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## MAYOR'S CORNER

Gary Shipley, our Public Works Superintendent, will continue to write an article for the newsletter each month. My thanks to him for keeping us informed. I will try to avoid duplication of information. I know that Gary has included information this month about the forthcoming toddler playground for our Butte Falls park. I wish however, to thank all the parents and community members who attended the playground planning meeting April 4. At this meeting, we were able to listen to residents ideas for the playground. Several locations were discussed. Heidi McLauchlan volunteered to draw up the plans to be presented to the Planning Commission for approval. Patti Shafer, Playground Coordinator, and Heidi obtained Planning Commission approval at the April meeting. The project was then presented to the Council for approval. Special grant dollars are being used to purchase the equipment, volunteers will be doing the installation work. Thanks to all for helping to make Butte Falls a great place to live!

Dan Murphy presented the idea of a Town Water Commission to the Council at the April meeting. The Commission would be fashioned with the same concept as our current Planning Commission, which has served us well for twenty years. The Water Commission would be the technical advisors to the Council. They would do the "leg work" for the Council. Thoughts suggested would include watershed expertise, water system distribution replacement and even water bottling if that concept should

materialize. To create such a commission would require an ordinance and the routine procedure for such. This topic will be an agenda item for the May Council meeting. Notices of a public meeting and other information will be provided, as soon as available.

In the past we have had a "cheatsheet" available at the City Hall for those persons wanting to make changes to their property that might require approval by the Planning Commission and Council, as well as county building permits. Our recorder, Lori Paxton, is new to her role and is learning all the processes and procedures. We will insure that she has current information available at the City Hall. Anyone needing this information should contact Lori at the City Hall. The Planning Commission will need a variety of information including the legal description of your property, drawings or sketches of your proposal, etc. The Planning Commission always meets the Tuesday prior to the Council meeting. The Council meeting is always the second Thursday of the month. Your advance planing to meet deadlines will be appreciated. The Planning Commission, Council members and the Mayor are all volunteers and receive no salary for their community efforts. Following procedures and respecting the privacy of these volunteers would be appreciated.

Spring is truly here. Enjoy!

*Sara Beck, Mayor*

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*from page one . . . Gloria Karches, MAY Citizen of the Month*

Lefever shares warmly, "Gloria has helped to guide them through the perplexities of creating beautiful Christmas wreathes, providing her tireless assistance and creative ideas and supplies. She has been integral in the success of their Donkey Basketball games, helping to publicize, recruit and assist willing riders for the event, and then going so far as to ride a donkey herself. She has been there for me, our students, and the community and always with a smile."

Just a few steps away from the high school, Mrs. Sarah McNeil, the kindergarten teacher expresses her appreciation for Gloria. "Gloria gave our class a worm farm and book with ideas for worms. She came to our class (twice for both groups) and planted seeds and loaned us a special book on seeds. We're planting some of our plants in the community garden," Mrs. McNeil warmly remarks. "Gloria will tour with the kindergarten at the Caboose Museum any time, any day ... twice a day," McNeil states. "She also keeps us informed of activities for kids."

Gloria's talents are not foreign to the adults of the community. Dan Murphy will be the first to tell you that he thinks Gloria is an excellent baker. Now I haven't had the opportunity to experience this first hand, but I trust that if she bakes as well as she contributes all of her other talents, I'd like to be the first to confirm this statement.

Jeany Moore, the high school secretary, gets misty eyed talking about the love Gloria has for her grandchildren and family. "She LOVES her family." Jeany softly sighs, "She's really quite amazing."

We know that Gloria's footprints will continue to leave impressions that make us ponder her imprints with gratitude, affection, amazement and respect. We applaud you, Gloria, as a community, as a school, and as your friends. Thank you for your contributions.

*By Marcia Stewart*

