

MAYOR'S CORNER

It has been a year since I wrote my first "Mayor's Corner" as the new Mayor of Butte Falls. It has been an interesting and challenging year. My thanks to all who have given me positive support. It appears that the "Town News" is appreciated.

Rogue Valley Council of Governments asked to make a presentation at our August council meeting. The purpose of the presentation was to inform the council and town about a regional effort to plan for the rural and urban growth of our area. "Our Region" is a regional planning effort "By and For the residents of Jackson County". A group of citizens started the effort in 1995 and asked for assistance from the RVCOG (Rogue Valley Council of Governments). There are eleven incorporated communities and several large non-incorporated area in Jackson County. The hope is to have the jurisdictions and citizens work together in a regional planning effort. Butte Falls has been invited to participate in the regional plan.

Other business from the audience at the council meeting included a request for water service connection at a Laurel street lot. Gordon Saffley, SOREDI (Southern Oregon Economic Development Incorporate) was present to tell us about a forthcoming Regional Strategies grant and to provide us with the application. Mike Witte, as a resident, asked when the

town would be posting the School Zone signs on Fir and on South streets. The new pavement on Fir between Broad and South streets has too many drivers exceeding the 25 MPH speed limit. It should be posted as a school zone. The council asked the Marshall to enforce the speed limit in this area!

The town is required to have a certified operator for our water and our waste water systems. We are currently advertising for a replacement operator or operator trainee. The town hired Karen Davis, during the current emergency, to assist our public works assistant in performing the public works duties. We have contracted with a certified systems person to oversee the operation of both systems until we fill our vacancy and have a certified operator.

Many of you may have heard that our Council member and Fire Department Commissioner Bill Dalton, resigned at our August meeting. Bill has served us well. We will miss him as a council member, friend and neighbor. Bill has finally been able to join his family in Missouri. Thanks Bill for your contributions to the community. Best wishes to you and your family for the future.

Sara Beck, Mayor

Drive Carefully & Watch for Children

EMERGENCY SERVICES AND BUTTE FALLS VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE

Thanks to everyone that supported our auction on August 10th. The money made from our auction and BBQ is enough to send some of our three students to school this month.

We appreciate all the donations! You generous people know who you are. We can't say thank you enough. A special thanks to Tom Staton before he moved.

We were toned to call #27 in mid August. This is an average year so far. Please remember to wear your seat belts!!!

Thanks Ambulance Volunteers! Squad members and Board members alike, you're worth your weight of gold!!!

RECYCLE

Construction has begun on the Recycle Depot at Falls Road. In early September we will be looking for interested community people to help finish siding and paint this new addition to town.



BILL EDMONDSON MEMORIAL MUSEUM

The museum is OPEN! Everyone is invited to stop by for a visit. Regular hours are: Tuesday -Friday 1-4 and Saturday 10-4.

A BIG WELCOME to Christian Kasler from Berlin, Germany. Christian is a foreign exchange student who will be staying with the Ferguson family this year.

Cycle Oregon Returns

Remember Cycle Oregon? Well, ... the cyclists are returning to Butte Falls on September 12th. This time it's just for a morning break. We have been asked to serve them their break-time snacks. They will be rolling into town about 7am and we need to be ready.

We are asking for a few large size steel bowls that we can borrow for this event. If anyone is interested in loaning us bowls for this project please call Anne Tucker at 865.3502.

Volunteers will also be needed.

CYCLE OREGON

Volunteers are needed to assist with serving boxed lunches at Lake of the Woods on September 12. If you are interested contact Joyce at 865-3205, or Gloria at 865-3341.