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Joyce Hailicka

AUGUST CITIZEN of the MONTH



HIS MONTH'S SELECTION FOR CITIZEN OF THE MONTH IS LONG OVERDUE. Had she not been one of the original BULLETIN creators, Joyce Hailick would have undoubtedly been one of the very first Citizen's of the Month. She is an ongoing asset to this community and could easily have achieved this honor many times.

Joyce is a visionary and activist. She sees something that needs to be done and she makes it happen. She is best known for her grant writing and leadership role in helping organizations to establish visions, goals, and action plans. It all sounds so technical, but one talk with Joyce and you know that she has a passion for each of her projects.

It is impossible to list all of the projects that Joyce has initiated and/or developed. She has been an integral part of creating visions and securing funds for nearly every local project since 1990.

One of her biggest accomplishments is the Library and Museum Project, where Joyce led and organized community volunteers to bring an old building from Medford to Butte Falls (wow, what a day!) and remodel it into the public library. This project also gave birth to the development of two more museums, under her guidance as chairperson for the Big Butte Historical Society.

As founder and previous chairperson of the Butte Falls Economic Development Commission, she has helped the town create a vision of the Town

Square and is still pursuing options to bring "old-fashioned streetlights" to town. Another of her priorities is to secure funds to begin the process of bringing Ginger Springs Water Bottling to life as a new business venture for the town.

Joyce also likes to focus on individuals. Some of her early work in Butte Falls involved helping students to find scholarships to go to college. She then became a board member of the Butte Falls Scholarship Foundation in 1993-96. Her recent contribution in this area was to help Linda Matthews set up the goals and guidelines for the Jim Matthews Memorial Scholarship, established in 1998.

Her biggest current project in Butte Falls is her commitment to Cycle Oregon. For the third time since 1994, the town will again host over 2000 cyclists when they ride through Southern Oregon this September. As Community Coordinator, she is meeting with community members to make sure that Cycle Oregon will once again be impressed by their overnight stay in Butte Falls. With proper planning, the community will acquire \$15,000 through volunteer work that will assist the town and local organizations. Joyce developed this year's theme, "It's a Wonderful Life" when it occurred to her that Butte Falls could easily be dressed up to represent Bedford Falls (from the movie "It's a Wonderful Life") in the 40's.

Although the many activities she is involved in may seem unrelated, her underlying themes seem to be; uniting the community, preserving the past and enriching the lives of children. She has a remarkable way of tying these interests together.

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