

MAYOR'S CORNER

The weather has changed, fall is in the air. One thinks of planting bulbs and a vision of the beauty of spring bulbs in full bloom. Some of our residents have joined forces to vision a park at the Falls. After all, "Butte Falls" namesake is the "Falls". We should plan to preserve our name sake. In recent months, several interested persons have met to talk about the possibilities of a park at the Falls site. On September 18, a public meeting was held to brainstorm ideas. The meeting began with several persons addressing concerns. Valid concerns: How can we think of another venture when we still have potholes in our streets, increases in our water rates to replace our water system and our law enforcement personnel having a difficult enough time taking care of the park in town. People had a chance to voice concerns, they are recorded, and we will address each. The meeting continued to share visions. We had native flowers, picnic tables, nature trails, a fish viewing platform, even a historical working sawmill. We recorded our ideas and dreams and prioritized our visions into phases. Tentatively, subject to Council approval, we will begin with a feasibility study grant application. A big thanks to all those who have attended our meetings to date and shared ideas. If you are interested in joining the "Falls Committee", please call Lori at the City Hall, and leave your number to be contacted for future meetings.

For those of you interested, we did request a grant and loan from Rural Development Administration to replace our water distribution system. Our draft ordinance for increasing our water rates and general rules and regulations is still in draft format, awaiting final edits and Council review.

Soon, most of you who are residents within the town limits will be contacted by fellow resident volunteers seeking information from you about the Town Square Master Plan. A group of volunteer field workers will be talking to as many residents who are willing to talk about the Plan. Through the leadership of a community planner from the Rogue Valley Council of Governments, our field workers will be asking questions and doing "community outreach". The goal is to find out what you know about the plan, what you liked or did not like, and what parts of the plan do you want the town to use in a final "Plan". We may use all, some or none of the original plan. A lot of work was put into the original plan, but the final support was lacking. Please help us to determine what our Town residents want for our Town Square.

For those residents of Butte Falls who are thinking of making a change to your property, please give Lori a call at City Hall or plan to attend a Planning Commission meeting to ask questions. There are many improvements that do not need Planning Commission review, but it is wise to inquire. Jackson County will not issue a permit without being approved by the Town of Butte Falls first. The Planning Commission meets on the Tuesday of the week prior to the Council meeting. The Town Council meeting is always the second Thursday each month.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

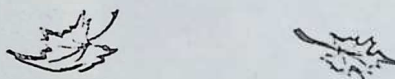
Happy Fall!

Sara Beck, Mayor



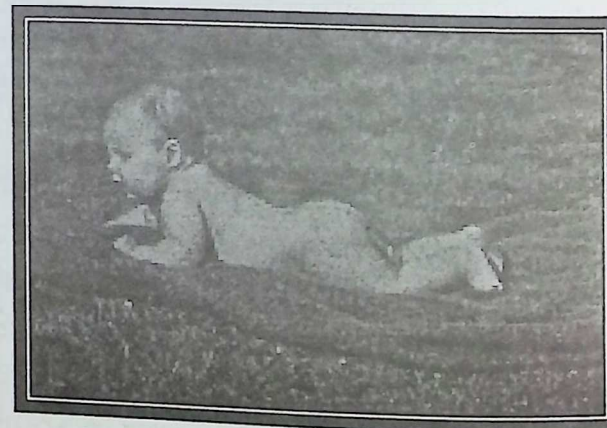
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LAURA DEEN
Happy Belated Birthday
September 16, 1947