

## MAYOR'S CORNER

The December 12 Council meeting was the last regular council meeting that Bobbie McClanahan will serve as City Recorder. Bobbie has served our community well. She will be missed. Lori Paxton will take over the role of City Recorder at the January 9 Council meeting. Lori has been working as a volunteer in recent weeks to learn the computer programs as well as the daily routines of the position. We appreciate her efforts. Sandra Boyd will continue in the role of City Recorder assistant, to "Backup" the position in the absence of the recorder.

Mike Witte, Planning Commission representative, began his report with comments that the "Town Square Master Plan" contradicted the Butte Falls zoning ordinances. He stated that we might just as well get rid of the Planning Commission, and let the Downtown Development Association (BFDDA) take over. I personally tried to explain that the role of the BFDDA is that of review and advice. The process would still require a town square property owner to go to the Planning Commission with a request. The BFDDA representative on the Planning Commission would provide advice to the Planning Commission on the "Town Square Master Plan" goals as it related to the proposal. Even if the BFDDA did not approve, the Planning Commission could still vote to make a recommendation for approval to the Council even if the goals of the BFDDA conflicted with the proposal. I stressed that the Town Council was the final decision maker. I asked Ethel Hoppe to read the BFDDA Mission Statement:

"The Butte Falls Town Development Association, composed of business owners, city government, federal agency representatives and interested community members will work together to bring new economic life into the commercial district of the Butte Falls "Town Square", instilling a character that represents unity and inspired feelings of community pride...even to visitors." I believe that the mission statement clearly states the goal of the BFDDA, and that given the opportunity, the BFDDA, the Planning Commission and the Town Council can develop a smooth process. Mike Stritenberg, member of the BFDDA and BFDDA representative to the Planning Commission disagreed with Mike Witte's comments. Mike Stritenberg stated as he left the City Hall that he was resigning from the BFDDA and the Planning Commission. I hope that he reconsiders and that he and the Planning Commission can work together to accomplish common goals for the community.

The idea of having a community get-together has been suggested to share the "Town Square Master Plan" and provide residents with information and give an opportunity for input.

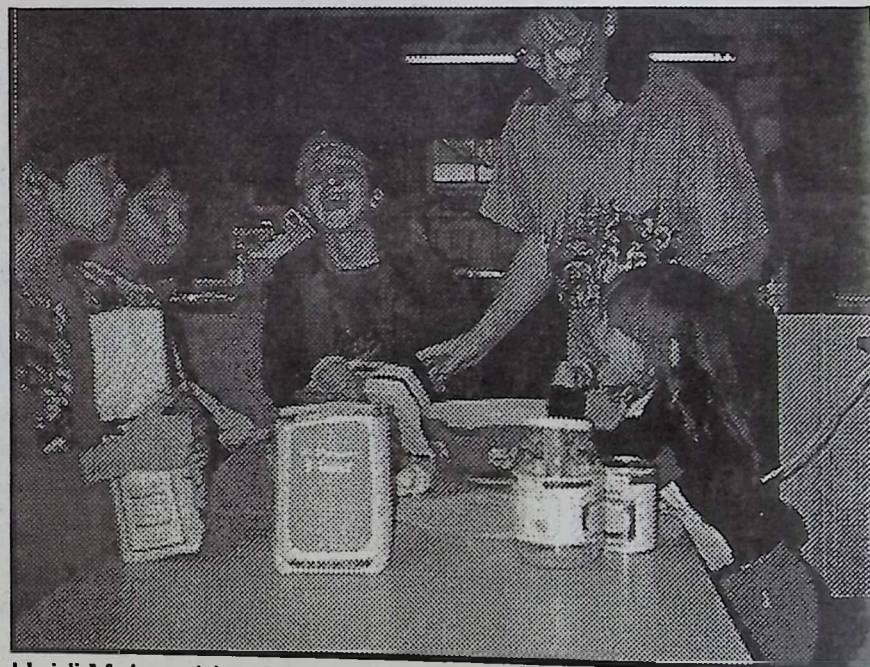
For those of you wondering about the Butte Falls Ambulance Service, we still have an ambulance service in Butte Falls. We are in a transition phase, working with Mercy Ambulance Service. A future newsletter will give you more details. If you have an emergency call 911. You may also talk with one of our local EMTs .

*Sara Beck, Mayor*

## LEAKY WATER MAINS

Last fall, work began on developing a set of contracts that would make the Town ready, should funding be available, to replace the leaking water main system throughout town. This work is being done under the terms of a Rural Investment Fund grant, with Southern Oregon Regional Economic Development, Inc. using Lottery funds. Prior to completion of this project, the package will be available for review by town members for your possible input. The Town Council should finalize this plan by mid-January.

**The Butte Falls Motel  
will be closing January 1.  
THANK YOU  
to those of you who have  
supported our efforts.  
Mike and Liz**



Heidi McLauchlan helps Rachel and Krystal Matthews, Austin Owens and Karlee Stevenson bake up a storm to prepare goodies for community members.