no longer accept your money. You can drop your payment off in our drop box at City Hall.

You will have to wait until the next business day before your water will be turned on. These people have been volunteering their time to accommodate the customer because we can not afford to pay overtime wages. There is no point in taking out your anger on the City Recorder or the Water Department, they is just doing their job and following directions from the Town Council. All payments will be accepted during City Hall office hours only, NO EXCEPTIONS. If you have a complaint about our polices, we invite you to attend our regular scheduled meeting every third Tuesday at 7 PM in the Community Hall.....Butte Falls Town Council.

As of this writing, fire season is still in effect. Why not be ready in advance this year and purchase your burn permits early from City Hall. They only cost $2.50 per permit, and if you live inside the city limits you are required to have one if you intend to burn.

We also sell dog licenses too. The Town of Butte Falls gets to keep 80% of the proceeds from dog licenses and 20 % goes to Jackson County. So remember, if you purchase your license anywhere else, you are giving all your money to Jackson County. Do we really want them to have all of our money?

Active Club News:

We are changing our date for the haunted house. It will be on Friday, October 25th this year. Dinner will start at 5 PM and the haunted house will begin at 7 PM – 10 PM, with a short break in between for the ghouls. ALL VOLUNTEERS ARE CHEERFULLY WELCOME!!!! It stills costs only 50 cents a harrowing trip. So bring the family and enjoy the dinner that the Friends of the Library cook, then take a trip upstairs into another world for a closer look.