

MAYOR'S CORNER

The city hall had a large audience for the regular March council meeting. The first speaker was Alan Buchta, who announced the completion of the engineering report for the water distribution system. A few minor changes need to be made. We also learned that Butte Falls may not be eligible for grant assistance to replace our water distribution system. Even though our system is archaic, and desperately in need of replacement, the water system is currently not in violation of State standards. This makes us ineligible for a Community Block Grant. Alan is researching funding alternatives.

Carlos Carrillo, as a representative of the Butte Falls Lion's, requested a handicap parking area for the community hall. Additionally, a request was made to ask the county to brush along the Butte Falls highway from Rocky Hill to Butte Falls.

Richard Harrington, a member of the Upper Rogue Watershed Council, reported that the Council is interested in the acquisition of some acreage near the falls for a natural resource education and undeveloped recreation site. Salmon could be viewed as they attempted to jump the falls as they migrate upstream to spawn. The site could be used as an educational site by local teachers. The Watershed Council can not own the land. They are seeking support from the town with the Town being the proposed owner. A decision will not be made by the town council until after further study.

There were several persons in the audience who had complaints to make about one of our public employees. Their frustrations were heard. The persons were asked to file a written complaint. The town will develop a procedure or process whereby residents may file a complaint and meet with the council to be heard on such matters.

The first budget meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, April 17. The public is invited to attend.

The fire department reported two calls, which included a flue fire that afternoon. Again, may I state how much we appreciate our volunteer fire department. Without our department, not only would we face loss of property and lives, but our insurance rates would be doubled. This was proven a couple years ago when a typo error caused our rating to show as a class 9, instead of 7. Those residents who received fire/homeowner statements saw their premiums double. It took several months to get this corrected. Thanks Hugh Simpson and your fire fighters.

The Planning Commission had three items for approval. A log home, a boat shed and a commercial building adjacent to the tavern.

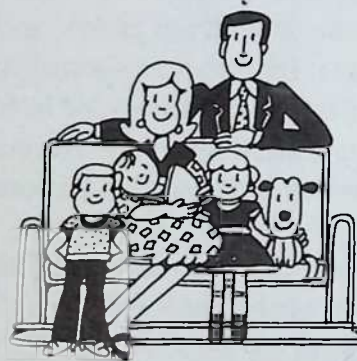
Public works employees will soon be doing some moonlight work checking manholes for flowing water. We have a serious problem with more water coming into the waste water plant than we should have. This indicates water infiltration from cracked or broken sewer pipes. Terry Ellis recently demonstrated the use of a video camera which is used to find such problem areas.

Sara Beck, Mayor

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR JOANN DYER

A memorial service will be held for JoAnn Dyer on April 4 at 2pm in front of the Butte Falls Library. For many years JoAnn was a dedicated volunteer at the library. In addition to regular library duties JoAnn helped during *Story Time*, picked up the mail daily, took care of recycling the newspapers and magazines, and picked up the cookies for *Story Time*.

In Lieu of Flowers, JoAnn's family has asked that donations be made to the Butte Falls Friends of the Library, PO Box 138.



ATTENTION PARENTS

A reminder that Parenting Classes will begin on April 16 at the Community Hall. Six Wednesday evening sessions (6:30 - 8:30) will discuss various aspects of child raising, primarily by improving communications skills. This community project is made available by funding from the Jackson County Commission on Children and Families. For more information call Michelle at 865-3970.

FAMILY TRAP SHOOT

The Lions Club will hold its last Trap Shoot of the year beginning at 10am on Sunday, April 6 at the shooting range on Rancheria. This is a family event and no alcoholic beverages will be allowed. The Scholarship Committee will again staff the Snack Bar. Please come join the fun and help support the many activities the Lions Club funds. Remember, your Lions Club is here to Serve. They work in conjunction with the Lions Club Sight and Hearing Center in Medford to provide eyeglasses and hearing aids to local families that may not be able to afford them. The club also helps fund a diabetes camp for youngsters. These are just a couple of the projects your local club participates in. If you have any questions about the Trap Shoot or the Club please contact Bev or Carlos Carrillo at 865-3837.