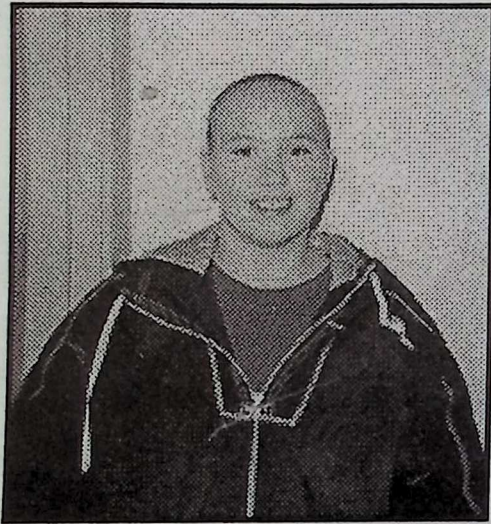


SPOTLIGHT STUDENT FOR DECEMBER

KARRIE Van LADINGHAM



Our spotlight Student for December, Karrie Van Ladingham is the ultimate epitome of a friend. Just ask anyone at Butte Falls High School about the friendship between Karrie and her best friend Amber Hersom.

When asked about Karrie, Jeany Moore, Office Manager at the high school said, "she's a loyal friend, I guarantee! I don't know how many people would shave their head for their best friend". When Karrie was told that Amber had been diagnosed with Leukemia and would have to undergo chemo-therapy treatments she was aware that Amber would eventually lose her hair. In support of her friend, Karrie immediately had her head shaved.

Karrie, a Junior, is a very energetic young lady. She was a member of this years volleyball team and plays on the basketball team.

Karrie's friends and classmates describe her as a REAL PERSON, not one to put on airs. They also say that she always has something funny to say.

Karrie, we're glad you're part of our community and we're grateful that Amber has such a good and loyal friend.



SPOTLIGHT ON SCHOOL BOARD

Chairman, Ron Hailicka

Interviewed by Tina Harvey

Written by Gina LeFever

Recently, Tina Harvey sat down with Ron Hailicka, the chairman of the School Board in Butte Falls, and asked him a few questions, hoping to learn more about one of the men who make the tough decisions concerning our school district.

When asked what made him decide that he wanted to be involved with the school board, he replied that he felt that his business experience could help out the district, and many community members had asked him to run for the board. Since Ron owns four different businesses, Road Construction, Rock Pit, Lumber and Parts, he knew that he had what it took to be a successful member.

Ron has experience changes, both good and bad, since he has been on the board. He felt that the main problems have been with the inconsistencies in the budgeting at state level, complicated interactions with the board and the community, and changes throughout the years in the administration of the district. "I think Harvey Boyle has accomplished the most to help benefit the school," Mr. Hailicka stated sincerely.

Since Mr. Hailicka has been actively involved in many previous projects Tina asked him if he thought that the students and/or the community depend on him too much. His response was quite simple. "No, they're self sufficient. I don't stay intensely involved in anything. I'm kind of in and out. I do my own thing. I do what I want to do."

friend (frend) *n.* 1. A person whom one knows, likes and trusts. 2. A person with whom one is allied in a struggle or cause. 3. One who supports, sympathizes with, or patronizes a group cause, or movement.

Mr. Hailicka wants to encourage students to utilize the school board and suggested that they can best do that by reporting to the board regularly about club and class activities. This information really helps the board with planning and budgeting decisions. They like to be informed early on about what is being planned, ultimate goals and deadlines and the purpose of the activities. Mr. Hailicka stated that the board likes to cooperate with school groups and activities and tries to find a compromise or a solution somewhere in the middle, especially if the group has done their homework first. They appreciate student presentations that are thoughtfully prepared and presented with confidence.

So, Mr. Hailicka's last words to Tina are similar to those words often heard by us from our teachers and parents everyday ... "Do your homework".

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