

FIREHALL NEWS!

HAPPY NEW YEAR to one and all! The Butte Falls Volunteer Fire Department wishes you a safe and prosperous New Year. We have enjoyed having the opportunity to serve our community this past year and are proud of the partnership we have built with you. We look forward to the New Year ahead.

2002 witnessed milestones and many changes for the Butte Falls Volunteer Fire Department. For instance, eight of our 11 volunteer firefighters are now fully certified in structure and wild land firefighting having completed the course at Rogue Community College. We've integrated a wild land fire suppression program with the inclusion of a fully functional wild land fire engine; this is a first for the community of Butte Falls. The fire department responded to 30 alarms this past year that is a 40% increase over the previous year. We are expanding our emergency medical response skills in order to better assist our community. The Junior Firefighter Program continues to be monitored and enhanced with special emphasis on school safety participation. Our BFFD Auxiliary has implemented a plan addressing firefighter rehab needs at active fire scenes in addition to providing fundraising assistance.

Historically, the BFFD is a town fire department originally funded with tax dollars paid by the town residents of Butte Falls. Several years ago Butte Falls agreed to extend this fire coverage outside town limits. There is not an existing fire coverage tax-base for those who live outside the town. In other words, Jackson County Dispatch does not have your address recorded and, therefore, cannot automatically activate the fire department's alarm system in the event of a fire emergency. However, the town of Butte Falls has agreed to provide protection to community residents that subscribe to the BFFD for \$75 per year. To become a

subscriber is very easy. All you need do is contact Lori Paxton at City Hall at 865-3262 to complete a simple form and drop off your subscriber fee. Because JC Dispatch will not have a non-subscriber's address, if a fire emergency breaks out in their home or on their property, the non-subscriber is left to deal with the fire emergency. If you have concerns or questions about fire emergency assistance, please contact the fire department at 865-4383. We'll be more than happy to talk with you.

We are confident that 2003 will be a banner year.

W.O.N.D.E.R.F.U.L....

THAT'S HOW WE WOULD DESCRIBE SANTA NIGHT. OUR FREE DINNER, MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT, CRAFTS FOR THE KIDS WITH SANTA SHOWING UP WAS A SUCCESS. THE MUSICAL GROUP 5 FOR HIM WAS JUST AWESOME AND THEY WOULD LIKE TO COME BACK NEXT YEAR.

OF COURSE THIS WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN MADE POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE HELP OF SOME VERY IMPORTANT ELVES. THE MEMBERS OF THE ACTIVE CLUB AND ONE "SPECIAL ELF", KENT RADER, CLOCKED SOME LONG HOURS GETTING THE EVENT READY. ALL WHO HELPED OUT WERE FANTASTIC AND I WANT TO PERSONALLY THANK EACH OF YOU. YOU ARE A VERY CREATIVE AND HARDWORKING BUNCH AND I AM VERY PROUD TO BE WORKING WITH YOU. OUR THANKS GO OUT TO SANTA FOR STOPPING BY FOR A VISIT DURING YOUR BUSY SEASON.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL THE LOCAL BUSINESS' AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO DONATED DESSERTS AND SUCH. ANOTHER HUGE THANK YOU TO RAY AND MARY MACY FOR DONATING 50 GLOVES FOR THE KIDS. AND YET ANOTHER HUGE THANK YOU TO SOME AREA DENTISTS, CHARLES VANDERPOOLE, JOHN RITACCA AND EAGLE POINT DENTAL FOR DONATING TOOTHBRUSHES FOR THE CHILDREN. AND WE CAN NOT FORGET TO GIVE A HUGE THANK YOU TO JOYCE BROWN FOR THE USE OF THE GRADE SCHOOL KITCHEN, WHERE PATTI SHAFER MAKES HER DELICIOUS FRENCH BREAD.

IF I HAVE FORGOTTEN TO MENTION YOUR NAME, I APOLOGIZE. JUST KNOW THAT WE TRULY APPRECIATE YOU.

OUR RAFFLE WAS ALSO A SUCCESS. JILL MIALKOVSKY WON THE RAGGETY ANN AND ANDY DOLLS, AMANDA SPRINGER WON THE TEDDY BEAR AND DEBBIE JOHNSON WON THE QUILT.

THE ACTIVE CLUB LOVES HOSTING SANTA NIGHT AND WE ARE ALREADY LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR. KEEP WATCH FOR ARTICLES IN COMING MONTHS ADVERTISING OUR 2ND ANNUAL CITY WIDE YARD SALE. UNTIL THEN....HAVE A SAFE, HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!! LORI PAXTON.....ACTIVE CLUB PRESIDENT

Butte Falls Community Bible Church

Sunday 10:00 am - Worship Service

Sunday 6:00 pm - Adult Bible Study PLUS High School Youth Group Meets Upstairs

Tuesday 6:00 pm - Junior High Youth Group

Wednesday 9:30 am - Ladies Bible Study

Thursday Evening - Guitar practice and Jam Session for anyone that plays an instrument...

Plus many other activities. You can call PJ at 865-3389 or Travis at 865-4208 with any questions.

Totem Pole

Prime Rib Dinner

New Year's Eve

5:00 PM

Don't Forget

