NEWSLETTER JANUARY

BOOSTER CLUB

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

SANTA’S HELPERS

Robert Cannon led students and the audience in some great holiday music at the Christmas Program this week. Santa made a quick stop and with some help from some special elves, Joyce Brooks, Donna --- and Carol Sweet.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM

Farrell Fox was nominated and accepted to the national Youth Leadership forum on Medicine. This forum will meet in Houston, TX in July. She is looking for odd jobs to earn the money to attend the forum. Please call Farrell at 462-3039 if you have some work for her. CONGRATULATIONS, FARELL!

FFA NEWS

Two State FFA officers visited the Mitchell FFA Chapter in December. The officers met with both Middle School and High School students who were interested in FFA activities. Mitchell FFA officers this year are: Chianna Tolton, president; Emma Anspach, Vice President; Toby Lindquist, Sentinel; Megan White, Secretary; Alex Day, Reporter; Farrell Fox, treasurer and William Lindquist is the Strawberry Mountain FFA District Sentinel.

CHEER SQUAD

Chantel Osborn has seven girls that she is working with to develop cheer routines this year. Because of the late start they had, our cheer squad is not an official sport this year, but it may be in the future. The girls are trying to pay for their uniforms and are willing to work by the hour to make money. If you have babysitting, housecleaning, car washing or other needs please call the school and we will help arrange for a member of the Cheer Squad to work for you.

CAMPUS TOUR

Sue and Dave Horton chaperoned 15 Juniors and Seniors to visit college campuses. They visited University of Oregon, Oregon State, Willamette University, Linn-Benton Community College, Carrington College, Portland State University and Pacific University. The purpose of these yearly college tours is to give our students an opportunity to compare post secondary education options.

BASKETBALL

We start January basketball with a non-league game against Burnt River on Saturday, January 8th, then the next five weekends are full of league play. We hope the community supports our athletes by attending the games. Coach Cy Miller and Coach Tim Foster have high expectations for the athletes and some of the kids are putting in extra gym time so that their skills improve.

ALUMNI BASKETBALL GAME

Our student athletes are looking forward to playing the alumni teams.

BACKDOOR

CENTRAL OREGON OLD CAR CLUB

Margaret Harvey, a member of the Central Oregon Old Car Club from Prineville, came to Mitchell with her daughter to donate coats for our students and others in need. These are high quality, warm coats that are very clean and some have never been worn. There are coats for about 5 year olds through high school age and some adult coats. If you would like a coat or know someone who needs a warm winter coat, please come by the school and look through the collection. Thank you, Margaret!

MITCHELL CHRISTMAS DECORATION COMMITTEE

Susie Grant and Judy Perry started the Christmas Decoration Committee all of us pitched in and helped with a small start. Then Susie moved to Baker city. Buzzy Habecker took over and the Committee patterns and Carol Sweet made all the Nativity scenes and beautifully painted each one. She also made an angel to put on the manger. Her husband, Jack and son made the manger. The Habeckers left for California in 2004.

 Carol Sweet, Ernie Chritchlow and Vernita Jordon continued the tradition and made wreaths to be put around town. Allan Humphreys got boughs and separated them and Ralph Espinoza, Will Osborn and Dean Fox donated horse trailers. Ernie Chritchlow would call around town for all the ladies to come and make wreaths. They would make soap or stew and spend the day working together. They decorated the gazebo in the part and the Christmas tree that Mike Brennan would bring in for the community. The grade school children would come down and decorate the tree with decorations they had made. One year Mary Fitzgerald made wooden candy canes and her 3rd and 4th graders painted them. Julie Holt taught the group to make bows. During the rest of the year the Committee changes the flowers in the containers around town. This year we didn’t get up decorations because there wasn’t enough of us to do all the work. There are so many people in our community that share their talents. Thank you to everyone who helps. Thank you for all your help and advise.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR GOD BE WITH ALL OF YOU.

Ernie Chritchlow, Mitchell Christmas Decoration Committee Member