

The staff of the **BUTTE FALLS BULLETIN**
wishes each of you the best
the New Year has to bring.



ELVES VISIT BUTTE FALLS

During each of the *Twelve days of Christmas* funny figures in hats and pointed ears were spotted sneaking around town to deliver gifts to the homes of Ina Hilkey and Amber Hersom. This was all made possible thanks to the efforts of Marilyn and Jim Hamm of Medford, organizers of the Secret Santa Project, and the many businesses and organizations who donated gift items.

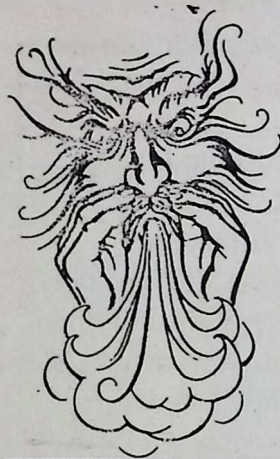
The organization which serves families of cancer victims has grown in just six years from an anonymous family effort to a full-scale community project which involved over 350 volunteers last year. The project is not about giving toys or gifts to the needy, but rather about making people feel good.

Butte Falls became involved in the project when Jeany Moore, office manager at the High School received a call from Marilyn Hamm on December 12. Jeany immediately said yes to the opportunity and began selecting students to assist her. The following night Jeany was joined by Jessica Thompson, Chrystal Clark and community member Gloria Karches. Together they delivered beautiful baskets of fruits and goodies that had been donated by Harry and David. Additionally, Lynda "Melty" Knighton and her son Joey, (who had been taking care of the families other children while Julie and Bear were in Portland with Amber), received a gift each night.

Each night from December 13 through December 24, a group of high school students led by Jeany Moore and assisted by Gloria Karches, would sneak up to the homes and drop off gifts. The intention was that for a short time, the family could have a different focus. It is the intention of the Secret Santa Project to inject some genuine holiday spirit into the lives of these families. From what the elves experienced it is apparent that the project achieved it's goal.



Three Elves go to work. Jessica Thompson, Crystal Clark and Bruce Johnston spreading the Christmas Spirit.



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SANTA'S SECRET SHOP

Parent Council sponsored Santa's Secret Shop last month. Each year the group sponsors this week long event that offers kids the opportunity to buy gifts for family members at a price they can afford. This year Sandy Matthews was in charge of the event. She has requested that we thank those that assisted her during the week. Thanks go out to Suzie St. George, Jeremy St. George, Suzie Ford, and Gloria Karches.

A **BIG THANKS** to Sandy for all the time and effort she put into the project.

LIONS CLUB

The Butte Falls Lions trap shoot on November 24th was a great success. We had the largest turnout that we have experienced in several years. We ran out of turkey prizes and had to resort to cash prizes for the few remaining events of the day. Likewise, the Scholarship Committee had a very good day selling food and drinks to support the Scholarship Fund. Gayle Koch, Ellen Moore, Bev Carrillo and Carol Gasperson were all kept busy throughout the day serving food and helping with the trap shoot. Many thanks to these ladies.

The Lions distributed twelve Thanksgiving Baskets with all the trimmings to the community and will distribute an equal number for the Christmas Holiday. Your support of our fund raisers makes these worthwhile projects possible.

Lions also sponsored The Christmas Joy Tree located in the Totem Pole Cafe. The community brought joy and smiles to childrens faces this Christmas through their generous actions. Many thanks to all who helped make this event a success again this year.

Lions helped Santa hand out goodies at the Winter Concert on December 16th at the elementary school gymnasium. It was a fun evening for all.

I want to thank Sherm's Thunderbird, G I Joe's and Farmer Brother's Coffee for supporting the Butte Falls Lions through their donations and discounts in support of our Trap Shoots.

Carlos Carrillo