



## MAYOR'S CORNER

From Sara

A month has past since I accepted the appointment to Mayor of the Town of Butte Falls. It has been a busy month for me, informative, hectic at times, but rewarding. I have had many persons contact me to give me their viewpoints on various matters. I welcome this. We have many good things happening in our town, and we have a few things that need to be changed. I am looking for volunteers to help with both.

I would like to personally thank all persons who attended the "Salute To Kids" Community Potluck Sunday, September 10. I do not know the actual number of persons who attended. My guess would be between 200-250. We have so many fine young people in our community, thanks to all who honored them with your attendance. A BIG thanks to all who organized and made this event possible!!

Since the last newsletter, Dennis Burg has resigned as a member of the Town Council of Butte Falls. Dennis served on the council for nine years. We thank him greatly for his years of service. Dennis has thought of resigning in the recent past, but waited for a better time. "No time, is the right time", in his words.

The vacant position was posted. This left two positions to be filled. I made many personal contacts to ask citizens to consider serving on the town council. Prior to our meeting, I knew of only two persons who had been confirmed their willingness to serve on the council.

On Thursday, September 14, at our regular council meeting, Ethel Hoppe was selected as "Chairperson" of the council. She will serve as "Acting Mayor" conducting meetings in my absence and signing paperwork as needed. Mary Wright and Bob Cool were appointed to the council positions. We welcome them to the council and appreciate their willingness to donate their time to better the community.

Business from the audience included a citizen who wanted us to postpone developing an alley that runs behind the homes on the west side of Laurel and parallel to Redwood Street. Develop-

ment of the alley will not be done at this time. Two citizens who live near the "Truck Road" and the access to the Truck Road from South Street were present to voice concerns about the use of both. These citizens would like to see the access from South Street closed and water bars installed on the Truck Road to slow down the traffic. Both the Truck Road and the access road from South Street are on Medite owned property, but in the city limits. Many ideas were considered. The council decided to contact Medite to ask permission to post speed limits along the truck road, and then to enforce the speed limits. The council will also consider some four-way stop corners to slow traffic. Two corners mentioned were the intersections of South and Oak Streets. It was also mentioned that the Yield signs on the intersections of Fir and Fee Streets were not effective. That would be another intersection to consider for a four-way stop.

Mary Wright, one of our new council persons, has worked for the county as a 911 dispatcher. She reminded persons in the audience that they could assist to reduce the speeding problem by recording information (vehicle make and model, license number, driver, etc.) and providing this information to our town marshal. Citizens, so willing, may also sign a complaint. A citation issuance may result. A discussion took place about not always being able to contact our town marshal. Mary talked to the council and audience about the use of 911. She has written an article to be included with this newsletter. The town may need to consider purchasing a cellular phone for the marshal to have with him also.

